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Your manuscript "Evaluation of scoring systems without endoscopic findings for predicting outcomes in patients with upper gastrointestinal bleeding" (BMGE-D-17-00377R3) has been assessed by our reviewers. Based on these reports, and my own assessment as Editor, I am pleased to inform you that it is potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Gastroenterology, once you have carried out some editorial revisions;

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