

Manuscript number 7208: Update on Gastric varices.

Responses to reviewer:

We thank the reviewer for their comments. Many relate their own experience. We address there three points below:

- 1) We agree with their comments regarding the importantce of describing rebleeding and complications. These are already described in page 9 and table 1
- 2) We agree regarding early use of antibiotics in acute bleeding which we have already described (page 5, para 2)
- 3) We agree that more data on thrombin are needed with longer term follow-up – we have added a comment to clarify that (page 11, para 1), and have already described the existing data with thrombin (pages 10 & 11 and table 2). WE agree that ultrasound miniprobos may have a role in the future, although data are required – we have added a comment regarding this in page 18, para 2).

We hope these address the comments of the reviewer and the paper can now be accepted for publication

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