



## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Rare case and need to pay attention.



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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Authors presented a rare case with HBV in the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) of a bacterial meningitis patient. However, some details should be clarified. 1. Was this patient aware that he had been infected with HBV before or during the admission to hospital? 2. Authors should present the patient's HBV serum markers. 3. According to the previous medical literature, HBV DNA is found in the CFS of HIV-infected patients. Was HIV test given to this patient? 4. Did the patient have any chronic diseases? Was he taking any medications? 5. Was the patient's skull and ribs fractured 15 years ago or 5 years ago? 6. Why did authors think the meningitis in this case was due to the effects of a previous accident? 7. Authors should report the quantity of HBV DNA in the blood and in the CFS before and after treatment. 8. Should authors mention how the presence of HBV DNA in CFS contributed to the disease severity?



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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Manuscript is well written with original findings and have clinical importance.



## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

I agree to authors' answers and revised manuscript.