**S1 Table.** Sequences of the primers used for the HBV DNA nested PCR experiments

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| Primer set | Sense primers | Antisense primers | Tab (°C ) |
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| PreS-S | 5′-GGTCACCATATTCTTGGGAA-3′ | 5′-AATGGCACTAGTAAACTGAG-3′ | 47.4 |
| PreS-Sa | 5′-AATCCAGATTGGGACTTCAA-3′ | 5′-CCTTGATAGTCCAGAAGAAC-3′ | 47.4 |
| Precore-core | 5′-GCCTTAGAGTCTCCTGAGCA-3′ | 5′-GTCCAAGGAATACTAAC-3′ | 47.8 |
| Precore-corea | 5′-CCTCACCATACTGCACTCA-3′ | 5′-GAGGGAGTTCTTCTTCTAGG-3′ | 50.2 |
| Pol | 5′-CGTCGCAGAAGATCTCAATC-3′ | 5′-CCTGATGTGATGTTCTCCATG-3′ | 50.7 |
| Pola | 5′-CCTTGGACTCATAAGGT-3′ | 5′-TTGAAGTCCCAATCTGGATT-3 | 45.7 |
| X | 5′-CCATACTGCGGAACTCCTAGC-3′ | 5′-CGTTCACGGTGGTCTCCAT-3′ | 57.4 |
| Xa | 5′-GCTAGGCTGTGCTGCCAACTG-3′ | 5′-CGTAAAGAGAGGTGCGCCCCG-3′ | 59.7 |

aApplied in the second round; bAnealing temperature