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Dear Dr Shipley,

We appreciate the opportunity to clarify some details concerning our manuscript. We addressed the issues mentioned in your message: modifications have been made to the abstract and the competing interests sections.

Concerning the competing interests section: this manuscript does not address in any ways the efficacy or use of pharmacological treatment in COPD patients with a high BMI. This is specified in the manuscript (Please see page 5 (first paragraph of the method section, line 1). Thus, we feel that none of the authors had competing interests to declare, although full disclosure for all authors have been made.

Thank you for considering our manuscript for possible publication in BMC pulmonary medicine,

Kind regards,

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