Reviewer's report

Title: Meta-analysis: implication of IL28B polymorphisms in spontaneous and treatment-related clearance for hepatitis C patients

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The authors provide an extensive point-by-point reply to the reviewers’ comments and notably, they provided an updated overview of current literature of the most important IL28B polymorphisms (SNPs) and detailed association analyses for sustained virologic response and spontaneous viral clearance. I suggest acceptance of the revised manuscript with consideration of following minor modifications:

1. They authors should carefully check their punctuation in the manuscript and in the supplemental material. For example, check the row referring to age in the Supplemental Table 1.
2. Figure 3: Analysis of the IL28B SNP rs129780275 is missing.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.