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Dear Savino Spadaro, M.D.:

Thank you very much for your letter and for the reviewers’ comments concerning our manuscript entitled “Effects of intravenous infusion of lidocaine and dexmedetomidine on inhibiting cough during the tracheal extubation period after thyroid surgery” (ID: BANE-D-18-00644R1). We would like to thank all reviewers for the constructive and improving comments of our manuscript. Again, I highlighted corresponding changes marked with red in the manuscript and the point-by-point replies to the Reviewers. We hope you find our manuscript suitable for publication in BMC Anesthesiology and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Yuanhai Li, on behalf of the authors.

Reviewer reports:

To luigi vetrugno (Reviewer 1):

-Please look careful to the English.
Reply 1: We thank reviewer for the kind suggestion. We have looked careful to the English and revised the manuscript.

To Alessandro Belletti, M.D. (Reviewer 2)

-I would only ask the Authors to discuss on clinical relevance of their findings.

Reply 1: We thank the Reviewer for pointing out this important message. Both intravenous infusions of lidocaine and dexmedetomidine could target smooth emergence from general anesthesia through attenuating cough and hemodynamic changes, and provide satisfactory analgesic effect after thyroid surgery. (Discussion section, Line 229 to 231).

-Please provide a CONSORT checklist together with the manuscript.

Reply 2: Thank you for the kind and precious suggestions on the manuscript. We have provided a CONSORT checklist together with the manuscript(Supplementary Material).