



Figure 32 Flow of patients through the study.

Table VIII Demographic and clinical characteristics.

	Included patients (n=932)
Male / female (%)	65.6 / 35.4
Smokers / non smokers (%)	32.6 / 67.4
Age (yr)	66.4±8.3
BMI (kg/m ²)	26.3±5.4
FEV ₁ % predicted	50.8±20.5
GOLD 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 (%)	9.6 – 40.2 – 32.4 – 17.8
MMRC* 0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 (%)	13.9 – 26.8 – 21.9 – 17.6 – 6.1

Data in the table are expressed as percentages, or means ± standard deviation. BMI: Body Mass Index, FEV₁: forced expiratory volume in 1 s, GOLD: Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease grade, MMRC: modified Medical Research Councils scale. *MMRC data for 805 patients.

5.4 Results