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Title: The Effect of Sedation and/or Analgesia as Rescue Treatment during Noninvasive Positive Pressure Ventilation in the Patients with Interface Intolerance after Extubation

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Dear Editor,

Re: Manuscript ID PULM-D-16-00483R4

We would like to thank BMC Pulmonary Medicine for giving us the opportunity to revise our manuscript and accept our paper.

We thank the reviewers for their careful reading and thoughtful comments on previous draft.

We have carefully taken their comments into consideration in preparing our revision, which has resulted in a paper that is clearer, more compelling, and broader. The following summarizes how we responded to reviewer comments.

Thanks for all help.

Best wishes,

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Editor Section comments

“In consideration of the weak design of the study (retrospective and without a matched control arm) OK, the biases in the methodology (arbitrary selection of pts chosen for sedation or not) the unclear purpose and timing of NIV ("facilitation of weaning in difficult to wean subjects", "treatment" or "prophylaxis" of post extubation failure), reliable sedation strategy, confused outcome's measures (i.e. reason for failure OK, related or not to agitation and delirium whose rate was higher in treated cases) I strongly recommend to ask the authors for a further revision with the specific objective of highlighting clearer in the text the limitations of the study and mitigating the conclusions both in the abstract and in the manuscript, calling for further controlled trials to let the readers strongest "take-home messages".

Answer:

Thank you so much for your careful reading and meaningful advice. We have revised our manuscript according to your suggestion.