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Re: MS: 9315912505239023
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Dear Sir:

Thank you for the reviewer’s comments and your decision for the acceptance of the manuscript entitled “Comparison of Treatment with Two Different Doses of Interferon-alpha in Naïve Chronic Hepatitis C Patients: A 10-Year Follow-up of 200 Patients in Taiwan”

The revised manuscript are going to follow your and the reviewer’s comments.

1. The revised manuscript is changed following the formatting requested.
2. We change the references using a version of Endnote 8.0 as you encourage.
3. Response to the comments raised by the Reviewer No 1, Dr. Neuman

   (1) A better description of the histological determination by Knodell in terms of the histological activity index and fibrosis.
      Ans: Yes, we’d add it into the section of “Methods”
   (2) I would be interested to know if there is a difference between the Interferon used (alpha 2a, 2b, or n1) regarding the sustained response sustained at the end of the 10 years.
      Ans: The were no difference of SVR among the three IFN preparations at the end of the 10 years follow-up. We’d add the finding in the section of “Results”.
   (3) It will be revenant if you can describe some gender differences
      Ans: No gender difference was observed in the present study. We are not going to address the point in the manuscript.
Thank you for your help

With best wishes

Sincerely yours

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