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Re: Revised article submission

Dear Editor-in-Chief:

I am enclosing a revised copy of an original research on **“Usefulness of Intra-procedural cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) in modified balloon-occluded retrograde transvenous obliteration (mBRTO) of gastric varices”** for your review.

We have answered and edited the manuscript according to the comments of the reviewers and editors (please see below for the point-to-point responses).

I hope you find our manuscript interesting and suitable to publish in the World Journal of Radiology.

Yours sincerely,



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Reviewer 1:

The authors reported their own experiences in combining CBCT with BRTO in the treatment of bleeding GV. Although the sample size is small (15 patients), the content of this study is interesting, and it was well-written.

- Nothing to edit

Reviewer 2:

In page 7, author mentioned that “All 15 patients had a triple phase contrast-enhanced CT of abdomen 2-3 days post procedure”. IS CT scan 2-3 days after BRTO a routine protocol in authors’ institute? More detailed description of gelfoam slurry is needed. The amount of gelfoam used ranged from 3 to 15 packs. But, I can not know the amount of gelfoam in 1 pack.

- Yes; a triple phase CT is a routine protocol at our institution after BRTO/CARTO/PARTO to evaluate for complications and technical success of the procedure
- Each gelfoam pack is 2 cm x 6 cm x 7 mm size. This information is included in the text.

Reviewer 3:

Well written. Minor language polishing

- Nothing to edit