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PART 1: Review Comments

| | Reviewer's comment | Author's comment (if agreed highlight that part in the manu his/her feedback here) |
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| Compulsory REVISION comments | Ethical issue: No mention of ethical clearance from any ethical review board Under abstract: The following statement; Of the 80 samples analyzed, 56 were males of which 2 (3.6%) were positive for Hepatitis B core Immunoglobulin-M antibody and 3(5.4%) were positive for Hepatitis B core Immunoglobulin-M Antibody respectively; is not clear, two different percentages for the same antibody? In the discussion, Number of partners, Personal protective equipment, and exposure to blood products are all mentioned as risk factors in this study, but no | |
| Minor REVISION comments | mention of them in methodology and no data collected in this study to represents these variables. | |
| | Line 19, the statement HBV is MOSTLY a DNA virus is misleading, it is a DNA virus. Line 24, what are violent events?, consider replacing it with the right description Line 98 to 187 are not necessary, Authors should consider reviewing already published articles for guidance. Too many tables, authors should consider putting all into 4 tables. Line 319 to 320, the statement; ethical code of the mortuary workers and ambulance drivers which if adhered to can reduced the prevalence of Viral infections including Hepatitis B Viral infection to as low as 8.8%; This prevalence is not low and should not be a good target. Consider revising. | |
| Optional/General comments | There are so many grammatical errors, and so much unnecessary information in the discussion. | |

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