



Guest Editors

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Recent publications have included research on T-helper type 2 signatures in chronic airway diseases (with the CHACOS study group), results from the Andalusian COPD audit and a study of the effects of smoke-free legislation on lung cancer mortality trends.