

Dear Editor,

We have recently submitted an invited manuscript (ID 69182 – “Primary prophylaxis of variceal bleeding in patients with cirrhosis – a comparison of different strategies”) in order to be appreciated for publication in your prestigious journal. Now, we would like to resubmit it after answering to the reviewers’ comments (see below).

We would like to thank the reviewers for evaluating our work. We hope that, after considering our answers and the changes in the manuscript, you will find it suitable for publication in its present form.

We would also like to inform that there are only two self-cited references in the manuscript, which is under 10% of the references.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Angelo Z. Mattos

Response to reviewers’ comments:

Dear Reviewer 1,

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript. We are very glad that you were satisfied with the paper.

Dear Reviewer 2,

Thank you very much for your comments on our paper. Your suggestions were very useful in order to improve it.

The following are the responses to each of your comments:

Comment 1 – We have checked the language of the manuscript as you suggested. Thank you very much.

Comment 2 – We have added the meaning of the symbols “+”, “-” and “?” to the footnotes of Table 1. Thank you very much.

Once more, we would like to deeply thank you for reviewing our paper. We hope that you will now consider our manuscript suitable for publication in the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.