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## Hepatitis Viruses

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Hepatitis viruses are a group of viruses primarily infecting the liver. Though hepatitis i.e. inflammation of liver may occasionally result from a variety of viruses including cytomegalovirus, Epstein Barr virus, yellow fever virus etc, the hepatitis viruses of epidemiologic importance include:

1. Hepatitis A virus (HAV)
2. Hepatitis B virus (HBV)
3. Hepatitis C virus (HCV)
4. Hepatitis Delta virus (HDV)
5. Hepatitis E virus (HEV)

Though hepatitis G virus (HGV) and TT virus (TTV) have been considered as hepatitis viruses, the hepatotropic potential of these viruses remain controversial and therefore at present these viruses are not truly classified as hepatitis viruses. Recently, Ki-virus has been shown to be associated with hepatitis in Japan. The claim needs to be verified by studies worldwide.

Viral hepatitis remains an important public health problem worldwide. The disease burden in terms of acute viral hepatitis, fulminant hepatitis, chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma is extremely high. Work on hepatitis viruses initiated at NIV in 1978. The details of the priorities then and the work done was provided in the "Golden Jubilee Compendium". We now give an account of progress made during the last ten years. For obvious reasons, certain studies were continued, some modified with time while need-based new initiatives were taken as well. The work will continue with the help of newer technologies and at the time of platinum jubilee, we will come with more and more exciting and useful data.