

Review of: "Global Burden and Evolving Understanding of Hepatitis E Virus"

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The authors prepared a mini-review on hepatitis E virus. Although the subject is one that can be explored and is of value to health policy makers or clinicians, the literature doesn't benefit from this manuscript. However, it can be improved. My comments are as follows:

- No clear objective is stated at the end of the introduction. What is the purpose of the study, and why is it important?
- The references and studies mentioned in this article are outdated; prevalence in the early 19s doesn't distribute any significant information to the literature. There are plenty of recent studies to mention in this review.
- The article lacks efficient and appealing arrangement.
- Paragraphs lack order, and the reader can't follow all the cluttered information.
- Some sentences are vague and hard to follow; verbs and sentences have room for improvement.
- Include a conclusion at the end or a statement showing how this article can be beneficial for health policy makers or clinicians and its implication in practice and the healthcare system.
- Inadequate information on HEV distribution in developed countries. It's better to mention more studies and the prevalence of HEV in different developed countries.
- Explain each treatment in more depth. Which individuals can use this type of treatment? Which can't? What is their mechanism? Why can't they be used for every case?
- Maybe including some studies on the prevalence of HEV in cases of parenteral or vertical transmission can help in the "Modes of transmission" section's significance.
- HEV in pregnant women is of great significance, and this subject could be explained more in detail.
- As the cases with neurological manifestations of HEV are increasing, elaborating more on the subject could help with the literature.
- You could better organize the geographical distribution in a table to show the prevalence around the world.
- Adding figures of the geographical location can increase the reader's reading experience.
- When exploring the clinical aspects of HEV, first start by its manifestations in the general public and then slowly concentrate on specific populations like high-risk populations.
- Other extrahepatic manifestations such as myocarditis and thyroiditis are worthy of a mention.
- To better organize the introduction, it can be divided into paragraphs.
- Abbreviations should be used after introducing them the first time.
- Abbreviations should be mentioned in full the first time they appear in the text, like NANB.

- Genus should be italicized.
- References in text should abide by a single format. Some reference numbers in text have a space before them and some don't.
- When stating "several studies," mention or refer to those studies for more credibility.
- HEV survival and environment can be included in virological characteristics.
- Virological characteristics, genetic diversity: What animals? What's the difference between each VHE genotype?
- Animal Reservoir and Cross-Species Transmission, Animal Reservoir: There are repeated sentences and information. Sentences should be efficient and convey the most information using the least number of words.
- Reference 4: How has the perception of HEV changed? What aspects?
- Geographic distribution, paragraph 2: Seropositivity of what antibody?