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I find that most of my concerns have been properly addressed.

However, I am curious on the choice of definition of restrictive spirometry. Why was the "FVC < 5th percentile of FVC predicted and FEV1/FVC >0.85" definition chosen? When CAO is defined as either FEV1/FVC<0.7 or <LLN, I would have expected the authors to choose one of these definitions also for restrictive spirometry. This should be explained.

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