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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

To the authors, I read with interest your manuscript and I do not have any concerns. It is well written. The limitation is the retrospective design as you mentioned. I recommend your manuscript for publication.



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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is an interesting and well written paper regarding the impact of early G.I. endoscopy on the outcome of cirrhotics patients with acute variceal bleeding. However, some issues should be addressed by the authors 1) How many pts were excluded and



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which were the reasons (based on their exclusion criteria)? 2) Did the authors exclude the patients with portal gastropathy? 3) Which was the standard of care (protocol therapy)? 4) The urgent endoscopy group showed a shorter mean hospital admission duration than that of the non-urgent endoscopy group (7.8 vs. 16.5 days,  $P < 0.001$ ). A comment in the discussion is needed (e.g. cost etc). Why did the patients without urgent endoscopy stay longer? 5) In Table 3 no lab tests were included 6) In Table 1, SD for time is too high ( $4.7 \pm 3.1$  vs  $26.6 \pm 16.7$ ) Median values are more proper 7) 26.3 hours was the mean time for non urgent group, i.e. roughly during the first 24 hours. A comment in the discussion is needed

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

I read with interest this study by Yoo J-J et al regarding the optimal timing to preform endoscopy in patients presented with acute variceal bleeding. The manuscript is well written, but some changes have to be made in order this papaer is ready for publication.



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Firstly the authors have to describe in more details in which factors the doctors decided not to perform an endoscopy within the first 12 hours. There is an important finding showing that patients in the non-urgent endoscopy group had significantly longer in-hospital duration as compared with the urgent-endoscopy group. How the authors explain this difference between the two groups. In both groups there is significant number of patients having HCC (>50%) and this may be an important difference from other similar studies. Minor English language is needed.

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