Reviewer’s report

Title: FEV1 and FVC and Systemic Inflammation in a Spinal Cord Injury Cohort

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Reviewer: Salvatore Battaglia

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The Authors documented an association between IL-6/CRP and lung function. No question on this point!

The theoretical issue is whether or not spinal cord injury determines increase of IL-6 or CRP and whether or not the SCI-related inflammation determines lung damage. These point were not fully addressed.

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