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Title: Association of Mallampati Scoring on Airway Outcomes in Women Undergoing General Anesthesia with SupremeTM Laryngeal Mask Airway in Cesarean Section

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1. Overlap

We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:


This overlap mainly exists in the Methods. Screenshots have been attached which show the main areas of this overlap.

While we understand that this is work that you have previously published, and some of the same ideas are contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work.

For methods and studies you have previously done please summarise and reference the original study instead.
We have rephrased any significant overlap in our current manuscript. In addition, we have added the following to the third paragraph in Methods:

“the induction of anesthesia and SLMA insertion reflects the clinical practice at the study center, as well as the cohort study that forms the basis for this secondary analysis [14].”

We also added the following in Methods: “Perioperative anesthesia management during the original cohort study [14] reflects the clinical practice at the study center.”

2. Edit

A minor edit was suggested by one of the handling editors during the peer review process. They requested you remove the following statement: "higher Mallampati scores could be associated with more difficult insertions and" as they believe this statement to be contradictory to your results.

We have removed the phrase, as requested.

3. Abbreviations

Please provide a list of all the abbreviations used in the manuscript. This list should be placed just before the Declarations section. All abbreviations should still be defined in the text at first use.

We have inserted the abbreviations list as requested.

4. Formatting

- Please remove the “Running title…” statement from your title page.
- Please rename your “Introduction” section to “Background” in the main body of your manuscript.
- Please rename your “Materials and methods” section to “Methods” only.

We have made the requested corrections in the manuscript.

5. Supplementary files
Please remove the response to the reviewers comments file and your cover letter from the file inventory as they are no longer needed at this stage of the editorial process.

We have removed the files from the inventory.

6. Clean manuscript

At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files. Please ensure that all figures, tables and additional/supplementary files are cited within the text.

We have confirmed the above mentioned instructions in this revised submission.