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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The high prevalence of HBV/HIV and HCV/HIV co-infections in Asia highlights the need to improve prevention and control measures because, unlike in Western countries, few evidence-based prevention strategies are available. This manuscript reviews the epidemiologically and clinically important aspects of HBV/HIV and HCV/HIV co-infections in Asian countries. The manuscript was well written and informative. If authors could provide the information on HBV/HCV/HIV triple co-infections in Asian countries, this may be more informative for readers.

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This manuscript provides a good picture of the epidemiology of HBV-HIV and HCV-HIV co-infection in Asia. It is generally well written and I have no major concerns. I would like, however, to make a few suggestions. General comment: Data concerning estimate numbers of infections may perhaps be updated in some cases. For instance, references [1] and [44] are manuscripts from 2006 and 2005, respectively. I believe there are more recent data available, at least in the WHO website. Minor issues: Introduction Lane 79 – Please, clarify to which virus refers the YMDD motif. Epidemiology in Asia Lane 87 If 0,8% of the adult population is infected with HIV that would represent about 56 million people. But, in lane 65 the authors mention 40 million infected individuals. Lanes 94 and 107 If 1.8 billion people live in the WHO Southeast Asia Region and there are 5 million individuals infected with HIV than the prevalence is around 0,3%. This is a low prevalence. Are the numbers correct? HBV/HIV co-infection in Asia Lane 147 – “A substantial prevalence” needs to be corrected to “A substantial number”. HCV/HIV co-infection in Asia Lane 239 Sulkovski et al should be changed to Sulkovski or Sulkovski MS Lane 250 Please, change “In rural and urban” to “in rural and urban areas”