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Reviewer’s Report for the manuscript “Clinical features of acute hepatitis E super-infections on chronic hepatitis B: I.D. Manuscript_20160920125658” (1) The manuscript has complete structure (2) The scientific question is clearly stated and all other components and significance of the study are clearly presented. These will bring an interest to this paper by the readers (3) What were the methods and kits used for the laboratory data collected in this study? It is better to describe the laboratory settings and methods used in the hospital with regard to the collected data. (4) I believe all the data are reliable as indicated in the sound able results (5) Good results achieved the aim of the study (6) Good summary and smart conclusion clearly showing the direction for reducing the HEV-supper infection (7) Yes (8) No (9) Not applicable(NA) (10) NA, Yes (11) Yes (12) Yes (13) Yes (14) After minor revision yes In conclusion (1) This manuscript offered additional visions to the readers (2) Minor weaknesses are mentioned in the report (3) Accept after minor revision (4) Yes

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Major comments 1-Page 7, lines 2-7, the authors should clarify whether the participants were selected. 2-Page 9, lines 6 and 12, the authors mentioned these expressions: previous comorbidities and previous associated comorbidities. Did the two expressions mean the same thing? Could the authors list the different items? 3-In the material and methods section, it is important to mention how biochemical (Transaminase enzymes, bilirubin,...), hematological, HBV serological markers and HBV viral load were analyzed; If not it will be important to mention the different items of the clinical database of the hospital. 4- The result section is presented with comment as it was a discussion. The results should be presented without comment. Too many tables and only tables without figures seem to make the results too heavy and difficult to apprehend. This affects a great job like this. How to present the results should be examined 5-In Table 1 is ? Past medical conditions ? means previous comorbidities or previous associated comorbities? Minor comments 1-Page 5, Line 19-22, in this part of introduction, authors present a short conclusion of this work. It should present in abstract and conclusion section. 2-In Table 1, the Baseline characteristics of the patients should be in the same line with death and survival.

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Dr. Chen and colleagues have presented an interesting retrospective cohort study in which they aimed to determine the clinical burden of HEV super-infection in CHB patients in Shanghai, China. To show this the colleagues enrolled 228 CHB-patients with acute HEV superinfection and analysed their clinical course and adverse outcomes. From their findings the colleagues conclude that CHB-related cirrhosis, HBeAg-neg and intermediate HBV-DNA levels were associated with more severe courses of the hepatitis B/E while antiviral-treatment would reduce the risks. Overall, the manuscript is mainly well written and concise in its content. However, there are some major comments which should be addressed. Major comments 1. In the Material and Methods no information about molecular, serological and biochemical tests have been described. The used tests for the study are important and should be described. 2. Were other co-infections excluded such as HCV, HDV, HIV? 3. Which HBV genotypes were identified? Which HEV genotype? 4. Which treatment option for HBV therapy was used? 5. Was there also treatment option (IFN and/or Ribavirin) for HEV? 6. Introduction section: Describe a summary of the findings of the authors at the end of this chapter. This is better for discussion section. 7. Results section: Was there any control



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group in comparison to the HBV/HEV group? If describing the risk factors, like HBeAg status, alcohol usage, gender, kidney diseases, these factors will also have an pivotal impact on mono HBV-infection. For that, the statement that HEV superinfection will worsen the clinical outcome of CHB is not really supported by the presented data. 8. There is a recent report of Hoan et al (EBioMedicine 2015; 2080–2086) showing also the impact of HEV superinfection on CHB. This paper should be also discussed in the discussion section.