**Supplementary Table 1. AGREE II Instrument [6]**

The AGREE II consists of 23 key items organized within 6 domains followed by 2 global rating items (“Overall Assessment”). Each domain captures a unique dimension of guideline quality. Each of the AGREE II items and the two global rating items are rated on a 7-point scale (1–strongly disagree to 7–strongly agree).

| **Domain 1 - Scope and Purpose** |  |
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| The overall objectives of the guidelines are specifically described |  |
| The health questions covered by the guidelines are specifically described |  |
| The population (patients, anesthetists) to whom the guidelines is meant to apply is specifically described |  |

| **Domain 2 - Stakeholder involvement** |  |
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| The guideline development grp includes individuals from relevant professional groups |  |
| The views and preferences of the target population (patients, anesthetists) have been sought |  |
| The target users of the guidelines are clearly defined |  |

| **Domain 3 - Rigor of development** |  |
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| Systematic methods were used to search for evidence |  |
| The criteria for searching the evidence are clearly defined |  |
| The strengths and limitations of the body of evidence are clearly described |  |
| The methods for formulating the recommendations are clearly described |  |
| The health benefits, side effects and risks have been considered in formulating the recommendations |  |
| There is an explicit link between the recommendations and the supporting evidence |  |
| The guideline has been externally reviewed by experts prior to its publication |  |
| A procedure for updating the guideline is provided |  |

| **Domain 4 - Clarity of presentation** |  |
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| The recommendations are specific and unambiguous |  |
| The different options for management of the condition or health issue are clearly presented |  |
| Key recommendations are easily identifiable |  |

| **Domain 5 - Applicability** |  |
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| The guideline describes facilitators and barriers to its application |  |
| The guideline provides advice and/or tools on how the recommendations can be put into practice |  |
| The potential resource implications of applying the recommendations have been considered |  |
| The guideline presents monitoring and/or auditing criteria |  |

| **Domain 6 - Editorial Independence** |  |
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| The views of the funding body have not influenced the contents of the guideline |  |
| Competing interests of guideline development group members have been recorded and addressed |  |

| **Overall Guideline Assessment** |  |
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| Rate the overall quality of this guideline (scale 1= lowest possible quality, 7= highest possible quality) |  |
| I would recommend this guideline for use (Yes/Yes with modifications/No) |  |