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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The current paper reviewed the clinical usefulness of argon plasma coagulation (APC) for the therapy esophageal variceal ligation (EVL), mainly focusing on the sequential therapy (EVL and following APC). They also discussed the other techniques (EIS+APC and APC mono-therapy for small varices). 1) As a review article, the current description (page 7) regarding the adverse events in EVL+APC therapy is quite simple. I would like to recommend the authors to provide some more detailed descriptions regarding the results shown in the table 2. 2) The gender of patients should be included in the table 1. In addition, I would like to recommend to include the etiologies of the patients' cohort in the table1, as EV-related clinical features are different among the etiologies (e.g, alcoholic cirrhosis has a high risk at developing EV). 3) This paper does not a 'Meta-analysis' paper.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The authors revised their manuscript according to the comments.