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Conclusion: Minor revision

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**Response: we thank the reviewer for their comments and suggestions. We are ok to move the "insertion protocol" paragraph to Supplementary material and we would leave the decision to do so to the EDITORIAL Team. We have amended the grammatical errors and let the manuscript be revised by one of Medical Writers in our institution (we have added her name in the acknowledgment paragraph).**

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**Response: The manuscript has been revised and fully edited by one of Medical Writers in our institution (we have added her name in the acknowledgment paragraph, Dr Franziska M. Lohmeyer, PhD, Fondazione Policlinico Universitario Agostino Gemelli IRCCS).**

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**Response: we have added authors' contributions.**

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**Response: we have uploaded original pictures. In addition, we have provided a short video of the T-tube insertion technique which we would kindly ask to add to the Supplementary material online section.**

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