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**Title:** Epidemiology of Viral Hepatitis in Somalia: Systematic Review, Meta-Analysis Study

**Reviewer's 1**

**Reviewer's code:** 03337012

**Reviewer's country:** Poland

**Reviewer's comments to authors:**

In the presented study, the authors attempted to analyze the prevalence of different types of viral hepatitis in Somalia. The aim of the review was to describe the burden of viral hepatitis, especially HBV and HCV, in Somalia in order to develop national strategies for the prevention and control of viral hepatitis. The review and meta-analysis were well performed and described. The only (minor) limitations include the preparation of the manuscript: using different fonts and styles, which make the reading difficult. Moreover, the references section should be improved.

**Answers to reviewer 1:** Thank you for your hard work and taking time to review of our article carefully. We have edited the preparation of the manuscript and we use single font and one style that make the reading easy. We have also re-checked and re-edited our references section to meet your requirement according World Journal of Gastroenterology guideline. Thank you.

**Reviewer's 2**

**Reviewer's code:** 02462179

**Reviewer's country:** China

**Reviewer's comments to authors:**

In this manuscript, the authors summarized the epidemiology of viral hepatitis in Somalia with meta-analysis. They observed that the prevalence of viral hepatitis in Somalia was high. Moreover, chronic hepatitis B virus was the commonest causes of chronic liver diseases. The meta-analysis described the epidemiology of viral hepatitis in detail. However, systematic and methodical demonstration was needed. Rearrangement of the manuscript and a concise abstract were better. Furthermore, grammar errors should be corrected.

**Answers to reviewer 2:** Thank you for your taking time to review our systematic review and meta-analysis. We have revised our methodological research that needed of our study and it's well demonstrated. We have revised and edited of our article to make the article more arranged and we also summarize our abstract of article according your suggestions. We also accept your opinion about manuscript language; although we sent a professional polishing company (AMERICAN JOURNAL EXPERT) for editing language, and we will further modify and polish our article language to make it better meet the publication standards finally. Thank you again.

**Reviewer's 3**

**Reviewer's code:** 02908309

**Reviewer's country:** Egypt

**Reviewer's comments to authors:**

I revised the manuscript entitled "Epidemiology of Viral Hepatitis in Somalia: Systematic Review, Meta-Analysis Study" The study provides important data regarding the epidemiology of viral hepatitis in Somalia. The authors did a good effort in describing the details of epidemiological pattern of viral hepatitis in Somalia and concluded that HBV is the main cause of chronic liver disease.

**Answers to reviewer 3:** Thank you for your kind and patient reply for your hard work of reviewing our manuscript. It's our great respect to get your appreciation for our article. Thank you again.