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Dear Editor

We submitted the revised version of the manuscript entitled “Molecular epidemiology and phylogenetic analysis of Hepatitis B virus in a group of migrants in Italy”. We answered point by point all the comments. All authors have seen and approved this version of the manuscript. Thank you for considering this manuscript for publication in your journal.

Reply to the comments and changes made:

1 - Phylogenetic data (alignments, phylogenetic trees, or other relevant primary data) should be deposited in either TreeBase (http://treebase.org/treebase-web/home.html) or Dryad (http://datadryad.org/). BioMed Central is a member of Dryad and participates in sharing knowledge and coordinating action around data policies.

Reply: Sequences have been submitted to genbank and accession numbers are available in the manuscript. To submit sequence data in these server (TreeBase or Dryad) require too many changes at the sequence names and so on; these changes are too long to be performed. In any case all the sequences used are deposited in GenBank and are available.

2 - Availability of Supporting Data section (http://www.biomedcentral.com/about/supportingdata):

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Reply: Done. We have inserted a section “availability of supporting data” with the sentence “all the supporting data are included as additional files”.

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3. Please rename the "Introduction" section to "Background"

Reply: Done

4. Please include a "Conclusions" section at the end of your Discussion.

Reply: Done

Sincerely,

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