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Title: Intraoperative ventilation: incidence and risk factors for receiving large tidal volumes during general anesthesia

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To: BMC Anesthesiology Editor

Re: Intraoperative ventilation: incidence and risk factors for receiving large tidal volumes during general anesthesia_resubmission2

Dear BMC Anesthesiology Editor:

We are resubmitting for your consideration the revised manuscript.

We believe have addressed all of the reviewers' suggestions (please see attached). Again, we would like to thank them for their valuable contribution to the original manuscript.

We look forward to your response.

Thank you on behalf of myself and my co-authors.

Sincerely,

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RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS’ COMMENTS

REVIEWER 1
Minor comments:
1. Methods – Two instead of three groups are compared and analysed in the new version of the manuscript. The method–section, however, was not fully adjusted according to this change. – We have adjusted the methods section including the statistical analysis description.

2. Results (page 8) – “Duration of the surgical procedure and the estimated blood loss were slightly longer in the Vt>10ml/kg PBW subgroup…” needs some rewording. – We have reworded that sentence, thank you for the advice.

3. Results – the 3rd paragraph, the 6th paragraph and 7th paragraph may be combined. – Done.

4. Results – “21 of 31 patients had oxygenation criteria of ALI/ARDS (PaO2/FiO2 < 300)...”: please specify how many patients had ALI (PaO2/FiO2 < 300)”, and how many had ARDS (PaO2/FiO2 < 200mmHg). – Done.

REVIEWER 2
No further comments.