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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format for WJG publication. Thank you to the reviewers for their comments. Apologies for the slight delay over the Christmas and New year period.

Title:

A historical overview and options for the future in acute variceal haemorrhage (please see comment 10 for a change in title)

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated with changes highlighted for the reviewers.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

1. The role of nitroglycerine and vasopressin not being mentioned (Reviewer 2). As per reviewer 3's recommendations, Vasopressin has been removed from the table and somatostatin added instead (also per reviewer 1), thus negating the need for mentioning on vasopressin.
2. The use of Hemospray TM has been added with a review of recent small data sets and of its mechanism.
3. The recent data from Escorsell on stent v balloon tamponade (AASLD 2013) has been added. Thank you to the reviewer for pointing this out.
4. The written English has been check and rechecked by 3 english speaking Hepatologists from the UK. Also spell check has been used and grammar checking on Macbook.
5. In the conclusions the gold standard tx and suggestions for future have been made also per reviewer.
6. Risk factors for variceal bleeding and their validation have been added per reviewer – along with their clinical applicability (reviewer 1). Also the predictors of treatment failure and 6 week/ 1- year mortality have been added (reviewer 3)
7. Corrections of grammar noted and changed where applicable (see point 4)
8. The potential confusion noted by reviewer 3 between D'Amico and Garcia-Pagan's

meta-analysis is noted; however these are the outcomes of the meta-analysis and we have re-iterated in the text (highlighted) that vasopressin alone is not adequate to manage variceal hamorrhae and also in conclusions.

9. All references updated.

10. Reviewer 3 suggested a title change so we have changed it to: “A historical overview and review of current day treatment in the management of acute variceal haemorrhage” however if the editor in-chief prefers the original title, we are happy to leave it as that as other reviewers did not comment on it.

I hope these changes lend themselves to us having this review published in your presitigious journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Yours sincerely

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