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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript of Shirvani-Dastgeerdi and Tacke "Molecular interactions between hepatitis B virus and Delta virus" contains an excellent review, is well documented and interesting to read. However, it presents some minor limitations that must be resolved before possible publication: 1-The authors should comment more broadly the important degree of HDV variability, especially in the C-terminal region of L-HDAg, which as they themselves indicate, is responsible for the interaction of this HDV protein with HBV envelope. They should include appropriate citations to confirm this variability (different until more than 70% between 8 genotypes VHD). 2-Not quote or comments about HDV genotype classifications in 8 genotypes of HDV are included. These comment, must be included, in addition to some comment about if HDV genotypes may be associated with differences in the interaction between HBV and HDV and even in the clinical behavior of this infection among different genotypes of both viruses. 3- On page 4 a reference to packaging signal in Figure 1 is made, however in this figure nothing of this signal is indicated. In the legend of Figure 1 it is included the acronym RNP : ribonucleoprotein, but in this Figure this term does not appear.