

Evaluation of Hepatitis B core antibody in  
“Liver clinic” patients in South Eastern  
Sydney

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Sera from 330 patients tested for  
Hepatitis B

DNA- COBAS<sup>®</sup> AmpliPrep/ COBAS<sup>®</sup> TaqMan  
HBV Test, version 2.0

& Serological markers Abbott Architect

## Hepatitis B DNA & core antibody (HBc Ab) in 330 'liver clinic' patients

Total patients	= 330
Hep B DNA detected	= 236
Hep B DNA NOT detected	= 94

## Hepatitis B DNA & core antibody (HBc Ab) in 'liver clinic' patients

Total patients	=330
Hep B DNA detected	=236
HBcore Ab positive	=235/236
HBcore Ab negative	=1*/236

\* acute Hep B- HBSag & HBe Ag pos

## Hepatitis B DNA & Hepatitis B Surface antigen & Core antibody in 'liver clinic' patients

Total patients	=330
Hep B DNA (\$73) detected	=236
HepB Surface antigen and or	
Hep B Core antibody(\$5.10) detected	=236

## Hepatitis B DNA & core antibody (HBc Ab) in 330 'liver clinic' patients

HBcAb Pos & Hep B DNA NOT detected =67

HBcAb Pos+ another marker positive =48/67

HBcAb alone positive =18\*/67

\*S/Co ranged from 1.9-13.6

\*13/13 HBc Pos on Roche elecsys assay

# Hepatitis B DNA & Hepatitis B e Antigen in 'liver clinic' patients

	<i>HepB DNA</i>	
	<i>+</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>HBe Ag +</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>1 (low positive)</i>
<i>HBe Ag -</i>	<i>114 *</i>	<i>92</i>

*\* The reactivation phase (also known as HBeAg-negative chronic hepatitis B) is characterized by the absence of HBeAg, presence of anti-HBe, intermittently or persistently elevated serum HBV DNA and ALT levels, and active inflammation in the liver*



# Association between HBV DNA viral load and HBsAg.

<b>Architect</b>	<b>HBV DNA</b>	
<b>HBsAg</b>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Negative</b>
<b>Positive</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Negative</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>96</b>

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## Conclusions

- The combination of HBc Ab & HBsAg is:  
100 % sensitive at all stages of disease
  - HBc Ab is at least 94.6% specific
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- >70 % of chronic Hep B disease is associated with precore mutants
  - 1.8% have occult Hep B infection