

Point-to-point responses to the reviewers

1) Reviewer 1: 02663375

Review Time: 2017-05-04 15:00

Comments To Authors: Well written review
 Classification: Grade A (Excellent)
 Language Evaluation: Grade A: priority publishing
 Conclusion: Accept

We appreciate the reviewer's commend as Grade A; priority publishing and positive evaluation as "Accept".

2) Reviewer 00722050

Review Time: 2017-05-04 05:20

Comments To Authors: The mini-review is fine, but I am missing a few aspects about the relapse of HCV in the liver transplants. This should be inserted in the manuscript. Moreover, the contribution of the HCV to liver failure should also be considered in the manuscript. 1: Sergi C, Arnold JC, Rau W, Otto HF, Hofmann WJ. Single nucleotide insertion in the 5'-untranslated region of hepatitis C virus with clearance of the viral RNA in a liver transplant recipient during acute hepatitis B virus superinfection. *Liver*. 2002 Feb;22(1):79-82. PubMed PMID: 11906622. 2: Sergi C, Jundt K, Seipp S, Goeser T, Theilmann L, Otto G, Otto HF, Hofmann WJ. The distribution of HBV, HCV and HGV among livers with fulminant hepatic failure of different aetiology. *J Hepatol*. 1998 Dec;29(6):861-71. PubMed PMID: 9875631. 3: Sergi C, Goeser T, Otto G, Otto HF, Hofmann WJ. A rapid and highly specific technique to detect hepatitis C RNA in frozen sections of liver. *J Clin Pathol*. 1996 May;49(5):369-72. PubMed PMID: 8707948; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC500473.

Classification: Grade C (Good)

Language Evaluation: Grade B: minor language polishing

Conclusion: Minor revision

We appreciate the reviewer's comments. We cited and discussed these 3 references papers in our minireview article.

3) Reviewer 02964460

Review Time: 2017-04-26 00:45

Comments To Authors: It would have been desirable to carry out a critical, not only descriptive, review of many of the relevant aspects of this pathology (i.e unresolved issues). Some of the sections are highly descriptive or can be deleted (or summarized much more) (i.e., natural history). What about linkage to care (continuum of care)? Table 2 is not necessary. Of the 60 references, less than half are post-2010 (most of them related to AADs). It would be desirable to update the review.

Classification: Grade E (Poor)

Language Evaluation: Grade A: priority publishing

We appreciate the reviewer's comments. However, we respectfully disagree with the reviewer 02964460. This is a minireview article, not a comprehensive review. Our minireview article has focused on the 25-year history of HCV marathon including natural history, epidemiology, prevention, screening, and therapy in a friendly format for the WJH reader's digest. Tables are confirmatory and helpful to monitor the marathon. We devoted the 25-year original references on the topic, which can be before 2010 as well.

4) Reviewer 03262371

Review Time: 2017-04-16 11:10

Comments To Authors: Dear author Thanks for writing a nice review article Which can provide comprehensive information for readers. However, I think if you can add some of these below points, it can be much better. You can mention more difficulties of HCV treatment with DAAs and existing challenges like treatment of hemodialysis patients, time of treatment of liver transplanted patient with HCV infection, Cost of DAAs, role of health insurances for providing DAAs to all patients, treatment of children and adolescents, role of occult HCV infection in DAAs therapy and triple therapy with DAAs. for the above points, I suggest to review these papers and use of them in your manuscript. Covering theses issues may help for improving your article. Best regard

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4295197/>

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<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4199148/>

<https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm551407.htm>

Elmasry S, Wadhwa S, Bang B, et al. Prevalence of occult HCV infection in post-liver transplant patients. Program and abstracts of the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases; November 11-15, 2016; Boston, Massachusetts. Abstract 4 [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099\(16\)30264-X/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099(16)30264-X/abstract) [http://thelancet.com/journals/langas/article/PIIS2468-1253\(16\)30015-2/fulltext](http://thelancet.com/journals/langas/article/PIIS2468-1253(16)30015-2/fulltext)

Classification: Grade B (Very good)

Language Evaluation: Grade B: minor language polishing

Conclusion: High priority for publication

We appreciate the reviewer's commends. We cited and discussed these 7 references papers in our minireview article.