Reviewer’s report

Title: Anaesthesia for serial whole-lung lavage in a patient with severe pulmonary alveolar proteinosis

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Reviewer: J-P van Besouw

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 9 criteria for evaluation in the journal: None

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is a well written description of the anaesthetic management of this patient with PAP treated with bilateral WLL; unfortunately it adds nothing new to the extensive literature on this subject, as evidenced by a search through the established medical search engines which demonstrate a plethora of similar articles both case reports and series on the anaesthetic management of these patients. This is unsurprising given that this technique was first described over 40 years ago.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

No to the questions above, however the following should be noted.
Dr Klein is known to me as a member of the editorial board of Continuing Education in Anaesthesia Critical Care and Pain Management. Dr Klein is also a member of the Association of Cardiothoracic Anaesthetists of which I am
Chairman