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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16658-review.doc).

Title: Natural evolution of HCV infection in hemodialysis Tunisian patients and CTLA-4 SNP's.

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Firstly, I would like to thank all the reviewers for giving a positive opinion about my publication.

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of:

Reviewer 00181530

- (1) The title has been corrected.
- (2) To avoid repetition, influence of genetic polymorphisms on the spontaneous clearance or viral persistence have been described in the introduction of the manuscript, so we don't need to put it again in the abstract.
- (3) Conclusion of the abstract has been corrected.
- (4) Table 2 has been corrected: we express N (%).
- (5) Our study shows an increase in the number of women in G2 compared to the number of men: G2 is the group of spontaneous clearance.
- (6) We put only the major findings in conclusion.
- (7) References and typesetting were corrected.

Reviewer 00742516

- (1) We made a case control study; in the near future we aim to compare a control group which includes hemodialysed patients negative for HVC antibodies.
- (2) Title has been changed.
- (3) Logistic regression models were used to evaluate the relationships with the different factors (including confounders) and to estimate adjusted ORs (Exp(B)). Factors as: gender, age, transfusion risk factors or HCV genotype.
- (4) Statistical results are listed in the pre-existing tables and described in the results chapter.
- (5) Decimal point should, SD (standard deviation) and 95% CI have been corrected.

Reviewer 02444774

(1) In the next publication we will analyze viral load, presence of cirrhosis and use of immunosuppressant.

(2) All the tables and figures were placed at the end of the manuscript.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,



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