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### Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



May 11, 2017

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 33869-review.doc).

**Title:** Effect of initial stent position on patency of transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt

**Author:** Shi-Hua Luo, Jian-Guo Chu, He Huang, Ke-Chun Yao

**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 33869

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) **Reviewer's code:**00188507

#### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The author reported 425 patients with refractory ascites or variceal bleeding treated with TIPS placement. To date this size of cohort study have never been reported and is essential to be published. Their results demonstrated that the initial stent position influences stent patency, and the risk of recurrent symptoms associated with shunt stenosis or occlusion. The conclusion lead from the results are clear and can be accepted after the language editing by native English speaker.

Reply: This manuscript has been edited by native English speaker at MedE Editing Group Inc((Ref. MS2017040810)).

(2) **Reviewer's code:**03024263

Despite the contradictory literature data, the authors confirmed that initial stent position in TIPS with relation to hepatic venous outflow is an important determinant of shunt patency. Although the study has a number of limitations, which are indicated by the authors themselves, it has important practical significance.

Reply: Thanks for the reviewer's evaluation.



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3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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