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| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_IRJGH\_136343** |
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| Optional/General comments | **General comments**   * Improve the writing regarding the use of acronyms (example: CLD, page 3) and units of measurement (example: KPa instead of kpa).   **Specific comments**  **Abstract**   * A summary of the case itself should be presented rather than the entire text of the report.   **Introduction**   * The problem that the case represents and that this report seeks to resolve or illustrate is not emphasized.   **Case presentation**   * There are several gaps and questions. * How did the patient acquire HCV? * What were the results of HIV and HTLV testing and body mass index? * It would be better to specify the year of hepatitis C diagnosis rather than six years ago, and this applies to each DAA regimen received. * Why was the HCV viral load check performed at the end of the first treatment, and not just 12 weeks after it ended? * No mention is made of the patient's adherence to the DAA regimens he received. * Clinical and laboratory progress is not described; only the patient's worsening is noted at the end of the text.   **Discussion**   * It is suggested that marked liver fibrosis could explain the therapeutic failure in this case; however, no specific references are provided in this regard. * The variations described in the HCV genotype throughout the evolution of the case are not commented on. * It is not commented on whether the SOF/VEL/VOX scheme that has been proposed is available.   **Conclusion**   * What has been stated does not follow from what has been described throughout the report. | * Writing has been improved as suggested. * the abridge form of the case has been made. * Emphasis has been laid on the specific area this case report sought to address. * The route of HCV transmission in this patient could not be ascertained. * The result of the HIV test has been included. * The year of HCV diagnosis was indicated as suggested. * The HCV RNA assay was done both at the end of treatment and 3 months after completion of the treatment to confirm Sustained Virological Response (SVR) as is recommended in the guidelines. * The conclusion has been rephrased to follow the case reported. |

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