

## ESPS PEER REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This study enrolled 101 patients to find the risk factors for 6-week rebleeding and mortality in AVH patients treated by PTVE. The authors clearly described the information of patients and treated methods and found that high-risk stigmata, PTVE with trunk obliteration, and a HVPG  $\geq 20$  mmHg were at increased risk for rebleeding; MELD score  $\geq 18$  and a HVPG  $\geq 20$  mmHg were associated with 6-week mortality. Thus results predicted that PTVE combined with TIPS may improve survival in AVH patients which needs to be proved. This paper was also well-written in good English. However, there are some issues need to be addressed before further consideration. 1. "Patients and methods" should be "Patients and methods". (Page 5 subtitle) 2. Since authors chose the day of the PTVE procedure as the time of entry, how to handle the patients with rebleeding before PTVE? Are they excluded or not? If not, are there any influences?

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The article needs minor English polishing.

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To editor/authors: It is valuable to be published. Figures should be modified. English writing should also be modified.

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This is an interesting study debating on a well-chosen topic. Its greatest flaw is that it is retrospective. Perhaps a prospective analysis could be less biased by non-standardized patient entries for instance. The other issue is that PTVE is not the standard therapy for acute variceal bleeding. However, it is my belief that it sufficiently addresses several points of an on-going debate regarding AVH, rebleeding risk and treatment, thus worthy for publication. The paper can be published after minor language polishing.