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Title: A clinical prediction rule to identify difficult intubation in children with Robin sequence requiring mandibular distraction osteogenesis based on craniofacial CT measures

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Dear editor:

We thank you for this opportunity to resubmit a revised version of our manuscript "A clinical prediction rule to identify difficult intubation in children with Robin sequence requiring mandibular distraction osteogenesis based on craniofacial CT measures". We have addressed all comments and concerns expressed by the reviewers and editors, and hope our manuscript is now acceptable for publication in BMC Anesthesiology. Our point-by-point responses are appended below.

Kindest Regards

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Editor Comments:

1. Consent to participate

-- As your study is of retrospective design, consent to participate is not required. Instead, please clearly state who granted administrative permissions to access and use the medical records described in your study.

Response: Thank you for your comments. This retrospective study was approved by the ethics committee of Guangzhou Women and Children's Medical Center, and written informed consent was obtained from all guardians. (Page 3 Line 13)

2. Trial registration

-- As your study is of retrospective design, trial registration is not required. However, if you have already registered your study, the last section of the abstract should be Trial Registration: listing the trial registry and the unique identifying number, e.g. Trial registration: Current Controlled Trials ISRCTN73824458, as well as the date of registration. Please note that there should be no space between the letters and numbers of the trial registration number. If registration took place after the first participant was enrolled, please state also “Retrospectively registered” at the end of this section.

Please note that I am unable to find your trial registration details with the current identifier provided, ChiCTR1800018252.

Response: Thank you for your comments. Current Controlled Trials: No. ChiCTR1800018252 ((http://www.chictr.org.cn/index.aspx, Registration No. ChiCTR1800018252, NaZhang, 7 Sept 2018). The clinical trial was Retrospectively registered. (Page 3 line 11) I have reviewed the trial registration number, and the trial registration can be found by the link: www.chictr.org.cn/searchproj.aspx?title=%E5%9C%A2%E7%95%9C%E5%BD%A2&officialname=&subjectid=&secondaryid=&applier=&studyleader=&ethicalcommitteesanction=&sponsor=&studyailment=&studyailmentcode=&studytype=0&studystage=0&studydesign=0&minstudyexecutetime=&maxstudyexecutetime=&recruitmentstatus=0&gender=0&agreetosign=&secsponsor=&regno=&regstatus=0&country=&province=&city=&institution=&institutionlevel=&measure=&intercode=&sourceofspends=&createyear=0&isuploadrf=&whetherpublic=&btmlgo=btm&verifycode=&amp;page=1
The clinical trial was registered in the Chinese Clinical Trail Registry by 2018/09/07.

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Response: Thank you for your comments. The full initials has been used and a statement has been added. (Page 14 Line1-2)

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Response: Thank you for your comments. A clean version has been submitted.