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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

the paper reports the HEPATITIS B VIRUS GENOTYPES: GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION AND CLINICAL IMPORTANCE. the language of the paper is poor and needs a revision in this regard.



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This is an overview about hepatitis B and treatment. It deals with HBV genotype varieties according to countries and ethnic backgrounds as well as chronicity of the disease. The manuscript is written in a straight forward manner and discusses several acute points as well as current limitations.



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"Hepatitis B Virus Genotypes: Global Distribution and Clinical Importance" We have examined this new review manuscript. It is now well recognized that the prevalence of Hepatitis B genotypes in the world varies widely by country and geographical region. Evidence also suggests that response to Interferon is impacted by the genotype while response to oral antiviral agents is independent of the genotype. Newer data on the effect of genotype on disease progression, hepatocellular carcinoma risk, viral load, Hepatitis B surface antigen levels and Hepatitis B e antigen seroconversion rates has been reported from different investigators across the world. Major comments: This article is not well organized and it is replete with grammatical errors and problems with accurate framing of sentences. This is a pervasive problem in the article and has led to the wrong message in the sentence while the author's intention is the opposite. In one such instance, under "HBV genotypes and anti-viral treatment" - 2nd paragraph - "Biochemical and serological response rates in patients with genotypes A and B were significantly higher in patients with genotypes C and D 6-12 months after INF treatment was discontinued." The word "than" is missing after the word "higher" in this sentence thus rendering the sentence meaningless. Minor comments: 1. "INF" has been used as an abbreviation for interferon in several sentences while "IFN" is the accepted abbreviation for interferon. Also, "INF" and "IFN" have been used interchangeably in this article. 2. The term "contamination" has been used in sentences where the author probably meant "acquisition" or "exposure of" hepatitis B virus. "Contamination" does not appear to be the right word in that context. 3. The verb "determined" has been used by itself in several places where it should probably be "determined to be" 4. Superlatives such as "very clear", "intense" and "very better" should probably



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be avoided and also led to grammatically incorrect sentences at places.



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