Does the occult hepatitis has an impact on public health and/or the elimination goals

• OBIs can potentially lead to HBV transmission in transfusion and transplantation scenarios
• Potential for reactivation during immunosuppression
• However, agreed that based on current understanding OBIs do not have an impact of public health HBV elimination goals
• As more patients get immunized this will reduce risk of OBI related transmission
Group C

- Limited population level data on OBI prevalence in general population
  - 16% prevalence in Italian study
- Need a better risk assessment of OBI prevalence and overall impact on public health
  - Consider modeling study, including costs
- This information will guide decision on if additional recommendations needed
• Advocate for risk assessment through epidemiologic studies in the general population of overall OBI risk and public health impact