Reviewer's report

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The authors have revised their paper well enough for publication.

Minor essential revisions:
Pg 2, Ln 31: Please revise "admitting" to "administering"
Pg 4, Ln 7: Please delete comma after "including"
Pg 4, Ln 9: Please delete "TRALI" as this acronym is not repeated elsewhere in the manuscript
Pg 5, Ln 14: Please provide manufacturer of Endobone.
Tables: No need to repeat "p=" in lat column. Provide p-values only. Please round off p-values consistently to three decimal places only.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.