Reviewer’s report

Title: Comparison of Argon Plasma Coagulation in Management of Upper Gastrointestinal Angiodysplasia and Gastric Antral Vascular Ectasia Hemorrhage

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The manuscript is adequately well written and the conclusions are clear. Ethics approval for the study was obtained. The study includes a large number of patients with these relatively uncommon disorders. The outcomes for APC treatment of GAVE are much worse than for angiodysplasia, with 79% rebleeding, 21% not having hemostasis at discharge, and a 16% mortality rate. The authors need to emphasize that the results for GAVE are relatively poor and much worse than for angiodysplasia. The management strategy for patients who fail APC therapy for GAVE should be mentioned, including the role of surgery if indicated.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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