

## Erratum to Study on risk factors and phenotypes of acute exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in Guangzhou, China—design and baseline characteristics

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For the article entitled “Study on risk factors and phenotypes of acute exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in Guangzhou, China—design and baseline characteristics” that appears on pages 720-733 (1) of the April 2015 Issue of *Journal of Thoracic Disease (JTD)*, the authors would like to have the following statements added to the Acknowledgements section of the cited article, as follows:

- (I) Evidera holds the copyright for the EXACT and related documents: EXACT© 2013, Evidera, Inc. All rights reserved;
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- (III) The study’s alert system to trigger exacerbation events was built on experiences gained from the study by Halpin *et al.* (reference 14) and extended in such a way that it served the authors’ specific goal of triggering an exacerbation event.

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