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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8113-review.doc).

Title: Endoscopic ultrasound and paracentesis in the evaluation of small volume ascites in patients with intra-abdominal malignancies.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) More detailed information on technique has been added

(2) Information and a reference on increased costs have been added

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "I. Michael Leitman".

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