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Dear Prof Dr. Bassam Mansour,

You submitted a manuscriptAJGH-2305-1032entitled "Endoscopic Mucosal Resection and Polypectomy in Patients with Liver Cirrhosis ‎and Esophageal Varices." to the African Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology.  The reviewer's comments (s) are included at the end of this email.

The reviewers have requested revisions to your manuscript.  Therefore, I invite you to respond to the reviewers' comments and revise your manuscript. Instructions on how to do this can be found at the bottom of this email.

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Once again, thank you for submitting your manuscript to the African Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, and I look forward to receiving your revision.

Sincerely,

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Chief Editor, African Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology

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**Reviewer Comments to Author:**

**Reviewer1:**

Many grammar mistakes, no statistical methods, and improper use of line colors were included in a corrected manuscript that was attached (AH1).

**Reviewer 2:**

The number of patients is small.

A very long manuscript needs to be summarized, especially (the introduction-results-discussion)

Language revision

The time of study is not clear

No image for the procedure of removal.

**Reviewer 3:**

This is a fascinating study. This article should be re-written with experienced authors following the comments in the attached Word file and re-submit (ME1).

**Reviewer 4:**

1- check spelling and grammar in the paper.

2-it is preferable not to use abbreviations in the abstract.

3- where is the exclusion criteria.

4- use (ov.) or(ev.) all over the paper.

5- in methods, avoid repeating typing of investigations.

6- in tables:

(1) in uls better use cirrhosis with or without splenomegaly as it is appearing wrong no. of patients

(2) what about the rest of the patients in methods of polypectomy?

(3) no of male 20??? and the rest of the table in need of reviewing. (Presence of bleeding with presentation).

7- check the uploaded file (NF1).

**Reviewer 5:**

It is an exciting study discussing novel issues, to resect or not gastric polyps in cirrhotic patients and to predict risk factors for bleeding.

1- In the method section: page 7, paragraph 2 needs revision according to the duration of the study

2- In the results: you mentioned that ten patients out of 39 had splenomegaly. This is a low number as splenomegaly is the first presentation of portal hypertension.

3- Discussion: no need for repetition of the same paragraph as in the results

4- References:

Correct references 19 and 20

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