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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)		<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This review article by Ali et al. summarizes the role of HBx in HBV-associated hepatocarcinogenesis. The manuscript is well written and well-organized. I would like to suggest minor points listed below. 1) Some important papers can be cited: World J Gastroenterol 13(1): 74-81, 2007; and Acta Med Indones 38(3):154-9, 2006. 2) Graphical summary can be added for better understanding the description.



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The content of this review article is overlap with previously published review (Kew MC. Hepatitis B virus x protein in the pathogenesis of hepatitis B virus-induced hepatocellular carcinoma. Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2011 Jan;26 Suppl 1:144-52). It should be focused on the relationship between HBx mutants and their role in hepatocellular carcinoma. It is best to condense something, especially those Kew MC has reviewed



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This manuscript discusses the role of HBV-encoded X protein in the pathogenesis of hepatocellular carcinoma. In my opinion, although there is an excess of references for being a review, I recommend to include more recent original articles, specially describing its relationship with microRNAs, as miR-205.