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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors presents the results of a retrospective study on the management of acute variceal bleeding using balloon tamponade and the outcomes and predictors of mortality, re-bleeding and complications. This is one of the few studies that address this technique, that is a salvage therapy still used in cases refractory to endoscopic variceal band ligation or injection therapy. This is a retrospective study on a cohort of 80 adult patients from 2 large tertiary care hospitals. The manuscript is well written. Just small corrections regarding the editing must be made. Also I would recommend that the figures 1-3 to have the statistical p value included. Besides these minor changes there are no other recommendations for changes.



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1. In general, this is a well-written manuscript. 2. The major concern for me of this study is that you stated a significant variability amongst several aspects of clinical practice around SBT insertion in your centers including 1) insufficient inflation of balloons(45%) and 2) SBT catheter migration(20%).

a. The high primary hemostasis rate you reported was achieved by a non-standardized and suboptimal way of SBT insertion. If my understanding is correct, is there still need for gastroenterologists to receive training for SBT insertion?

b. What is the reason for failure of primary hemostasis(n=5)? Is suboptimal insertion of SBT responsible for them?

c. Should this be listed as a limitation?

3. There are inconsistent and chaotic references formats in the manuscript, including [], (), ()() and "(5,6)study outcome measures"... etc. Please check again with your reference software.