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BMC Surgery Editorial Team,
Object: A Solution To The Negative Effects of Splenectomy During Colorectal Trauma and Surgery: An Experimental Study on Splenic Autotransplantation to the Groin Area. Dr Bora Karip et al.

Thank you for consideration of our manuscript for publication in your journal. We have reviewed the above manuscript according to your reviewer’s comments.

Reviewer #1: The authors have made the edits requested.

There are only 2 typo errors:

- at page 2, line 33 "ransplant" should read "transplant";
  Done

- at page 4, line 36 "Laparotomy" should read "Closure of laparotomy".
  Done

Reviewer #3: The Authors describe an experimental study in rats regarding the protective effect of autotransplantation of splenic tissue in case of colonic surgery and concomitant need of splenectomy. They affirm the groin area to be a possible choice for transplantation site in rats. The study is well conducted and methodologically correct.

The references in my opinion are often dating back to many years ago.

I would have some small corrections to suggest:

- Pg 4, line 14: "Laparotomy was performed on two planes...". I think you mean: "Laparotomy was sutured on two planes..."
  The sentence was corrected as "Closure of laparotomy was performed on two planes..."

- Pg 7, line 1: the word "mean" is repeated two times
  We removed one of them and final sentence is "The mean anastomotic hydroxyproline levels of the sham, splenectomy, and transplantation groups were..."

- Ref 3: There is an error in the title: "Concomitant" and not concominant
  Done

- Ref 8: pages don't match: please correct with 632-639
After checking the manuscript again we changed the sentence at page 4 line 21 (word format) as "In the transplantation group, the rats underwent splenectomy, after which the spleen tissue was sliced into 2–3 mm sized pieces". The previous sentence was as "In the transplantation group, the rats underwent splenectomy, after which the spleen tissue was sliced into 2–3 pieces"

At page 8 line 15-16 (word format) "overwhelming post-splenectomy infection (OPSI)" was coloured and italic in previous form and it was also changed to general manuscript format.