

**Evolution of full-length genomes of HBV quasispecies in sera of patients with a  
coexistence of HBsAg and anti-HBs antibodies**

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**Figure S1** Phylogenetic tree reconstructed for filtered sequences, which excluded sequences containing premature termination codons. This tree was used to calculate selective pressure. Phylogenetic trees were reconstructed from the concatenated four protein-coding nucleotide alignments excluding sequences with stop codon mutations, deletion and insertion frameshifts.



Table S1 Quasispecies complexity (Sn) of each nucleotide position (nt1 to 3215) between the patients with coexisting HBsAg and anti-HBs and controls.

Region of variation (level)	Experimental group(mean ± SE)(n=6)	Control group (mean ±SE)(n=6)	P value*
<b>Genotype C</b>			
Full length (nt)	0.0362 ± 0.0012	0.0318 ± 0.0013	0.001
Large HBsAg (nt)	0.0496 ± 0.0027	0.021 ± 0.0021	<0.001
Middle HBsAg (nt)	0.0343 ± 0.003	0.0163 ± 0.0022	<0.001
HBsAg (nt)	0.0305 ± 0.0033	0.0137 ± 0.0023	<0.001
HBxAg (nt)	0.0333 ± 0.0023	0.0251 ± 0.0025	0.002
Procore/core(nt)	0.027 ± 0.0017	0.031 ± 0.002	0.058
Polymerase (nt)	0.0474 ± 0.0019	0.0259 ± 0.0017	<0.001
RT region (nt)	0.0365 ± 0.0011	0.0303 ± 0.0011	0.001
<b>Genotype B/C/I</b>			
Full length (nt)	0.0484 ± 0.0012	0.0387 ± 0.0013	<0.001
Large HBsAg (nt)	0.0593 ± 0.001	0.0406 ± 0.0009	<0.001
Middle HBsAg (nt)	0.0588 ± 0.0009	0.0403 ± 0.0008	<0.001
HBsAg (nt)	0.0581 ± 0.0009	0.0398 ± 0.0008	<0.001
HBxAg (nt)	0.0578 ± 0.0008	0.0401 ± 0.0008	<0.001
Procore/core(nt)	0.0566 ± 0.0009	0.0412 ± 0.0008	<0.001
Polymerase (nt)	0.0551 ± 0.001	0.0405 ± 0.001	<0.001
RT region (nt)	0.0566 ± 0.0008	0.0413 ± 0.0008	<0.001

\*Paired-samples T test

**Table S2** Epitopes for HBxAg, LHBsAg, PreC/C and Polymerase.

Epitope ID	Linear sequence	nt Starting Position	nt Ending Position	Antigen Name	Epitope types
34101	VGAESCRPFSGSLG	1434	1478	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
37187	KVLHKRTLGLSAMST	1644	1688	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
36354	CAFSSAGPCALRFTS	1554	1598	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
31898	QLDPARDV	1395	1421	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
34027	VLCLRPVGA	1416	1442	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
36402	LRFTSARRMETTVN	1584	1625	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
37181	TTVNAHQILPKVLHK	1614	1658	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
37466	KVLHKRTLGL	1644	1673	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
37919	VLHKRTLGL	1647	1673	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
38701	SAMSTTDLEAYFKDC	1674	1718	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
40624	EIRLMIFVLGGCRHK	1749	1793	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
40664	ETRLMIFVLGGCRHK	1749	1793	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
28447	MAARLCCQLDPARDV	1374	1418	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
34102	SGSLGTLSPPSPSAV	1464	1508	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
37786	KVLHKRTLGLSAMSTT	1644	1691	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
37943	GLSAMSTTDL	1668	1697	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
39347	YFKDCLFKDWEELGEE	1704	1751	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
39706	CLFKDWEEL	1716	1742	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
41238	VFVLGGCRHKLVCAPAPC	1764	1823	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
42384	VLGGCRHKL	1770	1796	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
42443	KLVCSPAPC	1791	1817	HBxAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
35398	HLSLRGLFV	1527	1553	HBxAg	B cell epitopes
39089	YFKDCLFKDWEELGE	1704	1748	HBxAg	B cell epitopes
40283	EELGEEIRLKVFVLG	1734	1778	HBxAg	B cell epitopes
41004	VFVLGGCRHKLVCAP	1764	1808	HBxAg	B cell epitopes
41238	VFVLGGCRHKLVCAPAPC	1764	1823	HBxAg	B cell epitopes
42443	KLVCSPAPC	1791	1817	HBxAg	B cell epitopes
44684	LVCAPAPCNFFTSA	1794	1835	HBxAg	B cell epitopes
34103	SPSAVPTDHGAHSL	1494	1538	HBxAg	B cell epitopes
2758	FLGPLLVLOA	143	172	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
6556	FFLLTRILTI	176	205	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
6631	FLLTRILTI	179	205	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
16755	STGPCKTCTT	503	532	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
16795	SMYPSCCTK	515	544	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
16796	CTTPAQGNNSMFPSC	524	565	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
16836	MFPSCCCT	551	574	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
16857	IPIPSSWAF	569	595	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
21139	LWEWASVRF	605	631	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
21145	SWLSLLVPF	632	658	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
21146	YLWEWASVR	635	661	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
23151	GLSPTVWLSV	674	703	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
24299	PFMPLLIFF	752	781	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
423053	TNLSPVNPLGFFPDHQLDP	2887	2943	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
423063	PLGFFPDHQLDPAFGANSN	2908	2988	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
	NPDWDFNP				
462003	PTPFSPPPLRD	3160	3189	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
462107	MQWNSTTFHQTLQDPRVR	3172	34	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
	GLYFPAGG				
462159	NSTTFHQTLQDPRVRGLYF	3181	109	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
	PAGGSSSGTVNPVPTTVSPI				
	SSIFSIRGD				
5911	VLOAGFFLL	161	187	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
5976	AGFFLLTRILTIPOS	170	214	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
7328	GGTPACPG	281	304	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
11748	GYRWMCLRR	365	391	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
11997	ILLCLIFL	377	403	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
12566	ILLCLIFLL	377	406	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
15063	LLDYQGMILPV	410	439	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
22023	LLVPFVQWFV	644	673	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
22025	LPVFVQWFVGLSPTV	647	691	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
23991	SVIWMMWYW	698	724	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes

1799	SSGTVSPAQNTVSAISSI	71	124	LHBsAg	B cell epitopes
6632	FLLTKILTI	212	238	LHBsAg	B cell epitopes
7332	SQISSHSPTCCPPICPGYRW	317	376	LHBsAg	B cell epitopes
11748	GYRWMCLRR	365	391	LHBsAg	B cell epitopes
15061	VIWMMWYWGR	386	415	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
16814	CTIPAQGTSVFPSCCCTKPS DGNC	524	595	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
16815	CTIPAQGTSMFPSCCCTKPS DGNC	524	595	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
21242	FLWEWASA	635	658	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
18802	CTKPTDGNC	569	595	LHBsAg	HLAI T cell epitopes
5191	TPARVTGGVF	151	180	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
15879	SGLPRYVARL	445	474	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
16751	GLSRYVARL	448	474	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
16753	GLSRYVARLS	448	477	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
16832	YIDDVVVLGA	541	567	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
16833	YVDDVVVLGA	541	567	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
19351	TYGRKLHLYSHPIILGFRKI	577	636	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
21070	LHLYSHPIILGFRKI	592	636	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
21116	KLHLYSHPI	595	621	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
24302	FLLSLGIHL	808	834	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
24943	KOCFRKLPVNRPIDW	937	981	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
27168	YPALMPLSACIQAKR	1042	1086	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
27169	QAFTFSPTYK	1051	1080	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
27285	KQAFTFSPTYKAFLC	1081	1125	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
27365	LCQVFADATPTGWGL	1171	1215	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
27878	YMDDVVVLGA	1283	1309	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
32955	ILRGTSFVYV	1402	1431	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
34616	SLYADSPSV	1498	1524	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
226775	NVSIPWTHK	2445	2471	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
226786	KVGNFTGLY	2469	2495	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
226809	GLYSSTVPV	2487	2513	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
422990	VGPLTVNEKRRKLII	2592	2636	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
422997	RHYLHTLWKAGILYK	2739	2783	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
423031	HTLWKAGILYK	2751	2783	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
423032	TLWKAGILYK	2754	2783	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
423036	ESTRSASFCCGSPYSW	2787	2831	Polymeras	HLAI T cell epitopes
5191	TPARVTGGVF	151	180	Polymeras	HLAII T cell epitopes
7171	ESRLVVDFSQFSRGN	244	288	Polymeras	HLAII T cell epitopes
7230	VVDFSOFSR	262	288	Polymeras	HLAII T cell epitopes
8608	LQSLTNLLSSNLSWL	325	369	Polymeras	HLAII T cell epitopes
9815	SSNLSWLSLDVSAAF	349	393	Polymeras	HLAII T cell epitopes
15848	GVSRYVARL	415	441	Polymeras	HLAII T cell epitopes
15957	GLPRYVARL	448	474	Polymeras	HLAII T cell epitopes
16833	YVDDVVVLGA	541	567	Polymeras	HLAII T cell epitopes
25650	ALMPLYACI	1015	1041	Polymeras	HLAII T cell epitopes
30373	AANWILRGTSFYVVP	1390	1434	Polymeras	HLAII T cell epitopes
7161	VDKNPHNTTESRLVV	217	261	Polymeras	B cell epitopes
7162	LVVDFSQFSR	220	249	Polymeras	B cell epitopes
7171	ESRLVVDFSQFSRGN	244	288	Polymeras	B cell epitopes
23068	SAICSVVRR	649	675	Polymeras	B cell epitopes
51311	GATVELLSFLPSDFF	1928	1972	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
56814	FLPSDFFPSI	1952	1981	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
59585	PSDFFPSVRDLDDTA	1958	2002	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
59786	SDFFPSVRDLDDTASALYR	1961	2020	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
61741	LLDTASALY	1988	2014	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
62477	YRDALESPEHCSPHHTA	2012	2062	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
62504	ALESPEHCSPHHTALRQAIL	2021	2080	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
65148	LESQDHHCSP	2024	2050	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
65509	PHHTALRQAILCWGELMT	2048	2107	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
69398	TWVGTNLEDPASRDLVVS	2108	2167	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
69474	WVGVNLEDPASRDLVVSY	2111	2170	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
69500	VGSNLEDPASRELVVSYVN	2114	2170	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
69524	GVNLEDPASRDL	2117	2152	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
71631	TNLEDPASRDLVVSY	2120	2164	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes

71847	NLEDPASRDL	2123	2152	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
74180	ASRDLVVSYVNTNMGLKF RQLLWFHISCLTFGRETIVIE	2138	2254	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
75040	VVSYVNTNMGLKFRQL	2153	2200	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
76245	YVNTNMGLK	2162	2188	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
76370	YVNVMGLK	2162	2188	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
79601	LWFHISCLMF	2201	2230	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
93224	GRETIEYLVSFGVW	2231	2275	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
93431	GRETIEYLVSFGVW	2231	2275	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
93536	RETVIEYLVSF	2234	2266	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
110917	VSFGVWIRTPPA	2258	2293	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
178829	VSFGVWIRTPPAYRPPNAPI	2258	2317	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
187197	LSTLPETTVVRRGRSPRR RTPSPR	2318	2392	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
190409	STLPETTVVRR STLPETTVV	2321	2353	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
190443	STLPETTVVRRGRSPRR	2321	2347	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
190455	STLPETTVVRRGRSPRR	2321	2380	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
190488	TVVRRGRSPRRRTP	2339	2383	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
190509	TVVRRGRSPR	2339	2368	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
190556	RRRGRSPRRR	2348	2377	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
190568	RRRGRSPRRRTPSPRRRS QSPPRRRSQSRESQC	2348	2449	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
190569	GRSPRRRTPSPRRRSQSPR RRRSQSRESQC	2357	2449	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
190577	SPRRRTPSPRRRSQ	2363	2407	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
190589	PSPRRRRS	2381	2404	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
190596	SPRRRRSOSPRRRRS	2384	2428	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
191095	QSPPRRRSQSRESQC	2405	2449	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
47828	MDIDPYKEFGATVELLSFL	1901	1960	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
47829	DIDPYKEFGATVELLSFLPS	1904	2008	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
	DFFPSVRDLDTASA				
47830	DIDPYKEFGATVELL	1904	1948	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
47832	IDPYKEFGATVELLS	1907	1951	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
47833	DPYKEFGATVELLSF	1910	1954	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
47834	PYKEFGATVELLSFL	1913	1957	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
47836	YKEFGATVELLSFLP	1916	1960	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
48757	KEFGASVELL	1919	1948	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
49308	EFGATVELLSFLPSD	1922	1966	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
50118	FGATVELLSFLPSDF	1925	1969	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
52404	ATVELLSFLPSDFFPV	1931	1981	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
53382	TVELLSFLPSDFFPS	1934	1978	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
53383	VELLSFLPSDFFPV	1937	1981	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
53394	LLSFLPSDFFPV	1943	1987	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
58876	LPSDFFPV	1955	1981	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
60227	FFPSIRDLL	1967	1993	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
60229	FPSVRDLDTASALYREAL ESPEHCSPHHTA	1970	2062	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
61746	LYREALESPEHCSPHHTAL	2009	2074	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
65475	PHHTALRQAI	2048	2077	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
67204	LCWGELMTLATWVGVLN EDPASRDL	2078	2152	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
67300	LCWGELMTLATWVGVLN	2078	2128	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
68276	VCWGELMNL	2078	2104	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
68599	CWGELMTLATWGVNL	2081	2155	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
70928	VNLEDPASRDL	2120	2152	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
70929	VNLEDPASRDLVVSYVNT	2120	2200	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
71847	NLEDPASRDL	2123	2152	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
73842	PHHTALRQAILCWGD	2135	2179	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
73843	PHHTALRQAILCWGDLMN	2135	2194	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
75585	VSYVNTNMGLKFRQL	2156	2200	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
93536	RETVIEYLVSF	2234	2266	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
48337	KEFGATVELLSFLPS	1919	1963	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
55712	FLPADFFPSV	1952	1981	PreC/C	B cell epitopes

55713	FLPSDFFPSV	1952	1981	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
60249	RDLDDTAALYRDALESPE	1982	2041	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
61746	LYREALESPEHCSPHHTAL	2009	2074	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
65360	HHHTALROAILCWGELMN	2048	2107	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
68600	CWGDLMTLATWVGTNLE	2081	2140	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
68618	GELMTLATW	2087	2113	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
71938	LEDPASRDLVVSY	2126	2164	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
72649	LEDPASRDLVVSYV	2126	2167	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
73843	PHHTALRQAILCWGDLMN	2135	2194	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
75662	SYVNTNMGLKFRQLLWFH ISCLTFGRETVIEY	2159	2254	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
79531	NVNMGGLIKRQ	2168	2197	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
79549	KFRQLLWFHISCLTFGRE	2186	2254	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
79577	LLWFHISCLTFGRETVLEY	2198	2257	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
79583	LWFHISCLTFGRETVIEYLV	2201	2260	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
79594	LWFHISCLTF	2201	2230	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
79613	HISCLTFGR	2210	2236	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
79654	CLTFGRETV	2219	2245	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
79672	CLTFGRETVIEY	2219	2254	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
79673	LTFGRETVLEYLVSF	2222	2266	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
96088	VLEYLVSGFGV	2243	2272	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
96630	EYLVSGFGVWIRTPPA	2249	2293	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
96862	EYLVSGFGVW	2249	2275	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
97104	LVSFGVWIR	2255	2281	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
180906	SFGVWIRTPPAYRPPNAPIL	2261	2320	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
180913	FGVWIRTPPAYR	2264	2299	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
180914	VWIRTPPAYR	2270	2299	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
180915	WIRTPPAYR	2273	2299	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
180916	IRTTPAYRPPNAPILSTLPET	2276	2344	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
180917	IRTTPAYRPPNAPILSTLPET	2276	2338	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
180928	PAYRPPNAPIL	2288	2320	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
180929	AYRPPNAPILSTLPET	2291	2335	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
180930	YRPPNAPILSTLPETT	2294	2341	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
56900	FLPPDFFPSV	1952	1981	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
56900	FLPPDFFPSV	1952	1981	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
46480	ISCSCPTVQASKLCLGWLW GMD	1841	1906	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
50253	FGATVELLSFLPSDFFPSV	1925	1981	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
58122	FLPADFFPSI	1952	1981	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
61745	PHHTALRQAIWCWGEMLT	1997	2056	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
69715	GGNLEDPISRDLVVSYVNT	2117	2173	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
190466	STLPETTVVRQ	2321	2353	PreC/C	HLAI T cell epitopes
46927	SCPTVOASKLCLGWLWG	1850	1900	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
47826	SKLCLGWLWGMD	1871	1906	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
47827	LGPLWGMDIDPYKEF	1883	1927	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
57129	FLPVDFFFPSV	1952	1981	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
66988	PHHTALRQAILCWGDLMT	2048	2107	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
67096	PHHTALRQAILCWGELMN	2048	2107	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
67203	PHHTALRQAVALCWGEMLT	2048	2107	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
74445	RDLVVSYVNTNVGLKFQ	2144	2203	PreC/C	HLAII T cell epitopes
46013	MQLFHLCCLIISCTCPVTQAS	1814	1873	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
46927	SCPTVQASKLCLGWLWG	1850	1900	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
57784	FLPNDFFFPSV	1952	1981	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
66895	PHHTALRQAILCWGDLMN	2048	2107	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
79521	VNTNMGLKFRQLLWFHIS	2165	2221	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
79546	TNVGLKFROLLWFHISCLT	2171	2230	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
79561	FRQLLWFHISCLTFGREVI	2189	2257	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
79609	FHISCLTFGRETVIEYLVSF	2207	2269	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
79677	TFGRETIEYLVSGFGVWIR	2225	2281	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
180919	PPAYRPPNAPILSTL	2285	2329	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
180931	ILSTLPETTV	2315	2344	PreC/C	B cell epitopes
58234	FLPSDFLPSV	1952	1981	PreC/C	B cell epitopes

note: HBsAg, large HBsAg; PreC/C, precore/core.





**Table S4 Summary of positive selection analyses for genes LHBsAg, HBxAg, PreC/C and Pol.**

Gene	LHBsAg	HBxAg	PreC/C	Pol
<b>Model 1</b>				
lnL	-4900.388	-1997.998	-2309.669	-10905.244
d <sub>N</sub> /d <sub>S</sub> (p <sub>0</sub> )	0.099(0.470)	0.047(0.511)	0.095(0.693)	0.118(0.696)
d <sub>N</sub> /d <sub>S</sub> (p <sub>1</sub> )	1.000(0.51)	1.000(0.489)	1.000(0.307)	1.000(0.304)
<b>Model 2</b>				
lnL	-4898.999	-1986.074626	-2308.911	-10892.446
d <sub>N</sub> /d <sub>S</sub> (p <sub>0</sub> )	0.23(0.667)	0.11(0.532)	0.113(0.713)	0.138(0.71)
d <sub>N</sub> /d <sub>S</sub> (p <sub>1</sub> )	1.000(0.000)	1.000(0.379)	1.000(0.274)	1.000(0.267)
d <sub>N</sub> /d <sub>S</sub> (p <sub>2</sub> )	1.412(0.333)	4.148(0.09)	3.41(0.013)	3.401(0.023)
2ΔlnL(LRT) (2vs1)	2.778	23.846748	1.516	25.596
P Value	0.096	<b>1.04E-06</b>	0.218	<b>4.21E-07</b>
Positively selected sites*		36A,130K,131V		803R,841R
<b>Model 7</b>				
lnL	-4900.904	-1998.123	-2309.669	-10910.344
p	0.109	0.02	0.182	0.211
q	0.075	0.017	0.314	0.323
<b>Model 8</b>				
lnL	-4898.959	-1983.569	-2308.308	-10892.589
p	7.762	0.237	0.323	0.453
q	24.354	0.278	0.658	0.911
p <sub>0</sub>	0.677	0.901	0.979	0.953
d <sub>N</sub> /d <sub>S</sub> (p <sub>1</sub> )	1.427(0.323)	4.016(0.099)	3.1(0.021)	2.726(0.047)
2ΔlnL(LRT) (8vs7)	3.89	29.108	2.722	35.51
P Value	<b>0.048</b>	<b>6.85E-08</b>	0.099	<b>2.54E-09</b>
Positively selected sites*	300T	36A,44L,127V,130K,131V	159P	136Y,237Q,251P, 480N,613Q,615I,7 13Q,803R,841R

\*:BEB>0.9



















D02	2086	G	16	0	0	0	11	0
D02	2089	T	16	0	0	16	0	0
D02	2091	A	16	0	0	1	0	0
D02	2097	T	16	10	0	1	0	0
D02	2098	G	16	0	0	0	11	0
D02	2109	C	16	1	0	0	0	0
D02	2120	A	16	0	1	5	0	0
D02	2126	T	16	0	11	0	0	0
D02	2131	A	16	11	0	0	0	0
D02	2145	G	16	5	0	0	0	0
D02	2150	T	16	1	0	0	0	0
D02	2160	G	16	0	0	0	0	0
D02	2176	T	16	0	8	0	0	0
D02	2191	C	16	5	0	0	16	0
D02	2198	C	16	0	0	0	0	0
D02	2203	T	16	0	1	16	0	0
D02	2219	T	16	0	16	0	0	0
D02	2239	A	16	0	0	0	16	0
D02	2245	C	16	16	0	0	0	0
D02	2260	G	16	0	0	0	16	0
D02	2266	C	16	0	0	0	0	0
D02	2271	T	16	0	1	0	0	0
D02	2290	C	16	5	0	0	0	0
D02	2304	C	16	11	0	0	0	0
D02	2345	G	16	11	0	0	0	0
D02	2351	C	16	0	0	10	0	0
D02	2352	G	16	1	0	0	0	0
D02	2364	C	16	0	0	11	0	0
D02	2369	A	16	0	0	11	0	0
D02	2376	G	16	1	0	0	0	0
D02	2401	A	16	0	0	16	0	0
D02	2456	T	16	0	16	0	0	0
D02	2489	G	16	0	0	0	1	0
D02	2538	T	16	0	1	0	0	0
D02	2567	C	16	0	0	0	5	0
D02	2590	T	16	0	1	0	0	0
D02	2618	A	16	0	0	16	0	0
D02	2621	A	16	0	0	16	0	0
D02	2636	C	16	0	0	0	16	0
D02	2642	T	16	0	1	0	0	0
D02	2659	A	16	0	8	0	0	0
D02	2660	C	16	3	0	2	0	0
D02	2663	T	16	0	0	1	0	0
D02	2675	A	16	0	0	16	0	0
D02	2681	G	16	16	0	0	0	0
D02	2711	G	16	16	0	0	0	0
D02	2720	T	16	0	10	0	0	0
D02	2810	C	16	0	0	0	16	0
D02	2853	A	16	0	0	1	0	0
D02	2854	G	16	8	0	0	0	1
D02	2865	C	16	2	0	0	0	0
D02	2875	A	16	0	0	1	0	0
D02	2946	A	16	0	0	5	0	0
D02	2973	G	16	0	0	0	5	0
D02	3040	T	16	0	5	0	0	0
D02	3045	G	16	0	0	0	5	0
D02	3051	T	16	0	5	0	0	0
D02	3057	T	16	5	0	0	0	0
D02	3059	A	16	0	0	1	0	0
D02	3087	G	16	5	0	0	0	0
D02	3088	G	16	0	0	0	5	0
D02	3099	T	16	5	0	0	0	0
D02	3144	G	16	1	0	0	0	0
D02	3154	A	16	0	0	4	0	0
D02	3166	C	16	0	0	0	1	0
D02	3183	A	16	0	0	11	0	0
D02	3196	C	16	0	0	0	1	0
D02	3198	T	16	11	0	0	0	0
D02	3209	A	16	0	0	11	0	0

**Table S6 Amino acid variations for A epitope (aa124–aa147).**

Genotype C		Genotype I	
Experimental group	Number	Control group	Number
C124S	1	I126S	13
T125M	3	I126G	2
I126T	24	Q129R	2
I126V	3	M133T	1
G130N	9	K141E	1
G130R	5		
G130E	1		
T131I	1		
T131N	1		
M133T	5		
F134Y	14		
D144V	6		
D144A	3		

**Number of substitutions per 100 amino acid**

	Experimental group	Control group	p
<b>a' determinant (aa 124-147)</b>	4.76	0.91	0.0001

**Table S7 Number of variation at Core Promoter and pre-Core region (nt1742-1900) in present study.**

mutations	Experimental group (91)		Control group (87)		<i>p</i> value Chi-square test
	wild type	mutant type	wild type	mutant type	
A1762T	13	78	63	24	1.52064E-14
G1764A	13	78	58	29	2.92985E-12
T1753C	51	40	87	0	7.71992E-12
A1755C	76	15	87	0	0.00022653
G1742A	77	14	87	0	0.000410948
G1896A	77	14	87	0	0.000410948
T1802C	78	13	87	0	0.000742127
G1899A	78	13	87	0	0.000742127
T1768A	80	11	87	0	0.002392226
A1846T	77	14	85	2	0.005285676
C1773T	83	8	87	0	0.013586221
A1775G	76	15	82	5	0.042368534
T1861C	88	3	87	0	0.260341026
C1766T	81	10	72	15	0.324954096
C1799G	78	13	75	12	1





LHBsAg	381	N381S	48	14	59	0	0	HLA I T
LHBsAg	382	I382T	47	15	59	0	0	HLA I T
LHBsAg	384	S384N	47	15	41	18	0.541	HLA I T
LHBsAg	390	L390S	58	4	59	0	0.119	HLA I T
LHBsAg	398	V398A	58	4	59	0	0.119	
RT	7	S7A/T	0	62	0	59	1	
RT	9	H9Y	49	13	42	17	0.4	HLA I T
RT	13	N13H	34	28	41	18	0.134	
RT	16	I16T	60	2	59	0	0.496	
RT	18	R18K/N	46	16	59	0	0	
RT	19	T19A	60	2	59	0	0.496	
RT	23	V23A	62	0	57	2	0.236	
RT	38	T38A	48	14	47	12	0.827	HLA I T
RT	42	L42P	62	0	57	2	0.236	
RT	50	S50P	60	2	59	0	0.496	HLA I T
RT	53	S53N	48	14	59	0	0	HLA I T
RT	54	T54I/Y	46	16	59	0	0	
RT	55	H55R	48	14	56	3	0.008	
RT	88	F88S	59	3	59	0	0.244	
RT	91	I91L	35	27	41	18	0.188	
RT	106	S106C	51	11	59	0	0.001	HLA I T
RT	109	P109S	48	14	41	18	0.41	HLA I T
RT	118	T118N	53	9	59	0	0.003	
RT	121	N121K/I/T	48	14	56	3	0.008	
RT	122	F122I	14	48	13	46	0.558	
RT	123	N123D	48	14	59	0	0	
RT	124	Y124H	48	14	59	0	0	
RT	126	H126Y	62	0	47	12	0	
RT	128	T128A	62	0	41	18	0	
RT	129	M129L	49	13	59	0	0	
RT	129	M129V	57	5	59	0	0.058	
RT	131	D131N	48	14	59	0	0	
RT	134	D134G	60	2	57	2	1	
RT	134	D134E	61	1	46	13	0	
RT	135	T135S	0	62	12	47	0	
RT	138	R138K	48	14	59	0	0	
RT	139	N139H	53	9	59	0	0.003	
RT	145	L145M	60	2	59	0	0.496	
RT	157	L157S	62	0	56	3	0.113	HLA I T
RT	163	I163V	42	20	59	0	0	HLA I T
RT	170	P170S	59	3	59	0	0.244	
RT	193	R193K	60	2	59	0	0.496	
RT	213	S213T	48	14	59	0	0	HLA I T
RT	223	S223A	33	29	59	0	0	
RT	224	I224V	46	16	59	0	0	
RT	253	V253R/I	48	14	56	3	0.008	
RT	263	E263D	48	14	59	0	0	
RT	267	L267H/Q	14	48	27	32	0.008	
RT	269	I269L	14	48	36	23	0	
RT	271	P271Q	0	62	0	59	1	
RT	278	V278I	48	14	41	18	0.41	
RT	280	S280R	0	62	0	59	1	
RT	282	I282V	48	14	59	0	0	
RT	283	D283G	56	6	59	0	0.028	
RT	287	C287R	62	0	56	3	0.113	
RT	289	R289K	62	0	57	2	0.236	
RT	292	C292G	56	6	0	59	0	
RT	297	A297V	56	6	59	0	0.028	HLA I T

**Table S9 Deletion , insertion and stop codon mutations of HBV quasispecies observed in the present study.**

Clinical spectrum	No. of Del , Ins or Stop codonmutations patients /total no.of patients	Patient ID (genotype)	No. of Del , Ins or Stop codon mutations clones/total no. of clones	Del/Insnt patterns(nt positions in fulllength HBV genome)	Del/Ins aa patterns (aa positions of related region)
Experimental group	6/6	D10(B)	1/13	nt1627	Del and frameshift HBxAg at aa85 with stop codon
			1/13	nt3165-3189	Del and frameshift LHBsAg at aa98-106 with stop codon,Del and frameshift Pol at aa278-286 with stop codon
			2/13	nt1896G-A	PreC/C W28*
		D15(C)	4/14	nt2971-2988	Del LHBsAg at aa42-47, Pol at aa223-228
			4/14	nt3141-3165	Del LHBsAg aa66-112,Pol at aa246-292
			4/14	nt41-43	LHBsAg R137*
			1/14	nt1376G-A	Pol W762*
			1/14	nt1374	Del HBxAg start codon,
			4/14	nt1610	Pol W840*
			1/14	nt1099-1584	Del Pol at aa670-831
		D02(I)	11/16	nt2863-3138	Del LHBsAg aa6-97, Pol aa186-277
			8/16	nt503-526	Del LHBsAg aa291-298, Pol aa471-478
			1/16	nt670G-A	LHBsAg W346*
			1/16	nt700G-A	LHBsAg W356*
			8/16	nt750G-A	LHBsAg W373*
			11/16	nt1896G-A	PreC/C W28*
		D23(C)	1/20	nt1896G-A	PreC/C W28*
		D24(C)	1/13	nt3077	Del and frameshift LHBsAg at aa77 with stop codon, Del and frameshift Pol at aa257 with stop codon
		D07(C)	2/15	nt3022G-T	LHBsAg G59*
			1/15	nt79	Del and frameshift LHBsAg at aa149 with stop codon,Del and frameshift Pol at aa329 with stop codon
Control group	5/6	CFQ(C)	1/14	nt2859G-A	LHBsAg W4*
			1/14	nt3208C-T	LHBsAg Q121*
			1/14	nt1421	Del and frameshift Pol at aa776 with stop codon, Del and frameshift HBxAg at aa16 with stop codon
			1/14	nt2109	Del and frameshift PreC/C at aa 98 with stop codon
			2/14	nt2132-2217	Del PreC/C aa107-134
			1/14	nt2102-2217	Del PreC/C aa93-140
			5/14	nt1744-1763	Del and frameshift HBxAg at aa 124-130 with stop codon
			1/14	nt1755-1776	Del and frameshift HBxAg at aa 128-134 with stop codon
		KXY(C)	7/18	nt2848-2862	Del LHBsAg start codon, Del Pol aa181-186
			1/18	nt121	Del and frameshift LHBsAg at aa163 with stop codon,Del and frameshift Pol at aa343 with stop codon
			2/18	nt2197-2212	Del and frameshift PreC/C at aa128-133 with stop codon
			3/18	nt1647	Ins HBxAg aa93-100
			13/18	nt1755-1776	Del and frameshift HBxAg at aa 128-134 with stop codon
			3/18	nt1751-1769	Del and frameshift HBxAg at aa 126-132 with stop codon
		LYL(B)	2/12	nt121	Del and frameshift LHBsAg at aa163 with stop codon,Del and frameshift Pol at aa343 with stop codon
		XDH(C)	1/12	nt2003	Del and frameshift PreC/C at aa64 with stop codon
			2/16	nt2848-2865	Del LHBsAg start codon with stop codon,Del Pol aa181-186
			1/16	nt302G-A	Pol W404*

		LMX(I)	1/16	nt1376G-A	Pol W762*
			1/16	nt1988-2043	Del and frameshift PreC/C at aa59-77 with stop codon
			1/16	nt2081-2241	Del and frameshift PreC/C at aa90-143 with stop codon
			1/16	nt2087-2230	Del PreC/C aa92-139
			9/16	nt2134-2220	Del PreC/C aa108-136