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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dr. Pourkarim and coworkers have presented an highly interesting review article on the identification and characterization of HBV geno-/subtypes and their possible misclassification. Overall the review article is well performed and structured, easy to read and concise in its content. However, there are some minor comments which should be addressed. Comments: 1) Neither in the abstract nor in the text it is stated that this article is a “review” article (dealing mainly with misclassification of HBV sub- and genotypes). This leaves the reader at the end alone what kind of article that is. As a suggestion one sentence in the Abstract section could start with “In this review article....” 2) There are some typing errors, mainly the headings jump between upper and lower case, e.g., page 12, chapter 3.2. ff. 3) Concerning the suggestion of the authors to apply two new termini “recombino and immigro” in HBV classification, I have little doubts that this really will help to harmonize the field as there are two more new possibilities to generate confusion. 4) The reference list is much too long (with 174 references). The authors may reduce the list and focus on “key” literature.

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Authors of this review manuscript summarize the HBV classifications and suggested the revised classifications of subgenotypes. Also impacts and importance of genotypes on disease progression and so forth. I would be great to summarize more detailed, updated characteristics of genotypes and subtypes. Also, including serotypes in the table. The authors suggested the new revised classifications but in the manuscript they follow the old classifications. It would be good to mention new version of revised classifications in the brackets. Minor points Better wording is strongly urged for section 1 title '1. Eradication of hepatitis B .....', since HBV has not been eradicated and not even close. Also the better wording for 'Table 1.' Title, too.