Reviewer’s report

Title: Disease knowledge level is a noteworthy determinant of anxiety and depression in patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: a cross-sectional studies

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Minor Essential revisions are required.
1. In the text the word ‘wildly’ needs replacing with ‘widely’.
2. In the conclusions section of the abstract (last sentence) I would change the word intervened to targeted.
3. Page two second paragraph delete 'Determinant factors to Factors that determine...
4. Page 2 the authors need to change the term ' factors cannot be intervened' ? change this to addressed or reword the sentence.
5. In the last paragraph on background section I would ask the authors to add what disease knowledge consists of. It is explained further in in the article but I think it's helpful to clarify here.
6. In section Participants and Measurements I would change the sentence beginning subjects general medical information. After smoking history I would change the text to highest educational qualification and either delete 'so on' or expand what this is.
7. Could the authors expand on what they mean about higher education.
8. In the first paragraph of the discussion section I would change the last bit of the sentence from less 6MWD to lower 6MWD.
9. In discussion section do not start a sentence with 'AND.... I would also change the word intervened at the end of that sentence.
10. Throughout the document this word 'intervened ' is mentioned . I don't think this reads well & would recommned changing to ‘addressed or targeted.
11. Reword the next sentences starting with 'But' - Do not start a sentence with But.
12. The discussion sections needs reqording as the english is not good.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I recieved £212,00 from the National to undertake research into the treatment of anxiety & depression using Cognitive Behavioural Therapy. I am not sure if this is a competing interest or not.