

## Reply to Letter Concerning Article "Bleeding Gastroesophageal Varices"

Sir,

With regards to the number of patients who were actively bleeding at the time of endoscopy, we agree with Drs Kyaw and Mahendra that most of them had stopped bleeding at time of endoscopy. Only less than 10% were actively bleeding at time of injection sclerotherapy.

Concerning readmissions with acute bleeds, again, less than 10% of the cases presented that way — almost all of them defaulted endoscopic surveillance and reappeared in hospital only when they started rebleeding.

We thank Drs Kyaw and Mahendra Raj for their interest in our paper and agree with them that more of these reports should be encouraged to help formulate a strategy for effective treatment of this condition.

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