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Dear Dr. Lingling Tian

I very appreciate your consideration for publication of our manuscript.
We believe that this paper will be of interest to the readership of BMC Anesthesiology.
We have addressed and revised our article following points of the reviewer’s comments.
And, we revised our manuscript to fit the submission guideline.
Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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: I appreciate you for editing and advising. We revised our manuscript and added the information as you recommended.

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- We revised our manuscript as followed one by one of the submission guidelines.

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- We appreciate your kind and professional comments of the review.

Manuel Ángel Gómez Ríos (Reviewer 2):

- We appreciate your advice for improving our manuscript. I added the limitation of our study about data of surgery. And we will consider your advice on our following research.