Author's response to reviews

Title: The accuracy of the report of hepatic steatosis on ultrasonography in patients infected with hepatitis C in a clinical setting: A retrospective observational study

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Dear Editors,

We have made the six formatting changes that you have requested. The changes are as follows:

1. The figures should be cropped to minimise white space around the image. We have cropped the figure according to the specifications that you have suggested.

2. Title - Please use sentence case in the title, both in the manuscript file and the submission system (i.e. remove all unnecessary capitals). In the submission system, we have added the phrase 'in patients infected with hepatitis C' to the title, and we have used sentence case in the title.

3. Affiliations - Each affiliation should be written in full and be provided in the following format: department, institute, city, country. Please abbreviate United States of America to USA and include USA at the end of each address. We have formatted the affiliations section according to these specifications.

4. Manuscript sections [medicine] - Please replace Introduction with Background and please remove all underlining of sub-section headings. These changes have been made.

5. Competing interests - If there are none to declare, please write 'The authors declare that they have no competing interests'. This statement has been included in this version of the manuscript.

6. Tables - Please can you place all text relating to the tables above each table rather than have some underneath. This change has been made.

We are appreciative of your acceptance of our manuscript, and we look forward to its publication. Please let us know if any further changes are needed.

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