Reviewer's report

**Title:** Virological pattern of HBV infection in an HIV Positive Patient with a Fatal HBV-related fulminant hepatitis (FHB): a case report.

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**Reviewer:** Jeanette Morrison

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Findings that shed new light on the possible pathogenesis of a disease or an adverse effect

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The complex interaction between HIV and HBV is very interesting and important; this case contributes to the literature and suggests an area for future research. I believe, however, that the majority of clinicians who read this case will need a more thorough explanation of the findings, in particular the section on virological assays. In its present form, the paper will not make an immediate impact on clinical practice; perhaps a revised version could discuss the clinical implications in more detail. In addition, the quality of written English is only fair and I believe the paper would benefit from extensive editing.

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.