Reviewer’s report

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Although this study is well conducted, the usefulness of PR and IL28B in upcoming DAA era is less important.
2. The major limitation of this study is the novelty and short treatment duration for G1 patients.
3. Authors should provide the distribution of viral loads in G1 patients.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.'