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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript: Hepatitis E in Israel: A nation-wide retrospective study Running Title. Hepatitis E in Israel "Ortal Erez-Granat et al represents an interesting study of the etiology of acute hepatitis HEV in Israel reporting well documented data of interest to the scientific community. However, this study presents some limitations, that the authors themselves recognize. specially, the inability to develop phylogenetic studies in ancient autoctonous cases by poor maintenance of serum samples. This reviewer assumed this difficulty as insuperable and understands the authors have been able to properly classify the most recent cases, which have proved genotype 1 and this data is interesting. However the study has some additional limitations that must be resolved, especially an methodological level. 1.-The sensitivity and specificity of serologic techniques wich have been used are reported in base to the data directly obtained from reagents providers, which is completely insufficient. The authors must provide this data from the comparison of these DS-EIA-anti-HEV-G, DSEIA-anti-HEV-M, DSI S.R.L. Serronno (VA) with other available methodology such as Wantai and Microgen. 2-Indicate the sensitivity of detection of HEV RNA. 3-The data about pregant women are specially rellevant. In this regard. the authors should provide more information about the



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subsequent evolution of these patients and their children. Especially in the two fulminant cases which fortunately were not fatal. It does not seem right that these data be reported in a further, as the authors indicate. If at the time of the present study these data are available, the authors should included them in this manuscript.

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Nicely written article.