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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: ESPS-3042.doc).

Title: How much should portal inflow be preserved during portal diversion in 'small-for-size' syndrome?

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

1 Format has been updated

[Yes, we have updated the format according to the guidelines of WJG.](#)

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

(1) This manuscript describes very interesting ideas, and I think the experiments were done well, however the grammatical errors and other internal inconsistencies make it very difficult to determine whether the data support the authors' conclusions.

[Answer: We have had the paper revised by native-English speaking editors](#)

(2) In the methods, two different experimental/harvest schedules are described: 1 hour tissue harvest and 48 hour sacrifice vs. 48 hour tissue sampling and 72 hour sacrifice.

[Answer: This is a clerical error. We have corrected as 2 hour tissue and 48 sacrifice.](#)

(3) In general, the Methods section is much too long, with possible redundancies, e.g., controls are sometimes called contrasts.

[Answer: We have shortened the Method section, and used the word "controls" instead of "contrasts".](#)

(4) Was the balloon catheter intraluminal?

[Answer: It was extraluminal.](#)

(5) A 20% complication rate seems very high.

[Answer: At the earlier stage of the experiment, the complication rate was high due to the immature technique for vascular anastomosis.](#)

(6) The Results section should include interpretation of the data presented.

Answer: The operative characteristics and hemodynamic studies presented have added the interpretation of the data.

(7) Why is a P/A ratio clinically relevant?

Answer: P/A ratio is closely associated with the postoperative complications.

(8) The Methods section is 5 pages, while the results section is only 2 pages. At one point in the results, a 2 hour time point is referenced.

Answer: We have corrected it based on your comment.

(9) Technical suggestions for Tables and Figures

Answer: We have reformatted all the Figures and Tables following your comments and the instructions of WJG.

3 References and typesetting have been corrected

Yes, we have checked all the references cited, giving both PMID and DOI.

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

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