

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: CROSS SECTIONAL STUDY TO DETERMINE VIRAL HEPATITIS KNOWLEDGE
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The study is very extensive and informative. The manuscript is well presented. The discussion may have to be summarised appropriately. Thought has to given to suggestions how the data can be made use: policy making in education system or health



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education and how it can be brought about. When the data is projecting less knowledge in low resource centres what are the suggestions to improvise it and who should be taking action.

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The manuscript is very interesting with convenient title. methods and discussion but in my opinion is not suitable for the journal with basic and clinical topics like WJG and it is better to expand research and publish it in public health journals. The authors published



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very similar manuscript, this year in Open access Int. J Environ.Res Public Health
2018.15.189 (ref. number 24)

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I believe that it is a very good and helpful work and it should be published. Only a few changes are needed as shown at the attached file. Also in table 3 the correct answers are characterised as "weak" while in the text as "low".



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In this study, the authors aimed to analyze the viral hepatitis knowledge in the general population from different resource areas and health conditions in Brazil. The idea to perform the study seems to be interesting, however, several limitations of the presented



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manuscript should be pointed out: Firstly, English language should be corrected. Secondly, my concern is, if the authors do not duplicate the material presented in their another study (A Cross-Sectional Study of Viral Hepatitis Perception among Residents from Southeast and North Regions of Brazil by Helena Medina Cruz, Vanessa Salete de Paula and Livia Melo Villar Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health 2018, 15(2), 189; doi:10.3390/ijerph15020189). The authors should clearly comment on this issue. Other issues: 1. Abstract / Conclusions: The results demonstrated high level of knowledge among health clinics from the Southeast region - it is not the knowledge of the clinics, but the study participants from these clinics 2. The Introduction Part is written in a too simple way for the Journal and contains several mistakes (there are more than 5 hepatotropic viruses, e.g., HGV; there is also a HEV vaccine licenced in China; the main method of avoiding HAV infection is hand washing). This part should be significantly improved. 3. What was the method of selecting participants in each center? Consecutive? 4. In my opinion, the numbers of participants in each group are not representative for the regions. Less than 500 participants do not represent general population. 5. "Desirable perception was more common among females (58.4%), subjects aged over 40 years (60.0%), " this statement is not true (p values are over 0.05)

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