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Title: Hepatitis B virus subgenotype F3 reactivation with vaccine escape mutations: A case report and review of the literature

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Manuscript NO: 39199 Title "Hepatitis B virus subgenotype F3 reactivation with severe vaccine escape: A case report." By Dr. Stefan Schlabe, and colleagues. In this reports, the authors describe a patient infected with a rare, subgenotyp F3 of HBV, which has the



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ability to escape eradication by vaccines. They have undertaken very extensive investigations to generate clinically relevant understanding most valuable in therapeutic settings. Therefore, I have no hard words for the authors. However, I believe that minor language editing throughout should very significantly benefit the impact of your manuscript. Starting from the title. The present title reads: "Hepatitis B virus subgenotype F3 reactivation with severe vaccine escape: A case report" I hope you notice that the words "with severe" is not appropriate. Please revise/edit the title. In Figure 3, the entry in red "Germany patient." I guess you could write "German patient" Additionally, the overall text volume for one case is too large. Please condense your manuscript text to about 60% of its' current size.

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This case report describes the case of HBV subgenotype F3 reactivation combined with several vaccine escape mutations. The manuscript is very interesting and well-written. I have only two minor comments. 1. Title: What is the "severe vaccine escape"? I



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wonder that is “several vaccine escape mutations”. 2. In Fig.1, The date on the horizontal axis is wrong. What is “01.11.95”?

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. In this case report, it is unclear why they used HBV vaccine in patients with HBV DNA-positive. Authors should explain this in detail. 2. Authors should describe the amino acid mutations authors found, compared to the sequences, which has been



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