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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8981-review.doc).

Title: Intestinal obstruction caused by extramedullary hematopoiesis and ascites in primary myelofibrosis

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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) Describing the liver at operation and reporting the results of any biopsy of the liver: During the operation hepatosplenomegaly were found but the capsule was smooth and liver biopsy was not performed. It is really a little pity.

(2) I also feel that you should discuss the reasons you feel it was portal htn causing the ascites a bit more -- not just by excluding other causes (as you've done very well): We believed that the ascites were due to portal hypertension as the main reason is that the the serum-ascites albumin gradient (SAAG) = $31.8 \text{ g/L} - 18 \text{ g/L} = 13.8 \text{ g/L} > 11 \text{ g/L}$, which indicated that portal hypertension occurred. However, a direct portal pressure was not performed since it is invasive and not so necessary for the patient.

(3) The report is relatively long and i think you could trim it down a bit without diminishing it's worth: We have tried to trim it down. Thank you for your advices!

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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