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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I would like to see a different control that expresses some "nontoxic" protein to fairly high levels in the 2nd cistron. If you can do that then I think this is a great paper and a real contribution to the field. The writing is pretty clear.

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The paper Expression of HBV surface antigens induces defective gonad phenotypes in Caenorhabditis elegans described an useful platform for protein-protein interaction, specially in the viral-host frame. The paper is well written, but should be carefully reviewed because it have some mistakes. Examples: Page 5, line 6 Revise the use of word "fulminate". I think that the correct is "fulminant" Page 5, line 25 Revise this part of the phrase "... interaction of HBx and CED-9, a human homolog of BCL-2.". It is not better to say: a homologue of human Bcl-2? Page 6, line 17 Change "excited" by "excised"

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The authors constructed 3 plasmids that were able to express the large, middle, and small forms of HBsAg (LHBsAg, MHBsAg, and SHBsAg, respectively) driven by a fib-1 and 3 plasmids that were able to express SHBsAg driven by different tissue-specific promoters and microinjected these plasmids into C. Elegans, demonstrating that SHBsAg can induce observable phenotypes. This work is interesting and may have provided a new platform for studying the pathogenesis of HBV and other viruses. The paper is well organized and the findings were clearly presented. "fulminate hepatitis" may be replaced by "fulminant hepatitis".