Reviewer's report

Title: Impact Of Occupational Exposure On COPD

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Major Compulsory Revisions
I would rather prefer the title to be more specific on the particular aspect of COPD (e.g. Mortality, clinical presentation e.t.c.) and be changed from the impact of occupation exposure on COPD to either of these mentioned below.

1. Impact of occupational exposures on clinical pattern of COPD.

Or possibly use a catchy phrase like

2. Occupational related COPD : An emerging phenotype in COPD

Minor Essential Revisions

3. The abbreviations’ BPCO and other ones used in the manuscript should be defined when it is first used.

4. The objectives of the study in the last paragraph on page 4 can be rephrased into a single sentence.

5. The author need to state the source(s) of the hospital anxiety and depression (HAD) scale was used to identify mood disorders in study on first paragraph on page 6.

6. The statistical analysis on page 7 is not detailed. The authors need to state why median was preferred for some variables and percentages for other, as not every reader understand basic statistics. Please specify the test used for these variables analysis.

7. In view of the fact the data were secondary data from previous study I think the statistic is okay.

8. There few typographical error and spelling mistakes that need to corrected

9. The strength and the limitation of the study can moved from page 9 to just before the conclusion section

10. In figure 1 The first column in figure 1 should be labeled as characteristics /variables

   Percentages in bracket (%) should be inserted in front of hay fever, life time asthma and

   Atopic dermatitis and (yrs) after age in column 1.
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