

**1. Title of Proposal:**

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# Prevalence of IL28B genotypes among Saudi population In Jeddah city

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**2. Type of Project:** (Please check all applicable options)

- Chart Review       Diagnostic       PhD Project       Qualitative Research
- Human Research       Laboratory       Msc Project       Quantitative
- Therapeutic       Basic Science       Other

**3. Starting Date:**

05-08-2015

**4. Duration:**

one month

**5. Total Fund Requested (SR):**

**6. Principal Investigator (PI):**

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**8. Principal Investigator's Assurance:**

The undersigned agrees to accept responsibility for the scientific and technical conduct of the proposed research and submission of progress reports if this application is approved.

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Signature

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Date

**DEPARTMENT APPROVAL:**

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Name of Chairman

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Signature

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Date

## 9. **Background:**

Hepatitis C (HC) is one of the infectious diseases that has major impact on public health [1]. Approximately, 180 million people (3%) are infected with HC virus worldwide [2, 3] where the HC oscillation about three to four million new infected cases per year [4]. Although 30% of patients with acute HC infection get spontaneous clearance, there are 54,000 deaths annually in acutely infected patient worldwide. The remaining patients have high tendency to develop into chronic progressive liver disease, cirrhosis or hepatocellular carcinoma [5] where 350,000 deaths are reported annually due to chronic HC-related causes [4]. In the United States, it is currently considered as the primary indication for liver transplantation [6]. The seroprevalence of HC among Saudi nationals reflected that, the overall anti-HC antibodies were found in 7.3% (1124/15323) of the examined individuals [7].

Consequently, the mainstay for treatment of HC is pegylated interferon- $\alpha$  (PEG-IFN) plus ribavirin involved a 24/48-week course with 50% response over 12 month. Viral genotype has been considered as important predictor of response with only 40% of patients with genotype 1 responding to PEG-IFN/ribavirin treatment, compared to 90%, 80%, and 60% of patients with genotype 2, 3, and 4, respectively. Therapy with PEG-IFN/ribavirin is has some burden on certain patients because of the duration of treatment and extensive side effects as well as the high cost [3, 8]. In addition to the viral genotypes the host's genetic factors (IL28B) have played an important role in response to treatment [9]. The most important baseline factor for treatment response is variation of the IL28B genotype, so that patients with the IL28B-CC genotype (SNP rs12979860) achieved SVR significantly more frequently than those bearing the unfavorable genotypes (CT or TT) [9]. Single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) plays an important role in the management of HC virus infection, but distribution of the IL28B SNP is widely varied among populations and ethnicities [10].

Recently, A large number of new therapies are in development for chronic HC including direct-acting antiviral (DAA) drugs [11]. DAAs have been FDA-approved in management of HC infection even in patients with cirrhosis, interferon-based triple therapy including telaprevir or boceprevir had been more effective than peginterferon and ribavirin, although some safety concerns may exist [12].

Thus, the aim of this study is to identify the percentage of IL28B genotype among HCV patient in Saudi Arabia which help to plan effective HC treatment .

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## **Objectives of the Study:**

### **10.1 Aim of the Study:**

To identify the rate of IL28B genotype among HCV patient compared to healthy individuals in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia which help to calculate the cost effectiveness of HC treatment .

### **10.2 Specific Objectives:**

1. Identify common IL28B genotypes in in Jeddah.
2. Assess disease outcome in association with HCV genotypes and IL28B genotypes.

### **10.3 Secondary Objectives:**

1. To calculate the cost effectiveness of hepatitis C treatment based on the prevalent genotype.

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## **Materials and Methods:**

### **11.1 Study Area/Setting:**

Medical records in many Hospitals in Jeddah .

### **11.2 Study Subjects:**

#### **Case definition :**

Hepatitis C patients diagnosed.

Inclusion criteria:

Hepatitis C patients who had been tested for IL28B genotype test

Exclusion criteria:

Patients with HBV infection

#### **Control definition :**

Healthy individual who attend to the Blood Banks .

Inclusion criteria:

Healthy blood donors.

Exclusion criteria:

Positive for any exclusion criteria of blood donors.

**Study Design:**

Case control study.

**11.4 Sample Size:** (Instructions: mention the input criteria for sample size estimation.)

35 infected patients and 35 healthy individuals.

**11.5 Sampling Technique:**

Convenience sample .

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## **Data Collection methods, instruments used, measurements**

### **Data Collection methods:**

Retrospective Chart review : medical records of Hepatitis C patients who meet inclusion criteria  
Prospective analysis of IL28B genotype of healthy individuals attending Blood Banks .

### **Instruments :**

- Data Collection form based on Medical Records .
- IL28B SNP test will be performed as per manufacturer recommendation (Tib-MolBiol) on Roche LC-II system following genomic DNA extraction on MagNAPure compact system.

### **11.7 Data Management and Analysis Plan: (Instruction: Describe the analysis plan, tests used for data analysis and statistical package(s) used)**

All data will be entered in SPSS program for statistical analysis.

The appropriate T-test will be used.

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**13. Ethical Considerations:**

Consent form will be signed by the healthy individuals attending blood banks.  
Confidentiality of patients and control individuals will be respected.

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**16 Budget** (Please use the attached documents for the price list of equipments used in the project if applicable)

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Budget Breakdown	Unit Cost (SR)	Total (SR)	Remarks
<b>Personnel *</b>			
<i>Total</i>			
<b>Supplies and Equipment</b>			
<i>Total</i>			
<b>Patients Cost</b>			
<i>Total</i>			
<b>Others (please, specify and justify briefly)</b>			
<i>Total</i>			
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			

**17. Appendices:** (Instructions: Data collection instruments, elaboration on methods and procedures to be used, etc.) (Please attach the related documents)

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