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Dear Editor and Reviewers:

Re: Manuscript ID: 91131 and Title: MH-STRALP: A Scoring System for Prognostication in Patients with Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding

Thank you for your letter and reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "MH-STRALP: A Scoring System for Prognostication in Patients with Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding" (91131). Those comments are valuable and very helpful. We have read through comments carefully and have made corrections. Based on the instructions provided in your letter, we uploaded the file of the revised manuscript. The responses to the reviewers' comments are presented following.

We would love to thank you for allowing us to resubmit a revised copy of the manuscript and we highly appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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Q1. Benefits of repeated endoscopy after rebleeding.

Response: For rebleeding after endoscopic hemostasis, multiple endoscopic treatments may be beneficial as they can avoid open surgery and reduce associated complications and patient recovery time. Nevertheless, whether a patient will benefit from a second or third endoscopic hemostasis largely depends on several factors: the individual patient's underlying health condition, the location and nature of the bleeding source, the success rate of initial hemostasis and reasons for recurrent bleeding, overall patient status, available technology, and expertise. Although repeated endoscopic hemostasis can be effective, for some patients, if endoscopy is not successful in stopping the bleeding and it continues, other treatment methods may need to be considered, including interventional radiology or surgery.

Q2. Language problems.

Response: We have sent the revised manuscript to a professional English language editing company to polish the manuscript further, which provides a new language certificate along with the manuscript.

Q3: The use of abbreviations.

Response: We have checked the manuscript in accordance with the rules for the use of abbreviations.

Q4: Conflict of interest statement.

Response: We have completed the conflict-of-interest disclosure form.

Q5: The Core tip and Article highlight section.

Response: We have completed the Core tip and Article highlight section.

Q6: The problems of the references.

Response: We have provide the PMID numbers and DOI to the reference list and list all authors of the references.

Q7: Footnotes and Figure Legends.

Response: We have prepared the Figures and Tables files as required.