Reviewer’s report

Title: The endoscopic ultrasound probe findings in prediction of esophageal variceal recurrence after endoscopic variceal eradication therapies in cirrhotic patients: A cohort prospective study

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The aim of this study was to evaluate the endoscopic ultrasound features in the prediction of recurrence of esophageal varices following endoscopic eradication in a prospective cohort. It is an interesting retrospective study, but some revisions are suggested before consideration for publication in the journal BMC Gastroenterology.

1. Page 4, line 22: "...as soon as early intervention treatment possible in order to prevention esophageal variceal rebleeding" => should be in order to "prevent", not "prevention"
2. This study defined eradication of EV as endoscopic normal esophageal mucosa or lesions lack a varicose appearance. Why not use EUP after endoscopic treatment to define eradication? Because it would be "residual" rather than recurrence of EV after endoscopic treatment.
3. Why use the cut-off value "14" for Child-Pugh score as one of the exclusion criteria?
4. What was the timing and surveillance period of EUP after endoscopic eradication?

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