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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The review presented by Bing-Fang Chen, is very well developed and widely documented in a topic of great interest such as the variants of the preS and S regions of HBV. This review can be of great help to researchers about HBV infection. Only one comment should be added about the study by Shirvani-Dastgerdi E et al. J Hepatol. 2017; 67 (2): 246-254, which describes a very early codon stop variant in the surface region and the possible consequences of a surface protein in which a large part of the S region is de-selected



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Bing-Fang Chen reviews the roles of hepatitis B virus pre-S/S variants in liver diseases and finds that most of them cause the intracellular retention of HBV envelope proteins and induction of ER stress, resulting in liver diseases. There is only one linguistic problem in this manuscript which is listed in minor comments listed below and this work is worth enough for possible publication in WJG. Major comments None. Minor comments 1. Page 8, line 12, page 15, line 7. Page 17, line 15. Others should be other.



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I think that this article will contribute to the clarification of the pathogenesis of HBV infection. Minor revision In the abstract, preS/S variants are classified into five types. In the discussion, however, preS/S variants are classified into six types. Leaders will be confused. Which classification is appropriate?



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

- Excellent review, but for clinicians like myself, we need to know whether hepatitis B virus pre-S/S variants have any influence in response to treatment Interferons or with different nucleoside/nucleotide analogues?