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Attending the ICLAF has significantly enhanced my understanding of the pathogenesis of pulmonary fibrosis. The sessions of the congress were highly informative. I would like to particularly highlight two presentations. The first focused on single-cell RNA sequencing, which enabled the identification of aberrant basaloid cells, found exclusively in the lungs of patients with interstitial pulmonary fibrosis. The second presentation explored transplantation of lung cells in mouse models of pulmonary fibrosis, a promising technique that may offer a future therapeutic option for patients with pulmonary fibrosis. The poster sessions were dynamic and interactive, providing numerous opportunities for discussions with both experts and early-career investigators. I presented my poster on our retrospective cohort study investigating cancer incidence in patients with pulmonary fibrosis and a telomere related gene mutations during one of the poster sessions. Meaningful discussions with clinicians who treat such patients will aid in further refining my research. Lastly, networking with fellow lung researchers was of great value, and may result in future collaborations. I would like to extend my gratitude to the NRS for supporting my participation at the ICLAF.

