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Dear prof. Kariman Elkasrawy

You submitted manuscript AJGH-2402-1050, " Cardiac Dysfunction and Its Relation to Degree of Esophageal Varices in Cirrhotic Patients," 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.

Because we are trying to facilitate the timely publication of manuscripts submitted to the African Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, your revised manuscript should be submitted as soon as possible.

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,

Salem Y Mohamed

Chief Editor, African Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Please revise your manuscript using a word processing program and save it on your computer.  Please also highlight the changes to your manuscript within the document using the track changes mode in MS Word or using bold or colored text.

Once the revised manuscript is prepared, you can send it to me via email.

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**Reviewer Comments to Author:**

**Reviewer1: (AA)**

The paper is lovely with good work, but it had a minor edition: -

1- the title asks about the relation, but your work was about the prevalence of cardiac dysfunction in patients with esophageal varies (you have no answer after your work if there was a relation or not)

2- the aim of the study the word relates is un correct

3- conclusion: - you say that cardiac dysfunction in cirrhotic patients in the form of prolonged corrected QT interval is strongly related) and you neglect all other factors, such as clinical and Echo study, which must be discussed

4-in exclusion criteria, you put diabetes as an exclusion criterion, but you have nine diabetic patients in (table 2) 3 in each group

5- On pages 5 - 9th row, there is no reference to transthoracic ECHO cardiography

6—In your discussion, you mention the references for and against your study, but you don't discuss their results, as in references 23-31-32-33.

7- references must be modified in writing.

8- table 1 must have a reference.

9- In Table 4, you say two studied groups; which groups do you mean the table has no heading?

**Reviewer 2: (AF)**

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| Raw number | comment |
| *Abstract* |
| 17-24 | The result should be re-written as it is unclear, e.g. (group III and the other two groups (p-value <0.001), regarding the history of having previous episodes of upper GIT bleeding and the corrected QT interval. What does it mean? |
| *Introduction* |
| The grammar and punctuation marks should be rechecked. |
| *Subjects and methods* |
| Reasonable but routine laboratory investigations should be mentioned in detail. |
| *results* |
| good |
| *Discussion* |
| Your results should be compared with other studies in more detail; what was with you and what was against |
| conclusion | good |

**Reviewer3: (EF)**

**accept.**

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