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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this manuscript, Drs. Ji and Cho concisely reviewed current literature regarding application of endoscopic band ligation (EBL) beyond treatment for variceal hemorrhage. Generally, this commentary is well written with clear points. However, the authors may consider the following suggestions. 1) The title focuses on “bleeding esophageal varies”, but the content actually deals with nothing related to esophageal or gastric varies. Since EBL may also be used in gastric varices (although principally not recommended) and in non-bleeding setting for prophylaxis, I suggest a minor modification of the title accordingly. 2) The authors rightly cited a number of references to support the use of EBL in various non-variceal conditions, but the readers must be reminded explicitly that few of these reports were controlled studies, and sample sizes of those rare randomized trials are indeed small. 3) The EBL device varied among existing reports, and may deserve a short discussion. 4) The authors are advised to recheck the references. For example, is it Han JH or Hahn JH ? (ref 6)