Reviewer's report

Title: Infection by the hepatitis C virus in chronic renal failure patients undergoing hemodialysis in Mato Grosso State, Central Brazil: a cohort study.

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Reviewer: Guillermina Barril

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
The article represent de HCV in brazilian population and showing the importance the universal precaution, but it is neccessary to consider some modifications:

1.- Importance for the author the isolation measures. 1.a.- staff only for HCV patients or not?.
2.- Importance of RPC in relation viral load (HCV-RNA presence)
3.- Consider the risk factors in some unit independent number HCV+ patients to increased numeber seroconversion, isolation measures in these centers.
4.- Evolution of the incidence in different group.
5.- Improve bibliography and correlation with inclusion in the redaction.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

no