Author’s response to reviews

Title: A randomized trial to evaluate a modified tracheal catheter with upper and lower balloons for anesthetic administration: effect on the cardiovascular, stress response, and comfort in patients undergoing laparoscopic cholecystectomy

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Dear Dr. Alessandro Belletti,

Thank you very much for your decision and advice on our manuscript (Manuscript BANE-D-19-00173R2) entitled “A randomized trial to evaluate a modified tracheal catheter with upper and lower balloons for anesthetic administration: effect on the cardiovascular, stress response, and comfort in patients undergoing laparoscopic cholecystectomy”. We also appreciate the constructive and positive comments and suggestions from all the reviewers. We had made further revision on our manuscript according the comments and present the manuscript and all the figures, tables in their final clean version. Also, point-by-point responses to the comments are listed below this letter.

This revised manuscript has been edited and proofread by Medjaden Bioscience Limited.

We hope that the revision is acceptable for the publication in your journal.

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Zhiwen Zeng

Point-by-point response to Editor Comments:

1. Trial registration

-- Please include the full date of your trial registration (January 20th 2019) in your statement. Also, as your trial was registered after enrollment of the first participant, please include the words 'retrospectively registered'

Reply: Thanks for the comment. We had revised our manuscript (Methods section, line 78-81, page 5) by adding the full date of our trial registration and including the words 'retrospectively registered' as suggested. We also change the order of the sentences in that section a little bit to make it connect with one another more naturally.

2. Availability of data and materials

-- The Availability of data and materials section refers to the raw data used in your study and presenting tables and figures is not sufficient to state that all data is contained within the manuscript and additional files. Please only use this statement if you have indeed provided all raw data on which your study is based.

Reply: Thanks for the comment. We had revised this statement to “The data that support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request”.

3. Section

-- Please upload your revised manuscript to the 'Perioperative medicine and outcome' section.

Reply: Thanks for the comment. We had processed as suggested.

4. Additional files

-- Please remove the response to the reviewers’ comments, and CONSORT files from the file inventory as these are no longer needed at this stage of the editorial process.

Reply: Thanks for the comment. We had processed as suggested.

5. 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.

Reply: Thanks for the comment. We had revised the manuscript by getting rid of all the tracked changes, comments, highlights and text in different colors. The manuscript as well as figures, tables are all presented as final clean version.