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| Supplementary Table I. PCR Primers for detection of HBV DNA  |
| HBV genomic regions  | Nucleotide position | Product size |
| S region |  |  |
| S1-F : 5'-CATCAGGATTCCTAGGACCCCT-3’S2-R : 5'-AGGACAAACGGGCAACATAC-3'S3-F : 5'-CTTGTTGACAAGAATCCTCACA-3'S4-R : 5'-CCAACAAGAAGATGAGGCATA-3' | 168-189478-458214-235442-420 | 311bp229bp |
| Pre-core / Core region |  |  |
| C5-F : 5'-TCACCTCTGCCTAATCATC-3'C6-R : 5'-GAGGGAGTTCTTCTTCTAGG-3'C7-F : 5'-TTCAAGCCTCCAAGCTGTGCC-3'C8-R : 5-AGGAGTGCGAATCCACACTCC-3' | 1825-18432391-23711862-18822277-2267 | 546bp406bp |
| Pol region |  |  |
| P9-F : 5'-CGTCGCAGAAGATCTCAATC-3'P10-R : 5'-TCTTGTTCCCAAGAATATGGT-3'P11-F : 5'-CCTTGGACTCATAAGGT-3'P12-R : 5'-TCCCAAGAATATGGTGACCC-3' | 2420-24392845-28252463-24792839-2820 | 406bp358bp |
| X region |  |  |
| X13-F : 5'-CGCCAACTTACAAGGCCTTTC-3'X14-R : 5'-GGCGTTCACGGTGGTCTCCAT-3'X15-F : 5'-CCATACTGCGGAACTCCTAG-3'X16-R : 5'-CGTAAAGAGAGGTGCGCCCC-3' | 1100-11201628-16081266-16851540-1521 | 509bp256bp |

HBV: Hepatitis B virus.

**Supplementary Figure 1** Cumulative incidence of disease progression defined as development of liver cirrhosis or hepatocellular carcinoma, worsening of Child Pugh class, or mortality according to the presence of occult hepatitis B virus infection (OBI) (A) and development of hepatocellular carcinoma (B) in 134 patients who were not in sustained virologic response state during study period. HCC; Hepatocellular carcinoma, OBI; occult hepatitis B virus infection.