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Dear Editor,

We have performed all of the formatting changes that were requested. Attached please find our revised manuscript and figures.

We hope that you will find our changes satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Ofer Zimmerman, M.D.
Associate Editor's comments:

I can suggest the authors to indicate in the statistical paragraph - how they calculated the Area under the ROC curve (at least to provide a reference since there are several methods).

As suggested, we included the relevant reference in the statistical paragraph.

If they checked the proportional hazard hypothesis in their Cox Model and I would suggest to move the paragraph related to ROC analysis in the results section (page 11, lines 11 "The ability..." to 21 "...cut-off levels are displayed in Table 2"), just after the sentence "Figures 1 and 2 display box plots....ventilation" (page 10 ,line 19), in order to group together results related to time to ICU admission or mechanical ventilation (the survival analysis by Cox model and Kaplan Meier estimates)

As suggested, the paragraph was moved.