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1. General Comments

The author investigated the prevalence, clinical characteristics and prognosis in patients with connective tissue disease-associated interstitial lung diseases (CTD-ILD) who developed acute exacerbation (AE) and identified risk and predictive factors of AE.

Authors adequately revised the manuscript, according to the reviewers' recommendations. Now it seems suitable for publication.

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