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Reviewers Comment:

"We would like the authors to add a sentence or two about the proposed economic evaluation to the methods section of the abstract. Currently nothing is written on the economic evaluation in the abstract. We think there needs to be something."

Response:

We are thankful for this comment and have included the following statement in the methods section of abstract. A systematic review of the evidence on the cost-effectiveness of non-hospital NIV will be completed, and a model based cost-utility analysis undertaken to determine the cost-effectiveness of non-hospital based NIV compared with standard care.