Reviewer's report

Title: Clearance of Technetium-99m-DTPA and HRCT Findings in the Evaluation of Patients with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
Performing the HRCT score of extent, the Authors did not try to separately evaluate the fibrotic component (reticular opacities, honeycombing, ground glass with bronchial or bronchiolar dilatation) from possible activity signs (areas of ground glass or consolidation without reticular opacities or bronchial dilation).
It could be of some interest to add this kind of evaluation, in comparison with scintigraphic and BALF findings

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have not competing interests