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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (16838-Review.doc).

Title: Post Splenectomy Related Pulmonary Hypertension

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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) Reviewer 02494289: Abstract is included in manuscript. Legend to figure 1 added as recommended. We appreciate the suggestion about addition of subtitle to other proposed mechanisms. However, since the mechanism of development of pulmonary hypertension from megakaryocytes in the pulmonary vasculature during extra medullary hematopoiesis is through CTEPH, we have included the subtitle of 'other mechanisms for the development of pulmonary vasculopathy for nitric oxide and endothelin-1. All references were checked and PMID numbers were added.

(2) Reviewer 02495934: Thank you for your remarks. We have corrected minor grammatical errors.

(3) Reviewer 02494917: Thank you for your comments.

(4) Reviewer 02493519: Thank you for the suggestions. The sentence on p 4 is rephrased and simplified. We have more consistently used 'pulmonary vasculopathy' as a term to indicate pathologic structural changes in the pulmonary vasculature. The term pulmonary vasculopathy has been defined in page 4, paragraph 2 under the heading 'Pulmonary Hypertension and Splenectomy'. We have added a subtitle of 'other mechanisms for the development of pulmonary vasculopathy after splenectomy and included nitric oxide and endothelin-1 under it to clarify and eliminate the confusion regarding pulmonary hypertension and vasculopathy that may arise. Formatting errors have been addressed.

3 References and type setting were corrected. Reference 62 is an accepted poster for upcoming ATS conference to be held in May 2015 at Denver, CO.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Respiriology*.
Sincerely yours,

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