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Dear Sirs,

First, we want to thank the considerations that certainly contributed to the finish of our protocol.

We hope we have been clear enough and put ourselves at your disposal for any new considerations.

Sincerely,

Laura Jurema dos Santos

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# it was set in the inclusion criteria than the minimum of MV time was 24 hours and longer than 48 hours (italics in yellow)

# it was removed the number 29 at the end of the sentence in the discussion, as already included with the name of the main author at the beginning of the sentence (italics in green)

# it has replaced the term mobilization for rehabilitation throughout the text