Reviewer’s report

Title: Plasma leptin and insulin-like growth factor I levels during acute exacerbations of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

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Reviewer: Richard Debigare

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Page 3, line 23. No study are referenced to demonstrate that either Gh or IGF-1 is increased in COPD. Since it is stated in the previous sentence, authors should reference their point.

Page 3, last paragraph. Aims are presented without any connection to the previous presentation in the introduction. Please, clearly state your working hypothesis and the subsequent aims in relation to the actual literature.

Page 9, line 7. Change expressed by had.

Page 19, table 1. Provide FFM in the table. Same for table 3.

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Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

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