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Type of the Article	

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	English grammar is quite bad throughout the manuscript. It should be completely revised by a native speaker before publication. How stringent were the genotyping primers tested to analyse cross-reactivity? What are the detection limits for the primers sets used? This could explain the large number of people testing DNA-negative. A table with the results is essential to understand the manuscript and should be added. The authors compare patients with and without liver disease in correlation with genotype. But from the age distribution I see that some patients are little children that presumably have had no time yet to develop liver disease. The authors should correct for that, or at least comment on it. In the Conclusion section, a non-typeable strain circulating in Ivory Coast suddenly pops up that was not mentioned before in the manuscript. These data should be explained, or omitted.	-Thank you for criticism. We used the method Naito recognized since 2001. And the primers used are as shown by this method. We believe that these primers have been tested even before this method is validated. -Rather, we believe that the High rate of negative could be explained by the constraints of conservation due to frequent cuts of electricity. -A table with the results will be added - I compare the rather asymptomatic and symptomatics. Children are among the asymptomatic in which the discovery was fortuitous. Age distribution is about both groups (symptomatic and asymptomatic). - I meant that many strains circulating in Cote d'Ivoire could not be typed. This will be corrected in the manuscript.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Hepatitis B virus should be spelled without caps throughout the manuscript (Except for the "B", obviously). Ivory Coast/Côte d'Ivoire: either the English or the French name for the country should be used throughout the manuscript.	Ok
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		