

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation

Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this study, the authors classified the varices with the aid of a unique endoscopic ruler and found that it performed better than the traditional approach. The main drawback of this study, notwithstanding some innovation, is the extremely small sample size, considering a multicenter study spanned over 1 year. The design of this study is largely cross-sectional, hence using the term “prospective” would be inappropriate. I’m afraid, but the work does not appear to be appropriate for a high impact publication in its current format. Perhaps the authors could think about improving the sample size and adding some follow-up data to make it more relevant.

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Noteworthy from a theoretical standpoint, however, the efficacy of this ruler in predicting bleeding risk needs more substantiation. The time it takes to use must be justified by improving relevant clinical outcomes. This innovative classification of varices using an endoscopic ruler is hindered by a small sample size, especially for a multicenter study spanning a year. The study's predominantly cross-sectional design calls into question the use of the term "prospective." To enhance its relevance, the authors might consider augmenting the sample size and introducing follow-up and clinical data.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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I have no more critical comments. I believe standard of this manuscript is adequate for the selected journal.