

Dear editors and reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and comments on our manuscript titled “Effects of splenectomy plus pericardial devascularization vs transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt on prognosis in patients with hepatitis B virus-related cirrhosis combined with esophageal variceal bleeding”(NO: 84483). These comments helped us improve our manuscript and provided important guidance for future research.

We have addressed the reviewer’s comments to the best of our abilities. We hope this meets your requirements for a publication. The main comments and our specific responses are detailed below:

**Reviewer 1 Comments:**

I have few suggestions to improve the manuscript for publication. Manuscript is not written in Standard English, there are many grammatical and spelling mistakes. These mistakes should be corrected. Introduction: This section needs recent citations to understand the previous reports and the scientific gaps. More main objectives of this study in the last paragraph of the introduction should be included. Materials and methods: Methodology is not very clear, need more details with references. Results and Discussion: Add latest references in discussion to correlate the present study with previous study. The whole manuscript needs careful revision.

**Response:**

1. We have polished the language throughout the manuscript.
2. In the second paragraph of the Introduction section, we describe in detail the current treatment options for EGVB. The current status of SPD and TIPS is also presented. We have added recent citations in this section. In the third paragraph of the Introduction section, we describe more of the main objectives of this study.
3. In the first and second paragraphs of the Study population section of Materials and methods, we describe the study population and the inclusion and exclusion methods in detail. In the first and second paragraphs of the Surgical procedures section of Materials and methods, we describe in detail the surgical procedures of SPD and TIPS.
4. In paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Discussion section, we add the most recent references to link this study to previous studies.