Reviewer’s report

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

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I would like to ask for the following minor but essential revision:

1. Table 1: The title should be: Patient characteristics. Not "Univariate risk factors ...." as currently noted.

2. I understand that dose reduction and race information are not available but these are VERY important predictors for SVR. Therefore, it should be clearly pointed out and discussed in the Discussion section and that the conclusion of the study is limited given the lack of these data, and that the significance of the study results is to point out that while SVR for genotype 1 is only slightly lower than reported results from registration trial, SVR for genotype 3 is much lower than the reported 80% rate for genotype 2/3 in registration trial and thus further study in genotype 3 patients with good control for race, dose reduction etc... would be done.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

No