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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This letter to editor concerning the progress and hurdles towards Hepatitis C elimination is a brief well-written article that has a high priority for publication. Due to the current situation caused by the COVID pandemic, which hinders the elimination efforts across the world, we need to highlight the importance of financial investment and more intensive test-and-treat programs to achieve the elimination goals by 2030. I have no further comments and I think the current version is appropriate enough for publication.

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This letter describes a problem to achieve the elimination of hepatitis B and C. I agree with the opinion of this letter. Minor revisions are needed 1) Reference number is not necessary in 'core tip'. 2) GHSS should be spelled out in the main text. 3) 'safe Injection' should be changed to 'safe injection'. 4) 'HBV', 'HCV' and 'COVID-19' should be spelled out in the first appearance of the main text. 5) 'diagnosis and treatment of Hepatitis' should be changed to 'diagnosis and treatment of hepatitis'. 6) Which is correct, HBV vaccination or hepatitis B vaccination?