

Dear editors and reviewers:

Thanks for your comments! We've considered the editors and reviewers' suggestions seriously, and modified some inappropriate contents in revised manuscript, revised parts are indicated in **red font**.

**Comment 1**

*The language of the manuscript should be checked again. You should be use otitis media with effusion instead of exudative otitis mediaç.*

**Response 1**

We agree with the above comment. We have now revised occurrences of "exudative otitis media" to "otitis media with effusion" per reviewer's instruction; the language of the manuscript has also been checked again.

**Comment 2**

*Good study, although small sample size which the authors acknowledge.*

**Response 2**

We appreciate that the reviewer acknowledges our work with respect to method for long-term ventilation tube retention. Multicenter studies with large sample sizes are the aim of our future work.

**Modification as editor's comment**

1. Point to point answer to all reviewers has been provided.
2. Running title: **Method for long-term ventilation tube retention.**
3. Author names have been followed by the complete name of the affiliated institution, city, province/state, postcode and country typed in non-bold.
4. The full approved grant application form of PDF version has been provided.
5. Peng-Jun Wang is the Only one corresponding author.
6. The reference numbers have been superscripted in square brackets at the end of the sentence.
7. The decomposable figure of figures has been provided.
8. Figure file names have been added: **Fig. 1 Exfoliated epithelium; Fig. 2 Biofilm exfoliation surgery.**
9. The form and picture has been put in order at the end of the article.
10. We have revised  $p < 0.01$  to **<sup>a</sup>P < 0.01**, the Fig. 3 is also changed correspondingly.
11. We have checked and confirmed that there are no repeated references.
12. PubMed citation numbers (**PMID**) and **DOI** citation have been added to the reference list.

Sincerely,

Kaiming Su

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