

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS

December 7, 2015

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: **ESPS-22427-review.doc**).

**Title:** Multicenter cooperative observational study of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis with non-small cell lung cancer

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Respirology*

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers and administrators:

1 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers as follows:

1. This is a well performed study on a relevant subject. The presentation is good, the quality of written English as well. The left margins on the title page look odd. This is my only concern. I recommend acceptance as it is. (Reviewer's code: 02494634)

*Response:* As pointed out by the reviewer, the left margins on the title page have been corrected.

2. The manuscript will be improved if the differences between the time-course of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and the previous reports about idiopathic interstitial pneumonias are clearly described. (Reviewer's code: 00505755)

*Response:* As suggested by the reviewer, we have added the text in the discussion section of the revised manuscript in order to clarify the difference of the incidence of acute exacerbation between idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and idiopathic interstitial pneumonias (page 11, line 18-20).



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2 Revision has been made according to the administrator suggestions as follows:

1. When you send back, please provide the format of doc, not the pdf. Thank you!

*Response:* The file is in Word format doc.

2. Please offer ETHICS-RELATED STATEMENTS. Thank you!

*Response:* Ethics-related statements are included.

3. Please provide the audio core tip.

*Response:* Audio core tip is attached

4. Please write the comments. Writing requirements for each subsection.

*Response:* The comments for each subsection are included.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Respiriology*.

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