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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The study is relevant, especially in difficult intubation situations where the laryngeal mask can allow ventilation for the procedure, which according to the studies presented, would not result in increased risk of aspiration. In my assessment, some points would need to be addressed: 1) In the Introduction section, some statements need the references: "Over one million cholecystectomies are performed in the U.S...." "This device has several advantages when compared to tracheal intubation..." "Laparoscopy is thought to increase the risk of aspiration due to..." 2) The study addressed the concern about adequate ventilation, but the capnography measurement during surgery was not mentioned, an important parameter to control hypercapnia in laparoscopic procedures. Any of the included studies have analysed this topic? 3) One of the concerns is the increased abdominal pressure during the procedure. The studies suggest a safe pneumoperitoneum pressure? 4) In my evaluation, the presence of the gastric drainage channel should be mandatory for the procedure, because a common situation is the need for aspiration of gastric contents, so that the surgical field is properly exposed. Gastric distention may impair the exposure of the triangle of Calot. This comment should be present in the Discussion section. 4) Based on the findings of the studies presented, an



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inclusion criteria could be suggested by the authors in the Conclusion section, in order to guide more clearly the use of the laryngeal mask. - ASA I and II (III?) - Non-obese patients (BMI <30) - Pneumoperitoneum pressure ____mmHg - Use of laryngeal mask with a drain tube available - Prophylactic routine gastric aspiration (?)