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Dear Editors,

Please find attached our manuscript, entitled “Effect of transient steep Trendelenburg position on optic nerve sheath diameter as a surrogate for intracranial pressure under general anesthesia: a prospective observational study”, which we are submitting for consideration of publication in BMC Anesthesiology. This manuscript describing a clinical trial has not been published or submitted to your journal or any other journal either in whole or in part. Furthermore, we guarantee that the material will not be submitted for publication elsewhere until a decision has been made by you as to acceptability for publication.

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This study investigated the effect of the steep Trendelenburg position on the optic nerve sheath diameter as a surrogate for intracranial pressure for evaluating the change in intracranial pressure indirectly and rapidly. We found that the optic nerve sheath diameter increased to the level that has been reported to be clinically relevant during the steep Trendelenburg position. We believe that our results will be of great interest to the readership of BMC Anesthesiology, because there has been no proven data regarding the effect of the Trendelenburg position on intracranial pressure, despite of a frequent use of the Trendelenburg position in a daily practice.

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