Author's response to reviews

Title: Intubating conditions and side effects of propofol, remifentanil and sevoflurane compared with propofol, remifentanil and rocuronium: a randomised, prospective, clinical trial

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Editor's Comment:

The revision is satisfactory under the condition you will make the following changes:

Methods page 7: Please delete
Doses of ephedrine were recorded.

Methods page 7: Atropine IV was,: change to atropine was administered,

Discussion
page 13: please delete: Intubating conditions, however, are worse, when NMBAs are omitted; difficult intubation is more common [17].

page 13 please delete the following sentence: Propofol 2.0 mg·kg⁻¹ and high dose opioids such as alfentanil 40 µg·kg⁻¹ or remifentanil up to 4.0 µg·kg⁻¹ were associated with clinically acceptable intubating conditions [1,2,4].

Page 14 at the end of the paragraph please add: However, when NMBAs are omitted difficult intubation is more common [17] and change the reference numbers accordingly.

Page 15: please delete To determine the exact necessary concentration, patients` tracheas were intubated after maintaining sevoflurane for 20 minutes [21]; this is not practical in the clinical setting.

We changed all the sentences as proposed.
Page 15: Intubating conditions after induction with sevoflurane 6 % and N2O 66 % in O2 were comparable with succinylcholine 1.5 mg?kg-1; excellent intubating conditions were significantly increased in the succinylcholine group [22]. This does not make sense. How can intubating conditions be comparable when excellent condition are increased in the succinylcholine group. Please rephrase.

We changed the sentence to clarify.

Page 16: Avoidance of neuromuscular blockade may increase the risk of difficult tracheal intubation; moreover, it may increase the risk of difficult mask ventilation [25,26]. Please change to Avoidance of neuromuscular blockade may increase the risk of difficult mask ventilation [25,26].

Page 18: please delete: MAP decreased significantly compared to baseline values, but with no difference between the study groups.

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