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Title: Personality disorders do not influence the outcomes of chronic HCV infection treatment in Spanish prisoners. Perseo Study.

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Dear Editor,

Enclosed is the manuscript entitled "Personality disorders do not influence the outcomes of chronic HCV infection treatment in Spanish prisoners" we would like you to consider for publication as an original article in the BMC Medicine.

It has been observed that patients with personality disorders (PD) are less likely to be treated for chronic HCV infection and it was suspected that when treatment was started, adherence would be lower and a poorer response would be obtained. However, the HCV-infected population with psychiatric disorder has so far been little investigated.

However, in our study, conducted in 20 Spanish prisons and a large sample of prisoners with PD have not observed differences in efficacy or discontinuation of treatment in patients with and without PD. These data support inmates nondiscrimination when considering treatment of HCV-infected with PD.

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Sincerely,

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