Reviewer's report

Title: Surfactant protein B polymorphisms are associated with severe respiratory syncytial virus associated diseases

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General
In this report on possible involvement of SP-B in genetic predisposition to severe RSV infections a previously described cohort has been investigated again - for polymorphisms in yet another gene. These findings need to be confirmed and validated in other cohorts. In addition, the functional context needs to be clarified before deep-reaching conclusions may be drawn.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Statistical power calculation(s)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.