

Response letter.

To,

The Editors,

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Dear Editor,

Below are the responses to the queries raised by the reviewers of my submission '**Assessment of Multi-Modality Evaluations of Obscure Gastrointestinal Bleeding**'

Reviewer 1:

This is an interesting study that discusses approach on obscure bleeding/ Small bowel bleeding. This is an area of debate and still with a lot confusion among gastroenterologists. The manuscript is written well, has minimal grammatical errors and the author guidelines have been followed in general. Highlights of the study. 1.DBE is generally safe and well-tolerated procedure for both diagnosis and t/t of these bleeds when preceded by VCE/MPCTE 2.antegrade DBE may serve as the primary modality for patients with active bleeding Recommendations: - too much information is included in the results and tables, some of these tables should be a part of supplementary material, need to come up with a way to minimise this extra information.

Per the reviewer's request Table 5, 6, and 7 have been changed to be supplementary tables.

Reviewer 2:

Dear Authors, I enjoyed reviewing this interesting study. I think it is clear, well written and precise in description and comparison of the examined techniques. Even though the theme has been studied for years allover the World, it is still necessary to update and clarify the best approach to a challenging clinical entity such as OGIB. This study is uptodate and follows the most recent guidelines and studies. Also tables are very detailed, maybe it could be useful to choose the most important ones, or it could be useful to resume them a bit, to make tables more readable. Regarding those patients with overt upper bleeding, did anyone of them undergo a repeated EGDS before

proceeding directly with DBE? Maybe it could have been useful to detect those lesions such as esophageal varices or Dieulafoy's lesion more easily. Anyway overall well done.

As above in response to reviewer 1, the last 3 tables have been changed to be supplementary tables with only highlights mentioned in the text.

Also, all references have been reformatted, per the editor's request, to the correct format.