Author’s response to reviews

Title: Outcomes after Long-term Mechanical Ventilation of Cancer Patients

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Thank you for your revisions. Whilst most of your responses to the Editorial requests were satisfactory, unfortunately, there are some further revisions required before we can proceed with the publication of your manuscript. So sorry about this confusion, please see revisions with associated comments.

1. Please be sure to include each of the following revisions recommended by Reviewer 1. Please also include a point-by-point response with a reference to the line and page number, where the amendments have been made:

-MATERIAL AND METHODS:
It is important to define who criteria were used to transfer patients to respiratory unit. Lines 108-110 depict eligibility criteria, the word “all” has been added, since we included all patients. An additional comment has been added “subject to intensivist discretion” has been added for clarification.

-DISCUSSION:
First two paragraphs must be excluded. These have been deleted. It is important to discuss about prognosis of this kind of patients, and the importance of weaning failure as a marker of bad prognosis of this patients. Lines 256-269 address prognosis in these types of patients. It is difficult to say weaning failure is a marker of bad prognosis in “these types of patients” because the patients studied vary in terms of cancer diagnosis and status. We stick to patient and caregiver expectation and trajectory of care.

-TABLES:
Table 2 must be deleted. Table 2 has been deleted and all mentions of this table removed from text. Table 3 has been rename Table 2. Table 4 and 5 must be transformed in only one table. Tables 4 and 5 have been combined and renamed Table 3.