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Dear editor:

The paper “High Risk of Hepatitis B Reactivation among Patients with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, Chen et al., 2015 (Abstract, Background and Methods).” is published by our same team. The methodology is by retrospectively medical record review, but different in time periods
Most previous studies published before were concerned HBV reactivation in lymphoma. We concluded HBV reactivation in AML in previous study. Now, we want to extend to this study “the HBV reactivation in all patients with hematological malignancy”. There is not data duplication, it is a new unpublished data associated with HBV reaction in patients with hematological malignancy. This also the first paper mentions HBV reactivation in different hematological malignancy.

We notice some sentences are similar in these two texts. We do a minor revision in abstract, background and method as editor suggestion.

1. Abstract Background

“The epidemiology and risk factors of Hepatitis B virus (HBV) reactivation in patients with different hematological malignancy were investigated.” (page 3, line 2-4)

modified as below” The risk of Hepatitis B virus (HBV) reactivation in patients with different hematological malignancy except lymphoma were rarely known before.”

2. Method

Page 8, line 8-13

National Taiwan University Hospital (NTUH) is a 2900-bed teaching hospital in northern Taiwan that provides both primary and tertiary care. In this study, the clinical and laboratory data, hepatitis B serology, hepatitis B virus DNA data, and outcome results of all adult patients with hematological malignancy during the period of January 2008 to December 2013 that attended NTUH were analyzed retrospectively by using a chart review.

Modified as below” National Taiwan University Hospital (NTUH) is a 2900-bed teaching hospital in Taipei metropolitan area. The clinical characteristics, hepatitis B serology, hepatitis B virus DNA data, and outcome results of all adult patients with hematological malignancy during
the period of January 2008 to December 2013 that attended NTUH were retrospectively reviewed and analyzed.

Thank you very much

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