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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	1. The entire study has been based on PCR using specific primers to identify specific genotypes. The authors should demonstrate that their primers are specific and do not cross react. 2. The sample size is small and only about 38% were HBV DNA positive. It is difficult to make major conclusion with such small sample size. The authors should consider increasing the sample size. 3. The authors should give a little more information about the demographics of the population. The authors conclude that genotype E is the major HBV genotype in West Africa but they do not demonstrate the demographics of their population sample. The authors should make more figures and represent their findings in a graphical format, which will be easier to understand	1. These primers have already been used in others studies and they did not cross react. 2. We recruited 754 samples but only 139 were HBsAg positive to follow the study. But I correct it in the text. 3. OK 4. OK
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		