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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This short review addresses the relationship between some metabolic disturbances and hepatitis B virus disease progression. Metabolic factors presented include hepatic steatosis, body mass index and diabetes. It is stated that these metabolic factors influence



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the disease course and treatment response; this is particularly the case in patients who carry hepatitis B without disease or patients on long-term antiviral medication with nucleoside analogues. This is an interesting review. A main comment regards the wording of statements. First, it can be questioned whether the word “metabolic factors” is acceptable, as this suggest the involvement of certain hormones or other molecules, or causal relationships. Rather, some conditions are described in which there could be hormonal disbalance. Second, the phrasing of sentences is highly suggestive of causal relationships, while actually associations are described. This comment also relates to Figure 1 that suggests a causal interference of the conditions in progression of hepatitis B disease. The maximum in this respect which can be concluded is that the conditions mentioned could be risk factors. A minor comment regards a couple of typographical errors, and some abbreviations that are not explained.

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The authors should consider changing the title to:Chronic hepatitis B and metabolic risk factors: a call for rigorous longitudinal studies The paper needs EDITING from a Native Speaker of English Language to correct Grammar and Expression



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