Reviewer's report

Title: Acute viral hepatitis morbidity and mortality associated with hepatitis E virus infection: Uzbekistan surveillance data

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This is a very interesting paper about the etiology of acute viral hepatitis in Uzbekistan, where it is known that hepatitis E is endemic. The authors have examined the reported AVH incidence data from almost 25 years and serologic markers were determined from an epidemic period and from a non epidemic period. The data associate HEV as the probable etiology of the high mortality observer in pregnant women and in children.

Hepatitis E is a subject with few publications and papers analyzing features associated with this infection deserve publication.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.