



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery

Manuscript NO: 38237

Title: Adherence to surveillance endoscopy following hospitalization for index esophageal variceal hemorrhage

Reviewer's code: 02575643

Reviewer's country: Italy

Science editor: Xue-Jiao Wang

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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	Google Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor		<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism	
		<input type="checkbox"/> No	

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This article title with "Adherence to surveillance endoscopy following hospitalization for index esophageal variceal hemorrhage" it should not be published at WJG. It has no important informations and it does not makes a new contribution for understanding of hepatocellular carcinoma.

Answer:

We are confused by the discordance of the text with the selections made in the Table above. We can only assume that the text (and not the Table) reflects the views of the reviewer, and our response follows. Although surveillance endoscopy with variceal ligation is an established tool for prevention of recurrent esophageal bleeding (a high



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impact problem in cirrhosis), there is no published information (to our knowledge) about patient-related factors that impede implementation of this important tool. Thus in contrast to the reviewer, we feel that our manuscript provides important information. We do agree with the reviewer that our findings do not make a new contribution for understanding of hepatocellular carcinoma. However, we would like to emphasize that the focus of the manuscript was prevention of recurrent esophageal variceal bleeding in cirrhosis, and we did not address the issue of hepatocellular carcinoma (which is beyond the scope of this work).



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Reviewer’s code: 02861208

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Congratulations to the authors on this interesting, relevant and well-accomplished manuscript. It addresses a simple question that is very relevant for this patients and their physicians and interestingly shows how uninsured or partially insured patients are less likely to return to follow up after VB.

Answer:

We thank the reviewer for the enthusiastic comments provided. It is evident that no changes have been suggested for a revised manuscript.



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Reviewer's code: 01557574

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Answer:

We are puzzled by these comments. As stated above, to our knowledge, there is no published information about barriers to surveillance endoscopy for secondary prevention of esophageal variceal bleeding in cirrhosis, which we view as an important problem. We agree with the reviewer that our findings do not make a new contribution for understanding of variceal hemorrhage, if this means the establishment of paradigm shifts



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in the biology or treatment of disease. However, we would like to emphasize that the focus of our manuscript was quite different. Here we identified patient factors that impair prevention of recurrent esophageal variceal bleeding in cirrhosis, and we did not address the pathophysiology of portal hypertension or test new management strategies in gastrointestinal variceal hemorrhage. These important issues are beyond the scope of this work.