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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 13059-review.doc).

**Title:** MOST ELDERLY NSAIDS USERS WITH PEPTIC ULCER BLEEDING PRESENT SMALL BOWEL ULCERATIVE LESIONS

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

1 Format has been updated

2. Dr Isaacs revised English language

3. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

1) a) We entered the phrase: “Our study was a prospective one.” At the beginning of Methods section.

Also we entered “ In our prospective study,” at the beginning of the methods section of the abstract. b)

We entered the phrase “Colonoscopy was obligatory in our hospital for every case of gastrointestinal bleeding, regarded as alarm symptomatology not with-held by upper-endoscopy findings, because a significant percentage of patients with peptic ulcer might have a colonic pathology as well<sup>[15]</sup>.” and

“and it was part of the investigation protocol.” Explaining that colonoscopy was obligatory in our Hospital and capsule endoscopy part of the study protocol. We also introduced the phrase “compulsory in our institution).” in the abstract. c) We modified the aim paragraph as suggested. d) We introduced the

phrase “Our study population old age was a result of reference bias, because our hospital is mainly a Veterans Hospital and referrals from secondary Hospitals usually exclude very young patients.” e) We

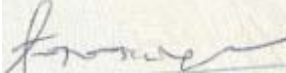
introduced the phrase “The probability of small bowel lesions responsible for gastrointestinal bleeding beyond gastric/duodenal ulcers states that we should consider WCE in patients with persistent hemorrhage or bleeding recurrence and negative or inconclusive gastroscopy.” f) We modified the

relevant part as following “In repeat WCE study (because balloon enteroscopy was not available in the country), the remaining patients had at least one small bowel ulcer with a visible vessel on ulcer base with (n=2) or without active bleeding (n=4). 5 (83%) bleeding recurrences that could possibly attributed to small bowel lesions were mild and self-limited. Nevertheless, one case necessitated

operative small bowel endoscopy and hemostasis.” And introduced the phrase “Balloon enteroscopy would have been a preferable option for unexplained bleeding recurrence episodes since it also holds therapeutic capabilities [32]. Nevertheless it was not available in our country during most of the study period.” g) We corrected the word Abstract. h) We changed the title as suggested (although larger than 12 words). 2) Abstract was applied to the revision policies.

4. References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Pharmacology and Therapeutics*.



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