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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: World Journal of Gastroenterology Manuscript Revision-Manuscript NO: 67274

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to revise the manuscript. Please note the following revisions:

1. Change in title to "Role of early TIPSS in acute variceal bleeding: An update of the evidence and future directions" to comply with word count.
2. Change in affiliation of Faisal Khan to "Gastroenterology Unit, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust, Birmingham, UK"
3. In response to the reviewer comments we have omitted 2015 BSG guidelines. We have expanded Table 1 with further details which have resulted in a 3 page table. There is now an additional Table 2 detailing the meta-analyses. Please confirm this is acceptable.
4. We have done our best with the formatting of references and were unable to identify PMIDs for all the references as some were conference abstracts. The self-referencing is less than 10%, helped by omission of the BSG guidelines.
5. All the images are original and without copyright. I have attached the original editable PowerPoint files.
6. The revised manuscript with tables and figures separately are attached.

We hope the revisions are acceptable for publication.

Yours sincerely



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