Author’s response to reviews

Title: Molecular epidemiology of hepatitis B virus infection in Norway

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Dear editor Yi-Hua Zhou,

We wish to thank again the editor and reviewers for their constructive comments and feedback and for the opportunity to submit a revised version. We have revised the manuscript accordingly and made a point-by-point response:

Editor Comments:

Page 3, line 84: “… no data is …” to “… no data are …”.
Page 6, line 193: “(males=627, females=371)” to “(males = 627, females = 371)”.

Authors response: This has been corrected in the revised version, i.e. “is” to “are” and a blank space before and after the ‘=’ sign.
Reviewer reports: Asgeir Johannessen, M.D., Ph.D. (Reviewer 2):

“The manuscript has improved substantially after revision and is now suitable for publication. I have only one correction: page 10, line 316-319, is a repetition of page 9, line 293-296.”

Authors response: We wish to thank Asgeir Johannessen for taking the time to review our manuscript again. We have changed the two sections such that lines 259–262 (corresponding to page 9, line 293-296 in previous version) is kept as is, whereas lines corresponding to page 10, line 316-319 in previous version was removed as it was repetition of the above lines.

We hope that our revised manuscript can now be considered for BMC Infectious Diseases. We look forward to hear back from you.

Yours sincerely,
John Pettersson, on behalf of all authors.

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