Reviewer’s report

Title: Associations between national viral hepatitis policies/programmes and country-level socioeconomic factors: a sub-analysis of data from the 2013 WHO viral hepatitis policy report

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In order to better understand the context in which countries adopt policies that address viral hepatitis, the authors compared national endorsement of four policy-relevant survey questions with four socioeconomic indicators by testing univariate and multivariable logistic models.

This article addresses the important issue of national policy responses to national burdens of viral hepatitis. The methodology is clearly explained, and the findings represent a sufficiently worthwhile contribution to the academic literature to warrant publication. However, some minor revisions are recommended:

1. The authors should add more text (citing current literature, if possible) specifically explaining how the four specific socioeconomic indicators chosen for this study may be causative for national governments to institute policies that address viral hepatitis.

2. The authors should discuss the implications of national variation in pursuing the policies highlighted in the four survey questions.

3. The authors make several assertions in the Discussion section that would be better presented if supportive citations from the academic literature were included.

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