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4. Pulmonary hypertension associated with COPD is related to a poor prognosis of this world-wide disease. The study provides new evidence about the role of vascular mediators in early detecting pulmonary hypertension associated with COPD. Noninvasive methods, as exhaled condensate or plasma sample of COPD patients with increased risk to develop pulmonary hypertension could be a new tool to make early diagnosis of secondary pulmonary hypertension and it might be also useful for a new therapeutic approach.

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