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Dear Editor

We would like to submit this manuscript, entitled “Daily activity during stability and exacerbation of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease ”, for publication in the BioMed central Journal.

COPD is a major chronic disease. Exacerbations are important events in the natural history of the disease causing much morbidity and mortality. This study shows that daily activity recovery from exacerbations symptoms onset, and the difference between treated and untreated exacerbation. Also, this study explained the difference on physical activity in both of frequent and infrequent exacerbators. Our findings suggest that impairment of daily activity may be a key factor in patients seeking additional therapy for their exacerbation.

The findings of this study have not been published elsewhere abstract has been submitted to the British Thoracic Society Meeting in December 2012 and to the European Respiratory Society meeting in September 2013. AA, JW and GD had the original idea for the study, AA, AP, BK, AM, RS, saw patients in clinic and collected data. GD did the statistical analysis. All authors were involved in editing the paper prior to submission, and have seen and approved the final version of the paper. There are no conflicts of interest for any of the authors.

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