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Dear Dr. James Edwards:

Thank you very much for your email of Aug 14, 2019, regarding our manuscript, “Effect of endotracheal tube lubrication on cuff pressure increase during nitrous oxide exposure: a laboratory and prospective randomized controlled trial”, and the valuable comments of the editor. I attach here both our revised manuscript, and our point-bypoint response to the editor’s comment. We feel that the revised manuscript is a suitable response to the comments and is significantly improved over the initial submission. We trust that it is now suitable for publication in BMC Anesthesiology.
Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this paper.

Sincerely yours,

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Trial registration: UMIN Clinical Trials Registry: UMIN 00031377 on March 1, 2018.
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