

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 90326-Manuscript).



**Title:** Contemporary concepts of prevention and management of gastroesophageal variceal bleeding in liver cirrhosis patients

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### **1. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer 1 (number ID 06196450)**

This editorial describes the contemporary concepts of prevention and management of gastroesophageal variceal bleeding in liver cirrhosis patients according to the current guidelines. Generally speaking, this essay is coherent in logic, concise in language and comprehensive in content. But there are still some details that need to be revised.

**Q1.** For the introduction part, the concepts of CSPH and advanced chronic liver disease should be further explained.

**Answer:** Thanks for your suggestion. In the "INTRODUCTION" section explains the concept of clinically significant portal hypertension (CSPH) (it is characterized by hepatic venous pressure gradient values  $\geq 10$  mmHg and gastroesophageal varices forming) (highlighted in yellow). The Baveno VI consensus proposed the term advanced chronic liver disease for patients with late stages of chronic liver disease to replace the use of the term liver cirrhosis, which is a histology-driven concept (highlighted in yellow).

**Q2.** For the primary preventing of gastroesophageal variceal bleeding part, the logic is incoherent, so hope you can sort out the content again and refine the key content.

**Answer:** Thanks for your suggestion. The "Primary preventing gastroesophageal variceal bleeding" section have been corrected (corrections are highlighted in yellow). Besides, a figure called "Algorithm for primary preventing gastroesophageal variceal bleeding in liver cirrhosis patients" has been added to the manuscript.

**Q3.** The part to prevent further decompensation of cirrhosis should be further supplemented.

**Answer:** Unfortunately, I did not understand this suggestion. To prevent further liver cirrhosis decompensation, prevention and management of recurrent gastroesophageal variceal bleeding, refractory ascites, recurrent encephalopathy, the development of spontaneous bacterial peritonitis, hepatorenal syndrome/acute kidney injury, as well as jaundice are required. Considering that this manuscript is devoted to gastroesophageal variceal bleeding, contemporary concepts of its secondary prophylaxis and management are described according to the current guidelines, in particular, adopted at the Baveno VII consensus workshop.

**2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer 2 (number ID 06179533)**

A very carefully and detailed compilation. Although the number of figures and illustrations is relatively small, the visuals are carefully prepared. The language and expression are easy to understand. If the number of visuals is increased, interest can be kept alive.

**Answer:** Thanks for your suggestion. A figure called "Algorithm for primary preventing gastroesophageal variceal bleeding in liver cirrhosis patients" has been added to the manuscript.

The author would like to thank the reviewers for a positive conclusion regarding this manuscript.

Thank you for publishing my manuscript in the *World Journal of Hepatology*.

Yours sincerely,

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