

Dear Editor-in-Chief,

On behalf of my co-authors, I would like to thank you and your editorial office for the useful suggestions and comments to our review article entitled "Unpacking the challenge of gastric varices: a review on indication, timing and modality of therapy".

We have now included a sentence in the cover page of the manuscript discussing each author's contribution, have provided original images in a PowerPoint file titled '64848-Figures', and gained permissions from Elsevier and Wiley publishers for copyright re-use of images. In addition please find below answers to questions and comments by Science Editor (Man Liu) on the proofreading copy.

We are grateful for your further consideration for publication of this review in your journal.

Kind regards,

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