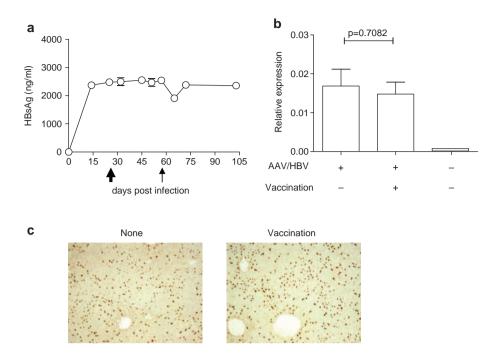


**Supplemental Figure 1** Sustained viremia in AAV/HBV-infected mice. (a) C57BL/6 mice receiving AAV/HBV ( $1 \times 10^{11}$  vg) were bled, and serum HBsAg was monitored by ELISA (n=3). (b) Plasma samples from the mice described in **a** were also subjected to ELISA to determine HBeAg titers. (c) The ALT of carrier mice was measured at 2 weeks post infection (wpi) and at 18 wpi for comparisons with uninfected mice (n=3). (d) Immunohistochemical staining for HBcAg and H&E of liver sections at 78 wpi. ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AAV, adeno-associated virus; HBeAg, HBV e antigen; HBsAg, HBV surface antigen; HBV, hepatitis B virus; H&E, hematoxylin and eosin.



Supplemental Figure 2 A high level of circulating viremia limited the therapeutic effect of HBsAg immunization with CpG. (a) AAV/HBV ( $1 \times 10^{11}$  vg)-infected mice were vaccinated with HBsAg plus CpG ( $50 \mu g$ ) at 3 wpi and subsequently boosted with Engerix-B at 8 wpi. Serum HBsAg levels in the different groups were monitored by ELISA (n=3). (b) HBV DNA in the liver was detected by quantitative real-time PCR at 11 weeks post-vaccination. (c) Immunohistochemical staining for HBcAg in the liver sections of different groups (n=3). AAV, adeno-associated virus; HBcAg, HBV core antigen; HBsAg, HBV surface antigen; HBV, hepatitis B virus.