Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Impact of the risk factors, activities and psychological disorders on the health status of patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in China

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**Reviewer:** Alejandro Videla

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- Major Compulsory Revisions

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

1. The authors did not address the issue of the vulnerability concept. The word still appears in the abstract and the discussion section (pg. 12) with no explanation at all
2. The authors did not address adequately the validation process, when just a short paragraph could have been enough
3. The data on how the patients were identified and approached only appears on the response to the reviewer and not in the paper. For me, this information is vital to understand the possibility of bias. The authors should have included this data on the paper as well.
4. In the abstract the word categories of collection appears. This is not explained and is not a commonly used term.

- Minor Essential Revisions

1. The English remains poor with inappropriate use of verbs and structure. I noted that on my previous review.

- Discretionary Revisions

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

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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