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Title: The spectrum of thyroid dysfunction in an Australian hepatitis C population treated with combination Interferon-alpha-2beta and Ribavirin

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Dear Sir:

RE: MANUSCRIPT 2141 8607 1694 5985 – The spectrum of thyroid dysfunction in an Australian hepatitis C population treated with combination interferon-alpha-2-beta and Ribavirin

Thank you for your recent email dated September 27th, 2005 regarding the above. The followings are point-to-point responses to the comments by the reviewer. The manuscript has been revised accordingly, formatted as required and submitted at the same time as this letter.

Reviewer 1 (Lewis Braverman)

1. Patient 2 has been removed from the thyrotoxic group as suggested and the prevalence of thyrotoxicosis has thus been revised.

2. Patient 3 (previously 4) was presumed to have autoimmune thyrotoxicosis based solely on the temporal relationship to IFN exposure and its response to dose reduction. Negative antibody studies and response to IFN-dose reduction have previously been reported in a similar clinical setting. Please refer to the revised manuscript.

Reviewer 2 (Edmund Bini)

No revision is required.

With kind regards and I hope the outcome is a favourable one.

Yours Sincerely

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