Reviewer’s report

Title: Unsuccessful therapy with adefovir and entecavir-tenofovir in a patient with chronic hepatitis B infection with previous resistance to lamivudine: a fourteen-year evolution of hepatitis B virus mutations

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Indeed, the manuscript has improved substantially. The data are now consistent with the statements and figures. In its current form it is acceptable.

In contrast to the first submission, the authors do not state any more that non-compliance can be excluded, they point to the important point of reconversion of HBe-antigen, which is a rare event, especially when the viral load is low. This can be due to the mutations in the precore region and also to the antiviral therapy. The history shows that the success of the antiviral drugs ADF, ETV and TDF might be reduced after failure to 3TC.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.