

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
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publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In the presented study, the authors attempted to analyze the prevalence of different types of viral hepatitis in Somalia. The aim of the review was to describe the burden of viral hepatitis, especially HBV and HCV, in Somalia in order to develop national



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strategies for the prevention and control of viral hepatitis. The review and meta-analysis were well performed and described. The only (minor) limitations include the preparation of the manuscript: using different fonts and styles, which make the reading difficult. Moreover, the references section should be improved.

INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this manuscript, the authors summarized the epidemiology of viral hepatitis in Somalia with meta-analysis. They observed that the prevalence of viral hepatitis in Somalia was high. Moreover, chronic hepatitis B virus was the commonest causes of



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chronic liver diseases. The meta-analysis described the epidemiology of viral hepatitis in detail. However, systematic and methodical demonstration was needed. Rearrangement of the manuscript and a concise abstract were better. Furthermore, grammar errors should be corrected.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I revised the manuscript entitled "Epidemiology of Viral Hepatitis in Somalia: Systematic Review, Meta-Analysis Study" The study provides important data regarding the epidemiology of viral hepatitis in Somalia. The authors did a good effort in



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describing the details of epidemiological pattern of viral hepatitis in Somalia and concluded that HBV is the main cause of chronic liver disease.

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