Reviewer's report

Title: High Prevalence of Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Reactivation in Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients Carrying HBV and the Use of Antiviral Prophylaxis: A Real-world Clinical Practice

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This article is in a relatively neglected area in rheumatology. The data contained here is interesting and worthy of publication.

This is essentially a large case series, as such I think the information described is adequate and have no additional suggestions in regard to methodology or reporting.

However there are major issues with the quality of the writing, most evident in the discussion but present throughout the manuscript. It is virtually unreadable at points. A great deal of effort is neccessary to understand what the authors are trying to convey.

This article requires a major English language/style revision before being published.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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