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## Authors' reply

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Sir,

The authors would like to thank Lung India for their excellent support. In response to the above letter,<sup>[1]</sup> the authors would like to thank you for such an inspiring review and would also like to add that the study 'FEV<sub>6</sub> as screening tool in spirometric diagnosis of obstructive airway disease'<sup>[2]</sup> was only a pilot study, conducted mainly to check for the feasibility of carrying out such a study in an Indian setting. Currently, planning is under way for a similar study on a larger scale with a larger sample size including normal subjects also, which will enable us to generalize the results that we found in our original study.

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