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Title: Clinical Characteristics of *Helicobacter pylori*-negative Drug-negative Peptic Ulcer Bleeding

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

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(2) A short running title of less than 6 words should be provided. → The Influence of Etiologies on Clinical Outcome

(3) Author contributions are inserted. → Chung WC and Jeon EJ collected and analyzed the data, designed the research and wrote the manuscript; Kim DB, Sung HJ, Kim YJ, Lim ES, Kim M and Oh JW contributed to the paper's conception and involved in editing the manuscript.

(4) Ethics approval is inserted. → The ethic approval document is provided in a PDF format, and statement is mentioned in the Materials and Methods section. ; This study was reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board of the Catholic University of Korea (PC14RISI0012).

(5) Informed consent statement is inserted. → This file is provided in a PDF format, and the statement is mentioned in the manuscript's title page. ; Informed consent was not obtained because this study is a retrospective analysis of the clinical data collected after treatment course was completed. And the data of peptic ulcer bleeding were collected through computerized data analysis to target medical history. Therefore, this study does not affect the future treatment of patients. This study give rise to minimal risk to the patients.

In this study, the patient's clinical data collection and analysis, writing papers and papers from all over the research process, including the publication of a study were managed in secret for personal information (such as anonymized medical records). In addition, Institutional Review Board of the Catholic university of Korea, St. Paul's hospital approved that this study has exemption from the informed consent.

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(9) [Core tip less than 100 words is inserted.](#) → Recently, the number of *H. pylori*-negative and drug-negative "idiopathic" peptic ulcers has increased. This study analyzed the clinical characteristics of idiopathic peptic ulcer bleeding (PUB) and compared different etiologies, including *H. pylori* infection and drug use. In conclusion, definite etiologic factors of PUB including drug and *H. pylori* infection seemed to play an insignificant role in the severity of PUB. Idiopathic PUB has unique clinical characteristics such as re-bleeding after initial hemostasis upon admission. Therefore, these patients need to undergo close surveillance upon admission.

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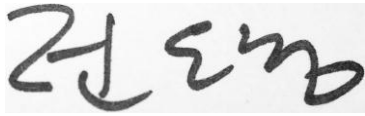
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3 References and typesetting were corrected

4. Title of our manuscript is changed. ; Clinical Characteristics of *Helicobacter pylori*-negative Drug-negative → Clinical Characteristics of *Helicobacter pylori*-negative Drug-negative **Peptic Ulcer Bleeding** ; This is due to three words (peptic ulcer bleeding) were deleted during initial submission process of our manuscript (1st Feb/2015).

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Eun Jung Jeon' in a stylized, cursive script.

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