Reviewer's report

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Most of my comments and requested revisions have been taken into account. This manuscript requires substantial grammatical editing, which I assume will be conducted by BMC Infectious Diseases. My other comment is that although the authors now state that the 53 selected samples were randomly selected, this is not quite true—the selection was based upon sample quantities. It remains unclear how the number of 53 was determined from the 776 HBsAg-negative available samples. If the selection was based solely upon sample availability, the authors need to be transparent and state that.

If it was random, they need to state the power calculation conducted to determine that sample size.

With these revisions, the manuscript would be acceptable for publication.