

**Supplementary Table 4. Comparison of the groups with and without inhaler use**

Variable	Without inhaler use (n = 37)	With inhaler use (n = 11)	p value
Age, yr	67.32 ± 1.20	68.64 ± 2.91	0.629
Male sex	30 (81.1)	8 (72.7)	0.549
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	24.68 ± 0.49	23.98 ± 0.65	0.474
Smoking status			0.605
Never	13 (36.1)	6 (54.5)	
Ever	22 (61.1)	5 (45.5)	
Current	1 (2.8)	0	
Smoking amount, pack-yr	15.83 ± 2.75	12.73 ± 4.54	0.582
FEV1, % pred	89.64 ± 2.51	86.45 ± 6.54	0.178
FVC, % pred	75.14 ± 2.10	77.45 ± 5.68	0.639
DLco, % pred	69.05 ± 2.72	58.82 ± 4.94	0.078
FEV1/FVC, % pred	82.65 ± 0.92	77.09 ± 2.44	0.053
FEV1, 3-month follow-up, % pred	87.89 ± 2.61	90.78 ± 7.22	0.650
FVC, 3-month follow-up, % pred	73.89 ± 2.17	80.44 ± 6.25	0.225
DLco, 3-month follow-up, % pred	66.47 ± 3.08	54.86 ± 7.96	0.075
FEV1/FVC, 3-month follow-up, % pred	82.42 ± 0.99	77.67 ± 2.47	0.047 <sup>a</sup>
6MWD, m	482.69 ± 14.14	476.80 ± 31.99	0.853
6MWT, nadir SpO <sub>2</sub> , %	88.30 ± 1.19	84.50 ± 3.40	0.187

Values are presented as mean ± standard error or number (%). Differences between two groups were tested with *t* tests for continuous variables and chi-squared test for dichotomous variables.

BMI, body mass index; FEV1, forced expiratory volume in 1 second; % pred, % of predicted value; FVC, forced vital capacity; DLco, diffusing capacity for carbon monoxide; 6MWD, distance of 6-minute walk test; 6MWT, 6-minute walk test; SpO<sub>2</sub>, resting peripheral oxygen saturation.

<sup>a</sup>*p* < 0.05.