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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>ABSTRACT</p> <p>Exploring the etiological spectrum and clinic-epidemiological profile of AVH becomes essential for strategizing the preventive measures to control the disease. – cite this or rephrase the statement.</p> <p>and IgG anti-HCV antibodies by Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay – if we are dealing with acute, I think we should stick to IgM. IgG takes time to form.</p> <p>Regular diagnosis of AVH and monitoring of cases will help in patient management and assist disease control programmes to take policy decisions. – by this statement are we trying to say that policies are intact or we want them to be placed?</p> <p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>Inadequate sanitary conditions, lack of awareness and unscrupulous practices of healthcare providers are responsible for large number of viral hepatitis. – can we be specific to which hepatitis is spread by lack of sanitation and so forth. This statement is like a big block, break it down.</p> <p>MATERIAL AND METHODS</p> <p>I thought the acuteness was determined by the tests done and not the symptoms because even chronic illnesses could be symptomatic.</p> <p>RESULTS</p> <p>This is a retrospective study, meaning all the cases were supposed to be confirmed hepatitis positive. Then you were to determine the prevalence of acute cases.</p> <p>Hepatitis virus was detected in 122 – you were to determine acute cases in this population and not 386. (your abstract says otherwise).</p>	
Minor REVISION comments	Minor edits of the language is necessary.	
Optional/General comments	The manuscript is very bulky. It would have been better if the authors chose those with the same mode of transmission for the study. Like compare HAV and HEV or HBV and HCV	

PART 2:

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<u>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</u>	

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