

Figure S1. Responses, before and after pulmonary rehabilitation (PR), to incremental exercise at an equivalent workload, defined as the percentage of the maximum workload achieved during the pre-PR incremental exercise test. White symbols: before PR; black symbols: after PR; QB: quiet breathing; UP: unloaded pedaling; VO_2 : oxygen uptake; VCO_2 : carbon dioxide production; and V_E : minute ventilation. * $p < 0.05$ vs. pre-PR value.

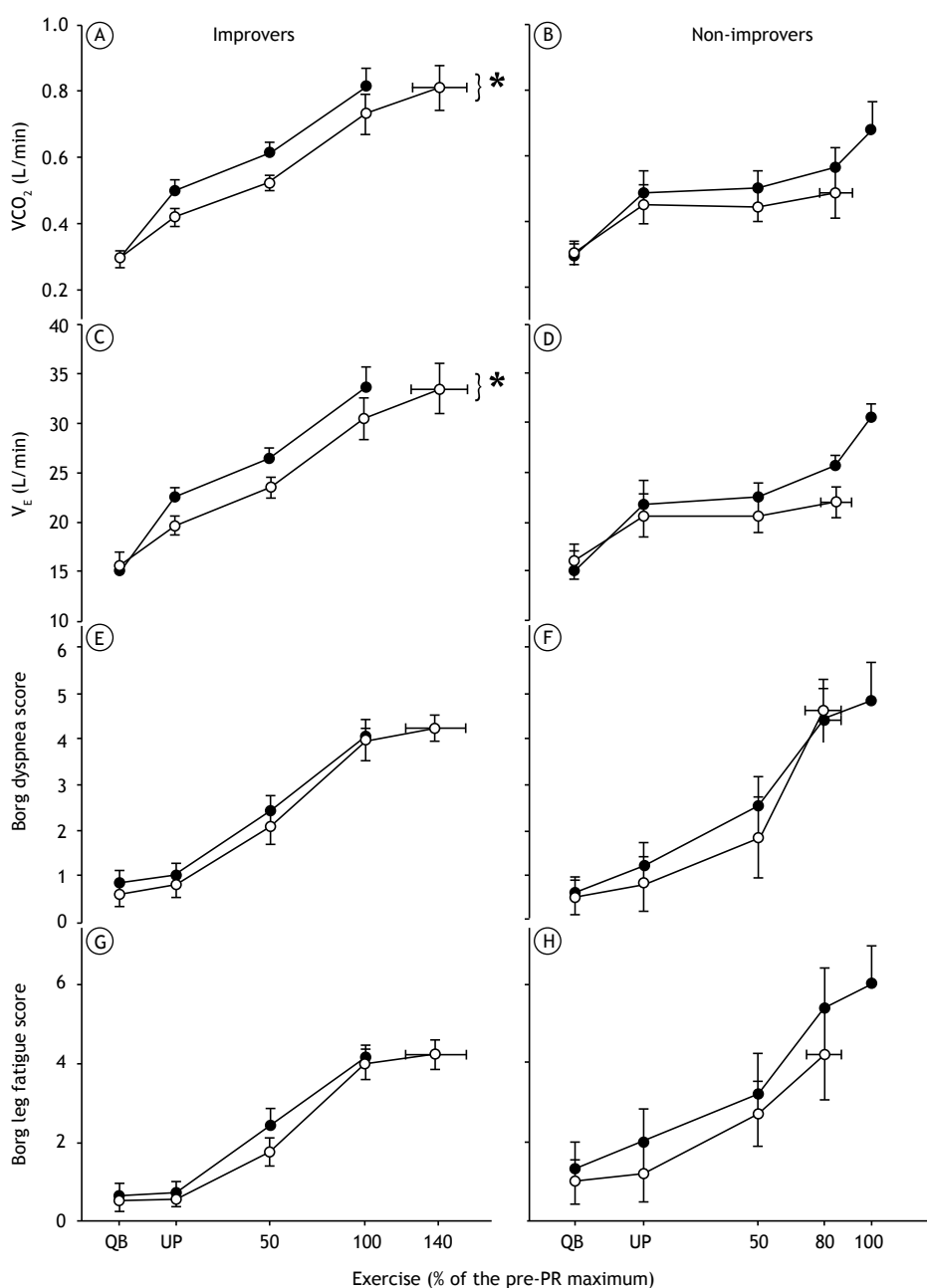


Figure S2. Comparison between COPD patients who improved after pulmonary rehabilitation (PR) and those who did not, in terms of the pre- and post-PR responses to incremental exercise at an equivalent workload, defined as the percentage of the maximum workload achieved during the pre-PR incremental exercise test. White symbols: before PR; black symbols: after PR; QB: quiet breathing; UP: unloaded pedaling; VCO₂: carbon dioxide production; and V_E: minute ventilation. *p < 0.05 vs. pre-PR value.