Reviewer’s report

Title: Employment of an Algorithm of Care Including Chest Physiotherapy Results in Reduced Hospitalizations and Stability of Lung Function in Bronchiectasis

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Reviewer: Michal Shteinberg

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Thank you for answering most of the comments. Could the authors please address a few minor comments:

1. Table 1: "usual care"- as chest physiotherapy is recommended for all patients who chronically produce sputum, (Polverino, ERJ bronchiectasis guidelines, 2017), I would presume that some form of airway clearance was offered to all patients, not only those with >2 exacerbations. I would suggest removing the right hand column of the table, and simply write that only patients with >2 exacerbations were included in the study.

2. As the term "bronchiectasis" replaced "non CF bronchiectasis throughout the manuscript, I suggest changing the title accordingly. Also, to emphasize the "bundle" of care I would suggest changing place of the "chest physiotherapy" in the title, as follows: "Employment of an Algorithm of Care including chest physiotherapy Results in Reduced Hospitalizations and Stability of Lung Function in Bronchiectasis"

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