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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Kim et al have reviewed the benefits of antiviral agents in HBV cirrhosis. The authors have done a good job of classifying and reviewing the data in compensated, decompensated, and in ACLF. However, there are some major concerns with this paper which need to be addressed:

1. Decompensated cirrhosis: There are many studies which could also be covered. I would suggest to refer to a meta-analysis by Singal and Fontana in the APT 2011.
2. HCC is an important event in cirrhosis especially HBV infection. Authors should cover a separate section on benefits of treatment in reducing HCC incidence and may also like to refer to meta-analysis by Lok et al in J Hep 2011 and Singal et al in APT 2013.
3. Should also cover and review studies on the role of HBV treatment in prevention of reactivation