Reviewer's report

Title: The Prevalence of Gastro-Esophageal Reflux Disease and Esophageal Dysmotility in Chinese Patients with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

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Gao et al. present a prospective case series of esophageal function tests in 69 patients with IPF.

There are other studies showing the high prevalence of GERD in these patients. The authors could fill some blanks in the literature by discussing their findings from the point of view of an esophageal physiologist.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1) According to the findings, the esophagogastric barrier is normal in patients with GERD +. In consequence, Is GERD secondary to an increased transdiphragmatic pressure gradient and not the primary cause for IPF? Please discuss.

2) What was the contribution of MII-pH in the study? How many patients had abnormal non-acid reflux and normal acid reflux?

Minor Essential Revisions

1) Figures are not contributory.

2) Table 4 is not clear

3) et al., not et al

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

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

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