Individualized positive end-expiratory pressure and regional gas exchange in porcine lung injury

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**Supplemental Digital Content 10 – Randomization effects**

In a cross-over design comparing three different conditions the following six [=n\*(n-1)] investigation sequences are possible:

* Table-PEEP – OXmax-PEEP – TRmin-PEEP
* Table-PEEP – TRmin-PEEP – OXmax-PEEP
* OXmax-PEEP – TRmin-PEEP - Table-PEEP
* OXmax-PEEP - Table-PEEP – TRmin-PEEP
* TRmin-PEEP - Table-PEEP – OXmax-PEEP
* TRmin-PEEP - OXmax-PEEP – Table-PEEP

To balance for possible carry over effects animals were randomized in blocks of six animals to one of the possible investigation sequences using sealed envelopes. This procedure ensured a homogeneous distribution of the three PEEP-settings to all three sequence positions as demonstrated in the following table S2.

## *Table S3*

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|  | Table-PEEP  | TRmin-PEEP | OXmax-PEEP |
| position 1 | 4 times | 5 times | 5 times |
| position 2 | 5 times | 4 times | 5 times |
| position 3 | 5 times | 5 times | 4 times |

Position frequency of each PEEP strategy within the cross over measurement