

Thank you for your help, suggestions and advice: the entire **manuscript** has been revised **according to the guidelines for manuscript, retrospective study** and has been re-corrected by an **English native speaker** (Susana Gonzales, MD, author 2)

Please find in the following all corrections in detail

Reviewer's comment 1:

Title should be no more than 10~12 words/60 bytes. Please revise it.

Author's reply:

Thank you ! Title has been shortened to 11 words

101 OVER-THE-SCOPE-CLIP APPLICATIONS FOR SEVERE GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING, LEAKS AND FISTULAS

Reviewer's comment 2:

Please write a running title of less than 6 words. See the format in the attachment. Thank you.

Author's reply:

The following running title has been integrated in the text:

Wedi E *et al.* OTSC for severe bleedings, leaks, fistulas

Reviewer's comment 3:

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Author's reply:

Thank you for you comment! The complete header as well as the first two pages have been changed according to the format for manuscript revisions, retrospective studies. All postal codes have been added

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Author's reply:

All changes have been made in the manuscript. Documents are attached.

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Reviewer's comment 4:

AIM should be no more than 20 words: The purpose of the study should be stated clearly
and with no or minimal background information, following the format of: "To
75 investigate/study/determine..."

Author's reply:

AIM: To investigate the efficacy and clinical outcome of patients treated with an over-the-
scope-clip in severe gastrointestinal haemorrhage, perforations and fistulas.

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Reviewer's comment 5:

85 Key words: A list of 5–10 keywords should be given.

Core tip: Please write a summary of less than 100 words to outline the most innovative and important arguments and core contents in your paper to attract readers.

90 Audio core tip:

In order to attract readers to read your full-text article, we request that the author make an audio file describing your final core tip, it is necessary for final acceptance. Please refer to Instruction to authors on our website or attached Format for detailed information.

95 Author's reply:

Key words: Over-the-scope-clip, OTSC, endoscopic therapy, gastrointestinal bleeding, perforation, fistula

Audio core tip:

100 Please find the file attached.

Reviewer's comment 6:

105 Please reformat all the reference numbers (superscript with square brackets), put the punctuation behind reference. Please check throughout. Normal line space is required. Please check throughout. Thank you!

110 Author's reply:

We have re-formatted the references according to the journal guide lines (lines 464-588).

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Reviewer's comment 7:

Statistical analysis

120 Statistical methods should be described when they are used to verify the results. Choose suitable techniques for the statistical treatments; for example, t-test (group or paired comparisons), χ^2 test, Ridit, probit, logit, regression (linear, curvilinear, or stepwise), correlation, analysis of variance (ANOVA), analysis of covariance, etc.

Author's reply:

125 Statistical analysis is just descriptive statistics with no comparison to a second group. All
values have been expressed by means or median where appropriate and giving standard
deviation and/or range.

130 A section on statistical methods have been integrated in the manuscript

Reviewer's comment 8:

135 Please provide the "Highlighted contents" here, which is a necessary content. See....

Author's reply:

This respective correction has been made (lines 375-409).

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Reviewer comment 9:

145 Tables shouldn't be images, but as word or excel format so that I can edit them easily.
Thank you!

Author's reply:

Tables have been transformed to Exel tables and are uploaded as separate files

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Reviewer's comment 10:

155 Please provide separate images.

Author's reply:

Separate images are provided

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Reviewer's comment 11:

165 Please add PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation to the reference list and list all
authors. Please revise throughout. For those references that have not been indexed by
PubMed, a printed copy of the first page of the full reference should be submitted.

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Author's reply:

The respective corrections have been made