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Dear Editor:

We would like to thank the editor and the reviewers for their comments. We have addressed all the comments as follows:

1. Comments of the First Reviewer: ID #02540266.

- 1) We have changed the title whereby we removed the term "North Africa" as suggested by this reviewer.
- 2) Remade revisions on the second part pertaining to HBV in Mauritania and connected the second part of HBV in Mauritania to the first part pertaining to HCV in Egypt through a conclusive short paragraph at the end of the manuscript as suggested by this review work.
- 3) We completed all the revisions suggested by this reviewer correcting all the grammatical mistakes noted by this reviewer in the text and providing references when needed.
- 4) Although Table 1 was already referred to in the text, we made a special reference to table 1 stating that "Table 1 outlines the risk factors with transmission of HCV in Egypt through the healthcare system ...etc" as suggested by this reviewer.

2. Comments of the Second Reviewer: ID #03269732.

We completed all the revisions suggested by this reviewer correcting all the spelling mistakes noted by this second reviewer in the text .

3. Comments of the Second Reviewer: ID # 00187828.

This reviewer was commending and hence we believe we are compliant with all what was suggested by this reviewer.

We believe that this new revised manuscript is an improved version and a good fit for your Journal. We also believe that it would be of great benefit to readers.

Thank you very much for your consideration and acceptance

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