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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This review article on "early COPD" authored by J. Bebnar and A. Turner is very well written and organized. I can just point out a minor typological error or a phrase which does not make sense to me. 1. In line 12 on page 3, the phrase of "there is" is doubled. 2. This reviewer cannot figure out what the phrase of "regardless of this by this time" in 2nd line from the bottom of page 6 mean.



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This review clearly focuses on the significances of COPD in its early stages and the data presented are well structured. Major comments: #1. It is not clear the implications of salbutamol in the title. It is necessary to mentioned why authors attempt to focus on salbutamol specifically. As a title, Early COPD:beyond spirometry appears to be sufficient for this review. Minor Comments: #1. Several typos throughout the manuscript. Page 3 line13: "there is" is repeated. Page 11 line 8: There is no period at the end of the sentence.



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This is a well written review. Minor comments(all grammatical)to consider for revising the manuscript are: 1. In the Introduction section, line 11, delete the "there is" repeated twice. 2. In the section, "Current guidelines and potential pitfalls", consider adding a reference at the end of sentence No.3 (when describing the diagnosis of COPD). 3. Page 6, Line9, consider revising the sentence. It seems odd to say "will at one stage have had". 4. Page 11,very last line, instead of saying "with and FEV1", change to "with an FEV1".



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The author discussed the difficulties in diagnosing COPD in its early stages, examine the role of case-finding and look at the evidence for early intervention with therapeutic agents. It is a very good point because early diagnosis and early treatment of COPD is very important. There are several comments: 1.COPD is a heterogeneous disease. A significant proportion of patients with chronic airflow obstruction (CAO) do not report respiratory symptoms. How to find those patients in early stage in our clinical practice? Some experts object to recommending PFT for screening COPD from population study because of cost. 2.For early diagnosis of COPD, how about the cost-effectiveness of other methods other than spirometry? 3.Two figures should be changed and legends should be added. 4.The title cannot reflect the whole point of the review.