

## CLARIFICATION TO REVIEWERS COMMENTS

Reviewer's code: 03337012

1 All abbreviations should be explained at the first time they are used (Comments from Reviewer -2)

Answer: Abbreviations have been explained at the first time and highlighted.

2. The sentence: "serological markers can not differentiate between past and present infections" is simple not true (e.g. anti-HBc IGM and anti-HBc IgG for HBV infection) (Comments from Reviewer -2)

Answer: The authors slightly differ from the suggestion made by reviewer, particularly, because anti HBc IgM in case of HBV infection has been used as a criteria for diagnosis of acute HBV infection rather than its use to indicate present infection.