Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editors,

Thank you again for the review of our paper. We have carefully read your comments and we have modified the manuscript accordingly. Please find enclosed a point-by-point response.
While we hope that you will find this revised version of the manuscript acceptable for publication as an original article in “BMC Pulmonary Medicine”, we will be happy to respond to further questions, should they occur.

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Editor’s comment 1

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Response to Editor’s comment 1

We thank the Editor for this comment. We have better specified role and contribution for each author in the “Authors' contributions” section.

Editor’s comment 2

Please include the full names of the ethics committees (and the institute to which it belongs to) that approved the study and the committee’s reference number if appropriate.

Response to Editor’s comment 2

We thank the Editor for this comment. We have indicated the full names of the ethics committees and the committee’s reference number in the “Ethics approval and consent to participate” section.
Editor’s comment 3

Please amend the statement in the "Consent for publication" section, as this refers to consent obtained to publish potentially-identifying information.

Response to Editor’s comment 3

We thank the Editor for this comment. We have amended the “Consent for publication" section accordingly.

Editor’s comment 4

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Response to Editor’s comment 4

We thank the Editor for this comment. We have amended the “Availability of data and materials" section accordingly.