

Reviewer's report

Title: Seroprevalence of hepatitis B virus and hepatitis C virus in primary hepatocellular carcinoma patients in Zimbabwe

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Major Compulsory Revision:

1- It has been proven that HBV, HCV infections are important risk factors for PHC. For to say original article for this study, I recommend to author should point out one or more of the following.

a- As we know there is a time dependent correlation between HBV, HCV infection and PHC. In this article there is no data about the course or stage of infection (such as Anti-HBV Ig M or G)

b- Viral load may play an important role for PHC. Comparison of viral loads between control group and PHC patients may be an interesting data.

c- Genotype of HBV and HCV and correlation with PHC patients or differences between control and patient groups also be a good data for acceptability of this article

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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