



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	2013_IJTDH_7951
Title of the Manuscript:	Seroprevalence of HBsAg among female patients seeking healthcare service in Bo Government Hospital, Sierra Leone: 14-months database study

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
The paper titled Seroprevalence of HBsAg among female patients seeking healthcare service in Bo Government Hospital, Sierra Leone: 14-months database study. The seroprevalence rate mentioned in the present study is very high 47.5% compared to the WHO estimates of 2012 placing south Africa in the intermediate 5-7% zone. Website...www.who.int/csr/disease/hepatitis/GHP_framework.pdf. The paper can be accepted as a base line study with a need for further work in future to have an accurate statistical data.	The authors are also concern of the alarming overall HBsAg seroprevalence in this study and noted the immense public health concern of such seroprevalence considering the growing prevalence of HIV/AIDS alongside the fact that HIV and HBsAg have similar transmission methods. Authors have noted the suggestion of reviewer with regards to the 2012 WHO HBsAg estimate and have mentioned this new information in an addendum that is now included in the conclusion section.