

HEV Exposure Rate Among Clinically Suspected Cases of Hepatitis

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Madam, Twenty-nine patients who were clinically suspected for hepatitis infection were tested for anti-HAVIgM (Abbott EIA), HbsAg (Abbott EIA) and anti-HCV antibodies (Abbott ELA) at “The Lab”, Karachi. Twelve patients (41%) appeared reactive for any of HAV, HBV and HCV markers tested and 17(59%) negative to all the tested markers. To know the exposure rate of HEV infection among these 17 non-A, non-B, non-C cases, they were tested for HEV infection (Abbott EIA HEV IgG antibodies). Out of these 17 tested, 12 (70.5%) appeared reactive for HEV IgG antibodies. This observation is very interesting and demands more studies to know the actual extent of HEV infection in general population.

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