Reviewer's report

Title: Severe chronic cough caused by pulmonary arteriovenous malformations in a patient with hereditary haemorrhagic telangiectasia: a case report

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This is an interesting and unexpected cause of chronic therapy-resistant cough an a worth addition to the literature.

Compulsory comments:
1) there should be more structure to the case, specifically subheadings (e.g. discussion, etc)
2) can the authors provide the angiography films?
3) is it possible that small amount pulmonary haemorrhage has triggered the cough? I guess there were no haemosiderin-laden macrophages in BALF? the authors should provide microscopy pictures of the lesion.
4) more clinical data is required, eg Hb? anaemia (see 3))? BALF counts? Inflammation? Exclusion of infection (BALF)?
5) the authors should explain what is the mechanism of fistula development. Eg how does this relate anatomically/causally to AVM?

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:

none of the above