Reviewer's report

**Title:** HCV-Related Burden of Disease in Europe: A Systematic Assessment of Incidence, Prevalence, Morbidity, and Mortality

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The authors tried to estimate the HCV-related burden in Europe. Using available data, they estimated its incidence, prevalence, mortality (hepatitis, cirrhosis and HCC), quality of life (DALY and LYD) and liver transplantation. This is a well-writing manuscript. In Introduction, the authors pointed out the significant of study. In the Materials and Methods, they planned to collect comprehensive data with systematic review. In Discussion, they analyzed the limitations of this study in details. However, this manuscript is submitted as an “original articles”. Their own results should be most important part. In this study, the information collected, including incidence, prevalence and mortality, might not be representative and accurate enough. Using such quality of data, the authors should hardly convince readers of their results and deductions.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.