Reviewer’s report

Title: Unmet needs in the treatment of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis—insights from patient chart review in five European countries

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Reviewer: Kathleen Lindell

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript on "Unmet needs in the treatment of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis—insights from patient chart review in five European countries". This manuscript is very well written. The authors surveyed results submitted by respiratory physicians from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the UK between February and March 2016 in an online questionnaire designed to collect information on IPF treatment patterns in patients under their care. This manuscript is very well written and very clear to read. The tables and figures are also very detailed and describe the findings very well.

My one suggestion would be to feature the findings of the inadequate additional symptom management measures earlier in the manuscript, and also include in the abstract.

While the focus of the current analysis was to investigate antifibrotic treatment patterns; these additional findings are an important message for readers to consider in their practice, ultimately benefiting patients.

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