Reviewer’s report

Title: N-acetylcysteine Exposure is Associated with Improved Survival in Anti-nuclear Antibody Seropositive Patients with Usual Interstitial Pneumonia

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Comments in general:

The authors present NAC therapy is associated with improved survival in ANA seropositive patients with UIP. This is a potentially important article because it reports the new information with regard to an effectiveness of NAC therapy on ANA status in IPF and IPAF-UIP.

Comments in detail:

1. In the table 1, baseline characteristics comparing IPF and IPAF-UIP should be evaluated.

2. In the results, not only TFS but also serial changes in FVC and DLco, the incidence of acute exacerbation as a prognostication in IPF and IPAF-UIP should be assessed.

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