

## 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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The article is scientifically sound. A few points may be included for better clarity, these are:

- 1. The inclusion and exclusion criteria can be specified.
- 2. The ethical concerns like how the confidentiality of the participants is maintained should be written as it is mentioned in data availability that all data is available which would not be in the participant's interests.
- 3. In table 2, 409 have been written as co- infection negative, which does not appear right. It will be better if the last part of this table, i. e. The Overall seroprevalence the positive component can be split into Only HBsAg positive, Only Anti-HCV Ab positive and both positive or co-infection.
- 4. The study has brought forth dental extraction and hospital admission as some of the major risk factors for both the infections. This questions the universal safety precaution and the infection control practices in these setting which need to be looked into on priority basis as these are to a major extent preventable.

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