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- **Reviewer's code:** 03285262

- (1) The similar concepts were removed in the text
- (2) succinct small titles which are clear, were added to graphs along with both axis titles.
- (3) - reviewed articles in the literature review were referenced at the end of the manual-script.
- (4) -We cut back on the acronyms use
- (5) -we copy edited our manuscript language
- (6) We harmonized the dates of data collection differ between Methods and Results.
- (7) We removed presumptions throughout text
- (8) As an illustration to the WHO cost effectiveness interpretation a graph (Figure 8 was added)
- (9) We explained the incremental cost-effective ratio early in the manual-script in the „Outcome definitions“ subsection and gave an outline of the methodology used for it's calculaton in figure 3.

- **Reviewer's code:** 02489089

No suggestions

- **Reviewer's code:** 02454185

1. We specified the date of patient interview follow up ad one year after hospital release at its first appearance.
2. We included the details of the systematic review:
 - electronic databases
 - the search terms
 - the time frame of the search,

- Inclusion and exclusion criteria
 - The PRISMA flow diagram of the phases in the review process
 - All 14 studies referenced
 - Table 1 (previously table 3)-meta analysis, with missing data filled in
 - Table 2- characteristics of the studies included in the systematic review
3. the the key model parameters are specified in the method section
 4. we correcte the level of significance 0.95 to 0.05.
 5. we described the Descriptive statistics from the table 1 (now table 3) in the main text.
 6. We described with numbers the difference between respondents and non-respondents
 7. We corrected the coma points In table 1 (now table 3), the point and expanded the abbreviations at footnote of the table.
 8. We defined the 28-day ventilator free days
 9. we mentioned the possibility of publication bias in the discussion section.
 10. In the table 2 with the characteristics of the studies included in the systematic review we included also the year of the publication and the country of origin
 11. In the table 1 (previously table 3) we added the missing numbers of total ICU
 12. We gave an outline of the study protocol in figure 3 and described in detail the costing methodology and the methodology used to calculate life time QALYs and a measure of effectiveness.
 13. We took an approach that has been used to estimate the future costs in the literature by using the country's annual health expenditure per capita with the number of QALYs gained, discounted at an annual rate of 3% to the present value.

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No suggestions

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Critical Care Medicine*.

Sincerely yours,

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