Author’s response to reviews

Title: Nasotracheal Intubation-Extubation-Intubation and Asleep-Awake-Asleep Anesthesia Technique for Deep Brain Stimulation

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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for your kind letter and encouragement as well as for the constructive comments by the reviewers concerning our manuscript titled “Nasotracheal Intubation-Extubation-Intubation and Asleep-Awake-Asleep Anesthesia Technique for Deep Brain Stimulation” (BANE-D-18-00477R1). The language of this manuscript was thoroughly revised and edited by a professor of American medical college again, which has improved the overall readability of the manuscript. Additionally, we have thoroughly considered all of the comments of the reviewers and substantially revised our manuscript. We wish to resubmit the revised manuscript for publication in BMC Anesthesiology. A point-by-point response to all of the reviewers’ comments is included below this letter. All changes made to the text are in red so that they can be easily identified.

We have tried our best to address all of the concerns raised by the reviewers. We hope that with the modifications and improvements we have made based on the reviewers’ comments and the quality of
our manuscript will meet the publication standard of this journal.

Once again, thank you very much for your attention and consideration of our manuscript.

Sincerely,

Jianjun Li

Response to reviewers' comments:
Carla Todaro (Reviewer 1):

Comments to the Author

1) PAG 9
This statement is confusing...
I guess the meaning would be that the placement of a nasopharyngeal airway eliminated the upper airway collapse...
Also what kind of head movement are caused by OSAS? This is not clear to me.
Please review this part.
Reply: Thank you very much for this comment. In order to overcome the upper respiratory tract obstruction caused by glossoptosis, the head of this patient sometimes spontaneously moved just like sobbing during inhalation and this head movement hampered the MRI scan. The placement of a nasopharyngeal airway eliminated the glossoptosis and so the sobbing likely movement. We have made revision to clarify this sentence. The detailed revision can be found on lines 71-77, page 4-5.

2) PAG 13
Please explain clearly what are the "particular benefits" in this category of patients
Please think highly to check once again the English, unfortunately the language still requires improvements.
Reply: Thanks. We explained clearly what are the "particular benefits" of this technique to patients before our study. The detailed revision can be found on lines 235-237, page 13. Language editing has been made again by Professor Jiapeng Huang from University of Louisville of USA.

Sujoy Banik, MBBS, MD, DM (Reviewer 3):

Comments to the Author
Some more language corrections are needed, like "fourth, it can prevent aspiration" as I think some words and prepositions are still out of place.
Reply: Thanks for your advice. “Fourth” has been changed to “Finally”. The revision can be found on lines 180-181, page 10. Language editing has been made again by Professor Jiapeng Huang from University of Louisville of USA.