Reviewer's report

**Title:** Molecular analysis of hepatitis B virus (HBV) in an HIV co-infected patient with reactivation of occult HBV infection following discontinuation of lamivudine-including antiretroviral therapy.

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**Reviewer:** Giovanni B Gaeta

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The Authors have improved the quality of the manuscript thanks to the valuable comments of the reviewers.

I still believe that one minor essential point needs to be modified:

1- Page 8, last lines: a severe reactivation of hepatitis B requires a competent immune system. For instance, is what happens during immune reconstitution in the absence of anti-HBV active drugs. Thus is not surprising that an hepatitis flare was not observed during the previous viral reactivation, when the patient immune system was deeply impaired. Please, modify accordingly.

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests