



Supplemental Figure S1. Sample signals from a successful and failed extubation during mechanical ventilation weaning.

Legend: Ed_i = electrical activity of the diaphragm, MV = mechanical ventilation, ETT-CPAP = endotracheal tube continuous positive airway pressure, CV = coefficient of variation.

Supplemental Table S1. Patient demographics.

Patients	Success							Failure					
	1	2	3	5	8	9	13	4	6	7	10	11	12
Demographics													
Birth weight (g)	830	965	620	920	1240	1020	890	550	800	620	600	600	610
Gestational age (wk)	26.3	29.1	25.3	25.7	28.0	27.9	24.4	23.1	25.7	24.9	24.1	25.4	23.6
Weight at extubation (g)	760	990	650	850	1240	1080	1140	720	775	780	950	910	870
PCA at extubation (wk)	27.1	29.6	26.3	25.9	28.1	28.7	29.6	27.1	26.0	27.4	27.6	29.3	26.6
DOL at extubation (days)	7	4	8	2	1	7	37	29	3	19	25	28	22
Sex	M	M	F	M	M	M	M	F	F	M	F	M	M
Pre-extubation blood gas													
pH	7.25	7.23	7.35	7.28	7.34	7.34	7.41	7.3	7.35	7.39	7.4	7.37	7.39
PCO ₂ (mmHg)	55	56	35	39	38	47	47	57	37	41	43	53	48
Base Excess (mmol/L)	-3	-3.9	-5.8	-7.6	-4.5	-0.8	4.8	1.9	-4.4	-0.1	1.9	4.8	3.9
Total hemoglobin (g/L)	139	159	116	122	168	141	101	133	139	150	95	112	125
Pre-extubation settings													
Endotracheal tube size (mm)	2.5	3.0	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
<i>Mechanical Ventilation</i>													
PEEP (cmH ₂ O)	6	5	6	5	5	5	8	5	5	6	6	5	5
MAP (cmH ₂ O)	6.9	6	7.9	8	5.3	7.2	9	5.4	7.3	7.8	6.2	6.4	7.9
Maximum FiO ₂	0.25	0.21	0.24	0.21	0.21	0.25	0.38	0.45	0.21	0.25	0.31	0.29	0.26
Tidal volume (ml/kg)	5.5	4.8	-	5.3	4	-	4.8	4.2	-	4.9	4.5	4.6	4.7
Rate	45	20	-	40	20	-	20	20	-	20	20	10	20
<i>ETT-CPAP</i>													
PEEP (cmH ₂ O)	6	5	6	5	5	5	8	5	5	6	6	5	5
Maximum FiO ₂	0.25	0.21	0.24	0.24	0.21	0.3	0.38	0.4	0.3	0.25	0.31	0.42	0.32
Extubation failure													
Time to reintubation (h)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	100	82	1	13	0.5
Reason for reintubation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A&B	A&B	RA	A&B	A&B	A&B

Legend: PCA = post-conceptual age, DOL = day of life, PCO_2 = partial pressure of carbon dioxide, PEEP = positive end-expiratory pressure, MAP = mean airway pressure, FiO_2 = fraction of inspired oxygen, A&B = apneas and bradycardias, RA = respiratory acidosis. All patients were on assisted control mode before extubation.

Supplemental Table S2. Respiratory variability during mechanical ventilation weaning.

	MV	ETT-CPAP	$\Delta_{ETT-CPAP - MV}$	<i>p</i> -value
BB Intervals (s)				
SD _{BB}	0.56 [0.32 - 0.90]	0.40 [0.36 - 0.46]	-0.14 [-0.39 - 0.05]	0.305
CV _{BB}	0.48 [0.36 - 0.68]	0.37 [0.33 - 0.46]	-0.11 [-0.20 - 0.02]	0.127
SDSD _{BB}	0.76 [0.40 - 1.01]	0.48 [0.40 - 0.58]	-0.12 [-0.43 - 0.07]	0.340
TI _{BB}	3.19 [2.46 - 4.00]	3.05 [2.52 - 3.58]	0.05 [-0.42 - 0.57]	1.000
Breath Area ($\mu V \cdot s$)				
SD _{Area}	312 [209 - 415]	326 [230 - 458]	48 [22 - 127]	0.040
CV _{Area}	0.84 [0.67 - 0.91]	0.62 [0.58 - 0.86]	-0.09 [-0.27 - 0.06]	0.141
SDSD _{Area}	402 [221 - 468]	424 [287 - 549]	58 [37 - 136]	0.021
TI _{Area}	4.08 [3.39 - 5.49]	5.00 [3.58 - 7.38]	1.38 [0.57 - 2.49]	0.033
Neural Ti (s)				
SD _{NTi}	0.34 [0.20 - 0.61]	0.21 [0.19 - 0.29]	-0.09 [-0.16 - 0.01]	0.094
CV _{NTi}	0.74 [0.52 - 0.87]	0.48 [0.42 - 0.55]	-0.18 [-0.32 - 0.00]	0.046
SDSD _{NTi}	0.46 [0.26 - 0.73]	0.27 [0.23 - 0.39]	-0.10 [-0.27 - -0.01]	0.080
TI _{NTi}	3.12 [2.43 - 3.90]	3.25 [2.58 - 3.67]	0.61 [-0.48 - 0.90]	0.455
Neural Te (s)				
SD _{NTe}	0.44 [0.23 - 0.55]	0.27 [0.26 - 0.32]	-0.04 [-0.22 - 0.04]	0.497
CV _{NTe}	0.60 [0.46 - 0.76]	0.46 [0.39 - 0.55]	-0.06 [-0.21 - 0.09]	0.530
SDSD _{NTe}	0.55 [0.30 - 0.63]	0.33 [0.31 - 0.39]	-0.02 [-0.30 - 0.06]	0.542
TI _{NTe}	4.79 [3.33 - 5.50]	3.57 [3.44 - 4.67]	-0.29 [-0.89 - 0.30]	0.588
Breath amplitude (μV)				
SD _{Amp}	6.29 [4.83 - 7.83]	7.15 [4.97 - 9.17]	1.47 [0.13 - 2.49]	0.110
CV _{Amp}	0.64 [0.58 - 0.72]	0.54 [0.49 - 0.69]	-0.05 [-0.15 - 0.04]	0.077
SDSD _{Amp}	7.57 [5.52 - 9.43]	9.50 [6.45 - 10.74]	2.35 [0.67 - 3.31]	0.013
TI _{Amp}	2.55 [2.02 - 3.32]	2.48 [1.99 - 3.44]	0.45 [-0.39 - 0.83]	0.305
Breath Width (s)				
SD _{Width}	0.15 [0.12 - 0.23]	0.11 [0.11 - 0.15]	-0.02 [-0.11 - -0.01]	0.033
CV _{Width}	0.37 [0.32 - 0.50]	0.34 [0.28 - 0.37]	-0.04 [-0.21 - -0.03]	0.046
SDSD _{Width}	0.19 [0.15 - 0.31]	0.16 [0.14 - 0.21]	-0.04 [-0.17 - 0.01]	0.040
TI _{Width}	2.69 [2.47 - 2.82]	2.44 [2.27 - 3.11]	-0.12 [-0.28 - 0.33]	1.000

Legend: MV = mechanical ventilation, ETT-CPAP = endotracheal tube continuous positive airway pressure, $\Delta_{ETT-CPAP - MV}$ = difference between ETT-CPAP and MV, BB = breath-to-breath, SD = standard deviation, CV = coefficient of variation; SDSD = standard deviation of successive differences, TI = triangular index, NTi = neural inspiratory time, Ti = inspiratory time, Te = expiratory time. Values are presented as median [IQR].

Supplemental Table S3. Receiver-operator characteristics (ROC) for select variability measures for the identification of successfully extubated infants.

Variability Parameter	MV				ETT-CPAP			
	AUC _{ROC}	Cut-off value	Sens.	Spec.	AUC _{ROC}	Cut-off value	Sens.	Spec.
SDSD _{BB} (s)	0.91	<0.89	100%	83.3%	0.98	<0.48	85.7%	100%
CV _{NTi}	0.91	<0.81	100%	83.3%	1.00	<0.50	100%	100%
CV _{Amp}	1.00	<0.66	100%	100%	0.93	<0.56	85.7%	83.3%

Legend: MV = mechanical ventilation, ETT-CPAP = endotracheal tube continuous positive airway pressure, SDSD_{BB} = standard deviation of successive differences of breath-to-breath intervals, CV_{NTi} = coefficient of variation of the neural inspiratory time, CV_{Amp} = coefficient of variation of breath amplitude, AUC_{ROC} = area under the receiver operator characteristic curve, Sens. = sensitivity, Spec. = specificity.