

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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This is a very interesting but also extremely alarming report about the prevalence of HBV and HCV among pregnant women in Ethiopia. The prevalence rates, especially for HBV, are quite troublesome. I would strongly support not only to vaccinate newborn of pregnant women who test positive for HBsAg, but ALL newborns, i.e., irrespective of the mother's serological status. Accordingly, the Authors should at least discuss in more detail how well the vaccination program works in Ethiopia, and state the vaccination uptake at birth (birth dose is essential, infant vaccination is not enough). I have no other comments, except that the nomenclature should be changed, i.e., HBsAg instead of HBsAgn.