Reviewer's report

Title: Impact Of Occupational Exposure On the clinical characteristics of COPD

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. The authors have addressed the major compulsory revision
They have changed the title from Impact of occupational exposure on COPD to
Impact of occupational exposure on the clinical characteristics of COPD which is
in agreement with suggestion.

Minor essential revision
2. The abbreviation BPCO was well addressed by the authors but other ones like
GOLD, AHR, SGRQ, and SAS were left out.
3. The objectives of the study in the last paragraph on page 4 has been re written
and phrased into a single sentence
4. The authors reply and explanation on the hospital anxiety and depression
scale is well accepted. I totally agree with the withdrawal from the manuscript in
view of the missing data.

5. There few typographical error and spelling mistakes have corrected

6. With reference to the statistical analysis, the author should clearly provide
/state reason(s) why median was used and not mean or mode. The authors need
be aware that this article if published may be reviewed by residents during their
journal club or read by someone with an inadequate statistical background.

7. Other suggested correction have been effected

8. The authors need to include a citation(s) for the this statement: Patients were
categorized (i) as current smokers or, past exsmokers
(smoking cessation at least 12 months ago), or never smokers,
and (ii) as smokers or ex-smokers of # or < 20 pack-years

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a
statistician.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests