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| Reason for Recommendation | Impact factor, High Exposure | Scope, High Exposure | Impact Factor, Readership Interest | High Acceptance Rate, Open Access Option | Scope, Readership Interest |
| Impact Factor | 4.116 | 12.486 | 4.122 | 2.532 | 3.061 |
| Revisions Required? | Minor | Minor | Minor | Minor | Minor |
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| Recommendation #1 | <i>Liver International</i> |
| Website | http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1478-3231 |
| Scope | Liver International promotes all aspects of the science of Hepatology from basic research to applied clinical studies and provides an international forum for the publication of high quality original research in Hepatology. It is an essential resource for everyone working on normal and abnormal structure and function in the liver and its constituent cells, including clinicians and basic scientists involved in the multi-disciplinary field of Hepatology. It also includes studies of pathobiology from experimental models and human material. |
| Article types accepted | Original articles, brief definitive reports, systematic reviews/meta-analyses, review articles, editorials, debates in hepatology, letters to the editor |
| Impact factor | 4.116 |
| Similar articles | <p>A high baseline HBV load and antiviral therapy affect the survival of patients with advanced HBV-related HCC treated with sorafenib. Yang Y, Wen F, Li J, Zhang P, Yan W, Hao P, Xia F, Bi F, and Li Q. <i>Liver Int.</i> 2015 Sep;35(9):2147-54.</p> <p>On-treatment changes of liver stiffness at week 26 could predict 2-year clinical outcomes in HBV-related compensated cirrhosis. Wu S, Kong Y, Piao H, Jiang W, Xie W, Chen Y, Lu L, Ma A, Xie S, Ding H, Shang J, Zhang X, Feng B, Han T, Xu X, Huo L, Cheng J, Li H, Wu X, Zhou J, Sun Y, Ou X, Zhang H, You H, and Jia J. <i>Liver Int.</i> 2017 Nov 8.</p> <p>Non-invasive tests for liver disease severity and the hepatocellular carcinoma risk in chronic hepatitis B patients with low-level viremia. Paik N, Sinn DH, Lee JH, Oh IS, Kim JH, Kang W, Gwak GY, Paik YH, Choi MS, Lee JH, Koh KC, and Paik SW. <i>Liver Int.</i> 2018 Jan;38(1):68-75.</p> |
| Are revisions required to make the paper consistent with the journal guidelines? | <p>Minor revisions are required prior to submission.</p> <p>Original articles should not exceed 5,000 words (including title page, abstract, key points, main text and references); figures and tables (including legends) should be excluded from the word count. Currently, your article is approximately 4,600 words. Manuscripts are allowed no more than 8 figures and/or tables, with up to 6 individual panels each. Your manuscript currently has 13 figures and 3 tables; therefore, your article would require this number to be vastly reduced. However, many of your figures could be combined into panels of a single figure (for example, figures 11, 12, and 13 could be combined to one figure with 3 panels). The abstract should be no more than 250 words; thus, your current abstract would need to be shortened from 320 words.</p> |
| Geographic focus (regional vs. international) | International |

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| Recommendation #1 | <i>Liver International</i> |
| Does the journal fulfill the author's requirements? | Yes. This journal has an impact factor above 2. |
| Rationale for selecting this journal | This journal was chosen because it is one of the premier journals for Hepatology research and regularly publishes both clinical and basic research related to the treatment, diagnosis and management of liver-related diseases. Your manuscript is a clinical study evaluating the correlation between serum HBV DNA levels and liver fibrosis and nodule formation in patients with HBV-related liver diseases. As such, this journal represents an excellent fit for the publication of your research results. |

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| Recommendation #2 | <i>Journal of Hepatology</i> |
| Website | https://www.journals.elsevier.com/journal-of-hepatology/ |
| Scope | The Journal of Hepatology publishes original papers, reviews, case reports and letters to the Editor concerned with clinical and basic research in the field of Hepatology. The Journal is published in English. Supplements may be accepted after editorial review. |
| Article types accepted | Original papers, reviews, case reports and letters to the editor |
| Impact factor | 12.486 |
| Similar articles | <p>Follow-up and indications for liver biopsy in HBeAg-negative chronic hepatitis B virus infection with persistently normal ALT: a systematic review. Papatheodoridis GV, Manolakopoulos S, Liaw YF, and Lok A. J Hepatol. 2012 Jul;57(1):196-202.</p> <p>Does HBV-DNA level prior liver transplantation influence HBV recurrence and survival of LTX patients under HBIG and oral antivirals? I. Campos-Varela, L. Castells, V. Vargas, F. Rodríguez-Frías, I. Bilbao, M. Caralt, M. Buti, R. Charco, R. Esteban, and J. Guardia. J Hepatol. 2010 April; 52(1):S187.</p> <p>Safety of complete and sustained prophylaxis withdrawal in patients liver-transplanted for HBV-related cirrhosis at low risk of HBV recurrence. Lenci I, Tisone G, Di Paolo D, Marcuccilli F, Tariciotti L, Ciotti M, Svicher V, Perno CF, and Angelico M. J Hepatol. 2011 Sep;55(3):587-593.</p> |
| Are revisions required to make the paper consistent with the journal guidelines? | <p>Minor revisions are required prior to submission.</p> <p>Original papers should not exceed 6,000 words, including the abstract, references, tables, and figure legends. A maximum of 8 tables and/or figures is allowed. References should not exceed a maximum of 100. The abstract should be structured and should contain no more than 275 words. Your paper would need some revisions to meet these requirements, specifically in terms of the number of figures and/or tables, and the length of the abstract.</p> |
| Geographic focus (regional vs. international) | International |
| Does the journal fulfill the author's requirements? | Yes. This journal has an impact factor above 2. |
| Rationale for selecting this journal | This journal was chosen due to its singular focus on the field of Hepatology and the number of high-quality articles published in this journal related to HBV-related hepatic complications, which is a direct focus of your manuscript. Combined with the high impact factor, this journal represents an excellent choice for the publication of your research results. |

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| Recommendation #3 | <i>Journal of Viral Hepatitis</i> |
| Website | http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1365-2893 |
| Scope | The Journal of Viral Hepatitis publishes reviews, original work (full papers) and short, rapid communications in the area of viral hepatitis. It solicits these articles from epidemiologists, clinicians, pathologists, virologists and specialists in transfusion medicine working in the field, thereby bringing together in a single journal the important issues in this expanding specialty. The Journal of Viral Hepatitis is a monthly journal, publishing reviews, original work (full papers) and short rapid communications in the area of viral hepatitis. |
| Article types accepted | Reviews, short communications, original articles, letters to the editor, case reports, book reviews |
| Impact factor | 4.122 |
| Similar articles | <p>Discriminant value of serum HBV DNA levels as predictors of liver fibrosis in chronic hepatitis B. Sanai FM1, Helmy A, Bzeizi KI, Babatin MA, Al-Qahtani A, Al-Ashgar HA, Al-Mdani AS, Al-Akwaa A, Almutharea S, Khan MQ, Alghamdi AS, Farah T, Al-Hamoudi W, Saadeh M, and Abdo AA. J Viral Hepat. 2011 Jul;18(7):e217-25.</p> <p>The gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase-to-platelet ratio predicts liver fibrosis and cirrhosis in HBeAg-positive chronic HBV infection patients with high HBV DNA and normal or mildly elevated alanine transaminase levels in China. Li Q, Li W, Huang Y, and Chen L. J Viral Hepat. 2016 Nov;23(11):912-919.</p> <p>There were no differences in serum HBV DNA level between HBeAg-positive and HBeAg-negative chronic hepatitis B with same liver histological necroinflammation grade but differences among grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 apportioned by the same hepatic parenchyma cell volume. Ke WM1, Xie SB, Li XJ, Zhang SQ, Lai J, Ye YN, Gao ZL, and Chen PJ. J Viral Hepat. 2011 Sep;18(9):637-45.</p> |
| Are revisions required to make the paper consistent with the journal guidelines? | <p>Minor revisions are required prior to submission.</p> <p>Original articles should be no more than 4,000 words, excluding the title page, references and figure/table legends. In addition, no more than 6 figures and tables are allowed. The abstract should not be more than 250 words. In order to meet these requirements, the number of figures/tables in your manuscript would need to be reduced by more than half, and your abstract would need to be shortened to meet the 250 word limit.</p> |
| Geographic focus (regional vs. international) | International |
| Does the journal fulfill the author's requirements? | Yes. This journal has an impact factor above 2. |
| Rationale for selecting this | This journal was selected because its primary focus is the publication of studies related to viral hepatitis. Your study reports on research results from a prospective |

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| Recommendation #3 | <i>Journal of Viral Hepatitis</i> |
| journal | study examining whether HBV DNA levels are correlated with liver histology in large sample of patients with HBV-related liver disease. As such, this journal represents an excellent fit for the publication of your research results. |

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| Recommendation #4 | <i>International Journal of Infectious Diseases</i> |
| Website | http://www.ijidonline.com/ |
| Scope | The International Journal of Infectious Diseases (IJID) is published monthly by the International Society for Infectious Diseases. This Journal is now only available online. IJID welcomes manuscripts in the following categories: epidemiology, clinical diagnosis, treatment and control of infectious diseases with particular emphasis placed on those diseases that are most common in less-developed countries. IJID publishes original clinical and laboratory-based research, together with reports of clinical trials, reviews and some case reports. |
| Article types accepted | Original articles, reviews, perspectives, correspondence, case reports, short communications, medical imagery |
| Impact factor | 2.532 |
| Similar articles | <p>Variation in liver histopathology in chronic HBV-infected individuals with normal liver function tests correlates with HBV replication. You, J, Zhuang, L, Chen, H, Huang, J, Tang, B and Huang, M. <i>Int J Infect Dis.</i> 2010 March; 14.</p> <p>Quantitative intrahepatic HBV cccDNA correlates with histological liver inflammation in chronic hepatitis B virus infection. Liang LB, Zhu X, Yan LB, Du LY, Liu C, Liao J, and Tang H. <i>Int J Infect Dis.</i> 2016 Nov;52:77-82.</p> <p>Predictors of treatment requirement in HBeAg-negative chronic hepatitis B patients with persistently normal alanine aminotransferase and high serum HBV DNA levels. Ormeci A, Aydin Y, Sumnu A, Baran B, Soyer OM, Pınarbasi B, Gokturk S, Gulluoglu M, Onel D, Badur S, Akyuz F, Karaca C, Demir K, Besisik F, and Kaymakoglu S. <i>Int J Infect Dis.</i> 2016 Nov;52:68-73</p> |
| Are revisions required to make the paper consistent with the journal guidelines? | <p>Minor revisions are required prior to submission.</p> <p>Original articles should not exceed 3,500 words in length. A structured abstract of 150 to 200 words must also be provided and should consist of four paragraphs with the following headings: objectives, design or methods, results, and conclusions; therefore, your abstract would need to be shortened to meet the length requirement and restructures accordingly. There are no limitations stated for original articles in terms of the number of tables and/or figures, or the number of references.</p> |
| Geographic focus (regional vs. international) | International |
| Does the journal fulfill the author's requirements? | Yes. This journal has an impact factor above 2. |
| Rationale for selecting this journal | This journal was chosen because it publishes high-quality research manuscripts related to all aspects of infectious diseases, particularly research results that stand to impact the treatment, diagnosis and control of infectious diseases. Your research |

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| Recommendation #4 | <i>International Journal of Infectious Diseases</i> |
| | results have direct implications for the diagnosis and treatment of a common infectious disease, HBV. Thus, this journal represents a good fit for the publication of your research results. |

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| Recommendation #5 | <i>Digestive and Liver Disease</i> |
| Website | https://www.journals.elsevier.com/digestive-and-liver-disease/ |
| Scope | <p>Digestive and Liver Disease is an international journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. It is the official journal of Italian Association for the Study of the Liver (AISF); Italian Association for the Study of the Pancreas (AISP); Italian Association for Digestive Endoscopy (SIED); Italian Society of Gastroenterology (SIGE); Italian Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology (SIGENP); Italian Group for the Study of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IG-IBD) and Fédération Francophone de Cancérologie Digestive (FFCD).</p> <p>Digestive and Liver Disease publishes papers on basic and clinical research in the field of gastroenterology and Hepatology.</p> |
| Article types accepted | Original papers, correspondence to the editor, editorials, reviews and special articles, progress reports, image of the month, congress proceedings, symposia and mini-symposia |
| Impact factor | 3.061 |
| Similar articles | <p>Real-time PCR quantification of serum and intracellular HBV DNA and HDV RNA in different subsets of chronic HBV infected individuals. T. Pollicino, G. Raffa, G. Iannello, T. Santantonio, G.B. Gaeta, G. Squadrito, G. Colucci, C. Calvi, I. Cacciola, M. Levrero, and G. Raimondo. <i>Dig Liver Dis.</i> 2009 March; 41(3): A20–A21.</p> <p>Total and covalently closed circular DNA detection in liver tissue of long-term survivors transplanted for HBV-related cirrhosis. Lenci I, Marcuccilli F, Tisone G, Di Paolo D, Tariciotti L, Ciotti M, Guenci T, and Perno CF, Angelico M. <i>Dig Liver Dis.</i> 2010 Aug;42(8):578-84.</p> <p>Progression to cirrhosis, hepatocellular carcinoma and liver-related mortality in chronic hepatitis B patients in Italy. Ieluzzi D, Covolo L, Donato F, and Fattovich G. <i>Dig Liver Dis.</i> 2014 May;46(5):427-32.</p> |
| Are revisions required to make the paper consistent with the journal guidelines? | <p>Minor revisions are required prior to submission.</p> <p>Original papers should be no more than 3,500 words, excluding the abstract, references, tables and figures. The abstract should be structured into 6 sections (Background, Aims, Methods, Results, and Conclusion) and not exceed 200 words. Currently, your manuscript meets the requirements of this journal, but your abstract would need to be shortened to meet the 200 word limit outlined by the journal and restructured accordingly.</p> |
| Geographic focus (regional vs. international) | International |
| Does the journal fulfill the author's requirements? | Yes. This journal has an impact factor above 2. |

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| Recommendation #5 | <i>Digestive and Liver Disease</i> |
| Rationale for selecting this journal | <p>This journal was chosen because of its broad focus on the publication of original research on both Digestive and Hepatic diseases. Your prospective research study is focused on analyzing the correlation between HBV DNA level and liver histology in large sample of patients with HBV-related liver disease to provide a theoretical basis for clinical treatment and disease course assessment; therefore, your research results would appeal to researchers studying HBV in both the fields of Hepatology and Gastroenterology. As such, this journal represents a good fit for the publication of your research results.</p> |