

Answering reviewer's comments:

Thank you for the advices and we had made a revise according to the reviewer's comments, which shows as following:

Q1: The use of line numbers would have made reviewing of the paper much easier.

A1: The line numbers had been added to the manuscript.

Q2: Line NO.64: Introduction - Critically ill patients not "critically patients."

A2: The phrases "critically patients" had been changed into "critically ill patients".

Q3: Line NO.84: Before "she came" back to Shenzhen on January 22 not "come back"

A3: The sentence "before she come back to Shenzhen on January 22" had been changed into "before she came back to Shenzhen on January 22".

Q4: Line NO. 85: Her past medical history was unremarkable. What does that mean?

A4: It mean that her past medical history was nothing special.

Q5: Line NO.87: The respiratory sounds of both lungs were thick, not "are".

A5: The sentence "The respiratory sounds of both lungs are thick, and no obvious dry and wet rales are heard" had been changed into "The respiratory sounds of both lungs were thick, and no obvious dry and wet rales were heard".

Q6: Line NO.100: Treatment process: High-flow nasal not, "high".

A₆: The phrases “high-flow” have been changed into “High-flow”.

Q₇: Line NO.141: It is also present in vascular endothelial cells, not, “it also”.

A₇: The sentence “It also present in vascular endothelial cells” had been changed into “It is also present in vascular endothelial cells”.

Q₈: Line NO.171: Cases that do not respond well to HFNC or NIV treatment, not “did not”.

A₈: The sentence “Cases that did not respond well to HFNC or NIV treatment” had been changed into “Cases that do not respond well to HFNC or NIV treatment”.