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Dear Editor,

Our manuscript NO: 14102 entitled "Title: PITFALLS IN SPIROMETRY: CLINICAL RELEVANCE" that has been previously submitted to World Journal of Respiriology as an invited review, has been now revised according to the Reviewers' comments.

Yet we read with some surprise the comments of the reviewers that reached completely different conclusions, with one suggesting "high priority for publication" and one single little mistake, and the other one suggesting "rejection" based on the conclusion that our review was too dogmatic and with no strong evidence. For the sake of science and in defence of our manuscript, we have to claim that all the points raised in the review such as gas compression volume, volume and time history of the inspiratory maneuver preceding the forced expiration, the effects of heterogeneous ventilation in disease, and lung elastic recoil are, to the best of our current knowledge, extremely important and with great clinical relevance as already specified in the original text at the end of each subchapter of the text. As noted in the reference section, all these issues have been objects of previous publications in top journals of modern respiratory medicine and physiology by several groups of international scientists included my team and shared with many scientists around the world. We also remind that most of the results of these studies were included in the 2005 international ATS and ERS guidelines and have the potential to fuel the next guidelines on lung function. Yet we humbly accept the criticism of this reviewer up to the point to withdraw the manuscript if the Editor believes this is the right choice for the Journal.

Sincerely,

Prof. Riccardo Pellegrino