Reviewer’s report

Title: LMA Gastro™ Airway is feasible during upper gastrointestinal interventional endoscopic procedures in high risk patients: a single-center observational study

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Congratulations to the Authors for their review in using LMA Gastro Airway device during upper GI endoscopic procedures, especially in high risk ASA status ≥ 3 patients.

Airway management in NORA approach appears to be more and more appreciate by both anaesthesiologist and endoscopists, aiming for safety procedures and lowering risks of unstable conditions and/or unexpected complications.

In my opinion, the relatively low number of patients managed in your cohort with this kind of tool, i.e. a second generation supraglottic device (sSAD), may be related to poor experience or unfeasible to use these new devices in such high risk patients by a vast majority of anesthesiologits, in which airway management with ETT is considered a kind of golden and safe standard.

I would like to ask you about your approach, if any, regarding pharmacological planning of patients in single or dual antiplatelets therapy or, moreover, in anticoagulation treatment with anti-vitamin K or DOAC.

Finally, I would like to suggest you to consider the following papers published by very experienced Authors, focusing in these issues.

- Sorbello M, Petrini F. Supraglottic Airway Devices: the Search for the Best Insertion Technique or the Time to Change Our Point of View?
Turk J Anaesthesiol Reanim. 2017 Apr;45 (2): 76-82.


Thank You again for your excellent work, and I totally agree with You all regarding the warrenty of randomized multicenter well-powered study population.

I remain your sincerely
Clelia Esposito, MD

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