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Title: Interferon-gamma as adjunctive immunotherapy for invasive fungal infections: a case series

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Dear Dr. Nazareno,

Thank you very much for your e-mail regarding our manuscript number 3572367131080173 entitled Interferon-gamma as adjunctive immunotherapy for invasive fungal infections: a case series by Delsing et al. The editor is correct that histologic evidence for aspergillosis is lacking in two of three patients and we therefore mistakenly identified these patients as proven instead of probable Aspergillus infections. We thank the reviewer for noticing this error, which we now corrected. Please find attached a revised version of the manuscript with the corrections we have made:

On page 8, line 12, we changed the sentence “three patients had positive cultures for A. fumigatus in bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) fluid, and had proven invasive aspergillosis” into “one patient had proven acute aspergillosis, one had probable acute aspergillosis, and one probable chronic aspergillosis”.

On page 8, line 24, we changed the sentence “one patient with multiple pulmonary cavities and A. fumigatus in BAL fluid” into “one patient with proven acute aspergillosis (diagnosed by isolation of A. fumigatus from lung tissue biopsies)”.

On page 9, line 5, we added the sentence “a third patient developed chronic pulmonary aspergillosis (diagnosed by consistent CT abnormalities with
cavitation and culture of A. fumigatus from BAL fluid).”.

Yours sincerely,
On behalf of Mihai Netea,
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