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Title: Enhanced Recovery After Surgery' strategy to shorten perioperative fasting in children undergoing non-gastrointestinal surgery: A prospective study

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Response to Reviewers' comments

Dear Editor,

We thank you for your careful consideration of our manuscript. We appreciate your response and overall positive feedback and made modifications to improve the manuscript.

Best regards,

Reviewer #1

1. This manuscript is a prospective study about Enhanced Recovery After Surgery' strategy to shorten perioperative fasting in children undergoing non-gastrointestinal surgery >3 months of age. The title and the abstract are complete and informative. The materials and methods section is well described and is reproducible. The aim of the study is clear. The discussion is well presented and informative. English quality is high. The main limitation of this study is that the content is not original and other papers are present in the literature about the topic. However, credits must be given to the precise, complete, and English quality of the manuscript.

Response: Dear reviewer, thanks a lot for your efforts. We innovatively proposed the water swallow test to evaluate the postoperative swallowing function after recovery from anesthesia and we combined an individualized pre-operative fasting protocol and information system to estimate the start time of each operation as accurately as possible.

Reviewer #2

2. Excellent research. I am one of the pediatric surgeons who have performed ERAS about three years ago. I got excellent results in pediatric patients' pre, during, and postoperative outcomes. In addition, the length of hospitalization and hospitalization costs can be lower than without ERAS. 1. Add the word ERAS in the KEYWORDS section 2. Make a short and clear introduction that describes why the author wants to do this research. Please move some sentences/references to the discussion. 3. Please explain why the author chose the sample size for each group of 150 patients! Is there a previous sample calculation using the formula?

Response: Dear reviewer, thanks a lot for your efforts. 1. We have already added ERAS in the KEYWORDS section. 2. We have made a short and clear introduction, and added "In view of the current discrepancy between preoperative fasting guidelines and clinical practice, we carried out this study and hoped to enrich the research data on early postoperative feeding for non-gastrointestinal surgery, offer scientific and

accurate medical care for children, and improve the satisfaction of the children and their families.” at the first paragraph in the discussion section. 3. The statistician in our hospital has already made a previous sample calculation before we carried out this study. We adopted the Two-Sample T-Tests Assuming Equal Variance, and the power is 1.0.