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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors should mention also the eventual presence of splenorenal shunts that are very important in the management of liver cirrhosis patients, as evident in....What are the implications of the spontaneous spleno-renal shunts in liver cirrhosis? BMC Gastroenterol. 2009 Nov 24;9:89.

Response:

Dear reviewer,

Thank you so much for reviewing my manuscript. I added it to the discussion with reference (5).



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Indeed, duodenal variceal bleeding is a rare cause of gastrointestinal bleeding. However, since Alberti reported this complication in 1931, it has been well described. Unfortunately, the publications has been mostly limited to case reports and small case series. To date, optimal management is not well established, and there are no treatment guidelines for duodenal variceal bleeding. The authors applied the known treatment options in duodenal variceal bleeding. But I feel that, at the first stage, the combination of endoscopic sclerotherapy and BRTO was more expedient, and the question of TIPS should be considered later.

Response:

Dear reviewer,

Thank you so much for reviewing my manuscript. I agree with you that optimal treatment is not well established. Also, as you mentioned that the combined technique of endoscopic sclerotherapy and BRTO should be considered but in our case, TIPS was chosen as a second line option. I did revise the manuscript and included the recommended technique as an effective treatment option, reference (18).