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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for the opportunity to review your submission. There is a significant amount of work that needs to be done in order to improve this submission. There are spelling and grammatical errors throughout the document, abbreviations are not used or defined consistently. The methods section describing the model need to be expanded (additionally, the number of patients is a result, not a method). The results section is lacking important detail. There is little description of how the model actually performed in the 2014 year.

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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

We read with interest the paper entitled "Modelling the prevalence of Hepatitis C Virus amongst blood donors in Libya: an investigation of providing a preventive strategy" by Mohamed A Daw et al. This is a well conducted epidemiologic study carried out in a developing country as Libya where the prevalence and incidence of HCV is thought to be quite high. The authors applied a mathematical model (ARIMA model) to a large series of healthy blood volunteers over six years period from 2008 to 2013 in order to predict the future trends of HCV burden in their country. Although the authors stated that determination of HCV prevalence using only blood donors as a source, may lead to underestimation of the true prevalence of HCV, the estimated trend of HCV infection still remains valid and useful for planning future strategies to narrow the diffusion of this viral infection in developing countries. The study is well conducted and no major issues need to be addressed. The language is quite good even though the manuscript deserves a mother tongue deep revision.