

Supplementary Table S1. Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of 80 patients with COPD included in the discovery cohort (BASCO study)

Characteristics	n=80
Age, years (mean \pm SD)	68.9 \pm 8.9
Male, n (%)	49 (61.2)
Current smokers, n (%)	30 (37.5)
Pack-years (mean \pm SD)	57.2 \pm 28.5
GOLD stage, n (%)	
II	42 (52.5)
III	24 (30.0)
IV	14 (17.5)
Lung function parameters	
FVC, post-brd, % predicted (mean \pm SD)	85.8 \pm 16.3
FEV ₁ , post-brd, % predicted (mean \pm SD)	50.1 \pm 19.4
FEV ₁ /FVC post-brd % (mean \pm SD)	40.9 \pm 12.4
Residual volume (RV), % (mean \pm SD)	166.4 \pm 50.4
Total lung capacity (TLC), % (mean \pm SD)	117.1 \pm 20.8
RV/TLC % (mean \pm SD)	55.3 \pm 10.1
Diffusion capacity (D _{LCO}), % (mean \pm SD)	52.3 \pm 20.1

Abbreviations: SD: standard deviation; GOLD: Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease; FEV₁: forced expiratory volume in 1 sec; FVC: forced vital capacity; post-brd: post-bronchodilation; FVC= forced vital capacity; ABGA= arterial blood gas analysis . ^a GOLD stages are based on FEV₁ % predicted: II: \geq 50% <80%; III: \geq 30% <50%; IV: \leq 30%.