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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Nice review. Congratulations! There are several typos that need attention.



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This is a well written review of the complex issue of small for size syndrome after liver transplantation. There are many factors which are important in the development of this syndrome including graft denervation, immunosuppressive therapy and severity of ischemia-reperfusion injury. There are many different management protocols that are reviewed including interventions such as portal vein embolization and ensuring the venous output is adequate. They review the possibility of using stem cells. They indicate that the portal and hepatic venous pressures should be measured during the procedure to ensure that there are no vascular problems that can be corrected.



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This review is focused on an important topic in liver surgery: liver failure occurring after major hepatectomy or transplanted reduced-size graft. The Authors discuss one of the principal mechanism involved, high portal flow, and the possible solutions to overcome this problem. Here are my comments: **TITLE:** SFSS and PHLF, though similar, have at present, different definitions and refer to 2 different clinical situations, therefore it is not correct to group them together under the term SFSS. I would suggest to insert both the definition or to use a more generic one such as "liver function impairment". **TEXT:** There are too many abbreviations that subtract fluidity to the text. There is no need to include all these abbreviations if they are employed only once or twice. (as an example: ISGLS; GIM, HIDA, ALPPS...). Moreover definition of the abbreviation should be provided the first time it appears on the text (ex: GRWR pg 4, ICU pg 7)