Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Dr. Marta Gritti,

Thank you for the tentative acceptance of our manuscript. We are greatly indebted to you as well as to the reviewers for the time and effort. We amended the manuscript as suggested and summarized the changes to the paper below.

Editor reports:
1. We noted that the information regarding the patient described in Figure Legend 1 require the consent for publication of the patient. Consent for publication refers to consent for the publication of identifying images or other personal or clinical details of participants that compromise anonymity, and differs from consent to participate. If you do have the written informed consent of the patient for the publication of data, please state this in the consent for publication section. If consent has not been obtained, please simplify the legend removing most of information provided that compromise anonymity and contains direct/indirect identifiers.
Response: Thank you for the advice. Because we do not have the written informed consent of the patients for the publication of data included in figure 1, we replaced ‘a 64-year-old woman’ with ‘a patient’ in the first sentence of the legend. We do not think that the other descriptions include the direct or indirect identifiers of the patients.

2. Please include the email addresses for all authors on the title page. The corresponding author should still be indicated.
Response: As suggested, we added the e-mail addresses of all authors on the title page.

3. The Availability of data and materials section refers to the raw data used in your study and presenting tables and figures is not sufficient to state that all data is contained within the manuscript and additional files. Please only use this statement if you have indeed provided all raw data on which your study is based. We strongly encourage all authors to share their raw data, either by providing it in a supplementary file or depositing it in a public repository and providing the details on how to access it in this section. If you do not wish to share your data, please clearly state this in this section along with a justification. Data availability statements can take one of the following forms (or a combination of more than one if required for multiple datasets):
Response: We added data availability statements as follows in section of ‘Availability of data and materials’:
‘The datasets used and/or analysed during the current study available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.’

4. We noted that, in the revised version of your manuscript, you did not provide Tables and Figures: please submit a complete version of the manuscript, with all tables and figures properly cited and present in the Files inventory.
Response: We are submitting the tables and figures along with the manuscript as separate files.

5. Please amend the headings in accordance to BMC Pulmonary Medicine formatting.
Response: We amended the headings in the ‘declarations’ sections as instructed.