

# Letter to the Editor

## New reference values for maximal respiratory pressures in the Brazilian population: Corrections

Novos valores de referência para pressões respiratórias máximas na população brasileira: Correções

### To the Editor:

In our article entitled “New reference values for maximal respiratory pressures in the Brazilian population”, which proposed reference values for MIP and MEP and was published in a recent issue of the Brazilian Journal of Pulmonology,<sup>(1)</sup> we inadvertently erred in one of the equations, specifically in that for MIP in males.

We apologize for this error, and here we show the corrected equation:

Incorrect: Males: MIP:  $y = -1.24 \times age + 232.37$   
( $R^2 = 60.73$ ; RSE = 356.58; SEE = 18.88;  
5th percentile = -23.38)

Correct: Males: MIP:  $y = -1.14 \times age + 149.33$   
( $R^2 = 0.52$ ; RSE = 422.16; SEE = 20.54;  
5th percentile = -130.00)

Therefore, the full set of equations should be as below:

Males:

MIP:  $y = -1.14 \times age + 149.33$   
( $R^2 = 0.52$ ; RSE = 422.16; SEE = 20.54;  
5th percentile = -130.00)

MEP:  $y = -1.26 \times age + 183.31$   
( $R^2 = 48.9$ ; RSE = 586.81; SEE = 24.22;  
5th percentile = -38.95)

Females:

MIP:  $y = -0.46 \times age + 74.25$   
( $R^2 = 24.8$ ; RSE = 300.72; SEE = 17.20;  
5th percentile = -28.83)

MEP:  $y = -0.68 \times age + 119.35$   
( $R^2 = 35.14$ ; RSE = 315.33; SEE = 17.76;  
5th percentile = -23.24).

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