

Response to reviewers' comments:

Reviewer comment #1: "The information used corresponds to regions of Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America. What about Latin America? In this region, HBV endemicity ranges from low to high with at least 7 to 12 million people infected...Is there information about it?"

Authors' response: We agree that information regarding HBV in Latin America is lacking in this review. This information is crucial when viewing HBV infection from a global perspective. We have added a paragraph to pages 4-5 discussing prevalence of HBV and related HCC in the countries of Latin America.

Reviewer comment #2: "The authors mention viral factors for the development of hepatocarcinoma, among which Genotypes B and C stand out. What about genotype F? A study in Alaska was recently published that mentions this genotype as a risk factor for hepatocarcinoma."

Authors' response: Different genotypes of Hepatitis B are prevalent in different geographic regions. Therefore, we have added a paragraph in the manuscript to provide additional information regarding genotypes of hepatitis B and their association with hepatocellular carcinoma. Moreover, we included information about Genotype F due to its link to highest incidence of HCC in Alaskan natives, as the reviewer noted.