Reviewer’s report

Title: Effectiveness of Direct-Acting Antiviral Therapy for Hepatitis C in Difficult-to-Treat Patients in a Safety-Net Health System: A Retrospective Cohort Study

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Reviewer: Shyam Kottilil

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This is much needed study on underinsured and uninsured population.

1. The caveats include this is a retrospective analysis and without control.

2. I do have an issue with reporting primary outcome not as ITT. Why don't you report SVR of all patients and not on those who you have data?

3. Please indicate whether IRB approval was obtained for the study or not

4. Please correct that decompensated cirrhosis was a "negative" predictor of SVR

5. Please note what "other" genotype represent?

6. How many HIV patients were on ART? Did you have to change Art prior to DAA therapy?

7. How was mental health disorder defined? any DSM diagnosis?

8. How many had active SUD?

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Yes

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