Reviewer’s report

Title: Hepatitis B Vaccinations Among Koreans: Results from 2005 Korea National Cancer Screening Survey

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Reviewer: Karen Kim

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Overall, this is an interesting study which highlights the need to better understand barriers to hepatitis B vaccination. This is particularly true given the national health Insurance program in the Republic of Korea.

Major Compulsory Revisions

Please confirm that this study was conducted with approval from an institutional review board (IRB).

Please address the choice of face to face interviews to for collection this data, especially given the likert scale responses. Why would mailed surveys provide the same data and avoid the reporting bias from a face to face interview.

Please provide comparative national data to better characterize the study population (eg SES, immunization rates, HBV prevalence)

Minor Essential Revisions

N/A

Discretionary Revisions

The rationale for light drinkers and HBV immunization behavior is a bit weak and you might want to expand this explanation from similar data sets. Are there studies which have shown similar reported health behavior among light drinkers?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests