Reviewer's report

Title: Whole lung lavage combined with Granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulating factor inhalation for an adult case of refractory pulmonary alveolar proteinosis

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Minor Essential Revisions:
1) In the conclusion section, the authors wrote 'WLL and plasmapheresis combination therapy may not be as good'.
   It should be rephrased as 'WLL and plasmapheresis combination therapy were not as effective in this case'

2) As the authors pointed out that the inability to quantify the GM-CSF autoantibody during the diagnosis and treatment of this patient as the serial measurement of antibodies may be useful in this case.

3) The relapse rate and the incidence of adverse events of PAP were lower in the inhalation group compared to the GM-CSF subcutaneous group. The authors may include the possible explanations in the discussion.

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

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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.