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Lian-Sheng Ma
Editor-in-Chief,
World Journal of Clinical Cases

Re: MS# 63165
Title: Prone Position Combined with High-flow Nasal Oxygen Could
Benefit Spontaneously Breathing, Severe Coronavirus Disease 2019
(COVID-19) Patients: A Case Report
World Journal of Clinical Cases

Dear Prof. Ma:

Thank you so much for your letter about our manuscript (MS# 63165). According to the reviewers' and your suggestions, we have carefully revised our manuscript. We hope that the modified manuscript has come up to the standards expected by *World Journal of Clinical Cases*.

Please find the responses to reviewers' comments in the following. We extremely appreciate you and the Reviewers for the helpful suggestions.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Comment 1: It is a well-written paper concluding that the combination of PP and HFNO could benefit spontaneously breathing, severe COVID-19 patients. It improves the clinical symptoms, oxygenation status, and radiological features of lung injury. However, the author needs to attend to some minor points before the article can be taken further.

Answer: We appreciate the Reviewer's encouraging comments on our manuscript.

Comment 2: The conventional oxygen therapy (COT) term has not been mentioned in the abstract. So, it is better to remove from keywords. Hypoxemia and Intubation must be included in the keywords of the abstract.

Answer: We removed the "conventional oxygen therapy" from the keywords of the Abstract and added the "Hypoxemia and Intubation" into the keywords.

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Comment 3: The author does not mention the limitations of the case in the discussion portion. It is better to add few lines about the same.

Answer: We added the limitations of the report into the Discussion section.

Science editor:

Comment 1: Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a case report of the prone position combined with high-flow nasal oxygen could benefit spontaneously breathing, severe coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) patients. The topic is within the scope of the WJCC. (1) Classification: Grade A; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: the paper is a well-written paper concluding that the combination of PP and HFNO could benefit spontaneously breathing, severe COVID-19 patients. It improves the clinical symptoms, oxygenation status, and radiological features of lung injury. However, the questions raised by the reviewer should be answered; and (3) Format: There are 3 figures. (4) References: A total of 17 references are cited, including 11 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There are no self-cited references; and (6) References recommend: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by peer reviewer(s), especially the references published by the peer reviewer(s) themselves. If the authors found the peer reviewer(s) request the authors to cite improper references published by themselves, please send the peer reviewer's ID number to the editorialoffice@wjgnet.com. The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A. 3 Academic norms and rules: No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an unsolicited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJCC.

Answer: We appreciate the science editor's encouraging comments on our manuscript.

Comment 2: The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

Answer: We prepared and arranged the figures using PowerPoint in the Figures File.

Comment 3: PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references.

Answer: We provided the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references in the Reference section.

Comment 4: The "Case Presentation" section was not written according to the Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation. Please re-write the "Case Presentation" section, and add the "FINAL DIAGNOSIS", "TREATMENT", and "OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP" sections to the main text, according to the Guidelines and

Requirements for Manuscript Revision.

Answer: We re-wrote the “Case Presentation” section, and added the “FINAL DIAGNOSIS”, “TREATMENT”, and “OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP” sections to the main text, according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision.

Company editor-in-chief:

Comment 1: I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Clinical Cases, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

Answer: We appreciate the company editor-in-chief's encouraging comments on our manuscript.

Comment 5: The title of the manuscript is too long and must be shortened to meet the requirement of the journal (Title: The title should be no more than 18 words).

Answer: We shortened the title of the article to less than 18 words in the Title page.