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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a good review paper. Publication of this article will help advance understanding of Hepatitis Delta Virus (HDV) patho-physiology. I have few observations and comments. 1.Prevalence of infection in various geographical regions and presence of particular genotypes (genetic diversity) must be included. 2.Background, molecular epidemiology and etiology of HDV must be substantiated. 3.Incorporation of a table detailing out available treatment modality and future research trends will greatly benefit the reader. 4.Conclusion segment of the article is missing.



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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a very good review about HDV infection and could be of interest for the readers. However I suggest to modify the division in paragraph of the manuscripts. As the paper reads, it presents the following paragraphs: The virus and its replication The virus Delta antigens HDV replication Recent trends in HDV research I suggest to add more paragraphs to better organize the manuscript outline. A better outline organization surely will improve the readability of the paper. The paragraphs I suggest to add are: -Epidemiology (Please describe HDV prevalence around the world). -Infection routes -Clinical presentation -Treatment -Prognosis Moreover, if are present data in literature, I suggest to give data about epidemiology and outcomes of HDV infection in children.



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Summary: This manuscript reviews the hepatitis delta virus (HDV), including discussion of virus structure, replication, and host interactions, as well as pathogenicity and treatment options. Overall this is a very nicely-written review that was a pleasure to read as it covers all basic virological and clinical/therapy-related literature. Minor points clarification: 1. The manuscript needs significant English language/grammatical review, i.e, "In case of super-infection"; "None of currently approved"; "makes HDV very serious pathogen" etc... 2. The 'Origin of the Virus' section is should be one of the first sections in the review, i.e., in the context of the virus structure and description of the genome and proteins. 3. P.2, In 9: remove open parenthesis between '400 million'. 4. P.7, In 18: Ribavirin is spelled without an 'e' at the end.