Reviewer's report

Title: Hepatitis B Infection among High Risk Population: A Seroepidemiological Survey in Southwest of Iran

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1- In introduction part the sentence “Moreover occult HBV infection is highly prevalent in HCV-infected patients and this may clearly have clinical implications in the pathogenesis and therapy of HCV-induced chronic liver disease [7]” is not related to the subject and it should omitted.


3- Please add the specification of HBs Ag

4- For better understanding the situation of HBV infection in IDUs form the region, I recommend to read Alavi SM, Behdad F. Seroprevalence Study of Hepatitis C and Hepatitis B Virus among Hospitalized Intravenous Drug Users in Ahvaz, Iran (2002-2006). Hepat Mon. 2010 Spring;10(2):101-4.

5- Is any overlap between the transfusion and thalassemia group or not?

6- Table 2 needs to p value for comparison between negative and positive ones

7- It need to English editing

It can publish after revision

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:
No competing interest