



**PEER-REVIEW REPORT**

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**Reviewer’s code:** 02731847

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**Author’s country:** Spain

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<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 type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Good article updating data on HDV infection in Europe. I believe this article should be accepted for publication.

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This paper did not have a good organization. The authors are focusing on "HBV-infected patients". So you give more details for such patients in the title. The authors have done a single center study in Spain. So you change the words "IN A MEDITERRANEAN SETTING" in the title. Avoid the exaggeration. Presence of anti-HDV IgG or IgM? Grammar should be improved. Subheading titles should be provided in the Results section. Because the title focused on CHANGING DELTA HEPATITIS PATIENT PROFILE, the Methods and Results sections should provide more data about this dynamic change. The authors did not compare with earlier data.

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This article was well-written and informative. As shown in Table 3, patients' profile was different between those diagnosed before and after 2000. Cumulative risks of developnig cirrhosis or HCC should also be evaluated according to diagosed timing before or after 2000.

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The authors studied the dynamic changes of Delta hepatitis, and this is an interesting study. The study was well designed and the paper was well written. I only have few minor comments. 1. The title: I would recommend to use like this: Changing Delat hepatitis patient profile: a single center experience in Valencia region, Spain. Since this is a study from one medical center. This maybe more accurate to reflect the dynamic changes in a specific region. 2. Diagnosis of hepatitis: I would recommend to use HBsAg instead of Australian. As to anti-HDV, anti-HCV or anti-HIV, are they IgG or IgM?

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