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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The mini-review presents the current knowledge on the role of HBV RNA molecules in its pathogenesis. Overall the gathered information are very informative and important for HBV researchers and clinicians. However, the manuscript is not well written and greatly lacks citations. My suggestions/comments are highlighted (track change) in the



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attached manuscript file. Major: Introduction- It lacks vital information of the virus and needs to be rewritten properly. It would be great to give some details on how HBV RNA intermediate is formed- its known. Figure legends- If the figures are not constructed by the authors or modified from the original, the original source or reference must be cited. The manuscript should be properly revised and resubmitted.

INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT

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