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Title: Influence of condensation temperature on selected exhaled breath parameters

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E.g. The background section of the abstract should read: The effects of changes in cooling temperature on biomarker levels in exhaled breath condensate have been poorly investigated. The aim of the study was to test the effect of condensation temperature on parameters of exhaled breath condensate and levels of selected biomarkers.

English has now been revised and corrected.

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We do agree with the editor. The statement: “The study was conducted in conformity with the declaration of Helsinki and was approved by the Ethical Committee of the University of Parma. All of the subjects gave their informed written consent.” has been added in the “Methods” section (page 4).

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We do agree with the editor. “Table 4” has been changed in “Table 3”

With best wishes,

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