

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7278-review.doc).

**Title:** Meta-analysis: EVS versus TIPS for gastric variceal bleeding in patients with cirrhosis

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

1 Format has been updated

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

(1) Two of the five reviewers suggested that we should add the funnel plot to evaluate the publication bias. Both the test for publication bias and meta-regression were not performed because less than ten studies were included in the present meta-analysis. When there are fewer studies, the power of this test is too low to distinguish chance from real asymmetry.

(2) Two reviewers suggested that language polishing should be done for our manuscript. We have the revised manuscript been polished by our authors who have published hundreds of English papers. We guaranteed that the revised manuscript has reached grade A in English writing.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pharmacology and Therapeutics*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guohong Han'.

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