Author's response to reviews

Title: Ageing and smoking contribute to plasma surfactant proteins and protease imbalance with significant correlations to airway obstruction

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Dear Chief Editor Professor Norton,

**RE: Manuscript number:** 4061222664737634

Enclosed please find our revised manuscript entitled “*Ageing and smoking contribute to plasma surfactant proteins and protease imbalance with correlations to airway obstruction*” by Helen Ilumets, Witold Mazur, Tuula Toljamo, Noora Louhelainen, Pentti Nieminen, Hideo Kobaysashi, Nobuhisa Ishikawa and Vuokko L Kinnula.

In this revised version we have included our response to the Reviewer Dr. Meng-Chih Lin’s minor essential critique from 12 of March. Indeed, then we responded right away and re-submitted a new version of the manuscript but - we figure – that time the submission did not succeed. In this version the required formatting changes including minor revisions, were made.

Sincerely yours,

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