

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10467-review.docx).

**Title:** The role of hemostatic powders in the endoscopic management of gastrointestinal bleeding.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 The manuscript has been shortened following the suggestions of reviewers 2, 3 and 5. The mechanism of action of the three powders has been grouped in the same section, and so was done with the safety section. The introduction and conclusion sections have been shortened and reviewed to avoid duplicity.

2 Other changes have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(2) The manuscript has been shortened (see point 1). Regarding our personal experience in the use of powders, we have only used Hemospray in a few patients. In fact, the present review was developed as a means to standardize the use of Hemospray in our Unit. However, commenting on our personal experience in the manuscript does not add any evidence to that already published and has not been included.

(3) We have simplified the mechanism of action section and modified the conclusion to avoid repetition (see point 1). However, we prefer to maintain the structure of the "evidence supporting..." section organized in points following etiologies of bleeding. We think that that structure may act as a quick reference guide for endoscopists in daily practice. We have also stressed the absence of controlled trials comparing hemospray with conventional hemostatic methods both in the text and in the conclusion section.

(4) High risk lesions have been removed as an indication for the use of Hemospray. We referred to lesions with a high risk of rebleeding after treatment with conventional therapy, but it's true that the evidence to support this is low, and that statement inside the table seemed somewhat confusing.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology*

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Bustamante-Balen', written over a horizontal line.

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