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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Esteban 3080-edited.doc).

Title: Growth Factors and Fetal lung Development Mediated by Mechanical Forces

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Reviewer 1. The studies discussing the questionable therapeutic applicability of TGF-alpha and role of EGFR in asthma have been included.

Reviewer 2.

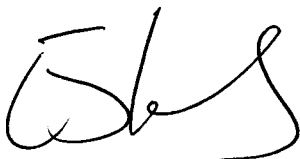
page 4, first paragraph, it would be nice to have a bit more information about the lamb studies: what is the composition of these treatment fluids? did they also identify soluble factors? In these studies, the composition of lung fluids was not investigated. We have clarified this information in the text.

3. When the author states "Release of these soluble factors can then bind and activate the EGFR via autocrine or paracrine signaling and promote differentiation of type II cells via the ERK signaling pathway" if these studies have already been conducted and published or if then are future directions? These studies have already been done. The sentence in the manuscript has been changed to make this point clear.

4. What are the adverse events associated with tracheal ligation? This information is now included in the revised version

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

Sincerely yours,



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