Reviewer’s report

Title: Hepatitis B and C infection in haemodialysis patients in Libya: Prevalence, Incidence and Risk Factors

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Wiam A Alashek et al. Recruited 2382 patients in 39 Libyan dialysis centres in 17 months testing for HBV and HCV at initiation of dialysis and every 3-6 months in follow up. They found an high incidence and prevalence of HCV infection and lower rates of HBV infection.

Is well known that patients under dialysis have a high risk of HCV infection nevertheless the study give for the first time in this country an important information in public health to improve the infection control measures in HD centres also considering the huge difficult encountered by the authors in making this study (political and socio economic problems) the study design and the analysis is appropriate and the paper is well written I only suggest to reduce the number of table indicating the main important one and put the others as supplementary material i.e tab 1 and tab 3 can be as Table S1 and S3 or described in the text and deleted as table.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'