Reviewer’s report

Title: Hepatitis B vs. Hepatitis C Infection on Viral Hepatitis-Associated Hepatocellular Carcinoma

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Interesting and unique study that should be published in BMC Gastroenterology. the MS could be strengthened by addressing the following points:

1. The authors should outline how many pts did not have tissue dx of HCC. In these pts, how was dx obtained? was this based solely on imaging findings?
2. Re. differences in AFP production, were these results replicated if the cutoff of nl vs abnl was used vs cutoff of 100?
3. it would be interesting if the authors correlated longterm outcomes (eg RFS, OS) with hepatitis type.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'