Table 22:	Summary of Surveys	Included in Meta-	Analysis: Iraq									Weste	ern Asia
Country	Study (survey year*)	Region	Population and sampling method	Sex	Sample (n)	HBsAg positive (%)	lower 95% CI	upper 95% CI	RE weight	FE weight	Reference	Access No	
Iraq	Chironna, 2000,		Refugee Kurds from Iraq arriving in Italy; all persons in refugee camp asked to participate; >90% participation rate (637)	both	637	2.2%	1.06%	3.34%	12.55%	12.6%	Chironna, M., C. Germinario, et al. (2003). "Prevalence rates of viral hepatitis infections in refugee Kurds from Iraq and Turkey." Infection 31(2): 70-4.	12682810	598
Iraq	Rein (CDC), 2006- 2008		Refugees arriving in the US 2006-2008; information from states with an active refugee health coordinator (1,230)	both	1,230	0.6%	0.17%	1.03%	87.45%	87.4%	Rein DB, Lesesne SB, O'Fallon A, Weinbaum CM (2009) Prevalence of hepatitis B surface antigen among refugees entering the United States between 2006 and 2008. Hepatology. 2010 Feb;51(2):431-4	19902482	601
* indicates p	publication year; survey	year not reported	total studies males females both	2 0 0 2	1,867				100.00%	100.00%			

Table 23: S	Summary of Surveys I	ncluded in Meta-	Analysis: Israel									We	estern Asia
Country	Study (survey vear*)	Region	Population and sampling method	Sex	Sample (n)	HBsAg positive (%)	lower 95% CI	upper 95% CI	RE weight	FE weight	Reference	Access No	Ref No.
Israel	Yodfat, 1979-1980	rural area near Jerusalem	Rural population; every third name from list of total population 9 villages and 1 kibbutz; male (642)	males	642	4.8%	3.15%	6.45%	2.48%	0.2%	Yodfat, Y., W. T. London, et al. (1982). "A seroepidemiologic study of hepatitis B in a rural area in Israel." Am J Epidemiol 116(3): 456-62.	7124713	608
Israel	Almog, 1992	migrants from Former USSR	Israel military recruits; residents of USSR who immigrated to Israel; all M and F immigrants required to report for military service within one year of arrival; male (506)	males	506	5.3%	3.35%	7.25%	1.88%	0.1%	Almog, R., M. Low, et al. (1999). "Prevalence of anti-hepatitis A antibodies, hepatitis B viral markers, and anti-hepatitis C antibodies among immigrants from the former USSR who arrived in Israel during 1990-1991." Infection 27(3): 212-7	10378135	603
Israel	Cohen, 2010*	all	Psoriasis patients >20 yo; data extracted from the medical database of Clalit Health Service; largest healthcare provider in Israel; males (6.516)	males	6,516	0.9%	0.69%	1.15%	11.67%	8.1%	Cohen, A. D., D. Weitzman, et al. (2010). "Psoriasis associated with hepatitis C but not with hepatitis B." Dermatology 220(3): 218-22.	20185894	602
Israel	Cohen, 2010*	all	Patients without psoriasis >20 yo; data extracted from the medical database of Clalit Health Service; largest healthcare provider in Israel; males (12,198)	males	12,198	0.7%	0.54%	0.84%	12.22%	20.2%	Cohen, A. D., D. Weitzman, et al. (2010). "Psoriasis associated with hepatitis C but not with hepatitis B." Dermatology 220(3): 218-22.	20185894	602
Israel	Naggan, 1976	Beersheba	Pregnant women; all women delivering at Soroko Hospital (2,000)	females	2,000	2.2%	1.56%	2.84%	7.79%	1.1%	Naggan, L., S. Bar-Shany, et al. (1980). "Prevalence of hepatitis B markers (HBsAg and HBsAb) in women screened at time of delivery." Isr J Med Sci 16(5): 347-50.	7399863	609
Israel	Yodfat, 1979-1980	rural area near Jerusalem	Rural population; rural population; every third name from list of total population 9 villages and 1 kibbutz; female (768)	females	768	2.0%	1.01%	2.99%	5.11%	0.4%	Yodfat, Y., W. T. London, et al. (1982). "A seroepidemiologic study of hepatitis B in a rural area in Israel." Am J Epidemiol 116(3): 456-62.	7124713	608
Israel	Bogomolski- Yahalom, 1984- 1988	Jerusalem	Pregnant women; women admitted for delivery at Hadassah Medical Center; 88% were screened (11,123)	females	11,123	0.9%	0.71%	1.05%	12.07%	14.5%	Bogomolski-Yahalom, V., E. Granot, et al. (1991). "Prevalence of HBsAg carriers in native and immigrant pregnant female populations in Israel and passive/active vaccination against HBV of newborns at risk." J Med Virol 34(4): 217-22.	1834799	607
Israel	Ron-El, 1989-1990	Tel Aviv	Women tested prior to IVF; assessment of women enrolled in IVF unit (164)	females	164	5.0%	1.66%	8.34%	0.71%	0.0%	Ron-El, R., Y. Bracha, et al. (1992). "Prerequisite work-up of the couple before invitro fertilization." Hum Reprod 7(4): 483-6.	1522189	612
Israel	Isacsohn, 1990- 1991	Jerusalem	Pregnant women; consecutive women screened at delivery; >90% screened (6,572)	females	6,572	0.6%	0.45%	0.83%	11.95%	11.7%	Isacsohn, M., J. Halevy, et al. (1994). "Prevalence of HBsAg carriers in pregnant women in Jerusalem: risk for horizontal transmission to family members." Isr J Med Sci 30(5-6): 368-70.	8034485	605
Israel	Almog, 1992	migrants from Former USSR	Israel military recruits; residents of USSR who immigrated to Israel; all M and F immigrants required to report for military service within one year of arrival; female (93)	females	93	2.2%	-0.78%	5.18%	0.88%	0.0%	Almog, R., M. Low, et al. (1999). "Prevalence of anti-hepatitis A antibodies, hepatitis B viral markers, and anti-hepatitis C antibodies among immigrants from the former USSR who arrived in Israel during 1990-1991." Infection 27(3): 212-7.	10378135	603
Israel	Cohen, 2010*	all	Psoriasis patients >20 yo; data extracted from the medical database of Clalit Health Service; largest healthcare provider in Israel; females (5 986)	females	5,986	0.6%	0.36%	0.74%	11.98%	12.4%	Cohen, A. D., D. Weitzman, et al. (2010). "Psoriasis associated with hepatitis C but not with hepatitis B." Dermatology 220(3): 218-22.	20185894	602
Israel	Cohen, 2010*	all	Patients without psoriasis >20 yo; data extracted from the medical database of Clalit Health Service; largest healthcare provider in Israel; females (12,089)	females	12,089	0.5%	0.33%	0.57%	12.35%	30.6%	Cohen, A. D., D. Weitzman, et al. (2010). "Psoriasis associated with hepatitis C but not with hepatitis B." Dermatology 220(3): 218-22.	20185894	602

Israel	Nashef, 1993*	East Jerusalem	East Jerusalem; 200 consecutive Palestinian pregnant women admitted for delivery; 200 consecutive blood donors at Makassed Hopital; 200 consecutive samples from children and teens admitted for trauma; 200 community-based samples from Ramallah district; no sampling info; East Jerusalem (778)	both	778	1.8%	0.87%	2.73%	5.47%	0.5%	Nashef, L. and A. Thalji (1992). "Hepatitis B serology among the Palestinian population." Ann Trop Paediatr 12(3): 321-5.	1280050	606
Israel	Glickberg, 1997*	migrants to Israe from Tajiskistan	Adult Bukharian Jewish immigrants of Neve el Yaakov —suburb of north Jerusalem where many Bukharian imigrants live; attending GP for general medical reasons and w/o known liver disease were asked to participate (102)	both	102	15.7%	8.64%	22.76%	0.17%	0.0%	Glikberg, F., J. Brawer-Ostrovsky, et al. (1997). "Very high prevalence of hepatitis B and C in Bukharian Jewish immigrants to Israel." J Clin Gastroenterol 24(1): 30-3.	9013347	604
Israel	Bisharat, 1998*		Israeli Arabs; unvaccinated Israeli citizens; no selection described (506)	both	119	5.9%	1.67%	10.13%	0.45%	0.0%	Bisharat, N., O. Segol, et al. (1998). "Isolated hepatitis B surface antibody as a sole marker for past HBV infection." J Infect 37(2): 201-2.	9821104	611
Israel	Bisharat, 1998*		Jewish kibbutz members of Western-European descent; unvaccinated Israeli citizens; no selection described (506)	both	92	1.1%	-1.03%	3.23%	1.62%	0.1%	Bisharat, N., O. Segol, et al. (1998). "Isolated hepatitis B surface antibody as a sole marker for past HBV infection." J Infect 37(2): 201-2.	9821104	611
Israel	Bisharat, 1998*		Native-born Israelis of North African descent; unvaccinated Israeli citizens; no selection described (506)	both	128	3.9%	0.55%	7.25%	0.71%	0.0%	Bisharat, N., O. Segol, et al. (1998). "Isolated hepatitis B surface antibody as a sole marker for past HBV infection." J Infect 37(2): 201-2.	9821104	611
Israel	Diamond, 1999- 2001	adoptees from Russia to Israel		both	82	3.6%	-0.43%	7.63%	0.50%	0.0%	Diamond, G. W., Y. Senecky, et al. (2003). "Preplacement screening in international adoption." Isr Med Assoc J 5(11): 763-6.	14650097	610
* indicates p	oublication year; surve	y year not reported	total studies	18 4 8 6	59,958				100.00%	100.00%			

Includes studies of Russian immigrants who comprise 14% of the population. Excludes Ethiopian immigrants who comprise 1.2% of the population and have much higher CHB rates.

Table 24: S	Summary of Surveys I	ncluded in Meta-A	Analysis: Lebanon									We	estern Asia
Country Lebanon	Study (survey year*) Saab, 1995-1997	Region North, south, Beirut, Bekka, Mount Lebanon	Population and sampling method  Healthy Lebanese applying for visa to Saudi Arabia; requested to undergo a medical exam performed exclusively by Dept of Family Medicine at the American University, Beirut;	Sex males	Sample (n) 2,053	HBsAg positive (%) 1.5%	lower 95% CI 0.94%		RE weight (%) 15.44%	FE weight (%)	Reference Saab, B. R., N. T. Nassar, et al. (2007). "Prevalence of hepatitis B in a presumably healthy Lebanese population." J Med Liban 55(1): 11-4.	Access No 17489302	Ref No. 622
Lebanon	Nabusi, 1993-1995	Beirut	males (2,053) Pregnant women attending the antenatal clinics at the American University of Beirut Medical Center, Beirut (558)	females	558	2.9%	1.51%	4.29%	11.01%	1.5%	Nabulsi, M. M., A. M. Khalil, et al. (1997). "Prevalence of hepatitis B surface antigen in pregnant Lebanese women." Int J Gynaecol Obstet 58(2): 243-4.	9252263	620
Lebanon	Saab, 1995-1997	North, south, Beirut, Bekka, Mount Lebanon	Healthy Lebanese applying for visa to Saudi Arabia; requested to undergo a medical exam performed exclusively by Dept of Family Medicine at the American University, Beirut; females (487)	females	487	2.5%	1.08%	3.84%	11.10%	1.6%	Saab, B. R., N. T. Nassar, et al. (2007). "Prevalence of hepatitis B in a presumably healthy Lebanese population." J Med Liban 55(1): 11-4.	17489302	622
Lebanon	Maalouf, 1997	Beirut	Pregnant women; routine screening at private hosptial, Hotel Dieu de France screened for HBV; private hospital owned by the French state and managed by the Université Saint- Joseph (1.992)	females	1,992	1.7%	1.16%	2.30%	15.22%	9.0%	Maalouf R (1997) Hepatite B chez les femmes encientes, utilites dela vaccination chez les nouveaux-nes. Thesis, Department of Pharmacy, Université Saint-Joseph, Beirut 1997	NPM	619
Lebanon	Nassar, 1974-1975	Beirut	Students at American University, Beirut; no selection described (2,356)	both	2,356	1.7%	1.18%	2.22%	15.43%	10.9%	Nassar, N. T., S. Y. Alami, et al. (1976). "The prevalence of hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) among students and blood donors at the American University of Beirut (AUB)."  Johns Hopkins Med J 139 SUPPL: 45-8.	1011407	621
Lebanon	Nabulsi,1997-1999	and suburbs; also	t Children presenting to any of the 6 hospitals for o routine check-up, vaccinations, elective surgery, or minor illness (841)	both	841	0.1%	-0.11%	0.35%	16.28%	54.1%	Nabulsi, M. M., G. F. Araj, et al. (2001). "Prevalence of hepatitis B infection markers in Lebanese children: the need for an expanded programme on immunization." Epidemiol Infect 126(2): 285-9.	11349979	618
Lebanon	Baddura, 2002*	national	Persons tested at serology labs; all individuals presenting to all lab units in the country over a 2-week period for any medical reason; "representative of the Lebanese population wrt to sex and district distributions"; young are under-represented (2.893)	both	2,893	1.9%	1.40%	2.40%	15.52%	12.0%	Baddoura, R., C. Haddad, et al. (2002). "Hepatitis B and C seroprevalence in the Lebanese population." East Mediterr Health J 8(1): 150-6.	15330570	617
* indicates p	oublication year; survey	year not reported	total studies males females both	7 1 3 3	11,180				100.00%	100.00%			

Table 25: S	Summary of Surveys Ir	cluded in Meta-A	Analysis: Turkey									We	estern Asia
Country	Study (survey year*)	Region	Population and sampling method	Sex	(n)	HBsAg positive (%)	lower 95% CI	95% CI	(%)	FE weight	Reference	Access No	Ref No.
Turkey	Sobeslavsky, 1980*	Izmir	Apparently healthy non-institutionalized population of Izmir; individuals of both sexes and different age groups; male (782)	males	782	10.5%	8.35%	12.65%	1.28%	0.2%	Sobeslavsky O. (1980) Prevalence of markers of hepatitis B virus infection in various countries: a WHO collaborative study. 58(4):621-8	6969134	703
Turkey	Uc, 1991	Ankara	Children at outpatient clinic; excluded for hemophilia, CRF, cancer, immune deficiencies, chronic LD, acute hepatitis; males (237)	males	237	5.5%	2.59%	8.39%	1.04%	0.1%	Uc A and Ozsoylu S (1992) Age-prevalence of HBsAg postivity in children seen at Hacettepe Children's Hospital Turk Tip Arastirma 10(5):264-266	NPM	690
Turkey	Kuru, 1993	Istanbul	General population of Istanbul; blood donors at the Bakirkoy Maternity Hosptial; patients older and younger than this were patients who came to the same hospital for any reason except liver disease; none had received transfusions or blood products: male (542)	males	542	6.3%	4.25%	8.35%	1.31%	0.2%	Kuru, U., S. Senli, et al. (1995). "Age-specific seroprevalence of hepatitis B virus infection." Turk J Pediatr 37(4): 331-8.	8560600	650
Turkey	Candan, 1996	Sivas region	Male barbers selected randomly from list of barbers registered with local chambers of trade; Sivas region (176)	males	176	8.5%	4.38%	12.62%	0.74%	0.0%	Candan, F., H. Alagozlu, et al. (2002). "Prevalence of hepatitis B and C virus infection in barbers in the Sivas region of Turkey." Occup Med (Lond) 52(1): 31-4.	11872792	659
Turkey	Candan, 1996	Sivas region	Male tradesmen selected randomly from list of tradesmen registered with local chambers of trade; Sivas region (176)	males	180	5.0%	1.82%	8.18%	0.96%	0.1%	Candan, F., H. Alagozlu, et al. (2002). "Prevalence of hepatitis B and C virus infection in barbers in the Sivas region of Turkey." Occup Med (Lond) 52(1): 31-4.	11872792	659
Turkey	Erdem, 1996-1999	all	Military recruits; "viral markers are checked on all soldiers on admission to military; service mandatory; males (40,953)	males	40,953	4.9%	4.65%	5.07%	1.76%	17.1%	Erdem, H., S. Oncu, et al. (2005). "Prevalence of hepatitis B virus infection in young Turkish men." Trop Doct 35(3): 192.	16105361	673
Turkey	Kosecik, 1997	Sanliurfa region	Adults and children visiting Pediatrics and Internal medicine polyclinics of Harran University Medical faculty; male (593)	males	593	13.3%	10.57%	16.03%	1.09%	0.1%	Kosecik M, Nazhgül Y, Cebeci B, Dalmaz M, Mansur Tath1 M, Emirogl HM (1997) Çanliurfa yöresinde hepatit B virus tasiyiciligi. Genel Tip Derg 1997;7(2):129-31	NPM	696
Turkey	Erden, 1998-2001	Istanbul	Randomly selected clinic patients w/o liver disease male (321)	males	321	12.1%	8.53%	15.67%	0.86%	0.1%	Erden, S., S. Buyukozturk, et al. (2003). "A study of serological markers of hepatitis B and C viruses in Istanbul, Turkey." Med Princ Pract 12(3): 184-8.	12766338	663
Turkey	Kanra, 1998	eight provinces	General population; samples obtained from the National Varicella and Hepatitis A Seropositivity Study; 30 clusters in urban and rural areas; "not completely representative of Turkey"—missing Edirne province; male (1.028)	males	1,028	6.6%	5.08%	8.12%	1.48%	0.3%	Kanra, G., S. Tezcan, et al. (2005). "Hepatitis B and measles seroprevalence among Turkish children." Turk J Pediatr 47(2): 105-10.	16052847	672
Turkey	Okan, 1998-2000	Gaziantep	Type 2 diabetics; consecutive patients referred clinic University of Gaziantep; consecutive patients referred to the medical facility at the University of Gaziantep; exclude for prior blood transfusion; males (260)	males	260	5.3%	2.58%	8.02%	1.10%	0.1%	Okan, V., M. Araz, et al. (2002). "Increased frequency of HCV but not HBV infection in type 2 diabetic patients in Turkey." Int J Clin Pract 56(3): 175-7.	12018820	660
Turkey	Erdem, 2000-2003	all	Military recruits; viral markers are checked on all soldiers on admission to military; service mandatory; males (46,693)	males	46,693	4.6%	4.39%	4.77%	1.76%	20.6%	Erdem, H., S. Oncu, et al. (2005). "Prevalence of hepatitis B virus infection in young Turkish men." Trop Doct 35(3): 192.	16105361	673
Turkey	Demirtürk, 2002- 2004	Afyon (west central)	Prospective study of all persons visiting university hospital clinic for routine health checks; excluded for hx jaundice or hepatitis, male (606)	males	606	9.0%	6.72%	11.28%	1.24%	0.1%	Demirturk, N., T. Demirdal, et al. (2006). "Hepatitis B and C virus in West-Central Turkey: seroprevalence in healthy individuals admitted to a university hospital for routine health checks." Turk J Gastroenterol 17(4): 267-72.	17205404	676

Turkey	Mehmet, 2003	southeastern region	General population 30-cluster sampling method; male (1,418)	males	1,418	8.1%	6.70%	9.54%	1.51%	0.4%	Mehmet, D., E. Meliksah, et al. (2005).  "Prevalence of hepatitis B infection in the southeastern region of Turkey: comparison of risk factors for HBV infection in rural and urban areas." Jpn J Infect Dis 58(1): 15-9.	15728984	670
Turkey	Emiroglu, 2004	Shirnak (city in SE)	Military personnel and families; from various parts of the country; no info on sampling, eligibility, or participation rate; Shirnak); male (1,117)	males	1,177	7.9%	6.36%	9.44%	1.47%	0.3%	Emiroglu, H. H., H. Altunay, et al. (2004). "Prevalence of hepatitis B virus carriers among soldiers and civilians in Turkey." J Clin Gastroenterol 38(7): 614-5.	15232371	667
Turkey	Gulcan, 2005-2007	Istanbul	Diabetics and non-diabetics; consecutive pts attending clinic; Istanbul male (342)	males	342	5.9%	3.36%	8.34%	1.17%	0.1%	Gulcan, A., E. Gulcan, et al. (2008). "Evaluation of risk factors and seroprevalence of hepatitis B and C in diabetic patients in Kutahya, Turkey." J Investig Med 56(6): 858-63.	18667903	683
Turkey	Akcam, 2006-2007	3 regions of rura southwest	Rural villages; subjects selected by using a random numbers table of Household Determination Cards, which are a record of every individual in the national health registration system; 3 regions of rural southwest male (967)	males	967	3.2%	2.10%	4.32%	1.60%	0.6%	Akcam, F. Z., E. Uskun, et al. (2009). "Hepatitis B virus and hepatitis C virus seroprevalence in rural areas of the southwestern region of Turkey." Int J Infect Dis 13(2): 274-84.	18945630	684
Turkey	Yildrim, 2009*	70 areas of Toka (Black Sea region)	t General population selected by random sampling in 70 urban and rural areas of Tokat (Black Sea) male (541)	males	541	5.5%	3.61%	7.47%	1.35%	0.2%	Yildirim, B., S. Barut, et al. (2009). "Seroprevalence of hepatitis B and C viruses in the province of Tokat in the Black Sea region of Turkey: A population-based study." Turk J Gastroenterol 20(1): 27-30.	19330732	685
Turkey	van Steenbergen, 2001*	immigrants to Netherlands	Pregnant women, Turkish immigrants to Netherlands; routine antenatal screening; (4,411)	females	4,411	3.6%	3.01%	4.11%	1.72%	2.5%	van Steenbergen, J. E., A. Leentvaar-Kuijpers, et al. (2001). "Evaluation of the hepatitis B antenatal screening and neonatal immunization program in Amsterdam, 1993-1998." Vaccine 20(1-2): 7-11.	11567738	693
Turkey	Sobeslavsky, 1980*	Izmir	Apparently healthy non-institutionalized population of Izmir; individuals of both sexes and different age groups; females (539)	females	539	7.4%	5.19%	9.61%	1.26%	0.2%	Sobeslavsky O. (1980) Prevalence of markers of hepatitis B virus infection in various countries: a WHO collaborative study. 58(4):621-8	6969134	703
Turkey	Erdem, 1990-1992	Gazi	Pregnant women receiving routine antenatal care at Gazi University Med Center 1990-1992; screened on first visit; predominantly middle socioeconomic population; no selection described(1.224)	females	1,224	4.3%	3.19%	5.47%	1.59%	0.6%	Erdem, M., I. Sahin, et al. (1994). "Prevalence of hepatitis B surface antigen among pregnant women in a low-risk population." Int J Gynaecol Obstet 44(2): 125-8.	7911095	649
Turkey	Kuru, 1991	Istanbul	Pregnant women randomly selected from clinic attendees Istanbul (5,366)	females	5,366	4.2%	3.66%	4.74%	1.72%	2.6%	Kuru, U., O. Turan, et al. (1996). "Prevalence of hepatitis B virus infection in pregnant Turkish women and their families." Eur J Clin Microbiol Infect Dis 15(3): 248-51.	8740863	651
Turkey	Uc, 1991	Ankara	Children at outpatient clinic; excluded for hemophilia, CRF, cancer, immune deficiencies, chronic LD, acute hepatitis; females (263)	females	263	5.3%	2.61%	8.03%	1.10%	0.1%	Uc A and Ozsoylu S (1992) Age-prevalence of HBsAg postivity in children seen at Hacettepe Children's Hospital Turk Tip Arastirma 10(5):264-266	NPM	690
Turkey	Kilic, 1993*	Ankara	Healthy women in Ankara, no selection described (50)	females	50	6.0%	-0.58%	12.58%	0.39%	0.0%	Kilic, G., O. Ural, et al. (1993). "[Hepatitis B marker seropositivity in prostitutes using ELISA]." Mikrobiyol Bul 27(1): 52-5.	8421443	1381
Turkey	Kuru, 1993	Istanbul	General population of Istanbul; blood donors at the Bakirkoy Maternity Hospital; patients older and younger than this were patients who came to the same hospital for any reason except liver disease; none had received transfusions or blood products; female (261)	females	261	6.5%	3.51%	9.49%	1.02%	0.1%	Kuru, U., S. Senli, et al. (1995). "Age-specific seroprevalence of hepatitis B virus infection." Turk J Pediatr 37(4): 331-8.	8560600	650

Turkey	Kaleli, 1995-1996	Denizli	Pregnant women admitted to Pamukkale University Medical Faculty, Denizli (312)	females	312	7.7%	4.73%	10.65%	1.03%	0.1%	Kaleli B, Kaleli I, Aktan E, Ozen N, Aksit F (1997) HBsAG in pregnants and in the cord blood of their infants. Perinatoloji Dergisi 5(1-	NPM	691
Turkey	Biri, 1996-2000	Ankara	Pregnant women women followd by Dept OBGYN of TCCD Hospital (451)	females	451	6.9%	4.54%	9.20%	1.22%	0.1%	2):42 Biri AB, Kilic G, Bozdayi G, Tezcan S (2002) Prevalence Of Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C And Human Immunodeficiency Viruses During Pregnancy, T Klin J Med Res 19(2):100-103	NPM	692
Turkey	Kosecik, 1997	Sanliurfa region	Adults and children visiting Pediatrics and Internal medicine polyclinics of Harran University Medical faculty; females (1,436)	females	843	10.8%	8.70%	12.90%	1.30%	0.2%	Kosecik M, Nazhgül Y, Cebeci B, Dalmaz M, Mansur Tathl M, Emirogl HM (1997) Çanliurfa yöresinde hepatit B virus tasiyiciligi. Genel Tip Derg 1997:7(2):129-31	NPM	696
Turkey	Harma, 1998-2002		Pregnant women, women paying first antenatal visit to Harran Univeristy Research Hospital OBGYN Clinic 1998 to 2002 (1,162)	females	1,162	5.1%	3.84%	6.36%	1.56%	0.5%	Harma M, Harma M, Hungen N, and Demir N (2003) Vaccination of newborns from chronically infected mothers is effective in preventing hepatitis B in infants. Artemis 4(4):33-37	NPM	694
Turkey	Erden, 1998-2001	Istanbul	Clinic patients w/o liver disease; "randomly selected among those patients who came to the outpatient clinic for various reasons"; participation voluntary; no response rate; Istanbul; female (836)	females	836	4.5%	3.09%	5.91%	1.52%	0.4%	Erden, S., S. Buyukozturk, et al. (2003). "A study of serological markers of hepatitis B and C viruses in Istanbul, Turkey." Med Princ Pract 12(3): 184-8.	12766338	663
Turkey	Kanra, 1998	eight provinces		females	1,132	4.9%	3.64%	6.16%	1.56%	0.5%	Kanra, G., S. Tezcan, et al. (2005). "Hepatitis B and measles seroprevalence among Turkish children." Turk J Pediatr 47(2): 105-10.	16052847	672
Turkey	Okan, 1998-2000	Gaziantep	Type 2 diabetics Gaziantep; consecutive patients referred to the medical facility at the University of Gaziantep; exclude for prior blood transfusion; females (432)	females	432	5.0%	2.94%	7.06%	1.31%	0.2%	Okan, V., M. Araz, et al. (2002). "Increased frequency of HCV but not HBV infection in type 2 diabetic patients in Turkey." Int J Clin Pract 56(3): 175-7.	12018820	660
Turkey	Nas, 1999*	Ankara	Pregnant women attending antenatal clinic majority from middle socioeconomic class Ankara (3,050)	females	3,050	1.3%	0.91%	1.71%	1.74%	4.6%	Nas, T., M. Z. Taner, et al. (1999). "Seroprevalence of syphilis, human immunodeficiency virus type-1, and hepatitis B virus infections among pregnant women in Turkey." Int J Gynaecol Obstet 66(2): 171-2.	10468342	655
Turkey	Demeril, 2002	Sivas	Pregnant women attending the Antenatal Clinic Sivas region (916)	females	916	2.1%	1.15%	2.99%	1.65%	0.9%	Demirel, Y., B. Duran, et al. (2004).  "Seroprevalence of syphilis, hepatitis B and C, and human immunodeficiency virus infections among women." Saudi Med J 25(12): 2037-8.	15711700	669
Turkey	Yegane, 2002*	Manisa	Pregnant women followed at Turgutlu Health Center Manisa (380)	females	380	6.1%	3.65%	8.45%	1.20%	0.1%	Yegane Tosan S, Yuceturk M, and Benzergil S (2002) The immunization of babies born of HBsAg positive pregnant women. Ege Tip Dergisi 41(1):21-23	NPM	695
Turkey	Demirtürk, 2002- 2004	Afyon (west central)	Healthy persons; prospective study of all persons visiting university hosp clinic for routine health checks; excluded hx jaundice or hepatitis, female (714)	females	714	4.6%	3.06%	6.14%	1.48%	0.3%	Demirturk, N., T. Demirdal, et al. (2006).  "Hepatitis B and C virus in West-Central Turkey: seroprevalence in healthy individuals admitted to a university hospital for routine health checks." Turk J Gastroenterol 17(4): 267- 72	17205404	676
Turkey	Mehmet, 2003	southeastern region	General population 30-cluster sampling method female (1,470)	females	1,470	5.9%	4.65%	7.05%	1.58%	0.5%	Mehmet, D., E. Meliksah, et al. (2005).  "Prevalence of hepatitis B infection in the southeastern region of Turkey: comparison of risk factors for HBV infection in rural and urban areas." Jpn J Infect Dis 58(1): 15-9.	15728984	670

Turkey	Emiroglu, 2004	Shirnak (city in	Military personnel and families; from various	females	393	3.3%	1.53%	5.07%	1.40%	0.2%	Emiroglu, H. H., H. Altunay, et al. (2004).	15232371	667
	<b>.</b>	SE)	parts of the country; no info on sampling, eligibility, or participation rate; female (393)								"Prevalence of hepatitis B virus carriers among soldiers and civilians in Turkey." J Clin Gastroenterol 38(7): 614-5.		
Turkey	Gulcan, 2005-2007	Istanbul	Diabetics and non-diabetics; consecutive pts attedning clinic; Istanbul female (602)	females	602	4.0%	2.43%	5.55%	1.47%	0.3%	Gulcan, A., E. Gulcan, et al. (2008). "Evaluation of risk factors and seroprevalence of hepatitis B and C in diabetic patients in Kutahya, Turkey." J Investig Med 56(6): 858-63.	18667903	683
Turkey	Uyar, 2003-2004	Samsun (Middle Black Sea region)	Pregnant women; all women in first trimester attending the pregnancy follow-up clinics at Samsun Maternity and Women's Disease and Pediatics Hospital; Samsun (2,598)	females	2,598	2.2%	1.60%	2.72%	1.72%	2.4%	Uyar Y, Cabar C, Balci A (2009) Seroprevlence of hepatitis B virus among pregnant women in Northern Turkey. Hepatitis Monthly 9(2):146- 149	NPM	697
Turkey	Altinbas, 2006	Ankara	Pregnant women consecutive women admitted to hospital Jun-Dec 2006; all pregnant women attending antenatal and high-risk pregnancy department were screened; Ankara (NA)	females	4,700	2.2%	1.78%	2.62%	1.74%	4.2%	Altinbas, S., M. Erdogan, et al. (2010). "The seroprevalences of HBs Ag and anti-HCV in pregnant women in Ankara." Arch Gynecol Obstet 281(2): 371.	19521710	686
Turkey	Tekay, 2006	South east Anatolia	Retrospectives study of pregnant women women admitted to OBGyn hospital; ; no selection described; south east Anatolia (2,335)	females	2,335	5.1%	4.21%	5.99%	1.65%	0.9%	Tekay, F. and E. Ozbek (2006). "[Short communication: hepatitis B, hepatitis C and human immunodeficiency virus seropositivities in women admitted to Sanliurfa Gynecology and Obstetrics Hospital]." Mikrobiyol Bul 40(4): 369-73.	17205695	677
Turkey	Akcam, 2006-2007	3 regions of rural southwest	Rural villages; subjects selected by using a random numbers table of Household Determination Cards, which are a record of every individual in the national health registration system; 3 regions of rural southwest female (1.885)	females	1,885	2.1%	1.47%	2.77%	1.70%	1.8%	Akcam, F. Z., E. Uskun, et al. (2009). "Hepatitis B virus and hepatitis C virus seroprevalence in rural areas of the southwestern region of Turkey." Int J Infect Dis 13(2): 274-84.	18945630	684
Turkey	Yildrim, 2009*	70 areas of Tokat (Black Sea region)		females	554	5.4%	3.53%	7.31%	1.36%	0.2%	Yildirim, B., S. Barut, et al. (2009). "Seroprevalence of hepatitis B and C viruses in the province of Tokat in the Black Sea region of Turkey: A population-based study." Turk J Gastroenterol 20(1): 27-30.	19330732	685
Turkey	Kulstrunk, 1987- 1989	Kurds from Turkey	Turkish Kurds migrants to Switzerland; all refugees underwent compulsory medical exams (1 299)	both	1,299	9.1%	7.54%	10.66%	1.47%	0.3%	Kulstrunk, M., D. Evequoz, et al. (1992). "Prevalence of hepatitis B virus in Kurdish refugees." J Hepatol 15(3): 418-9.	1447510	646
Turkey	Skliros, 2001*		Rurdish refugees living in refugee camps in Greece (154)	both	154	7.1%	3.04%	11.16%	0.75%	0.0%	Skliros, E., C. Lionis, et al. (2001). "Hepatitis B and C markers in a Kurdish refugee camp in Greece." J Gastroenterol Hepatol 16(7): 839-40.	11446899	656
Turkey	Chironna, 2000	refugees to Italy from Iraq and Turkey	Turkish Kurds in refugee camps in Italy; all persons in refugee camp asked to participate; >90% participation rate (386)	both	386	6.8%	4.29%	9.31%	1.16%	0.1%	Chironna, M., C. Germinario, et al. (2003).  "Prevalence rates of viral hepatitis infections in refugee Kurds from Iraq and Turkey." Infection 31(2): 70-4.	12682810	662
Turkey	Baaten, 2004	migrants to Amsterdam	Turkish migrants to Amsterdam; random sample of residents drawn from the Population Registry (317)	both	317	4.8%	2.45%	7.15%	1.21%	0.1%	Baaten GG, Sonder GJ, Dukers NH, Coutinho RA, Van den Hoek JA. (2007) J Med Virol	17935187	681
Turkey	Skliros, 1999*	living near Athens	Kurdish refugeesfrom eastern Turkey living in Greece (126)	both	126	6.4%	2.09%	10.61%	0.71%	0.0%	Skliros, E. A., A. Sotiropoulos, et al. (1999). "High prevalence of HBV infection markers in refugees from eastern countries." Ital J Gastroenterol Hepatol 31(1): 84-5.	10091110	661
Turkey	Rein, 2006-2008		Refugees arriving in the US 2006-2008; information from states with an active refugee health coordinator (250)	both	78	1.3%	-1.21%	3.81%	1.16%	0.1%	Rein DB, Lesesne SB, O'Fallon A, Weinbaum CM (2009) Prevalence of hepatitis B surface antigen among refugees entering the United States between 2006 and 2008. Hepatology. 2010 Feb;51(2):431-4	19902482	698

Turkey	Degertekin, 1986*		Healthy soldiers from different parts of Turkey except southeast; no selection described (1,640)	both	1,640	8.0%	6.69%	9.31%	1.54%	0.4%	Degertekin H et al. (1986) The prevalence of HBsAg in healthy people and several liver diseases in Turkey. Asian Med Journal 29(2)125- 127	NPM	699
Turkey	Degertekin, 1986*	southeast	Healthy people living in southeast; no selection described(729)	both	729	8.0%	6.03%	9.97%	1.34%	0.2%	Degertekin H et al. (1986) The prevalence of HBsAg in healthy people and several liver diseases in Turkey. Asian Med Journal 29(2)125- 127	NPM	699
Turkey	Doganci, 1992*	traveling to Belgium	Volunteer healthy Turkis adults of high socioeconomic level tested just after their arrival in Belgium (116)	both	116	10.3%	4.77%	15.83%	0.50%	0.0%	Doganci, L. and T. Haznedaroglu (1992).  "Prevalence of hepatitis A, B and C in Turkey."  Eur J Clin Microbiol Infect Dis 11(7): 661-2.	1396780	645
Turkey	Poyraz, 1992*		Healthy controls for dialysis patients; no info on sampling, eligibility, or participation rate (50)	both	50	6.0%	-0.58%	12.58%	0.39%	0.0%	Poyraz, O., Y. Oztop, et al. (1992). "[Frequency of appearance of HBsAg and anti-HBs in hemodialysis patients]." Mikrobiyol Bul 26(3): 261-5.	1528146	647
Turkey	Cetinkaya, 1993- 1994		Children in hospital; all children admitted to Ondokuz Mais Univeristy Children's Hospital Jan1993-May 1994 were studied; Samsun, middle of the Black Sea region (1,316)	both	1,316	3.2%	2.25%	4.15%	1.64%	0.8%	Cetinkaya, F., N. Gurses, et al. (1995). "Hepatitis B seroprevalence among children in a Turkish hospital." J Hosp Infect 29(3): 217-9.	7615939	648
Turkey	Kocabas, 1993- 1994	Adana, southern Turkey	Hosptialized children with no history of jaundice or transfusion Adana, southern Turkey (45)	both	45	20.0%	8.31%	31.69%	0.14%	0.0%	Kocabas, E., N. Aksaray, et al. (1997). "Hepatitis B and C virus infections in Turkish children with cancer." Eur J Epidemiol 13(8): 869-73.	9476814	652
Turkey	Guler, 1993*	rural region in Ankara	Villagers; all residents of a small village were invited to participate; 91% did so; rural region in Ankara (784)	both	784	10.6%	8.45%	12.75%	1.28%	0.2%	Guler C and telatar H (1993) The prevalence of hepatitis B virus in a village. Turk J Med Res 11(5)247-248	NPM	700
Turkey	Guven, 1996	Ankara	Workers at low risk; employed by the Provincial Directorate of Rural Services Ankara (571)	both	571	6.7%	4.61%	8.69%	1.31%	0.2%	Guven, R., H. Ozcebe, et al. (2006). "Hepatitis B prevalence among workers in Turkey at low risk for hepatitis B exposure." East Mediterr Health J 12(6): 749-57.	17333819	679
Turkey	Oge, 1996	Ankara	Urologic surgery patients Ankara; consecutive patients admitted to Dept Urology, Hacettepe University Hosp who underwent a surgical procedure for urological problems, Jan-Oct 1996; routine pre-op serology (300)	both	300	6.3%	3.57%	9.09%	1.09%	0.1%	Oge, O., H. Ozen, et al. (1998). "Occupational risk of hepatitis B and C infections in urologists." Urol Int 61(4): 206-9.	10364750	654
Turkey	Altiparmak, 1996*	Istanbul	Healthy subjects, pregnant women, dentists, and barbers of various age groups in Istanbul, no selection available (5,601)	both	5,601	8.0%	7.31%	8.73%	1.69%	1.5%	Altiparmak, M. R., O. N. Pamuk, et al. (2001). "Prevalence of serum antibodies to hepatitis B and C viruses in patients with primary glomerulonephritis." J Nephrol 14(5): 388-91.	11730272	658
Turkey	Degertekin, 1997- 1999	Diyarbakir, Anatolia	School children no selection desribed; Diyarbakir, Anatolia (1,100)	both	1,100	5.2%	3.87%	6.49%	1.54%	0.4%	Degertekin, H., A. Tuzcu, et al. (2000). "Horizontal transmission of HBV infection among students in Turkey." Public Health 114(5): 411-2.	11035467	657
Turkey	Degertekin, 1997- 1999	Diyarbakir, Anatolia	Healthy adults; patients relatives in our medical center who appeared healthy Diyarbakir, Anatolia (400)	both	400	9.0%	6.20%	11.80%	1.07%	0.1%	Degertekin, H., A. Tuzcu, et al. (2000). "Horizontal transmission of HBV infection among students in Turkey." Public Health 114(5): 411-2.	11035467	657
Turkey	Kuyucu, 1998*		Children; no info on how sampling was done; no participation rate; excluded vaccinated children and those with acute hepatitis, liver disease, immunodeficiencies, or dz requiring multiple transfusions(1.305)	both	1,305	1.9%	1.18%	2.66%	1.68%	1.3%	Kuyucu, N., A. Dokmen, et al. (1998). "Seroprevalence of hepatitis B infection in Turkish children." Infection 26(5): 317-8.	9795796	653
Turkey	Ozdemir, 1999- 2001	Ankara	Consecutive patients hospitalized at cardiology clinic (14,196)	both	14,196	2.5%	2.24%	2.76%	1.75%	11.3%	Ozdemir, O., K. Arda, et al. (2003). "Seroprevalence of hepatitis B and C in subjects admitted to a cardiology clinics in Turkey." Eur J Epidemiol 18(3): 255-8.	12800951	664

Turkey	Altindis, 2000-2001	Northern Cyprus and Turkey	Turkish soldiers in Cyprus; 75% male; no info on sampling, eligibility, or participation rate (11,234)	both	11,234	2.2%	1.89%	2.43%	1.75%	10.3%	Altindis, M., S. Yilmaz, et al. (2006). "Seroprevalence and genotyping of hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV among healthy population and Turkish soldiers in Northern Cyprus." World J Gastroenterol 12(42): 6792-6.	17106927	675
Turkey	Mistik, 2000*		General population; no sampling available; study in Turkish; widely quoted study in Turkish (1,190)	both	1,190	7.1%	5.64%	8.56%	1.50%	0.3%	Mistik R, Balik I (2003) Epidemiological analysis of viral hepatitis in Turkey In: Tekeli E, Balik I, editors. Viral Hepatit. İstanbul: Viral Hepatitle Savaşım Derneği; 2003. p. 9-55.	NPM	701
Turkey	Altindis, 2001*	Afyon (west central)	Elderly unimmunized persons attending Koceepe University Hospital for to reasons other than hepatitis; Afyon (west central) (97)	both	97	6.2%	1.40%	11.00%	0.61%	0.0%	Altinidis M (2001) The prevalence of Hepatitis B virus and Hepatitic C virus infections in elderly persons in Afyon, Turkey. Arch Gastroenterohepatol 20 ( No 1 – 2 )	NPM	702
Turkey	Kurcer, 2002*	Malatya	General population; household selected by stratified random sampling from registry Malatya (650)	both	650	6.0%	4.17%	7.83%	1.38%	0.2%	Kurcer MA, Pehlivan E (2002) Hepatitis B prevalence and risk factors in urban areas of Malatya. Turk J Gastroenterol 13(1):1-5	16378266	689
Turkey	Sonmez, 2002- 1005	Trabzon	Controls for pts with lymphoma selected from ortho, general surgery, urology, ophthmalogoy and ENT clinics with irrelevant diseases (551)	both	551	5.3%	3.40%	7.12%	1.37%	0.2%	Sonmez, M., O. Bektas, et al. (2007). "The relation of lymphoma and hepatitis B virus/hepatitis C virus infections in the region of East Black Sea, Turkey." Tumori 93(6): 536-9.	18338485	687
Turkey	Ertekin, 2003*	Erzerum, East Turkey's largest city	Urban children from 12 schools chosen by systematic sampling method Erzerum, East Turkey's largest city (1,059)	both	1,059	1.3%	0.63%	2.01%	1.70%	1.6%	Ertekin, V., M. A. Selimoglu, et al. (2003). "Sero-epidemiology of hepatitis B infection in an urban paediatric population in Turkey." Public Health 117(1): 49-53.	12802905	665
Turkey	Atabek, 2003*	Konya	Diabetics and non-diabetics adolescents; random sample from the outpatients clinic Knoya (126)	both	126	1.6%	-0.59%	3.77%	1.27%	0.2%	Atabek, M. E., H. Kart, et al. (2003). "Prevalence of hepatitis A, B, C and E virus in adolescents with type-1 diabetes mellitus." Int J Adolesc Med Health 15(2): 133-7.	12955815	666
Turkey	Karabay, 2003	Bolu province	Urban and rural populations; voluntary "public survey"; sampling method not clear, Bolu province (2,204)	both	2,204	2.7%	2.02%	3.38%	1.70%	1.6%	Karabay, O., E. Serin, et al. (2004). "Hepatitis B carriage and Brucella seroprevalence in urban and rural areas of Bolu province of Turkey: a prospective epidemiologic study." Turk J Gastroenterol 15(1): 11-3.	15264115	668
Turkey	Utkan, 2003-2004	Bolumu	Retrospective review of pts hosptitalized to orthopedic/trauma dept (1,040)	both	1,040	2.3%	1.39%	3.21%	1.65%	0.9%	Utkan, A., A. Dayican, et al. (2006). "[Seroprevalences of hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV in patients admitted to orthopedic and traumatology department]." Acta Orthop Traumatol Turc 40(5): 367-70.	17220644	678
Turkey	Alim, 2005		Engaged couples enrolled at 20 Health Centers and one Maternity Center in Sivas, central Anatolia (1,332)	both	1,332	1.7%	1.01%	2.39%	1.69%	1.5%	Alim, A., M. O. Artan, et al. (2009).  "Seroprevalence of hepatitis B and C viruses, HIV, and syphilis infections among engaged couples." Saudi Med J 30(4): 541-5.	19370284	688
Turkey	Otkun, 2005*		Children randomly selected from population of primary healthcare units; Edirne (northwest at the border of Greece and Bulgaria)(717)	both	717	1.7%	0.75%	2.65%	1.64%	0.8%	Otkun, M., M. S. Erdogan, et al. (2005). "Exposure time to hepatitis B virus and associated risk factors among children in Edirne, Turkey." Epidemiol Infect 133(3): 509- 16.	15962558	671
Turkey	Akcan, 2006*	Duzce (northern Turkey)	Healthy persons; control group for vitiligo patients Duzce (northern Turkey) (100)	both	100	7.0%	2.00%	12.00%	0.58%	0.0%	Akcan, Y., A. Kavak, et al. (2006). "The low seropositivity of hepatitis B virus in vitiligo patients." J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol 20(1): 110-1.	16405627	674
Turkey	Sacar, 2006		Randomly selected subjects admitted to primary health care centers Jan-Feb 2006; Acipayam; county of Denizli province in SW Aegean part (480)	both	480	10.6%	7.85%	13.35%	1.09%	0.1%	Sacar, S., A. Asan, et al. (2007). "[HbsAg seroprevalence in a county in Turkey where tobacco labours are prevalent]." Mikrobiyol Bul 41(1): 163-4.	17427568	680
			total studies	76	184,988				100.00%	100.00%			

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\* indicates publication year; survey year not reported

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Table 26: S	Summary of Surveys I	ncluded in Meta-	Analysis: Armenia									We	estern Asia
Country	Study (survey vear*)	Region	Population and sampling method	Sex	Sample (n)	HBsAg positive (%)	lower 95% CI		RE weight	FE weight	Reference	Access No	Ref No.
Armenia	Demirchyan, 1998	g.u.	27% of the pregnant women registered in 1998; official data from Statistical and Analytical Materials of the Republcian Center of Hygiene and Epidemiologic Control; no selection described; "probably an underestimate" (32,676)	females	8,790	0.2%	0.11%	0.29%	40.67%	75.9%	Demirchyan a, Mirzoyan L, and Thompson M. (2000) Synthesis of the existing data on hepatitis B in Armenia. Center for Health Services Research, American University of Armenia, March 2000, Yerevan Armenia	NPM	591
Armenia	Demirchyan, 1999		19% of the pregnant women registered in 1999; official data from Statistical and Analytical Materials of the Republcian Center of Hygiene and Epidemiologic Control; no selection described; "probably an underestimate" (33 396)	females	6,455	0.5%	0.33%	0.67%	38.34%	22.4%	Demirchyan a, Mirzoyan L, and Thompson M. (2000) Synthesis of the existing data on hepatitis B in Armenia. Center for Health Services Research, American University of Armenia, March 2000, Yerevan Armenia	NPM	591
Armenia	Rein, 2006-2008	migrants to US		both	74	1.4%	-1.28%	4.08%	1.86%	0.1%	Rein DB, Lesesne SB, O'Fallon A, Weinbaum CM (2009) Prevalence of hepatitis B surface antigen among refugees entering the United States between 2006 and 2008. Hepatology. 2010 Feb;51(2):431-4	19902482	592
Armenia	Melik-Andreasyan, 1998*		Healthy persons; convenience sampling methodology utilizing frozen serum collected over the past several years for other purposes (1,340)	both	1,340	1.4%	0.77%	2.03%	19.12%	1.7%	Melik-Andreasyan GG, Alexanyan YT, Beglaryan DM, Gayet-Mengelle C, Puel, J (1998) Hepatitis B and C markers among population of Armenia. New Aspects in Hepatology and Gastroenterology, International Falk Workshop, Tiblisi, Georgia, 1998	NPM	593
* indicates p	publication year; survey	year not reported	total studies males females both	4 0 2 2	16,659				100.00%	100.00%			

Table 27: S	Summary of Surveys I	ncluded in Meta-A	Analysis: Syria									We	stern Asia
Country	Study (survey year*)	Region	Population and sampling method	Sex	Sample (n)	HBsAg positive (%)	lower 95% CI		RE weight	FE weight	Reference	Access No	Ref No.
Syria	Karim, 2004	national	Karim 2004, general population; study designed by Central Bureau of Statistics used a randomized cluster sample representing all the governates (3.168)	both	3,168	5.6%	4.82%	6.42%	100.00%	100.0%	Karim M and Lahham H (2008) Prevalence of viral hepatitis B and C in Syria. Syrian Epidemiological Bulletin (World Health Organization) 2(3): 4	NPM	706
* indicates p	publication year; survey	year not reported	total studies males females both	1 0 0 1	3,168				100.00%	100.00%			

Table 28: S	Summary of Surveys I	Included in Meta-	Analysis: Jordan									We	estern Asia
Country	Study (survey vear*)	Region	Population and sampling method	Sex	Sample (n)	HBsAg positive (%)	lower 95% CI		RE weight	FE weight	Reference	Access No	Ref No
Jordan	Toukan, 1987*	Amman	Residents of Amman; urban residents were asked to volunteer when they visited Jordan University Hospital in Amman; exclude patients to GI or liver clinics and those visiting relatives in hospital; males (241)	males	155	8.4%	4.03%	12.75%	10.93%	4.1%	Toukan, A. U. (1987). "Hepatitis B virus infection in urban residents of Jordan with particular reference to socioeconomic factors."  Trop Gastroenterol 8(3): 161-6.	3424443	613
Jordan	Said, 2001*	Amman	Healthy controls for patients with schizophrenia; no selection described; males (106)	males	106	3.8%	0.14%	7.40%	12.05%	6.0%	Said, W. M., R. Saleh, et al. (2001). "Prevalence of hepatitis B virus among chronic schizophrenia patients." East Mediterr Health J 7(3): 526-30.	12690775	615
Jordan	Toukan, 1987*	Amman and Al- Salt	Residents of Amman; urban residents were asked to volunteer when they visited Jordan University Hospital in Amman; exclude patients to GI or liver clinics and those visiting relatives in hospital; females (241)	females	86	4.7%	0.20%	9.10%	10.80%	4.0%	Toukan, A. U. (1987). "Hepatitis B virus infection in urban residents of Jordan with particular reference to socioeconomic factors." Trop Gastroenterol 8(3): 161-6.	3424443	613
Jordan	Said, 2001*	Amman	Healthy controls for patients with schizophrenia; no selection described; females (86)	females	86	1.2%	-1.10%	3.42%	13.98%	15.4%	Said, W. M., R. Saleh, et al. (2001). "Prevalence of hepatitis B virus among chronic schizophrenia patients." East Mediterr Health J 7(3): 526-30.	12690775	615
Jordan	Batayneh, 2002*	Amman	Pregnant women attending antenatal clinic (1,000)	females	1,000	4.3%	3.04%	5.56%	15.05%	49.9%	Batayneh, N. and S. Bdour (2002). "Risk of perinatal transmission of hepatitis B virus in Jordan." Infect Dis Obstet Gynecol 10(3): 127-32.	12625968	614
Jordan	Toukan, 1985	central	Residents of village of Mkawar in central Jordan; selection of villages based on geographic dispersion and relationship of team with local physicians; one-half to most of houses in villages were contacted (194)	both	194	5.7%	2.44%	8.96%	12.59%	7.4%	Toukan, A. U., Z. K. Sharaiha, et al. (1990). "The epidemiology of hepatitis B virus among family members in the Middle East." Am J Epidemiol 132(2): 220-32.	2372003	616
Jordan	Toukan, 1985	central	Residents of village of Arafa and Sinfaha in central Jordan; selection of villages based on geographic dispersion and relationship of team with local physicians; one-half to most of houses in villages were contacted (336)	both	336	12.8%	9.23%	16.37%	12.13%	6.2%	Toukan, A. U., Z. K. Sharaiha, et al. (1990). "The epidemiology of hepatitis B virus among family members in the Middle East." Am J Epidemiol 132(2): 220-32.	2372003	616
Jordan	Toukan, 1985	central	Residents of village of Saba Assir in central Jordan; selection of villages based on geographic dispersion and relationship of team with local physicians; one-half to most of houses in villages were contacted (344)	both	344	11.3%	7.95%	14.65%	12.47%	7.0%	Toukan, A. U., Z. K. Sharaiha, et al. (1990). "The epidemiology of hepatitis B virus among family members in the Middle East." Am J Epidemiol 132(2): 220-32.	2372003	616
* indicates p	publication year; surve	y year not reported	total studies males females both	8 2 3 3	2,307				100.00%	100.00%			

Table 29: Su	mmary of Surveys In	cluded in Meta-A	Analysis: Saudi Arabia									We	estern Asia
Country	Study (survey vear*)	Dogion	Deputation and compling method	Sex	Sample (n)	HBsAg positive (%)	lower 95% CI	upper :	RE weight	FE weight		A agong No	Dof No.
Country Saudi Arabia	Talukder, 1982	Region Eastern province	Population and sampling method Healthy ambulatory men living in the Eastern Province; no selection described (3,588)	males	3,588	9.5%	8.54%	10.46%	3.07%	1.4%	Reference Talukder, M. A., R. Gilmore, et al. (1982). "Prevalence of hepatitis B surface antigen among male Saudi Arabians." J Infect Dis 146(3): 446.	7108285	Ref No. 633
Saudi Arabia	Arya, 1984	Gizan area	General population; voluntary donors, students, pregnant women and those seeking treatment for minor ailments male (286)	males	286	19.9%	15.27%	24.53%	1.35%	0.1%	Arya, S. C., S. J. Ashraf, et al. (1985). "Hepatitis B virus in Gizan, Saudi Arabia." J Med Virol 17(3): 267-74.	4067589	630
Saudi Arabia	Parande, 1984-1985	seaport town, Gizan	Infants and children seeking treatment for minor ailments at Gizan General Hospital; male (193)	males	193	9.4%	5.28%	13.52%	1.54%	0.1%	Parande, C. M., S. C. Arya, et al. (1986). "Hepatitis B virus among Saudi children in Gizan, Saudi Arabia." Infection 14(5): 223-5.	3793237	629
Saudi Arabia	el-Hazmi, 1989	central	Apparently healthy school children, blood donors, and volunteers and outpatients attending primary health care units associated with MOH hospitals and dispensaries in different regions; CENTRAL SA; males (279)	males	279	22.6%	17.69%	27.51%	1.26%	0.1%	el-Hazmi, M. A. (1989). "Hepatitis B virus in Saudi Arabia." J Trop Med Hyg 92(1): 56-61.	2918579	627
Saudi Arabia	el-Hazmi, 1989	southwestern provinces Jaizan and Najran	Apparently healthy school children, blood	males	558	17.6%	14.44%	20.76%	1.97%	0.1%	el-Hazmi, M. A. (1989). "Hepatitis B virus in Saudi Arabia." J Trop Med Hyg 92(1): 56-61.	2918579	627
Saudi Arabia	el-Hazmi, 1989	northwestern	Apparently healthy school children, blood donors, and volunteers and outpatients attending primary health care units associated with MOH hospitals and dispensaries in different regions; NORTHWESTERN SA; males (281)	males	281	17.8%	13.33%	22.27%	1.41%	0.1%	el-Hazmi, M. A. (1989). "Hepatitis B virus in Saudi Arabia." J Trop Med Hyg 92(1): 56-61.	2918579	627
Saudi Arabia	el-Hazmi, 1989	eastern	Apparently healthy blood donors, school children, volunteers and outpatients attending primary health care units associated with MOH hospitals and dispensaries in different regions; EASTERN SA; males (103)	males	103	9.7%	3.98%	15.42%	1.03%	0.0%	el-Hazmi, M. A. (1989). "Hepatitis B virus in Saudi Arabia." J Trop Med Hyg 92(1): 56-61.	2918579	627
Saudi Arabia	al-Faleh, 1989-1990	various	Children 1-10 yrs old; multistage random sampling in multiple regions; one or two urban areas and and equal number of rural areas were randomly selected; males (2,458)	males	2,458	7.3%	6.27%	8.33%	3.05%	1.2%	al-Faleh, F. Z., E. A. Ayoola, et al. (1992). "Seroepidemiology of hepatitis B virus infection in Saudi Arabian children: a baseline survey for mass vaccination against hepatitis B." J Infect 24(2): 197-206.	1533236	624
Saudi Arabia	Ayoola, 1995-1996	Jizan region in the South- Western area	Saudi volunteers recruited from community; "include the strategy probability proportionate to size"; male (752)	males	752	4.3%	2.82%	5.70%	2.87%	0.6%	Ayoola, A. E., M. S. Tobaigy, et al. (2003). "The decline of hepatitis B viral infection in South-Western Saudi Arabia." Saudi Med J 24(9): 991-5.	12973485	639
Saudi Arabia	al-Faleh, 1995*	Gizan, southern SA	Randomly selected general population Gizan area; clusters of household selected from recent maps and household within the cluster randomly selected and visited by survey team; males (371)	males	371	9.4%	6.46%	12.40%	2.06%	0.1%	al-Faleh, F. Z., S. Ramia, et al. (1995). "Profile of hepatitis C virus and the possible modes of transmission of the virus in the Gizan area of Saudi Arabia: a community-based study." Ann Trop Med Parasitol 89(4): 431-7.	7487230	634
Saudi Arabia	Memish, 1997-1998	all	Saudi Arabian National Guard soldiers who donated blood (443)	males	443	17.8%	14.24%	21.36%	1.78%	0.1%	Memish, Z. A., G. A. Oni, et al. (2001). "The cost-saving potential of prevaccination antibody tests when implementing a mass immunization program." Mil Med 166(1): 11-3.	11197089	635
Saudi Arabia	Basalamah, 1979- 1982	0	Pregnant women; all first-trimester pregnant Saudi women attending antenatal clinics were screened (5,000)	females	5,000	2.8%	2.34%	3.26%	3.22%	6.2%	Basalamah, A. H., F. Serebour, et al. (1984). "Materno-foetal transmission of hepatitis B in Saudi Arabia." J Infect 8(3): 200-4.	6736663	632

Saudi Arabia	Ramia, 1982-1984	Riyadh	Pregnant women; routine screening at prenatal clinics at King Khalid and King Abdel Aziz Hospitals Riyadh (3,020)	females	3,020	3.9%	3.25%	4.63%	3.16%	2.7%	Ramia, S., F. Abdul-Jabbar, et al. (1984). "Vertical transmission of hepatitis B surface antigen in Saudi Arabia." Ann Trop Paediatr 4(4): 213-6.	6210036	631
Saudi Arabia	Kiel, 1984	Riyadh	Pregnant women at King Fahad National Guard Hospital; each women screened on first hospital encounter (881)	females	881	3.8%	2.54%	5.06%	2.95%	0.8%	Kiel, F. W. (1991). "Increasing compliance over five years in a hepatitis B infant immunization program in Saudi Arabia." Ann Saudi Med 11(4): 439-42.	17590779	637
Saudi Arabia	Arya, 1984	Gizan area	General population; voluntary donors, students, pregnant women and those seeking treatment for minor ailments female (366)	females	366	9.3%	6.32%	12.28%	2.06%	0.1%	Arya, S. C., S. J. Ashraf, et al. (1985). "Hepatitis B virus in Gizan, Saudi Arabia." J Med Virol 17(3): 267-74.	4067589	630
Saudi Arabia	Parande, 1984-1985	seaport town, Gizan	Infants and children seeking treatment for minor ailments at Gizan General Hospital; females (132)	females	132	13.6%	7.75%	19.45%	1.00%	0.0%	Parande, C. M., S. C. Arya, et al. (1986). "Hepatitis B virus among Saudi children in Gizan. Saudi Arabia." Infection 14(5): 223-5.	3793237	629
Saudi Arabia	Kiel,1985	Riyadh	Pregnant women at King Fahad National Guard Hospital; each women screened on first hospital encounter (2,174)	females	2,174	3.8%	3.00%	4.60%	3.13%	2.0%	Kiel, F. W. (1991). "Increasing compliance over five years in a hepatitis B infant immunization program in Saudi Arabia." Ann Saudi Med 11(4): 439-42.	17590779	637
Saudi Arabia	Kiel, 1986	Riyadh	Pregnant women at King Fahad National Guard Hospital; each women screened on first hospital encounte (2,830)	females	2,830	3.8%	3.10%	4.50%	3.16%	2.6%	Kiel, F. W. (1991). "Increasing compliance over five years in a hepatitis B infant immunization program in Saudi Arabia." Ann Saudi Med 11(4): 439-42.	17590779	637
Saudi Arabia	Kiel, 1987	Riyadh	Pregnant women at King Fahad National Guard Hospital; each women screened on first hospital encounter (3,332)	females	3,332	3.8%	3.15%	4.45%	3.17%	3.1%	Kiel, F. W. (1991). "Increasing compliance over five years in a hepatitis B infant immunization program in Saudi Arabia." Ann Saudi Med 11(4): 439-42.	17590779	637
Saudi Arabia	Arya, 1987-1989	Riyadh area	Healthy pregnant women at King Faha Central Hospital (152)	females	152	0.7%	-0.63%	1.95%	2.94%	0.8%	Arya, S. C., V. P. Pathak, et al. (1990). "Type 2 hepatitis B virus (HBV-2) in carriers and patients with malignancy in Saudi Arabia." Infection 18(4): 215-8.	2170276	625
Saudi Arabia	Kiel, 1988	Riyadh	Pregnant women at King Fahad National Guard Hospital; each women screened on first hospital encounter (3,787)	females	3,787	3.8%	3.19%	4.41%	3.18%	3.5%	Kiel, F. W. (1991). "Increasing compliance over five years in a hepatitis B infant immunization program in Saudi Arabia." Ann Saudi Med 11(4): 439-42.	17590779	637
Saudi Arabia	el-Hazmi, 1989	central	Apparently healthy blood donors, school children, volunteers and outpatients attending primary health care units associated with MOH hospitals and dispensaries in different regions; CENTRAL SA; females (280)	females	280	15.7%	11.44%	19.96%	1.48%	0.1%	el-Hazmi, M. A. (1989). "Hepatitis B virus in Saudi Arabia." J Trop Med Hyg 92(1): 56-61.	2918579	627
Saudi Arabia	el-Hazmi, 1989	southwestern provinces Jaizan and Najran	Apparently healthy blood donors, school	females	408	19.6%	15.75%	23.45%	1.65%	0.1%	el-Hazmi, M. A. (1989). "Hepatitis B virus in Saudi Arabia." J Trop Med Hyg 92(1): 56-61.	2918579	627
Saudi Arabia	el-Hazmi, 1989	northwestern	Apparently healthy blood donors, school children, volunteers and outpatients; northwestern SA apparently healthy blood donors, school children, volunteers and outpatients attending primary health care units associated with MOH hospitals and dispensaries in different regions; NORTHWESTERN SA: females (148)	females	148	14.2%	8.58%	19.82%	1.06%	0.0%	el-Hazmi, M. A. (1989). "Hepatitis B virus in Saudi Arabia." J Trop Med Hyg 92(1): 56-61.	2918579	627
Saudi Arabia	el-Hazmi, 1989	eastern	Apparently healthy blood donors, school children, volunteers and outpatients attending primary health care units associated with MOH hospitals and dispensaries in different regions; EASTERN SA; females (93)	females	93	8.6%	2.90%	14.30%	1.04%	0.0%	el-Hazmi, M. A. (1989). "Hepatitis B virus in Saudi Arabia." J Trop Med Hyg 92(1): 56-61.	2918579	627

Saudi Arabia	al-Faleh, 1989-1990	various	Children 1-10 yrs old; multistage random sampling in multiple regions; one or two urban areas and and equal number of rural areas were randomly selected; females (4,575)	females	2,117	6.0%	4.99%	7.01%	3.06%	1.3%	al-Faleh, F. Z., E. A. Ayoola, et al. (1992). "Seroepidemiology of hepatitis B virus infection in Saudi Arabian children: a baseline survey for mass vaccination against hepatitis B." J Infect 24(2): 197-206.	1533236	624
Saudi Arabia	Fakunle, 1991*	Riyadh	Pregnant Saudi women; consecutive women receiving antenatal care at Maternity and Children's Hospital Riyadh (511)	females	511	4.7%	2.86%	6.54%	2.67%	0.4%	Fakunle, Y. M., M. Al-Mofarreh, et al. (1991). "Prevalence of antibodies to hepatitis C virus in Saudi and expatriate women in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia." Ann Saudi Med 11(5): 494-6.	17590780	643
Saudi Arabia	Ahmed, 1992*	Almadinah Almounawarah	Young Saudi women, 92 with gallstones, 91 controls; drawn randomly from inpatients and outpatients seen at Ohud Hospital and King Fahd Hospital (122)	females	122	2.5%	-0.29%	5.21%	2.18%	0.2%	Ahmed, A. F., O. M. El-Hassan, et al. (1992). "Risk factors for gallstone formation in young Saudi women: A case control study." Ann Saudi Med 12(4): 395-9.	17587012	636
Saudi Arabia	Ayoola, 1995-1996	Jizan region in the South- Western area	Saudi volunteers recruited from community; "include the strategy probability proportionate to size"; female (420)	females	420	3.8%	1.98%	5.64%	2.67%	0.4%	Ayoola, A. E., M. S. Tobaigy, et al. (2003). "The decline of hepatitis B viral infection in South-Western Saudi Arabia." Saudi Med J 24(9): 991-5.	12973485	639
Saudi Arabia	al-Faleh, 1995*	Gizan, southern SA	Randomly selected general population Gizan area; clusters of household selected from recent maps and household within the cluster randomly selected and visited by survey team; females (424)	females	424	6.1%	3.85%	8.41%	2.43%	0.2%	al-Faleh, F. Z., S. Ramia, et al. (1995). "Profile of hepatitis C virus and the possible modes of transmission of the virus in the Gizan area of Saudi Arabia: a community-based study." Ann Trop Med Parasitol 89(4): 431-7.	7487230	634
Saudi Arabia	Al-Mazrou, 2002	5 regions	Pregnant women from five regions; no selection (2,664)	females	2,664	2.5%	1.87%	3.05%	3.19%	3.7%	Al-Mazrou, Y. Y., M. Al-Jeffri, et al. (2004). "Screening of pregnant Saudi women for hepatitis B surface antigen." Ann Saudi Med 24(4): 265-9.	15387491	641
Saudi Arabia	Alrowaily, 2005- 2006	Riyadh	Pregnant women; at the ante-natal clinic of a tertiary care center (755)	females	755	1.6%	0.70%	2.50%	3.10%	1.6%	Alrowaily, M. A., M. A. Abolfotouh, et al. (2008). "Hepatitis B virus sero-prevalence among pregnant females in Saudi Arabia." Saudi J Gastroenterol 14(2): 70-2.	19568519	640
Saudi Arabia	Ashraf, 1986	Gizan	Gizan residents; samples from school children (28%), blood donors (14%), pregnant women (11%), and outpatients (48%) seeking treatment for minor ailments (608)	both	608	17.3%	14.29%	20.31%	2.04%	0.1%	Ashraf, S. J., S. C. Arya, et al. (1986). "Frequencies of hepatitis B, delta and HTLV-III virus markers in Saudi Arabia." Liver 6(2): 73-7	3461233	628
Saudi Arabia	el-Hazmi, 1989	Riyadh	Controls for pts with thalassemia and SSD from Riyadh; age and sex-matched controls; no further info (120)	both	120	5.8%	1.64%	10.02%	1.51%	0.1%	el-Hazmi, M. A. and S. Ramia (1989). "Frequencies of hepatitis B, delta and human immune deficiency virus markers in multitransfused Saudi patients with thalassaemia and sickle-cell disease." J Trop Med Hvg 92(1): 1-5.	2918572	626
Saudi Arabia	el-Hazmi, 1989	Jaizan	Controls for pts with thalassemia and SSD from Jaizan; age and sex-matched controls; no further info (85)	both	85	15.3%	7.65%	22.95%	0.67%	0.0%	el-Hazmi, M. A. and S. Ramia (1989).  "Frequencies of hepatitis B, delta and human immune deficiency virus markers in multitransfused Saudi patients with thalassaemia and sickle-cell disease." J Trop Med Hvg 92(1): 1-5.	2918572	626
Saudi Arabia	el-Hazmi, 1989	Khaiber	Controls for pts with thalassemia and SSD from Khaiber; age and sex-matched controls; no further info (80)	both	80	21.3%	12.33%	30.27%	0.52%	0.0%	"Frequencies of hepatitis B, delta and human immune deficiency virus markers in multitransfused Saudi patients with thalassaemia and sickle-cell disease." J Trop Med Hyg 92(1): 1-5.	2918572	626
Saudi Arabia	el-Hazmi, 1989	Al-Hofouf	Controls for pts with thalassemia and SSD from Al-Hofouf; age and sex-matched controls; no further info (85)	both	85	9.4%	3.20%	15.62%	0.92%	0.0%	el-Hazmi, M. A. and S. Ramia (1989). "Frequencies of hepatitis B, delta and human immune deficiency virus markers in multitransfused Saudi patients with thalassaemia and sickle-cell disease." J Trop Med Hyg 92(1): 1-5.	2918572	626

Saudi Arabia	al Nasser, 1992*	Al Baha area	180 pregnant women and 200 male first-time blood donors (380)	both	380	9.2%	6.30%	12.12%	2.09%	0.2%	al Nasser, M. N., M. A. al Mugeiren, et al. (1992). "Seropositivity to hepatitis C virus in Saudi haemodialysis patients." Vox Sang 62(2): 94-7	1325714	623
Saudi Arabia	Ayoola, 1995-1996	Jizan region in the South- Western area	Consecutive patients tested during respective visits to the clinics or admission during the study period; King Fahd Hospital (4,692)	both	4,692	9.7%	8.87%	10.57%	3.11%	1.8%	Ayoola, A. E., M. S. Tobaigy, et al. (2003). "The decline of hepatitis B viral infection in South-Western Saudi Arabia." Saudi Med J 24(9): 991-5.	12973485	639
Saudi Arabia	Al-Traif, 1996-1997	0	Patients at primary care centers (19,250)	both	19,250	4.1%	3.82%	4.38%	3.24%	16.4%	Al-Traif, I., A. Ali, et al. (2004). "Prevalence of hepatitis delta antibody among HBsAG carriers in Saudi Arabia." Ann Saudi Med 24(5): 343-4.	15573844	642
Saudi Arabia	Memish, 1999	all	National Guard personnel and their extended families; retrospective review of sera tested for HBsAg in King Fahad national Guard Hosptial; a tertiary referral hosptial serving primarily the SA Natl Guard and dependents (19,909)	both	19,909	4.9%	4.59%	5.19%	3.24%	14.3%	Memish, Z., L. Qasim, et al. (2003). "Pattern of viral hepatitis infection in a selected population from Saudi Arabia." Mil Med 168(7): 565-8.	12901469	638
Saudi Arabia	Memish, 2000	all	National Guard personnel and their extended families; retrospective review of sera tested for HBsAg in King Fahad national Guard Hosptial; a tertiary referral hosptial serving primarily the SA Natl Guard and dependents (16,174)	both	16,174	5.8%	5.45%	6.17%	3.23%	9.9%	Memish, Z., L. Qasim, et al. (2003). "Pattern of viral hepatitis infection in a selected population from Saudi Arabia." Mil Med 168(7): 565-8.	12901469	638
Saudi Arabia	Memish, 2001	all	National Guard personnel and their extended families; retrospective review of sera tested for HBsAg in King Fahad national Guard Hosptial; a tertiary referral hosptial serving primarily the SA Natl Guard and dependents (25,472)	both	25,472	3.8%	3.57%	4.03%	3.25%	23.3%	Memish, Z., L. Qasim, et al. (2003). "Pattern of viral hepatitis infection in a selected population from Saudi Arabia." Mil Med 168(7): 565-8.	12901469	638
Saudi Arabia	Ayoola, 2002*	Gizan area	Healthy controls for dialysis patients, no selection described; none had hx or evidence of LD, no previous blood transfusion or donation to blood bank (400)	both	400	7.3%	4.71%	9.79%	2.29%	0.2%	Ayoola, E. A., M. A. Want, et al. (2002). "Hepatitis E virus infection in haemodialysis patients: a case-control study in Saudi Arabia." J Med Virol 66(3): 329-34.	11793384	644
* indicates pu	blication year; survey y	year not reported	total studies males females both	44 11 21 12	126,183				100.00%	100.00%			

Table 30: S	Summary of Surveys Inc	cluded in Meta-	-Analysis: Yemen									We	estern Asia
Country	Study (survey year*)	Region	Population and sampling method	Sex	Sample (n)	HBsAg positive (%)	lower 95% CI	upper 95% CI	RE weight	FE weight	Reference	Access No	Ref No.
Yemen	Al-Nassiri, 1999	Sana'a	Volunteers for screening; individuals who presented at Sana'a Central Health Laboratory in response to a campaign to control HBV; males (1.604)	males	1,604	8.7%	7.29%	10.05%	10.67%	37.2%	Al-Nassiri, K. A. and Y. A. Raja'a (2001). "Hepatitis B infection in Yemenis in Sana'a: pattern and risk factors." East Mediterr Health J 7(1-2): 147-52.	12615378	711
Yemen	Abdel Raheem,1991*	Sana'a City	Pregnant women; chosen randomly from those admitted to the labour ward of Al-Thawra general hospital in Sana'a City (130)	females	130	15.4%	9.20%	21.60%	7.25%	1.8%	Abdel Raheem, S. M., T. S. Abou-Lohum, et al. (1991). "Hepatitis B infection in Sana'a City, Republic of Yemen. Prevalence among pregnant women and materno-foetal transmission." J Egypt Public Health Assoc 66(5-6): 491-503.	1797962	707
Yemen	el Guneid, 1993*	Taiz	Pregnant women; consecutive women attending antenatal clinic (241)	females	241	16.6%	11.90%	21.30%	8.47%	3.2%	el Guneid, A. M., A. A. Gunaid, et al. (1993). "Prevalence of hepatitis B, C, and D virus markers in Yemeni patients with chronic liver disease." J Med Virol 40(4): 330-3.	8228926	709
Yemen	Al-Nassiri, 1999	Sana'a	Volunteers for screening; individuals who presented at Sana'a Central Health Laboratory in response to a campaign to control HBV; females (717)	females	717	4.6%	3.07%	6.13%	10.60%	30.0%	Al-Nassiri, K. A. and Y. A. Raja'a (2001). "Hepatitis B infection in Yemenis in Sana'a: pattern and risk factors." East Mediterr Health J 7(1-2): 147-52.	12615378	711
Yemen	Al-Shamahy, 1999	Sana'a	Healthy new mothers; systematic random sample of every 5th women from register of Family Planning Center; only those with no illness and provided consent enrolled (544)	females	544	13.2%	10.36%	16.04%	9.88%	8.7%	Al-Shamahy, H. (2000). "Prevalence of hepatitis B surface antigen and risk factors of HBV infection in a sample of healthy mothers and their infants in Sana'a, Yemen." Ann Saudi Med 20(5-6): 464-6.	17341920	710
Yemen	Scott, 1988	Sana'a	General population Sana'a; persons presenting to schools, community centers, outpatient clincis and labs"; excluded pts with jaundice or obvious liver disease; "no groups at high risk for STDs included (135)	both	135	16.3%	10.07%	22.53%	7.23%	1.8%	Scott, D. A., J. P. Burans, et al. (1990). "A seroepidemiological survey of viral hepatitis in the Yemen Arab Republic." Trans R Soc Trop Med Hyg 84(2): 288-91.	2389323	708
Yemen	Scott, 1988	Hajja	General population Hajja; persons presenting to schools, community centers, outpatient clincis and labs"; excluded pts with jaundice or obvious liver disease; "no groups at high risk for STDs included (253)	both	253	15.0%	10.60%	19.40%	8.71%	3.6%	Scott, D. A., J. P. Burans, et al. (1990). "A seroepidemiological survey of viral hepatitis in the Yemen Arab Republic." Trans R Soc Trop Med Hyg 84(2): 288-91.	2389323	708
Yemen	Scott ,1988	Hodeidah	General population Hodeidah; persons presenting to schools, community centers, outpatient clincis and labs"; excluded pts with jaundice or obvious liver disease; "no groups at high risk for STDs included (251)	both	251	9.6%	5.96%	13.24%	9.30%	5.3%	Scott, D. A., J. P. Burans, et al. (1990). "A seroepidemiological survey of viral hepatitis in the Yemen Arab Republic." Trans R Soc Trop Med Hyg 84(2): 288-91.	2389323	708
Yemen	Scott, 1988	Taiz	General population Taiz; persons presenting to schools, community centers, outpatient clincis and labs"; excluded pts with jaundice or obvious liver disease; "no groups at high risk for STDs included(240)	both	240	11.7%	7.63%	15.77%	8.97%	4.3%	Scott, D. A., J. P. Burans, et al. (1990). "A seroepidemiological survey of viral hepatitis in the Yemen Arab Republic." Trans R Soc Trop Med Hyg 84(2): 288-91.	2389323	708
Yemen	Al-Moslih, 2001*	Sana'a	Healthy subjects with no history of liver disease; no selection described (120)	both	120	12.7%	6.74%	18.66%	7.44%	2.0%	Al-Moslih, M. I. and M. A. Al-Huraibi (2001). "Prevalence of hepatitis C virus among patients with liver disease in the Republic of Yemen." East Mediterr Health J 7(4-5): 771-8.	15350487	713
Yemen	Sallam, 2003*	Sana'a	African minority residents; subjects were randomly selected after informed consent by house to house visits by outreach teams (97)	both	97	19.6%	11.70%	27.50%	5.99%	1.1%	Sallam, T. A., C. Y. Tong, et al. (2003). "Prevalence of blood-borne viral hepatitis in different communities in Yemen." Epidemiol Infect 131(1): 771-5.	12972790	712

Yemen	Sallam, 2003*	Soqotra Island	Residents of Soqotra Island; subjects were randomly selected after informed consent by house to house visits by outreach teams (99)	both	99	26.3%	17.63%	34.97%	5.49%	0.9%	Sallam, T. A., C. Y. Tong, et al. (2003). "Prevalence of blood-borne viral hepatitis in different communities in Yemen." Epidemiol Infect 131(1): 771-5.	12972790	712
· ·			total studies	12	4,431				100.00%	100.00%			
* indicates	publication year; surve	ey year not reported	males	1									
			females	4									
			both	7									

Table 31: S	ummary of Surveys Ir	cluded in Meta-	Analysis: Kuwait									We	estern Asia
Country	Study (survey year*)	Region	Population and sampling method	Sex	Sample (n)	HBsAg positive (%)	lower 95% CI		RE weight	FE weight	Reference	Access No	Ref No.
Kuwait	Al-Nakib, 1986*	·	Al-Nakib, 1986*, pregnant women screened at delivery; women of various Arabic nationalities delivering at Kuwait Maternity Hospital, the major maternity hospital in the country (1,554)	females	1,554	2.9%	2.07%	3.73%	49.94%	49.4%	Al-Nakib, B., A. el-Mekki, et al. (1986). "Hepatitis B virus perinatal transmission among Arab women." Ann Trop Paediatr 6(4): 239-41.	2435228	704
Kuwait	Alkhalidi, 2003- 2004	six governates	Alkhalidi 2003-2004, military recruits and job applicants; Kuwait nationals; adults attending medical checkup required before applying for a new job; also from Armed Forces Hosptial that accepts Kuwaiti recruits accepted for military service; males (2,581)	both	2,581	4.8%	3.98%	5.62%	50.06%	50.6%	Alkhalidi, J., B. Alenezi, et al. (2009). "Seroepidemiology of hepatitis A virus in Kuwait." World J Gastroenterol 15(1): 102-5.	19124818	705
* indicates p	oublication year; survey	vear not reported	total studies males	2	4,135				100.00%	100.00%			
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Table 32: Si	ımmary of Surveys Included in M	eta-Analysis: Azerbaijan									W	estern Asia
Country	Study (survey year*) Region	Population and sampling method	Sex	Sample (n)	HBsAg positive (%)	lower 95% CI		RE weight	FE weight	Reference	Access No	Ref No.
Azerbaijan	Vorozhbieva, 1985*	Healthy persons; no selection in abstract; paper in Russian males (315)	males	315	3.8%	1.70%	5.92%		18.2%	Vorozhbieva, T. E., A. V. Iasinskii, et al. (1985). "[Characteristics of the distribution of the markers of hepatitis B vir us infection among the healthy population of the Tadzhik SSR and Azerbaijan SSR]." Zh Mikrobiol Epidemiol Immunobiol(10): 35-9.	2936041	594
Azerbaijan	Vorozhbieva, 1985*	Healthy persons; no selection in abstract; paper in Russian females (261)	females	261	1.5%	0.04%	3.02%	35.20%	36.7%	Vorozhbieva, T. E., A. V. Iasinskii, et al. (1985). "[Characteristics of the distribution of the markers of hepatitis B vir us infection among the healthy population of the Tadzhik SSR and Azerbaijan SSR]." Zh Mikrobiol Epidemiol Immunobiol(10): 35-9.	2936041	594
Azerbaijan	Galetskii, 1999*	Representatives of various population groups; no selection in abstract, paper in Russian (835)	both	835	4.1%	2.76%	5.44%	36.99%	45.0%	Galetskii, S. A., N. B. Seniuta, et al. (1999). "[Analysis of some viral infections, transmitted by parenteral and sexual routes, in the Republic of Azerbaijan]." Vopr Virusol 44(5): 232-6.	10544453	595
* indicates p	ublication year; survey year not repo	total studies rted males females both	3 1 1	1,411				100.00%	100.00%			

Table 33: S	ummary of Surveys I	ncluded in Meta-A	Analysis: Georgia									We	estern Asia
Country	Study (survey year*)	Region	Population and sampling method	Sex	Sample (n)	HBsAg positive (%) l	ower CI	upper CI		FE weight	Reference	Access No	Ref No.
Georgia	Kikvadze, 2001*		Kikvadze 2001*, pregnant women; selection in Russian (500)	females	500	5.2%	3.25%	7.15%	51.60%	55.3%	Kikvadze, S., Kintraia, P., Bochorisvili, T., Chubinishvili, O. (2001) The rate of viral hepatitis B in pregnant women in Georgia. Georgian Medical News 3:72	NPM	596
Georgia	Kurbanov, 2009*		Kurbanov 2009*; healthy persons 20-66 yo, controls for pts with RA; selection in Russian (200)	both	200	2.5%	0.34%	4.66%	48.40%	44.7%	Kurbanov, S. A. and M. K. Mamedov (2009). "[Serological markers of viral infections in patients with rheumatoid arthritis]." Georgian Med News(166): 65-7.	19235842	597
* indicates p	publication year; survey	year not reported	total studies males females both	2 0 1 1	700				100.00%	100.00%			