

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Development of a risk score to guide targeted hepatitis C testing among HIV patients in Cambodia

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Language quality	<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
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is an interesting manuscript about “Development of a risk score for hepatitis C coinfection among HIV patients in Cambodia with potential to guide prioritization of hepatitis C testing in resource-constrained settings”. My concern is determined in the following points. HIV-infected patients should be screened regularly for HCV co-infection, particularly if they are in high-risk groups. Sexual transmission of HCV needs to be included in patient counseling both for HIV-infected men and women. Increased progression rates to AIDS and liver disease in co-infected individuals may require earlier and more aggressive treatment of both infections. However, following treatment initiation, patients should be monitored for AEs, with prompt intervention to support continued treatment. For most co-infected patients, HAART should be initiated before anti-HCV therapy to slow liver progression and increase CD4 counts. Above mentioned should be referred to.

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overall very good manuscript.....No major changes required except that the conclusion portion could be more specific and add a note on limitations...

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The study by De Weggheleire et al is an excellent work. Even if the proposed score is not applicable in western countries, as also stated by the writers themselves, it may be proven extremely useful in countries with low and middle income. Additionally we should keep in mind that these specific countries, do carry the greatest burden of HIV-HCV co-infection.