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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Nucleic acid vaccines: A taboo broken and prospect for an HBV cure In this original manuscript, Tsounis EP et al, aim to review the role of nucleic acid-based vaccines in restoring immune dysfunction in chronic hepatitis B (CHB) and its potential as part of CHB cure strategies. The review is very well written and presented. The findings are relevant and interesting. The COVID-19 pandemic has put the spotlight in the nucleic acid vaccines, and so, this review is very pertinent. Please find below some minor comments: -Page 7: DNA vaccines: “histocompatibility complex class I (MHC I)”, should be “(MHC) I” -Page 8: “The efficacy and of a preS2”, should be “The efficacy of a preS2” -References: Reference #24: please check the spelling of this reference as 2 hyphens have been substituted by other symbols.