Reviewer’s report

Title: Respiratory acidosis during bronchoscopy-guided percutaneous dilatational tracheostomy: impact of ventilator settings and endotracheal tube size

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Reviewer: Ruediger Noppens

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Dear authors,

Thank you very much for working hard on improving the manuscript. My previous comments and suggested have been addressed very well. The manuscript is very well written, the data very well presented, and the discussion is comprehensive.

However, I feel that the topic PDT and LMA need to be addressed a little more. This is topic is currently discussed intensively and resulted in a Cochrane Review:

Laryngeal mask airway versus endotracheal tube for percutaneous dilatational tracheostomy in critically ill adults.

Strametz R, Bergold MN, Weberschock T.


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