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To Whom It May Concern (Reviewers),

The authors made the following corrections:

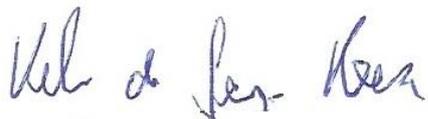
- We added a sentence at the end of the introduction about the justification for the study;
- We established gestational age slabs of the preterm infant (PI) and the risk of need for Mechanical Ventilation (MV) and mortality in the results section.

Thank you and kind regards,

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