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Dear Editors,

Please find the revised version of our manuscript (ref: 2249225457392012) "Hepatocyte and keratinocyte growth factors and their receptors in human lung emphysema" by M. Bonay et al. We have modified the manuscript in keeping with the Editors’ comments. Language corrections have been made by an English native colleague:

- “to patients without emphysema” instead of “with non emphysema patients” page 2;
- “to the degradation of the alveolar extracellular matrix” instead of “to degradation of alveolar extracellular matrix”, “called 90-kD proHGF” instead of “the 90-kD proHGF”, “cleavage” corrected, “identified” instead of “individualized” page 3;
- “We therefore evaluated” instead of “Therefore, we evaluated” page 4, “radiographically defined emphysema (E group)” instead of “emphysema (E group) defined radiographically” page 5;
- “in order” suppressed, “proteins in biopsies was evaluated from 100 mg” instead of “proteins of biopsies was evaluated on 100 mg”, “homogenised” corrected page 6;
- “considerable” instead of “great”, “there was no correlation” instead of “no correlation was found” page 8;
- “in rats”, “syndrome” and “localised” corrected, “allowed the differentiation of” corrected, “known” instead of “admitted”, “could only be evaluated…in the course” instead of “could be only evaluated…of the course” page 10;
- “in lung homogenates only” instead of “only in lung homogenates” page 11;
- “in rats and in humans” corrected page 12;
- “Joanna Shore for helpful criticism of the manuscript” added in the acknowledgements page 14;
- “the detection limit” corrected in figure 1 and 2 legends page 18;
- “time since smoking cessation (years)” table 1 page 20;
We also added or removed “the” and “a” when necessary.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I am.

Sincerely yours,

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