b. measuring the expression and/or activity of PAPD5 and/or PAPD7 in the presence and absence of said test compound or composition; and

c. identifying a compound or composition that reduces the expression and/or activity of PAPD5 and/or PAPD7 as a compound that prevents, ameliorates and/or inhibits a HBV infection.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the test compound is a library of nucleic acid molecules and step c) identifies nucleic acid molecules that reduce PAPD5 or PAPD7 mRNA expression by at least 60%.

9. The method of claim 7, wherein the test composition is a combined preparation of a nucleic acid molecule capable of reducing PAPD5 and a nucleic acid molecule capable of reducing PAPD7.

10. The method of any one of claims 7 to 9, wherein the compound that inhibits propagation of HBV inhibits secretion of HBV surface antigen (HBsAg), and/or inhibits secretion of HBV envelope antigen (HBeAg), and/or inhibits production of intracellular HBV mRNA.

11. A single stranded antisense oligonucleotide which comprises or consists of a contiguous nucleotide sequence of 10 to 30 nucleotides in length wherein the contiguous nucleotide sequence is 100% complementarity to a PAPD5 target nucleic acid and the antisense oligonucleotide is capable of reducing expression of PAPD5.

12. A nucleic acid molecule which comprises or consists of a contiguous nucleotide sequence of 10 to 30 nucleotides in length wherein the contiguous nucleotide sequence is 100% complementarity to a PAPD7 target nucleic acid and the nucleic acid molecule is capable of reducing expression of PAPD7.

13. The nucleic acid molecule of claim 12, wherein the nucleic acid molecule is a single stranded antisense oligonucleotide.

14. The antisense oligonucleotide or nucleic acid molecule of any one of claims 11 to 13, comprising one or more 2' sugar modified nucleoside(s).

15. The antisense oligonucleotide or nucleic acid molecule of claim 14, wherein the one or more 2' sugar modified nucleoside is independently selected from the group consisting of 2'-O-alkyl-RNA, 2'-O-methyl-RNA, 2'-alkoxy-RNA, 2'-O-methoxyethyl-RNA, 2'-amino-DNA, 2'-fluoro-DNA, arabino nucleic acid (ANA), 2'-fluoro-ANA and LNA nucleosides.

16. The antisense oligonucleotide or nucleic acid molecule of claim 14 or 15, wherein the one or more 2' sugar modified nucleoside is a LNA nucleoside.