Reviewer’s report

Title: Thoracic gas compression during forced expiration in patients with emphysema, interstitial lung disease and obesity

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This is an interesting and well presented study about thoracic gas compression during forced expiration in different groups of patients.

Discretionary Revision
Data in Table 4 are already shown in Table 3. You can skip Table 4
It would be interesting if you have data about MIP and MEP of your patients

Minor Essential Revisions
page 1: Department of Clinical Physiology and Nuclear Medicine
page 3: results line 3: (p=0.012, p=0.001)
page 4 line4:....and was higher in morbid obesity comparing to emphysema
page 5 second paragraph line 2: artifact
page 13 line 3 and line 16: the word why doesn't make sense
page 14 second paragraph line 1: As a conclusion, patients.......

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests