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Dear Prof Dr. Nearmeen Rashad,

You submitted a manuscriptAJGH-2301-1030 entitled "Knowledge, attitude, and practice towards hepatitis B and C viruses in the population of Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo." to the African Journal of gastroenterology and hepatology.  The reviewer's comments (s) are included at the end of this email.

The reviewers have requested revisions to your manuscript.  Therefore, I invite you to respond to the reviewers' comments and revise your manuscript. Instructions on how to do this can be found at the bottom of this email.

Because we are trying to facilitate the timely publication of manuscripts submitted to the African journal of gastroenterology and hepatology, your revised manuscript should be submitted as soon as possible.

Once again, thank you for submitting your manuscript to the African Journal of gastroenterology and hepatology, and I look forward to receiving your revision.

Sincerely,

Salem Y Mohamed

Chief Editor, African Journal of gastroenterology and hepatology

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Once the revised manuscript is prepared, you can send it to me via email.

Please provide your responses and details of changes made to each comment in an Author Response Letter when submitting your revised manuscript.  To expedite the processing of the revised manuscript, please be as specific as possible in your response to the reviewers.

**Reviewer Comments to Author:**

**Reviewer1:**

Some writing errors were seen.

- In the subjects section: IWCLL (stands for?)

- Please unify the writing style of the references. For example, some of them had DOI, and others did not.

- Table 1: the control group: 100 25 (100%) =, in all the number, is 25, not 100

- Table 2: total bilirubin difference was significant 0.7943 (0.022). You should mention the statistical test applied below each table.

- Table 3: HCV prevalence 0.003 (0.6392) non-significant, ZAP 70% 0.006 (0.3912) non-significant, CD 38% 0.012 ( <0.0001) and this could affect the results, please revise it

**Reviewer 2:**

Check the uploaded file.

**Reviewer 3:**

1- please clarify for me your research topic and inclusion criteria how it is for HCV-positive patients, and in clinical criteria, you included only six patients positive for HCV, although you are in an endemic area for HCV

2- although you gave your patients ibrutinib, you did not mention any data about 17p deletion. Is it done for the patients, and how many positives?

3- no response mentions although you told successful treatment or survival outcomes to support your recommendation as prognostic and predictive

4- discussion needs to be written again, as the last part is the repetition of the result

5- English editing is needed.

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