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ROUND 1

Remark: Please see authors' responses below each reviewer comment.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

While this letter provides a good commentary on such topic, it cannot be accepted in its current format as a Letter to editor. I suggest submitting as general commentary.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have read with a great interest your helpful comments related to our manuscript number 71538. Your comments seem mainly to focus on the issue related to the format of the manuscript presented as a Letter to editor.

We agree with your comments and we have updated our manuscript accordingly. We have updated our manuscript text to be in conformity with a Letter to editor format. In addition, we have inserted novelties such as: the sub-Saharan Africa (Rwanda and Mali for instance) experiences; the Egypt experiences; multiplex immunochromatographic rapid diagnosis test (HCV/HBsAg/HIV Combo RDT Cassette [ITHD-C43], Biotest Biotech Inc., Hangzhou, China) in childbearing-aged women during their medical visits etc. Furthermore, the manuscript has been edited by the American Journal of Editing to improve the English language quality.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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Language is convoluted, many too long sentences that are difficult to follow. Only novelty I could find in the comment were the Malaysian and Vietnamese experiences and the information of the generic drug development, production and procurement. All other aspects are discussed in the main article. Why don't you discuss your own experience in your own CoC in Mali and compare to the SE Asian and ANZAC/Appalachian models? In my opinion, the commentary needs to be rewritten to address the above points or it is a repetition of already presented points. Language needs to be simpler in order to have an impact.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have read with a great interest your helpful comments related to our manuscript number 71538. About your comments, we can retain two main points: (1) Convoluted language; (2) Malian experiences to compare to the SE Asian and ANZAC/Appalachian models.

We agree with your comments and we have updated our manuscript accordingly:

- (1) We updated the manuscript text by taking into account your remarks and/or suggestions. Moreover, to improve the English language quality of the text, we submitted the manuscript to the American Journal of Editing (AJE) company. You can see in attached file the related editing certificate.
- (2) We provided the Malian expertise in the field. In this country, despite the political will has been shown, there are still difficulties such as: low level of knowledge of health workers on viral hepatitis; insufficiency of human resources, infrastructure and reagents for the management of viral hepatitis; financial and geographic (for the patients who reside outside Bamako) inaccessibility to antivirals, etc.



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Comments on "Comment on Review article: HCV cascade of care in pediatric patients" by Nouhoum Bouare et. al. This is a letter to the editor on an article Rogers ME et al. work entitled: "Cascade of care for children and adolescents with chronic hepatitis C". However this article doesn't contribute any significant information on what has already been discussed by Rogers ME et. Al. No new insight or information has been provided. Specific point by point answers are below. 1 Title. Does the title reflect the main subject/hypothesis of the manuscript? Yes 2 Abstract. Does the abstract summarize and reflect the work described in the manuscript? Yes 3 Key words. Do the key words reflect the focus of the manuscript? Yes 4 Background. Does the manuscript adequately describe the background, present status and significance of the study? Not Applicable 5 Methods. Does the manuscript describe methods (e.g., experiments, data analysis, surveys, and clinical trials, etc.) in adequate detail? Not Applicable 6 Results. Are the research objectives achieved by the experiments used in this study? What are the contributions that the study has made for research progress in this field? Not Applicable 7 Discussion. Does the manuscript interpret the findings adequately and appropriately, highlighting the key points concisely, clearly and logically? Are the findings and their applicability/relevance to the literature stated in a clear and definite manner? Is the discussion accurate and does it discuss the paper's scientific significance and/or relevance to clinical practice sufficiently? Not applicable 8 Illustrations and tables. Are the figures, diagrams and tables sufficient, good quality and appropriately illustrative of the paper contents? Do figures require labeling with arrows, asterisks etc., better legends? 9 Biostatistics. Does the manuscript meet the requirements of Not applicable biostatistics? Not applicable 10 Units. Does the manuscript meet the requirements of use of SI units? Not applicable 11 References. Does the manuscript cite appropriately the latest, important and authoritative references in the introduction and discussion



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sections? Does the author self-cite, omit, incorrectly cite and/or over-cite references? Yes 12 Quality of manuscript organization and presentation. Is the manuscript well, concisely and coherently organized and presented? Is the style, language and grammar accurate and appropriate? Somewhat. 13 Research methods and reporting. Authors should have prepared their manuscripts according to manuscript type and the appropriate categories, as follows: (1) CARE Checklist (2013) - Case report; (2) CONSORT 2010 Statement - Clinical Trials study, Prospective study, Randomized Controlled trial, Randomized Clinical trial; (3) PRISMA 2009 Checklist - Evidence-Based Medicine, Systematic review, Meta-Analysis; (4) STROBE Statement - Case Control study, Observational study, Retrospective Cohort study; and (5) The ARRIVE Guidelines - Basic study. Did the author prepare the manuscript according to the appropriate research methods and reporting? Not applicable 14 Ethics statements. For all manuscripts involving human studies and/or animal experiments, author(s) must submit the related formal ethics documents that were reviewed and approved by their local ethical review committee. Did the manuscript meet the requirements of ethics? First, what are the original findings of this manuscript? What are the new hypotheses that this study proposed? What are the new phenomena that were found through experiments in this study? What are the hypotheses that were confirmed through experiments in this study? Nothing new or insightful has been provided. Second, what are the quality and importance of this manuscript? What are the new findings of this study? What are the new concepts that this study proposes? What are the new methods that this study proposed? Do the conclusions appropriately summarize the data that this study provided? What are the unique insights that this study presented? What are the key problems in this field that this study has solved? Third, what are the limitations of the study and its findings? What are the future directions of the topic described in this manuscript? What are the questions/issues that remain to be solved? What are the



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questions that this study prompts for the authors to do next? How might this publication impact basic science and/or clinical practice? It would improve to include newer insightful insights.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have read with a great interest your helpful comments related to our manuscript number 71538. About your comments, we can retain two main points: (1) Nothing new or insightful has been provided; (2) Language and grammar quality somewhat appropriate.

We agree with your comments and we have updated our manuscript accordingly:

- (1) We have illustrated our text by providing new or insightful experiences of HCV CoCs not discussed par Roger et al. Among the illustrations inserted in the text you can see: the Asian (Malaysian and Vietnamese) experiences; the information of the generic drug development, production and procurement; the sub-Saharan Africa (Rwanda and Mali for instance) experiences; the Egypt experiences; and multiplex immunochromatographic rapid diagnosis test (HCV/HBsAg/HIV Combo RDT Cassette [ITHD-C43], Biotest Biotech Inc., Hangzhou, China) in childbearing-aged women during their medical visits.
- (2) To improve the English language quality of the text, we submitted the manuscript to a language editing company. In fact, the manuscript text has been edited by the American Journal of Editing (AJE). You can see in attached file the AJE Editing Certificate about our manuscript.

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ROUND 2

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Great insight in Malian state of affairs in HCV CoC. Minor (2-3) comments in file.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thanks for your comments.