

# PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

Manuscript NO: 81451

Title: Aluminum Phosphate Gel Reduces Early Rebleeding in Cirrhotic Patients with

Gastric Variceal Bleeding Treated with histoacryl injection therapy

Provenance and peer review: Invited Manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

Peer-review model: Single blind

Reviewer's code: 00503572 Position: Editorial Board Academic degree: MD, MSc

**Professional title:** Professor

Reviewer's Country/Territory: Mexico

Author's Country/Territory: China

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Reviewer chosen by: AI Technique

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Scientific quality	[ ] Grade A: Excellent [ ] Grade B: Very good [Y] Grade C: Good [ ] Grade D: Fair [ ] Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	[ ] Grade A: Priority publishing [ Y] Grade B: Minor language polishing [ ] Grade C: A great deal of language polishing [ ] Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	[ ] Accept (High priority) [ ] Accept (General priority) [ ] Minor revision [ Y] Major revision [ ] Rejection
Re-review	[Y]Yes []No



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statements	Conflicts-of-Interest: [ ] Yes [ Y] No

### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript entitled "Analysis of the Efficacy of Aluminum Phosphate Gel in Reducing Early Rebleeding in Cirrhotic Patients with Gastric Variceal Bleeding Treated with Endoscopic Histoacryl Injection Therapy" is an interesting study that compares PPI vs a combined treatment of PPI + Aluminum phosphate gel for early bleeding recurrence in patients with gastric varices treated with glue. Authors found a better effect of combined treatment for reducing bleeding recurrence and reduction of abdominal pain. The results are interesting and at first sight it may be evident te superiority of the combined treatment. Nevertheless, I have some concerns regarding the design of the study and the precision of some details of the results Major concerns 1.- I understood that the study was retrospective concerning the administration of glue. However, the administration of the treatments was prospective? 2.- The selection of patients for both therapeutic branches was randomly done? 3.- How many patients in each group were treated with beta blockers during the trial? 4.- It was not clear to me if PPI and APG were given simultaneously or consecutively. 5. -Why do you explain a reduction of abdominal pain in the combined group? Minor comments 1.- I suggest authors to perform a Kaplan- Meier curve for compare both groups. It would be more pictorial 2.- Include the hospitalization rate as a parameter of effectivity.



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This is a single-center, retrospective study with a small sample size and its level of evidence is not high. However, it does demonstrate that the addition of APG significantly reduced the incidence of early rebleeding after EVHT compared to PPI alone. This is a well-written article that may have an impact on future treatment strategies after EVHT. (1) I recommend that the authors add their opinion in the Discussion section as to whether other mucosal protective agents may have a similar effect over APG.



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Necessary certificate written by specialist about the statistics, an original informed consent form and an institutional approval form with english translation, and minor English review.



### RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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