Supplemental Table 1 – Gas exchange and hemodynamics at end of surgery

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| Variable | Low PEEP(n=18) | High PEEP(n=18) | P |
| SpO2 (%) | 99 (98-100) | 99.5 (99-100) | 0.5 |
| ETCO2 (%) | 37.5 (35-39) | 40 (38-42) | 0.0361 |
| HR (min-1) | 65.5 (58-74) | 74.5 (61-87) | 0.326 |
| MAP (mmHg) | 94 (88-100) | 83 (71-90) | 0.282 |

Values are given as median (1st-3rd quartile); positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP); peripheral oxygen saturation (SpO2); end-tidal CO2 concentration in exhaled air (ETCO2); heart rate (HR) and mean arterial pressure (MAP); significance was assessed by means of non-parametric Wilcoxon test.