Reviewer’s report

Title: Self-motivated medical care-seeking behaviors and disease progression in a community-based cohort of chronic hepatitis B virus-infected patients in China

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The study is important as it depicts the medical situation of chronic hepatitis B in China on a broader perspective. The main drawbacks are

[1] There are multiple grammatical mistakes of English language [syntax, punctuations, sentence construction etc.]. Some of the initial mistakes edited for example, others are highlighted. Needs editing from an English language resource before any further consideration. [A semi edited version of the script in enclosed]

[2] No statistical method of sampling for establishing the cohort from different regions mentioned. Cohort number appear too small for 31 provinces. What is the population number in each district? From diagram it appears that sampling was not uniform from all provinces.

[3] Statistical methods need detailed elaboration

[4] What were the antivirals used?.


[6] Only 370 cases of those [1579] not receiving any antivirals followed up for disease progression. Number too small to make definite comment on community level disease status. What was their initial disease status?

[7] In bibliography, format is improper [punctuations, pubmed names of journal]

[8] Table 1. Age group not properly written.

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