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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The aim of the authors was to discuss the recent advances in the use of precision medicine to more accurately treat COPD exacerbations, including the identification of phenotypes that could help rationalise treatment and identifying novel drug targets. The editorial is well written and it's very understandable, I have only some suggestions to try to improve the paper. Firstly, it's an editorial and so I think that it could be more focusing the principal aim of the paper, the use of the precision medicine in COPD, so I suggest to reduce in the different sections, especially the introduction. Currently is a review not an editorial. Second point, in perspective future I think that the analysis of Lung microbiota can have a crucial role, as rightly suggest in this paper PMID: 31667699 that I suggest to cite and discuss.