Reviewer’s report

Title: Positive hepatitis B surface antigen tests due to recent vaccination: a persistent problem

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Reviewer: Pascal Pineau

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In their revised version of their work Dr Rysgaard and coworkers answer appropriately to the remarks, questions and suggestions made by myself in the initial reviewing.

My only regret is linked to the presence of the Tables as supplementary material only.

As the paper will be read by clinicians who generally do not have a plenty of time, seeing the tables directly in the main version will be nice in order for the reader to grasp immediately the kind of patients commonly involved in antigenic persistence. The size of the tables should be then reduced and concentrate most significant information (for example supplemental table 2 has 22 columns !)

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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