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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors, Your manuscript could be published after minor revision by providing or clarifying some data. Please mentioned 1. which tests are used for checking anti-HDV immunoglobulin G antibodies by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays? 2. which single and nested PCR tests (commercial?) are used for HDV RNA? 3. all variables using in multivariate multiple regression analysis in materials and methods 4. is there hypothesis explained higher proportion of female HBV/HDV co-infected compare to HBV-monoinfection, take into account high imprisonment and injecting drug use in HBV/HDV co-infected compare to HBV-monoinfection? 5. provide also percentage of HBV viremia was less than 20 IU/mL in HBV- monoinfection 6. is there more data on combination therapy of pegylated interferon- $\alpha$  and nucleos(t)ide analogues in patients with HBV/HDV coinfection: the simultaneous “dual” strategy, sequential combination “add-on” strategy, and “switch” strategy? 7. how can you explain, that 12.5% of patients are vaccinated against HBV in HBV/HDV co-infected and 15.6 HBV-monoinfection groups? 8. sexual contact with a partner positive for HBV/HCV/HDV means all tree infections simultaneously (coinfections) or two or even one off mentioned? 9.



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