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Title: Effect of Dexmedetomidine on Duration of Mechanical Ventilation in Septic Patients: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Dear Editor,

I am writing to request that you kindly consider our Minor revised manuscript entitled “(PULM-D-19-00305R1) Effect of Dexmedetomidine on Duration of Mechanical Ventilation in Septic Patients: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis” for publication in BMC Pulmonary Medicine. We thank you and the Reviewer for a thoughtful review of the original manuscript. We have now revised the manuscript, considering your constructive comments. We have addressed all the concerns in the following paragraphs.

1. According to your kindly suggestion 1 and 2, we have listed the contributions of all authors include Guobao Li, Zhihui Qiu, Mitchell M. Levy and Baoji Hu by our initials in the Authors’ contributions section. Showing as below,

   Authors’ contributions

   C-PF, J-JH and L-GB searched the scientific literature and drafted the manuscript, collected the data. Z-YH and Q-ZH conducted data analysis. MML and H-BJ designed the study and revised the manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

2. We revised the authors’ full name by their initials.

3. We have removed the titles and legends from .TIF files and added section labeled “Figure titles and legends” following section “Reference” in accordance with BMC submission guidelines.

4. We have uploaded a single, clean manuscript and Table 1-2, Figure 1-10, an additional file.
Finally, the authors are grateful to the editor and reviewer for their insightful comments which help improve the quality of the paper.

Sincerely yours,

Baoji Hu