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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 14664-clean.2014-12-03.doc).

**Title:** Utility of Flexible Fiberoptic Bronchoscopy for Critically Ill Pediatric Patients: A Systematic Review

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**Name of Journal:** World Journal of Critical Care Medicine

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Thank you for the opportunity to improve our manuscript according to the suggestions of the editor and reviewers.

1. The formatting has been revised to align with requirements of the World Journal of Critical Care Medicine.
  - a. Zip code was added to author information.
  - b. Conflict of interest statement was added.
  - c. Data sharing statement was added. The data sharing statement used was modeled on the sample wording given in the email from the editors.
  - d. Open-access statement was added.
  - e. The abstract was revised into a structured abstract format.
  - f. Biostatistical statement was added.
  - g. COMMENT section was added.
  
2. The following revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:
  - a. A well written paper with good research of English literature. There are some repetition in the results and discussion section which if omitted can make the paper more succinct.

**Response:** We have streamlined the discussion section in order to minimize repetition from the results section and to make the paper more succinct.
  - b. Can the authors point out which criteria one can use to identify patients in whom this procedure would not be worthwhile? Are there patients in whom a rigid bronchoscopy would be advisable in lieu of a flexible? Can the authors identify any age recommendations and size of scope?

**Response:** Rigid bronchoscopies should be performed in patients with foreign bodies. This information has been added to the paper. Recommendations for the size of the scope are beyond the purposes of this systematic review, but we have cited a source in our paper.
  - c. This paper is a well-written systematic review paper and has valuable information regarding this area. However, styles of some references used in this paper are not appropriate for this journal (not used titles abbreviated form as shown in PubMed).

**Response:** Reference styles have been revised to fit with the style of the journal.

3. References and typesetting were corrected to align with requirements of the *World Journal of Critical Care Medicine*.

Thank you for very much for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you about our manuscript submitted to the *World Journal of Critical Care Medicine*.

Sincerely yours,

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