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Dear Dr. Moher,

Kindly find enclosed our revised manuscript entitled ‘Protocol for a systematic review and meta-analysis of hepatitis C virus (HCV) prevalence and incidence in the Horn of Africa sub-region of the Middle East and North Africa’, along with our reply to the Editor’s comment.

We would like to thank all the Editors for the valuable feedback, consideration and the acceptance of our manuscript.

Editors Comment:

"One minor point that occurs twice needs some minor rewording by the authors: lines 11 and 12 “The systematic review will follow the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis (PRISMA) guidelines.” and lines 59-60 “The review will be conducted in accordance with the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) guidelines [14].” I get what the authors want to say. It is technically incorrect as PRISMA is a reporting guidance. One suggestion to the authors is “Our review will be conducted based on the items outlined in the PRISMA statement [14] - the reference is for lines 59-60]. If the authors don't like this suggestion they can come up with their own."

Response:

Many thanks for identifying this issue. We fully agree. The text has now been corrected per the Editor’s suggestion (in two instances: lines 11-12 and lines 53-59).

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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