Reviewer's report

Title: Chronic exposure to emissions from photocopiers in copy shops causes oxidative stress and systematic inflammation among photocopier operators in India

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Thank you for the revised manuscript.

Now that we have more details on study subjects, it can be seen that there are twice as many current smokers in photocopier group than control and income is different. We don't have exposure data for controls to know if and how their exposures differ from copiers.

Since smoking would be expected to have a stronger effect than copying, and could be a major confounder, I would suggest a subgroup analysis of non-smokers comparing copiers to controls. (Compulsory)

It would also be useful to see if any biochemical effect within copiers increases with increasing exposure controlling for age.

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.