Author’s response to reviews

Title: Efficacy of premedication with intranasal dexmedetomidine for removal of inhaled foreign bodies in children by flexible fiberoptic bronchoscopy: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial

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Response to Reviewer

Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers’ comments concerning our manuscript entitled “Efficacy of premedication with intranasal dexmedetomidine for removal of inhaled foreign bodies in children by flexible fiberoptic bronchoscopy: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial” (ID: BANE-D-19-00086R2). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the reviewer’s comments are as flowing:

Responds to the reviewer’s comments:

1. Response to comment:(page 3 line 40, “…sedative and uniquely analgesic effects.” delete uniquely)

Response: We have delete “uniquely” on page 3 line 40. Now this sentence is “…sedative and analgesic effects.”
2. Response to comment: (page 6 line 88, Do the author mean to say "permits the removal of foreign bodies and mucus plug" Please correct.)

Response: We are very sorry for the inaccurate expression in this sentence. We have corrected this sentence as “…permits the removal of foreign bodies and thick mucus plug” on page 6, line 88.

3. Response to comment: (page 19 line 288-290, Rewrite this sentence as: Reduction in the secretions as a result of less crying during patient separation from the parents and also during induction of anesthesia can reduce the incidence of laryngospasm and coughing.)

Response: We are very grateful for the reviewer’s suggestion. On page 19, line 288-290, we have rewrite this sentence as: Reduction in the secretions as a result of less crying during patient separation from the parents and also during induction of anesthesia can reduce the incidence of laryngospasm and coughing.

4. Response to comment: (Please add: .....................when calculating the sample size, which may not be adequately powered for other complications.)

Response: We are very grateful for the reviewer’s suggestion. We have added it on page 22, line 334-335. Now this sentence is as following: We only considered the reduction in laryngospasm (as complication) when calculating the sample size, which may not be adequately powered for other complications.

5. Response to comment: (line 336, Rewrite this sentence as: Future studies should consider other complications as well such as coughing, body movements, bronchospasm etc while calculating the sample size.)

Response: We are very grateful for the reviewer’s suggestion. We have rewrite this sentence on page 22, line 336-337. Future studies should consider other complications as well such as coughing, body movements, bronchospasm etc while calculating the sample size.

We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers’ warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.

Yours sincerely,

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