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Title: COPD assessment test (CAT) in the evaluation of COPD

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**Body:** OBJECTIVE: To evaluate the correlation of CAT with other specific questionnaires and with clinical/functional parameters.METHODS:A prospective study analyzing DOSE, BODE and BODEX index,GOLD stage,quality of life questionnaires(SGRQ,CRQ and CAT) and number of exacerbations-year ( $n^{\circ}$  ex-years),dividing patients into non-exacerbator(<2 exacerbations in the last year) and exacerbator(>/=2) were done.RESULTS: No differences in general variables were found.Analyzing the correlation between CAT and CRC/SGRG we found a significant correlation(CAT/SGRQ r = 0.70; CAT/CRC r = -0.66, p<0.001).The relationship of the questionnaires vs clinical/functional outcome is reflected in the table,where rates are moderate correlation with CAT,although improved with respect to SGRQ and CRQ,except in GOLD stages.

Table 1. Correlation between the different quality of life questionnaires and clinical and functional parameters

n = 34	VEF1	GOLD	BODE	BODEx	DOSE	Nº ex-year
CAT	-0,21	0,44*	0,30	0,35	0,25	0,21
SGRQ	-0,77	0,30	0,42*	0,40*	0,34	0,37*
CRQ	0,29	-0,29	-0,52*	-0,57*	-0,50*	-0,34

<sup>\*</sup> p < 0.05

No significant differences between stages of severity or prognosis and scores on CAT, except for GOLD stages, were found.

CONCLUSIONS:1.Correlation of CAT with other quality of life questionnaires is moderate.2.SGRQ and CRQ appreciate better clinical and prognostic variables.While CAT is more easily applied in daily practice, does not discriminate between different situations or serious prognosis, except in extreme stages of

