Reviewer's report

Title: Use of parenteral caffeinum natrio-benzoicum: an underestimated risk factor for HCV transmission in China

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The authors have made a valiant effort to address the concerns listed by the previous peer review. While the English still could benefit from some further polishing, especially in the newly added sections, overall the paper is now clear and coherent. The authors should be congratulated on the major improvements in the manuscript.

Minor essential revisions:

Abstract Line 45-46: The study does not provide proof that "transmission of HCV was mainly due to PCNBSS" but only that "PCNBSS was strongly associated with HCV positivity". Causation cannot be proven by such a study methodology.

Line 45 "finding" should be "findings"

Line 53-54, Can the "heavy burden of liver disease" be supported by a reference?

Line 81, 82 "Than they make publicity in their village" suggest changing "making publicity" to publicizing the study". "Than" should be "then". Tense should be past tense.

Line 84 Replace "made" with "asked"

Line 115 "Replace "are" with "were"

Line 155 Add "were" before "exposed"

Line Change "not farming" to "non-farming"

Line 180. Presumably 0.43% is the rate in the whole of China, not excluding Fuyu? The language should be changed to reflect this ie "all of China" rather than "other areas". I would quantify this rate as "approximately 100 fold higher" (discretionary)

Line 258-260. This last sentence does not belong in a discussion of study limitations. Remove or move it to another part of the discussion.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely
related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests