



## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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**Author's Country/Territory:** China

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<b>Scientific quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Peer-reviewer</b>	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous



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

Hello! Very interesting message! I consider it necessary to publish it. However, I would like to see the entire text of the article. This is due to the fact that I have been dealing with chronic hepatitis B for a long time, and back in the 80-90s of the twentieth century, it was said about cases of an aggressive course of chronic hepatitis B, which was treated with glucocorticosteroids. There is no review of these cases and the explanation for them. I want to see it. Thanks.Здравствуйте! Очень интересное сообщение! Я считаю нужным его опубликовать. Однако хотелось бы посмотреть весь текст статьи. Это связано с тем, что я длительное время занималась хроническим гепатитом В, и ещё в 80-90-х годах XX века говорилось о случаях агрессивного течения хронического гепатита В, который лечили глюкокортикостероидами. Здесь нет обзора этих случаев и объяснения к ним. Хочу это посмотреть. Спасибо.



### PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The title and subject of the manuscript are interesting. The given manuscript is a case presentation that discusses a form of viral induced hepatitis. The auto-antibody profile of the case presented points to an immune mediated form of viral hepatitis induced by chronic HBV rather than the traditional chronic direct viral hepatitis which might explain the sero-positivity of the antibody profile and the sero-conversion with effective antiviral therapy. Therefore, the authors need to provide a careful review on the differences between viral immune mediated hepatitis and autoimmune hepatitis. Authors need to comment on the antibody profile of the patient and to what they point to also what are the auto-antibodies not surveyed though important for differentiation and those done and were negative or not mentioned. Additionally, the authors need to provide full comment on the provided histo-pathological sections in the given images and explain and compare in the manuscript the differences between the histopathology with AIH, chronic viral hepatitis and the given images that aid that might further confirm its being immune mediated form of viral hepatitis. The frequency of similar reported cases need to be discussed and how common is it to find immune mediated viral hepatitis as a part of the HBV profile. The effect of therapy if any similar cases reported need to be explicitly discussed. Minimal language and grammar errors need to be corrected.



## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Comments to the Editor: Thanks for inviting me to review the manuscript entitled “Negative conversion of autoantibody profile in chronic hepatitis B: A case report and literature review”. Comments to author: Minor Comment: • Language and editing polishing is required.

1. TITLE: The title reflects the major contents of the article, however “and literature review” is better to be deleted.
2. ABSTRACT it gives a clear delineation of the research background, case report including important data and conclusion, however, it was stated in case summary that the patient was with no past medical history, although she was positive for HBVsAg for more than ten years. This has to be revised and corrected.
3. INTRODUCTION: It is short & informative. The last line within the last paragraph, the patient was described as patient with chronic hepatitis B. This has to be clarified and unified all over the text.
4. CASE REPORT: Well presented however, some important issues are better to be considered: • History of past illness: The patient was described as a carrier of HBV for more than ten years. Please unify within the text the actual case; carrier or chronic HBV or with no past medical history. In order to satisfy the reader, the following have to be considered: o liver status within this 10 years has to be clarified o Any related past intervention & their outcomes o Measurement of autoantibodies if any • Laboratory Investigations: Testing for HCV exclusion is missing and has to be added. Table (1): Both reference range as well as unit of measurements are missing for tested parameters& thus have to be added. • Imaging examinations Figures: 1-4: Full detailed legend is missing • Outcome And Follow-Up Duration of antiviral therapy is missing Follow up every 6 m for how long and what are the outcomes.
5. DISCUSSION Well organized, an overall theoretical analysis is given and conclusions are scientifically valuable.
6. REFERENCES: • Finally, relevant and sufficient references, especially the most current literatures have been cited. • The authors have to follow journal style in writing this



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## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

I gave comments during the previous review of the manuscript. Now no comments yet.