Supplementary Online Content

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This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

26 **Process for obtaining consent**

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- ²⁹ a)The legal representative was present and the clinical situation of the patient allowed oral
- ³⁰ information of the relative before intubation. Oral consent from relative was obtained just before
- 31 intubation and just after intubation; the legal representative signed consent once the patient had
- 32 been stabilized.
- b) The legal representative was present but the patient's clinical situation required immediate
- intubation was performed.
- c) No relatives were present.
- 1. The Patient was contacted by mail after his hospitalization to ask if he (or she) was opposed to his
 inclusion.
- $\frac{3}{40}$ 2. If the patient died, a letter was sent to a legal representative.
- ⁴¹ For 382 patients (31.4%) a relative was present at the moment of intubation. Among these 382
- relatives, 290 have signed the consent just before inclusion and 92 just after inclusion and
 intubation.
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9 eTable 1. ITT analysis

	No/Total No			
	Rocuronium	RocuroniumSuccinylcholineAbsolute Difference(n = 613)(n = 617)(95% Cl) ^a	<i>P</i> -value ^b	
	(n = 613)			
Primary outcome : successful first pass intubation	456/613(74.4)	489/617 (79.2)	-4.8(-9.1 to ∞)	
Secondary Outcomes				
Pre-specified analyses				
Cormack and Lehane grade				
I	375/610 (61.5)	347/617 (56.2)	5.3 (-0.3 to 10.7)	0.06
II	126/610 (20.7)	173/617 (28.0)	-7.3 (-11.1 to -3.6)	<.001
III	81/610 (13.2)	72/617 (11.7)	1.5 (-2.9 to 6.2)	0.48
IV	28/610 (4.6)	25/617 (4.1)	0.5 (-1.5 to 2.6)	0.60
Intubation Difficulty Score, mean (SD)	4.2 (2.9)	4.1 (2.4)	0.1 (-0.2 to 0.4)	0.48
Intubation Difficulty Score > 5	139/606 (22.9)	130/615 (21.1)	1.8 (-3.2 to 6.8)	0.48
Copenhagen Score				
Excellent	327/580 (56.4)	313/585 (53.5)	2.9 (-0.6 to 6.5)	0.10
Good	205/580 (35.3)	223/585 (38.1)	-2.8 (-6.4 to 0.4)	0.08
Poor	48/580 (8.3)	49/585 (8.4)	-0.1 (-3.0 to 2.9)	0.97
Need for alternative intubation techniques				
Stylet	55/613 (9.0)	51/617 (8.3)	0.7 (-1.9 to 1.9)	0.97
Gum elastic bougie	114/613 (18.6)	107/617 (17.3)	1.3 (-1.2 to 3.8)	0.31
Intubating laryngeal mask airway	10/613 (1.6)	2/613 (0.3)	1.3 (0.5 to 2.4)	0.004
Cricothyrotomy	0/613 (0.0)	1/617 (0.2)	-0.2 (-)	NC
Complications				
Arterial desaturation	56/613 (9.1)	61/617 (9.9)	-0.8 (-4.2 to 2.7)	0.67
Severe Arrhythmia	13/612 (2.1)	26/617 (4.2)	-2.1 (-3.8 to -0.4)	0.01
Cardiac arrest	22/611 (3.6)	13/616 (2.1)	1.5 (-0.2 to 3.3)	0.08
Pulmonary inhalation	19/612 (3.1)	21/617 (3.4)	-0.3 (-1.7 to 1.1)	0.68
Exploratory Analyses				
No. of intubation attempts, mean (SD)	1.4 (0.8)	1.3 (0.6)	0.1 (0.05 to 0.2)	<.001
2 attempts	110/610 (18.0)	97/616 (15.8)	2.2 (-2.3 to 6.8)	0.34
3 attempts	34/610 (5.6)	27/616 (4.4)	1.2 (-0.8 to 3.2)	0.23
4 or more attempts	10/610 (1.6)	3/616 (0.5)	1.1 (0.2 to 2.0)	0.01
Intubation failure under direct laryngoscopy	11/613 (1.8)	4/617 (0.7)	1.1 (0.2 to 2.3)	0.01
Time of prehospital care, minutes, median (IQR)	55 (39 – 80)	55 (38 – 78)	-2.2 (-6.9 to 2.5)	0.36
Death during prehospital care	6/610 (1.0)	3/616 (0.5)	0.5 (-0.4 to 1.3)	0.26
Complications				
Number of complications per patient, mean	0.3 (0.8)	0.4 (0.9)	-0.1 (-0.2 to -0.05)	0.04
(SD)				
At least one life-threatening complication	116/610 (19.0)	150/616 (24.3)	-5.3 (-10.7 to 0.01)	0.05
Severe cardiovascular collapse	39/612 (6.4)	62/616 (10.1)	-3.7 (-6.8 to -0.3)	0.03
Accidental Extubation	1/611 (0.2)	4/616 (0.7)	-0.5 (-0.1 to 0.03)	0.06

^aThe estimated difference between the groups was calculated with a 2-sided 95% CI using a Generalized Estimated Equation model, in which center was specified as the clustering factor.

12 $$^{\rm b}\,{\rm Not}\,{\rm corrected}\,{\rm for}\,{\rm multiple}\,{\rm comparisons}.$

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14 eTable2. Subgroup analyses for the primary outcome.

	N (%) of			
	Rocuronium	Succinylcholine	Absolute Difference (1-sided 97.5% Cl) ^a	p-value for interaction
Subgroup analyses				
Reason for intubation				
Coma due to neurological disease	236/313 (75.4)	239/304 (78.6)	-3.2 (-8.5 to ∞)	0.24
Coma due to self-poisoning	78/107 (72.9)	97/124 (78.2)	-5.3 (-12.3 to ∞)	
Acute respiratory failure	76/101 (75.2)	63/71 (88.7)	-13.5 (-21.3 to ∞)	
Trauma	39/51 (76.5)	40/52 (76.9)	-0.4 (-13.8 to ∞)	
Shock	7/8 (87.5)	8/9 (88.9)	-1.4 (-30.7 to ∞)	
Others	19/30 (63.3)	42/56 (75.0)	-11.7 (-43.0 to ∞)	
Patient Position				
Lying on the ground	116/161 (72.1)	145/187 (77.5)	-3.4 (-11.6 to ∞)	0.87
Lying on a stretcher	247/324 (76.2)	244/307 (79.5)	-3.3 (-10.0 to ∞)	
Lying on a bed	81/112 (72.3)	90/110 (81.8)	-9.5 (-21.1 to ∞)	
Other	11/13 (84.6)	10/12 (83.3)	1.3 (-30.7 to ∞)	

15 ^aThe estimated difference between the groups was calculated with a 1-sided 97.5% CI using a Generalized Estimated Equation model,

in which center was specified as the clustering factor. The margin for non-inferiority was set at -7%. A lower bound of the CI that didnot exceed this margin indicated non-inferiority.

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20 eFigure1. Randomized patients age distribution.



