Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Dr. Edwards,

we would like to thank you and the Reviewers very much for the time and effort spent in reviewing our manuscript and for the very constructive and helpful comments and criticisms. We have made every effort in revising our manuscript along your remaining concerns and we feel that the manuscript has further improved.

We hope that the revised manuscript will be acceptable for publication in BMC Anesthesiology.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jonas Weber
Editors’ comments

-- Please also include the name of the trial registry in this statement.

Reply: We added the name of the trial registry in the trial registrations statement in the revised version of the manuscript (pg. 4 line 2-3).

-- If your study was not registered prospectively (before enrollment of the first participant), you should include the words ‘retrospectively registered’.

Reply: The study was not registered prospectively (first patient enrolled on November 5, 2015; study registered on August 10, 2015).

-- We note that you have not included an acknowledgements section. If you have no acknowledgements, please put ‘Not Applicable’ in this section.

Reply: We added a acknowledgements section to the revised version of the manuscript (pg. 20 line 24-25).

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Reply: We included a clean version of the manuscript to the uploaded files.