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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Interesting manuscript with a large number of patients and a novel analysis of variables (dichotomization of autoantibodies profiles). Clarification of attached comments and some additional analyses could add to the value of the manuscript.

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Serum Autoantibodies in Chinese Patients with Chronic Hepatitis B: Prevalence and Association with Clinical Features Comments: The authors investigated the prevalence of autoantibodies and analyzed their association with clinical features of liver diseases in Chinese patients. Overall, this is interesting study that could be useful for clinical use, however some points have to be revised and clarified: Need more justification why this study is important? For instant, is there any confusing between the current autoantibody with autoimmune hepatitis and chronic hepatitis B or C or even with cirrhosis? In the study, the authors divided cirrhosis into compensated cirrhosis and non-compensated cirrhosis. Is is necessary? I don't see any autoantibody difference between compensated and non-compensated cirrhosis. So, they don't need to divide and just combine the 2 groups into cirrhosis group. It is more important to add one more HCC group, if possible. The authors have to explain more about cirrhosis group they included un the study. For instant, are they HBV-associated? Too many Tables. Un-necessary Tables (specially Tables 6-8) together with sentences in page 8 have to be omitted. The manuscript format did not follow the WJG format. Please revise!