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Re. **Name of Journal:** World Journal of Hepatology

ESPS Manuscript NO: 28879

Title: Can platelet count/spleen diameter ratio be used for cirrhotic children to predict esophageal varices?

Dear Sir:

Thank you for asking us to revise the above manuscript according to the reviewers' suggestions. We have now done so and our responses are as follows:

Reviewer I

We agree with you that platelet count/spleen diameter ratio may be helpful to discriminate large EVs from those with or without small EVs. We have tested this hypothesis using our data. However, we did not find a statistically significant difference in the platelet count/spleen diameter ratio between patients with large and small varices (636.9 ± 256.5 and 894.1 ± 844.4 , respectively; $p=0.89$). We have also added this data in the results.

Reviewer II

The language editing of the manuscript was done by 'internationalscienceediting.com'.

Finally, we have offered the audio core and added a comments section after references.

We hope that you find the above revisions satisfactory, and now look forward to its publication in World Journal of Hepatology in the near future.

Best regards,

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