Reviewer's report

Title: With the assistance of a "Rusch" intubation stylet for facilitating insertion of a nasogastric tube in anesthetized patients: a randomized controlled trial

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Minor Essential Revisions
1. Title - Review the title - Rephrase the title to make it more appealing to the reader.
2. Neutral position - elaborate - eg: intubating position
3. Background - 3rd para 2nd line - Spelling correction (polyurethanea)
4. Methods - Interventions - remove Fr. from tube - changed to just Internal diameter.
5. Methods - Interventions - 2nd para -1st line - change 'to' to 'for'
6. Discussion - 7th para - "Esophageal rupture.... " - did not make any sense.

Discretionary Revisions
1. Methods - participants - exclusion criteria - why CL 3/4 and MP 3/4 were excluded?
2. Methods - Interventions - 2nd para - 2nd sentence - rephrase
3. Results - Outcome - 3rd para - timing could be limited to one decimal
4. Discussion - reconsider the word 'tender'
5. could consider to emphasize the use in patients with limited mouth opening or other difficult airways.
6. Reduce the number of references.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests