Reviewer’s report

Title: The effect of tracheotomy on drug consumption in patients with acute aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhage.

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Reviewer: Yuriy Bronshteyn

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1) Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore)

“After PT, we observed a concomitant increase in
256 CPP that probably was caused by the rapid decrease in sedatives, as there were no changes in
257 the prescribed target CPP values. The observed concomitant increase in CPP was probably
258 caused by the rapid decrease in sedatives, as there were no changes in the prescribed target
259 CPP values.”

These 2 sentences contain redundant text. Please consolidate them

2) Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

“191 Regarding cost-effectiveness, the present study did not investigate outcome or total hospital
192 time. Nevertheless, the drastic reduction in sedatives and vasoactive drugs observed after PT
193 will presumably per se outweigh the cost of performing a PT.”

This is a bold claim to make in the absence of financial data. A more accurate way to phrase this would be, “... the drastic reduction in sedatives and vasoactive drugs observed after PT could counterbalance some or all of the cost of performing a PT.”

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.