

## Review of: "Sero-prevalence of Viral Hepatitis B and C infection and associated factors among Pregnant Women in Southeast Ethiopia: Community-based crossectional study"

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Sero-prevalence of Viral Hepatitis B and C infections ......

How SMART is "to assess"?

consistence for sero-prevalence and seroprevalence; pretested and pre-tested;

From my understanding the study was conducted outdoors. I suggest it would be proper to give the location of the Kebeles and a little information on geographical and socioeconomic conditions or possibly a site map.

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.....who are currently infected with HBsAg..... Does not make scientific sense.

....3 milliliter or 5 milliliter blood samples were collected....?

Give more detail on blood sample storage e.g. temperature, duration and analysis standards operating procedures.

Give the study ethical approval number.

The results should be comparable with regions in countries and not national results. For instance, why talk of Yemen and Kenya, without refering to results from a particular region in Yemen/Kenya, yet this study was in Southeast Ethiopia?

You have correlated Hepatitis infection with sociocultural factors, yet in your objectve this is not captured.

What is the Ethiopian national Hepatitis B and C sero-prevalence? What factors have been cited that exacerbate the condition/prevalence?

How will the findings of this study better you as a researcher? How do they assist other researchers/Scientists in other parts of the world?

In conclusion, this is good work that needs a little fine-tuning and re-formatting before it is fully published.

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