Reviewer's report

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

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The paper is of significant interest since it reviews outcomes of treatment in patients with genotype 3. In large registration trials, genotype 3 pts were grouped together with genotype 2 cases. However, we have slowly learned that genotype 3 patients may not respond as well as genotype 2 to current IFN_based therapy. This study primarily compared genotype 3 and 1 because of the very small number of genotype 2 cases in the cohort.

The paper however should be reanalysed and revised substantially to be useful to readers:

1. SVR for each group should be reported, not just OR for SVR.
2. Many factors that are well-known to affect SVR should be described in details: completion rate, dose reduction (amount and duration), race of study participants (patients of African descent may have much lower SVR).
3. The footnotes in both tables are too busy. Suggest moving some of those to text.
4. Suggest separation of table 1 into 2 tables with one describing baseline characteristics and another to describe potential associations.
5. Table 2 seems to describe distribution of histologic findings rather than results of logistic regression.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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