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| **Patient allocation  (vs. Control group)** | **Relative Risk (95% CI)** | **Absolute Risk Reduction (95% CI)** | **P-value** |
| ***Postoperative Otorrhea*** | | | |
| **Intraoperative group** | 0.341 (0.158 to 0.738) | 8.89% (2.98% to 14.8%) | .006\*\* |
| **Postoperative group** | 0.649 (0.348 to 1.21) | 4.73% (-1.93% to 11.4%) | .23 |
| ***Ventilation Tube Obstruction*** | | | |
| **Intraoperative group** | 0.536 (0.266 to 1.08) | 4.60% (-0.51% to 11.5%) | .08 |
| **Postoperative group** | 0.424 (0.193 to 0.930) | 6.80% (0.862% to 12.7%) | .03\* |

**Table 2: Primary Outcomes at 6 weeks (n=512, by-ear); Legend: \* =P<0.05, \*\*=P<0.01 when compared to control**