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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Hepatology

Manuscript NO: 37947

Title: Chronic hepatitis B virus monoinfection at a university hospital in Zambia

Reviewer's code: 02528812

Reviewer's country: Iran

Science editor: Fang-Fang Ji

Date sent for review: 2018-04-26

Date reviewed: 2018-04-27

Review time: 1 Day

SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION	PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	Peer-Review:
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors reported chronic hepatitis B virus monoinfection at a university hospital in Zambia. The manuscript is well-written, but the single-center design limits its novelty.

INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT



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Science editor: Fang-Fang Ji

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Review comments for the manuscript of WJH 37947: I enjoyed reading the manuscript “Chronic hepatitis B virus mono-infection at a university hospital in Zambia” by Vinikoor et al. The manuscript presents a HBV mono-infected cohort at a referral hospital in Zambia about a number of clinical questions in Africa, where the data of HBV



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infection is limit. Although it is a small sample observational study, as well as some limitations, the study present primary data in HBV infection in Zambia. I think this manuscript can be accepted with a major revision. Major comments: 1. Paper writing format need to be improved: page 8-9, the section of Statistical analysis, the red marked context should be present in the section of Methods (see the edit manuscript). 2. Abstract: page 4, line 12-13, "Elevated ALT was defined as ≥ 19 in women", but page 8, line 18-19 "... and >20 U/L for women per WHO recommendations", there is different, please re-check. 3. In the section of result: page 10, line 1, "and half of patients (n=80, 52.6%)" , maybe (n=84 ?, 52.6%), please re-check. 4. In general, high BMI as a risk factor of NAFLD and unhealthy alcohol use as a risk factor of ALD, both of them is one of the important reasons of ALT evaluated in inactive HBV infection. However, in the section of result in this study, "patients with indeterminate stage due to elevated ALT and low HBV DNA had similar/lower percentage with overweight/obesity (10.3% versus 20.4%) and unhealthy alcohol use (14.3% versus 10.4%)", Whether or not the malnourished fatty liver induce the condition? Please add the related discussion in the section of Discussion. 5. Overall, grammar and language needs working before resubmitting to the journal. Such as page 13 line 3, "the" will be deleted, etc.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Overall a good and important clinical study. Minor language control and reorganization are required (please see the attached manuscript file).

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