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Dear Dr Maire Clayton

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We would like to thank you for the opportunity to resubmit the revised version of our manuscript “Lung virome in mechanical ventilated patients: a pilot study” (PULM-D-19-00374).

Please find below our answers to the issues now mentioned by the editor.

Sincerely yours,
Editor Comments:

1. Please ensure the email address of the corresponding author is the same in the manuscript as in the submission system. They are still not the same.

Answer: Corrected in the manuscript

2. Please provide more details regarding the specific role of each of the funding bodies in your study. If the funding bodies only provided the financial means to allow the authors to carry out the study, please state “The funding bodies played no role in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript” and include this statement in the Funding section of your manuscript.

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Answer: we included a sentence in the Competing Interests section

3. In the Ethical approval and consent to participate statement of the Declarations, please confirm whether informed consent was obtained from all participants and clearly state this in your manuscript. Please specify whether the consent was written or verbal. If verbal, please state the reason and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure.

Currently, this is stated in the Methods and not in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section.

Answer: included in the Ethics approval and consent to participate

NOTE - We also added in the study design item (Methods), at the end of the first paragraph, that the study participants needed intubation due to the worsening of the clinical situation and not expressly for the study.