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**Reviewer:** Melanie Meersch

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Thank you for addressing all of my comments. I think that the changes significantly improved the readability of the manuscript. I only have a few things which need revision

* Please write out all of the abbreviations at the first time of mentioning (abstract).

* Page 2, line 60: please delete "see Table 1 for a full list of participating centers". I think that this does not need to be mentioned in the abstract

* I would recommend to demonstrate a table with the MRC dyspnea score in addition to the reference

* Page 18, line 45: spelling error "..taking into account"

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