Reviewer's report

**Title:** The ongoing impacts of hepatitis C infection: a systematic review of the literature

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**Reviewer:** Michael Wilson

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The authors should be congratulated on a fine manuscript that is a comprehensive review of the topic. They have successfully addressed all major and compulsory critiques.

As an additional minor discretionary revision, I would urge the authors to expand their discussion. They note in the first sentence that "...we reviewed the biomedical and social literature on the ongoing clinical and psychosocial impacts of diagnoses with hepatitis C infection. The published literature provides useful information on selected aspects of living with hepatitis C."

This is of course true, but as a busy healthcare professional, I found myself wishing for a "recap" or bulleted summary of their most important conclusions.

I should emphasize that this critique in no way detracts from the quality of the manuscript. If the authors choose not to address this point, the manuscript stands well on its own and certainly merits publication.

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest 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:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.