Reviewer's report

Title: High frequency of viral BCP and precore multi-mutations in chronic HBV infection patients

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The paper by Zhang addresses the issue of BCP and pre core mutimutation in chronic HBV infection.

This study on a large number (157) of patients with extensive sequences does represent a substantial work and provides a significant amount of information.

The paper however is difficult to follow and the many figures and tables are poorly connected with the study results and are not sufficiently discussed.

The message should be more clearly stated and the original relevant findings clearly differentiated fore a bulk of less significant data.

The English needs attention. Some abbreviations, for example “ALD” are not introduced in the text nor explicited properly.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests'below.