

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	<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 Grade E: Do not publish
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Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation

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<b>Language quality</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is an interesting manuscript about “Antiviral treatment standards for hepatitis B: An urgent need for expansion”. My concern is determined in the following points. The European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL) suggest that the ULN for ALT is 40 U/L. the current ALT threshold may not be suitable as an indicator for initiating antiviral treatment for chronic HBV infection, as a significant proportion of HBV-infected patients with normal ALT levels exhibit significant liver inflammation and fibrosis. The American Hepatitis B Foundation organized a report meeting titled Expanding Hepatitis B Treatment Guidelines put forth a strategy for antiviral treatment in all HBV DNA-positive individuals. The primary goal of antiviral therapy is to suppress HBV DNA levels to undetectable, as this end point is associated with improvement in liver inflammation and fibrosis and reversal of cirrhosis, a lower risk of HCC, and reduced liver-related mortality. Above mentioned should be referred to.

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Overall, a well-written letter with a clearly articulated position. The only thing that needs to be done is to edit the text more carefully, as there are typos, and to organize the list of references according to the requirements of the journal.