Reviewer’s report

Title: Antifibrotic treatment response and prognostic predictors in patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and exposed to occupational dust.

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Dr Casillo and al; report an interesting study about the impact of « exposure » in the presentation of IPF and 1 year follow-up.

They report interesting results though some analysis could be improved:

Major

1) Some data in Table 2 don't seem to be accurate like mean FEV in not exposed in baseline and at 12 month in L and in %

2) GAP score has been validated at diagnosis and not at 1 year

3) The table 3 should be redone. The interesting value is the decline of FVC and the decline of DLCO. Hopefully higher baseline FVC is associated with higher FVC at 1 year

4) LTOT is not a good endpoint and should be tempered as the initiation of LTOT is highly variable from one physician to another.

Minor

1) Table 1 the p value could be given for the gender

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