

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

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Title: Effectiveness of therapeutic barium enema for diverticular hemorrhage

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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) As you pointed out, we revised AIM of abstract part as follows;

AIM: The aim of this study was to evaluate effectiveness of the barium impaction therapy for patients with colonic diverticular bleeding.

(2) As you pointed out, it is not important factor. We delated this result.

(3) As you pointed out, reason of relationship between re-bleeding and NSAIDs was unclear. We also supposed damage for intestinal mucosa might cause re-bleeding by NSAIDs. We added sentence DISCUSSION part as follow:

A reason of relationship between re-bleeding and NSAIDs was unclear, but we supposed intestinal mucosal damage by NSAIDs might cause re-bleeding.

(4) There were few report of correlation between anticoagulation and bleeding from colonic diverticulae. [4] Reports of between antiplatelet therapy and diverticular bleeding was sometimes reported. [3,18] Report of correlation between re-bleeding and

anticoagulation or antiplatelet therapy was not found. We added sentence DISCUSSION and REFERENCES part as follow:

Although there were a few report of correlation between anticoagulation or antiplatelet therapy and bleeding from colonic diverticulae, no report was found correlation between theses therapy and re-bleeding. [3,4,18]

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(5) As you pointed out, we write DISCUSSION part as follow:

The precise mechanism that underlies the effect of therapeutic barium enema remains unclear. Adams *et al.*[12] mentioned two potential factors, namely, pressure by the barium solution that produces tamponade of the bleeding vessel and the direct hemostatic action of barium sulfate.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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