Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence and risk factors of hepatitis B and C virus infections in an impoverished urban community in Dhaka, Bangladesh

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Reviewer: Mamun Mahtab

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1. The revised version of the manuscript has been assessed. The authors have tried to address the concerns and queries of the reviewer. The following alterations have contributed substantial improvement in the manuscript.
   A. Change of the Title of the study.
   B. Improvement of background by providing new citations.
   C. Indicating sensitivity and specificity of estimation of HBsAg and anti-HBc.
   D. Discussion about scope and logic for selection of study area, although that seems to be endowed with some bias.
   E. Providing various limitations of the present study.

I would recommend taking care of one additional point:

1. The sensitivity and specificity of estimation of HBsAg and anti-HBc has been shown by the authors. This has been shown in Discussion. Please cite these in Method section. The next, please explain lower limit of detection, PEI unit, and provide a conversion of 0.05PEI units/ml to international unit (IU) or gram values. This will allow the readers to follow the sensitivity of assay system internationally. The methodology of HCV estimation should also be given in Method section.

Minor:

I am not sure why institution 3 came after institution 1 in Title page. The institutions should usually appear after fixing the order of authors.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.