Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

We have read the comments of the reviewers and made the following suggested corrections to the manuscript:

1. The possible cause of the high incidence of recurrent respiratory papilloma (RRP) in our study is given in paragraph 6 of the discussion.

2. The limitations of the study are highlighted in the last paragraph of the discussion.

3. The incidence of tracheostomy associated with RRP in world literature is discussed in paragraph 6 and added as reference number 15.

4. The indications for tracheostomy in our series has already been specified and the follow up finding in these patients is stated in the results section.

5. A paragraph on our surgical technique is included in paragraph 9 of the discussion.

6. The various surgical techniques, merits and demerits have been mentioned in paragraph 9 of the discussion.

7. The decannulation method we used is mentioned in paragraph 12 of the discussion.

8. No post-decannulation problems were encountered in our study and this is stated in the results section.

Thank you.