Reviewer’s report

Title: Serum p53 antibody detection in patients with impaired lung function

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Reviewer: Virginie Marcel

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This revised version took into account most, if not all, comments raised by the reviewers. An effort has been made to clarify that this study focuses on lung function impairment and not on lung cancer.

Minor points:
1- In the Discussion section, the paragraph focused on KRAS and EGFR in lung cancer is too long and focus on their roles as biomarkers in lung cancer prognostic, while this manuscript is dedicated to early lung function impairment that may reflect lung cancer development. Thus, this paragraph on KRAS and EGFR can be restricted to their roles as marker of early lung function impairment through ELISA detection. In addition, a sentence can be added to clearly say that other proteins can be used to detect early lung function impairment.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.