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HEV Review

Please note: There were 3 reviewers who raised many valuable corrections/suggestions and additions/deletions. All have been addressed as per reviewers needs. Kindly see answer to each question and these have been identified in the documents as track comments. We agreed with all statements and so it be.

Reviewer 00011221 USA

Q1. The personal aspect of the story is fascinating but I think that it would be best to depersonalize the historical review. "In 1978, Dr. Khuroo did this..." rather than "I investigated". Especially since there are multiple authors.

Ans: Yes, done

Q2. What is Dr. Balayan's first name and is there a reference for this account.

Ans: Mikhail S. Balayan; yes 22; inserted.

Q3. There are some textual errors in these paragraphs - filed instead of field, 17,00 deaths. Needs to be cleaned up a little.

Ans: Done. Corrected in text

Q4. What is citation for 21% superinfection rate in cirrhotic patients in India? Seems very high. At the end of this paragraph there is a statement about increased severity in pregnancy not being described, but earlier it was described so this is unclear.

Ans: 95, 96 references cited and inserted. Statement of HEV and pregnancy at the end of paragraph refers to "Autochthonous hepatitis E in developed countries" caused by HEV G-3. In this setting statement made "Phenomenon of increased severity in pregnant women has not been described." is correct.

Q5. In the control and cure section, again would avoid personalization and personal editorializing "I yet believe..." "It is heartening", "It is painful." "We need"

Ans: Done, see text for corrections.

Q6. Figure 4 is blank in my version of document

Ans: is a part of document

Reviewer 03476921

Q1. The only revision I would request is to omit the last sentence of the first paragraph of page 5 under the heading "Discovery", where the authors write "Over the years I funded these projects...". I believe this is not necessary and that most readers would be able to recognize that Dr. Mohammad S. Khuroo is a world authority on HEV. Otherwise, no other significant changes are needed.

Ans: Statement removed.

Reviewer 00005258

Q1. The text is too redundant. It should be condensed.

Ans: Redundancy has been addressed in the text.

Q 2. The Tables 1 and 5 can be omitted.

Ans: Tables removed.

Q 3. The Figures 1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 11, 12, and 13 can be deleted.

Ans: Figures removed.