

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10171-review.doc).

Title: Giant primary angiosarcoma of the small intestine showing severe sepsis

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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) Which word is correct, SIRS or sepsis?

The condition occurred due to infection. So we feel that it fits the definition of sepsis.

(2) Did the authors identify any micro-organism from tissue or blood? If yes, it would be better to describe the information of identified organism and appropriate antibiotics.

The blood culture was positive for *candida glabrata*.

But by the time the blood culture reports came, the patient had already stabilized after the surgery. Since the patient had already recovered from sepsis and displayed no signs of continued infection, we did not start any antibiotic treatment. Due to above reason we did not feel that the blood culture report had a great significance in this case and choose to omit it from the paper. We would be happy to include the culture report if the reviewer feel that it is important to the case.

"Blood culture was positive." and "Doripenem hydrate was started as empirical therapy."

I have made changes in the main article in response to your comments and the changes are marked in red.

(3) Were there any symptoms or signs indicating gastro-intestinal bleeding?

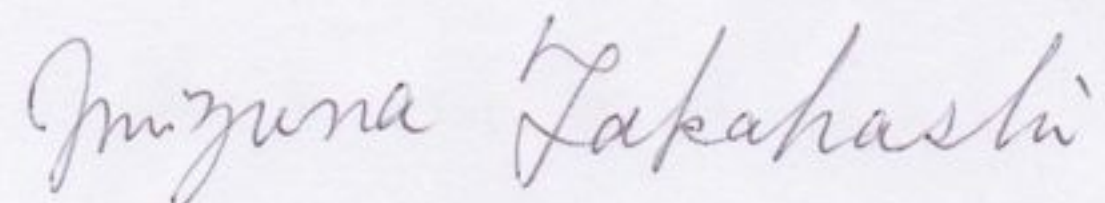
Lab data at admission indicated anemia, but there were no other signs or symptoms of gastrointestinal bleeding like malena. We could not gather information about episodes of malena prior to admission from the patient as she was also suffering from dementia.

(Other) Underline : I changed my manuscript based on editor's comments.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mizuna Takahashi". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid.

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