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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

An interesting topic. I recommend its potential publication in this journal. The authors should improve the language and grammar. Some minor comments are listed as follows.

1. In page 3, the authors said “Cirrhotic patients generally presents a PVT with an incidence that ranges from 11% to 24% at 5 years”, where the word “presents” should be revised as “present”.
2. In page 6, the authors said “Only one bleeding episode was described in a patient in therapy with DOAC, so authors concluded that there was no statistically significant difference in bleeding events between DOAC e VKA groups”, where the word “e” should be revised as “and”.
3. In page 7, the authors said “The recanalization rate at 3 months was achieved in more than 80% of patients”, where the word “rate” should be removed.
4. In page 8, the authors said “safety and efficacy of anticoagulation seems to be similar to patients without hepatocellular carcinoma”, where the word “seems” should be revised as “seem”.
5. In page 8, the authors said “In



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the last few years, experience with DOACs is growing also in the setting of cirrhotic patients”, where the word “also” should be replaced before the word “growing”. 6. In page 9, the authors said “Of note, results presented by authors are referred to the entire population of study; despite the majority of patients presented a PVT, actual conclusions on these patients cannot be extrapolated”. A full stop is lacking at the end of the sentence.



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1. Many other potential situations are related to portosystemic thrombosis; there is a growing evidence in the literature that portosystemic thrombosis might be related to surgical interventions, genetic factors and others. The presentation of clinical relevance is important. 2. Abstract should clearly present the clinical relevance of prompt medical interventions. 3. New cornerstone treatment options are available; important to mention clot aspiration by interventional radiologist. The time frame for better clinical outcome is mandatory to discuss and mention. 4. The authors should comment and discuss cancer related SVT and portosystemic thrombosis. 5. Authors should comment heparin dose adjustment in case of renal impairment and other clinical circumstances influencing mandatory dose adjustment. Besides, other therapeutic approach is needed to be explained. 6. Authors should comment DOAC in liver and kidney function impairment. 7. In terms of risk factors, it would also be useful to mention the increased risk of portosystemic thrombosis in the case of certain viral diseases, which has been shown to be associated with infection with COVID19 and others. 8. I recommend the comments in the description of cavernous transformation of the porta, including consequences



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(portal hypertension), measures (TIPS) and increased risk of portosystemic thrombosis. 9. line 130-141: Having said this, the authors should be reminded of the very small number of DOAC-treated subjects observed, and commentary should be very limited in view of this fact. 10. line 147-151: In the paper, the authors should present the increased risk of thromboembolic complications in patients with IBD a little more precisely, including the increased risk with some types of therapy. 11. line 180-187: Due to the importance of the content of the paper, authors should indicate the risk of PST according to Child grade or other classification systems that define liver cirrhosis. 12. line 231: The authors should define the risk of PST in case of altered biliary derivation (external biliary drainage) and DOAC treatment. 13. line 250-299: It would be very important for the reader to know the inclusion criteria when deciding to introduce DOACs, as far as the studies state this; random introduction significantly reduces the strength of the evidence and thus could lead to irrelevant conclusions.



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1. Page 3 line 39: “thrombofilic” should be changed to “thrombophilic” 2. Page 3 line 48: “unfractioned” should be replaced by “unfractionated” 3. Page 7 line 175: “patients” should be changed into “patient” 4. Reference styling in manuscript and under reference list is not compatible with WJG standards. This should be revised accordingly.