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# Acute Exacerbations of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (AE-IPF)

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Development or worsening of breathlessness within the preceding 30 days that is otherwise unexplained

New diffuse chest infiltrates on chest X-ray and/r HRCT that are otherwise unexplained

Exclusion of infection, in as far as possible, according to routine clinical practice and standard local practice, through microbiological studies and viral studies

Exclusion of alternative causes as per routine clinical practice including left heart failure, PE, and identifiable causes of acute lung injury