Reviewer’s report

Title: The Need for patient-centred clinical research in IPF

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This is essentially a cross between an old fashioned review article and an opinion piece. The main thrust being the push for more patient involvement in research and a wider consideration of outcome measures.

So views are common across all medical specialties - not just lung fibrosis and I am not aware of anything particularly that suggests a greater need in IPF - aside perhaps from historical neglect in terms of research effort.

So the ambition and scope of the paper is limited and given that it is mainly an opinion piece there are no methodological issues. Maybe the paper would have more impact if a formal systematic review had been performed.

In summary I have no major issues with this opinion piece

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I am an epidemiologist and I work in the field of IPF