Reviewer’s report

Title: Characteristics of exercise capacity in female systemic lupus erythematosus associated pulmonary arterial hypertension patients

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In this study, there is a major problem with the abbreviations. For instance, IPAH and PAH have not been explained anywhere. I know that PAH is the abbreviation of pulmonary arterial hypertension, even though, the authors must always explain the abbreviations. In addition, the abstract and Tables, which must be auto-explanatory, are full of not explained abbreviations that difficult the readability and even the evaluation by this reviewer.

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