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Dear Editor:

We are truly grateful to you, the science editor, and the reviewers for reviewing our manuscript and offering valuable advice regarding our manuscript (NO: 57111).

We have addressed your comments with point-by-point responses and have revised the manuscript accordingly.

Reviewer #1:

Reviewer's comments: This concept of back loading and endotracheal to onto a small caliber endoscope is not new. The Covid pandemic puts medical personnel and peril for contraction of the virus. The most important protection is wearing a high quality filtering mass with additional protection such as a visor or goggles. This proposed use of the endoscope is at best a marginally helpful ancillary technique.

Response: Thank you for your important comments. As you pointed out, the most important precaution to prevent COVID-19 is full personal protective equipment. The concept of our method is not a new one. Although the usefulness of our method is limited, we believe that this method may be helpful in certain conditions, such as difficult airways.

Reviewer #2:

Reviewer's comments: Nicely written manuscript. This technique has been in use for patients who are difficult to intubate.

Response: Thank you for your favorable comments. We believe that this technique would prove helpful in cases of difficult airways.

We have uploaded figures as PowerPoint files and a table as a Word file, and added the "Conclusion" section at the end of the main text.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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