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PART 1:

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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	**Authors' response to final evaluator's comments**
The authors in general worked to improvement of the clarity and quality of the presentation of the ms. They highlighted in the text insertion of new references 8 and 9, but in fact they did not insert the references suggested earlier. I must insist that references should be included to the papers by Aoki et al. (J Clin Gastroenterol. 2005 Jan;39(1):71-4. Liver hepcidin mRNA correlates with iron stores, but not inflammation, in patients with chronic hepatitis C.) and by Abd Elmonem et al, 2009 **Hepcidin** mRNA level as a parameter of disease progression in chronic hepatitis C and hepatocellular carcinoma.J Egypt Natl Canc Inst. 2009 Dec;21(4):333-42. Fig 4 in Elmonem et al's paper. is of the greatest relevance for the present findings. TO say *"In the discussion part of our results had been compared with the closely related work of other authors only"* betrays insufficient knowledge of what a really good discussion should be about. With the very good micrographs shown of hepatic iron overload, reference to the results of others supporting the present findings are even more important, because it becomes obvious that the study made would have gained much from genotyping for HFE mutations.	1- Reference 8,9 were already present from the start and they highlighted by mistake 2- The study of Aoki et al, 2005 and Abd elmonem et al, 2009 had been added to the part of the discussion and the references