



**PEER-REVIEW REPORT**

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

It is good paper, but need to polish layout, language. The authors did a good job in motivating the problem studied in the introduction. In this study, the author describe the characteristics of 193 HIV-negative patients who participated in a CHB pilot treatment program in eastern Ethiopia. Notably, The higher proportion of cirrhosis in their cohort (nearly one-third of the patients dianosed cirrhosis at enrollment) might reflect poor access to HBV services in eastern Ethiopia. This finding confirms the importance of scaling up the national HBV prevention and treatment program, antiviral therapy can be initiated before irreversible liver injury has occurred.