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Dear Professor Ma,

We would like to thank you for considering this revised version of our manuscript for publication. We acknowledge the reviewers comments and believe that addressing them has increased the value of our manuscript. We have uploaded a revised version of the manuscript in Word format (file name: 17976-review.doc) with tracked changes.

**Title:** Prevalence and knowledge of Hepatitis C in middle-aged population, Dunedin, New Zealand

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

1. Author contribution formatting has been updated as requested.
2. Addition of sections; ethics approval (scanned approval letter has been attached), informed consent, conflict of interest, data sharing.  
Clinical trial registration (this section was not added) – this study is not regarded as a clinical trial as per the definition given. We did not perform ‘one or more health-related interventions to evaluate the effects on health outcomes’.
3. Abstract revised according to suggestions.  
-aim added  
-background deleted  
-method and results section more detailed, increased word count  
-conclusion word count decreased
4. Core tip added and Audio core tip recorded and attached.
5. Comments section added
6. References and typesetting were corrected and references, not available through pubmed were added as pdf files.
7. Language quality improved – a signed statement has been added by Dr Vermunt to confirm that she is a native English speaker and we believe the manuscript has reached Grade A.

We hope that the manuscript in this revised form can be considered for publication.

Sincerely yours,

Dr J Vermunt & Associate Professor Michael Schultz on behalf of the authors