Reviewer's report

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

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The manuscript entitled “High frequency of viral BCP and precore multi-mutations in chronic HBV infection patients” included 157 chronic liver disease patients in which HBV genotype and mutations were studied to assess the association of HBV mutants with disease severity.

Abstract:

• The overall presentation of the abstract is not satisfactory.
• The sample size of abstract contradicts with the methods as well as with the results.
• Acronyms in the abstract needs to be defined Like ALD.

Introduction: Satisfactory

Methods: The content of methodology is sufficient.

Results: Results are analyzed well however

• How do they explain the absence of any correlation of T1653 mutation with the disease severity?
• Secondly, you do not communicate the rates of viral load of your patients in the results with reference to the wild and mutant viruses which establishes that they are the patients who have raised rates of DNA.

Discussion:

• It seems to be of purely local as opposed to international interest.
• Discussion part is not up to the mark and does not contain a comprehensive data from the present pool of information on HBV mutations.

Hence, in the present format the manuscript is not suitable for publication and needs substantial revision mainly in terms of presentation and discussion.