Reviewer’s report

Title: Bleeding from gastrointestinal angioectasias is not related to bleeding disorders - a case control study

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Thanks for sending the manuscript for review and my comments are as follows;
1. The aim of the study was reasonable and the primary goal of the study was to correlate the “bleeding from angioectasis” with the “bleeding disorder”.
2. While the platelet count was normal, that may exclude the possibility of thrombocytopenia related bleeding; did the authors perform any of the platelet function studies? Because the platelet dysfunction can cause bleeding.
3. What was the severity of bleeding in the study group? The severity may be evaluated based on the number of transfusion required (single or multiple) to stop the bleeding.
4. To have a meaningful statistical comparison, the control group could have been increased to minimum of fifty.
5. The discussion needs to be re-written.
6. Recent references in the relevant field need to be cited. For example there are several reports on AVWS and Bleeding disorders.

The manuscript may be accepted after the modification.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.