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Continuous positive airway pressure to avoid intubation in SARS-CoV-2 pneumonia: a two-period retrospective case-control study

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To the Editor:

Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) can cause severe pneumonia requiring invasive mechanical ventilation [1], in the context of atypical acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) [2]. The magnitude of the epidemic places an unprecedented pressure on intensive care units (ICUs), making avoidance of intubation a critical issue.