

Editor's Comment:

The referees have given positive judgements. Overall, the final suggestion is minor revision.

I would like to add some other suggestions.

Please into the abstract section you should write that the study was performed in the stable state.

I read that the control group included never-smokers while COPD subjects were mainly current or ex-smokers. Might smoking status influence platelet volume? Please, discuss this point.

Possibly, COPD subjects who are current or ex-smokers might have associated comorbidities, such as hypertension. Might this influence platelet volume?

Please review table and its order. I suspect that they are organized in reverse order. Column with p-value is usually the last one and variable the first one. Again, mean is the first number and ES (or DS) the second number.

Please review the number of references. I suspect that there are some mistakes.

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