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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The study is well designed and very interesting. Only some minor lanugage polishing should be corrected.



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This is an interesting manuscript. In this manuscript, the authors investigated the frequency of mutations in the pre-C and basic core promoter regions of HBV genome in chronic hepatitis B patients from Shanxi Province, and the association between these mutations and disease related indexes. The authors found that in HBeAg negative patients, pre-C mutation rate was 96.2% and there was liver dysfunction, although the distribution of BCP mutations was not significantly associated with HBeAg status.

comments 1 The manuscript need an editing for language. 2 The abstract should be revised. The conclusion in the abstract is too lang. 3 Tables are good. If the authors can add some figures, it will be better.