

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11527-revision.doc).

Title: Successful Hemostasis of Intractable Rectal Variceal Bleeding Using Variceal Embolization

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Format has been updated
2. References and typesetting were corrected
3. Authorship has been revised.
4. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Portal hypertension is defined as HVPG more than 5 mmHg and clinically significant portal hypertension means more than 10 mmHg of HVPG

Response) We agree to the reviewer's comment. Thus, we revise the first sentence of discussion section accordingly.

(2) Please provide the period from TIPS to re-bleeding in case report section

Response) Because bleeding persisted in spite of successful TIPS, the term "re-bleeding" seems incorrect. Thus, we revised the term "re-bleeding" into "bleeding" for more clear understanding.

(3) In the case report section, Child-Pugh grade and score seem not to be poor, and reconsider this inconsistency

Response) We agree to the reviewer's comment. The laboratory results show that liver function doesn't seem to be very poor. However, endoscopist and the surgeon did not recommend endoscopic or surgical intervention due to the large size of rectal varices and thrombocytopenia. We revised the 2nd sentence of the 3rd paragraph in case report section.

(4) Where were the catheters inserted from?

Response) Angiography was performed via jugular approach. We added this information in the 3rd paragraph in case report section.

(5) “Further randomized studies are required to...” RCT is ideal but is pretty difficult because of a low incidence of rectal variceal bleeding. Hence, this suggestion may be impractical, but case series and meta-analysis are possible instead.

Response) We agree with the reviewer’s comment and revised the last paragraph of discussion section.

5. Peer review (in page 7) has been added.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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