Reviewer's report

Title: Acute cholecystitis with massive upper gastrointestinal bleed: a case report and review of the literature

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Under the case report you have made the following statements:
1. UGIE: Second part of duodenum was normal with bile (no blood)
2. 3X3 cm pseudo-aneurysm which had ruptured into the 1st part of the duodenum
3. Proximal CBD was dilated and on exploration clots were removed

Under discussion:
There was no bleeding from the papilla

The problem is that:
1. How did the clot appeared in the CBD when the pseudoaneursym of the cystic duct eroded into the first part of the duodenum and not in the bile duct

2. Secondly you have clearly stated above that the second part of the duodenum had not clots and that there was no bleeding from the papilla. In other words you are contradicting yourself because if there were clots in the CBD there must be some source of bleeding and therefore you would have seen some bleeding from the papilla and some clots in the 2nd part of the duodenum.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Introduction:
Line 6: Remove very before rare


Case Report:
Paragraph 1, Line 5: 7days, substitute it for 7 days

Paragraph 1, Line 6: "tacchycardia (pulse 110/min)", substitute it for tachycardia of 110/min

Paragraph 2, Line 2: (normal 10-15 mg%) should be (10-15 gm/dl).

Paragraph 2: Remove the word "normal" from all the values in brackets as it is understood that those values represents the normal reference range.

Paragraph 3, Line 2: started on proton pump inhibitors: What route? oral or IV

Paragraph 4, Line 1: to confirm gallstones add , after gallstones

Paragraph 4, Line 23: "She" should be substituted for The patient
Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

**What next?:** Reject because scientifically unsound

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

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

**Statistical review:** No

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'