Reviewer's report

Title: Lack of evidence of viral reactivation in HBsAg-negative HBCab-positive and HCV patients undergoing immunosuppressive therapy for psoriasis.

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In this article Morisco et al tried to evidence the lack of viral reactivation in HBsAg-negative/antiHBc-positive patients and in HCVAb-positive patients undergoing immunosuppressive therapy for psoriasis. The issue of viral reactivation in patients undergoing immunosuppression is relevant and the end-points are clear.

Major concerns:

1) The methods used for monitoring patients were not standardized, and therefore the paper is difficult to interpret or use as guidelines. It is unclear whether there was a specific protocol for laboratory testing during follow-up or if this was performed randomly at different time points. It appears more likely that this was a retrospective study where serological tests were not available for all patients nor at a defined timing.

2) I suggest to merge data of anti HBc-positive with antiHBc-positive plus anti HBs-positive patients.

3) The different kind of therapies used, given the different immunosuppressive potential, may have affected the results.

4) Which HBV DNA testing was used in the study?

5) Do you have any data on anti-HBs titers during follow up?

6) In the paragraph with the definition of HBV reactivation the sentence for HBsAg-positive should be deleted as none of the patients were HBsAg-positive.

7) It is not clear whether the data are related to all patients that are still on treatment.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field.

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.