

To,

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Subject : (ESPS Manuscript NO: 10291) "Title: LONG TERM NEGATIVE PRESSURE VENTILATION: RESCUE FOR THE FAILING FONTAN?"

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your consideration as well as the review of the manuscript.

We are very grateful to the thoughtful comments and suggestions from the reviewers as well as the relevant questions brought up.

We have revised the manuscript and are submitting it for your consideration.

We have made the following changes to accommodate the various comments / suggestions / queries from the reviewers.

1. We have provided relevant references throughout the various sections as well as updated the references.
2. We have clarified the use of abbreviations (eg NPV) as mentioned by the reviewer.
3. We have revised the two sections regarding the failing Fontan and the hemodynamic effects of NPV, to provide a better setup for the hypothesis. Along with relevant references, this should make the hypothesis section succinct yet supported.
4. We have deleted the redundancy in the discussion section by completely rewriting it and eliminating any repetition that was unnecessary. We have made it brief and to the point.
5. We have completely updated the references and reformatted them using EndNote.

I have attached the final version of the manuscript herewith.

We look forward to hearing back from you and will be happy to make further revisions if you deem necessary. It has been an honor working with you.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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