Reviewer's report

Title: Comparative Study Among Patients with Chronic Hepatitis C Genotypes 1 and 3 Referred to Treatment.

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The method is not appropriate:
We need to more information in enrolment of subjects. Is any follow up period without therapy? How many cases with co-infection with HBV and HIV had excluded. The method of genotyping is totally insufficient. Method of detection of cryoglobulin is not clear.

The authors had mentioned that they treated the patients with two different protocohol (Pegylated and Conventional Interferon-Base) in Genotype 1 and 3. If they reviewed the data before starting the treatment, why they mentioned the treatment groups. It is not related to subject.

The questionnaire probably was incomplete and did not cover the whole the risk factors. There is not any data regarding sexual history, and...

Subtyping of HCV genotypes is not available.

Result has many errors such as:
A total of patients 284 and the number of patients with one risk factor plus no risk factor = 257 and if we add 11 with two risk factor=?? . It is obvious that there is conflict.

There are many errors in English writing such as:
Page 10 line 8, crioglobulins. Page 2 line 4, set out to.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.