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Dear Editor,
I'm writing to you about our manuscript (21527)

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Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in word format (file name: 21527-Review.doc).

Title: Incremental value of thoracic ultrasound in intensive care unit: Indications, uses and application

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Reviewer 1 (No. 2576989)

Comments: Excellent revision of TUS value in intensive care unit focused on severe lung diseases or conditions and fast diagnostic approach to them. Well written and easy to read. A summarize and comparative table of different conditions analyzed (pleural effusion, pneumothorax, diaphragmatic function, etc) with TUS findings could be added to facilitate the conclusions.

Reply: We have added tables that compare the different conditions analyzed through TUS as the reviewer suggest us. Thanks to the reviewer!

Table 1 Appearance of different clinical settings

Table 2 Blue Protocol. Profiles

Table 3 TUS advantages

Table 4 Acute respiratory disorders

Table 5 Comparative table of different acute respiratory disorders

Reviewer (No. 505382)

Comments: A well written manuscript which address an important topic in the setting of the emergency medicine practice.

Reply: Thanks to the reviewer for his comments!

Reviewer (No. 2639698)

Comments: This review is well written and clear. Only a few suggestions The conclusion section should be shortened (avoiding repetitions) A Table summarizing the key diagnostic elements for each condition should be added

Reply: We have summarized the conclusion as the reviewer suggest us (Pag. 23). Moreover, as already said, we have added different tablets that compare the different conditions analyzed

through TUS. Thanks to the reviewer!

Reviewer (No. 227470)

Comments: The authors provided a nice review article on the current evidence for using TUS in the ER and ICU. I advice the authors to correct some inconvenient spelling errors, however I do not have additional comments.

Reply: We have corrected all the spelling errors. Thanks to the reviewer!

Thank you again for considering our manuscript for publication in the *World Journal of Radiology*

Sincerely yours,
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