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Response to the first reviewer (Paul Scanlon)

A new reference has now been quoted accordingly to the comment.

Response to the Editor

Comment 1. Please provide the name of the Institutional Review Board who approved the study.

Response. The name of our IRB has already been stated: The Institutional Review Board of the French learned society for respiratory medicine (SPLF: CEPRO 2013-010).

Comment 2. Could you please ensure your manuscript reporting adheres to STROBE guidelines (http://www.strobe-statement.org/) for reporting observational research.

Response. We already stated that “Reporting is in accordance with STROBE Statement (http://www.strobe-statement.org/). Unfortunately, the statements of the REporting of studies Conducted using Observational Routinely collected Data (RECORD, http://www.strobe-statement.org/) are not available.” We now have provided a checklist of STROBE statement.