

Mechanical power density predicts prolonged ventilation following double lung transplantation

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Definitions of ventilatory indexes and mechanical power

Ventilatory ratio (VR)	<p>Ventilatory ratio (VR) is a surrogate of pulmonary dead space fraction and a simple bedside index of impaired efficiency of ventilation¹⁻²:</p> $VR = VE_{\text{measured}} * PaCO_{2\text{-measured}} / VE_{\text{predicted}} * PaCO_{2\text{-ideal}}$ <p>VE_{measured} is the measured minute ventilation (mL/min), $PaCO_{2\text{-measured}}$ is the measured arterial pressure of carbon dioxide (mmHg), $VE_{\text{predicted}}$ is the predicted minute ventilation calculated as predicted bodyweight x 100 (mL/min), and $PaCO_{2\text{ideal}}$ is the expected arterial pressure of carbon dioxide in normal lungs if ventilated with the predicted minute ventilation. $PaCO_{2\text{-ideal}}$ is set at 37.5 mmHg (5 kPa) for all patients. VR is a unitless ratio, with a value approximating one representing normal ventilating lungs.</p>
Mechanical power (MP)	<p>Mechanical power (MP)³ provided by the ventilator in the pressure-controlled mode was calculated using the simplified formula proposed by Becher et al., including VT, respiratory rate (RR), and P_{peak}⁴⁻⁵:</p> $MP \text{ (Joule/min)} = 0.098 * VT * RR * P_{\text{peak}}$ $MP \text{ (Joule/min)} = 0.098 * VE * P_{\text{peak}}$ <p>With each breath the ventilator delivers, a certain amount of energy (Joule) is transferred to the patient's respiratory system. This energy is mainly used to overcome the airways' resistance, inflate the lungs, and expand the thoracic cage.</p>
Mechanical power normalized to dynamic lung-thorax compliance ($LTC_{\text{dyn-MP}}$)	<p>MP normalized to dynamic lung-thorax compliance ($LTC_{\text{dyn-MP}}$; a measure of "mechanical power density", which equals the intensity of mechanical stress exerted on the respiratory system) was calculated using MP and dynamic lung-thorax compliance (LTC_{dyn})⁶:</p> $LTC_{\text{dyn-MP}} \text{ (J/min * cmH}_2\text{O/mL)} = MP / LTC_{\text{dyn}}$ $LTC_{\text{dyn-MP}} \text{ (J/min * cmH}_2\text{O/mL)} = (0.098 * VT * RR * P_{\text{peak}}) * (\Delta P_{\text{aw}} / VT)$ <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> $LTC_{\text{dyn-MP}} \text{ (cmH}_2\text{O}^2\text{/min)} = RR * P_{\text{peak}} * \Delta P_{\text{aw}}$ $LTC_{\text{dyn-MP}} \text{ (cmH}_2\text{O}^2\text{/min)} = RR * P_{\text{peak}} * (P_{\text{peak}} - PEEP)$ <p>Generally, mechanical power density measures how much energy is transferred per unit volume displacement in a given period. The formula accounts for different effects of changes in respiratory rate, inspiratory pressure (P_{peak}), and PEEP (and thus changes in dynamic driving pressure = ΔP_{aw}) on delivered power density. Increasing RR leads to a linear rise in stress intensity, while increasing pressure results in an exponential increment in stress intensity³.</p>

Figure S1. Trajectories of invasive mechanical ventilation after lung transplantation

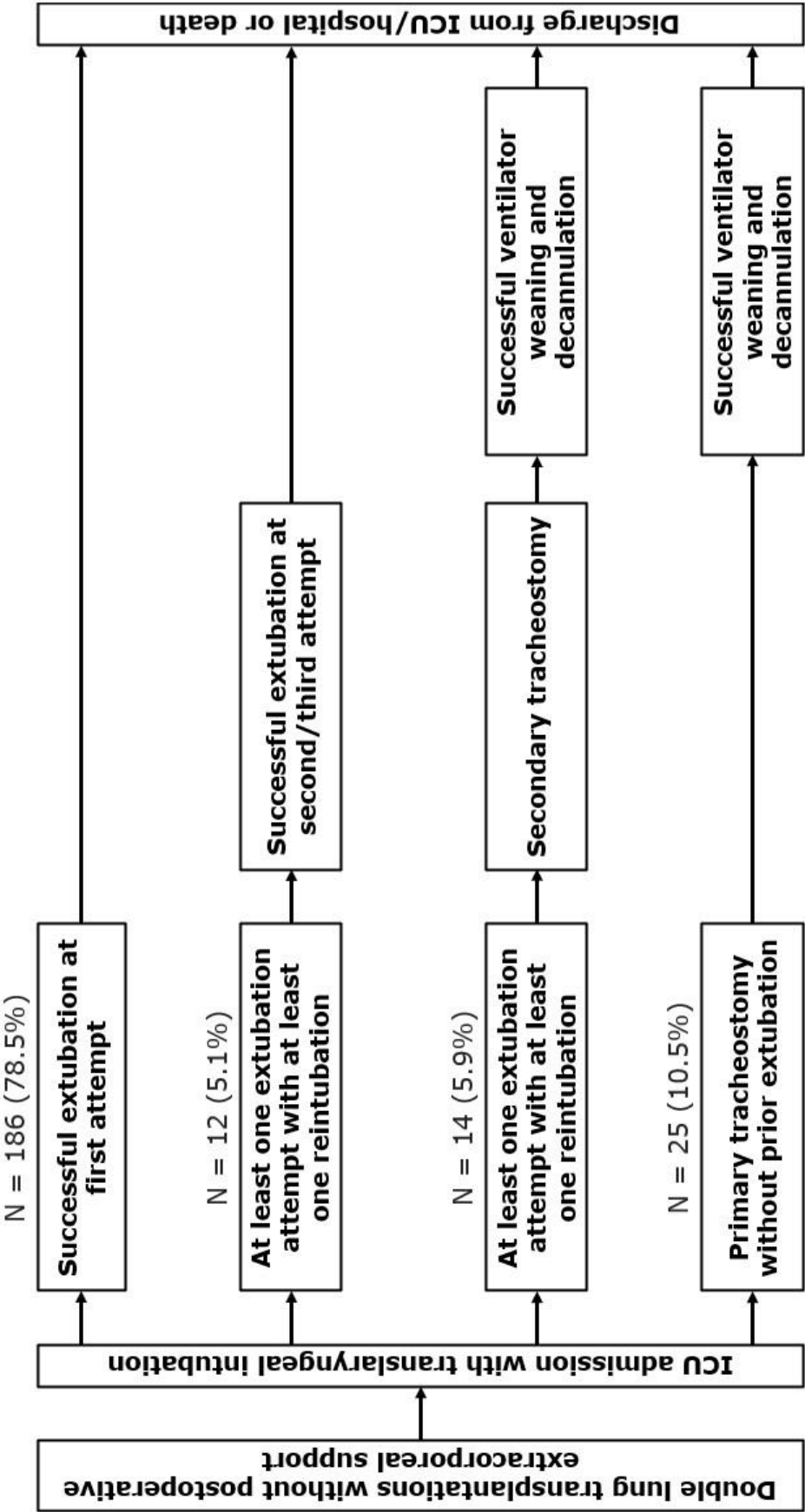


Table S1. Results of repeated measures ANOVA – within-subjects time effects

Variable & Group	Source	Sum of squares	DF	Mean square	F	P value
LTC_{dyn}						
All patients	Factor	361.506	3	120.502	8.60	< 0.01
	Residual	9925.994	708	14.020		
PMV > 72 hours	Factor	45.134	3	15.045	1.33	0.266
	Residual	2756.886	243	11.345		
Non-PMV	Factor	473.639	4	157.880	10.40	< 0.01
	Residual	7011.861	462	15.177		
Mechanical power						
All patients	Factor	336.513	3	112.171	11.61	< 0.01
	Residual	6837.594	708	9.658		
PMV > 72 hours	Factor	342.109	3	114.036	12.30	< 0.01
	Residual	2252.301	243	9.269		
Non-PMV	Factor	103.072	4	34.357	3.55	0.015
	Residual	4476.625	462	9.690		
PBW-MP						
All patients	Factor	0.0867	3	0.0289	12.40	< 0.01
	Residual	1.649	708	0.00233		
PMV > 72 hours	Factor	0.0922	3	0.0307	12.10	< 0.01
	Residual	0.617	243	0.00254		
Non-PMV	Factor	0.0246	4	0.00821	3.79	0.011
	Residual	1.002	462	0.00217		
LTC_{dyn}-MP						
All patients	Factor	54635405.072	3	18211801.691	9.30	< 0.01
	Residual	1386651674.000	708	1958547.563		
PMV > 72 hours	Factor	49828856.561	3	16609618.854	9.40	< 0.01
	Residual	429261210.000	243	1766507.037		
Non-PMV	Factor	31426988.219	4	10475662.740	5.20	< 0.01
	Residual	930770025.000	462	2014653.733		

Legend

Abbreviations: LTC_{dyn}, dynamic lung-thorax compliance; PMV, prolonged mechanical ventilation > 72 hours; PBW-MP, mechanical power normalized to the predicted body weight; LTC_{dyn}-MP, mechanical power normalized to dynamic lung-thorax compliance.

Table S2. Results of repeated measures ANOVA – between-group differences

Variable & Group	Source	Sum of squares	DF	Mean square	F	P value
LTC_{dyn}						
PMV > 72 hours Non-PMV	Factor	6785.245	1	6785.245	35.13	< 0.01
	Residual	45392.887	235	193.161		
Mechanical power						
PMV > 72 hours Non-PMV	Factor	2214.718	1	2214.718	27.29	< 0.01
	Residual	19074.044	235	81.166		
PBW-MP						
PMV > 72 hours Non-PMV	Factor	1.133	1	1.133	64.42	< 0.01
	Residual	4.133	235	0.0176		
LTC_{dyn}-MP						
PMV > 72 hours Non-PMV	Factor	1170405712.000	1	1170405712.000	66.64	< 0.01
	Residual	4127485379.272	235	17563767.571		

Legend

Abbreviations: LTC_{dyn}, dynamic lung-thorax compliance; PMV, prolonged mechanical ventilation > 72 hours; PBW-MP, mechanical power normalized to the predicted body weight; LTC_{dyn}-MP, mechanical power normalized to dynamic lung-thorax compliance.

Table S3. Correlations between ventilatory indexes and post-transplant invasive ventilation duration

Ventilatory indexes	Spearman`s correlation coefficient (ρ)	P value
P/F ratio	- 0.261 (- 0.376 – - 0.138)	< 0.01
Ventilatory ratio	0.188 (0.062 – 0.308)	< 0.01
LTC _{dyn}	- 0.360 (- 0.466 – - 0.244)	< 0.01
Mechanical power	0.252 (0.129 – 0.368)	< 0.01
PBW-MP	0.386 (0.272 – 0.489)	< 0.01
LTC _{dyn} -MP	0.452 (0.345 – 0.548)	< 0.01

Legend

Spearman`s correlation coefficient (ρ) of rank correlation (with 95% confidence intervals).

Abbreviations: P/F ratio, the ratio of partial pressure of oxygen to fractional inspired oxygen; LTC_{dyn}, dynamic lung-thorax compliance; PBW-MP, mechanical power normalized to the predicted body weight; LTC_{dyn}-MP, mechanical power normalized to dynamic lung-thorax compliance.

Table S4. Area under the ROC curve of ventilatory indexes regarding the prediction of post-transplant prolonged mechanical ventilation (> 72 hours)

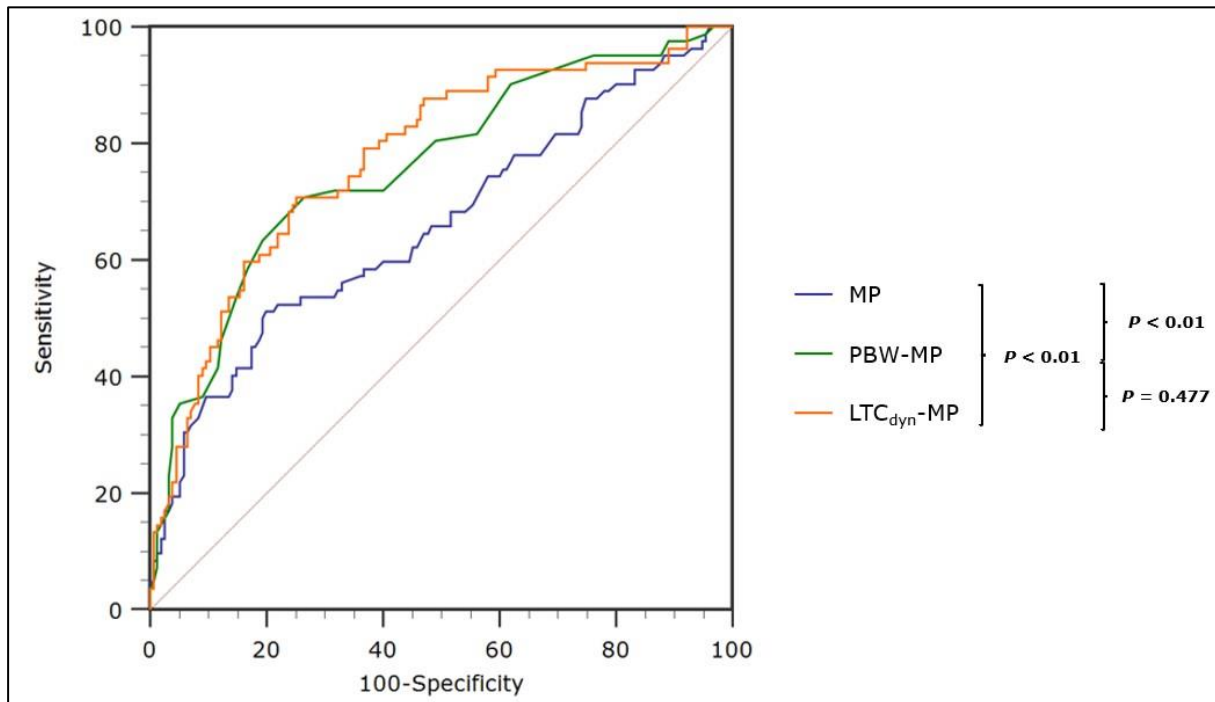
Ventilatory indexes	Prolonged mechanical ventilation (> 72 hours)	P value
P/F ratio	0.69 (0.63 – 0.75)	< 0.01
Ventilatory ratio	0.65 (0.59 – 0.71)	< 0.01
LTC _{dyn}	0.72 (0.66 – 0.79)	< 0.01
Mechanical power	0.66 (0.60 – 0.72)	< 0.01
PBW-MP	0.76 (0.70 – 0.81)	< 0.01
LTC _{dyn} -MP	0.78 (0.72 – 0.83)	< 0.01

Legend

The accuracy of each index in predicting prolonged mechanical ventilation (> 72 hours following lung transplantation) presented as the area under the ROC curve with 95% confidence intervals.

Abbreviations: P/F ratio, the ratio of partial pressure of oxygen to fractional inspired oxygen; LTC_{dyn}, dynamic lung-thorax compliance; PBW-MP, mechanical power normalized to the predicted body weight; LTC_{dyn}-MP, mechanical power normalized to dynamic lung-thorax compliance.

Figure S2. Comparison of ROC curves for mechanical power and power density predicting post-transplant prolonged mechanical ventilation (> 72 hours)



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Comparison of the area under the receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve (with 95% confidence intervals) for MP (0.66 [0.60–0.72]), PBW-MP (0.76 [0.70–0.81]), and LTC_{dyn}-MP (0.78 [0.72–0.83]).

Abbreviations: MP, mechanical power; PBW-MP, mechanical power normalized to the predicted body weight; LTC_{dyn}-MP, mechanical power normalized to dynamic lung-thorax compliance.

Table S5. Sensitivity analysis: Area under the ROC curve of ventilatory indexes regarding the prediction of post-transplant invasive mechanical ventilation > 96 hours

Ventilatory indexes	Invasive mechanical ventilation > 96 hours	P value
P/F ratio	0.71 (0.65 – 0.77)	< 0.01
Ventilatory ratio	0.68 (0.61 – 0.74)	< 0.01
LTC _{dyn}	0.70 (0.63 – 0.75)	< 0.01
Mechanical power	0.68 (0.61 – 0.74)	< 0.01
PBW-MP	0.76 (0.70 – 0.82)	< 0.01
LTC _{dyn} -MP	0.78 (0.72 – 0.83)	< 0.01

Legend

The accuracy of each index in predicting invasive mechanical ventilation > 96 hours following lung transplantation presented as the area under the ROC curve with 95% confidence intervals.

Abbreviations: P/F ratio, the ratio of partial pressure of oxygen to fractional inspired oxygen; LTC_{dyn}, dynamic lung-thorax compliance; PBW-MP, mechanical power normalized to the predicted body weight; LTC_{dyn}-MP, mechanical power normalized to dynamic lung-thorax compliance.

Table S6. Sensitivity analysis: Area under the ROC curve of ventilatory indexes regarding the prediction of post-transplant invasive mechanical ventilation > 7 days

Ventilatory indexes	Invasive mechanical ventilation > 7 days	P value
P/F ratio	0.74 (0.68 – 0.79)	< 0.01
Ventilatory ratio	0.73 (0.69 – 0.78)	< 0.01
LTC _{dyn}	0.69 (0.63 – 0.75)	< 0.01
Mechanical power	0.75 (0.69 – 0.80)	< 0.01
PBW-MP	0.80 (0.74 – 0.85)	< 0.01
LTC _{dyn} -MP	0.82 (0.77 – 0.87)	< 0.01

Legend

The accuracy of each index in predicting invasive mechanical ventilation > 7 days following lung transplantation presented as the area under the ROC curve with 95% confidence intervals.

Abbreviations: P/F ratio, the ratio of partial pressure of oxygen to fractional inspired oxygen; LTC_{dyn}, dynamic lung-thorax compliance; PBW-MP, mechanical power normalized to the predicted body weight; LTC_{dyn}-MP, mechanical power normalized to dynamic lung-thorax compliance.

Table S7. Sensitivity analysis: Correlations between ventilatory indexes and post-transplant invasive ventilation duration in patients successfully extubated at the first attempt (N = 186)

Ventilatory indexes	Spearman's correlation coefficient (ρ)	P value
P/F ratio	- 0.095 (- 0.235 – 0.050)	0.199
Ventilatory ratio	0.029 (- 0.115 – 0.172)	0.693
LTC _{dyn}	- 0.295 (- 0.421 – - 0.157)	< 0.01
Mechanical power	0.119 (- 0.025 – 0.259)	0.105
PBW-MP	0.249 (0.109 – 0.379)	< 0.01
LTC _{dyn} -MP	0.313 (0.177 – 0.437)	< 0.01

Legend

Spearman's correlation coefficient (ρ) of rank correlation (with 95% confidence intervals).

Abbreviations: P/F ratio, the ratio of partial pressure of oxygen to fractional inspired oxygen; LTC_{dyn}, dynamic lung-thorax compliance; PBW-MP, mechanical power normalized to the predicted body weight; LTC_{dyn}-MP, mechanical power normalized to dynamic lung-thorax compliance.

Table S8. Sensitivity analysis: Area under the ROC curve of ventilatory indexes regarding the prediction of post-transplant prolonged mechanical ventilation (> 72 hours) in patients successfully extubated at the first attempt (N = 186)

Ventilatory indexes	Prolonged mechanical ventilation (> 72 hours)	P value
P/F ratio	0.66 (0.58 – 0.72)	< 0.01
Ventilatory ratio	0.63 (0.56 – 0.70)	< 0.01
LTC _{dyn}	0.73 (0.66 – 0.79)	< 0.01
Mechanical power	0.64 (0.56 – 0.71)	0.017
PBW-MP	0.77 (0.70 – 0.83)	< 0.01
LTC _{dyn} -MP	0.76 (0.69 – 0.82)	< 0.01

Legend

The accuracy of each index in predicting prolonged mechanical ventilation (> 72 hours following lung transplantation) presented as the area under the ROC curve with 95% confidence intervals.

Abbreviations: P/F ratio, the ratio of partial pressure of oxygen to fractional inspired oxygen; LTC_{dyn}, dynamic lung-thorax compliance; PBW-MP, mechanical power normalized to the predicted body weight; LTC_{dyn}-MP, mechanical power normalized to dynamic lung-thorax compliance.

Table S9. Comparison of lung transplant recipients with different levels of respiratory support

Clinical characteristics	1. Extubations without NIRS (n = 117)	2. Extubations with NIRS (n = 95)	3. Primary tracheostomy (n = 25)
Age (years)	56 (50–61)	55 (41–60)	55 (51–59)
Height (m)	1.72 (1.67–1.78)	1.70 (1.65–1.76)	1.68 (1.60–1.77)
Predicted body weight (kg)	67 (60–73)	64 (57–71)	61 (52–72)
Body mass index (kg/m ²)	23.3 (19.8–26.1) ^b	22.2 (19.3–25.7) ^c	26.6 (20.1–29.1)
Ventilatory variables			
Respiratory rate (1/min)	17 (15–20) ^b	17 (15–20) ^c	20 (19–24)
Tidal volume (mL)	407 (367–452)	391 (346–438)	387 (333–436)
Tidal volume/recipient PBW (mL/kg)	6.2 (5.6–6.6)	6.0 (5.6–6.8)	6.1 (5.8–6.9)
Tidal volume/donor PBW (mL/kg)	5.8 (5.3–6.4)	5.7 (5.1–6.5)	5.6 (5.2–6.7)
Minute ventilation (L/min)	6.8 (5.7–8.1) ^b	6.7 (5.8–8.1) ^c	8.1 (6.5–10.2)
PEEP (cmH ₂ O)	9 (8–10) ^b	10 (8–10) ^c	11 (10–14)
P _{peak} (cmH ₂ O)	22 (21–24) ^{a/b}	23 (21–25) ^c	27 (25–28)
Dynamic driving pressure (cmH ₂ O)	13 (12–14) ^{a/b}	14 (12–15) ^c	16 (14–17)
Ventilatory indexes			
P/F ratio (mmHg)	301 (252–355) ^{a/b}	272 (226–322) ^c	192 (133–241)
Ventilatory ratio	1.17 (1.04–1.29) ^b	1.22 (1.05–1.38) ^c	1.56 (1.31–1.78)
LTC _{dyn} (mL/cmH ₂ O)	32 (26–38) ^b	30 (25–36)	26 (22–34)
Mechanical power (Joule/min)	14.7 (12.4–17.8) ^b	15.3 (12.5–19.1) ^c	20.6 (18.0–27.1)
PBW-MP (Joule/min/kg)	0.23 (0.19–0.26) ^b	0.24 (0.20–0.29) ^c	0.35 (0.29–0.39)
LTC _{dyn} -MP (cmH ₂ O ² /min)	4867 (3790–6222) ^{a/b}	5194 (4035–7543) ^c	7975 (6530–11094)
Primary outcome			
Duration of invasive ventilation (hours)	35.3 (22.0–52.7) ^{a/b}	53.0 (28.5–109) ^c	848 (594–1132)
Secondary outcomes			
Prolonged mechanical ventilation (> 72 h)	22 (18.8) ^{a/b}	35 (36.8) ^c	25 (100.0)
Admission to weaning readiness (hours)*	15.2 (9.4–23.3) ^b	17.2 (11.7–26.1) ^c	45.9 (31.6–65.6)
Reintubation	3 (2.6) ^a	21 (22.1)	–
Time to extubation (hours)	35.3 (22.1–52.0) ^a	44.7 (25.0–78.4)	–
Tracheostomy	2 (1.7) ^a	12 (12.6)	–
ICU length of stay (days)	5 (4–8) ^{a/b}	9 (6–19) ^c	42 (29–60)

Legend

A Chi-square test was used when comparing categorical variables, and differences in continuous variables were analyzed through Mann-Whitney *U*-test.

*: The time between ICU admission (while patients were on pressure-controlled ventilation) and switch to pressure support ventilation, indicating “*weaning readiness*”.

a: Significant differences between Group 1 and 2 ($P < 0.05$)

b: Significant differences between Group 1 and 3 ($P < 0.05$)

c: Significant differences between Group 2 and 3 ($P < 0.05$)

Abbreviations: NIRS, non-invasive respiratory support (NIV and/or NHFC); COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; PBW, predicted body weight; P/F ratio, the quotient of partial pressure of oxygen to the fractional inspired oxygen; LTC_{dyn}, dynamic lung-thorax compliance; PBW-MP, mechanical power normalized to the predicted body weight; LTC_{dyn}-MP, mechanical power normalized to the dynamic lung-thorax compliance.

Table S10. Variables independently associated with prolonged mechanical ventilation (PMV) following double lung transplantation – Results of univariable and multivariable binary logistic regression analysis

Variables	Univariable analysis		Multivariable analysis	
	OR (95%CI)	P value	OR (95%CI)	P value
Recipient characteristics				
Age (years)	0.99 (0.97–1.01)	0.399	–	n.s.
Female gender	2.96 (1.70–5.16)	< 0.01	2.45 (1.29–4.66)	< 0.01
Body mass index (kg/m ²)	1.04 (0.97–1.10)	0.273	–	n.s.
Recipient pulmonary hemodynamics				
Mean pulmonary artery pressure (mmHg)	1.04 (1.01–1.07)	< 0.01	1.05 (1.02–1.09)	< 0.01
Reason for lung transplantation				
Interstitial lung diseases	1.16 (0.68–1.98)	0.593	–	n.s.
Pulmonary arterial hypertension	7.90 (0.87–71.9)	0.067	–	n.s.
Transplant characteristics				
Lung allocation score (points)	1.02 (0.99–1.04)	0.264	–	n.s.
pTLC ratio	1.87 (0.23–15.5)	0.561	–	n.s.
Undersized lungs (pTLC ratio < 0.9)	0.41 (0.11–1.50)	0.180	–	n.s.
Ischemic time left graft (hours)	1.00 (1.00–1.00)	0.274		
Ischemic time right graft (hours)	1.00 (1.00–1.00)	0.870	–	n.s.
Intraoperative ECMO	2.65 (1.50–4.68)	< 0.01	–	n.s.
RBC transfusion	2.24 (1.11–4.54)	0.025	–	n.s.
Donor parameters				
Age (years)	1.01 (1.00–1.03)	0.135	–	n.s.
Smoking history	1.28 (0.72–2.28)	0.406	–	n.s.
Antibiotics	1.39 (0.72–2.67)	0.328	–	n.s.
RBC transfusion	1.69 (0.90–3.18)	0.100	–	n.s.
Duration of invasive ventilation (days)	1.06 (1.00–1.13)	0.051	–	n.s.
P/F ratio at the time of organ offer (mmHg)	1.00 (1.00–1.00)	0.919	–	n.s.
P _a CO ₂ at the time of organ offer (mmHg)	1.01 (0.97–1.05)	0.660	–	n.s.
Ventilatory variables and mechanical power				
P/F ratio * 10 ⁻² (mmHg)	0.38 (0.26–0.56)	< 0.01	0.57 (0.36–0.88)	0.012
Mechanical power (Joule/min)	1.14 (1.08–1.21)	< 0.01	–	n.s.
LTC _{dyn} -MP * 10 ⁻³ (cmH ₂ O ² /min)	1.64 (1.40–1.92)	< 0.01	1.54 (1.30–1.83)	< 0.01

Legend

Recipient, transplant, and donor characteristics deemed clinically relevant a priori and those with *P* values less than 0.2 were used as input variables in the multivariable binary regression analysis.

Abbreviations: OR, odds ratio; 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; n.s., not significant; pTLC ratio, predicted total lung capacity ratio; ECMO, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation; RBC, packed red blood cell transfusions; P/F ratio, the quotient of partial pressure of oxygen to the fractional inspired oxygen; LTC_{dyn}-MP, mechanical power normalized to dynamic lung-thorax compliance.

Table S11. Multivariable binary logistic regression model

Logit(p)	L = − 3.411 + (0.896 * female gender) + (0.049 * MPAP) + (-0.567 * P/F ratio * 10 ⁻²) + (0.432 * LTC _{dyn} -MP * 10 ⁻³)			
OR (95%CI); P value	Female gender	2.45 (1.29–4.66)		< 0.01
	MPAP	1.05 (1.02–1.09)		< 0.01
	P/F ratio * 10 ⁻²	0.57 (0.36–0.88)		0.012
	LTC _{dyn} -MP * 10 ⁻³	1.54 (1.30–1.83)		< 0.01
Hosmer & Lemeshow	0.566			
Nagelkerke R ²	0.385			
AUROC (95%CI)	0.82 (0.77 – 0.87)			
2 x 2 table	TP 44	FP 17		
	FN 38	TN 138		
Metrics from 2 x 2 table (95%CI)	Sensitivity	54% (42–65)	PLR	4.89
	Specificity	89% (83–93)	NLR	0.52
	PPV	72% (61–81)	DOR	9.4
	NPV	78% (74–82)	F ₁ score	0.62
	Accuracy	77% (71–82)	MCC	0.46

Legend

Variables independently associated with prolonged mechanical ventilation (PMV) following double lung transplantation after adjustment for: Recipient body mass index, intraoperative ECMO and red blood cell transfusion during transplant, interstitial lung diseases, and pulmonary artery hypertension as the primary reason for lung transplantation, pTLC ratio, and presence of an undersized allograft (pTLC < 0.90), a donor history of smoking or antibiotic treatment before transplant, donor P/F ratio and P_aCO₂ at the time of organ offer, duration of invasive ventilation in the donor before organ retrieval, Lung Allocation Score, and ischemic times of grafts.

Abbreviations: L, log-odds/Logit(p); MPAP, recipients` mean pulmonary artery pressure before transplant; P/F ratio, the quotient of partial pressure of oxygen to the fractional inspired oxygen; LTC_{dyn}-MP, mechanical power normalized to the dynamic lung-thorax compliance; OR, odds ratio; 95%CI, 95% confidence interval; AUROC, area under the receiver operating characteristic curve; TP, true positive; FP, false positive; FN, false negative; TN, true positive; PPV, positive predictive value; NPV, negative predictive value; PLR, positive likelihood ratio; NLR, negative likelihood ratio; DOR, diagnostic odds ratio; MCC, Matthews correlations coefficient³

Table S12. Comparison of patients with different primary graft dysfunction (PGD) grades at time-point T+72h after lung transplant

	Endotracheal intubation at T+72h								Extubated patients at T+72h	
	PGD 3 (n = 18)	PGD 2 (n = 28)	PGD 1 (n = 11)	PGD 0 (n = 22)	P value ^a	PGD 1-2 (n = 39)	P value ^b	PGD 1-3 (n = 57)	All patients (n = 158)	P value ^c
Clinical characteristics										
Age (years)	54 (51–59)	55 (47–58)	53 (32–56)	59 (54–61)	0.205 ^d	54 (38–57)	0.399 ^d	54 (44–58)	56 (47–61)	0.095 ^d
Female gender	12 (66.7)	15 (53.6)	7 (63.6)	14 (63.6)	0.844 ^e	22 (56.4)	0.467 ^e	34 (59.6)	50 (31.6)	< 0.01 ^e
Predicted body weight (kg)	55 (51–68)	62 (53–71)	52 (47–71)	60 (55–69)	0.157 ^d	60 (52–71)	0.294 ^d	57 (52–71)	68 (62–73)	< 0.01 ^d
Body mass index (kg/m ²)	24.3 (20.1–28.1)	25.9 (19.2–27.5)	22.2 (17.8–25.2)	24.5 (19.8–27.1)	0.828 ^d	23.7 (19.0–27.4)	0.440 ^d	24.2 (19.5–27.5)	22.8 (19.6–25.7)	0.279 ^d
Recipient pulmonary hemodynamics										
Mean pulmonary artery pressure (mmHg)	29 (25–42)	28 (22–32)	25 (23–28)	27 (21–36)	0.849 ^d	27 (22–30)	0.340 ^d	27 (23–34)	24 (20–30)	0.012 ^d
Pulmonary vascular resistance (WU)	4.7 (2.2–6.1)	3.5 (2.4–5.7)	3.2 (2.3–4.4)	3.5 (2.7–6.0)	0.957 ^d	3.4 (2.4–4.8)	0.307 ^d	3.5 (2.3–5.5)	2.6 (1.9–3.7)	< 0.01 ^d
Transplant characteristics										
pTLC ratio	1.07 (1.01–1.13)	1.08 (0.99–1.14)	1.03 (1.00–1.17)	1.05 (0.96–1.14)	0.775 ^d	1.07 (0.99–1.14)	0.588 ^d	1.07 (1.00–1.13)	1.06 (0.98–1.12)	0.623 ^d
<i>Undersized lungs (pTLC ratio < 0.9)</i>	0 (0.0)	1 (3.6)	0 (0.0)	2 (9.1)	0.195 ^e	1 (2.6)	0.497 ^e	1 (1.8)	13 (8.2)	0.090 ^e
Intraoperative ECMO	14 (77.8)	19 (67.9)	9 (81.8)	15 (68.2)	0.504 ^e	28 (71.8)	0.637 ^e	42 (73.7)	75 (47.5)	< 0.01 ^e
RBC transfusion	15 (83.3)	23 (82.1)	10 (90.9)	19 (86.4)	0.792 ^e	33 (84.6)	0.903 ^e	48 (84.2)	115 (72.8)	0.085 ^e
Donor parameters										
Age (years)	55 (50–59)	46 (38–64)	47 (25–60)	38 (22–57)	0.031 ^d	46 (37–63)	0.035 ^d	50 (41–62)	45 (31–58)	0.030 ^d
Smoking history	8 (44.4)	11 (39.3)	1 (9.1)	6 (27.3)	0.263 ^e	12 (30.8)	0.319 ^e	20 (35.1)	44 (27.8)	0.307 ^e
RBC transfusion	4 (22.2)	5 (17.9)	6 (54.5)	7 (31.8)	0.504 ^e	11 (28.2)	0.637 ^e	15 (26.3)	30 (19.0)	0.245 ^e
Duration of invasive ventilation (days)	4 (3–6)	4 (3–7)	4 (2–6)	3 (2–7)	0.378 ^d	4 (3–6)	0.721 ^d	4 (3–6)	3 (2–5)	0.077 ^d
P/F ratio at the time of organ offer (mmHg)	423 (378–502)	458 (396–511)	423 (407–448)	409 (368–483)	0.968 ^d	442 (400–505)	0.250 ^d	432 (387–503)	429 (373–482)	0.478 ^d
Ventilatory variables										
Respiratory rate (1/min)	20 (19–22)	18 (17–20)	18 (16–20)	19 (18–22)	0.731 ^d	18 (17–20)	0.118 ^d	19 (17–20)	17 (15–19)	< 0.01 ^d
Tidal volume (mL)	391 (320–434)	387 (337–436)	372 (324–401)	376 (347–402)	0.505 ^d	374 (334–433)	0.706 ^d	386 (333–433)	409 (368–455)	0.015 ^d
Tidal volume/recipient (mL/kg)	6.3 (5.7–7.4)	6.4 (5.6–6.6)	6.4 (5.7–7.2)	6.1 (6.0–6.7)	0.619 ^d	6.4 (5.6–6.7)	0.354 ^d	6.4 (5.7–7.0)	6.1 (5.6–6.7)	0.168 ^d
Tidal volume/donor PBW (mL/kg)	5.9 (5.2–6.7)	5.9 (5.1–6.5)	5.4 (5.2–7.4)	5.7 (5.1–6.8)	0.532 ^d	5.8 (5.1–6.6)	0.440 ^d	5.8 (5.2–6.6)	5.8 (5.2–6.4)	0.657 ^d
Minute ventilation (L/min)	7.8 (6.1–9.0)	7.3 (6.1–8.1)	6.2 (5.4–7.7)	7.5 (5.8–8.4)	0.683 ^d	7.2 (5.7–7.9)	0.233 ^d	7.3 (5.8–8.5)	6.8 (5.8–8.1)	0.388 ^d
PEEP (cmH ₂ O)	10 (8–12)	10 (9–12)	10 (9–10)	12 (10–14)	0.114 ^d	10 (9–12)	0.570 ^d	10 (9–12)	9 (8–10)	< 0.01 ^d
P _{peak} (cmH ₂ O)	25 (23–28)	26 (24–28)	26 (22–27)	27 (24–28)	0.338 ^d	26 (23–27)	0.924 ^d	25 (23–28)	22 (20–24)	< 0.01 ^d
Dynamic driving pressure (cmH ₂ O)	16 (13–17)	15 (13–16)	14 (13–17)	15 (14–16)	0.380 ^d	15 (13–16)	0.446 ^d	15 (13–17)	13 (11–14)	< 0.01 ^d
Ventilatory indexes										
P/F ratio (mmHg)	190 (136–245)	248 (220–315)	300 (246–351)	228 (144–293)	0.253 ^d	266 (224–322)	< 0.01 ^d	239 (192–315)	296 (253–344)	< 0.01 ^d
Ventilatory ratio	1.33 (1.20–1.64)	1.30 (1.16–1.42)	1.24 (0.98–1.45)	1.37 (1.21–1.68)	0.978 ^d	1.29 (1.13–1.42)	0.099 ^d	1.30 (1.17–1.47)	1.18 (1.03–1.31)	< 0.01 ^d
LTC _{dyn} (mL/cmH ₂ O)	28 (20–34)	27 (23–31)	24 (21–31)	26 (22–28)	0.653 ^d	27 (22–31)	0.790 ^d	27 (22–32)	32 (28–38)	< 0.01 ^d
Mechanical power (Joule/min)	18.1 (14.0–21.2)	16.4 (14.1–21.1)	12.9 (11.2–19.7)	18.9 (15.1–22.9)	0.796 ^d	16.3 (12.9–21.0)	0.420 ^d	18.0 (13.6–21.1)	14.7 (12.1–17.3)	< 0.01 ^d
PBW-MP (Joule/min/kg)	0.31 (0.26–0.37)	0.29 (0.23–0.34)	0.26 (0.23–0.30)	0.33 (0.27–0.38)	0.849 ^d	0.28 (0.23–0.33)	0.068 ^d	0.29 (0.23–0.35)	0.22 (0.19–0.26)	< 0.01 ^d
LTC _{dyn} -MP (cmH ₂ O ² /min)	6910 (6142–9897)	6892 (5185–8136)	6341 (5260–7368)	7251 (5882–8299)	0.999 ^d	6504 (5198–8051)	0.287 ^d	6773 (5207–8217)	4417 (3769–5980)	< 0.01 ^d
Primary outcome										
Duration of invasive ventilation (hours)	603 (108–867)	152 (87.2–601)	117 (93.4–236)	438 (131–848)	0.989 ^d	138 (89.2–351)	0.023 ^d	161 (95.9–644)	33.0 (20.8–45.8)	< 0.01 ^d
Secondary outcomes										
Prolonged mechanical ventilation (> 72 h)	18 (100.0)	25 (89.3)	11 (100.0)	21 (95.5)	0.366 ^e	36 (92.6)	0.231 ^e	54 (94.7)	7 (4.4)	< 0.01 ^e
Admission to weaning readiness (hours)*	36.4 (23.2–61.1)	23.8 (12.9–34.0)	39.5 (21.5–51.4)	32.7 (22.2–45.4)	0.443 ^d	27.2 (16.6–43.5)	0.114 ^d	28.9 (16.9–47.9)	14.3 (9.4–20.9)	< 0.01 ^d
Extubation	9 (50.0)	23 (82.1)	10 (90.9)	13 (59.1)	0.570 ^e	33 (84.6)	< 0.01 ^e	42 (73.7)	157 (99.4)	< 0.01 ^e
<i>Time to extubation (hours)</i>	106 (68.7–120)	100 (77.4–142)	93.8 (78.4–112)	129 (93.1–142)	0.292 ^d	99.0 (78.3–130)	0.842 ^d	99.7 (78.1–128)	32.7 (21.0–44.6)	< 0.01 ^d
Reintubation	3 (33.3)	7 (30.4)	3 (33.3)	4 (30.8)	0.901 ^e	10 (31.2)	0.907 ^e	13 (31.7)	7 (4.5)	< 0.01 ^e
<i>within < 72 hours</i>	2 (22.2)	5 (21.7)	2 (20.0)	3 (23.1)	0.963 ^e	7 (21.2)	0.948 ^e	9 (21.4)	2 (1.3)	< 0.01 ^e
Tracheostomy	11 (61.1)	10 (35.7)	3 (27.3)	12 (54.5)	0.680 ^e	13 (33.3)	0.050 ^e	24 (42.1)	3 (1.9)	< 0.01 ^e
ICU length of stay (days)	40 (11–52)	20 (10–43)	17 (9–21)	31 (13–63)	0.624 ^d	19 (9–31)	0.091 ^d	21 (9–43)	5 (4–8)	< 0.01 ^d

Legend

a: P value for differences between PGD grade 3 and PGD grade 0 at T+72h hours after lung transplant.

b: P value for differences between PGD grade 3 and PGD grades 1-2 at T+72h hours after lung transplant.

c: P value for differences between PGD grades 1-3 (mechanically ventilated) and extubated patients at T+72h hours after lung transplant.

d: Mann-Whitney *U*-test

e: Chi-squared test

*: The time between ICU admission (pressure-controlled ventilation) and switch to pressure support ventilation, indicating “*weaning readiness*”.

Abbreviations: PGD, primary graft dysfunction; pTLC ratio, donor/recipient predicted total lung capacity ratio; ECMO, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation; RBC, packed red blood cell transfusions; P/F ratio, the quotient of partial pressure of oxygen to the fractional inspired oxygen; PBW, predicted body weight; PEEP, positive end-expiratory pressure; P_{peak} , peak inspiratory airway pressure; LTC_{dyn}, dynamic lung-thorax compliance; PBW-MP, mechanical power normalized to the predicted body weight; LTC_{dyn}-MP, mechanical power normalized to the dynamic lung-thorax compliance.

Table S13. Comparison of female and male lung transplant recipients

Clinical characteristics	All patients (n = 237)	Females (n = 98)	Males (n = 139)	P value ^a
Age (years)	56 (47–60)	56 (40–60)	56 (49–60)	0.249 ^b
Height (m)	1.71 (1.65–1.78)	1.64 (1.59–1.68)	1.76 (1.72–1.82)	< 0.01 ^b
Predicted body weight (kg)	66 (57–73)	56 (52–60)	71 (67–77)	< 0.01 ^b
Body mass index (kg/m ²)	23.0 (19.6–26.6)	21.7 (18.7–24.8)	23.9 (20.6–27.3)	< 0.01 ^b
Ventilatory variables				
Respiratory rate (1/min)	18 (15–20)	18 (15–20)	17 (15–20)	0.780 ^b
Tidal volume (mL)	402 (349–442)	355 (320–394)	428 (392–476)	< 0.01 ^b
Tidal volume/recipient PBW (mL/kg)	6.2 (5.6–6.8)	6.4 (5.9–7.0)	6.0 (5.5–6.5)	< 0.01 ^b
Tidal volume/donor PBW (mL/kg)	5.9 (5.2–6.5)	5.9 (5.2–6.7)	5.7 (5.2–6.2)	0.118 ^b
Minute ventilation (L/min)	6.9 (5.8–8.1)	6.0 (5.5–7.3)	7.6 (6.4–8.7)	< 0.01 ^b
PEEP (cmH ₂ O)	10 (8–10)	10 (8–10)	10 (8–10)	0.653 ^b
P _{peak} (cmH ₂ O)	23 (21–25)	24 (21–26)	23 (21–25)	0.014 ^b
Dynamic driving pressure (cmH ₂ O)	13 (12–15)	14 (12–16)	13 (12–15)	< 0.01 ^b
Ventilatory indexes				
P/F ratio (mmHg)	278 (225–338)	267 (209–329)	295 (232–341)	0.052 ^b
Ventilatory ratio	1.21 (1.05–1.39)	1.24 (1.09–1.47)	1.20 (1.04–1.34)	0.019 ^b
LTC _{dyn} (mL/cmH ₂ O)	31 (25–36)	26 (22–31)	33 (29–39)	< 0.01 ^b
Mechanical power (Joule/min)	15.3 (12.6–19.1)	14.0 (11.8–17.1)	16.4 (13.6–20.5)	< 0.01 ^b
PBW-MP (Joule/min/kg)	0.24 (0.20–0.29)	0.26 (0.21–0.32)	0.23 (0.19–0.28)	< 0.01 ^b
LTC _{dyn} -MP (cmH ₂ O ² /min)	5328 (3999–7092)	5850 (4112–7870)	4947 (3973–6351)	0.043 ^b
Primary outcome				
Duration of invasive ventilation (hours)	45.8 (24.8–109)	66.9 (25.9–175)	41.4 (23.4–67.0)	0.010 ^b
Secondary outcomes				
Prolonged mechanical ventilation (> 72 h)	82 (34.6)	48 (49.0)	34 (24.5)	< 0.01 ^c
Admission to weaning readiness (hours)*	17.4 (11.4–27.4)	17.5 (10.8–29.9)	17.3 (11.7–25.0)	0.632 ^b
Extubation	212 (89.5)	84 (85.7)	128 (92.1)	0.117 ^c
Time to extubation (hours)	39.9 (23.3–65.0)	43.1 (24.2–83.8)	37.9 (22.7–57.4)	0.184 ^b
Non-invasive respiratory support [#]	95 (44.8)	42 (50.0)	53 (41.4)	0.220 ^c
NHFC	59 (24.9)	29 (29.6)	30 (21.6)	0.161 ^c
NIV	83 (35.0)	34 (34.7)	49 (35.2)	0.930 ^c
Duration of NIRS (hours)	50.5 (28.5–81.9)	46.6 (25.2–88.7)	57.3 (34.1–79.2)	0.389 ^b
Reintubation	24 (11.4)	15 (18.1)	9 (7.1)	0.015 ^c
within < 72 hours	14 (6.6)	10 (11.9)	4 (3.1)	0.013 ^c
Tracheostomy	39 (16.5)	23 (23.5)	16 (11.5)	0.015 ^c
ICU length of stay (days)	7 (5–15)	9 (6–21)	6 (4–11)	< 0.01 ^b

Legend

a: P value for differences between female and male lung transplant recipients

b: Mann-Whitney U-test

c: Chi-squared test

*: The time between ICU admission (while patients were on pressure-controlled ventilation) and switch to pressure support ventilation, indicating “weaning readiness”.

#: NIV and/or NHFC use within 24 hours following (first) extubation for at least six hours daily.

Abbreviations: COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; PBW, predicted body weight; PEEP, positive end-expiratory pressure; P_{peak}, peak inspiratory airway pressure; P/F ratio, the quotient of partial pressure of oxygen to the fractional inspired oxygen; LTC_{dyn}, dynamic lung-thorax compliance; PBW-MP, mechanical power normalized to the predicted body weight; LTC_{dyn}-MP, mechanical power normalized to the dynamic lung-thorax compliance; NIRS, non-invasive respiratory support (NIV and/or NHFC); NHFC, nasal high flow cannula; NIV, non-invasive ventilation.

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