

## Authors' correction

### "Xanthine oxidase inhibition reduces reactive nitrogen species production in COPD airways" M. Ichinose, H. Sugiura, S. Yamagata, A. Koarai, M. Tomaki, H. Ogawa, Y. Komaki, P.J. Barnes, K. Shirato, T. Hattori. *Eur Respir J* 2003; 22: 457–461.

Unfortunately, in table 1 as published, some of the data was presented incorrectly. In the washout values row, the median and range for macrophages and neutrophils were shown the wrong way around.

The corrected table 1 is shown below.

Table 1. – Differential cell counts in induced sputum before, during and after (washout) allopurinol administration

	Total cells $10^4$ cells·mL <sup>-1</sup>	Macrophages $10^4$ cells·mL <sup>-1</sup>	Neutrophils $10^4$ cells·mL <sup>-1</sup>	Eosinophils $10^4$ cells·mL <sup>-1</sup>	Lymphocytes $10^4$ cells·mL <sup>-1</sup>
Before	120.0 (51.0–684.0)	34.5 (16.0–204.0)	114.0 (10.2–512.0)	7.0 (0.0–40.9)	6.3 (1.7–15.7)
During	121.0 (64.0–508.0)	46.9 (8.7–134.0)	91.3 (16.8–385.0)	6.2 (1.4–27.4)	5.8 (3.5–17.7)
Washout	224.0 (95.0–516.0)	36.0 (20.0–134.0)	168 (67.0–378.0)	9.0 (3.0–20.0)	5.0 (11.0–30.0)

Data are presented as median (range).