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Dear Dr. Guangde,

We wish to express our appreciation to the editors and the reviewers for their insightful comments on this manuscript. The comments have helped us significantly improve this manuscript.

We are pleased to submit the revised version of our manuscript:

“Usefulness of Airway Scope for Intubation of Infants with Cleft Lip and Palate-Comparison with Macintosh Laryngoscope: A randomized controlled trial”
We have revised the manuscript according to the comments from editors as follows. In the process of the revision, we corrected the size of characters in the last sentence of Methods section 2.2 Subjects, and “Figure 1” into “Fig”. All changes to the manuscript are described below in detail.

We noticed that “Aiji Sato” written in “Order of Authors” converted into the PDF file is wrong. Please change “Aiji Sato” to “Aiji Sato (Boku), D.D.S.”.

Reply to editors

1. We note that you have included the following statement in the Methods section of your manuscript: “Written assent was obtained from the parents of the infant patients in this study”

We also note that you have included the following statement in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section of your manuscript: Written informed consent was obtained from all parents of the patients”.

As these statements are conflicting, please clarify whether written informed consent was obtained from the parents of the patients included in your study.

We have revised “Written assent was obtained from the parents of the infant patients in this study” to “Written informed consent was obtained from the parents of the infant patients who agreed to participation in this study” in the Methods section, and “Written informed consent was obtained from all parents of the patients” to “Written informed consent was obtained from the parents of the patients included in this study” in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section.

2. We would also like to ask for you to provide more justification for the contributions of TY and MY, as currently they do not automatically quality for usually justify authorship.

We have reread editorial policies of BMC and ICMJE recommendation, then noticed misspelling in Author’s contribution of this manuscript. We have revised “TY and MY made substantial contribution to the interruption of the date” to “TY and MY made substantial contribution to the interpretation of the data” in Author’s contribution.
3. We note that the last sentence of results section 3.1 currently reads as “In addition, the suspicious observation of difficulty in securing the respiratory tract or spreading the larynx, defined as megaloglossia, hyperplasia of palatine tonsil, trismus, limitation of cervical spine mobility, or difficulty of mask ventilation were not detected preoperatively (Table).” Please amend this citation to include the number of the table that needs to be cited in this sentence.

We have included this citation to Fig 1, and removed from the Results section.

4. We note that the legend for Figure 2 is missing from the figure legends list. Please provide figure titles/legends under a separate heading of ‘Figure Legends’ after the References. If Figure titles/legends are within the main text of the manuscript, please move them.

We have added Figure titles/legends of Figure 2 in ‘Figure Legends’ after the References. We have also confirmed that Figure titles/legends were not within the main text of the manuscript.

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Yours sincerely,

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