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COMMENTS:
The manuscript entitled “Meta-analysis: implication of IL28B polymorphisms in spontaneous and treatment-related clearance for hepatitis C patients” presents a large meta-analysis of those SNPs involved in the SVR and SC related to the patients infected with HCV. In my opinion, the references are not following the same structure and the authors should revise them prior publication. I would like to point out something that in my opinion it is extremely difficult to understand, the references 12, 18, 36 and 38 corresponds to the same article (same authors, same title, same content), published in different journals??; the same occurs with references 35 and 37.

Moreover, in my opinion the authors should cite in the section of results (page 9, lines 4-5) the 48 references used in the meta-analysis study. Even more, considering that these references appear in the section of bibliography.

The authors should also pay attention to the fact that the references 29 and 30 cited during the discussion do not corresponds with the meta-analysis of the IL28B comment (these articles deals with botanic gardens and AP-1/mTOR/AKT, respectively).

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

None conflict