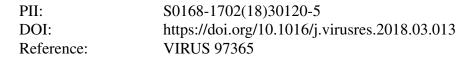
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Short Title: HDV Diagnostics: US Utilization and Testing

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<u>Highlights</u>

- Hepatitis D virus (HDV) infection may accompany acute or chronic hepatitis B virus infection.
- There are limited data regarding frequency of HDV testing, HDV antibody prevalence and HDV RNA.
- Among 1007 HBsAg + patients in a Midwest U.S. tertiary academic health center, only

121 had been tested for HDV antibody. Testing was performed primarily by

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