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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

First of all, I would like to thank the editor in chief for the invitation to evaluate this article. The article "Treatment of Gastrointestinal Bleeding in Left Ventricular Assist Devices: A Comprehensive Review" is a very well-written narrative review, with current topics and the subject is very relevant in the literature. I only have a few topics to enrich the article. Congratulations Srikanth Vedachalam and collaborators for the article. 1) In the field: Endoscopic Therapy, I suggest citing and enriching the discussion with the following articles: PMID: 31803822, PMID: 31731318, PMID: 30631404 and PMID: 30107634 2) I think it was necessary to further enrich your discussion in endoscopic therapy with endoscopic methods such as the use of adrenaline, use of cyanoacrylate, use of hemostatic powder, use of clips ... 3) I disagree about your treatment algorithm. Following the recommendations of ASGE and ESGE: Resuscitation IV is always the first option, regardless of the cause, and the first exam is always an upper digestive endoscopy. So, if there is bleeding, despite iron deficiency anemia, resuscitation with electrolytes and upper digestive endoscopy are always the first options. And complementing the recommendations of the societies, if the patient is hemodynamically stable, the endoscopic capsule is always the first option in the investigation before enteroscopy and after performing an upper digestive endoscopy and colonoscopy with negative results for active bleeding. Please review this following the ASGE recommendations (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.gie.2016.06.013> and <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.gie.2013.10.039>) and ESGE (<https://doi.org/10.1055/a-0677-2084>, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1055/s-0034-1393172> and <https://doi.org/10.1055/a-0576-0566>) and in the last systematic review on the subject: PMID: 30631404.