

Supplementary table 1: modified version of the semiquantitative Airway Score (sqAS), adopted from [23]

Spontaneous cough	Gag	Sputum quantity	Suctioning Frequency	Sputum Viscosity	Sputum Character
vigorous (0)	vigorous (0)	none (0)	>3 hours (0)	watery (0)	clear (0)
moderate (1)	moderate (1)	1 suctioning pass (1)	2-3 h (1)	frothy (1)	tan/yellow (1)
weak (2)	weak (2)	2 passes (2)	1-2 h (2)	thick (2)	-
none (3)	none (3)	3 passes (3)	<1 h (3)	-	-