Reviewer's report

Title: Effects of short-term treatment with atorvastatin in smokers with asthma - a randomized controlled trial

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This manuscript describes the effects of short-term (4 weeks) treatment with atorvastatin on lung function and indices of asthma control in smokers with asthma. As a result, the short-term treatment with atorvastatin had no significant effect on lung function. The manuscript seems to be well-written, but the following points should be considered.

1. (Page 5, line 14) It is better to provide information of some medications known to interact with statin for readers.

2. The reviewer does not make sense the number of patients at the beginning of the study. 131 (page 8, line 4 from the bottom) or 286 (Fig. 1)? Which is correct?

3. (Page 10, line 14) The reviewer could not find Fig. 4.

4. The authors should address the reason why the statin treatment improved the QOL without affecting lung function.

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.