

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6208-review.doc).

Title: Hepatic venous pressure gradient measurement before TIPS for acute variceal bleeding

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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.

Comments from reviewer 1 (02545518):

This is a nice and useful letter that can contribute in the field of acute variceal bleeding management.

Answer: Thanks very much for your review.

Comments from reviewer 2 (02861117):

Author in this manuscript entitled, "Hepatic venous pressure gradient measurement might be considered to identify the candidates for TIPS in treatment of acute variceal bleeding" emphasized that if hepatic venous pressure gradient could be measured before a transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt is considered for the treatment of acute variceal bleeding, the invasiveness of treatment strategy would be further decreased, thereby reducing the cost and avoiding the long-term complications of portosystemic shunting.

This manuscript requires additional modifications with regard to way facts are presented before publication. My recommendations for improving the presentation are as follows:

Minor Comments

1. *The line "In the cases where acute variceal bleeding is treated with pharmacologic and endoscopic therapy, the risk of variceal rebleeding with the first 5 days of admission is four times greater in patients with HVPG ≥ 20 mmHg than in those with HVPG < 20 mmHg." is repeated as it is in the abstract as well as in the main article. Author should present this thing in a different way at two positions otherwise there is no difference between abstract and main article.*

2. *Similarly, same applies for the line "thereby decreasing the cost and avoiding the long-term complications of portosystemic shunting". The author should go through the entire manuscript and look for similar repeats.*

Answer: Thanks for your comments.

We have checked the similar repeats and changed our expression in the abstract and main article according to your comments. Thus, in the revised version, the same thing is expressed in a different way at the abstract and main article.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

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

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