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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3767-review.doc).

Title: Systematic Review of Animal Models of Middle Ear Surgery

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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). It would be great if the Authors could stress more the problem related to the outcome measures of the middle ear function after experimental surgery, as this represent a major problem in this field;

Topic emphasized further in section "Outcome measures".

(2). It would be nice to build a table to compare advantages and disadvantages by each type of animal model;

Table now included.

(3). I would include a paragraph among the use of artificial temporal bones (i.e. ceramic temporal bones) that have been recently introduced and used as model for training junior surgeons in several countries. It would be interesting to compare this training model to the animal models in use.

Paragraph inserted into the section "Why animal models".

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Bergin'.

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