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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript entitled Occult hepatitis B virus infection in Egypt by Ashraf Elbahrawy, Alshimaa Alabo, Walid El Moghazy,5Ahmed Elwasseif,Ahmed Alashker,Abdallah Mahmoud is a very comprehensively prepared review of the literature in the area of HBV and HCV worldwide. It is well-written and well-prepared.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The present article reviewed the occult hepatitis virus B infection (OBI) in Egypt and its prevalence in different populations. This is a good review paper and is suitable to be published in the World Journal of Hepatology. Comments: 1. The authors should give more detailed introduction of OBI, such as current basic studies, the importance of OBI or how it can be re-activated in some situations (cancer patients, etc.). The authors mentioned the screening of blood donors for OBI, and it should also mention the importance of OBI detection for cancer patients before receiving chemo- or other immunosuppressive treatment. 2. Could the authors provide some data about the OBI prevalence in patients with HBV and HCV co-infections? 3. Some abbreviations in the main text should be given a full name in the first time before they are used subsequently. 4. Grammar and typo errors in the text should be corrected. 5. The authors used "blood malignancies" which should be changed "hematologic malignancies"



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The present review deals with the relevance of hepatitis virus B infection in Egypt and its consequences in the population. Tables have been included in the manuscript, but they have not been mentioned in the text. Moreover, all cited aspects in the tables should be described and discusses in the body text of the manuscript. Please, check. Another relevant point is related to the order in sections: the reader would appreciate to know first which areas are more affected in Egypt. Then, after the introduction, “Geographic distribution of OBI in Egypt” should be placed and then followed by all the other sections. In section “OBI in HCV Egyptian patients” El-Sherif et al work is cited, but it is not explained the findings of the paper. Please, describe. In section “OBI in thalasemic patients” please, support data related to Egyptian (32.5% thalasemic children) with a reference. In section “OBI in Egyptian HD patients” please, explain and briefly discuss which factors are involved in the prevalence of OBI among HD-patients. Please, before using an abbreviation, provide the complete name. There are some grammatical and typographic errors through the manuscript that require attention.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

authors reviewed the prevalence of occult hbv infection in egypt. my comments are as follow: * introduction must include summary of basic literature, such as: "Raimondo G1, Pollicino T, Romanò L, Zanetti AR. A 2010 update on occult hepatitis B infection. Pathol Biol (Paris). 2010 Aug;58(4):254-7." "Di Bisceglie AM1, Lok AS, Martin P, Terrault N, Perrillo RP, Hoofnagle JH. recent FDA warnings on Hepatitis B reactivation with immune-suppressing and anti-cancer drugs: Just the tip of the iceberg? Hepatology. 2014 Nov 21. doi: 10.1002/hep.27609." * the references with very low of case should be excluded. * figure 1 should either be excluded or map the prevalence of occult hbv infection with color scale. *the main text should be shorten and tables be simplified.