Reviewer’s report

Title: Outcome of corticosteroid administration in autoimmune pulmonary alveolar proteinosis

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Dr Akasaka and al report an interesting work on the effect of corticosteroids on aPAP.

Some minor corrections may improve the quality of the manuscript:
1) In the clinical course of aPAP, one would like to know, if the worsening was due to infection, to the progression of the disease or both in the entire cohort, and in the high/low dose corticosteroid group. Same question after corticosteroids withdrawal.
2) Is there any patient that improved, it does not seems so in the supplementary Table?
3) Do the authors have evolution of GMAb levels within therapy for some patients?
4) The number of the figure is not the number in the legends.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests