Reviewer’s report

Title: Informing the design of a national screening and treatment programme for chronic viral hepatitis in primary care: Qualitative study of at-risk immigrant communities and healthcare professionals

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This paper reports the results of three qualitative studies aimed to build an understanding of the knowledge, beliefs and attitudes towards screening and treatment for hepatitis B and C for immigrant groups in the UK.

The manuscript is well written in general and suitable for publication. The following are my minor comments:

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1) Mixing hepatitis B and hepatitis C together may not appropriate for health professionals. For example, in one of the GP interview question: “What do you think about providing treatment for hepatitis at GP practices”. Given the treatments for hepatitis B and hepatitis C are so difference, it may potentially bias the results.

2) The results section is too lengthy. Authors should try to develop a table similar to Table 3 to summarize their findings.

3) In the discussion section, authors should spend more words on discussing the potential service and policy implications. Just mentioning in Table 3 is not enough, and it appeared too late in the text, I would suggest a sub-section to discuss about the implication and provide some recommendations.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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