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Title: Dexmedetomidine on tracheal extubation in deeply anesthetized adult patients after otologic surgery: a comparison with remifentanil

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Response:

Dear Max Kelz,

Thanks for your kind advice. We made the point to point revision according to the comments from you.

1. **Question:** Abstract Results section please change text to: “The rate of smooth tracheal extubation as defined 1 minute post-extubation was……”

   **Answer:** Thanks. We changed the sentence as “The rate of smooth tracheal extubation as defined 1 minute post-extubation was the same for Groups SR and SD7 (P > 0.05), but the rate of smooth extubation was lower for Group SD5 than for the other two groups (p < 0.05)”. Please see Abstract Result Section in blue.

2. **Question:** Introduction page 3, line 10 should read airway obstruction and “aspiration” (not inspiration)

   **Answer:** Thanks. We corrected the word “inspiration” into “aspiration”. Please see page 4, line 10 in blue.

3. **Question:** Introduction, page 3 line 15 remove the reference to the technique being “safe” and change the sentence to read, “We showed that the technique provided smooth extubation.”

   **Answer:** We removed the reference to the tech being “safe” and changed the sentence into “In our previous study, we showed that the technique provided smooth extubation.” Please see page 4 line 12-13.

4. **Question:** Page 7, line 7-8, Please list a measure of this error or alternatively list the confidence intervals bounding these percentages of patients with a regular respiratory pattern during cuff deflation in all groups.

   **Answer:** We displayed the percentage (95% CI) in three groups. “The percentage of patients with a regular respiratory pattern during cuff deflation was lower in Group SD5 (0.75, 95% CI: 0.53-0.90) than in Group SD7 (0.88, 95% CI: 0.69-0.97) and Group SR [1.00, 95% CI: 0.86-1.00], P < 0.05.” Please see page 8, line 6-9 in blue.