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Letter to the Editor

Reply to: Ventilation during out-of-hospital cardiac arrest

We thank Drs. Jo et al. for their interest in our study “Association of ventilation with outcomes from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest”.¹

We agree with Jo et al.’s description of the components of ventilation during 30:2 CPR. They correctly state the median duration of pauses and the median number of ventilations in our study (Table 1).¹ We wish to clarify that the median number of ventilations shown in Table 1 is not ventilations per pause, but instead is the total number of ventilations for the entire period of 30:2 CPR, which was a mean of 13 min. Likewise, the median number of pauses was the total number of pauses for the entire period of 30:2 CPR. On page 176, we defined a valid pause as one with durations lasting 3–15 s.

Group 1 patients had a median total of 11 pauses and three ventilations over 13 min, while group two patients had a median total of 12 pauses and eight ventilations over 13 min. Few patients received more than two breaths in a single pause.

We regret that we did not include the above details in Table 1 and we thank Jo et al. for giving us the opportunity to clarify these issues.

Conflict of interests

None.

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