Reviewer's report

Title: Molecular Epidemiology of Hepatitis B Virus Genotypes in Pakistan

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1. The authors should explain that why they did not test the serum samples also for hepatitis D and C virus (anti-delta total and anti-HCV) serologies.
2. The authors should also explain that why they did not give any information about ALT activity for these patients. It is noteworthy, because by this way, one can show the possible relationship between genotypes and activity of liver disease.
3. The authors did not make any comment in discussion section about age distribution of genotypes in the study population? What can authors put forward about this issue? Does it have epidemiological value and can it influence the management of patients with HBV infection?

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests