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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16511-edited.doc).

**Title:** BMP-4 and TGF- $\beta$ 1 Mechanisms in Acute Valvular Response to Supra-Physiologic Hemodynamic Stresses

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

1. In an effort to make the study more appealing to cardiologists, we have simplified the introduction, tightened the discussion and moved the description of the biological analyses to a new "supplementary material". Those changes resulted in a 17% word count reduction in the body of the manuscript.
2. We have added a brief description of the biological endpoints considered in the study in a new paragraph "Biological Characterization" inserted in the "Materials and Methods" section.
3. The study limitations have been combined in a single paragraph at the end of the discussion section.
4. The statistical analyses have been reviewed by a biostatistician.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'PSUCOSKY'.

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