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Dear Editor,

first of all, we should like to thank the Reviewers for the new comments and for the opportunity to improve the quality of the present manuscript.

To differentiate this revision from the previous, the new added text is light-blue highlighted

The following is our point-by-point rebuttal

Reviewer's comment
ince INR>2.5 and stage 2 kidney injury according to AKIN classification are not classical indicators of severe portal hypertension;(as per ref:-4)
INR>2.5 and stage 2 kidney injury according to AKIN classification could be stated as components of exclusion criteria but not as indicator of severe portal hypertension
WE CHANGED THE OUTLINED SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS: "JW patients were evaluated as per our standard Institutional clinical protocol. For this particular class of patients, two or more indicators of severe portal hypertension (platelets <50x10^3 µL, grade 3 esophageal varices, ascites, previous variceal hemorrhage and hepatic encephalopathy were considered contraindications for listing as well as INR>2.5 and stage 2 kidney injury according to the AKIN classification"

We hope that our revised article should be taken into consideration for publication.
Kindest regards
Gianni Biancofiore, MD on the behalf of all of the authors