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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Interesting case report. 1) Could the authors discuss what they think led to the change in the symptoms from bleeding to obstruction? 2) Could this have been managed conservatively? This is not meant to criticize the management of the authors in any way, but as an overall approach and knowing now the cause, as an educational point.

Dear reviewer, thank you very much for your time and insightful suggestions, the changes requested in the article have been made.

Accordingly, we have added the discussion of the reasons of obstruction in the sections of DISCUSSION(Page 13& 14) in the revised manuscript: There are a number of possible explanations to findings that the isolated GIVM lesions contributed to intestinal



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obstruction in our case. Endoscopy has also shown multiple bluish submucosal serpentine vessels and severe vascular congestion with the thickness of GI wall occupy the gut lumen may explain the clinical presentation of bowel obstruction. Besides, the edema of GI wall which results in inadequate oxygenation to a segment of intestine, failure of intestinal movement, relative ischemia and eventually stenosis of the bowel may also explain.

The patient had been on parenteral iron supplementation therapy and transfusions before the operation. We have added this information in the TREATMENT section(Page 9) in the revised manuscript.