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Dear Ms Ma. Celine Zapanta,

I am writing this letter in response to the corrections you suggested of the following manuscript so as it is appropriate to be published in BMC Pulmonary Medicine.

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All these corrections have been indicated in the text by highlighting them as requested.

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We have revised all the ethical aspects in the links recommended (Ethical approval and consent, Standards of reporting and Data availability) and, as our study fits your editorial policies, we have added an Ethics section in our manuscript.

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The name of the Institutional Review Board who approved the study- the Hospital de la Princesa Ethics Committee (Madrid, Spain) – has been included in the section Patients and methods. The patients who signed an informed consent prior to being involved in the study were enrolled.

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