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Dear Editor,

This new revised manuscript has been amended according to the points raised by the Referee #3. Language has been edited by an English native speaker. A point by point reply to the Referee’s comments is enclosed.

We hope that our paper can be now of interest for your Journal.

Yours sincerely,

Giovanni Zagli (corresponding author on behalf of all the authors)

Answer to Referee #3

We thank Referee #3 for his/her constructive criticisms and comments to our manuscript.

The use of lung ultrasound has been now emphasized (modified parts in blue for an easier verification) as suggested.

However, other areas were not modified, according with the requests and opinions of the other 3 Referees.
Regarding the evaluation of the threshold for access to the ECMO procedure, we strongly say that the decision to begin treatment for ARDS related H1N1 cases was always based on the National Protocol of the Ministry of Health, as stated in the manuscript.