

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS

The study investigated In-Hospital Acute Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding. The subject is interesting. However, the methods and the results are not clearly presented. Major comments: 1] Sample size calculation and the power of the study are so important in the study design and in the methods section as you are investigating In-Hospital Acute Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding; so is this sample sufficient or not? It is important question to answer to get a valid conclusion.

-We added a part to the statistical analysis mentioning how we calculated the sample size based on power and level of significance in prior studies. In addition we added more parts to the methods section including a practical explanation about means and process of data collection and storage.

2] Discussion needs more details about the predictors of mortality of patients with upper gastrointestinal bleeding; the effect of the cause of upper gastrointestinal bleeding on the prognosis.

-We added a part to results and discussion and we calculated multiple logistic regression analysis and we were able to obtain independent predictors of mortality in acute upper gastrointestinal bleeding

3] I suggest some important references in the discussion to enrich the discussion: - Elsebaey MA, Elashry H, Elbedewy TA, et al. Predictors of in-hospital mortality in a cohort of elderly Egyptian patients with acute upper gastrointestinal bleeding. Medicine

(Baltimore). 2018 Apr;97(16):e0403. - Hanafy AS, Badawi R, Basha MAA, et al. A novel scoring system for prediction of esophageal varices in critically ill patients. Clin Exp Gastroenterol. 2017 Dec 7;10:315-325. - Abd-Elsalam S, Habba E, Elkhawany W, et al. Correlation of platelets count with endoscopic findings in a cohort of Egyptian patients with liver cirrhosis. Medicine (Baltimore). 2016 Jun;95(23):e3853.

-We cited the study of Elsabaey et al. because it was the most relevant to our study and evaluated predictors of in-hospital mortality which is one of the questions that our study addressed.

## Comments in the manuscripts

\*Cross check report

-We reviewed the cross check thoroughly and we fixed all the selected parts that were highlighted in the cross check report

\*Audio Core tip

-We added an audio core tip

\*Decomposable figures

-We added the fully editable tables in the manuscript as well as in an attached image file

\*word processing software

-we used the book antiqua, 12, 1.5 lines as space as recommended by the editors

\*Line drawings

-we did not submit any figures

\*Avoid using red and green

-we avoided that

\*"Supported by"

-we did not have any grant, we wrote that we do not have a funding source, you mentioned that you might delete "supported by"

\*IRB approval

We will upload it

\*Informed consent form

-we will upload it too

\*Corresponding author

-We added MD, organization

\*Corresponding author phone and fax

-We added the telephone, fax numbers

\*Abstract word number

-We tried my best and summarized a lot to be able to have the word number as you requested

\*Abbreviations and acronyms in abstract

-We made sure to define them the first time they were used in abstract

\*Abbreviations and acronyms in core tip

-We made sure to define them the first time they were used in core tip

\*Subtitles

-We corrected the subtitles according to your guide

\*Abbreviations and acronyms in main text

-We made sure to define them the first time they were used in the main text

\*References

-We corrected the references numbers, kept them as superscript, put them before period and in [].

\*Title and levels of subtitles

-We corrected the format according to your requirement

\*Statistical significance

-We corrected the statistical part according to your recommendations

\*Abbreviations and acronyms in abstract

-We removed the abbreviation from the highlights and put it in the abstract as you requested

\*References

-we fixed the references format as you requested and we added the pmid and doi when available.

\*For figures, use distinct colors with comparable visibility and consider colorblind individuals by avoiding the use of red and green for contrast.

-we re not using red or green

\*Please don't include abbreviations in the title of the figure/table.

-we did not

\*Please explain all the abbreviations in the figure/table legends as full name (abbreviation).

-We explained that

\*Please explain all the abbreviations of each figure/ table under each piece of figure/ table legends.

-we explained them under the table

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-we did not use these signs. We don't have illustrations, we wrote the p value when needed in the tables

\*Please create another file for all the supplementary figures and tables and name the file as "xxxxx-Supplementary material.pdf"

-we created a file that we will attach