



**SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1**

**PART 1:**

Journal Name:	<a href="#">Asian Hematology Research Journal</a>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_AHRJ_43647</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>SEROPREVALENCE OF THE CARRIAGE OF ANTIGEN HBs IN BLOOD DONORS IN A RURAL HEALTH AREA IN THE NORTHEAST OF DR CONGO (ISANGI)</b>
New title:	<b>Seroprevalence of the carriage of Hepatitis B Surface Antigen among blood donors in a rural health area in the northeast of DR Congo (Isangi)</b>
Type of Article:	<b>Original Research Article</b>

**PART 2:**

<b>FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)</b>	<b>Authors' response to final evaluator's comments</b>
<p><b>Rows 35, 36:</b> "the WHO has estimated that ≤50% of blood supply in sub-Saharan Africa is screened for HBsAg due to lack of perceived utility and/or lack of funds." this was at 2002. please, mention the year or update the reference</p> <p>Table 3: Association between socio-demographic characteristics and positive serology for HBs antigen. All data regarding the number of positive HBsAg in different age groups, sex, profession and level of education represent 149 affected donor???marital status: 72 affected donors, type of donors: 84 affected donors??? In table 2, you represent 74 HBsAg positive donors. please revise and recalculate the exact number of positive cases in table 2 and 3</p> <p>Regarding gender, most donors were males (82.5%), positive cases were 7.3% as shown in revised table 3, while it is 2.2% in female donors. In row 16 in abstract, you mention that higher prevalence of HBsAg is present in males??</p> <p>Line 64: delete "of blood often in bad conditions" Line 81: "sociodemographics" remove "s" lines 86, 101: replace "living alone" by "not married" Line 112: "HBcAg, HBcAb, HBeAg, HBeAg" please revise Lines 117, 128: Remove the initials of the authors' names. Line 128: "higher blood donors" replace by "highly educated" Lines 131 and 132: You may replace this phrase by means to encourage this category of donors and suggesting educational programs for the other categories (low-educated and jobless).</p>	

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