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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The review is comprehensive and well structured. I think that the addition of 1 or 2 tables (containing n. of patients enrolled, virological characteristics, study type, region of origin, end-point, etc.) may be useful to facilitate comparisons between studies and to have a quick information on the results.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors reviewed the short- and long-term outcome of conventional IFN in patients with CHB. They found that the ability of IFN alpha treatment to prevent new cirrhosis, complications associated with cirrhosis, and development of HCC was controversial. We agree with this conclusion. However, this point of view may be unable to attract the reader. In addition, the reviewer did not provide a clear summary Table or Figure for the reader to catch the point easily.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors reviewed the long term outcome of IFN therapy for chronic hepatitis B. This is comprehensive and well organized review. However, the authors should pay attention on the following issues; 1. The title is "long-term outcome....", but actually the authors also review short-term studies of IFN therapy. Is it better to change the title to be "Interferon therapy for chronic hepatitis B"? 2. I suggest the authors to provide summary of major or important studies in Table for for each topic. 3. Sub-title "Long-term outcome on liver disease progression" is incomplete sentence. It should be "Long-term outcome of IFN therapy on liver disease progression". In addition in this sub-topic the authors mainly focused on fibrosis and cirrhosis. Therefore, "Long-term outcome of IFN therapy on fibrosis and cirrhosis progression" is more suitable for sub-title.