Reviewer's report

**Title:** Dynamic changes in HBV surface marker titers and HBV DNA loads of infants born to HBsAg-positive mothers: can positivity for HBsAg or HBV DNA at birth be an indication for HBV intrauterine infection in newborns?

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**Reviewer:** seyed mohammad Mohammad jazayeri

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I am satisfied with the structure and scientific path used by the author. only one question remains:

the authors calimed that HBs

negativity at 1 month of age may contribute to the identification of HBV intrauterine

infection in infants with low levels of HBV DNA loading and HBsAg titers at birth

however, if the mother is positive for anti-HBs (a rare case though), how can they
distinguish between passive transfer of Ab from mother to infant and/or real
Anti-HBs negativity?

**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.