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This manuscript was initially commissioned as a debate between the British Lung Foundation; the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation and a Respiratory Physician / Researcher. Authorship was subsequently reassigned and it was felt following reviewers comments that this manuscript would be better presented as an opinion piece. The manuscript has been revised: the text has been reordered and restructured; edited to improve readability and is presented as a more robust opinion piece in keeping with BMC guidelines.