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Title: Barriers to Timely Diagnosis of Interstitial Lung Disease in the Real World: The INTENSITY Survey

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Dear Reviewers,

We appreciate your thoughtful review of our study. In compliance with the suggested revisions. We respectfully submit the following changes to the manuscript:

Reviewer 1,

Abstract:

Line 20-21 Conclusion: While a minority of patients with ILD will experience an appropriate and expedient diagnosis, the more typical ...

Discussion:

Line 163: ... A substantial percentage of US adults ...

Lines 166-169: Despite considerable progress in the understanding of IPF and other ILDs, the findings suggest a dichotomy in the diagnostic experience with some patients receiving timely and accurate diagnoses, but a substantively larger proportion of patients where a significant challenge remains. It is this latter group that is the focus of the remaining discussion.

Reviewer 2,

The dates represented in line 92 are accurate.
We hope these revisions efficiently address the recommendations for revision.

Sincerely,

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