

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 1989-review.doc).

Title: Endoscopic band ligation: beyond prevention and management of gastroesophageal varices

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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) 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.

Answer: Thank you for your valuable comments. We changed the title to "Endoscopic band ligation: Beyond prevention and management of gastroesophageal varices"

- (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.

Answer: I agree. We added the sentences as followings:

"Although these studies have shown promising results for the treatment of nonvariceal bleeding, few of these reports were prospective controlled design, and sample sizes of randomized trials were small. Further prospective studies with a large number of patients are necessary to demonstrate the hemostatic efficacy of EBL."

- (3) The EBL device varied among existing reports, and may deserve a short discussion.

Answer: I agree. We inserted a discussion regarding endoscopic banding devices.

- (4) The authors are advised to recheck the references. For example, is it Han JH or Hahn JH ? (ref 6)

Answer: We corrected errors about references.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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