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Inspiratory vocal cord closure in COPD

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To the Editor:

During normal inspiration, vocal cord movements are limited, although mild abduction (widening) can occur [1]. Inspiratory closure is characteristic of vocal cord dysfunction (VCD), a condition that can cause refractory breathlessness [1, 2]. VCD may occur in otherwise healthy individuals and 20–40% of stable asthma patients [3], however, abnormal inspiratory vocal cord activities and putative VCD have not been investigated in other obstructive lung diseases. It is therefore of interest to determine whether inspiratory closure occurs in COPD.