Reviewer’s report

Title: Multimodal Therapy and Twenty Years of Valid Management of a Patient with Chronic Hepatitis B in a less Developed Western Region in China—Case Report and Review of the Literature

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Zhang et al report a patient with > 20-year history of chronic hepatitis B and cirrhosis in a less developed western region in China, who has been treated intermittently with IFNa-2b and then with lamivudine for chronic HBV infection, and successively with EVL and PSE for cirrhosis-related complications. In clinical practice, as the authors mention, patients' conditions, individual requirements, local medical technology level, economy and other factors affect the choice of treatment measures and curative effect of patients. This case is not rare one, but the authors present it as a representative one in order to discuss the development of comprehensive treatment for chronic HBV infection and cirrhosis-related complications in China in the past 20 years. However, it was difficult for me to understand the aim of this report when I read the title and abstract for the first time. In addition, I wonder if the report of such common case can interest the Journal readers, and if a case report is the best way to reach their goal.

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