

Dear Reviewer:

Thanks for your question about antiviral therapy. we want to explain as follow: All the patients were given antiviral therapy once they have positive HBV-DNA according to the guideline of prevention and treatment for chronic hepatitis B(2010 version, China).There were no significant differences of HBV-DNA among 3 groups, so the same was true of antiviral therapy.

Best regards

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