Reviewer's report

Title: Endotracheal tube cuff pressure assessment maneuver induces drop of expired tidal volume in the postoperative of coronary artery bypass grafting

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The study submitted to the Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery is new and very interesting. The text is concise and clear and the conclusions are sound.

There are no Major Compulsory Revisions to be made.

Minor Essential Revisions are:

- The authors should comply with the up-to-date guidelines of reporting, and therefore should inform the period of the study and the method of recruitment of the patients. We assume the sample comprised all consecutive patients admitted in a given period, and this should be stated in the Methods section.

- The authors should have the text revised by a native English speaker in order to avoid expressions like "to the own", "fact to connect" and "according to technique".

Except for these minor problems, the text is good and should be published.

There are no Discretionary Revisions to make.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no conflicts of interest to disclose.