Reviewer's report

Title: Association of polymorphism rs1053005 in STAT3 with chronic hepatitis B virus infection in Han Chinese population

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Li and colleagues report in this manuscript the genetic epidemiological study on the association of polymorphism rs1053005 in STAT3 with clinical outcomes of hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection in Han Chinese population. Although the study found that the CC genotype is more frequent in subjects with resolved HBV infection, but no statistically significant difference were found among HBV ressolvers, patients with chronic hepatitis B, cirrhosis and HCC. As the authors have suggested, the current work is not conclusive and further investigation with larger cohort should be performed.

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