Reviewer’s report

Title: Vitamin D receptor Apal polymorphism associated with progression of liver disease in Vietnamese patients chronically infected with Hepatitis B virus

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Authors investigated association of target VDR related SNPs and HBV in Vietnamese subjects, aimed to examine potential contribution of target SNPs to risk and disease progression.

Healthy individuals were younger than patients (median age: 30 vs. 51), it is challenging to have ideal matching patients and control in term of age, however mutation burden always correlate with age. Older people tend to have higher mutation burden, any possibility to find control set that have less age gap between patients and controls?

Despite some findings reported are contradicted compared to other studies in the field, it is good to explain potential clinical values of the findings.

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