



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

Manuscript NO: 49302

Title: Chronic hepatitis delta: A state-of-the-art review and new therapies

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Reviewer's country: Japan

Science editor: Ruo-Yu Ma

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SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION	PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	Peer-Review:
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Christy Gilman et al. reported a systematic review and new therapies for chronic hepatitis delta. The topic is interesting, but the form of the manuscript did not follow the guidelines at all. Also, this is not a systematic review. PRISMA checklist and flow diagram should include in the manuscript. In the management and investigational



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therapies section, some tables for summarizing protocol and outcome would help readers to understand easily.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. On one hand, the authors state that Delta Hepatitis (HDV) is the most severe form of viral hepatitis. On the other hand, the authors state that clinical course of HDV infection is typically benign. Only when superinfected with chronic HBV, HDV infection is more severe than HBV monoinfection. So, it should be that chronic HDV infection is the most



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severe form of chronic viral hepatitis. 2.I think that it is better to use systematic evaluation and meta analysis to evaluate the efficacy of HDV therapy.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This reviewer does not have further comment for this review paper.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well write, interesting and comprehensive review on Hepatitis Delta virus infection. I think that the review is of great interest for the readers considering the new treatment options that probably will be available in the next future. There are some point to be reviewed: • Figure 1 is missing • Page numbering is missing • Please re-evaluate



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the definition of acronyms • In the EPIDEMIOLOGY chapter in the second paragraph the retrospective study of northern California should be better characterized and the last sentence “Fourteen (67%) HDV patients ...” is unclear • In the CLINICAL PRESENTATION AND DIAGNOSIS the last sentence should be rewritten because unclear • In the INVESTIGATIONAL THERAPIES chapter, section Inhibiting assembly of viral particles, at the end of the second paragraph, penultimate line, there is a mistake: deceased instead of decreased. In the same paragraph, in the subsequent sentence, please specify the trend of HBV-DNA. In the same chapter, section Preventing export of viral particles, the molecule REP 2055 should be better characterized.

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