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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2483-review.doc).

Title: The impact of mesocaval shunt on the safe “minimal liver remnant” in “Small-for-size” syndrome of a porcine model

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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) *Can you explain, how did decide length of the mesocaval anastomosis?*

In the study, ultrasonic flow probes were connected to a flow meter (Transonic Systems INC. TS420, NY, USA) to measure hepatic artery flow (HAF) and portal vein flow (PVF), the size of shunt was adjusted according to the value of preserving PVF.

(2) *Figure 2 was named as figure 1. The representative colors of experimental groups in the figures 2 and 4 are not standardized. Some abbreviations of table 1 were not clarified.*

These errors were corrected in the revised manuscript.

(3) *The title is unsuitable. The term “physiology of mesocaval shunt” is incompatible with the paper.*

The title was revised as *The impact of mesocaval shunt on the safe “minimal liver remnant” in “Small-for-size” syndrome of a porcine model.*

(4) *The figure 5 is incomprehensible.*

Figure 5 is about the survival rates in various groups. We deleted the figure due to its blur, and described the survival rates in words.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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