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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8106-review.doc).

Title: Cost-effectiveness analysis of beta-blockers vs. endoscopic surveillance in patients with cirrhosis and sma varices.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

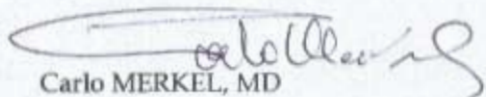
2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) A sentence reporting the possible use of non-invasive predictors of large varices was added
- (2) Statistical details and results were added in text and Table 1
- (3) Figure 1 and 2 were combined
- (4) Legends to Figure and Tables were modified

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,



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