Author’s response to reviews

Title: Ultrasound Guided Continuous Quadratus Lumborum Block Hastened Recovery in Patients Undergoing Open Liver resection: a randomized controlled, open-label trial

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Dear Editor:

Thank you for informing me that my manuscript "Ultrasound Guided Continuous Quadratus Lumborum Block Hastened Recovery in Patients Undergoing Open Liver resection: a randomized controlled, open-label trial" (BANE-D-18-00542R1) has been assessed by you and two other reviewers. I am very glad that you think this article is potentially acceptable for publication in your journal once I have carried out some essential revisions suggested by reviewers.

The revisions of those questions you have mentioned in this letter are as follows:

Editor Comments:

1. overlap

I am sorry for the textual overlap with other previously published works, I have re-phrased the sentence in discussion section (Page 4, Line 7-12) you mentioned to avoid overlap.
2. Funding

The fundings in this research had no role in the study design, data collection and analysis, decision to publish, or preparation of the manuscript. (Declaration, Funding)

3. Author Contributions

I am sorry for not explain clearly the contributions of ZYY, YW and WWC, I am sure that they did some physical as well as intellectual work in this research. ZYY is specialized in liver surgery anesthesia management, she not only performed the general anesthesia processes, but also participated in designing the intraoperative part of the research protocol. YW and WWC are two surgeons who were specialized in liver disease and surgery, YW was involved in designing the postoperative part of the research protocol and assisted QZ to finish postoperative follow-up; WWC participated in designing the recruitment criteria and patient recruitment processes. (The part of Declaration (Authors' contributions) in the manuscript)

4. Author initials

This problem has been solved as you recommended. LL1 is used to represent LiLi and LL2 is used to represent LiuLei in the part of Declaration (Authors' contributions) in my manuscript.

5. Figure legends

The heading "Figure legends" has been added to the Corresponding position in the section of “figure title and figure legend” in my manuscript.

6. CONSORT

This part has been deleted

7. Background

I have amended the "Backgrounds" heading to instead read "Background" in my manuscript.

8. Trial registration

I have contacted the website to change the “Recruiting status” last time you raised this problem, maybe there is a delay for the website to deal with, but it has been changed to “completed” now. I am sorry to ask you to check again
9. Clean manuscript

A clean manuscript has been uploaded.

Reviewer reports:

In this part, Reviewer 1 (Massimo Meco) suggest that I specified better how randomization was performed and explain Table 5 clearly. I have added detailed randomization method in the method section (page 1, paragraph 1, line 6-9) and re-explained table 5 in the result section (page 3, paragraph 1). None issue was raised by Reviewer 2 (Mehmet Büget)

I am looking forward to receiving your early reply and please do not hesitate to contact me if there still exist any questions in my manuscript.

Best wishes,

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