Supplemental Table 2 – Postoperative pulmonary and intra-operative cardiovascular complications

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|  | **Low PEEP****(n=18)** | **High PEEP****(n=18)** |  |
| **Postoperative Pulmonary Complications (PPC)** |
| Mild respiratory failure |  4  |  2  |   |
| Severe respiratory failure |  0  |  0  |   |
| ALI/ARDS |  0  |  0  |   |
| Suspected pulmonary infection |  2  |  0  |   |
| Pulmonary infiltrate |  4  |  3  |   |
| Pleural effusion |  1  |  2 |   |
| Atelectasis | 2 |  2  |   |
| Pneumothorax | 0 | 0 |   |
| Bronchospasm | 0 | 0 |   |
| Aspiration pneumonitis | 0 | 0 |   |
| Cardiopulmonary edema | 0 | 1 |   |
| Composite PPC | 6 | 5 |   |
| **Intra-operative cardiovascular complications (ICC)** |
|  Rescue strategy for desaturation  | 0 | 0 |   |
|  Hypotension | 5 | 5 |   |
|  Vasoactive drugs  | 6 | 6 |   |
|  New arrhythmia  | 0 | 0 |   |
|  Composite ICC | 10 | 10 |   |

PEEP = positive end-expiratory pressure; ALI=Acute lung injury; ARDS=Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome.