Reviewer's report

Title: Severity of acute hepatitis and its outcome in patients with dengue fever in a tertiary care hospital Karachi, Pakistan (South Asia): An Analytic cross sectional study.

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I have pointed two major compulsory revisions on my first review that I have considered important points in this manuscript of Parkash et al.
The authors disagreed and did not convinced me about their opinions.
The material is interesting and may be usefull for readers working in the tropics. I would like that it could be published, but I am afraid that I am correct and the paper has major problems.
I cannot agree with the publication except the manuscript was evaluated by an epidemiologist in order to clarify my methodological query: I think that is a longitudinal study (the authors analyzed it as a cohort study, with Cox regression and hazard ratios) however the authors insist that it is a cross-sectional and state it in the title, abstract and materials. If other referees think that I am wrong, the paper will be free to be published.
I also recomend that other hepatologist should analyze the mauscript in order to evaluate the decision of the authors of remaining to classify patients as "mild / moderate / severe hepatitis" only by a isolated biochemical marker (ALT). I think it would sound more "scientific" if the authors used terms such as "necroinflamatory activity", "biochemical liver injury", "liver cell involvement", etc. instead "hepatitis".

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