

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5057-edited.doc).

Title: Outcome in patients undergoing right lobe liver donor liver transplantation with small-for-size grafts

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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) the title has been revised and some English mistakes as suggested have been proofread.

(2) surgical procedure section has been shortened. In the discussion section, we properly talked about the potential risk factors for poor graft survival in recipients with SFSGs, feasible surgical procedures to reduce the incidence of SFSS and the findings that SFSS would appear in recipients with larger grafts. All of these are disputable and require further attention. Hence, we think the discussion section should not be shortened.

(3) the reviewer commented that the present study was lack of originality because the cut line of GRWR 0.8% as SFSGs has already become to be an old concept and no significant differences have been reached by multivariate analysis. Although more and more centers demonstrated that SFSGs can be safely used in LDLT and successful cases with GRWR lower than 0.8% have been increasingly reported, the topic of sufficient graft volume remains controversial in LDLT. Particularly, the long-term survival and factors that might affect graft survival after LDLT with SFSGs with a GRWR<0.8% are poorly investigated. Hence, it required more research. Additionally, findings with statistical significance should not be excluded for publication. We have done rigorous methodological review in the present study. It is a pity that we failed to identify any significant risk factors by multivariate analysis, making our findings poorly attractive.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Peixian Chen'.

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