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Cover letter

Thank you very much for the comments and your suggestions in order to improve my manuscript. Below I have addressed all the issues.

Reviewer 1

Now that we have investigate the effect of remifentanil on SSEP components, we also should use vasodilators to maintain low mean arterial pressure in stead of using such high doses of remifentanil.

Reviewer 2

1. I have added at the paragraph of limitation the comment about the small study population.
2. The legend 2 has been corrected.
3. I have added the sentence: “In case that changes of SSEP components were over that limits, surgeons recheck the position of instrumentation; if they were sure that these changes were not due to their manipulations but due to anesthetic agents the operation was continued,” at the section of methods.