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Re: 'Genetic variability in the precore and core promoter regions of hepatitis B virus strains in Karachi'

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript. Comments made by the reviewers have indeed helped very much to improve the quality of the manuscript.

1: We did the analysis by dividing patients into 4 groups but could not get the exciting results. We have mentioned this in the 3rd paragraph of RESULT
2: We have further expanded discussion; paragraph 3, 5, 6 and 7 of DISCUSSION to incorporate the valuable suggestions of reviewers
3. We have included the references suggested by the reviewer ; ref 46, 49 and 51. These references did help in improving the manuscript.
4. Sequencing was not done. However INNO-LiPa is a better assay to detect the mixed infection.
5. Tried to correct the grammatical mistakes
6: REFERENCES: style changed
7. TABLES: revised

I hope the new version of the manuscript will be acceptable to the reviewers for publication in your esteemed journal.

Kind regards

Dr. Zaigham Abbas