Reviewer’s report

Title: A prospective, randomized comparison of the LMA-ProtectorTM and i-gelTM in paralyzed, anesthetized patients

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Yes - there is a clear objective

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Yes - the approach is appropriate

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Yes - experiments and analyses were performed appropriately

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Yes - appropriate statistical analyses have been used in the study

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Yes - the author’s interpretation is reasonable

OVERALL MANUSCRIPT POTENTIAL - Is the current version of this work technically sound? If not, can revisions be made to make the work technically sound?

Yes - current version is technically sound
PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: The study has been performed rigorously and the manuscript is well written. The methods used and statistical analysis are appropriate, the interpretation of the results is reasonable, as are the conclusions drawn. The figures and tables are clear.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

The only real change that the authors may wish to consider is an expansion of the discussion of potential bias. This is acknowledged in the limitations section of the Discussion, but it might be worthwhile mentioning that anesthesiologists are often considered to be inherently conservative individuals. Is there a possibility that they had a conscious (or unconscious) bias against the newer device, especially as they were less experienced in its use?

The study also requires a few small revisions - please write out numbers less than 10 as words.

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Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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