

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5826-review.doc).

Title: Platelet count/spleen diameter ratio to predict esophageal varices in Mexican patients with hepatic cirrhosis.

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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

(1) Reviewer 1 (00646393): We appreciate your critical and objective comments made to our manuscript; according with them we made some corrections to our paper:

- * Racial information has been included to avoid miss leading.
- * Normal values in healthy Mexican adults has been added due to the fact you ask us to.

(2) Reviewer 2 (00504290): We appreciate your critical and objective comments made to our manuscript; according with them, we made some corrections to our paper:

- * There were no patients in our study with cirrhosis due to hepatitis B virus.
- * We feel so sorry about the miss matching information between the manuscript and Table 1, this information has been corrected to avoid disagreement.
- * The table 1 information has been corrected to complete the total cases description.

(3) Reviewer 3 (00503401): We appreciate your critical and objective comments made to our manuscript; according with them we made some corrections to our paper:

- * We specify that the research concentrate just on esophageal varices, but not in the gastric ones.
- * The length of the introduction has been reduced to concentrate the purpose of the study.
- * It has been specify that all patients were classified according to their Child-Pugh grading.
- * We made some word exchange for a better understanding of the manuscript, largest for longest and upper for higher.
- * We specify the fomula that has been used for the ratio calculation.
- * Also we clarify that there were no hepatitis B virus cirrhosis in our patients.
- * The term of a "high specificity" has exchange for an "intermediate specificity" to a better characterization.
- * Therefore we comment in the discussion that the NPV of the ratio is low.

* Reference 6 has been updated.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Clotilde Fuentes-Orozco', with a large, stylized initial 'C'.

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