

Supplementary Table 5. Comparison of the groups with and without inhaler use in patients who needed inhalers

Variable	Without inhaler use (n = 10)	With inhaler use (n = 11)	<i>p</i> value
Age, yr	69.50 ± 2.52	68.64 ± 2.91	0.826
Male sex	5 (50.0)	8 (72.7)	0.284
BMI, kg/m ²	24.27 ± 0.82	24.00 ± 0.65	0.798
Smoking status			0.811
Never	4 (44.4)	6 (54.5)	
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Current	1 (11.1)	0	
Smoking amount, pack-yr	15.44 ± 6.05	12.73 ± 4.54	0.744
FEV1, % pred	86.70 ± 5.29	86.45 ± 6.54	0.698
FVC, % pred	78.60 ± 4.88	77.45 ± 5.68	0.881
DLco, % pred	56.75 ± 4.00	58.82 ± 4.94	0.763
FEV1/FVC, % pred	77.00 ± 3.03	77.09 ± 2.44	0.981
FEV1, 3-month follow-up, % pred	89.30 ± 5.21	90.78 ± 7.22	0.868
FVC, 3-month follow-up, % pred	81.30 ± 4.79	80.44 ± 6.25	0.914
DLco, 3-month follow-up, % pred	59.67 ± 4.87	54.86 ± 7.96	0.185
FEV1/FVC, 3-month follow-up, % pred	76.90 ± 3.04	77.67 ± 2.47	0.849
6MWD, m	431.62 ± 33.37	476.80 ± 31.99	0.341
6MWT, nadir SpO ₂ , %	83.30 ± 3.09	84.50 ± 3.40	0.518

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; SpO₂, resting peripheral oxygen saturation.