Reviewer's report

Title: Epidemiology of hepatitis B and hepatitis C virus infections in pregnant women in Sana'a, Yemen

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Reviewer: Justin Konje

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This is a well written interesting short report on the prevalence of Hepatitis in Yemen. The background and the question posed are clearly presented and so are the methods section. The results are also well presented. I have only minor comments to make on aspects of the manuscript and these include:

1. Change the background in the abstract to read "Screening for Hepatitis B and C during pregnancy may help to decide on appropriate antiviral therapy and the institution of steps to minimise vertical transmission to the newborn infants"

2. Insert "possible" between "and" and "associated" in the first sentence under Objectives (page 2)

3. Revise the statement on page 4 in the second sentence that "due to non-adherence to known universal infection control procedures". While this is correct, it cannot be the only reason for the high prevalence.

4. Revise "anti-HCV" at the bottom of page 4 and thereafter to "anti-HCV antibody"

5. Is it possible that the population was also over-represented i.e. the prevalence is much higher in this population compared to the general population because of selection bias?

6. Maintain consistency in the referencing style - e.g. references 4 and 24 have a different style to the others.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I do not have any competing interest