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Reviewers' comments

Reviewer 1

According to epidemiological data in patients with portal hypertension, hemorrhoids they are relatively common, because up to 94%. The authors very clearly describe all currently used methods of treatment of hemorrhoids. However, the review manuscript is lacking the following elements: research method including the sources which the authors used and the period of time in databases.

Our response: We thank the reviewer for this comment. We reviewed articles written in English language about rectal varices in portal hypertension without any restriction on the year of publication.

Reviewer 2

Title: Management of rectal varices in portal hypertension.

The authors reviewed the pathogenesis, diagnosis of the rectal varices and previous treatments for the rectal varices. This manuscript is very interesting and well written. However, I feel there are some problems in this article.

- (1) Author indicate the general rules for recording endoscopic findings of esophageal varices prepared by the Japanese Research Committee on Portal Hypertension in Table 1. This general rules is very useful and important on the esophageal varices. If author use this general rules in this manuscript, author should indicate the findings of rectal varices.

Our response: We thank the reviewer for the suggestion. We have modified the title of the table to reflect the use of the classification for all types of varices including rectal varices which is the focus of this review.

- (2) Page 4, 13th line, “HPVG” should change to “HVPG”.

Our response: Amended as recommended. Thank you.

- (3) Page 6, 9th line, “(Table)” should change to “(Table 1)”.

Our response: Amended as recommended