Reviewer’s report

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**Reviewer:** Avrum Spira

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The authors have responded in a very constructive fashion to the major concerns raised and their modifications have significantly improved their manuscript. I believe that this manuscript represents an important advance in understanding host response to tobacco smoke.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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