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### Answering reviewers

Editorial Staff, World Journal of Hepatology,

We are grateful for the feedback of the reviewers of our manuscript, ESPS manuscript number 21181, Psychosocial Assessment and Monitoring in the New Era of Non-Interferon-Alpha HCV Treatments. The reviewers had two issues to address, and we have addressed them.

One reviewer issue was to update references. Upon reviewing the manuscript, we realized that, indeed, some supporting citations, while relevant, have gotten older. We reviewed related literature and have updated several citations. We have replaced two older citations with more recent, yet still relevant, citations, and added a second citation to three of ours.

The other reviewer suggestion was that the manuscript should be reviewed by a translator whose native language is English. We have had the manuscript reviewed by a medical writer whose native language is English. This proofreader noted that the paper is well-organized and well-written, and should be considered at Grade A. This reader made a few modest changes in language that enhanced readability, but had no effect upon details or meaning of the analysis. We also ran the manuscript through a grammar-checking software; this software noted a few matters of discretion such as the use of passive voice, but detected no grammar problems.

To assess for the possibility of plagiarism, this manuscript was assessed by plagiarism-detecting software SafeAssign and Grammarly; no plagiarism was detected.

We do not see how to get a plagiarism assessment by Crosscheck; we authorize World Journal of Hepatology to conduct such an assessment.

We checked our title against other article titles in Google Scholar, and found no articles with the same or confusingly similar titles.

We appreciate the opportunity to have our mini-review published in the World Journal of Hepatology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Rowan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "Rowan" clearly distinguishable.

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