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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dr. Lin and colleagues have presented a highly interesting review article in which they aimed to discuss the effect of active immunization to prevent de novo HBV-infection in pre- and post -liver transplanted patients. Overall, the review article is comprehensive, well and appropriate referenced and yet concise in its content. The introduction of the chapters introduces the subject well and the ensuing sections are informative and interesting to read. The main and important aspects of the current precaution and vaccination programs to prevent de novo HBV infection in liver transplant patients have been well addressed. Actually there is no criticism from my side with regard to the content and sufficiency of the manuscript.

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Lin CC et al have written a review addressing the feasibility and efficacy of pre- and post liver transplantation vaccination to prevent de novo hepatitis infection (DNH) among recipients. I find this information interesting, however I have the following observations that should be considered: Major comments: 1) As mentioned by the authors, systematic reviews concerning the prophylactic therapy against DNH have been published, therefore I would expect a systematic review or meta-analysis methodology to approach the issue of active immunization. I do not see a methodology section on how this review was made, inclusion criteria or quality of evidence. I recommend that the authors change the strategy, so that the readers receive more benefits with evidence-based data. I believe that the authors would like that hepatologists would make better decisions in the clinical setting of liver transplantation. 2) Also, I would like to ask if the authors consider that active immunization could benefit all recipients regardless of HBV genotype?