

## JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD'S REVIEW REPORT

**Name of journal:** World Journal of Gastroenterology

**Manuscript NO:** 88661

**Title:** Effectiveness of antibiotic prophylaxis for acute esophageal variceal bleeding in patients with band ligation: A large observational study

**Journal Editor-in-Chief/Associate Editor/Editorial Board Member:** Olga A Sukocheva

**Country/Territory:** Australia

**Editorial Director:** Jia-Ru Fan

**Date accepted review:** 2023-12-21 04:19

**Date reviewed:** 2023-12-21 04:43

**Review time:** 1 Hour

SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	language polishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision

## JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. Antibiotic prophylaxis has become the standard of care in patients with cirrhosis and acute variceal bleeding, as randomized controlled trials have shown a significant benefit with regards to infection control and survival. Therefore, the novelty of the current study is limited. However, the recent study addressed the problem with antibiotic-resistant infection. Authors should consider this in the discussion section and mention the impact of multidrug resistant strains. See this study (published in 2022): Mücke VT, Peiffer KH, Kessel J, Schwarzkopf KM, Bojunga J, Zeuzem S, Finkelmeier F, Mücke MM. Impact of colonization with multidrug-resistant organisms on antibiotic prophylaxis in patients with cirrhosis and variceal bleeding. PLoS One. 2022 May 24;17(5):e0268638. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0268638. PMID: 35609050; PMCID: PMC9128949. 2. The table with prescribed antibiotics is good. However, it does not show how many patients were prescribed the specific antibiotics., Authors may improve the table and indicate the number of patients for each type of the

prescribed antibiotics. 3. The discussion section may suggest how to proceed with patients who were diagnosed with multidrug resistant strains.