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Dear BMC Pulmonary Medicine Editorial Board,

Enclosed in this submission are the requested revisions to the original research publication titled “Cross Sectional Analysis of Respiratory Symptoms in an Injection Drug User Cohort: The Impact of Obstructive Lung Disease and HIV” by M. Bradley Drummond, Gregory D. Kirk, Erin P. Ricketts, Meredith C. McCormack, J. Christian Hague, John F. McDyer, Shruti H. Mehta, Eric A. Engels, Robert A. Wise and Christian A. Merlo (Manuscript #2934825363421195).

Specific changes have been outlined below:

1. In the authors’ contribution section, names have been changed to initials.
2. In the authors’ contributions section, the statement “All authors read and approved the manuscript” has been added.
3. Figures 1a, 1b, and 1c have been relabeled Figures 1, 2 and 3 respectively. References to the figures in the text and the figure legends have been modified accordingly.
4. The title has been changed to sentence case in the manuscript and submission system.
5. Authors’ qualifications have been removed from the manuscript and submission system.
6. Country affiliations have been added.
7. Abbreviations have been changed to a paragraph format.
8. References appear to be in the format requested.
9. Table titles are now above the title rather than in the first cell.
10. All visible vertical lines have been removed from the tables.
11. The figures have been cropped to minimized white space.
Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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