**Additional file 3: Table S3.** Patient demographics and clinical characteristics for COPD patients aged over 40 years old

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| **Patient demographic characteristics** |   | **COPD ≥ 40 years old****(*n* = 68)** |
| **Age**  | Mean (SD) | 56.03 (9.29) |
| **Gender** | Male | 29 (42.65%) |
| Female | 39 (57.35%) |
| **Current inhaler** | Symbicort Turbuhaler | 34 (50.00%) |
| Seretide Diskus | 34 (50.00%) |
| **Total use of DPI in years** | <5 years | 21 (30.88%) |
| 5–10 years | 16 (23.53%) |
| 10–15 years | 8 (11.76%) |
| >15 years | 23 (33.82%) |
| **Revenue in last 12 months** | <€22,500 | 27 (39.71%) |
| €25,000–€34,999 | 14 (20.59%) |
| €35,000–€49,999 | 3 (4.41%) |
| €50,000–€74,999 | 12 (17.65%) |
| €75,000+ | 3 (4.41%) |
| No answer | 9 (13.24%) |
| **Costs  associated with asthma and COPD treatment (€)/month** | Mean (SD) | 12.62 (19.01) |

COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; DPI, dry powder inhaler; SD, standard deviation