In an article in the 15 October 2004 issue of the journal (van der Valk P, Monninkhof E, van der Palen J, Zielhuis G, van Herwaarden C, Hendrix R. Clinical predictors of bacterial involvement in exacerbations of chronic pulmonary disease. Clin Infect Dis 2004; 39:980–6), an error appeared in the abstract. The first sentence in the Conclusions section of the abstract should read as follows: "Patients presenting with an exacerbation who have a negative result of sputum Gram stain, do

not have a clinically relevant decrease in lung function, and have experienced <2 exacerbations of COPD in the previous year do not require antibiotic treatment" [not "Patients presenting with an exacerbation who have a negative result of sputum Gram stain, do not have a clinically relevant decrease in lung function, and who have not experienced <2 exacerbations of COPD in the previous year do not require antibiotic treatment"]. The journal regrets this error.

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