Author’s response to reviews

Title: Intraoperative ventilation strategies for obese patients undergoing bariatric surgery: systematic review and meta-analysis

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1. Overlap

The published version was a Cochrane Protocol (without any data). The paper we are submitting we have permission to publish of Managing Editor of the relevant Cochrane Review Group (CRG) since the Protocol was removed from Cochrane Library in January 2018.

Please see below:
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George MC Souza, Gianni Mara S Santos, Fabiano T Barbosa, Tamara Melnik
Intervention
Protocol
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2. Reviewer comments (Reviewer 2): My comment about laparoscopic versus open bariatric surgery was not about the surgical technique but to find out if there is literature that discusses how ventilation strategy affects outcomes when surgery is done via laparotomy or via laparoscopy.

We did not find articles in the searched literature with this comparison that discusses how ventilation strategy affects outcomes when surgery is done via laparotomy or via laparoscopy.

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4. Declarations
   Adjusted. It was included before the References

5. Additional files
   Done

6. Clean copy
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