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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This review provides a good overview of HBV infection and HBV-related hepatocellular carcinoma in sub-Saharan Africa, reflecting the understanding of the HBV infection and corresponding adverse outcome in this region and a solid literature basis. The manuscript can be accepted for publication after addressing the following minor concerns. The literature review is not comprehensive. HBV infection status in other place of the world needs a brief introduction. In addition, HBV screening, treatment and vaccination coverage needs to be explained in Sub-Saharan Africa.