



## Cover Letter

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Dear Editor,

On behalf of all co-authors, I am submitting the manuscript entitled " Topical airway anesthesia for awake endoscopic intubation using the spray-as-you-go technique with high oxygen flow" as a possible candidate for publication in "JoVE".

We describe a method of topical anesthesia of the airway for awake endotracheal intubation using "atomised" lidocaine. This method is more efficient than previously described methods to achieve topical anesthesia of the upper airway and the trachea.

All authors have contributed intellectually to the work and attest the validity and legitimacy of data as well as the accuracy of the methods described.

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Thank you for considering this manuscript for publication in "JoVE".

Yours sincerely,

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