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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In general, I like the concept. However, I think some things should be adjusted: 1. MELD should be used (instead of the outdated CTP scoring system) for the patient characteristics. 2. I realize there is a low number of patients in the study. However, the same patients should not be used more than once as this creates some inherent bias. 3. In the methods, "hepatic failure" was used as an exclusion criteria but how was this defined. There is likely some degree since all patients had cirrhosis. I would like to see this more clearly defined. 4. In the introduction, you wrote "...treat post-sclerotherapy esophageal ulcers" --> shouldn't this be gastric ulcers? 5. In the dicussion, you wrote "Among the complication of gastric varices, variceal bleeding is fatal." It can be fatal but is not necessarily fatal always as your sentence suggests. 6. In the discussion, you wrote "This ulcer is high probability of vessel.exposure." It should be written as "This ulcer has a high probability of vessel exposure." 7. I think with a study with such a small number of patients, then it should have been easier to standardize and give all patients just one single type of PPI to be more uniform. 8. It also needs some language polishing and utilization of paragraphs to read easier.



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Despite the interesting hypothesis, some important data are missing. - how many pts did rebleed? How many episodes? How often the bleeding episode could be attributed to ulceration



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This manuscript entitled: Proton pump inhibitor administration can extend the rebleeding interval after endoscopic gastric variceal obturation with N-butyl-2-cyanoacrylate While an interesting paper, there are some serious concerns with this manuscript. Major comments 1. This paper is a retrospective study and the sample size is too small. 2. It is unclear the rebleeding of the difference gastric variceal bleeding or not variceal bleeding. 3. This study has a selection bias for PPI use. 4. Prospective randomized study is necessary for effectiveness of PPI.