Reviewer's report

Title: Idiopathic Pleuroparenchymal Fibroelastosis: Consideration of a Clinicopathological Entity in a Series of Japanese Patients

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I have reviewed the revised version of the manuscript entitled "Idiopathic pleuroparenchymal fibroelastosis: consideration of a clinicopathological entity in a series of Japanese patients". The authors have mainly addressed my previous concerns. For example, they have described the pathological criteria used to define the entity IPPFE in their study methodology.

My concerns at this point are a number of typos and misspellings in the paper, for example: under Methods, top of page 5: "(4) mild, pathy, limphoplasmocytic infiltrates" should be "(4) mild, patchy, lymphoplasmocytic infiltrates". On the bottom of page 4, last two word "fubpleural fibroelastosis" should be "subpleural fibroelastosis". There is also awkward wording, such as in the abstract, under Background: "And this study was an attempt to identify common features between IPPFE and ..." should be "This study was an attempt to identify features in common between IPPFE and..." In summary, the manuscript needs some basic editing for grammar and spelling at this point.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests below