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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? Yes, the authors aimed to describe the socio-demographic characteristics of the iatrogenic hepatitis C patients in Ireland

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? Yes

3. Are the data sound? Yes

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Yes

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? Yes

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes, however the Background section of the Abstract should include not only the context but also the aim of the study Discretionary Revisions

9. Is the writing acceptable? Yes

There are limitations of the study associated with the design of the study – cross sectional survey based on self reports. However the authors clearly state and discuss all the limitations in the Discussion section of the manuscript.

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Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'