

Reviewer 1:

This is a review that summarized the current studies about immune suppression in chronic hepatitis B infection associated liver disease. The review is very detailed and well summarized. The only big suggestion I would have is as below; It is true that the host immune response has a role whether it clears the virus or induces liver disease. However, that is not the only factor. Though immune reaction is different between adult and neonate, the rate of vertical infection depends on so many factors such as maternal HBV DNA load, etc.

**Answer:**

We thank the reviewer for the comments. We have modified it as the reviewer's suggestion in the revised manuscript.

Reviewer 2

I have experienced that patients with chronic HBV infection progressed to liver fibrosis without a significant flare-up of hepatitis activity. I also supposed that HBV itself might be associated with the stimulation of fibrogenesis via immunopathogenesis. I think that the manuscript is very nicely written and may be helpful for the hepatologists and researchers. I made some proofreading for some errors.

**Answer:**

We thank the reviewer for the comments. The manuscript has been revised according to your proofreading.

Reviewer 3

A very well written manuscript. The topic is interesting and references are updated. Information is comprehensive and well organized. It reflects the current status of our understanding of the interplay between HBV and the immune system. I believe it will be of utmost interest for the readers.

**Answer:**

We thank the reviewer for the approval. The manuscript has been further modified in accordance with the comments of Reviewer 1 and Reviewer 2, and should be more precise and readable.