Reviewer’s report

Title: The Brazilian comprehensive response to hepatitis C: from strategic thinking to access to interferon-free therapy

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Reviewer: Ota Martin

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This is an interesting paper that describes a unique process of making evidence-based update of hepatitis C treatment in Brazil.

However, there are a number of clarifications to be made by the authors:

1. Interferon is only mentioned in the title and objectives of the study but the method and results section did not mention this at all.

2. The current cost reduction in treatment is also appearing for the first time in the conclusion. Also what the previous cost was before the intervention should be stated in order to highlight the magnitude

3. Reference 7 does not appear to be correct of decrease.

4. There are no legends for the figures (Graphs). It is not clear what the two lines in Graph 1 are.

5. Graph 2, is showing increasing hospital admission but it is not clear if this is a result of increasing diagnostic sensitivity or awareness or prevalence.

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