Reviewer’s report

Title: Prognostic value of cardiopulmonary exercise testing in patients with systemic sclerosis

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Reviewer: Reda Girgis

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the authors have made appropriate revisions.

Specific Comments:

1. In discussion, starting on line 34 of page 18, the sentence reading: "These improved parameters contrast with the fact that only one study actually proved a better survival in patients treated with the new immunosuppressive agents [53]" this study did not and no study that I am aware of suggests improved survival. Please delete or re-word this.

2. Next paragraph has RHK, instead of RHC

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