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<b>Scientific quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Comments to the Editor: Thanks for inviting me to review the manuscript entitled "Conservation and variability of Hepatitis B Core gene in chronic patients at different clinical stages: A deep sequencing approach". Comments to authors: Minor Comment: • Minor editing revision is required • Language evaluation: "A", language

1. TITLE Adequately reflect the major content of the article.
2. ABSTRACT gives a clear delineation of the research background, including important data; however, the number of patients in each clinical group is missing & is better to be added.
3. INTRODUCTION Provides sufficient background regarding the studied topic, the aim of the work is clearly identified.
4. METHODS Full description is provided for this section, sufficient experimental data were provide; however, the ethical issue is missing and has to be mentioned.
5. RESULTS It is well organized and descriptive. Figures & tables were informative & well presented. Table (2): Normal value for ALT/AST has to be mentioned. Also for genotypes, (N/%) is better than % alone.
6. DISCUSSION This section is almost well organized; an overall theoretical analysis concerning the studied topic is covered to great extent in plausible way.
7. References o Finally relevant references, especially the most current literatures were adequately cited. o Journal style for writing this section is well maintained.