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Expanding the spectrum of European Respiratory Society official scientific documents: short documents complement clinical practice guidelines, statements and technical standards

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In this issue of the *European Respiratory Journal (ERJ)*, the European Respiratory Society (ERS) releases its first “short guideline” document, dealing with inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) withdrawal in COPD [1]. This guideline belongs to a new type of “short guidance” documents developed and published by the ERS; the main goal and characteristic is the shortened timeframe between project initiation and final output, thanks to a more restricted focus. Most importantly, these documents are not short versions of original guidelines and statements: they result from an original process.