Reviewer's report

**Title:** Similar matrix alterations in alveolar and small airway walls of COPD patients.

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**Reviewer:** Gaetan Deslee

**Reviewer's report:**

The authors provided a revised article which is appropriate for publication. The authors correctly answered the questions I raised.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.