



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	2014_IJTDH_15727
Title of the Manuscript:	Epidemiology of hepatitis C virus infection in Egypt; overt and occult
Type of the Article	Mini review Article

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
Almost none of my compulsory review comments in regard to occult HCV infection have been addressed by the authors in the revised version of the manuscript. In addition, I didn't receive from them a reply to my criticisms which might support the lack of changes.	I have already sent the reply as regards the occult HCV infection in the previous form. I will send a copy again. I understand the controversial role of occult HCV infection. What I mentioned is that interest in this subject HAS EMERGED RECENTLY IN EGYPT. Due the exceptional high prevalence/incidence of HCV in Egypt, Egyptian investigators are interested to know whether there is(are) impact(s) of such prevalence/ incidence on characteristics of OCI among Egyptian patients. I prefer to keep the title as it is due to the emerging interest in OCI in Egypt. Due to the unique situation as regards HCV infection in Egypt, OCI may have a role that may differ from other reports from other countries.