Reviewer's report

Title: TNFA -863 polymorphism is associated with a reduced risk of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: A replication study

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Reviewer: Noor Kalsheker

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The authors have addressed the major concerns and moderated their conclusions reflecting the small sample size. They have also presented their data to show absolute numbers with corresponding genotypes and allele frequencies. They have provided some evidence for validation of the assays.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.