Author's response to reviews

Title: The effects of a physical activity counseling program after an exacerbation in COPD: a randomized controlled pilot study.

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for having re-reviewed our article “The effects of a physical activity counseling program after an exacerbation in patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: a randomized controlled pilot study.” We have addressed the last comments in a point-by-point reply and changed the manuscript according to the suggestions. We sincerely hope that the improved manuscript will now meet the criteria for publication in your journal.

On behalf of all authors,

Thierry Troosters
Referee 2

1. The referee suggested to report the pilot type of study in the abstract and to include the fact that the study was not continued.

   These suggestions were added in the abstract.

2. For the referee, it was not clear in the text when the patients started the study.

   To make it more clear, the following sentence was added in the methods section (study design): “The intervention started from the moment of discharge.”

3. The referee asked to confirm that a complete dataset was available for the 27 patients that completed the study.

   In the second paragraph of the results section, we added the following sentence:

   “From the 27 patients that completed the study, a complete dataset was available.”