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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2606-review.doc).

**Title:** Rectal arterio-portal fistula – An unusual cause of persistent bleeding per rectum following a proximal spleno-renal shunt

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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 suggestions of the reviewers
   1. The title has been changed
   2. The abstract has been revised to better summarize the case report
   3. The images have been annotated with arrows to mark out the relevant blood vessels
   4. We have sought to better explain the initial indication for splenectomy and a splenorenal shunt in this patient
   5. We have improved on the reporting of the patient’s history as well as our postulations on this condition
3. References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,



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