

Response to Reviewers



March 30th, 2015.

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (Editorial - Kryssia Rodriguez-Castro - revised according to reviewers' suggestions.doc).

Title: Spontaneous bleeding or thrombosis in cirrhosis: What should be feared the most?

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We would first of all like to thank the Reviewers for their evaluation and thoughtful comments and suggestions, which have contributed to the improvement of the manuscript. After thorough revision of the manuscript, all changes have been highlighted in yellow.

1 The section on "Specific alterations of the hemostatic and coagulation system" has been improved and expanded, including data on the fibrinolytic system, factor XIII, and factor VIII.

2 Several paragraphs have been added, as suggested, illustrating how the classical or conventional coagulation tests fail to show the real balance between pro- and anti-coagulants.

3. In addition, new point-of-care methods of analyzing coagulation and hemostasis are reviewed, along with the explanation of their yet largely limited applicability in a large scale and the need for future studies.

4. As suggested, the need for tailoring transfusion and other types of therapy in case of bleeding according to specific deficiencies diagnosed by point-of-care testing has been emphasized, in order to avoid intense correction of coagulation parameters.

We sincerely hope the manuscript will now be suitable for publication and thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Hepatology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kryssia Rodriguez-Castro'.

Kryssia Rodriguez-Castro, MD, PhD

On behalf of all the Authors