

**Supplementary Table 1:** Baseline characteristics of patients according to follow-up status.

	Patients followed (n=114)	Drop outs (n=63)		p-value*
		Lost to follow-up (n=36)	Deceased (n=27)	
<b>Clinical data</b>				
Age (years)	70 (8)	72 (9)	71 (6)	0.48
Sex: male	94%	94%	93%	0.96
Smoking status: active	30%	39%	33%	0.36
Charlson index $\geq$ 2	55%	53%	63%	0.81
<i>Work status</i>				
Working	7%	11%	11%	0.40
<i>Social status</i>				
Non-manual work	18%	28%	16%	0.47
Manual work	82%	72%	84%	
<i>Marital status</i>				
Single	7%	6%	4%	0.64
Married or living together	82%	83%	81%	
Widow	7%	11%	11%	
Separated or divorced	4%	0%	4%	
Participation in PR	4%	8%	4%	0.65
$\geq$ 1 COPD admission in the previous 12 months	11%	17%	22%	0.16
<b>Lung function</b>				
Spirometric severity (ATS/ERS I/II/III/IV)	6%/59%/27%/8%	6%/31%/58%/6%	0%/33%/44%/22%	0.01

FEV <sub>1</sub> (ml)	1620 (525)	1436 (504)	1283 (473) <sup>†</sup>	<0.01
FEV <sub>1</sub> (% predicted)	54 (16)	50 (15)	44 (15) <sup>†</sup>	<0.01
FVC (ml)	2942 (651)	2803 (838)	2635 (673) <sup>†</sup>	0.05
FVC (% predicted)	72 (15)	71 (19)	65 (13) <sup>†</sup>	0.11
DL <sub>co</sub> (ml/min/mmHg)	16.5 (5)	15.1 (5)	12.9 (5) <sup>†</sup>	0.01
DL <sub>co</sub> (% predicted)	66 (21)	63 (21)	52 (19) <sup>†</sup>	0.02
<b>Exercise capacity and muscle force</b>				
6MWD (m)	415 (95)	411 (96)	366 (94)	0.16
HGF (N)	295 (87)	265 (98)	275 (78)	0.07
MIP (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	-74 (26)	-64 (24)	-62 (20)	0.01
MEP(cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	109 (36)	112 (42)	108 (25)	0.80
<b>Symptoms and quality of life</b>				
mMRC (0/1/2/3/4)	21/35/23/6/15	22/33/22/6/17	7/33/22/7/30	0.76
SGRQ total score (points)	29 (17)	34 (20)	41 (19)	<0.01
SGRQ symptoms (points)	26 (19)	34 (22)	35 (21)	0.01
SGRQ activity (points)	42 (24)	46 (26)	57 (26)	0.01
SGRQ impacts (points)	22 (16)	26 (20)	33 (20)	0.01
<b>Body composition</b>				
BMI (kg.m <sup>-2</sup> )	29 (5)	28 (4)	27 (4)	<0.01
FFM (kg)	55 (10)	51 (9)	51 (8)	0.02
FFMi (kg.m <sup>-2</sup> )	20 (3)	19 (3)	19 (2)	0.01
<b>Physical activity and sedentary time</b>				
Step count (n.day <sup>-1</sup> )	7362 (4589)	6899 (4016)	5441 (6066)	0.15
MVPA (min.day <sup>-1</sup> )	92 [22-91]	63 [18-96]	25 [9 – 117]	0.38
Sedentary time (min.day <sup>-1</sup> )	624 (118)	628 (118)	676 (129)	0.20

PR= pulmonary rehabilitation, FEV<sub>1</sub> = forced expiratory volume in 1 second, FVC = forced vital capacity, DL<sub>co</sub> = diffusion capacity of the lung carbon monoxide, 6MWD= 6-min walk distance, HGF = hand grip force, MIP = maximal inspiratory pressure, MEP = maximal

expiratory pressure, mMRC = modified Medical Research Council dyspnea scale, SGRQ = Saint George's respiratory questionnaire, BMI = body mass index, FFM = fat free mass, FFMi = fat free mass index, MVPA = time in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity. Lung function results were expressed as a % of reference values of a Mediterranean population [E11, E12].

Data are presented as %, mean (SD) or median [25<sup>th</sup>-75<sup>th</sup> percentile]

\* p-value indicates comparison between patients followed up (n=114) and those who dropped out (n=63)

† p-value comparing lost to follow-up vs deceased <0.05