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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>The authors investigated the Hematological changes and the use of non-invasive markers to determine hepatic fibrosis in HBV infected Cameroonians. A good job they did. I recommend acceptance of this article. Only minor comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You should add the limitations of the study in the discussion section. - References should be updated. I suggest adding some important references in this field: <p>--Arribas Anta J, García González M, Torres Guerrero ME, et al. Prediction of the presence of esophageal varices using spleen stiffness measurement by transient elastography in cirrhotic patients. Acta Gastroenterol Belg. 2018 Oct-Dec; 81(4):496-501.</p> <p>--Lee HA, Kim SU, Seo YS, et al. Prediction of the Varices Needing Treatment with Noninvasive Tests in Patients with Compensated Advanced Chronic Liver Disease. Liver Int. 2018 Dec 27. doi: 10.1111/liv.14036.</p> <p>--Wasfy E, Elkassas G, Elnawasany S, et al. Predicting Esophageal Varices in Cirrhotic Hepatitis C Virus Patients Using Noninvasive Measurement of Insulin Resistance Variables. Endocr Metab Immune Disord Drug Targets. 2018;18(6):573-580.</p> <p>--Hanafy AS, Badawi R, Basha MAA, et al. A novel scoring system for prediction of esophageal varices in critically ill patients. Clin Exp Gastroenterol. 2017 Dec 7;10:315-325.</p> <p>--Abd-El salam S, Habba E, Elkhawany W, et al. Correlation of platelets count with endoscopic findings in a cohort of Egyptian patients with liver cirrhosis. Medicine (Baltimore). 2016 Jun;95(23):e3853.</p>	<p>Thank you very much for your comments and remarks.</p> <p>We have added a limitation to the study as the last sentence in the discussion section.</p> <p>We have gone through the articles you proposed for addition and we realised that they don't really tie with our subject matter. We compared and investigated hematological changes and the use of Non-invasive markers between Healthy controls and HBV infected individuals (irrespective of the stage of the infection or existing pathological conditions as a result of the disease). Prediction of the presence of oesophageal varices and varices needing treatment are beyond the scope of our research. Moreover, compensated advanced chronic liver disease or liver cirrhosis is general and could be as a result of HBV infection, HCV infection or some other conditions. We were strictly interested in finding out how different some hematological parameters and NIMs can be when someone is infected with HBV strictly.</p>
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PART 2:

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