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Dear Editor,



We would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to revise our manuscript. We thank all the reviewers for their careful read and thoughtful comments on previous draft. We have carefully taken the comments into preparing our revision.

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7409-review.doc).

Title: Idiopathic mesenteric phlebosclerosis associated with long-term use of medical liquor: Two case reports and literature review

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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 reviewers

(1) The English language has been improved.

(2) Abstract ,introduction ,case 1 ,case2 and discussion have been shortened and the words have been modified according to the advices of reviewer 00040631.

(3) The terms with regard to disease entity or radiological examinations have been provided with full name when they first appears in the article according to the suggestion of reviewer 00057299.

(4) According to the suggestions of reviewer 00033377

a.The clinical,histological sections of discussion have been shortened and the treatment section has been deleted,we put emphasize on discussing the etiology.

b.We have added information about "if the 16 cases that used Chinese herbs did so before the onset of sympons".We found that all patients had onset of clinical symptoms following long-term use of herbs,another clue to prove that Chinese herbs play a role in the etiology of IMP.

c.Actually all the 52 patients underwent colonoscopy, colonoscopy is necessary for the

diagnosis of IMP,so that's 18 out of 52.However, We found that some cases lacked accurate detailed information on the laboratory examination,so we delete the denominator in the part of laboratory examination. We have also confirmed other data.Thanks for the careful read.

d.Some similar pictures have been deleted.

e.I have added information about how many articles were found into the article.

f.The introduction of case 1 has mentioned that case1 discontinued the medical liquor and didn't go back to use the liquor.

g.We use " cancer" instead of "canceration" and "imaging" instead of "imageological".

(5)The answer to the question arised by reviewer 00068308 and reviewer 00058448:

a.Image shown in Fig1:d of the previous draft is normal: Fig1:d is an image of sigmoid.Colonoscopy of the first patient revealed purple-blue mucosa extending from the cecum to the splenic flexure,the sigmoid was not involved ,so the mucosa is normal.At last we have deleted this picture because there are too many pictures .

b. We have confirmed many times that Image Figure 1:e and f(in the revised manuscript,it is Figure1:c and d) are definetly purple mucosa not NBI images.At first we were also surprised about the endoscopic performance .

c.We confirm that our two patients use the same Chinese medical liquor: *Acanthopanax gracilistylus* wine.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for giving us the chance to publish our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fang Guo". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the 'G' in "Guo" being particularly large and looping.

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