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Dear Mr. Yau,

Herewith we submit the revision of our manuscript BMWH-D-15-00020R1 entitled "RCT to estimate reduction in pain after laparoscopic surgery when using a combination therapy of intraperitoneal normal saline and the pulmonary recruitment maneuver (POLAR BEAR trial)".

We greatly appreciate your willingness to reconsider our protocol for publication in BMC Women’s Health after minor revisions.

We added a Declarations section which includes the mandatory sub-sections: ethics approval and consent to participate, consent to publish, availability of data and materials, competing interests, funding, authors' contributions and acknowledgements. The Declarations are added on pages 12-13.

Furthermore we uploaded a clean version of the manuscript without tracked changes or text in different colours.

I hope that our revisions have sufficiently addressed the comments. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

On behalf of all authors,
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