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Dear Editor of BMC Pulmonary Medicine:

Please find enclosed last version of the manuscript “Lung function changes from childhood to adolescence: a seven-year follow-up study” by P. Piccioni et al.

We further modified the manuscript following your valuable suggestions (highlighted in green) in “abstract” (Background and results) and at page 5, line 112-119.

About your comments regarding the differences between Δ/year FEV1 in table 3 and 4, the mistake has been corrected already in the previous version (see yellow marked sections) as well as the phrases about the FEV1 / FVC (decrease instead of increase) and the indication of reference group (asymptomatic) in table 4. We apologize for not having shown more clearly those fixes in the previous cover letter. We added this indication even in methods (highlighted in green).

The little differences among the values in table 4 and 3 are due, in table 4, to the adjustment (by means of regression analysis) for sex, height and age in the two occasions. Instead the table 3 shows the raw (or crude or unadjusted) values.

We thank for your and referees very valuable suggestions

Best regards.

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