

Peer Review File

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Reviewer Comments:

Comment 1: My major concern is the small sample size which cannot answer the question

Author Response: Thank you for pointing this out. As suggested, we have changed it to a case series and changed the title to reflect this.

Comment 2: Title did not indicate the efficacy and safety outcomes of interest in this study

Author Response: Thank you, changed the title to reflect that we changed this to a case series.

Comment 3: The abstract requires further revision given that it was inadequate.

Author Response: As suggested, we added details from the body of the paper to the abstract to make it a more complete abstract.

Comment 4: Looking for further explanation in the gaps on the efficacy and safety of OFA and what the limitations of previous studies are with detailed examples.

Authors Response: Thank you for this feedback. We made some corrections to the text to provide better context and flow, addressing the unclear and vague statements made with citations providing for detailed examples.

Comment 5: Describe the assessment baseline clinical factors and safety outcomes, as well as providing the assessment of baseline comparability.

Authors Response: The baseline assessment data and clinical factors used to provide baseline comparability are described in detail in the demographics along with a table provided. The characteristics detailed include: Age, Race, Gender, ASA status, Height, Weight and BMI which were matched in each group to make them comparable.

Comment 6: Due to the small sample size statistical analyses are meaningless

Author Response: Thank you, and as the commentor pointed out previously strictly speaking this is a failed study given the small $n=6$. Given this, we changed from a retrospective cohort study to a case series. In addition, this is addressed in the discussion section of the paper. Although the data is not meaningful, the Authors included it to further provide some baseline evidence that this topic is worthwhile to continue to study.