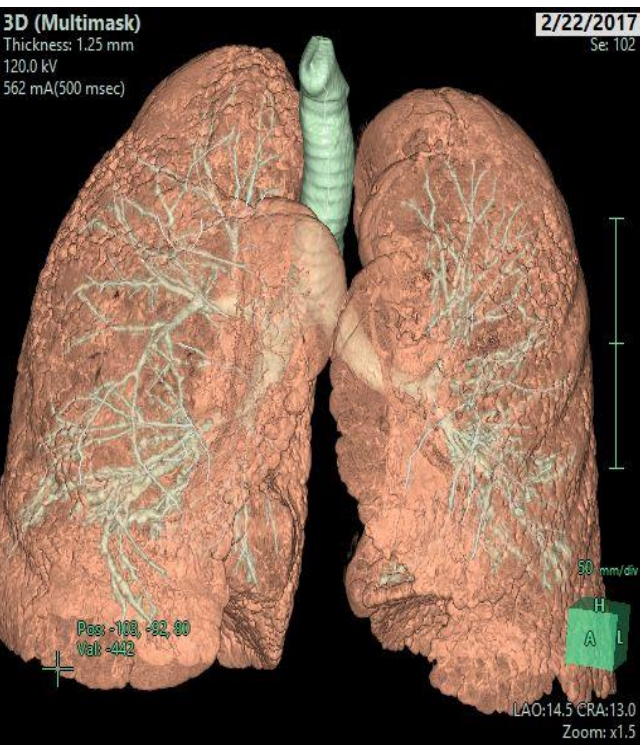


Algorithmic Approach of CTD-ILDs



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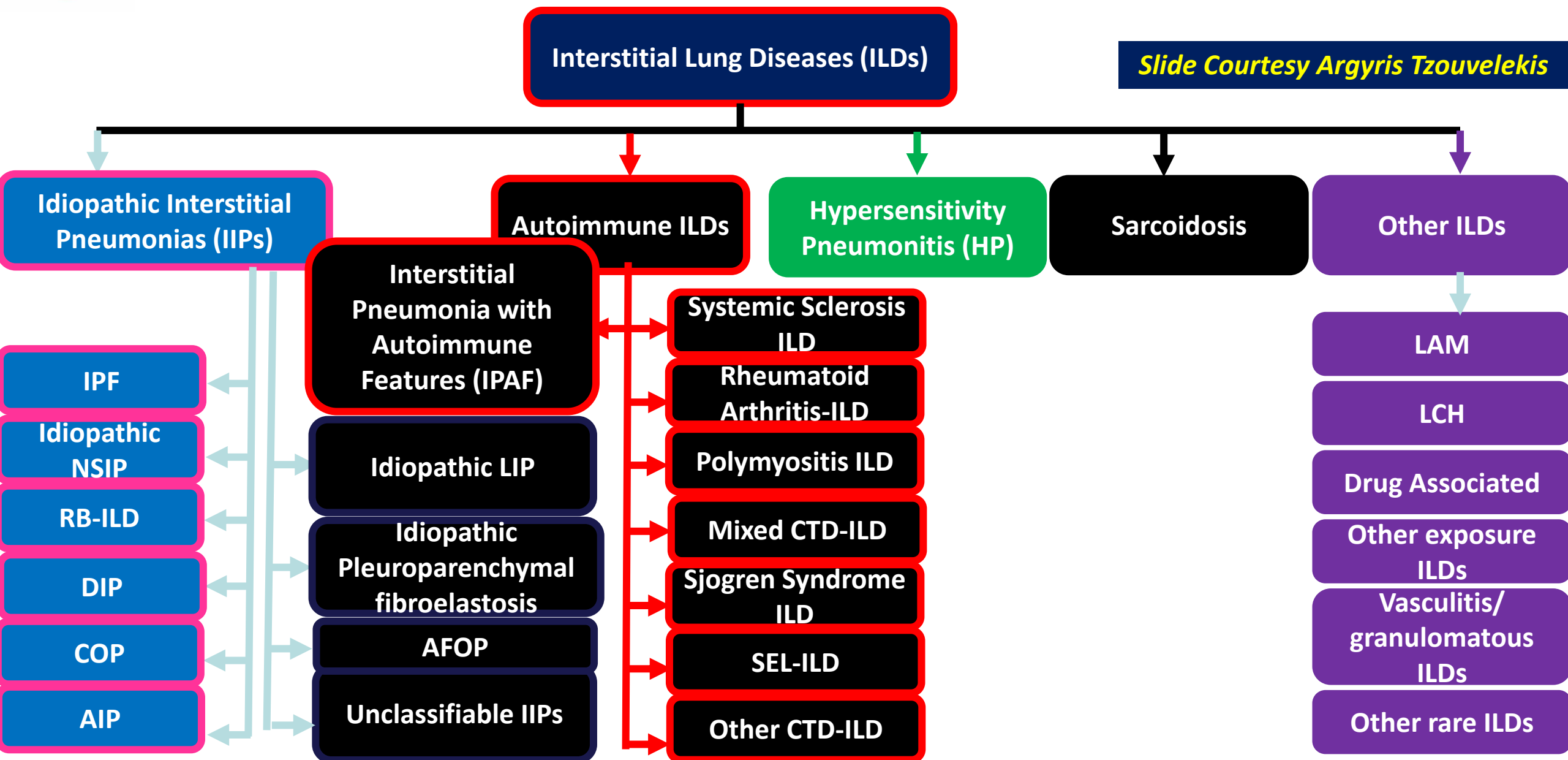


Introduction



Classification of ILDs

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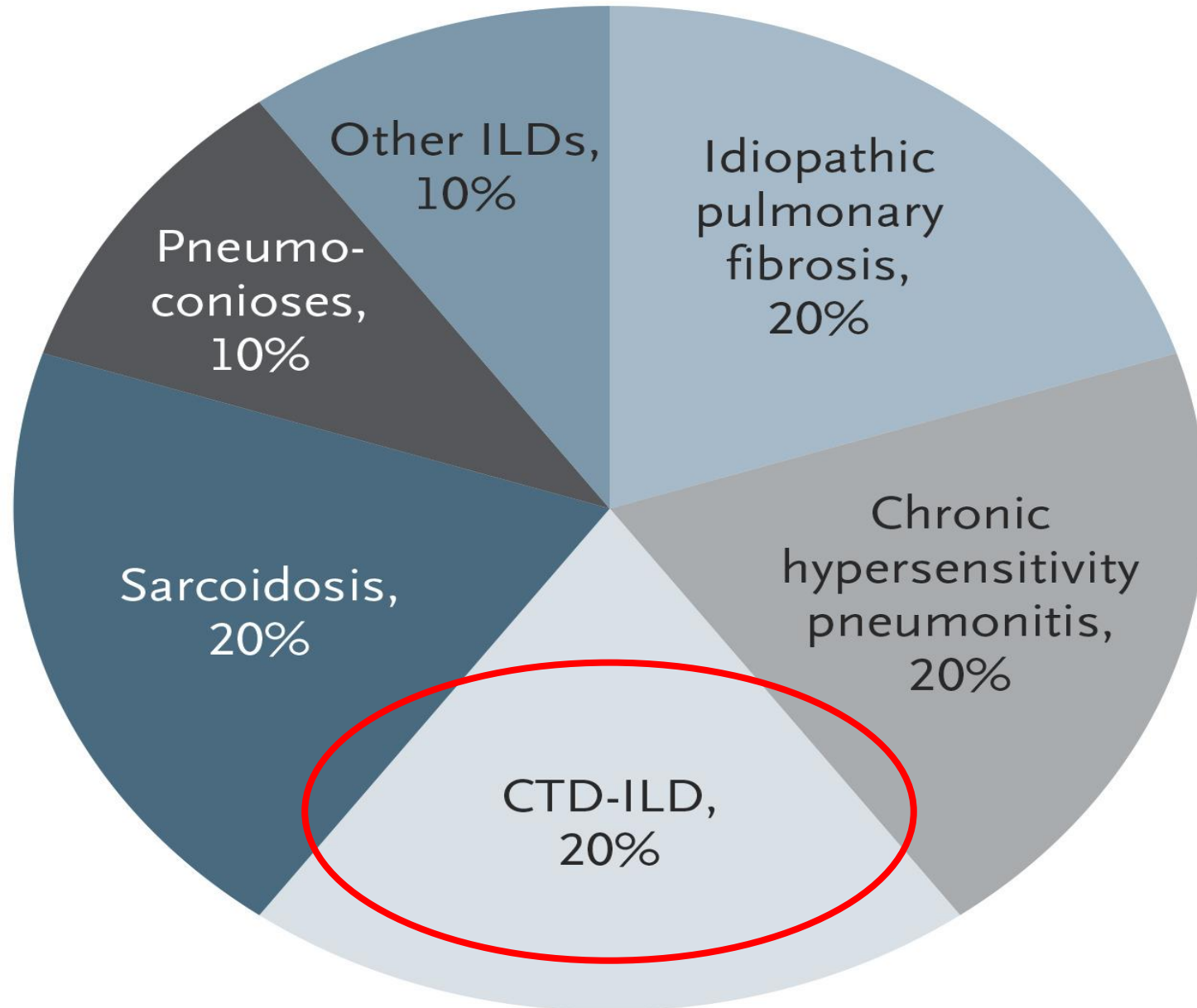




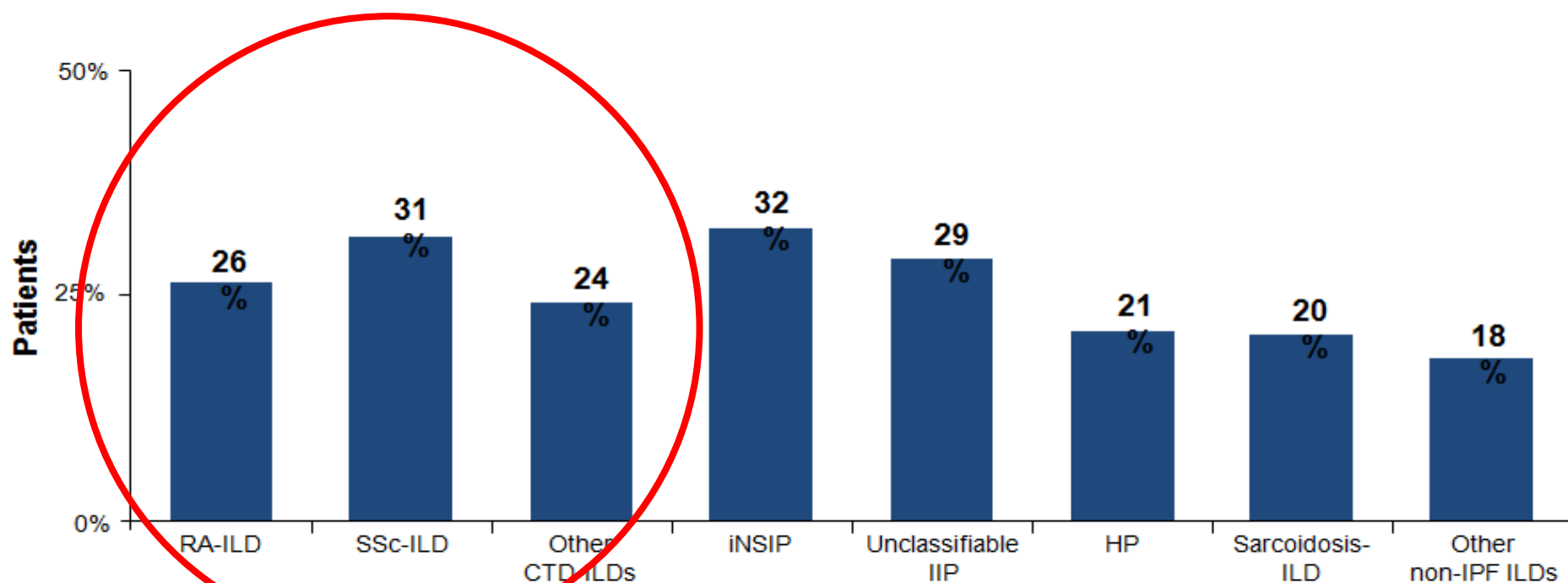
Is it common?



Estimated Relative Distribution of Specific ILDs in the US



Up to one-third of patients with ILDs, including CTD-ILD, develop progressive fibrosing disease



From a survey of 486 physicians who regularly managed ILD patients, it was estimated that 18–32% of patients diagnosed with non-IPF ILD develop progressive fibrosis¹

1. Wijsenbeek M *et al.* ATS 2018 International Conference. San Diego, USA, May 18–23, 2018; abstract A1678



Is it pleiomorphic?



Respiratory involvement in autoimmune diseases

- **Pleomorphic Involvement**

MAIN DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSES

- **Direct pulmonary involvement**

- **Indirect**

- ✓ Drug induced respiratory involvement?

- ✓ Infection-Immunocompromise?

- ✓ Comorbidities? (PH-COPD-Lung cancer)

- **10-15% of cases ILD precedes CTD diagnosis!**

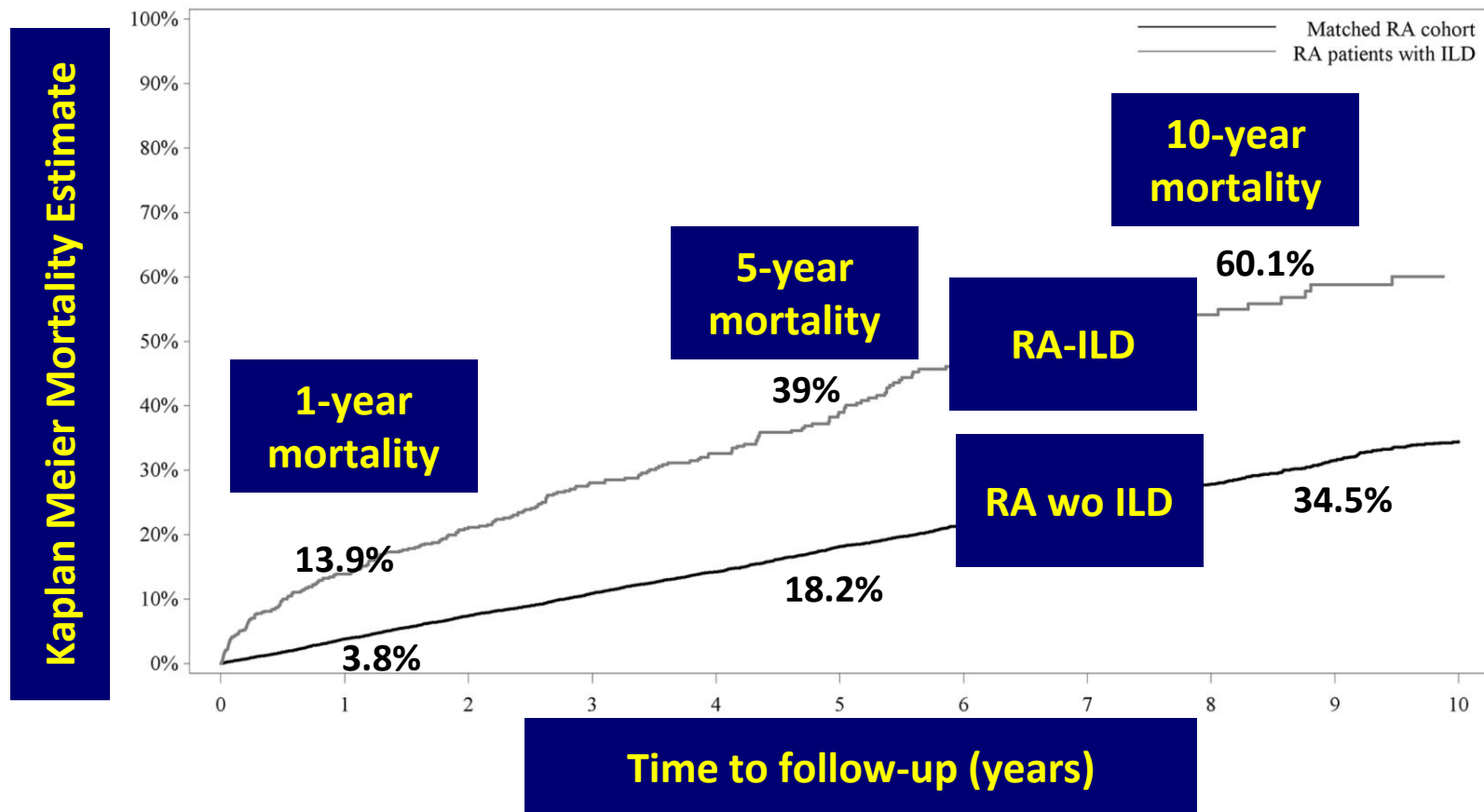


Does it matter?



Is ILD essential?

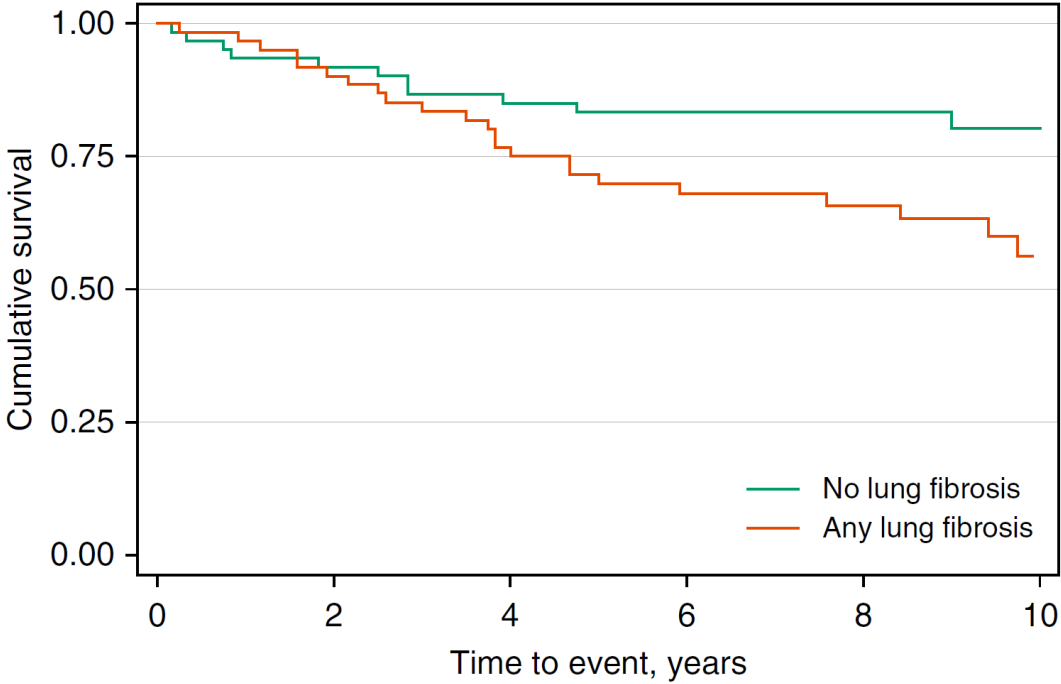
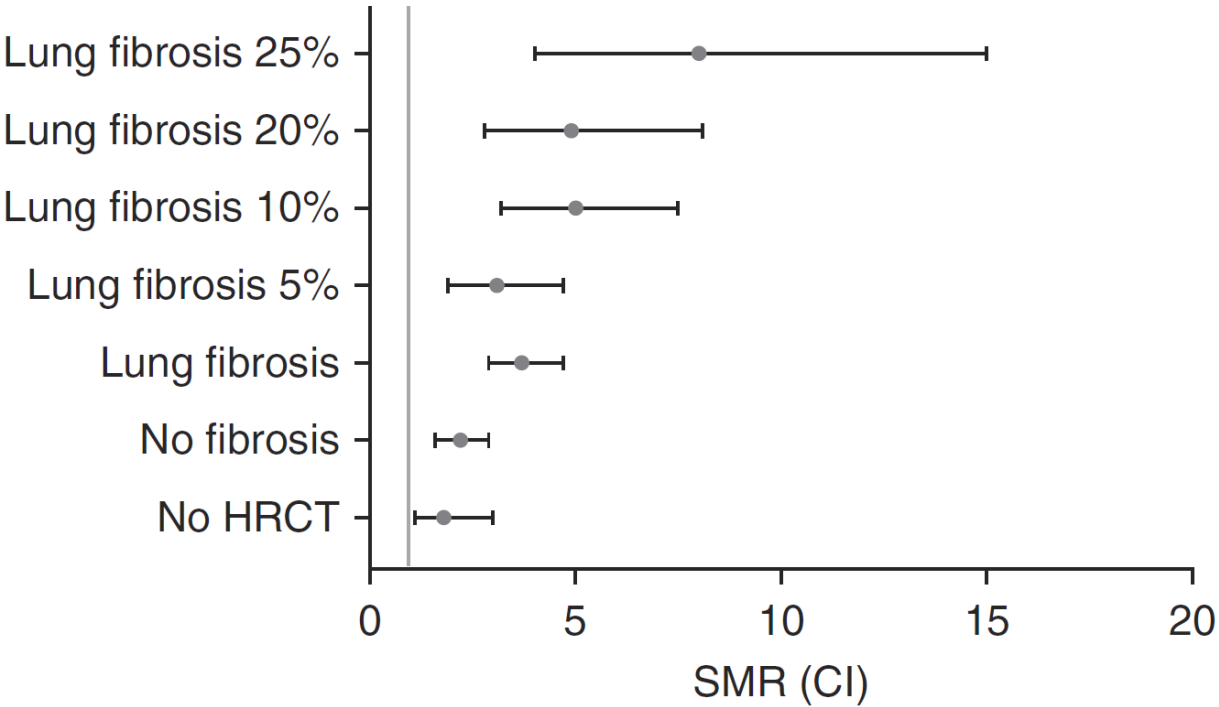
- **YES!!!!!! – MAJOR CAUSE OF DEATH**



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Tracking Impact of Interstitial Lung Disease in Systemic Sclerosis in a Complete Nationwide Cohort

*8 mortality rates if Lung fibrosis >25%



Slower rates of progression in SSc-ILD

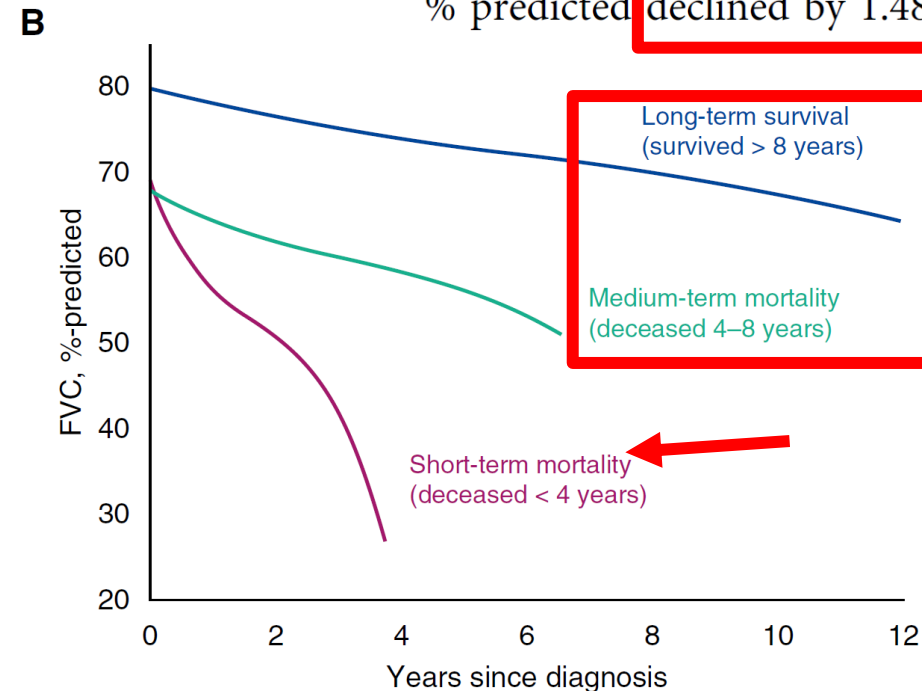
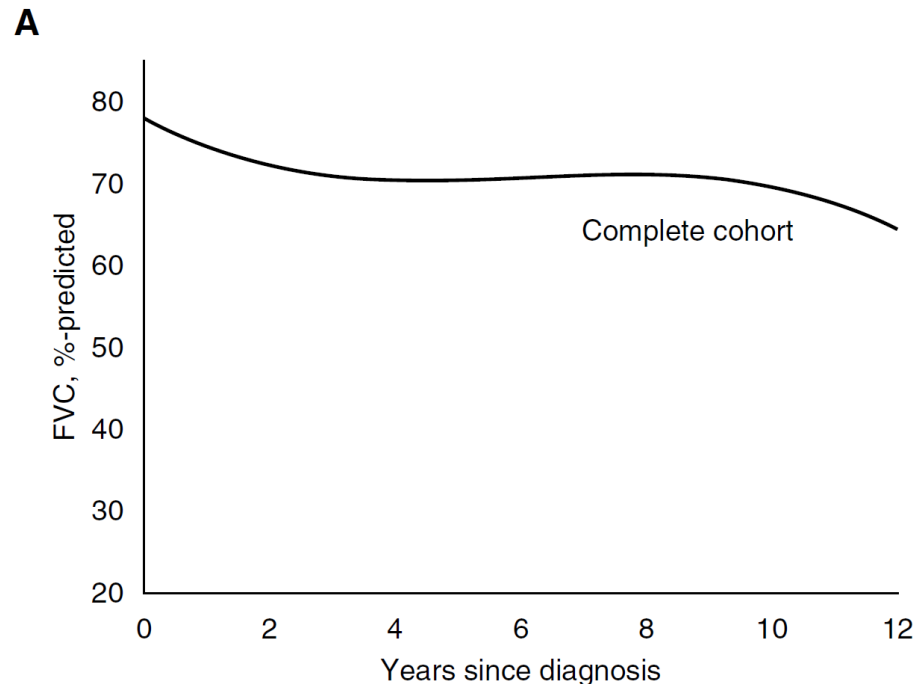
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Does Systemic Sclerosis–associated Interstitial Lung Disease Burn Out?

Specific Phenotypes of Disease Progression

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N=171 SSc-ILD



Rate of Physiological Progression

In the full cohort, FVC % predicted declined on average by 1.06% per year (95% confidence interval [CI], 0.64–1.47%). DL_{CO} % predicted declined by 1.48% per year



Prevalence and outcome of pulmonary fibrosis in microscopic polyangiitis

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A. Zormpala⁺ and H.M. Moutsopoulos^{*,#}

TABLE 2	Pulmonary function data in microscopic polyangiitis patients [#] with or without fibrosis		
	Fibrosis	No fibrosis	p-value
FVC % pred	75.4±12.3	79.6±10.9	0.45
FEV ₁ % pred	77.0±19.9	71.9±20.4	0.61
FEV ₁ /FVC	88.3±8.0	78.7±17.5	0.17
TLC % pred	70.6±5.9	82.9±17.1	0.01
DL _{CO} % pred	55.5±18.0	70.2±19.6	0.16

Data are presented as mean ± sd, unless otherwise stated. FVC: forced vital capacity; % pred: % predicted; FEV₁: forced expiratory volume in 1 s; TLC: total lung capacity; DL_{CO}: diffusing capacity for carbon monoxide. [#]: there were seven measurements in the fibrotic group and 11 in the non-fibrotic group.

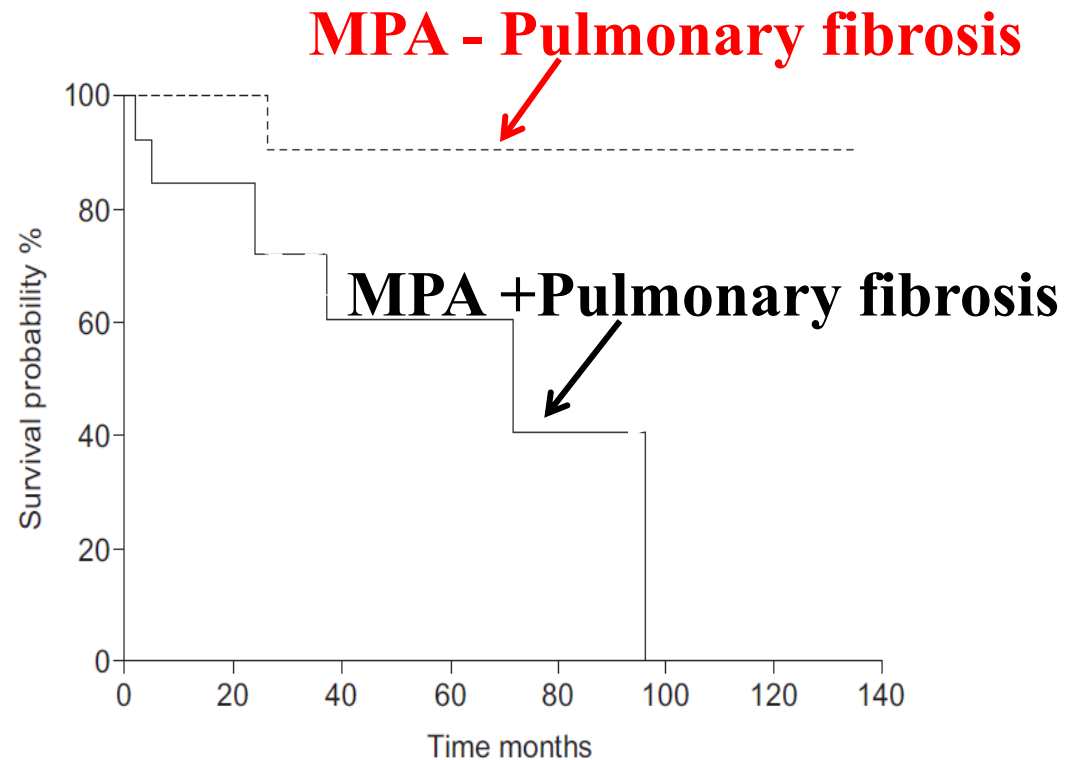


FIGURE 2. Kaplan–Meier survival graph comparing microscopic polyangiitis patients with (—) and without (---) pulmonary fibrosis.



Interstitial lung disease in connective tissue disorders

Aryeh Fischer, Roland du Bois

Lancet

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	ILD	Airways	Pleural	Vascular	DAH
Systemic sclerosis	+++	–	–	+++	–
Rheumatoid arthritis	++	++	++	+	–
Primary Sjögren's syndrome	++	++	+	+	–
Mixed CTD	++	+	+	++	–
Polymyositis/ dermatomyositis	+++	–	–	+	–
Systemic lupus erythematosus	+	+	+++	+	++

The signs show prevalence of each manifestation (–=no prevalence; +=low prevalence; ++=medium prevalence; +++=high prevalence). ILD=interstitial lung disease. DAH=diffuse alveolar haemorrhage. CTD=connective tissue disease.

Table 1: CTDs and common pulmonary manifestations



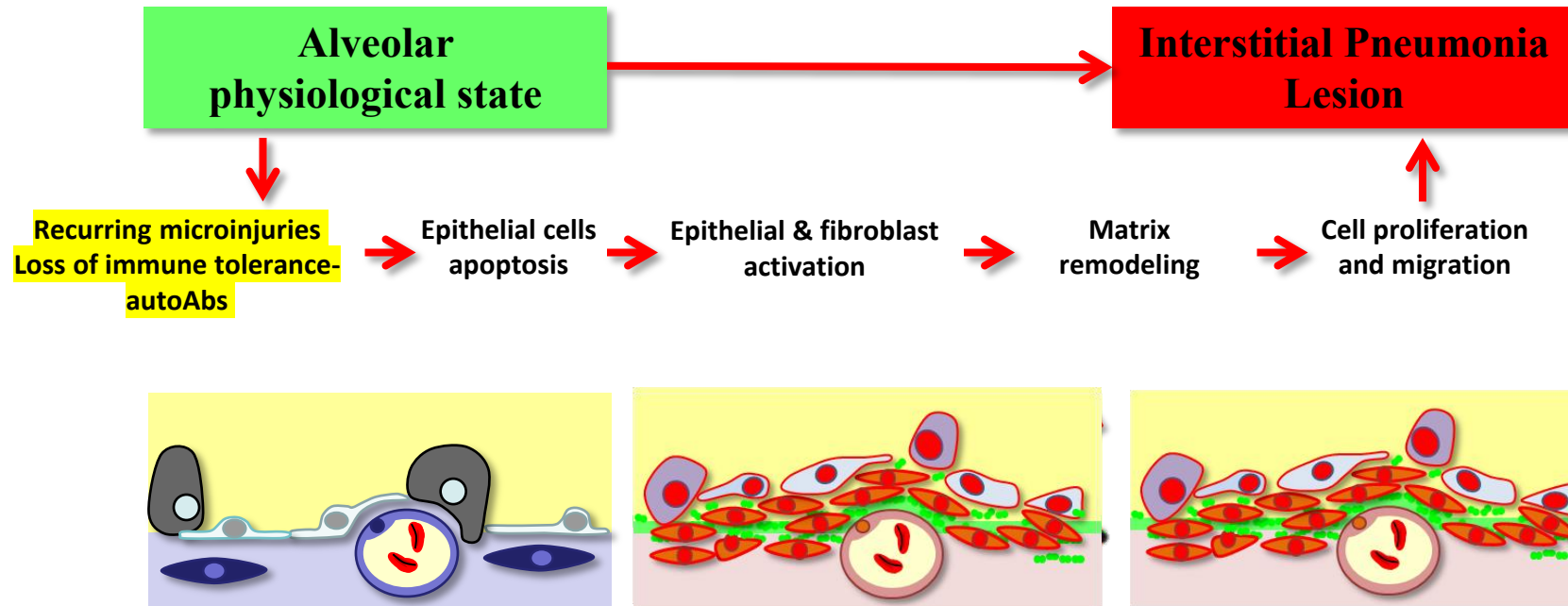
Serology defines **PATTERNS** of lung involvement

	RA	SLE	Scleroderma	DM-PM	Sjögren's syndrome	MCTD
<i>Immunofluorescence nuclear pattern</i>						
Homogeneous		+				
Speckled		+	+	+	+	+
Peripheral		+	+			
Nucleolar			+	+		
<i>Specific nuclear antigens targeted in CTDs</i>						
dsDNA		+				
ssDNA		+				
Histones		+				
Sm		+				
U1-RNP		+	+ (PH)			
U3-RNP			+ (ILD, PH)			
U11-RNP			+ (ILD)			
U12-RNP			+ (ILD)			
rRNP		+				
RNP	+	+	+			+
SSA/Ro		+ (ILD)		+ (ILD)	+	
SSB/La		+			+	
Ku		+	+	+ (PH)		
Ki		+				
Scl-70			+ (ILD)			
CENP A-E			+ (PH)			
Th/To			+ (ILD, PH)			
RNA-pol-1			+			
RNA-pol-2			+			
RNA-pol-3			+			
Jo-1 (cytoplasmic)				+ (ILD)		
EJ (cytoplasmic)				+ (ILD)		
OJ (cytoplasmic)				+ (ILD)		
PL-7 (cytoplasmic)				+ (ILD)		
PL-12 (cytoplasmic)				+ (ILD)		
KS (cytoplasmic)				+ (ILD)		
Zo (cytoplasmic)				+ (ILD)		
YRS (cytoplasmic)				+ (ILD)		
Mi-2 (cytoplasmic)				+		
SRP				+		
CADM-140 (MDA5)				+ (AIP)		
PM-Scl			+	+		
<i>Non-ANA autoantibodies</i>						
ANCA						
RF	+					
ACPA	+ (1ILD)					



Pathogenesis-Pathophysiology

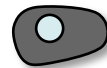
Pathogenesis of CTD-ILD



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Pneumocyte type I



Pneumocyte type II



Endothelial cell



Fibroblast

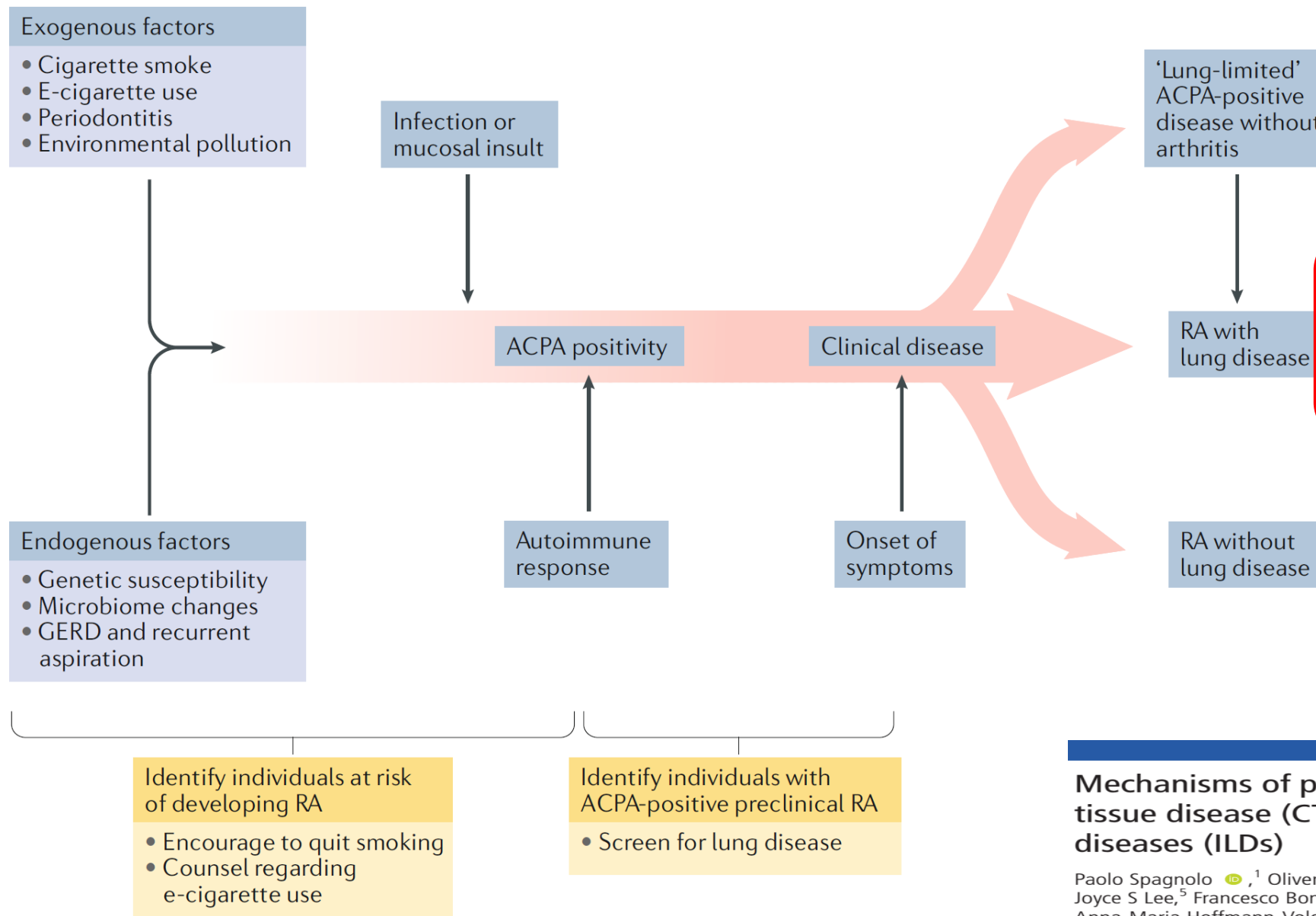
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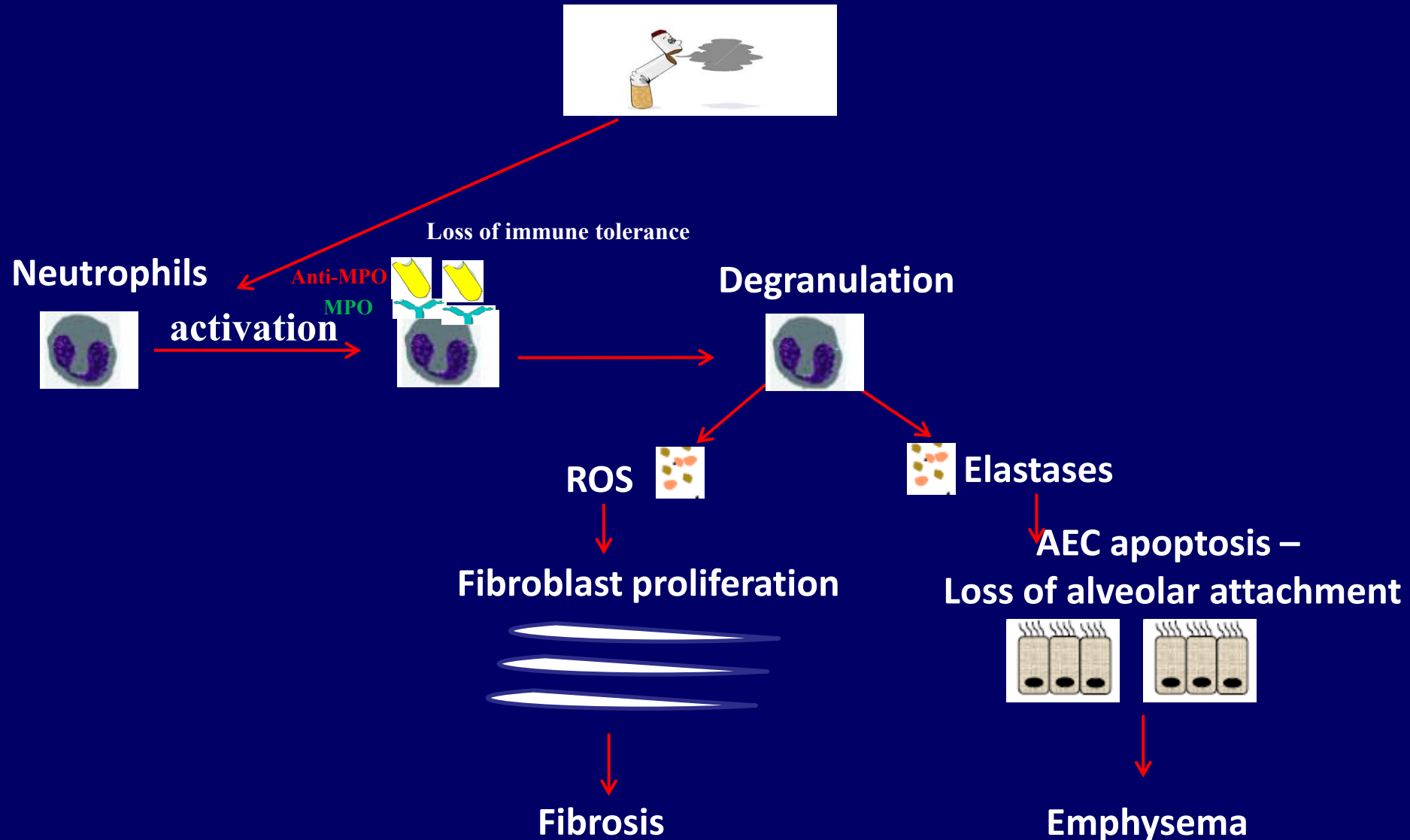
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Mechanisms of progressive fibrosis in connective tissue disease (CTD)-associated interstitial lung diseases (ILDs)

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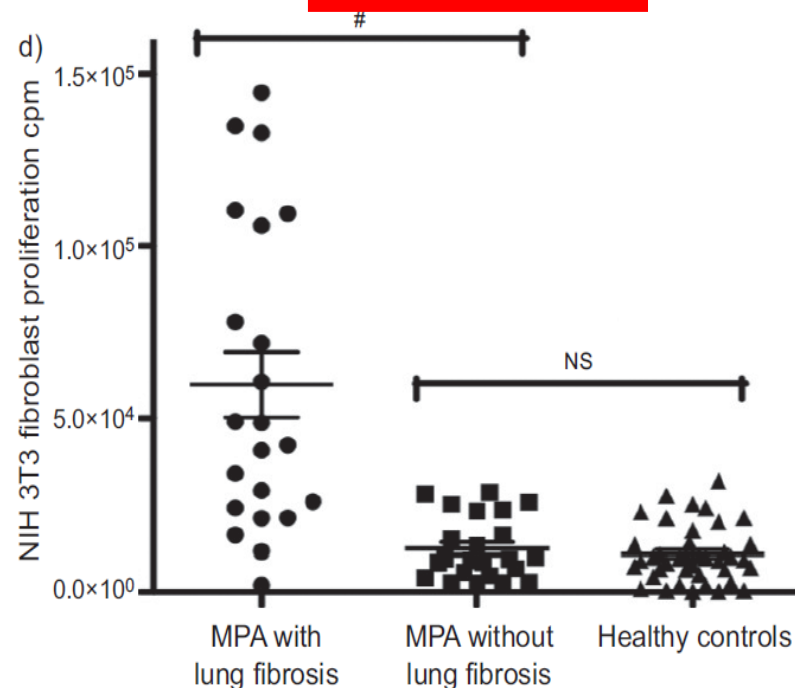
Pathogenesis of CTD-ILDs/Vasculitis



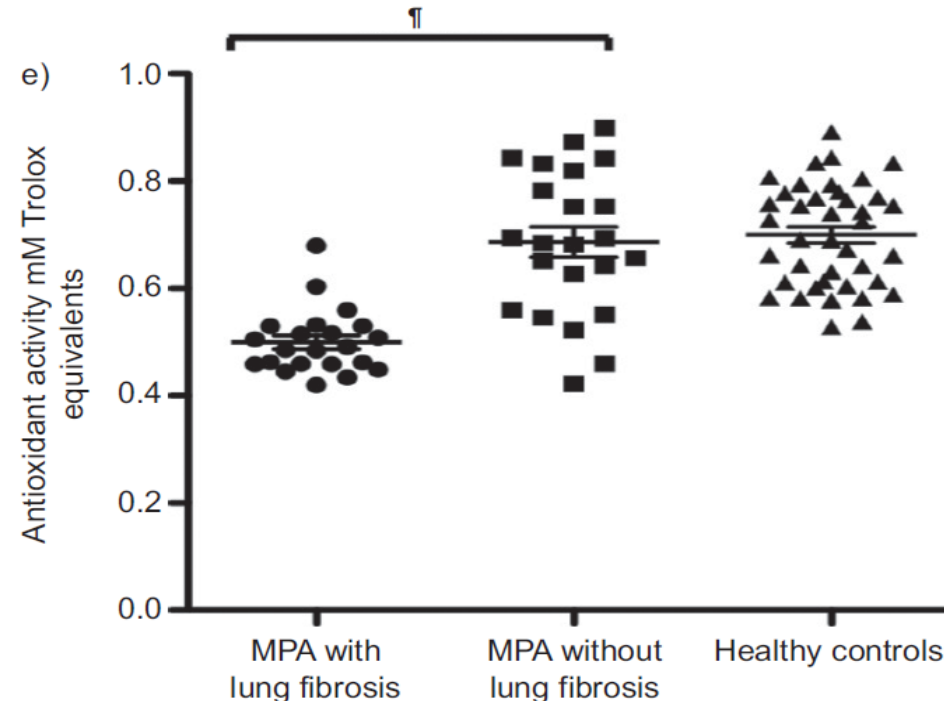
The oxidation induced by antimyeloperoxidase antibodies triggers fibrosis in microscopic polyangiitis

P. Guilpain^{*,#,*f}, C. Chéreau^{*,f}, C. Goulvestre^{*}, A. Servettaz^{*}, D. Montani[¶], N. Tamas⁺, C. Pagnoux^{#,+}, E. Hachulla[§], B. Weill^{*}, L. Guillevin^{#,+}, L. Mouthon^{#,+} and F. Batteux^{*}

Increased fibroblast proliferation induced by serum of MPA-PF



Reduced anti-oxidant activity induced by serum of MPA-PF





IPF/UIP vs CTD/UIP

Common genetic background

IPF

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Genome-wide association study identifies multiple susceptibility loci for pulmonary fibrosis

nature
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

A Common MUC5B Promoter Polymorphism and Pulmonary Fibrosis

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

MUC5B Promoter Variant and Rheumatoid Arthritis with Interstitial Lung Disease

This article was published on October 20, 2018, at NEJM.org.

CONCLUSIONS

We found that the MUC5B promoter variant was associated with RA-ILD and more specifically associated with evidence of usual interstitial pneumonia on imaging. (Funded by Société Française de Rhumatologie and others.)

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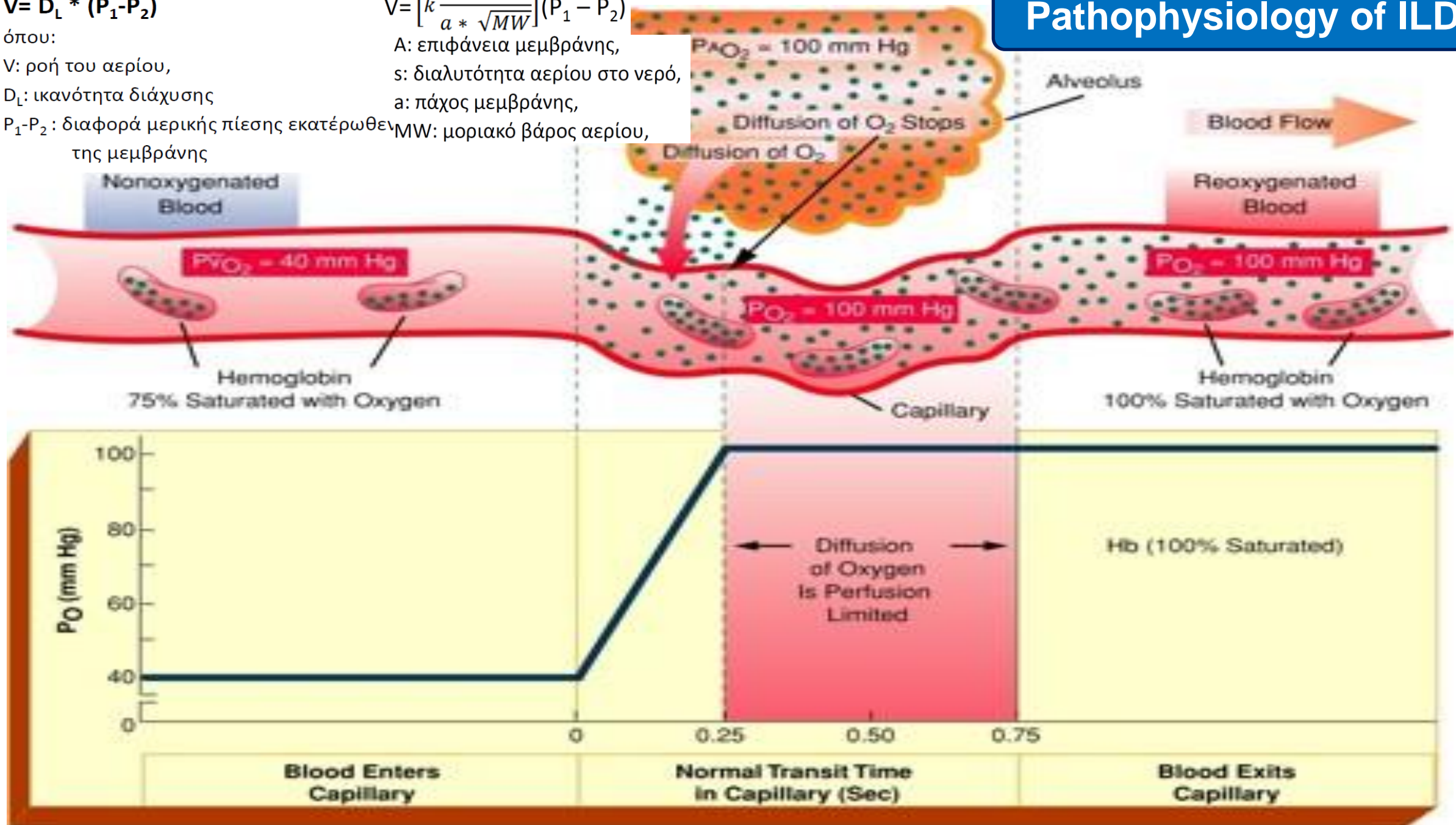
όπου:

- V: ροή του αερίου,
- D_L : ικανότητα διάχυσης
- $P_1 - P_2$: διαφορά μερικής πίεσης εκατέρωθεν της μεμβράνης

$$V = \left[k \frac{A * s}{a * \sqrt{MW}} \right] (P_1 - P_2)$$

A: επιφάνεια μεμβράνης,
s: διαλυτότητα αερίου στο νερό,
a: πάχος μεμβράνης,
MW: μοριακό βάρος αερίου,

Pathophysiology of ILD





So what do we do?



Physical Exam -
Lung function tests/6MWD/Cardiac echo



HRCT – BAL- Biopsy



Treat based on
disease behavior

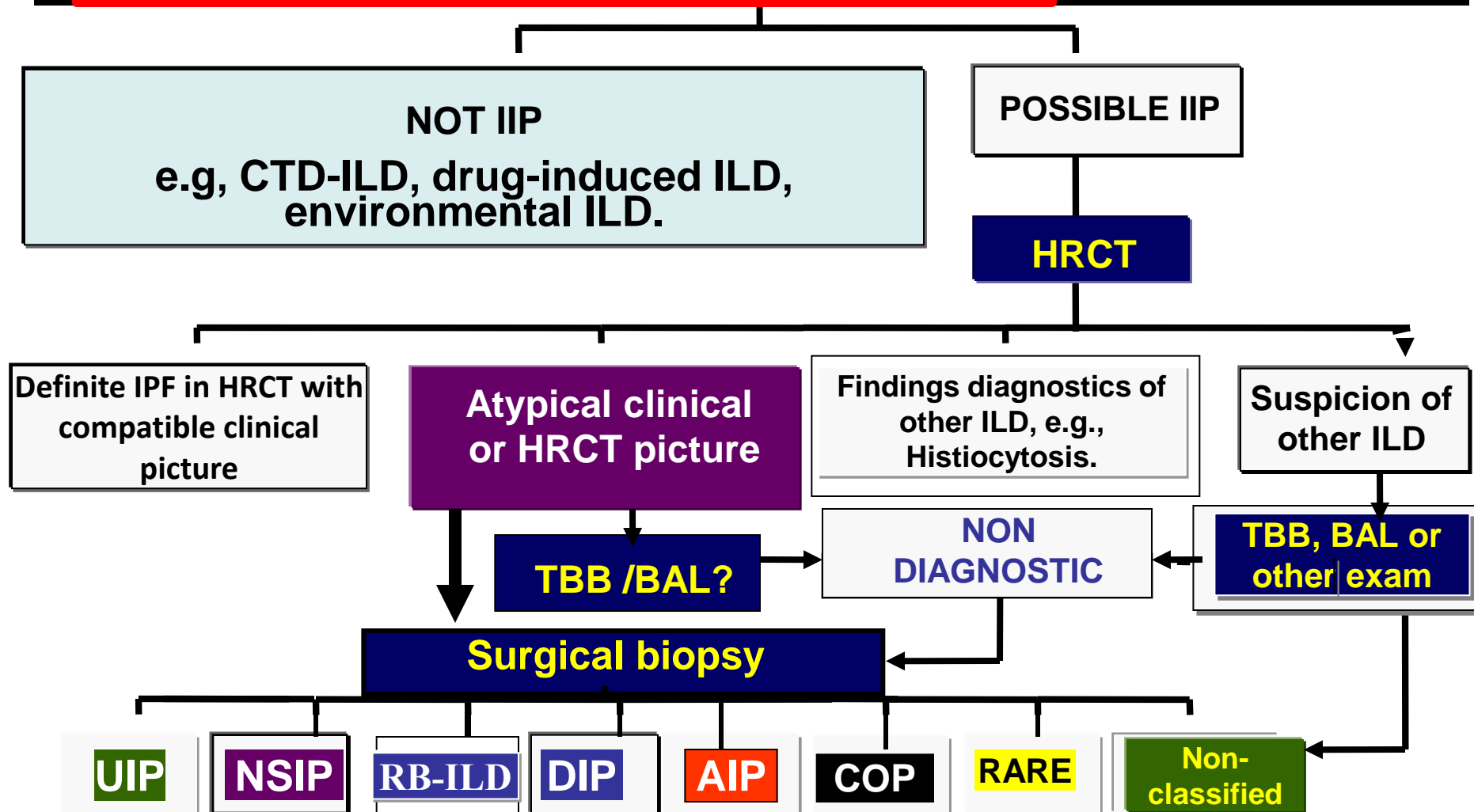


Physical Exam and PFTs



DIAGNOSTIC APPROACH OF CTD-ILDs

History, physical exam, PFTs, serology,



Physical Exam

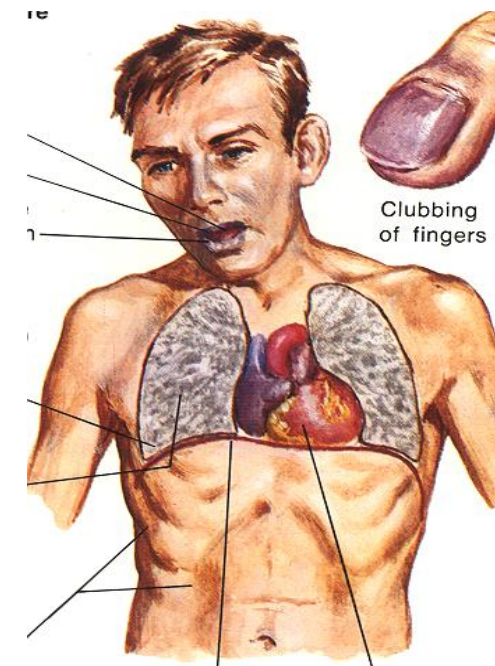


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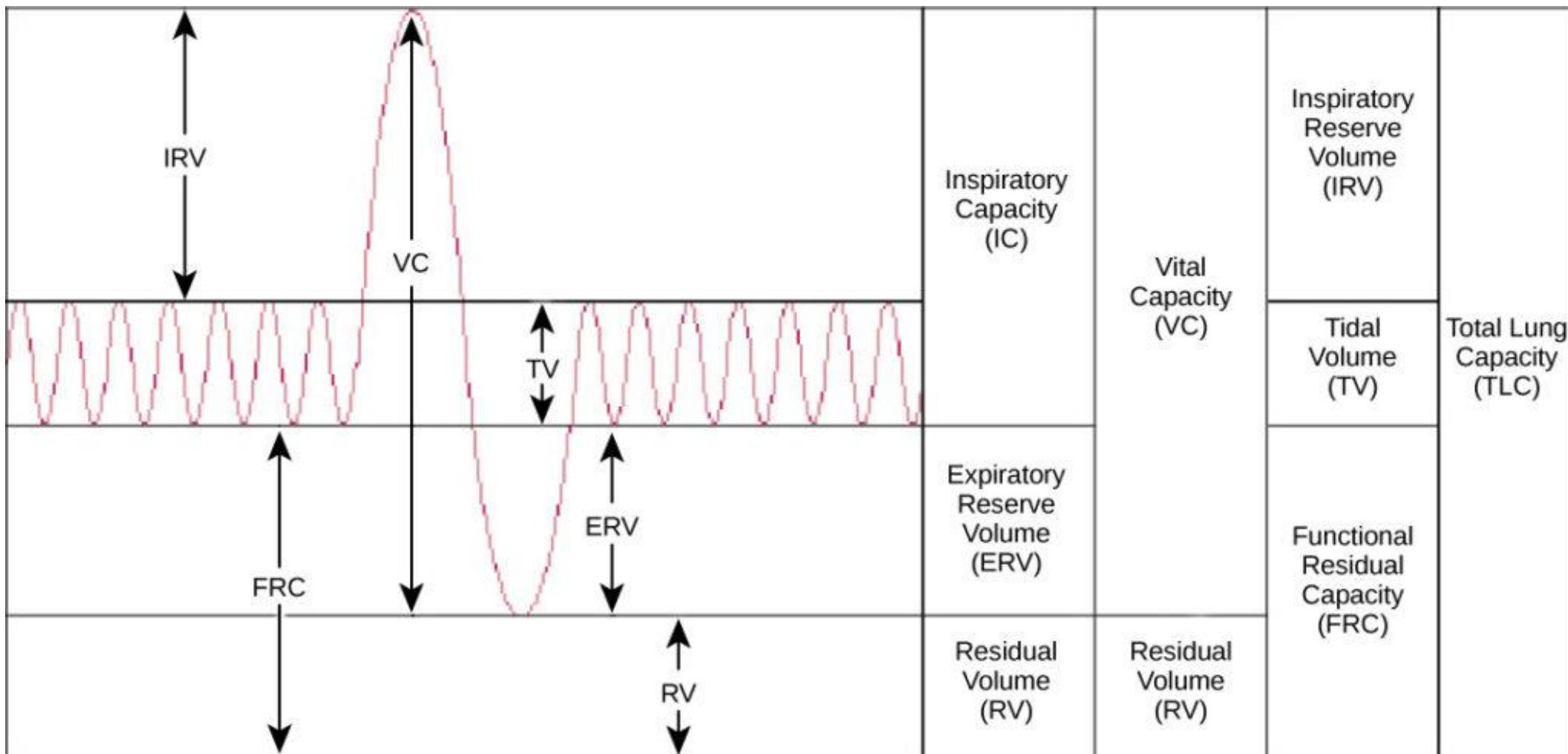
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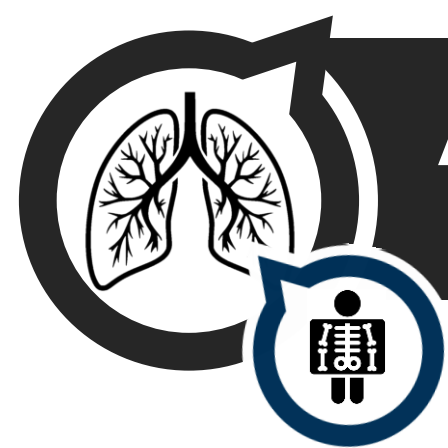
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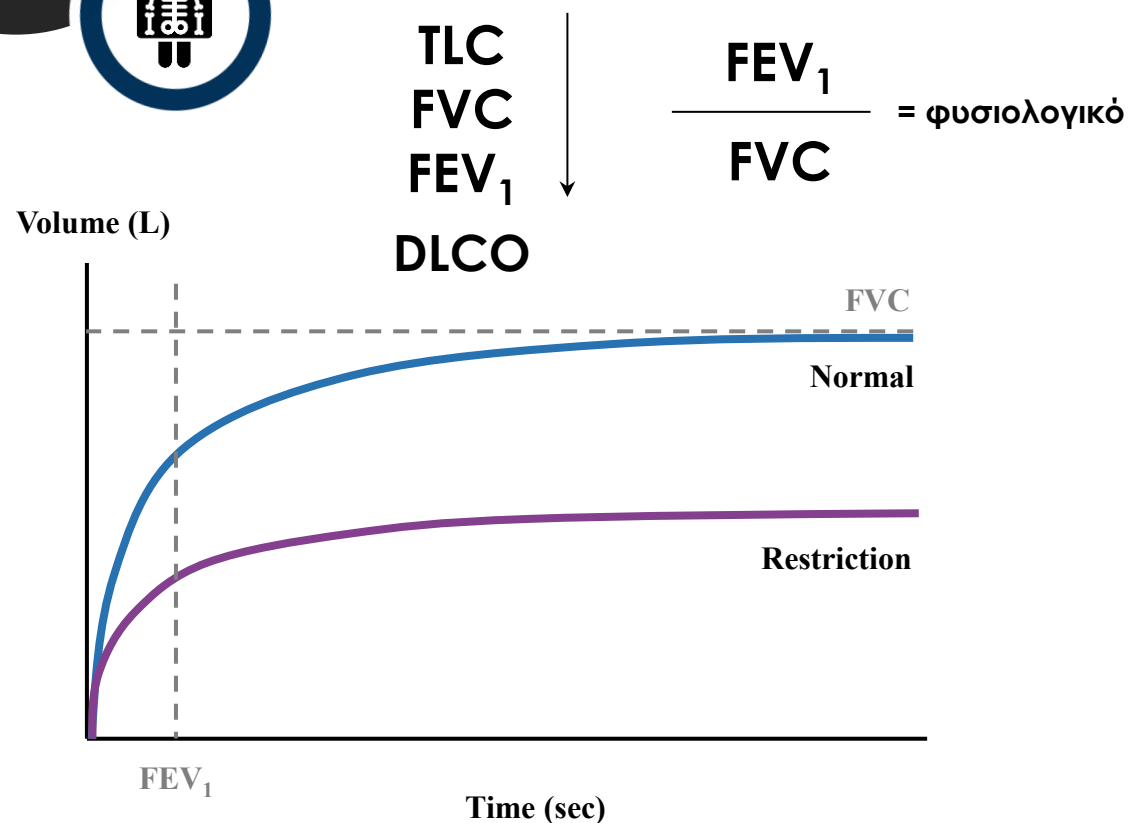
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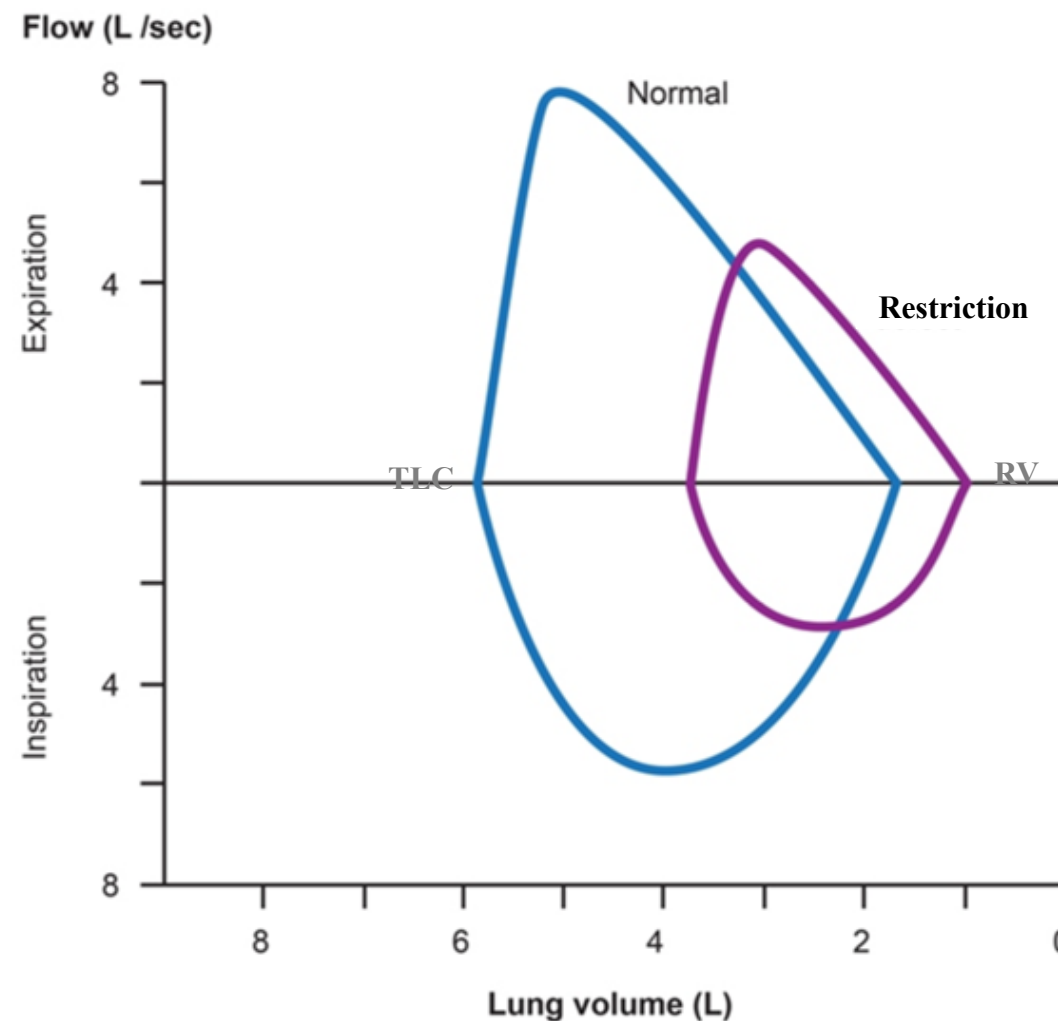




Λειτουργικές Δοκιμασίες-Περιοριστικό πρότυπο ενίοτε μικτό



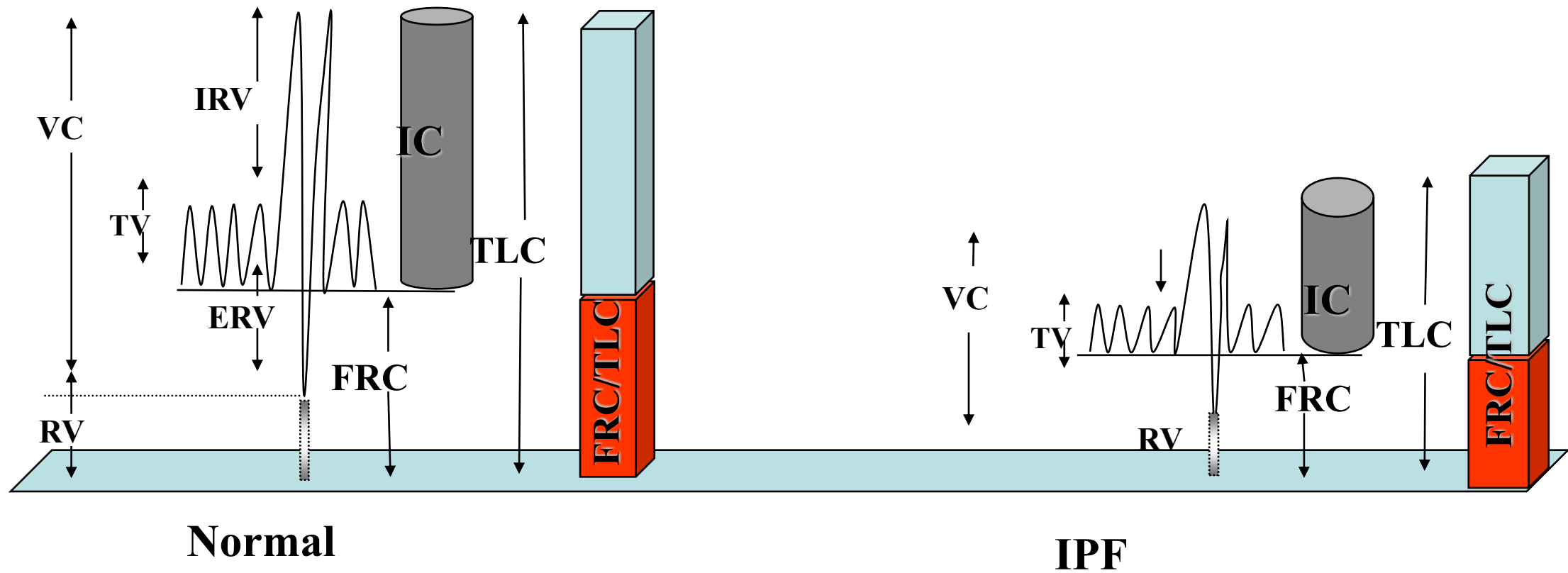
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[6] Jameson *et al.* "Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine", 20th Edition, Mc Graw Hill Education, 2018

[3] J. D. Zibrak *et al.* "Interstitial lung disease: raising the index of suspicion in primary care", Primary Care Respiratory Medicine, 2014

Περιοριστικά σύνδρομα – Στατικοί όγκοι



- **O₂ – για μέτρηση DLCO – τεχνικές δυσκολίες** – V/Q mismatch – διαφορετική τριχοειδική πίεση από φλεβική σε αρτηριακή κυκλοφορία
- **CO** – ιδανικό – 100-200 φορές μεγαλύτερη συγγένεια δέσμευσης με Hgb- δεν επηρεάζεται από αιματική ροή
- Μέθοδος μονής εισπνοής (single-breath test) – 3 στάδια
- 1) Εξεταζόμενος εκπνέει όλο τον αέρα (RV)
- 2) Βαθιά εισπνοή (TLC) αβλαβούς μίγματος αερίων (0.3% CO, 21% O₂, 10%He, N₂)
- 3) Απότομη εκπνοή όλου του αέρα (RV)

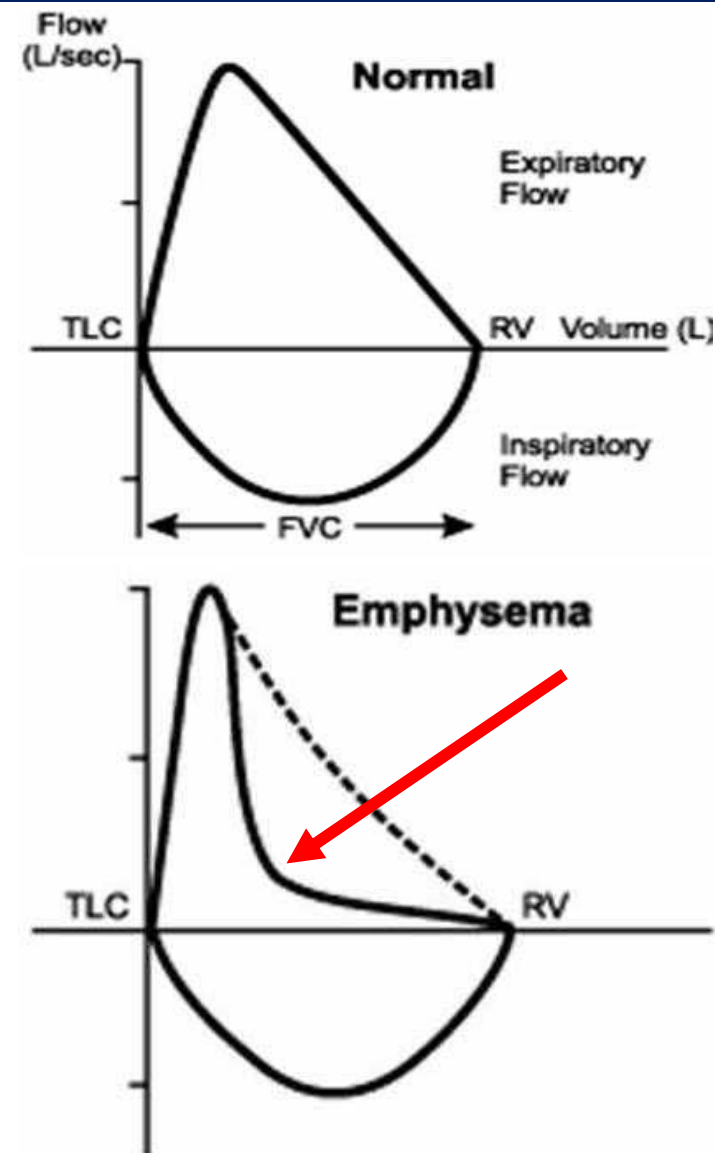


Αποφρακτικά σύνδρομα

FEV1/FVC – ελαττωμένος (<0.70-0.75)

FEV1 – ελαττωμένος ή φυσιολογικός – ανάλογα με βαρύτητα

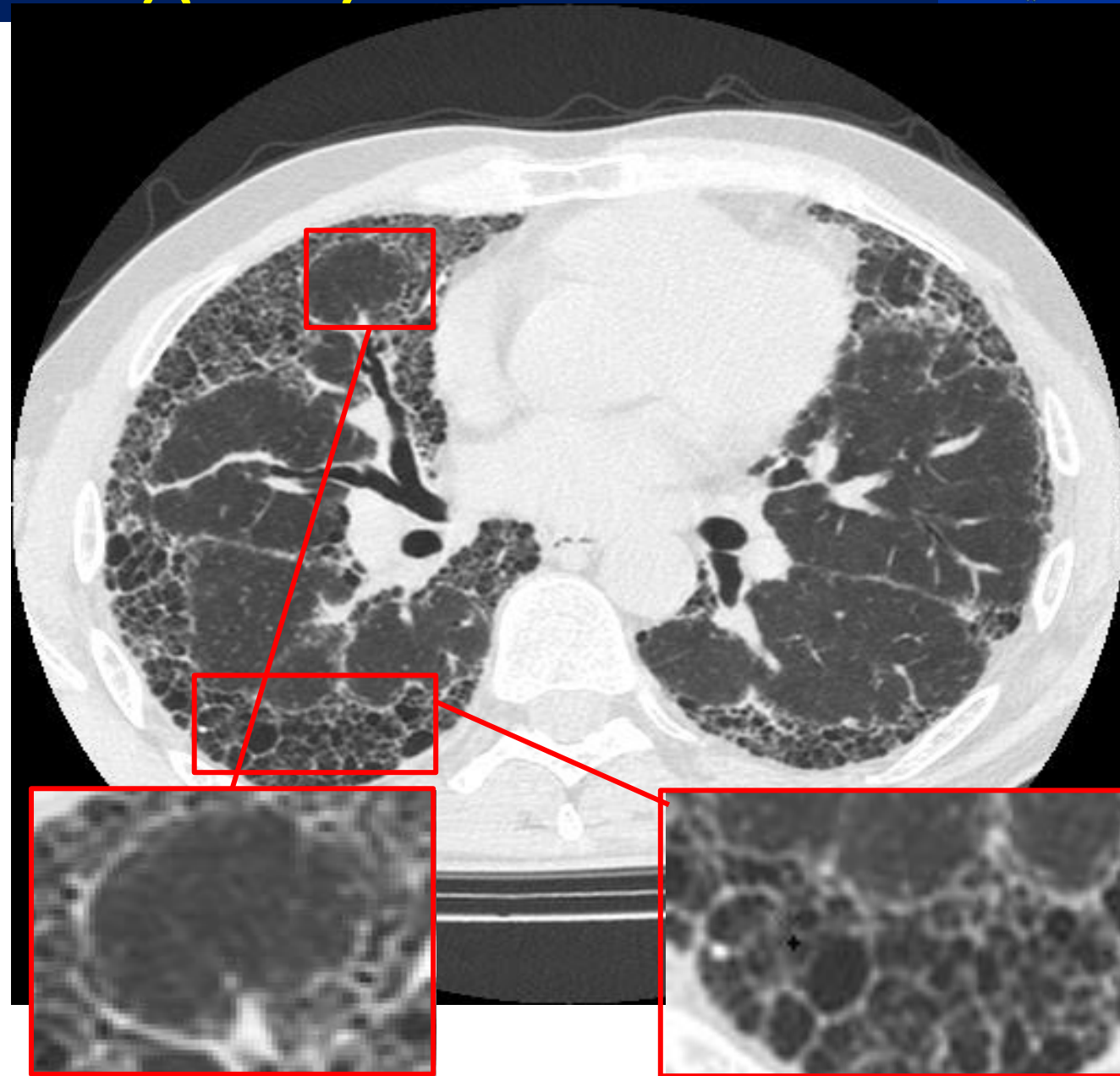
Μείωση της μέγιστης εκπνευστικής ροής σε σχέση με τον μέγιστο όγκο λόγω αυξημένων αντιστάσεων σύνθλιψης των αεραγωγών κατά την βίαιη εκπνοή απώλεια του υποστηρικτικού ιστού-εμφύσημα – scooping effect or dog-leg appearance of the expiratory limb.



Μικτά πρότυπα- Συνδυασμός Πνευμονικής Ινωσης – Εμφυσήματος (CPFE)

Διατηρημένοι πνευμονικοί όγκοι με ήπια ελάττωση της FEV1 και του λόγου FEV1/FVC με δυσανάλογη ελάττωση της DLCO

- FVC: 88%
- FEV1: 72%
- Tif: 70
- TLC: 81%
- **DLCO: 39%**





6MWD- An easy, reproducible,informative biomarker

Six-Minute-Walk Test in Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Test Validation and Minimal Clinically Important Difference

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24 m reduction in 6mo means alert

suggesting good construct validity. Importantly, change in 6MWD was highly predictive of mortality; a 24-week decline of greater than 50 m was associated with a fourfold increase in risk of death at 1 year (hazard ratio, 4.27; 95% confidence interval, 2.57–7.10; $P < 0.001$). The estimated MCID was 24–45 m.

Conclusions: The 6MWT is a reliable, valid, and responsive measure of disease status and a valid endpoint for clinical trials in IPF.

Less than 250 at baseline means alert

TABLE 6. COX PROPORTIONAL HAZARDS MODEL

	Patient Visits (n)	Deaths (n)	HR (95% CI)	P Value
Δ6MWT distance, m				
< -50	317	40	4.27 (2.57–7.10)	<0.001
-50 to -26	117	18	3.59 (1.95–6.63)	<0.001
≥ -25	720	24		
6MWT distance, m				
<250	130	15	2.65 (1.48–4.74)	0.001
250 to 349	255	20	1.54 (0.91–2.60)	0.106
≥350	823	47		

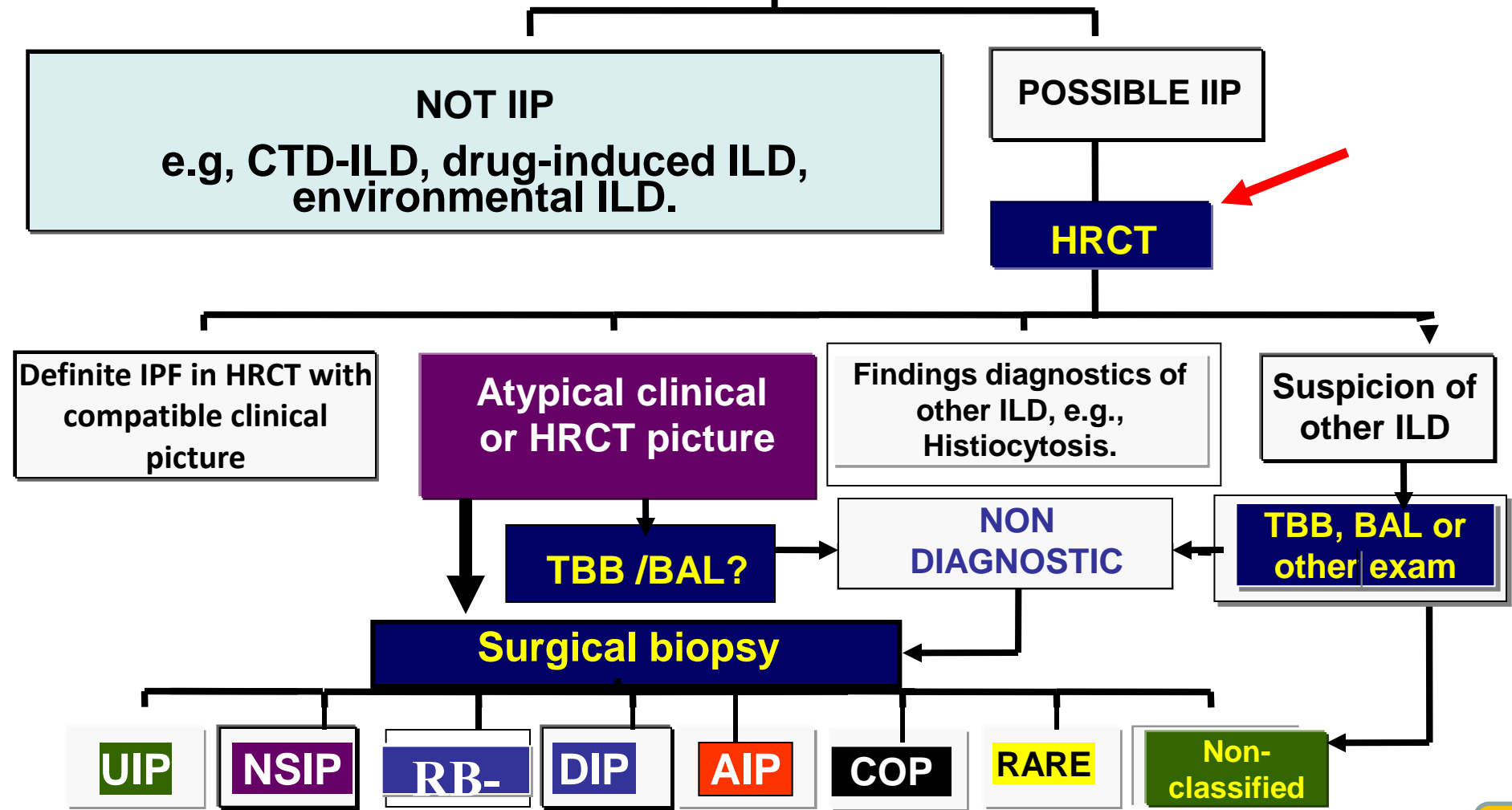


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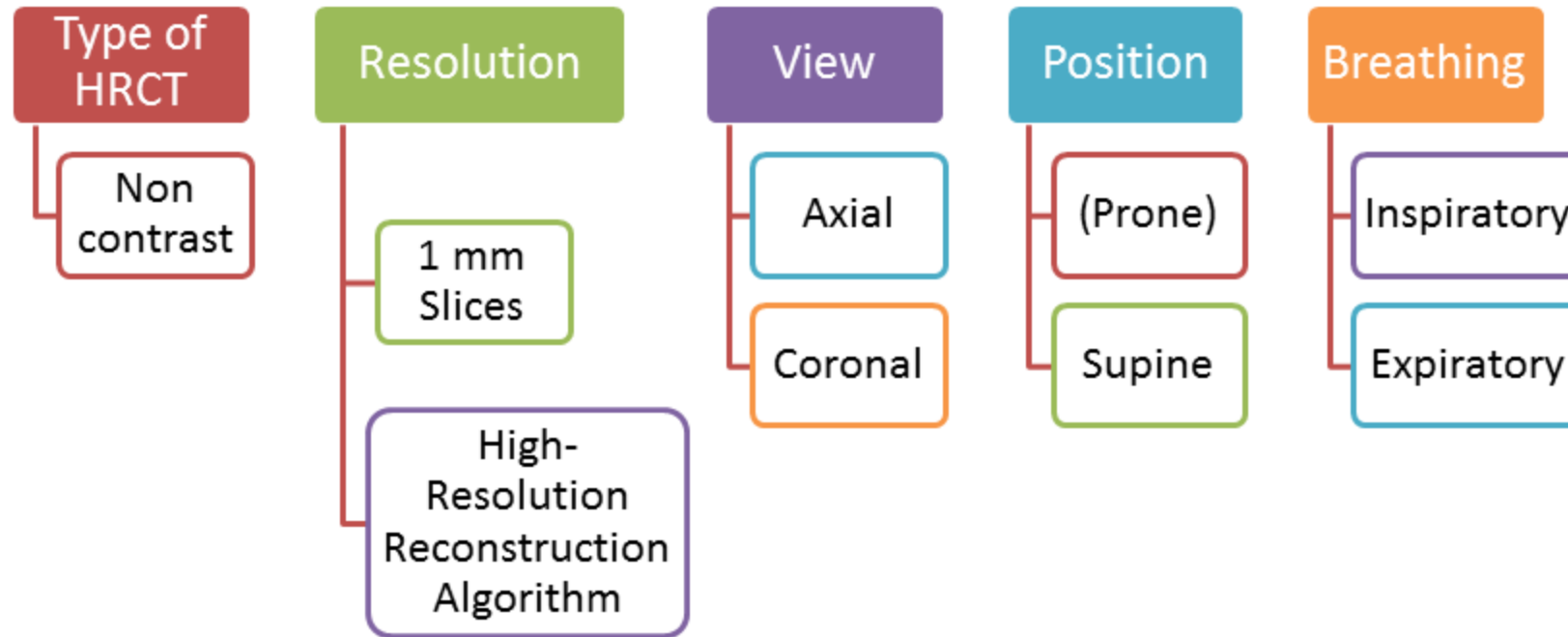


DIAGNOSTIC APPROACH OF IIPs

History, physical exam, serology, PFTs

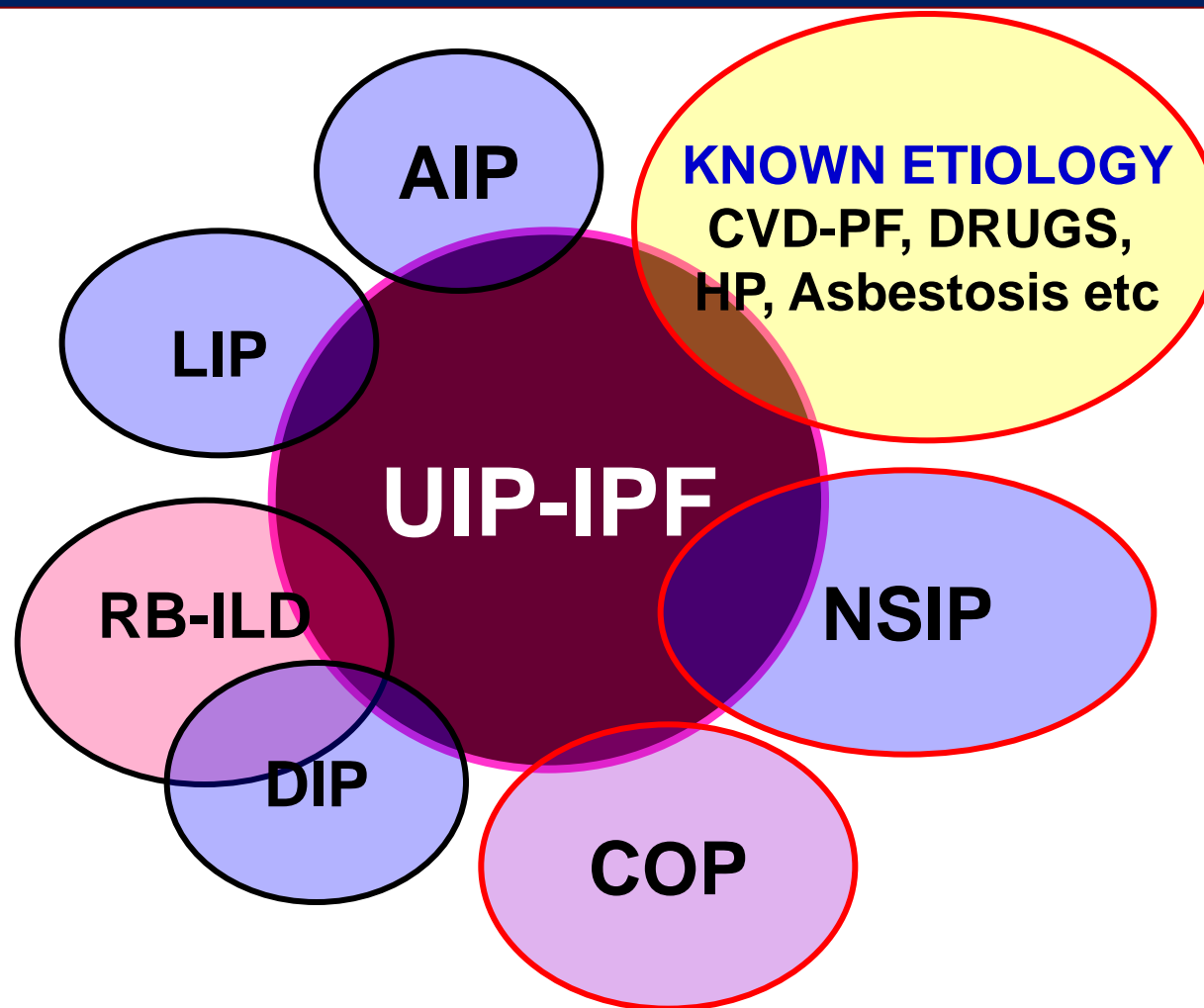


What are the features of an HRCT?





USUAL INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA AND IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS



Most UIPs are “IPF”, ALL UIPs ARE NOT IPF



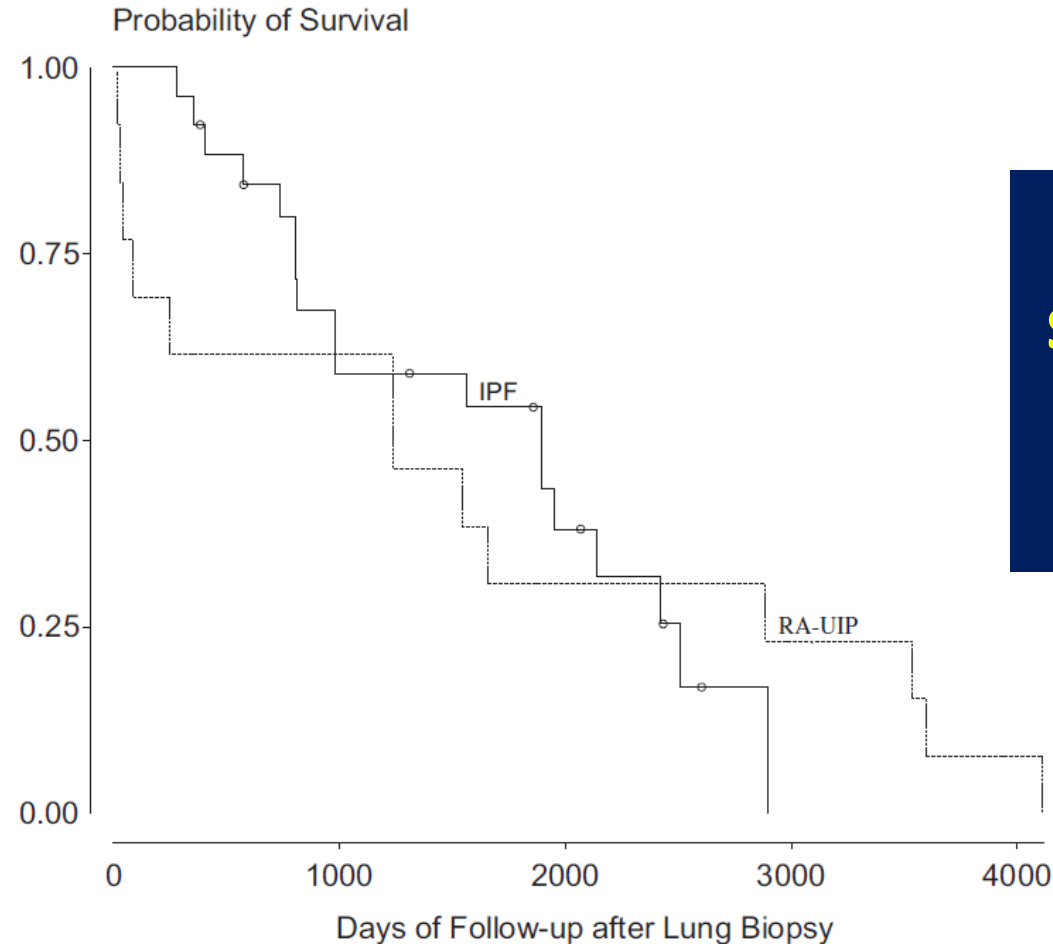
ILD patterns in autoimmune diseases



TYPE	SSc	RA	PM/DMM	SLE	MCTD	Sjögren's
UIP	++	++	++	++	+	-
NSIP	+++ 90%	+	+	+	++	++ 25%
OP	+	+	+++ 50%	+	—	-
DAD	+	+	++	++	—	—
DIP	+	+	+	+	—	+/-
LIP	—	—	—	—	—	+++ 20%
DAH / CAPILARITIS	+	+	+	+++	—	—
ILD	+++	++	+++	+	++	+

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HRCT pattern defines **SEVERITY** of lung involvement



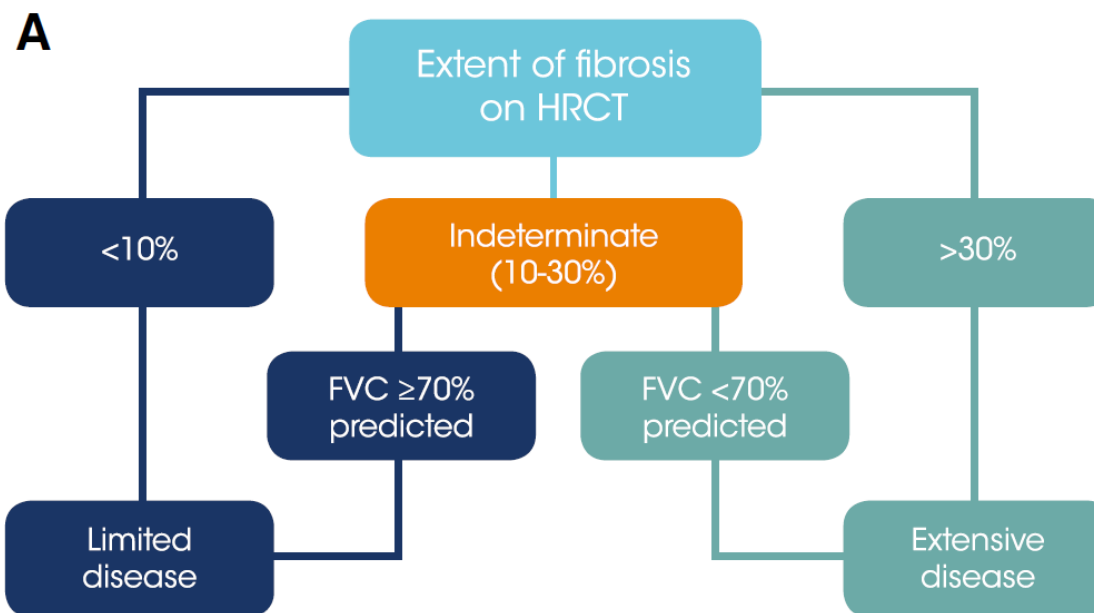
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several cases
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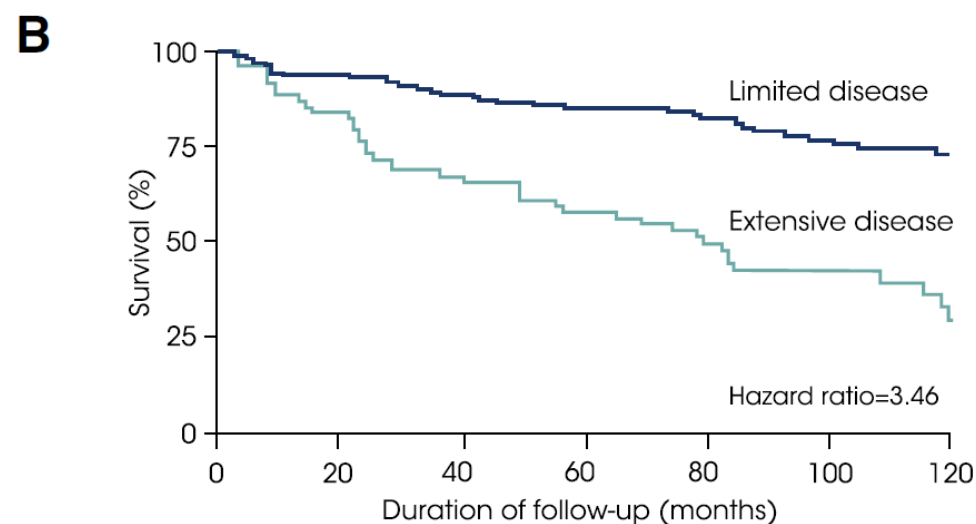
HRCT and functional extent define prognosis



Early identification of anti-fibrotic benefit

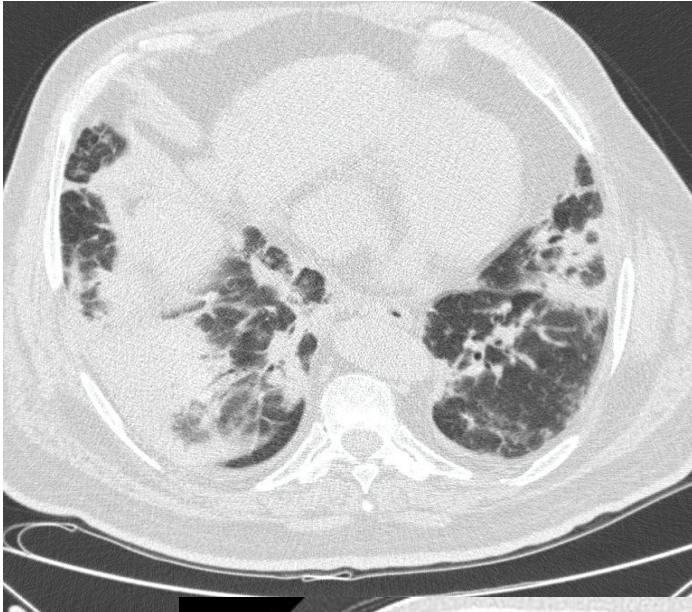


PFTs may be hampered by comorbidities

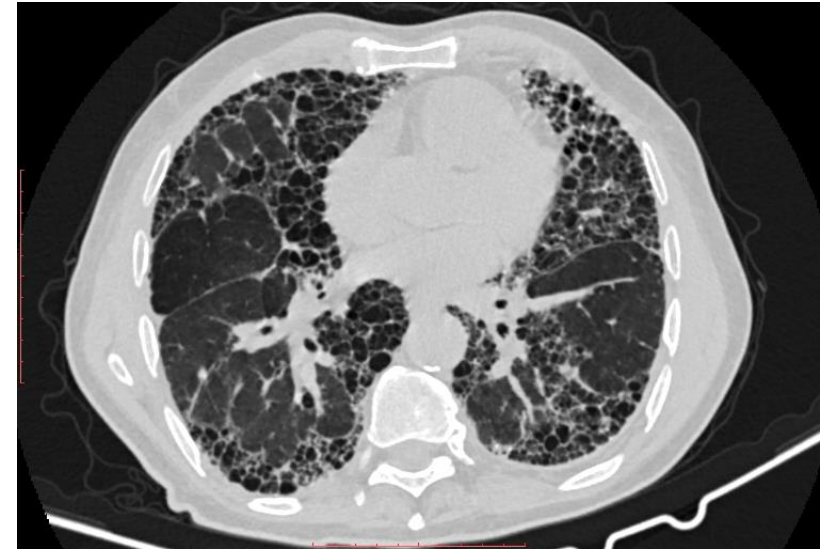


HRCT pattern and “time” dictate treatment

CS+immunomodulation



Anti-fibrotics



DEFINITE UIP PATTERN

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UIP Pattern (All Four Features)

- Subpleural, basal predominance
- Reticular abnormality
- Honeycombing with or without traction bronchiectasis
- Absence of features listed as inconsistent with UIP pattern (*see third column*)

Basal

Subpleural

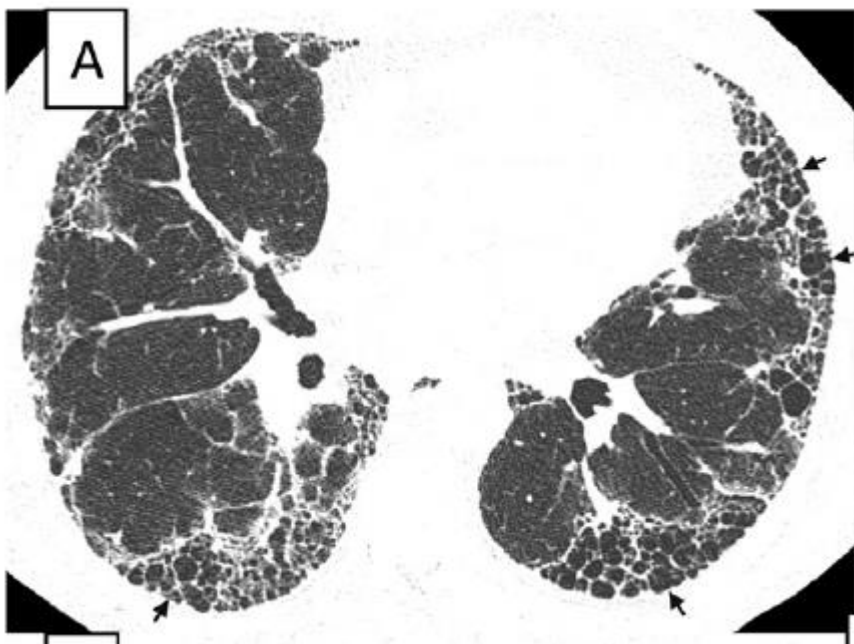
HCM

UIP ATS/ERS 2018

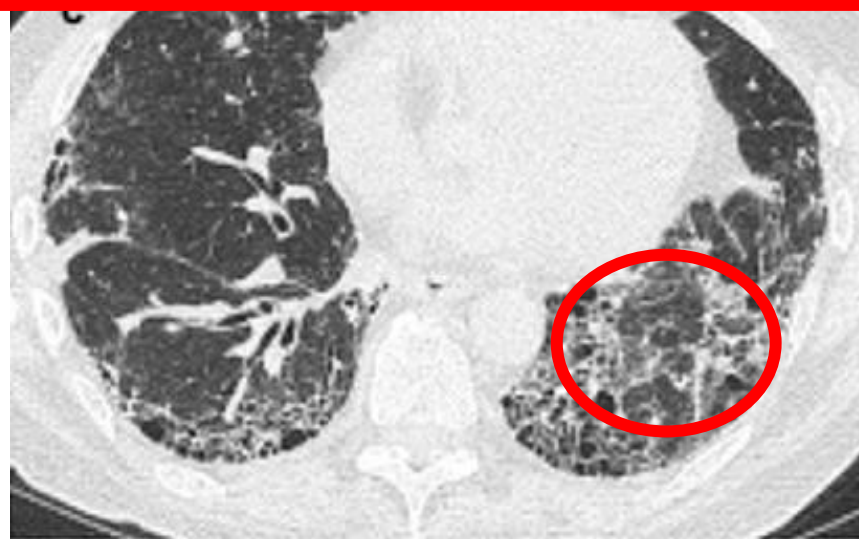
Subpleural and basal predominant; distribution is often heterogeneous*

Honeycombing with or without peripheral traction bronchiectasis or bronchiolectasis[†]

More flexible



*Variants of distribution: occasionally diffuse, may be asymmetrical.
[†]Superimposed CT features: mild GGO, reticular pattern, pulmonary ossification



POSSIBLE BECAME PROBABLE

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Possible UIP Pattern (All Three Features)

- Subpleural, basal predominance
- Reticular abnormality
- Absence of features listed as inconsistent with UIP pattern (see third column)

No HCM

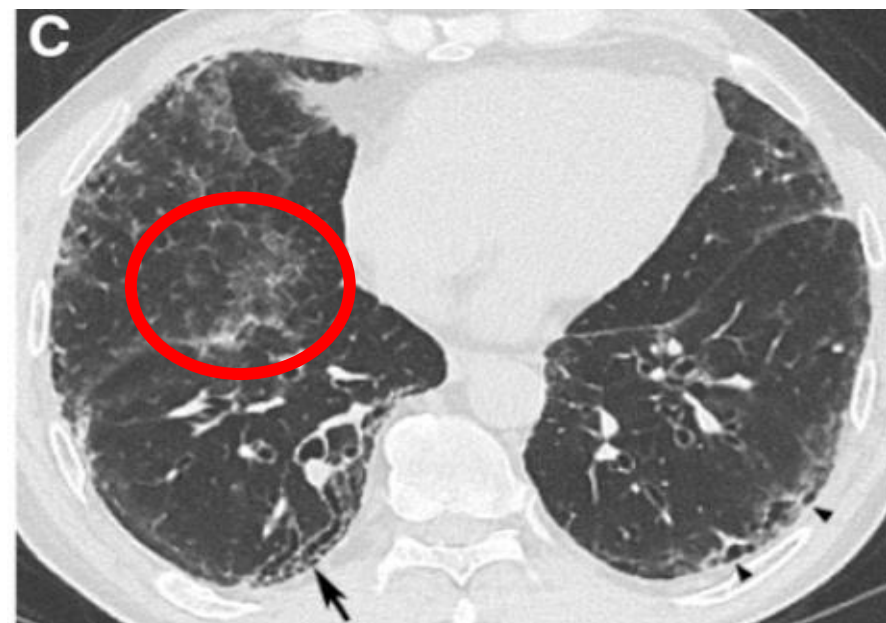
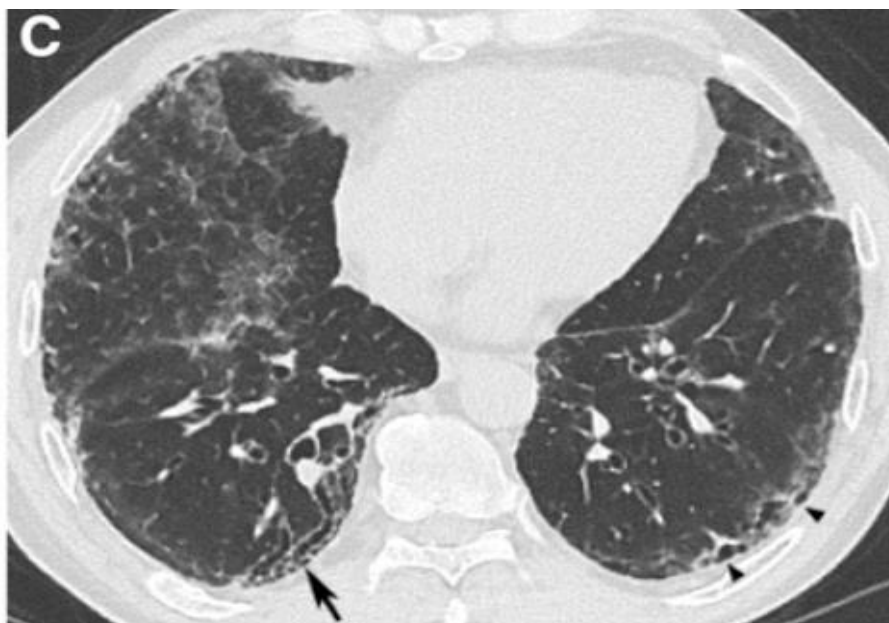
More flexible

Probable UIP

Subpleural and basal predominant; distribution is often heterogeneous

Reticular pattern with peripheral traction bronchiectasis or bronchiolectasis

May have mild GGO



Indeterminate Pattern

Indeterminate for UIP

Subpleural and basal predominant

Subtle reticulation; may have mild GGO or distortion ("early UIP pattern")

CT features and/or distribution of lung fibrosis that do not suggest any specific etiology ("truly indeterminate")

Familial

IPAF

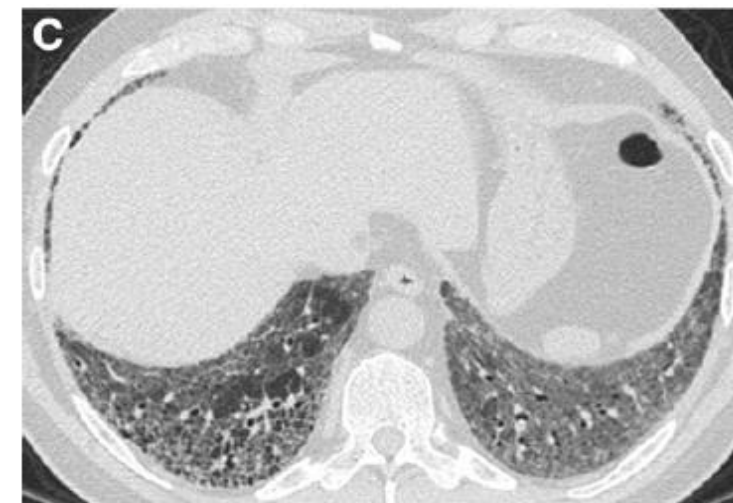
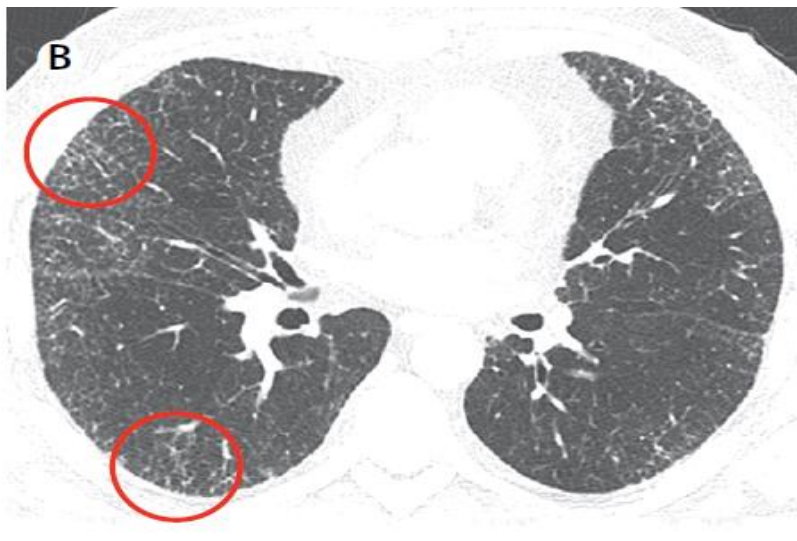
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Unclassifiable

ILA

Early UIP pattern

Truly indeterminate

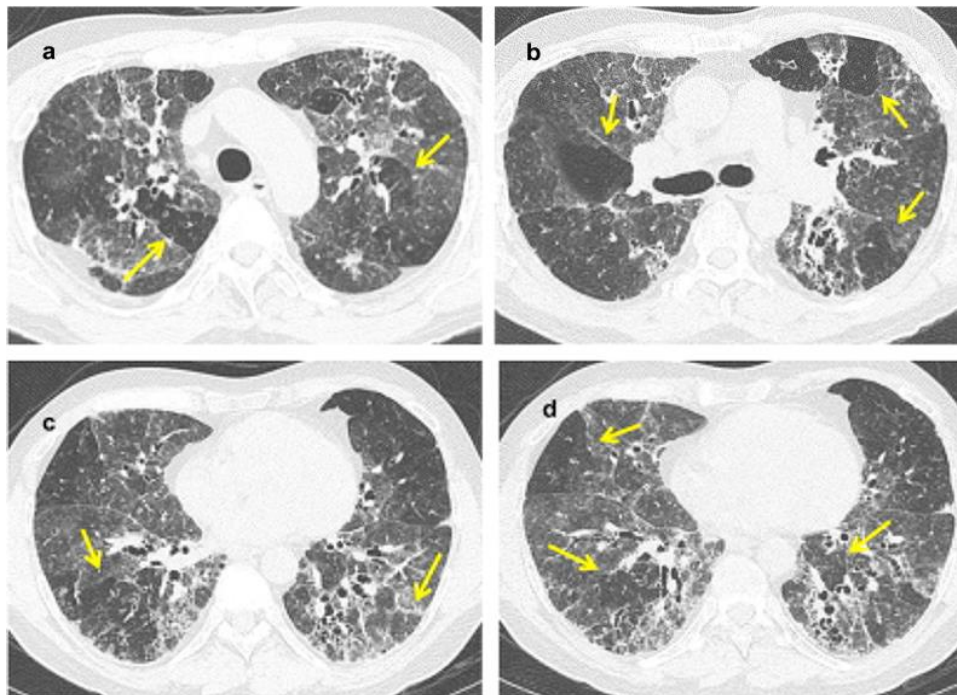


Inconsistent with UIP/Alternative Dx

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Inconsistent with UIP Pattern (Any of the Seven Features)

- Upper or mid-lung predominance
- Peribronchovascular predominance
- Extensive ground glass abnormality (extent > reticular abnormality)
- Profuse micronodules (bilateral, predominantly upper lobes)
- Discrete cysts (multiple, bilateral, away from areas of honeycombing)
- Diffuse mosaic attenuation/air-trapping (bilateral, in three or more lobes)
- Consolidation in bronchopulmonary segment(s)/lobe(s)



ATS/ERS 2018

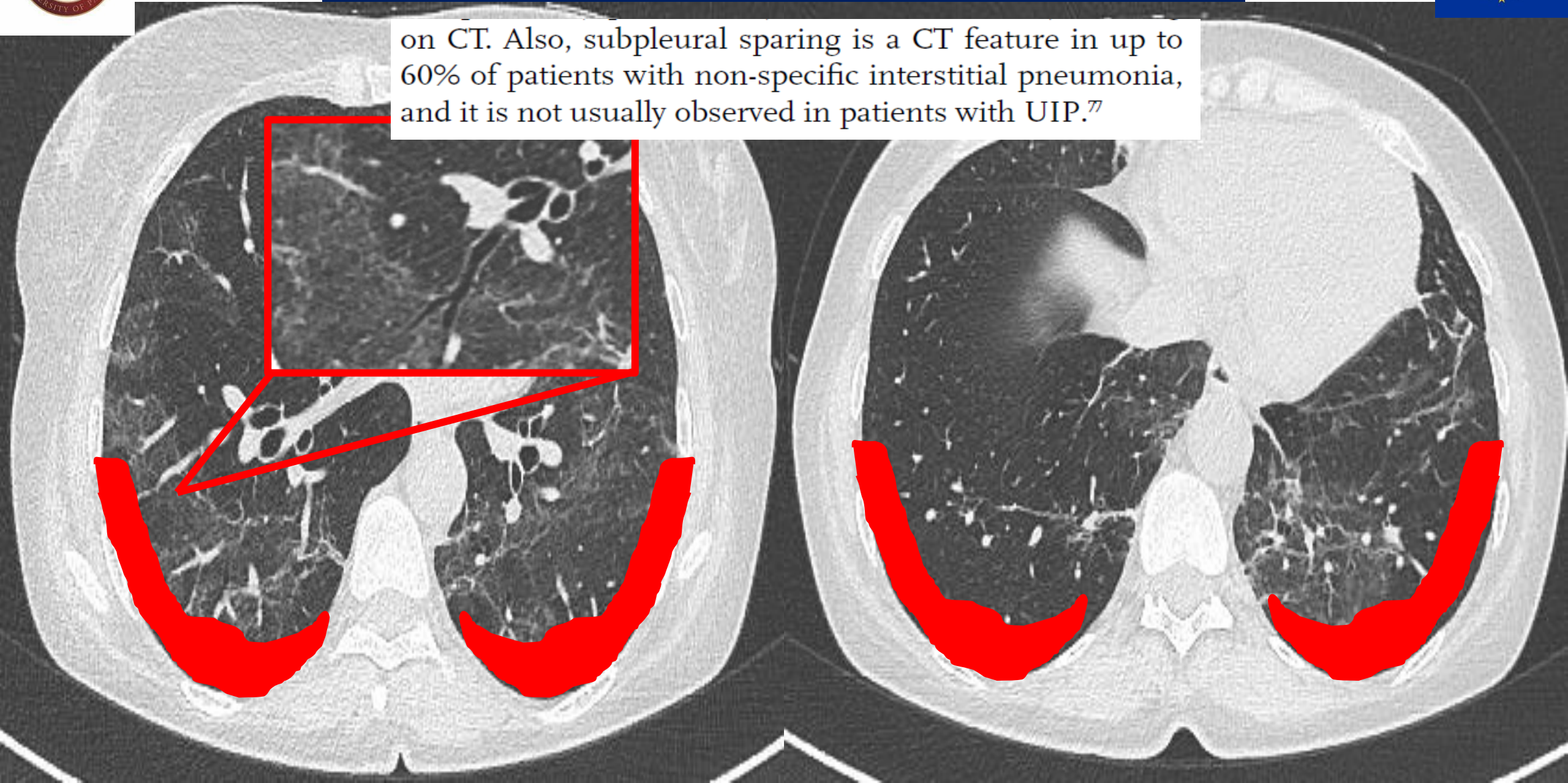
Alternative Diagnosis

Findings suggestive of another diagnosis, including:

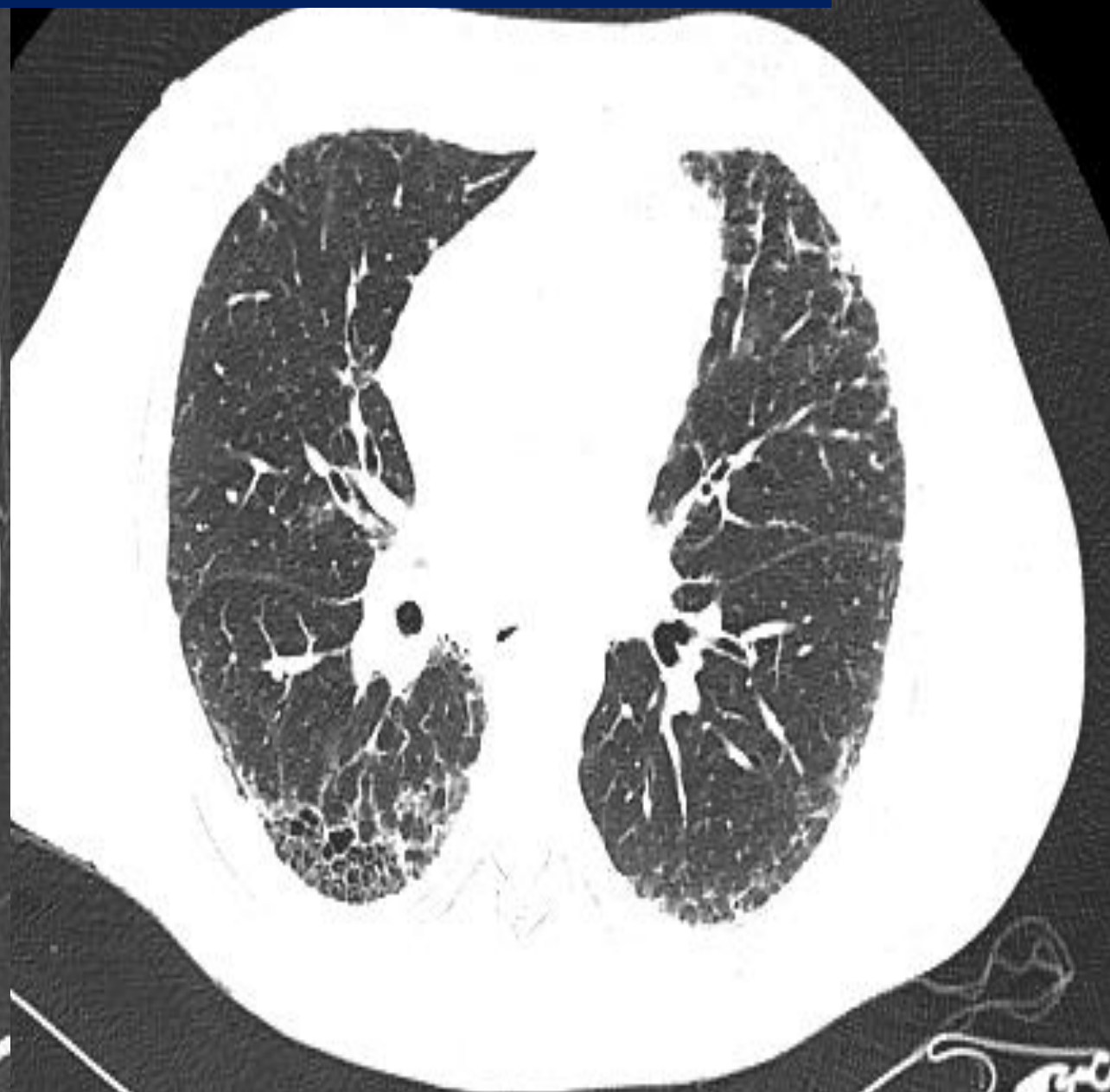
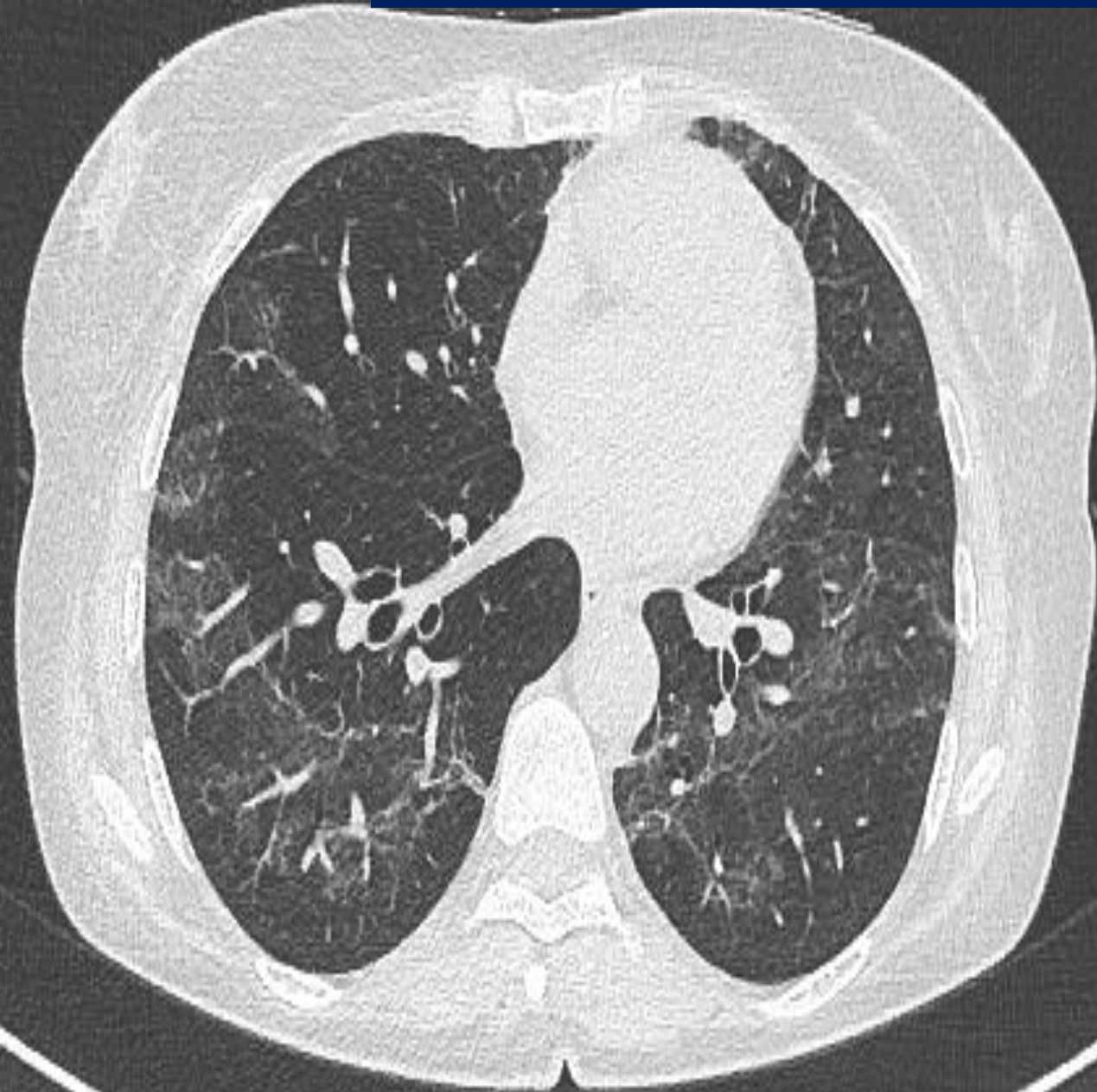
- CT features:
 - Cysts
 - Marked mosaic attenuation
 - Predominant GGO
 - Profuse micronodules
 - Centrilobular nodules
 - Nodules
 - Consolidation
- Predominant distribution:
 - Peribronchovascular
 - Perilymphatic
 - Upper or mid-lung

Feature of Subpleural Sparing

on CT. Also, subpleural sparing is a CT feature in up to 60% of patients with non-specific interstitial pneumonia, and it is not usually observed in patients with UIP.⁷⁷



Feature of Subpleural Sparing





Differential Diagnosis of GGO

Ιστορικό		Κατηγορία	Διαφορική διάγνωση
Ανοσοκατεσταλμένοι	HIV	Ευκαιριακές λοιμώξεις Άλλα	P. jirovecii, ιοί Φαρμακευτική τοξικότητα
	Υπό χημειοθεραπεία	Ευκαιριακές λοιμώξεις Οξεία νόσος πλήρωσης των κυψελίδων Άλλα	PCP, ιοί Πνευμονικό οίδημα (συχνή η υπερφόρτωση υγρών), κυψελιδική αιμορραγία Φαρμακευτική τοξικότητα*
Ανοσοεπαρκείς	Προοδευτική δύσπνοια	Διάχυτες πνευμονοπάθει- ες Άλλα	NSIP, (C)OP, DIP, RBILD, υποξεία/χρόνια ΕΑΑ, κυψελιδική πρωτεΐνωση Αδενοκαρκίνωμα με λεπιδική ανάπτυξη
	Οξεία δύσπνοια	Οξεία νόσος πλήρωσης των κυψελίδων	Καρδιακή ανεπάρκεια, μη καρδιογενές πνευμονικό οίδημα, κυψελιδική αιμορραγία, οξεία ΕΑΑ, ΑΕΡ

*Η φαρμακευτική τοξικότητα συχνά υποδιαγιγνώσκεται. Μπορεί να προκαλέσει αμιγή, διάχυτη θολή ύαλο με διάφορους τρόπους: NSIP, OP, ηωσινοφιλική πνευμονία, διάχυτη κυψελιδική βλάβη (DAD), πνευμονικό οίδημα λόγω αυξημένης διαπερατότητας (π.χ. gemcitabine, all-trans retinoic acid).



Idiopathic NSIP is not....a final diagnosis

Table 2 Suggested initial evaluation of a patient with possible NSIP

History	Physical Exam
Environmental exposures	Clubbing
Drugs (amiodarone, chemotherapy, TNF inhibitors, nitrofurantoin)	Crackles
Antigens (bird proteins, molds, thermophilic actinomyces)	Oral ulcers
	Gottron papules
	Mechanics hands
	Sclerodactyly
	Laboratory [†]
Family history of ILD	Sedimentation rate or C-reactive protein
Non-pulmonary symptoms	Anti-nuclear antigen
Weight loss	Rheumatoid factor
Morning stiffness	HIV
Sicca symptoms	
Skin changes	
Photosensitivity	
Raynaud's phenomenon	
Muscle weakness	
Arthralgias	

Table 1 Differential diagnosis of idiopathic NSIP

Other ILD (e.g. UIP, RB-ILD, COP)	
Toxins/drugs	
Rheumatologic diseases	Scleroderma, Sjogren, RA
Human immunodeficiency virus	
Hypersensitivity pneumonitis	
Familial ILD	
Miscellaneous [†]	

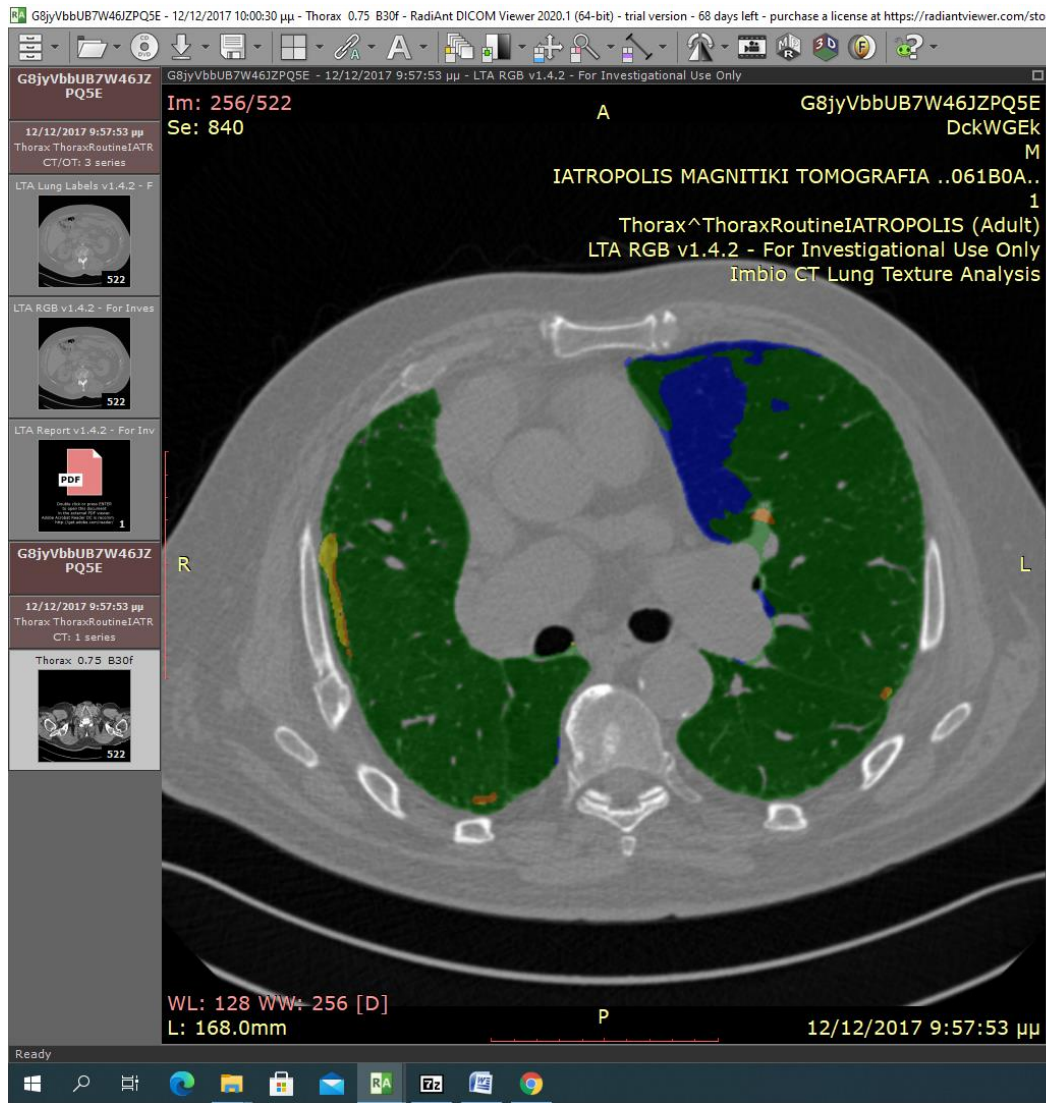
[†]Includes IgG4-related disease, bone marrow transplant associated NSIP.

COP, cryptogenic-organizing pneumonia; ILD, interstitial lung disease; NSIP, non-specific interstitial pneumonia; RB, respiratory bronchiolitis; UIP, usual interstitial pneumonia.

Regardless of the thoroughness of evaluation at initial presentation following the diagnosis of iNSIP, it is known that a subsequent diagnosis of UCTD or CTD may occur at a later date in 9–33% of patients.^{30–33}



Digital Lung Textural Analysis



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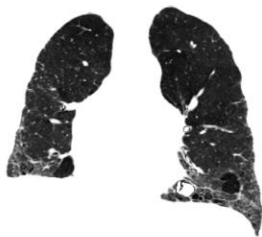
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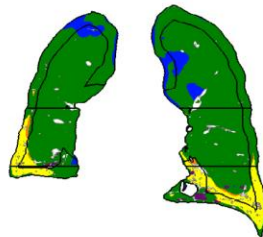
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RESULTS

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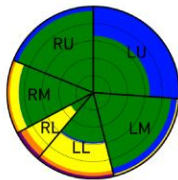


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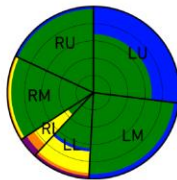


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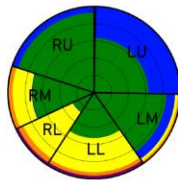
- NORMAL
- HYPERLUCENT
- GROUND GLASS
- RETICULAR
- HONEYCOMB



LUNG TOTAL
5.5 L



LUNG CORE



LUNG RIND

SUMMARY

	NORMAL	HYPERLUCENT	GROUNDGLASS	RETICULAR	HONEYCOMB
TOTAL LUNG	75 %	12 %	10 %	2 %	1 %
Left Lung (3.3 L)	72 %	17 %	9 %	1 %	1 %
Left Upper (T/C/R)	66 % / 68 % / 63 %	34 % / 32 % / 37 %	0 % / 0 % / 0 %	0 % / 0 % / 0 %	0 % / 0 % / 0 %
Left Middle (T/C/R)	91 % / 95 % / 84 %	7 % / 5 % / 10 %	1 % / 0 % / 3 %	1 % / 0 % / 3 %	0 % / 0 % / 0 %
Left Lower (T/C/R)	58 % / 65 % / 53 %	1 % / 4 % / 0 %	34 % / 25 % / 40 %	4 % / 3 % / 4 %	3 % / 3 % / 3 %
Right Lung (2.2 L)	81 %	3 %	13 %	2 %	1 %
Right Upper (T/C/R)	95 % / 97 % / 92 %	5 % / 3 % / 7 %	0 % / 0 % / 0 %	0 % / 0 % / 1 %	0 % / 0 % / 0 %
Right Middle (T/C/R)	86 % / 95 % / 72 %	0 % / 0 % / 1 %	10 % / 3 % / 22 %	3 % / 1 % / 5 %	1 % / 1 % / 0 %
Right Lower (T/C/R)	30 % / 35 % / 27 %	0 % / 0 % / 0 %	58 % / 47 % / 64 %	7 % / 10 % / 6 %	5 % / 8 % / 3 %

T = total, C = core, R = rind, T = C + R



Bronchoalveolar Lavage



Role of bronchoalveolar lavage and lung biopsy

1. Bronchoalveolar lavage cellular analysis – **Only in probable/indeterminate**
2. Surgical lung biopsy – 10-15% - **only in probable/indeterminate**
3. Transbronchial lung biopsy – **not recommended**
4. Transbronchial lung cryobiopsy – **not recommended (only in expert centers)**
5. Multidisciplinary discussion – **always recommended**
6. Serum biomarkers – **not recommended**



POINT:

Should BAL Be Routinely Performed in the Diagnostic Evaluation of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis? Yes



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diagnostic surgical biopsy and MDD. The value of BAL is not based on characteristic BAL findings in IPF but on the exclusion of the most frequent differential diagnoses: hypersensitivity pneumonitis (HP), idiopathic nonspecific interstitial pneumonia (NSIP), and ILD associated with occult connective tissue disease (connective tissue disease-Interstitial lung disease [CTD-ILD]).

There is indirect evidence that can be cited in support of routine BAL, even in “classic IPF.” In a retrospective analysis of 74 patients meeting existing diagnostic criteria for IPF, six patients with a BAL lymphocytosis > 30% were found to have diagnoses of HP or NSIP on further evaluation.¹⁸ The series is difficult to interpret, as

Ohshimo S, Bonella F, Cui A, et al. Significance of bronchoalveolar lavage for the diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 2009;179:1043-1047.



Chronic hypersensitivity pneumonitis in patients diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis: a prospective case-cohort study



Ferran Morell, Ana Villar, María-Ángeles Montero, Xavier Muñoz, Thomas V Colby, Sudhakar Pipvath, María-Jesús Cruz, Ganesh Raghu

Lancet Respir Med 2013;
1: 685–94

50% of cHP patients were misdiagnosed as IPF

Interpretation Almost half of patients diagnosed with IPF on the basis of 2011 criteria were subsequently diagnosed with chronic hypersensitivity pneumonitis, and most of these cases were attributed to exposure of occult avian antigens from commonly used feather bedding. Our results reflect findings in one centre with recognised expertise in chronic hypersensitivity pneumonitis, and further research and studies at other centres are warranted.

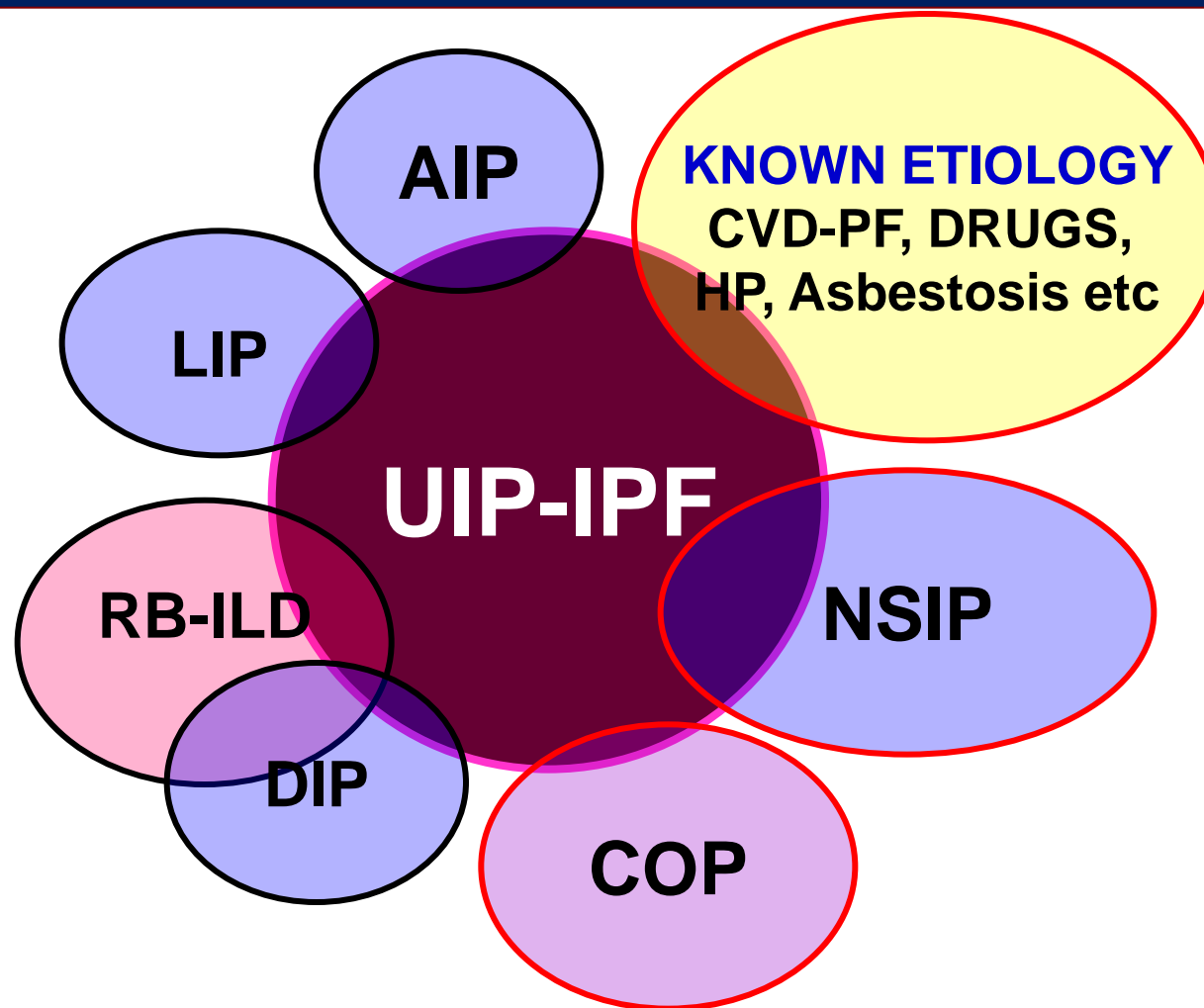
BAL provides us vital information on degree of alveolitis – treatment response



Role of lung biopsy



USUAL INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA AND IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS



Most UIPs are “IPF”, ALL UIPs ARE NOT IPF



Do we really need lung biopsy?



In-Hospital Mortality after Surgical Lung Biopsy for Interstitial Lung Disease in the United States 2000 to 2011

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Am J Respir Crit Care Med Vol 193, Iss 10, pp 1161–1167, May 15, 2016

Measurements and Main Results: We estimated there to be around 12,000 surgical lung biopsies performed annually for interstitial lung disease in the United States, two-thirds of which were

What This Study Adds to the Field: In a large national dataset, in-hospital mortality after elective lung biopsy was 1.7% but significantly higher in nonelective procedures. (16.0%). sex, increasing age, and comorbidity were associated with increased risk.

Diagnostic accuracy of transbronchial lung cryobiopsy for interstitial lung disease diagnosis (COLDICE): a prospective, comparative study

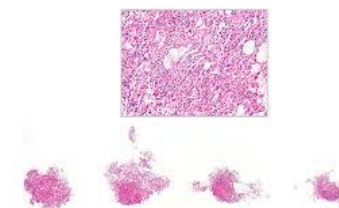
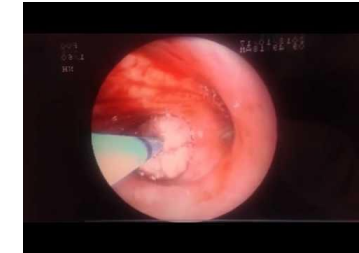
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N=65 patients
Cryo and Surgery
K-Agreement-0.7



Interpretation High levels of agreement between TBLC and SLB for both histopathological interpretation and MDD diagnoses were shown. The TBLC MDD diagnoses made with high confidence were particularly reliable, showing excellent concordance with SLB MDD diagnoses. These data support the clinical utility of TBLC in interstitial lung



Prognostic value of transbronchial lung cryobiopsy for the multidisciplinary diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis: a retrospective validation study

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Sara Tomassetti, Claudia Ravaglia, Athol U Wells, Alberto Cavazza, Thomas V Colby*, Giulio Rossi, Brett Ley, Jay H Ryu, Silvia Puglisi, Antonella Arcadu, Martina Marchi, Fabio Sultani, Sabrina Martinello, Luca Donati, Carlo Gurioli, Christian Gurioli, Paola Tantalocco, Jurgen Hetzel, Alessandra Dubini, Sara Piciocchi, Catherine Klersy, Federico Lavorini, Venerino Poletti

N=426 patients

Non-UIP cases

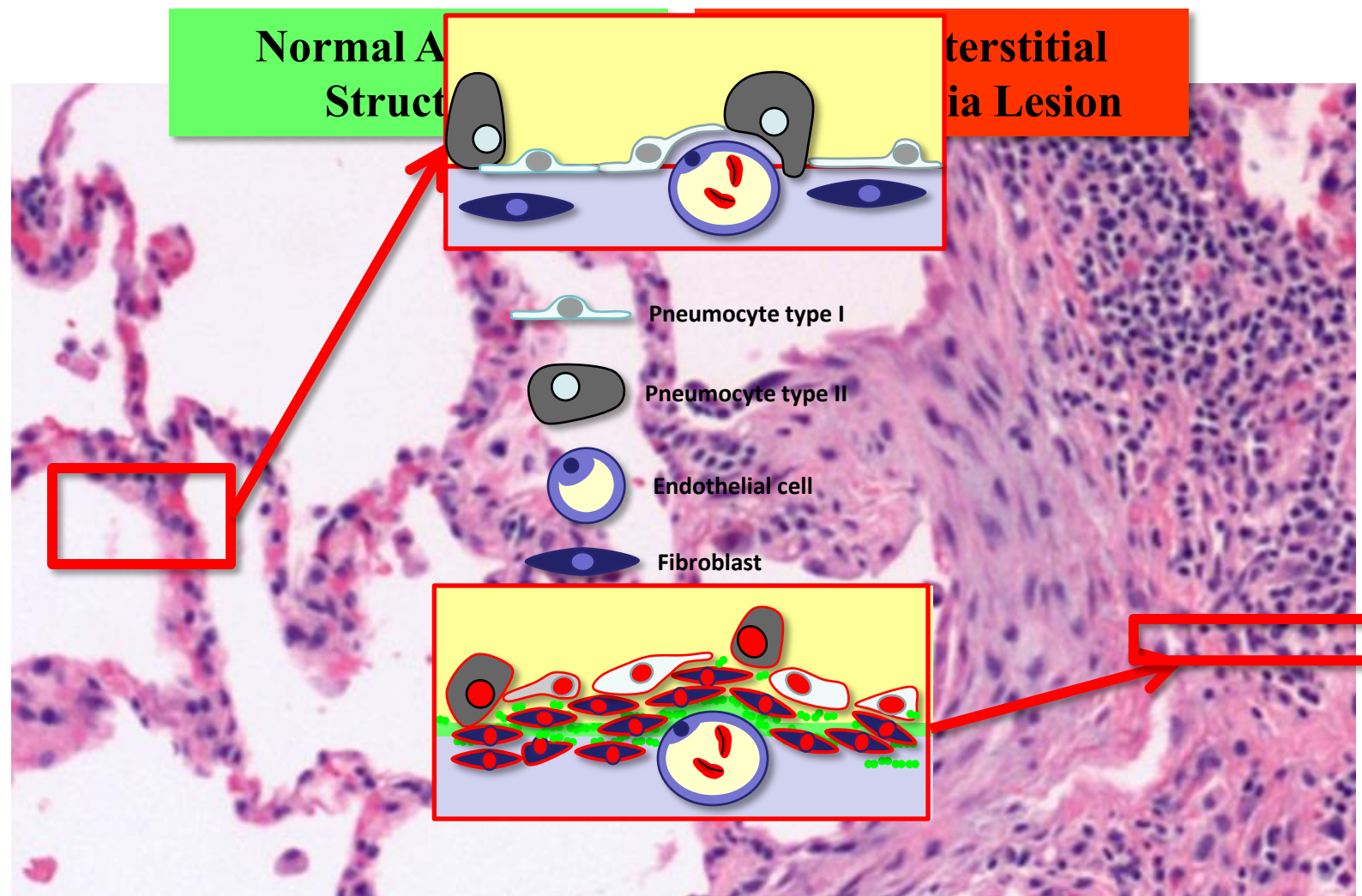
IPF 68% 5-yr survival

Non-IPF 93% 5-yr survival

Interpretation TBLC makes an important diagnostic contribution in interstitial lung disease, on the basis of the prognostic distinction between idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and other interstitial lung diseases when TBLC findings are included in multidisciplinary diagnosis.



Fibrosis – Heterogeneous-Subpleural-FF





Rationale behind the change

94% of HRCT possible cases had UIP histology pattern

Diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis with high-resolution CT in patients with little or no radiological evidence of honeycombing: secondary analysis of a randomised, controlled trial



Lancet Respir Med 2014;
2: 277-84

Ganesh Raghu, David Lynch, J David Godwin, Richard Webb, Thomas V Colby, Kevin O Leslie, Juergen Behr, Kevin K Brown, James J Egan, Kevin R Flaherty, Fernando J Martinez, Athol U Wells, Lixin Shao, Huafeng Zhou, Patricia S Pedersen, Rohit Sood, A Bruce Montgomery, Thomas G O'Riordan

Interpretation In the appropriate clinical setting, for patients with possible usual interstitial pneumonia pattern on high resolution CT, surgical lung biopsy sampling might not be necessary to reach a diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis if high-resolution CT scans are assessed by experts at regional sites familiar with patterns of usual interstitial pneumonia and management of idiopathic interstitial pneumonia.



Pulmonary hypertension
A medical condition associated with an elevated pressure (hypertension) in the pulmonary arteries.

Cricothyroiditis
Inflammation of the cricothyroid joint (a synovial joint located between the arytenoid and cricoid cartilages in the neck), which can occur in rheumatoid arthritis.

Constrictive bronchiolitis
A histopathological term for the bronchiolar (small airway) disorder characterized by fibroproliferative thickening of the bronchiolar walls causing narrowing of the bronchioles.

Follicular bronchiolitis
A bronchiolar disorder associated with bronchiolar narrowing as a result of inflammation and lymphoid hyperplasia of bronchus-associated lymphoid tissue.

Obliterative bronchiolitis
The clinical term used to describe constrictive small-airway bronchiolar diseases that can occur in a variety of clinical contexts, including rheumatoid arthritis; the corresponding histopathological entity to obliterative bronchiolitis is constrictive bronchiolitis.

Pleural effusion
Excessive fluid build-up that happens between visceral and parietal pleura.

Usual interstitial pneumonia
A form of interstitial lung disease associated with a characteristic histopathological pattern on lung biopsy and radiological pattern on chest CT.

Non-specific interstitial pneumonia
A distinct subgroup of interstitial lung disease with characteristic histopathological findings in lung tissue.

Clubbing
A deformity of the fingers and/or toes associated with enlargement of the fingertips and increased curvature of the nails that is associated with a number of lung and other disorders.

RA-ILD

25-60% of RA pts

EUROPEAN RESPIRATORY UPDATE
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS AND LUNG DISEASE

Rheumatoid arthritis-associated lung disease

Megan Shaw¹, Bridget F. Collins², Lawrence A. Ho² and Ganesh Raghu²

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ILD patterns in autoimmune diseases

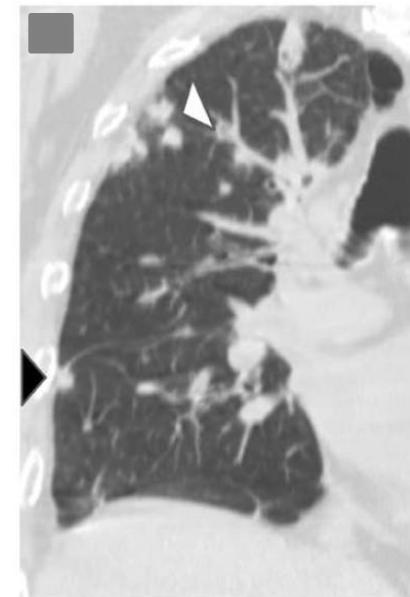
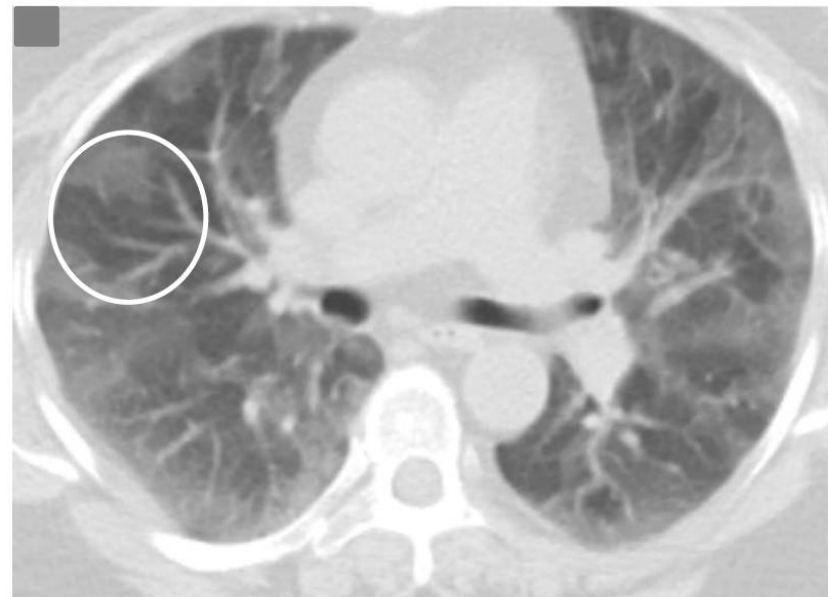
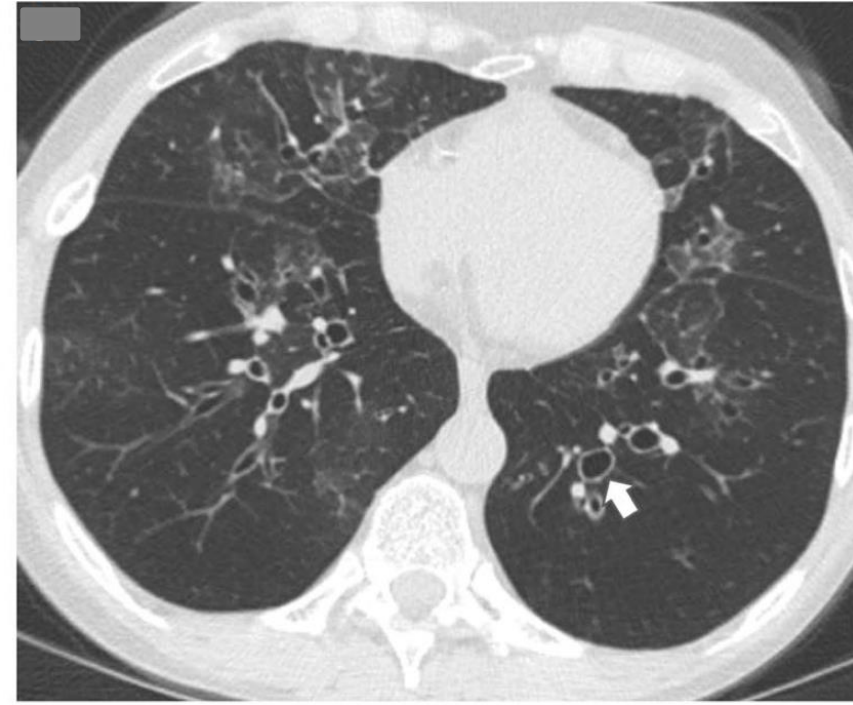
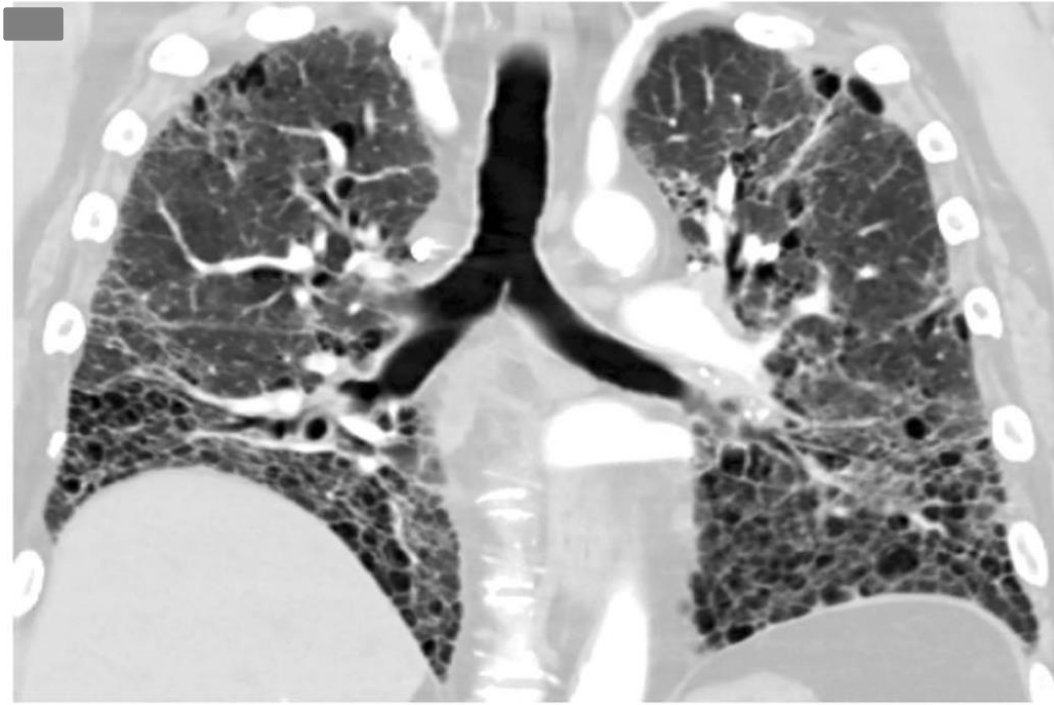


TYPE	SSc	RA	PM/DMM	SLE	MCTD	Sjögren's
UIP	++	++	++	++	+	-
NSIP	+++ 90%	+	+	+	++	++ 25%
OP	+	+	+++ 50%	+	—	-
DAD	+	+	++	++	—	—
DIP	+	+	+	+	—	+/-
LIP	—	—	—	—	—	+++ 20%
DAH / CAPILARITIS	+	+	+	+++	—	—
ILD	+++	++	+++	+	++	+

Slide courtesy of D.Bouros

Airway involvement in autoimmune diseases

	Rheumatoid arthritis	SLE	DM/PM	Sjögren's
Bronchitis	++			+
Bronchiectasis	++			±
Follicular bronchiolitis	±			±
Oblit. bronchiolitis	+	±	±	
BOOP/OP	++	±	++	±





CPFE patterns in autoimmune diseases

Combined Pulmonary Fibrosis and Emphysema Syndrome in Connective Tissue Disease

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CPFE and CTDs – 10%
Younger male (57yrs) , smokers
More common in RA and SSc
Lower emphysema score
Preserved lung volumes- ↓DLCO





72-yr old, female, non-smoker, dry cough+DOE (mMRC II/IV) the past 9 months –
Morning stiffness, arthralgia past 3 years
Coronary Heart disease, arterial hypertension, hyperlipidemia
Velcro type crackles +



BAL: 28%L,N:13% (-) AFB, (-) fungi,
FVC: 68%, TIF: 73, TLC: 63%, DLCO: 35% (used to be 56% 12 mo ago) under MTX-PZN)
RVSP: 35 mmHg, Serology: ANA: 1/160, RF: 165U/ml, anti-CCPs: 18 (3x)



Definition of Progressive Pulmonary Fibrosis

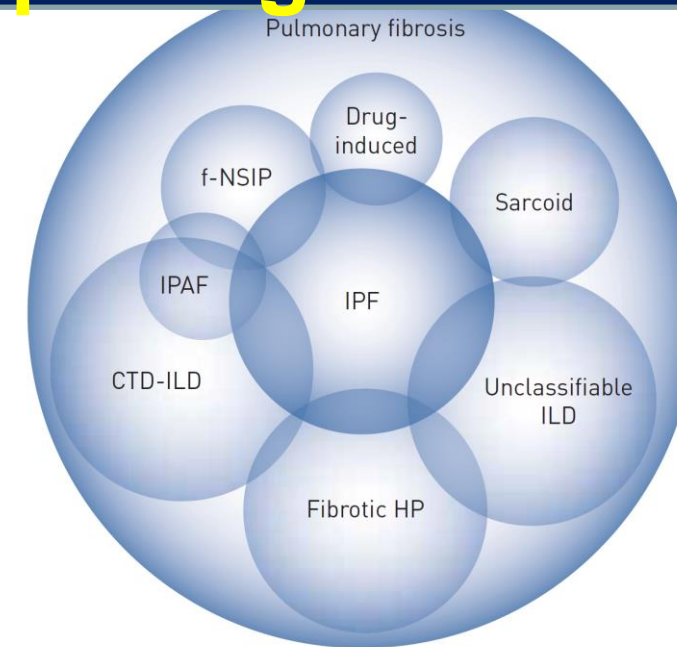
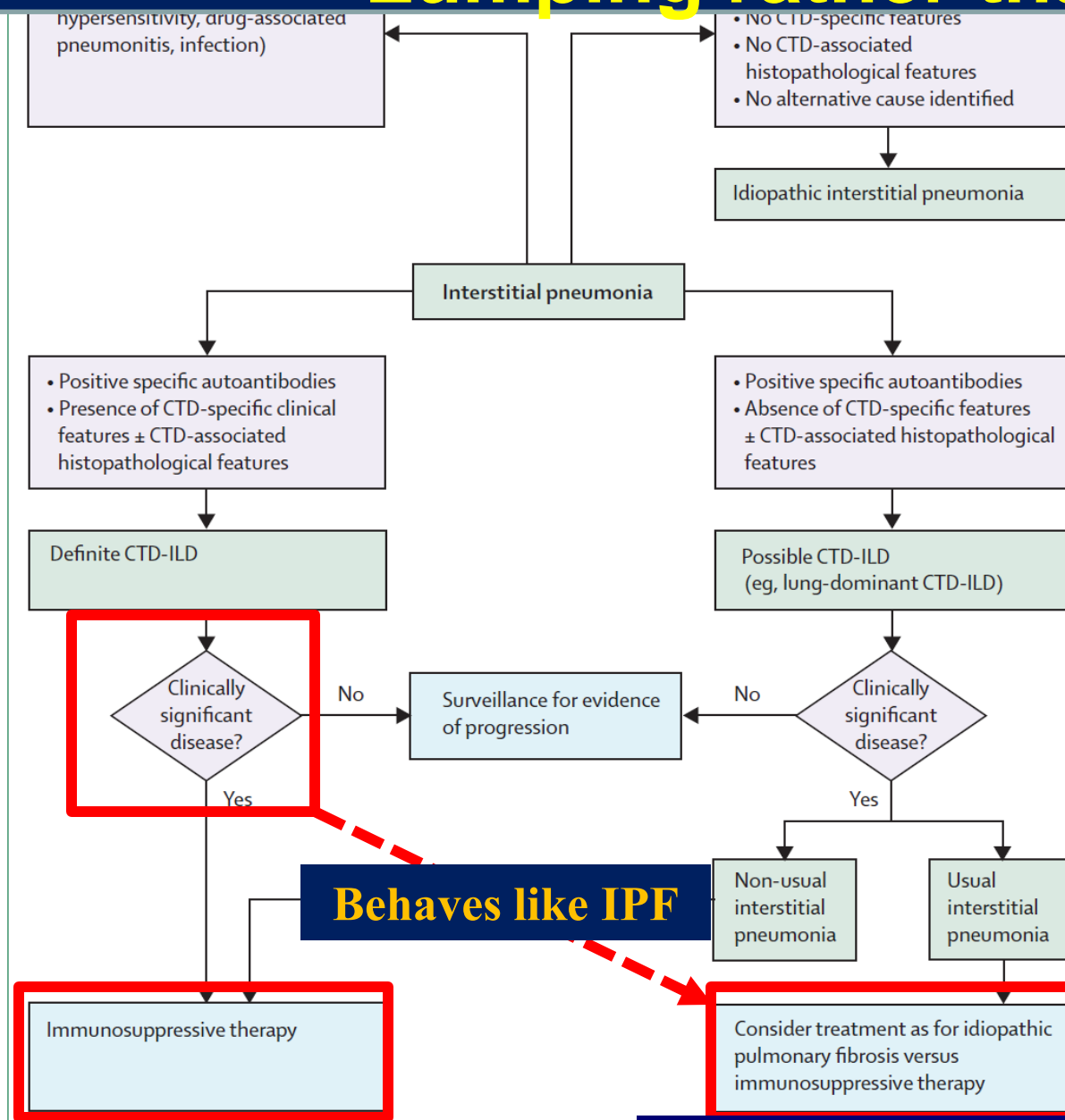


The presence of at least two of the following three criteria:

1. No alternative explanation for the worsening of respiratory **symptoms**
2. **Physiological** evidence of disease progression, (*Absolute decline in the FVC $\geq 5\%$ pred OR DLco (corrected for Hb) $\geq 10\%$ within one year of FU*).
3. **Radiological** evidence of disease progression



Lumping rather than splitting



RA-ILD. Given the shared genetic background between idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and RA-ILD in general and RA-ILD with a UIP or possible UIP pattern in particular, we would propose that drugs that are known to be effective in treating patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis be evaluated in the treatment of RA-ILD.^{41,42}

Figure 1: Management schema for interstitial pneumonia in CTD

Fischer et al. Lancet 2012

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Cyclo for induction – MMF for maintenance



Mycophenolate mofetil versus oral cyclophosphamide in scleroderma-related interstitial lung disease (SLS II): a randomised controlled, double-blind, parallel group trial



Donald P Tashkin, Michael D Roth, Philip J Clements, Daniel E Furst, Dinesh Khanna, Eric C Kleerup, Jonathan Goldin, Edgar Arriola, Elizabeth R Volkman, Suzanne Kafaja, Richard Silver, Virginia Steen, Charlie Strange, Robert Wise, Fredrick Wigley, Maureen Mayes, David J Riley, Sabiha Hussain, Shervin Assassi, Vivien M Hsu, Bela Patel, Kristine Phillips, Fernando Martinez, Jeffrey Golden, M Kari Connolly, John Varga, Jane Dematte, Monique E Hinchcliff, Aryeh Fischer, Jeffrey Swigris, Richard Meehan, Arthur Theodore, Robert Simms, Suncica Volkov, Dean E Schraufnagel, Mary Beth Scholand, Tracy Frech, Jerry A Molitor, Kristin Highland, Charles A Read, Marvin J Fritzler, Grace Hyun J Kim, Chi-Hona Tseng, Robert M Flashoff, for the Scleroderma Lung Study II Investigators*

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These findings support the potential clinical effectiveness of both cyclophosphamide and mycophenolate mofetil for progressive scleroderma-related interstitial lung disease, and the present preference for mycophenolate mofetil because of its better tolerability and toxicity profile.

No RCTs for RTX for CTD-ILD

Saunders *et al. Trials* (2017) 18:275
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Trials

STUDY PROTOCOL

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Rituximab versus cyclophosphamide for the treatment of connective tissue disease-associated interstitial lung disease (RECITAL): study protocol for a randomised controlled trial



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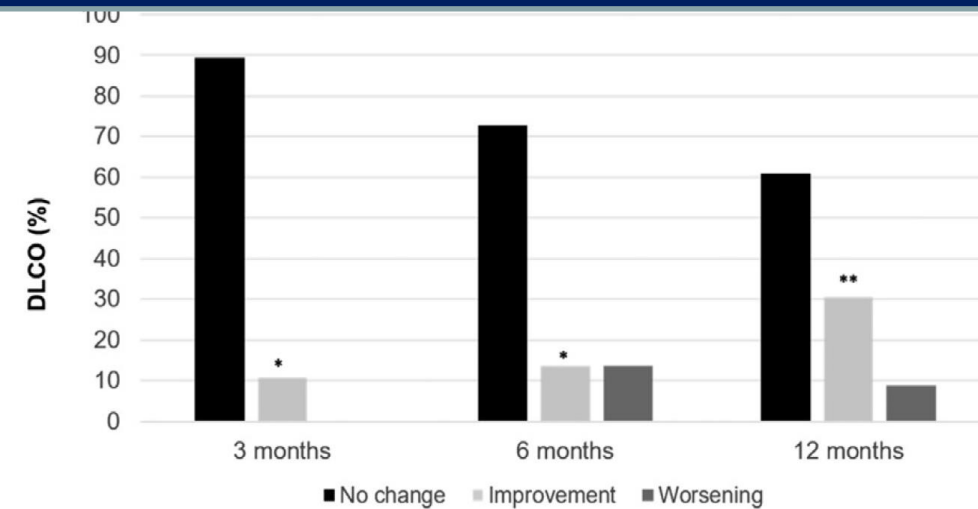
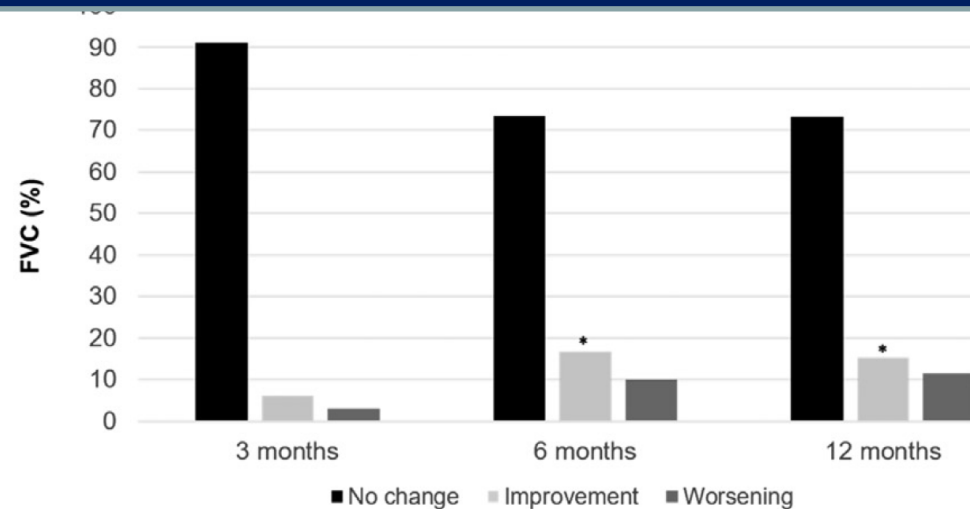
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Functional stabilization with abatacept





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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Nintedanib in Progressive Fibrosing Interstitial Lung Diseases

INBUILD Trial

- **Inclusion criteria**
 - ✓ **Fibrosing ILD- >10% extent of Fibrosis in HRCT**
 - ✓ **FVC decline >10%**
 - ✓ **FVC decline 5-10% + worsening of symptoms**
 - ✓ **FVC<45%, DLCO 30 – 80%**
 - ✓ **No concomitant RX with MMF, RTX, AZA, CYCLO**
 - **35% screening failure**
 - **663 patients enrolled**



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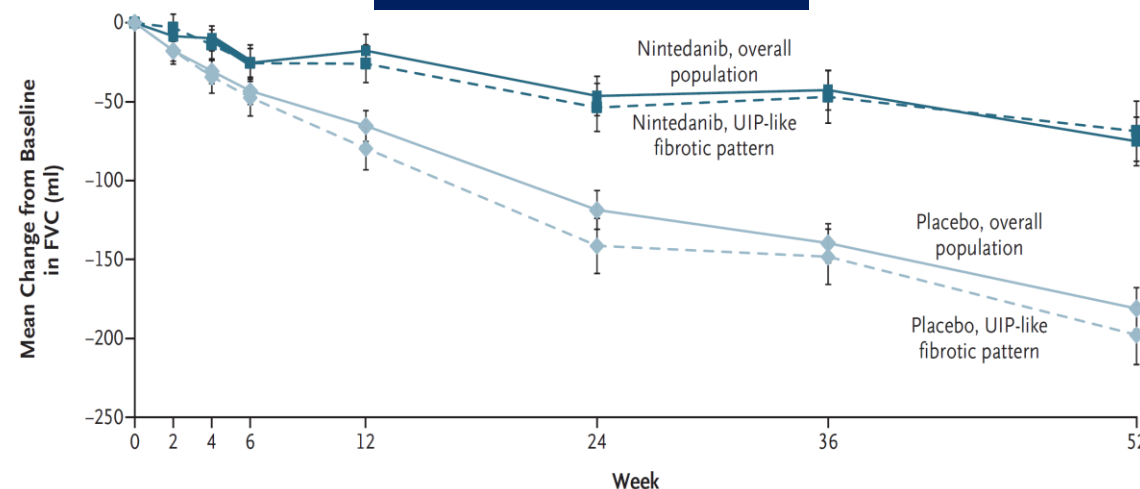
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Nintedanib in Progressive Fibrosing Interstitial Lung Diseases

INBUILD Trial

Benefit of 107 ml

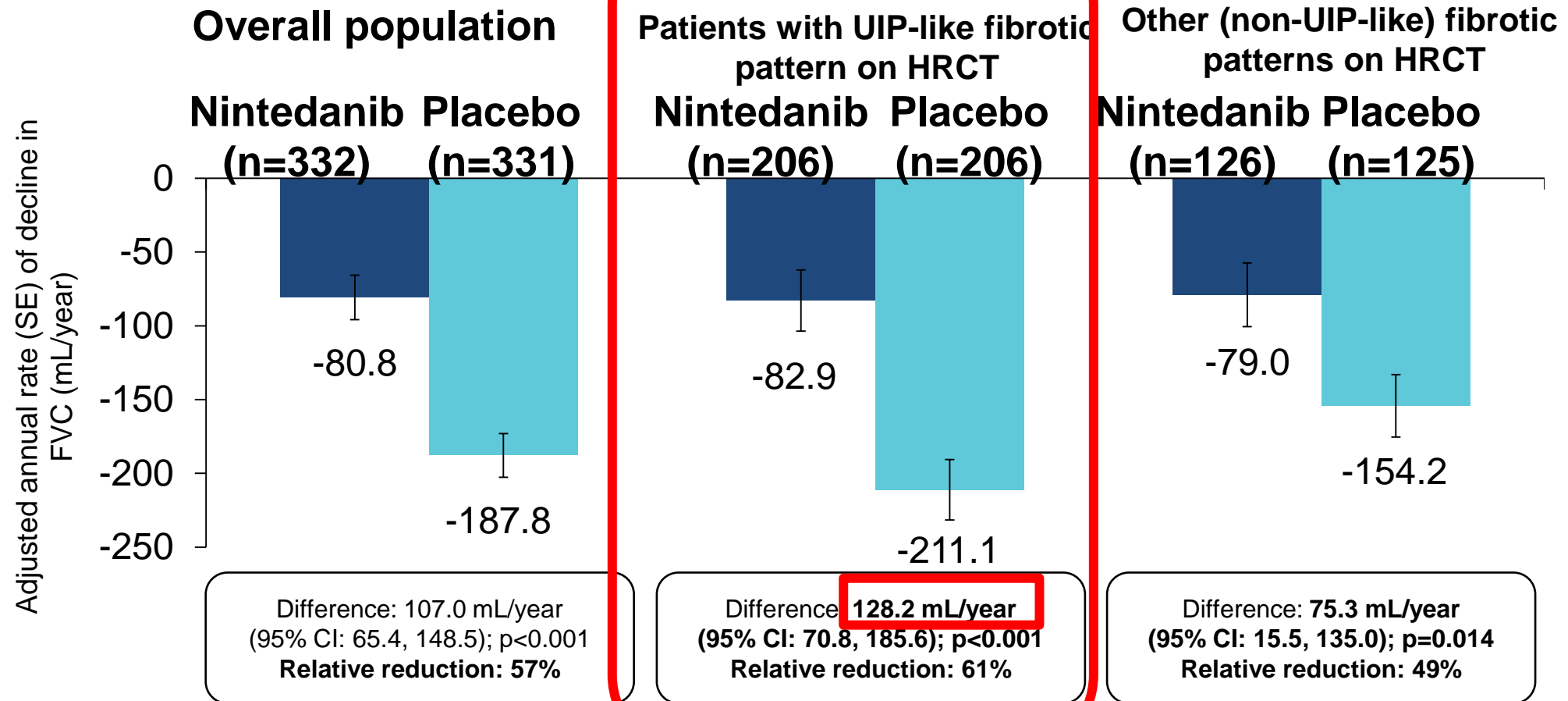


RESULTS

A total of 663 patients were treated. In the overall population, the adjusted rate of decline in the FVC was -80.8 ml per year with nintedanib and -187.8 ml per year with placebo, for a between-group difference of 107.0 ml per year (95% confidence interval [CI], 65.4 to 148.5; $P < 0.001$). In patients with a UIP-like fibrotic pattern, the adjusted rate of decline in the FVC was -82.9 ml per year with nintedanib and -211.1 ml per year with placebo, for a difference of 128.2 ml (95% CI, 70.8 to 185.6; $P < 0.001$). Diarrhea was the most common adverse event, as reported in 66.9% and 23.9% of patients treated with nintedanib and placebo, respectively. Abnormalities on liver-function testing were more common in the nintedanib group than in the placebo group.



INBUILD: Annual rate of decline in FVC (mL/year) over 52 weeks in all patients HRCT subgroups





INBUILD: Clinical ILD diagnoses in patients with UIP-like fibrotic pattern on HRCT

	Nintedanib (n=206)	Placebo (n=206)
Hypersensitivity pneumonitis	44 (21.4)	46 (22.3)
Autoimmune ILDs	62 (30.1)	65 (31.6)
Rheumatoid arthritis-associated ILD	36 (17.5)	41 (19.9)
Systemic sclerosis-associated ILD	17 (8.3)	7 (3.4)
Mixed connective tissue disease-associated ILD	4 (1.9)	8 (3.9)
Other autoimmune ILDs	5 (2.4)	9 (4.4)
Idiopathic non-specific interstitial pneumonia	34 (16.5)	37 (18.0)
Unclassifiable IIP	43 (20.9)	34 (16.5)
Other fibrosing ILDs*	23 (11.2)	24 (11.7)

Data are n (%) of patients. *In the nintedanib and placebo groups, respectively, 14 (6.8%) patients and 14 (6.8%) patients had exposure-related ILDs and 1 (0.5%) and 2 (1.0%) patients had sarcoidosis. IIP, idiopathic interstitial pneumonia.

Effects of nintedanib in patients with progressive fibrosing RA-ILD in the INBUILD® trial¹

(Kelly C *et al*)

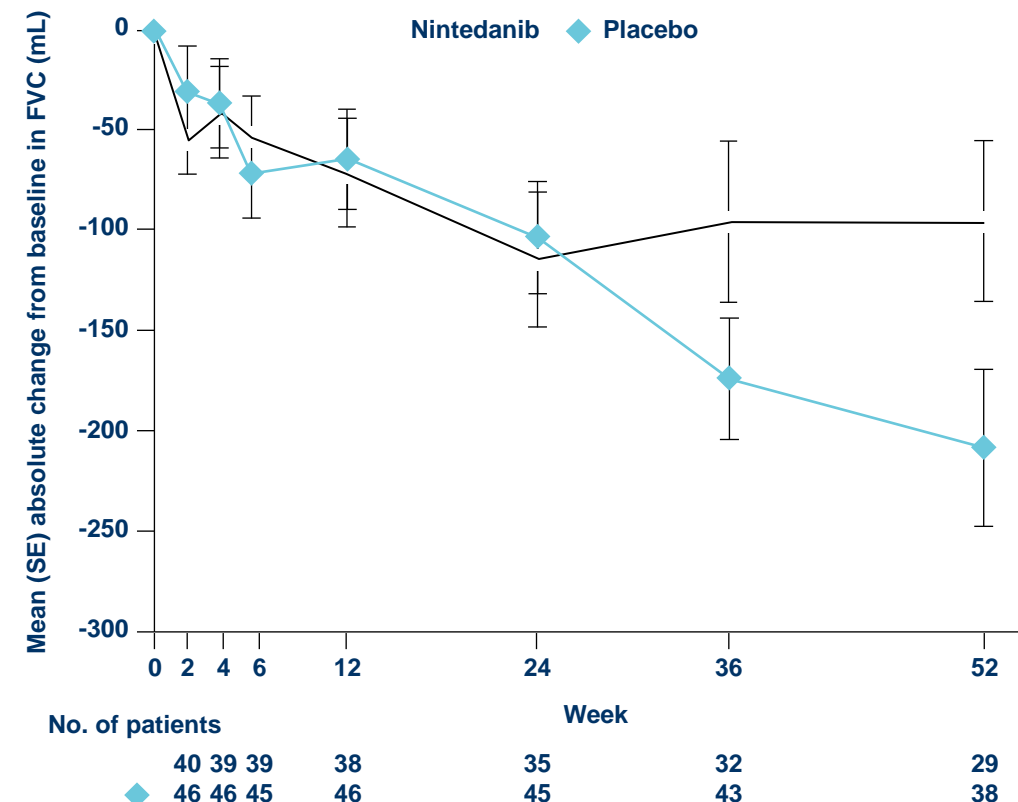
- INBUILD®² enrolled patients with chronic fibrosing ILDs with a progressive phenotype other than IPF (N=663); patients taking stable doses of medications to treat autoimmune rheumatic diseases were eligible to participate This *post-hoc* analysis assessed the efficacy and safety of nintedanib over 52 weeks in the subset of patients with RA-ILD (n=89) in the INBUILD®² trial.

- Baseline characteristics were generally similar between the treatment groups:

Baseline characteristic	Nintedanib (n=42)	Placebo (n=47)
Mean age (years)	66.8	67.0
Male, %	59.5	61.7
Mean time since RA diagnosis (years)	10.1	9.8
Former or current smoker, %	66.7	61.7
bDMARDs, %	26.2	17.0
Non-biologic DMARDs, %	52.4	55.3
Glucocorticoids, %*	76.2	70.2

- Nintedanib reduced the rate of decline in FVC (mL/year) over 52 weeks in patients with RA-ILD (Figure 1; mean difference 116.7 mL [95% CI: 7.4, 226.1]; $P=0.037$); consistent with the effect observed in the overall INBUILD® trial population² (107.0 mL [95% CI: 65.4, 148.5]; $P<0.001$)
- Outcomes were further analyzed in subgroups of patients by high sensitivity CRP at baseline (<1 vs ≥ 1 mg/L and <3 vs ≥ 3 mg/L) and DMARD and/or glucocorticoid use at baseline (yes/no)
 - The effect of nintedanib on the rate of decline in FVC (mL/year) over 52 weeks was consistent between subgroups (treatment x subgroup x time interaction $P>0.05$ for all); however, interpretation of the subgroup analyses was limited by the small number of patients
- Patients with RA-ILD treated with nintedanib had more AEs than the placebo-treated group (primarily GI disorders); this safety profile was consistent with the overall INBUILD® population²

Figure 1. Absolute change from baseline in FVC (mL) at week 52 in patients with RA-ILD in the INBUILD® trial¹



Conclusion: Nintedanib slowed the rate of decline in FVC in patients with progressive fibrosing RA-ILD, with AEs that were manageable for most patients. The efficacy and safety of nintedanib in subjects with RA-ILD were consistent with those observed in the overall INBUILD® trial population

*20 mg/day prednisone or equivalent

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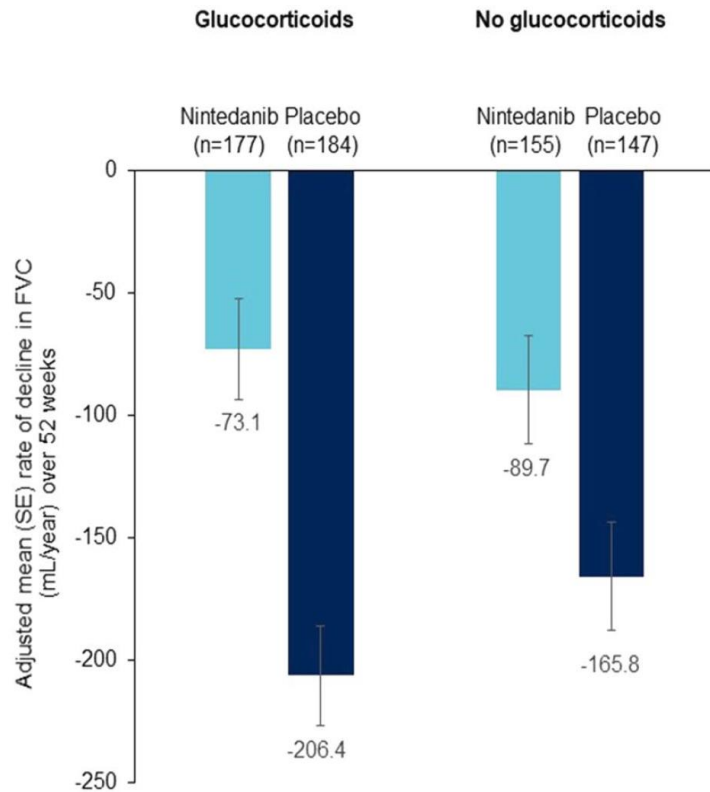


Nintedanib and immunomodulatory therapies in progressive fibrosing interstitial lung diseases

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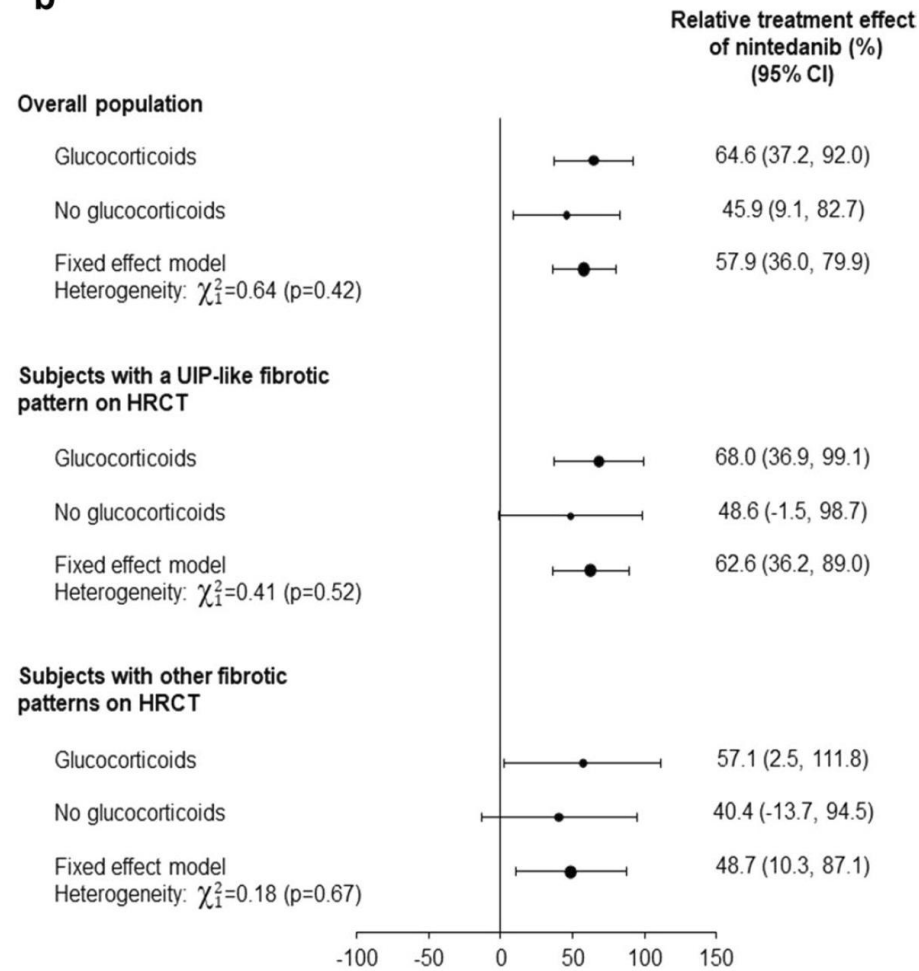


Table 2 Restricted or prohibited immunomodulatory or antifibrotic therapies taken at baseline, during treatment with trial drug and/or following discontinuation of trial drug over 52 weeks by customized drug grouping or preferred name

	Nintedanib (n = 332)	Placebo (n = 331)
≥ 1 restricted or prohibited therapy	53 (16.0)	91 (27.5)
Glucocorticoids ^a	44 (13.3)	72 (21.8)
Mycophenolate mofetil	9 (2.7)	9 (2.7)
Azathioprine	4 (1.2)	6 (1.8)
Tacrolimus	4 (1.2)	5 (1.5)
Ciclosporin	1 (0.3)	6 (1.8)
Rituximab	3 (0.9)	2 (0.6)
Cyclophosphamide	0 (0.0)	3 (0.9)
Nintedanib ^a	0 (0.0)	3 (0.9)
Pirfenidone ^a	2 (0.6)	1 (0.3)

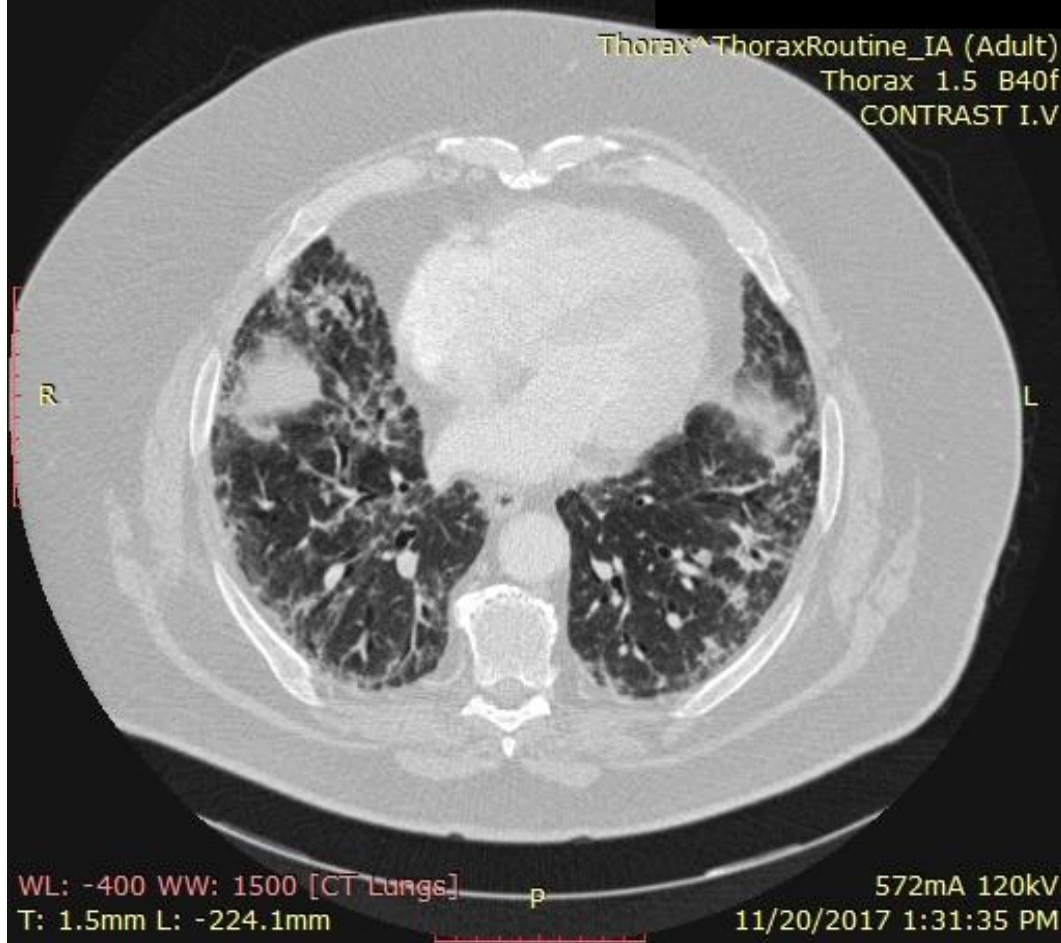


74yrs-male-ExSM-RA-MTX-3 yrs-DOE-6mo

650 eos – 35% L-BAL

MTX +

Im: 244/336
Se: 3



MTX -

Im: 318/514
Se: 3





Methotrexate Pneumonitis



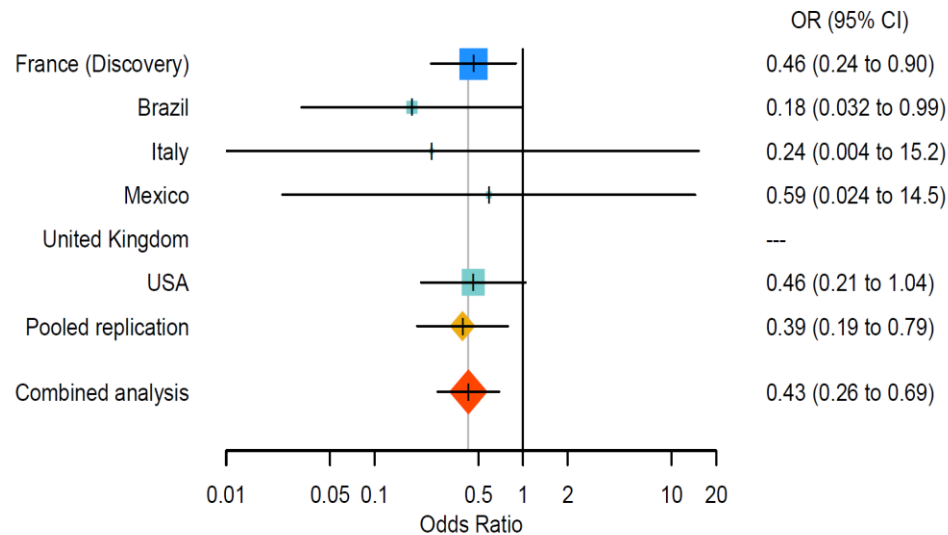
- Prevalence 0.3-7.5%, > 120 cases in literature
- **Mostly subacute** (progress in weeks), acute, and chronic course also possible
- Cough, dyspnea, fever
- Blood: **eosinophilia in 20%**
- X-ray: interstitial and interstitial/alveolar
- BALF: mostly **CD4** lymphocytosis





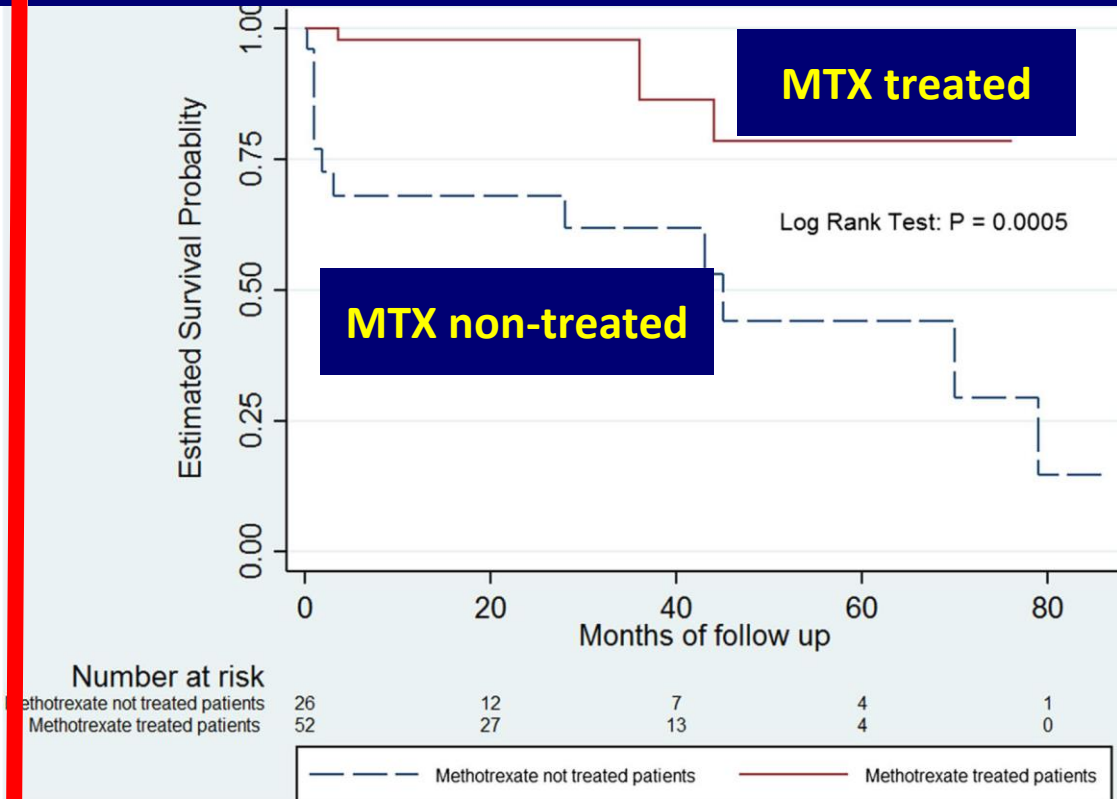
MTX was not associated with RA-ILD

Case control study-410 pts RA-ILD vs 673 pts RA



Dieude et al. Eur Respir J 2020

Retrospective cohort- 78 RA-ILD (52 MTX, 26 noMTX)



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Biologic Treatments in Interstitial Lung Diseases

REVIEW

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Beware of drug induced ILDs/Infections



Scleroderma-ILD

45-90% of SSc pts



EUROPEAN RESPIRATORY UPDATE

Scleroderma lung disease

1.ILD (HRCT/PFTS) 2.PH (U/S)

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TABLE 1 Pulmonary involvement in systemic sclerosis

Direct pulmonary involvement

ILD
 ILD with PH
 PH
 Airways disease
 Pleural involvement

Indirect pulmonary complications

Gastro-oesophageal reflux and aspiration
 Infection
 Drug toxicity
 Malignancy
 Respiratory muscle weakness
 Restrictive lung disease from skin involvement
 Secondary to cardiac involvement

Combination of direct and indirect pulmonary involvement

Other lung diseases unrelated to systemic sclerosis

COPD/emphysema
 Asthma
 Pulmonary nodules

ILD: interstitial lung disease; PH: pulmonary hypertension; COPD: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Routine screening:

Annual transthoracic echocardiogram
 Assess RV size, RV thickness, TAPSE and measure PAP (using PA acceleration time and tricuspid regurgitation velocity)
 Pulmonary function test every 6–12 months
 ECG
 Serum BNP

Reasonable to do once in all subjects; repeat if symptoms develop or in those at high risk: lcSSc, anti-centromere antibodies, falling DL_{CO}

Decreased DL_{CO} or DL_{CO} /alveolar volume
 Increased serum BNP
 Dilated RV or right atrium on echocardiogram
 RVH on ECG

Assessment of symptoms:
 Unexplained dyspnoea
 Exercise intolerance
 Syncope

Transthoracic echocardiogram, measure PO_2 ,
 exercise testing, and/or 6-min walk test



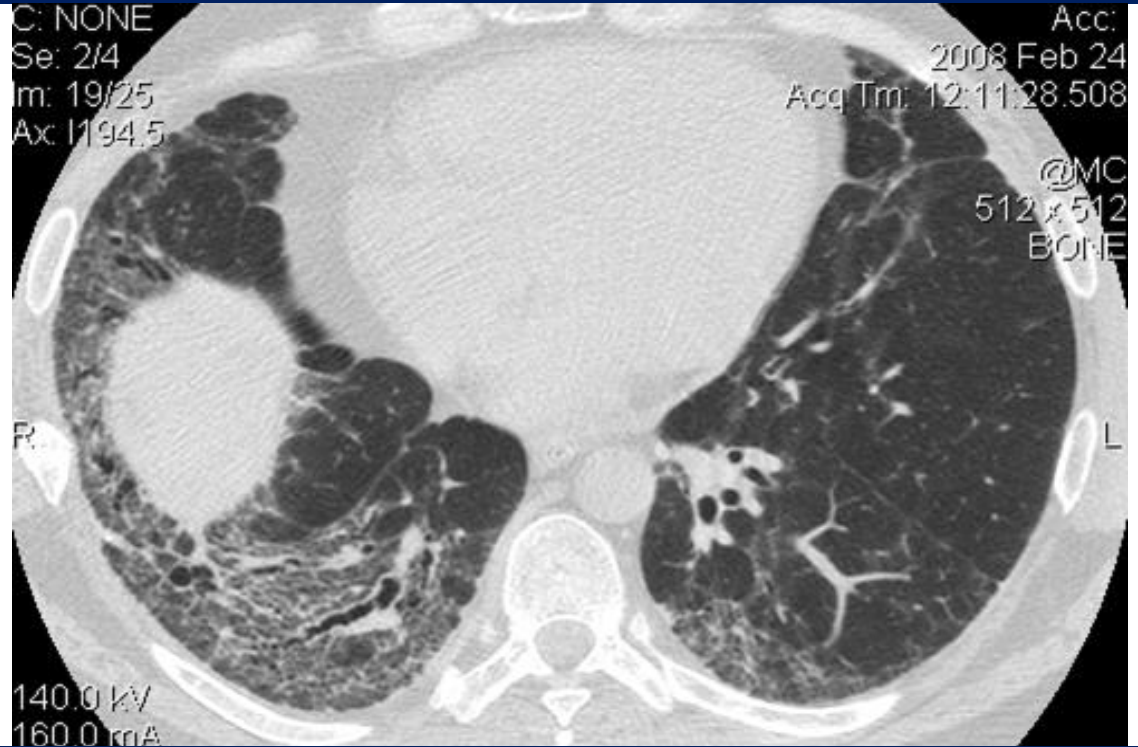
ILD patterns in autoimmune diseases



TYPE	SSc	RA	PM/DMM	SLE	MCTD	Sjögren's
UIP	++	++	++	++	+	-
NSIP	+++ 90%	+	+	+	++	++ 25%
OP	+	+	+++ 50%	+	—	-
DAD	+	+	++	++	—	—
DIP	+	+	+	+	—	+/-
LIP	—	—	—	—	—	+++ 20%
DAH / CAPILARITIS	+	+	+	+++	—	—
ILD	+++	++	+++	+	++	+

Slide courtesy of D.Bouros

40-yr old, female, non-smoker, DOE (mMRC II/IV)+fatigue the past 9 months – GERD symptoms, medical Hx: unremarkable, Raynaud:+ Velcro type crackles: +



**BAL: 24%L,N:13% (-) AFB, (-) fungi,
FVC: 70%, TIF: 86, TLC: 69%, DLCO: 55%
RVSP: 35 mmHg, Serology: ANA: 1/640, antiScl-70: +
GI endoscopy: esophagitis**



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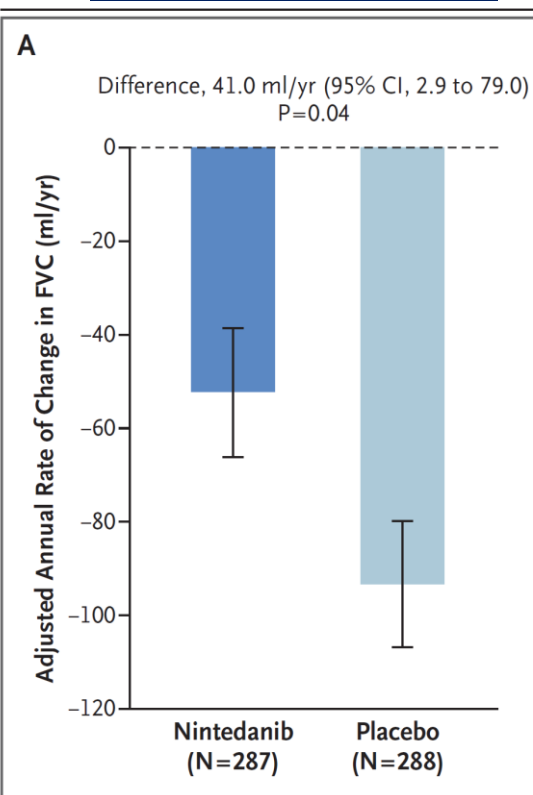
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Nintedanib for Systemic Sclerosis– Associated Interstitial Lung Disease

SENSCIS Trial

Benefit of 41 ml



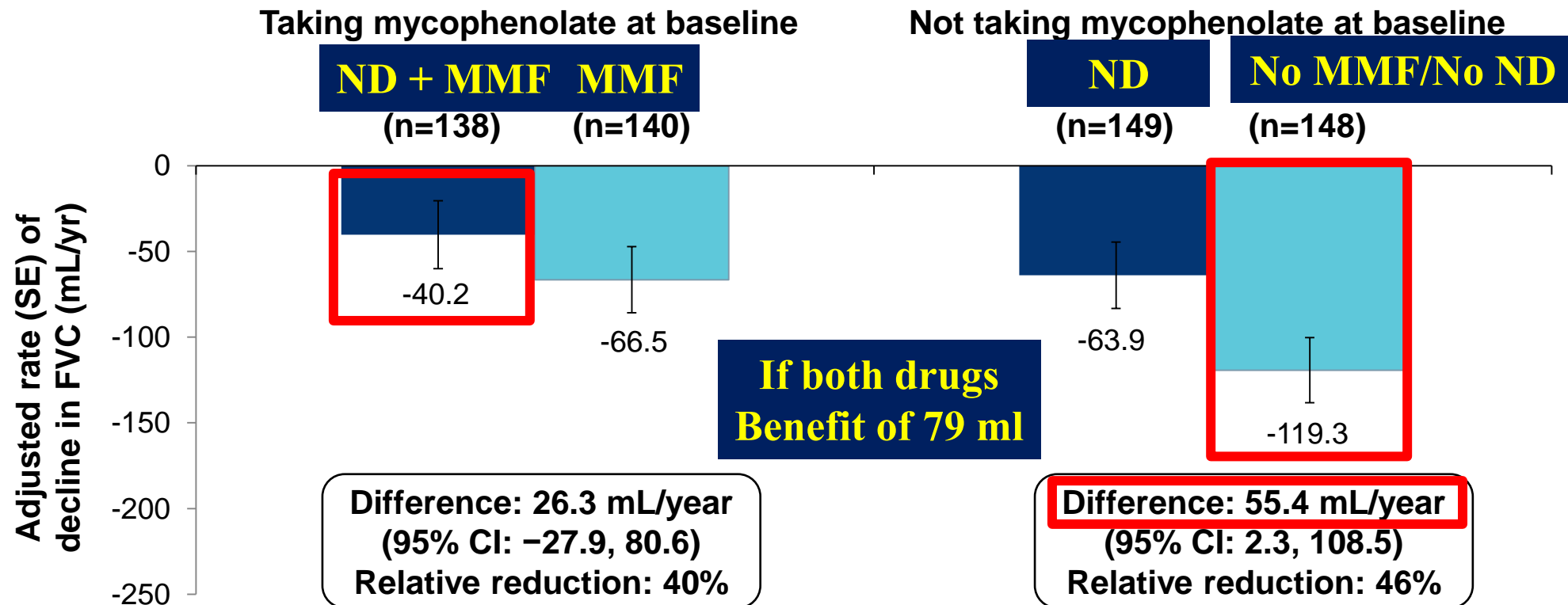
RESULTS

A total of 576 patients received at least one dose of nintedanib or placebo; 51.9% had diffuse cutaneous systemic sclerosis, and 48.4% were receiving mycophenolate at baseline. In the primary end-point analysis, the adjusted annual rate of change in FVC was -52.4 ml per year in the nintedanib group and -93.3 ml per year in the placebo group (difference, 41.0 ml per year; 95% confidence interval [CI], 2.9 to 79.0; $P=0.04$). Sensitivity analyses based on multiple imputation for missing data yielded P values for the primary end point ranging from 0.06 to 0.10. The change from baseline in the modified Rodnan skin score and the total score on the SGRQ at week 52 did not differ significantly between the trial groups, with differences of -0.21 (95% CI, -0.94 to 0.53 ; $P=0.58$) and 1.69 (95% CI, -0.73 to 4.12 [not adjusted for multiple comparisons]), respectively. Diarrhea, the most common adverse event, was reported in 75.7% of the patients in the nintedanib group and in 31.6% of those in the placebo group.

30 to 89% of the predicted value. Patients who were receiving prednisone at a dose of up to 10 mg per day or mycophenolate or methotrexate at a stable dose for at least 6 months before randomization (or both therapies) could participate in the trial. If clinically significant worsening of

Seminal study

Anti-fibrotics plus Immunomodulation...Synergy



Treatment-by-time-by-subgroup interaction p=0.452

DID SENSCIS INCLUDE SLOW-PROGRESSORS?

SCL-ILD-NARROW THERAPEUTIC MARGINS

SENSCIS

FVC=2 lt
3% = 60ml

Identification of the problem

CI, 8.1 to 84.7) (Fig. 2 and Table 2). The adjusted mean annual rate of change in FVC as a percentage of the predicted value at week 52 was -1.4% in the nintedanib group and -2.6% in the placebo group (difference, 1.2 percentage points;

change between 3.0% and 5.3% is the MCID for improvement, and a change of -3.0% to -3.3% is the MCID for worsening (after adjusting for the no-

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Reliability and Minimal Clinically Important Differences of FVC Results from the Scleroderma Lung Studies (SLS-I and SLS-II)

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Safety Data

Nocebo effect?

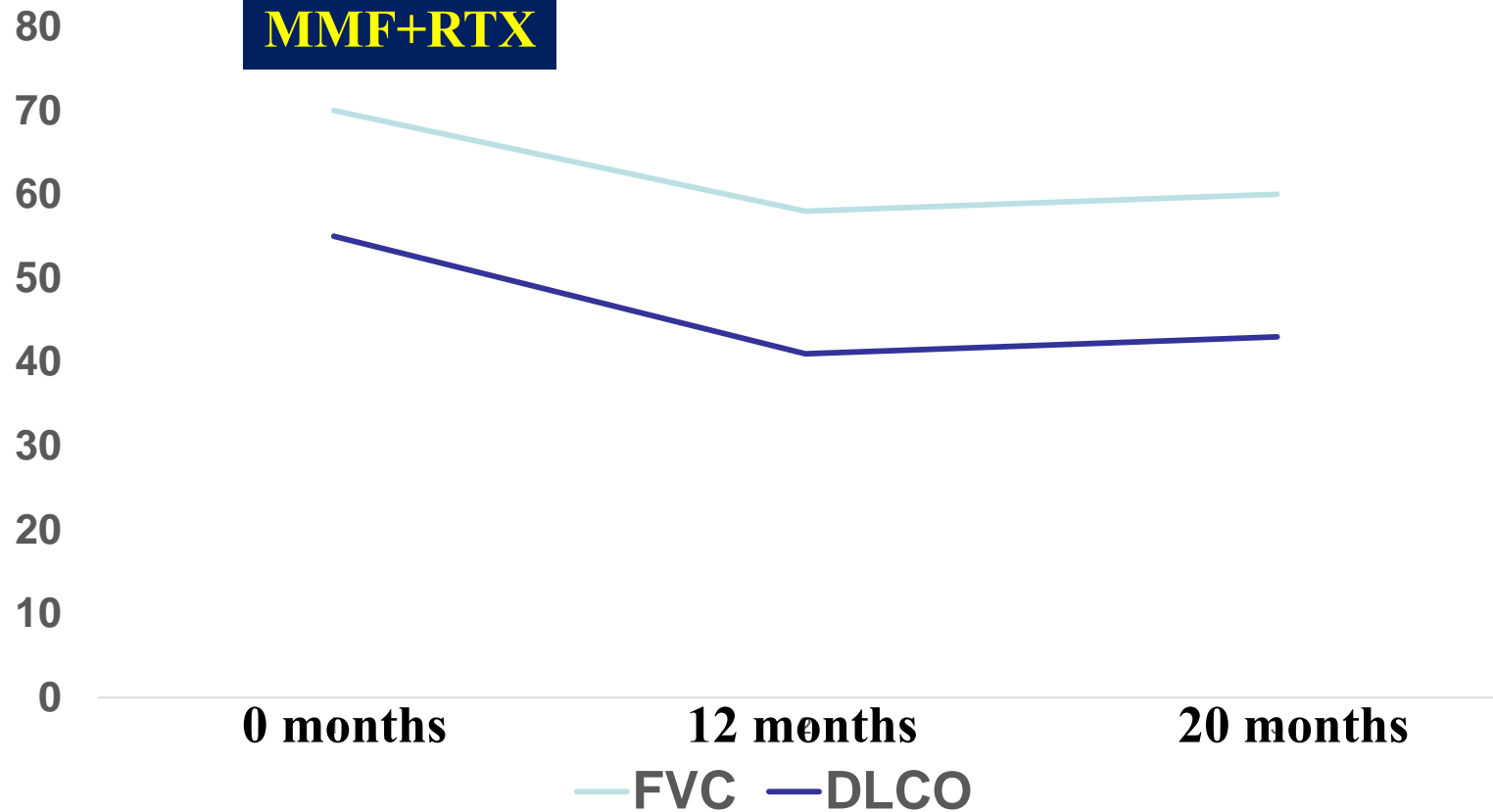
	Nintedanib (n=288)	Placebo (n=288)
Diarrhea	218 (75.7)	91 (31.6)
Nausea	91 (31.6)	39 (13.5)
Vomiting	71 (24.7)	30 (10.4)
Skin ulcer	53 (18.4)	50 (17.4)
Cough	34 (11.8)	52 (18.1)
Nasopharyngitis	36 (12.5)	49 (17.0)
Upper respiratory tract infection	33 (11.5)	35 (12.2)
Abdominal pain	33 (11.5)	21 (7.3)
Fatigue	31 (10.8)	20 (6.9)
Weight decreased	34 (11.8)	12 (4.2)

Adverse events reported over 52 weeks plus 28-day post-treatment period in >10% of patients in either treatment group.
Data are n (%) of patients with ≥1 such adverse event coded based on MedDRA preferred terms.

Commenced on low dose PZN – MMF

**6 mo later dyspnea deteriorated – 6MWD: 410m – 95%-87%,
PFTS deterioration- FVC drop 11%, DLCO drop: 14%**

**STOP RTX
MMF + NINTEDANIB**





Tocilizumab improves FVC in SSc-ILD

Tocilizumab in systemic sclerosis: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial



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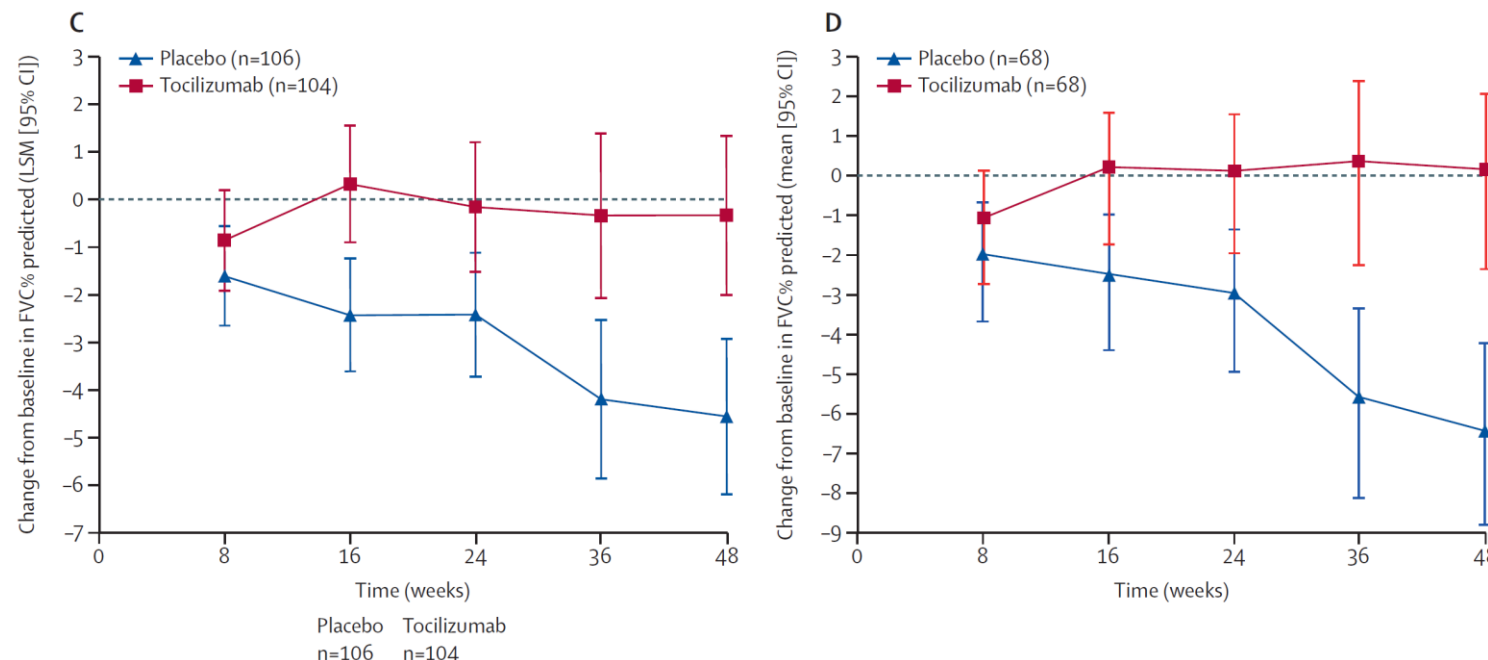
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210 patients, mostly inflammatory component-NSIP

Interpretation The primary skin fibrosis endpoint was not met. Findings for the secondary endpoint of FVC% predicted indicate that tocilizumab might preserve lung function in people with early SSc-ILD and elevated acute-phase reactants. Safety was consistent with the known profile of tocilizumab.





Antibiotic refractory bilateral consolidation in middle age adults (mostly women)

PM/DM-ILD

Chronic

Acute



Pulmonary Manifestations in DM/PM

- Aspiration pneumonia 10 - 15%
dysphagia
 - Respiratory insufficiency 4 - 7%
due to alveolar hypoventilation
(respiratory muscle weakness)
 - Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension 10%
 - Interstitial lung disease up to 60-70%
Anti-Jo-1 pos. in 50%
Histo UIP: bad prognosis (most common)
Histo BOOP: good prognosis
Histo DAD: worst prognosis
- Idiopathic inflammatory myopathies

2017 European League Against Rheumatism/ American College of Rheumatology classification criteria for adult and juvenile idiopathic inflammatory myopathies and their major subgroups

Muscle biopsy available or not
Age of onset = 18-40 or >40 yrs

Muscle weakness

Skin manifestations

Dysphagia/Esophageal Dysmotility

Jo1 + CPK-aldolase

Muscle biopsy features

ILD not included

Box 1 | The EULAR-ACR classification criteria for adult and juvenile IIMs and their major subgroups^{6,7}

Muscle biopsy available

- Probable idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (IIMs): aggregated score (probability $\geq 55\%$ and $< 90\%$) ≥ 6.7 and < 8.7
- Definite IIMs: aggregated score (probability $\geq 90\%$) ≥ 8.7

Muscle biopsy not available

- Probable IIMs: aggregated score (probability $\geq 55\%$ and $< 90\%$) ≥ 5.5 and < 7.5
- Definite IIMs: aggregated score ($\geq 90\%$ probability) ≥ 7

Variable	Score	
	Without muscle biopsy	With muscle biopsy
Age of onset of first symptom assumed to be related to the disease ≥ 18 years and < 40 years	1.3	1.5
Age of onset of first symptom assumed to be related to the disease ≥ 40 years	2.1	2.2
Muscle weakness		
Objective symmetrical weakness, usually progressive, of the proximal upper extremities	0.7	0.7
Objective symmetrical weakness, usually progressive, of the proximal lower extremities	0.8	0.5
Neck flexors are relatively weaker than neck extensors	1.9	1.6
In the legs, proximal muscles are relatively weaker than distal muscles	0.9	1.2
Skin manifestations		
Heliotrope rash	3.1	3.2
Gotttron papules	2.1	2.7
Gotttron sign	3.3	3.7
Other clinical manifestations		
Dysphagia or oesophageal dysmotility	0.7	0.6
Laboratory measurements		
Anti-histidyl-transfer RNA synthetase (Jo1) autoantibody present	3.9	3.8
Elevated serum levels of one of the following enzymes*: creatine kinase, lactate dehydrogenase, aspartate aminotransferase or alanine aminotransferase	1.3	1.4



Anti-synthetase syndrome

15-30% anti-Jo1

TABLE 3 Proposed criteria for myositis associated with anti-tRNA synthetase antibody

Features the patient must have

Positive serological tests for an anti-tRNA synthetase antibody

Plus one major involvement:

Evidence of overt or hypomyopathic myositis (elevated CPK levels, myalgia, proximal muscular weakness, positive muscular biopsy, electromyographic triad of myositis or MRI muscular oedema)

Evidence of ILD according to ATS criteria

Evidence of articular involvement (symmetrical inflammatory arthralgia or overt arthritis)

Or two minor involvements:

Unexplained persistent fever

Raynaud's phenomenon

Mechanic's hands

ILD included

Myositis Panel

- * Mi-2a Ab
- * Mi-2B Ab
- * TIF1-Y Ab
- * MDA-5 Ab
- * NXP2 Ab
- * SAE-1 Ab
- * Ku Ab
- * PM Scl-100 Ab
- * PM Scl-75Ab
- * Jo-1 Ab
- * SRP Ab
- * PL-7 Ab
- * PL-12 Ab
- * EJ Ab
- * OJ Ab
- * Ro-52 Ab

**Qline
Diagnostics**





General principles



- ILD may precede muscular signs in 20%
- BAL = Lymphocytosis
- 50% of DM/PM-ILD will die from respiratory failure
- PL7+, PL12+ often isolated ILD
- MDA5 + has 90% mortality
- Amyopathic DM = rapidly progressing ILD
- UIP pattern = worse prognosis

- **ACT TIMELY!!!!!!**

**Idiopathic inflammatory myopathies
and the lung**

Eur Respir Rev 2015; 24: 216–238 |



Indirect Pulmonary Complications

- Aspiration pneumonia = 35%
- Opportunistic infection = MAC, MTB, PCJ
- Drug Toxicity
- Malignancy = 4-fold increase (1-5%) (TIF1γ)+
- Supra-Ventricular arrhythmias and blocks = 30%

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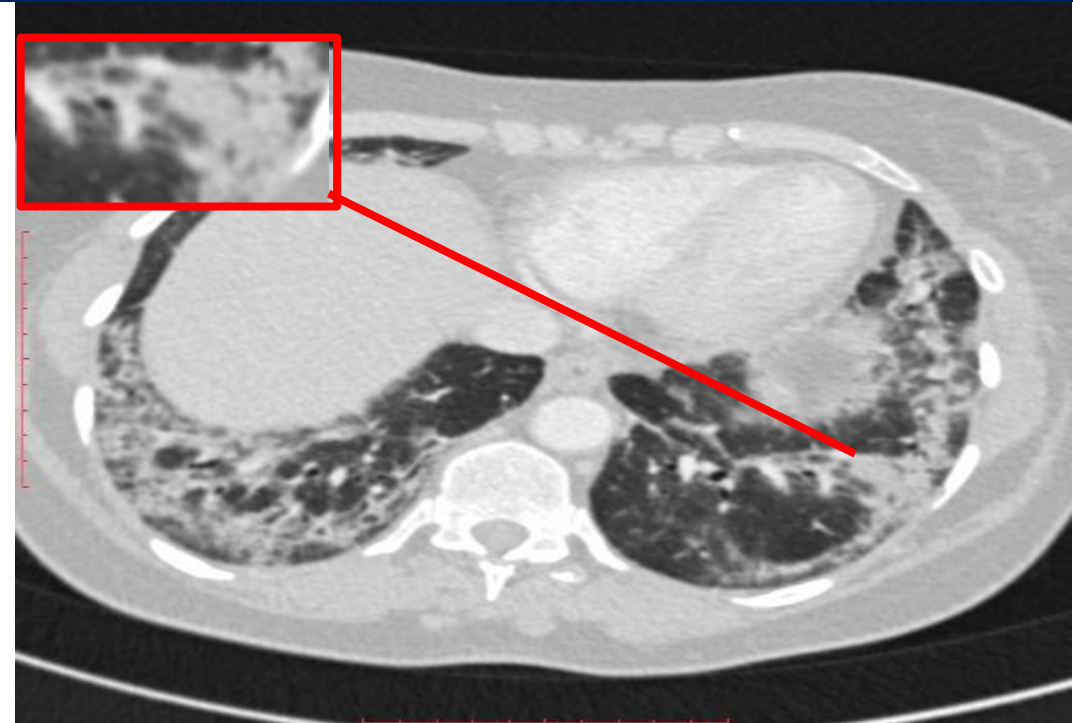
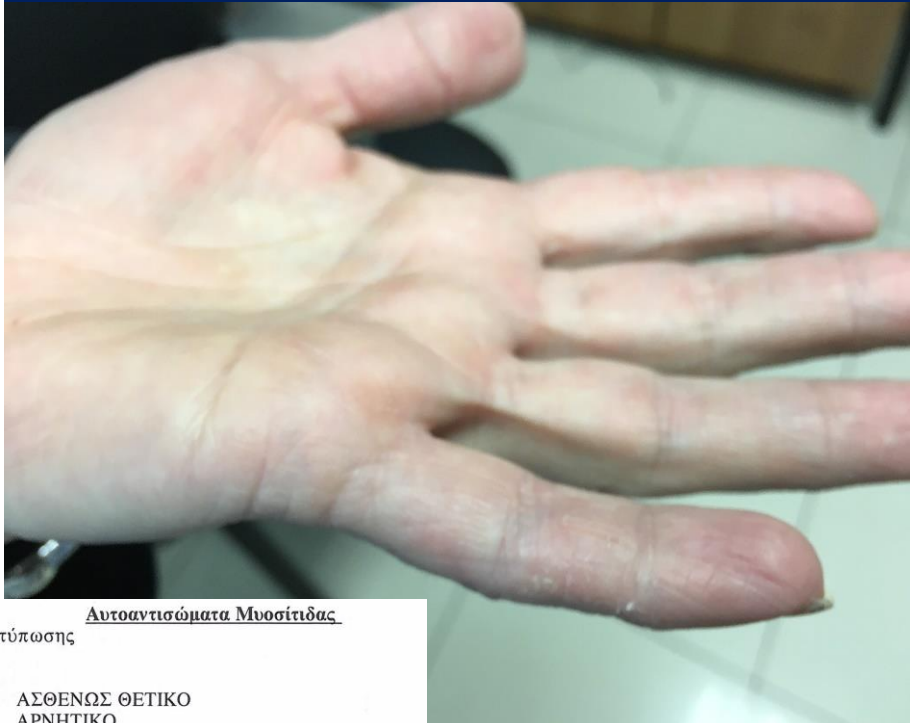
RESEARCH ARTICLE

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The predictive prognostic factors for
polymyositis/dermatomyositis-associated
interstitial lung disease



**47 yrs old female, non-smoker, DOE (II/IV), dry cough-mild fever-recurrent RTIs
past 9 months treated with BDs-antibiotics-NO MYALGIA-history unremarkable –
Velcro type crackles +**



Αυτοαντισώματα Μυοσίτιδας

Μέθοδος Ανοσοαποτύπωσης

Κατά Αντιγόνων:

Mi-2α	ΑΣΘΕΝΩΣ ΘΕΤΙΚΟ
Mi-2β	ΑΡΝΗΤΙΚΟ
TIF1γ	ΑΡΝΗΤΙΚΟ
MDA5	ΑΡΝΗΤΙΚΟ
NXP2	ΑΡΝΗΤΙΚΟ
SAE1	ΑΡΝΗΤΙΚΟ
Ku	ΑΡΝΗΤΙΚΟ
Pm-Scl 100	ΑΡΝΗΤΙΚΟ
Pm-Scl 75	ΑΡΝΗΤΙΚΟ
Jo - 1	ΑΡΝΗΤΙΚΟ
SRP	ΑΡΝΗΤΙΚΟ
PL-7	ΘΕΤΙΚΟ
PL-12	ΑΡΝΗΤΙΚΟ
EJ	ΑΡΝΗΤΙΚΟ
OJ	ΑΡΝΗΤΙΚΟ
Ro ₅₂	ΘΕΤΙΚΟ

ESR: 75mm/h, CPK: 55mg/dl, aldolase: 10 mg/dl

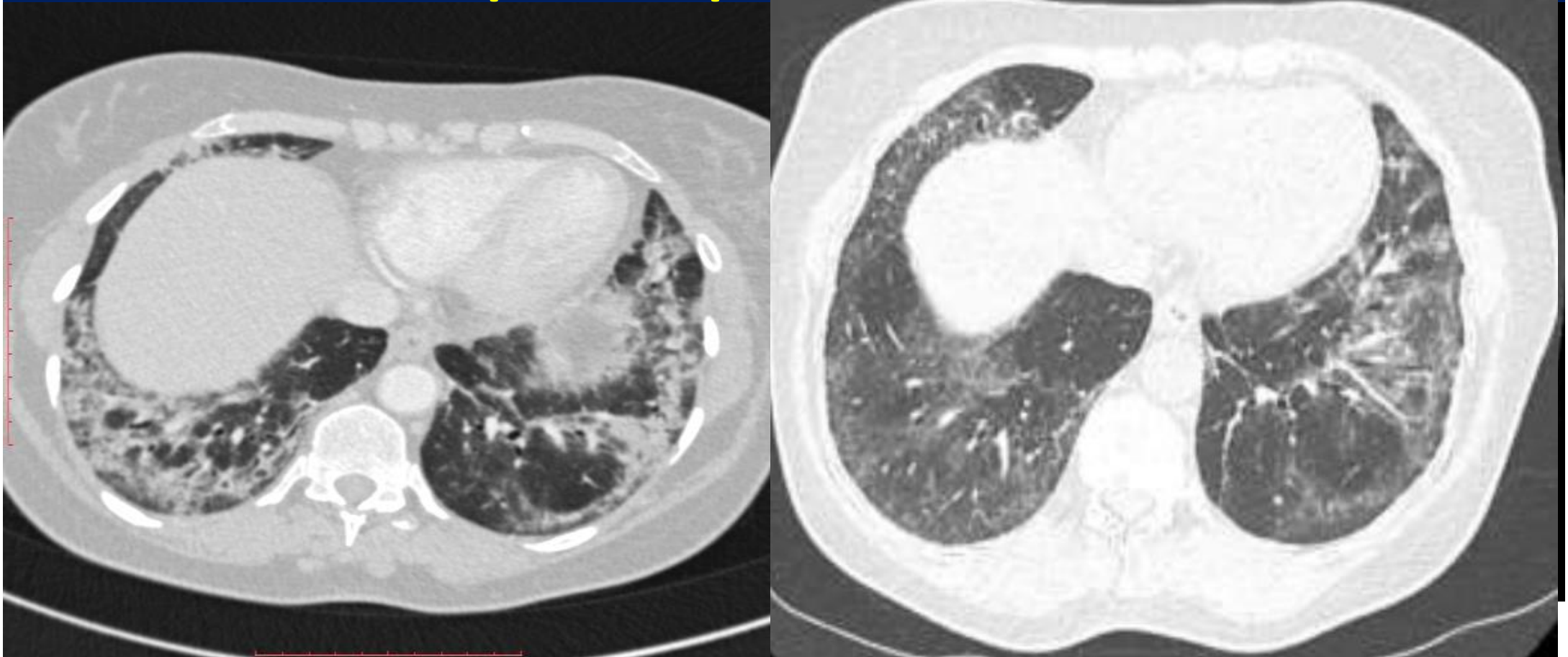
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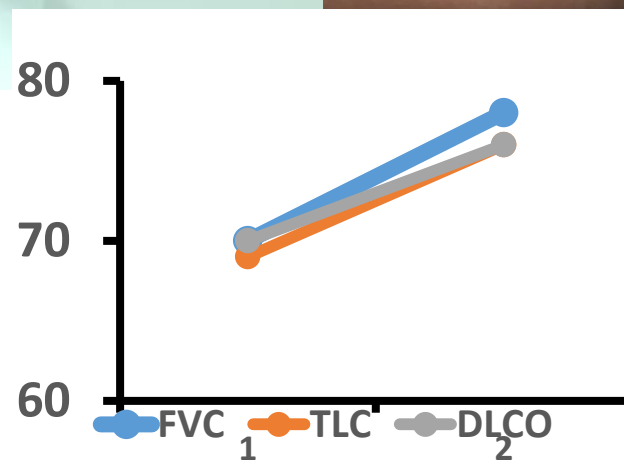
FVC: 70%, TIF: 86, TLC: 69%, DLCO: 70%

6MWD: 400 M, 98%-92%

ANA: 1/640, ENA panel: (-), anti-Jo1: (-), anti-PL7: (++) , Ro52 : (++) ,

**30 mg prednisolone (gradual tapering to 10 mg) +
MMF+TMP/SMX+vaccination
pre and post Rx (8mo)**



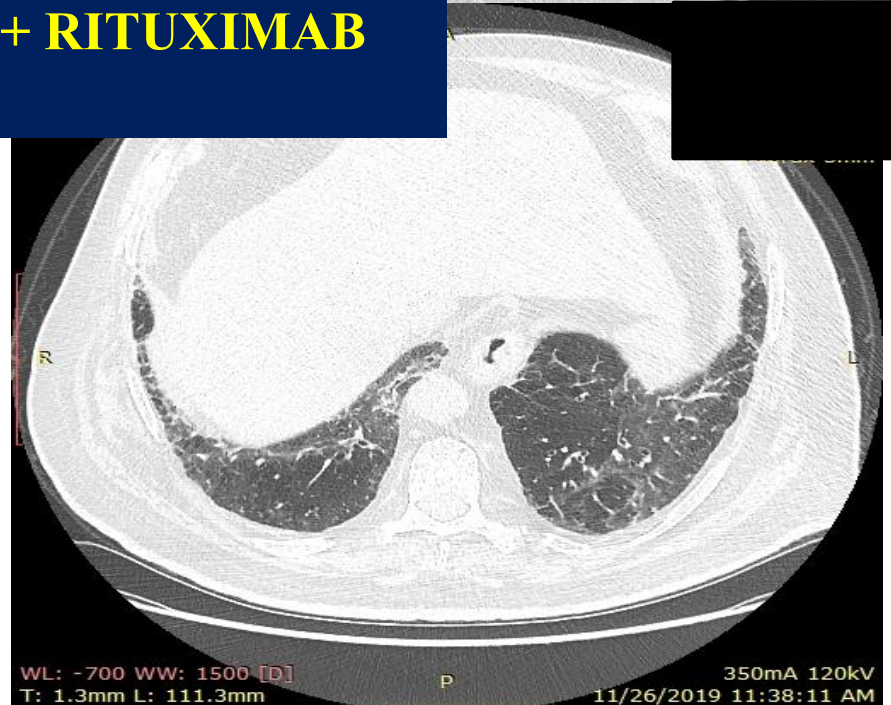
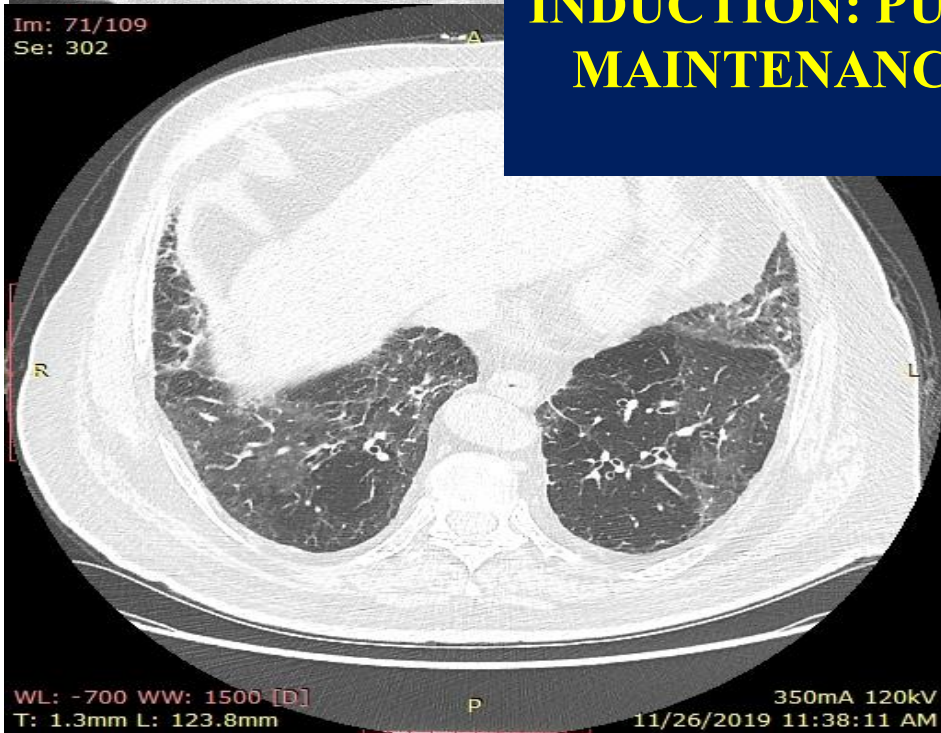




67 yrs old female, smoker, acute onset of dyspnea – Respiratory failure – Antibiotic refractory bilateral OP + PL12, +Ku, +Ro52



**INDUCTION: PULSES OF CS+RITUXIMAB
MAINTENANCE : MMF + RITUXIMAB**

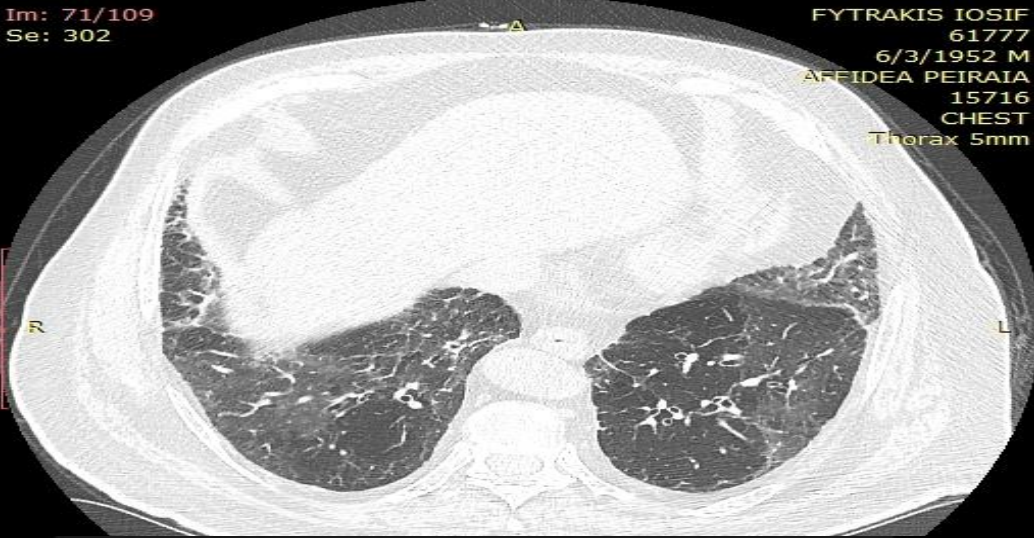




HRCT

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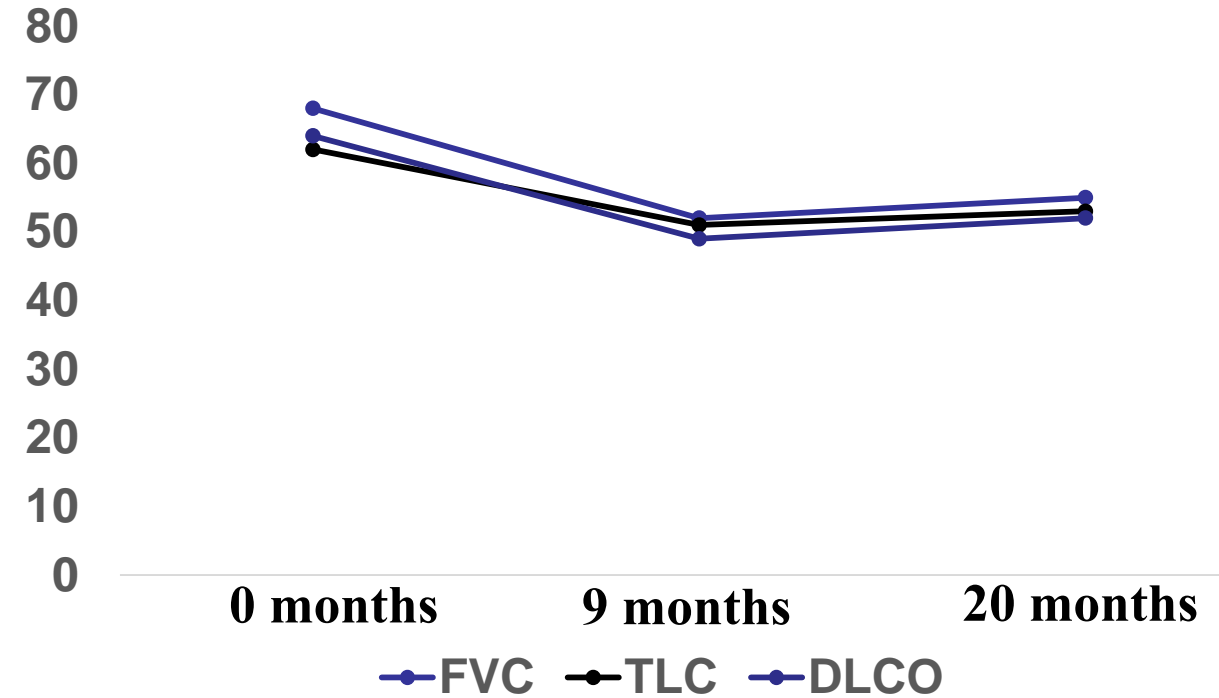
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PFTs



**STOP RTX
MMF + NINTEDANIB**





Anti-PL-7 (Anti-Threonyl-tRNA Synthetase) Antisynthetase Syndrome

*Clinical Manifestations in a Series of Patients From a European
Multicenter Study (EUMYONET) and Review of the Literature*

(Medicine 2012;91: 206–211)

Disease profile of patients with antisynthetase autoantibodies

Sex ratio – Female/Male	1.7
Age at diagnosis	4th decade
Onset	Acute
Major clinical features	Interstitial lung disease Fever Raynauds phenomenon 'mechanic's hands'
Steroid response	Moderate
Mortality (%)	20

Eighteen patients, 15 women, were anti-PL-7 antibody positive. Median follow-up was 5.25 years (interquartile range, 2.8–10.7 yr), and 4 patients died. All patients had myositis (12 polymyositis, 5 dermatomyositis, and 1 amyopathic dermatomyositis), 10 (55.6%) had interstitial lung disease, and 9 (50%) had pericardial effusion. Occupational expo-



Myositis-ILD: Patras cohort

Table 1. Baseline characteristics.

Characteristics	(N,%)
Total number of patients	15
Age median (%95CI)	64.0 (56.3 to 68.7)
Male/ Female	7 (46.7%) / 8 (53.3%)
FVC% predicted \pm SD	80.6 \pm 20.5
DLCO% predicted \pm SD	68.9 \pm 25.4
Lymphocytes % in BAL \pm SD	29.4 \pm 24.1

Table 2. Most commonly encountered antibodies.

Antibodies	(N,%)
anti-Ro52	8, 53.3%
anti-Jo-1	5, 33.3%
anti-MDA5	4, 26.7%
anti-PL-7	3, 20%
anti-PL-12	2, 13.3%
anti-Ku	2, 13.3%
anti-OJ	2, 13.3%



Specific ILD radiographic features may herald underlying inflammatory myopathies. Incorporation of ILD radiological patterns in the diagnostic criteria of inflammatory myopathies may lead to timely therapeutic interventions and positively impact patients' survival.

Figure 1. Representative HRCT images of two different patients with myositis-ILD.

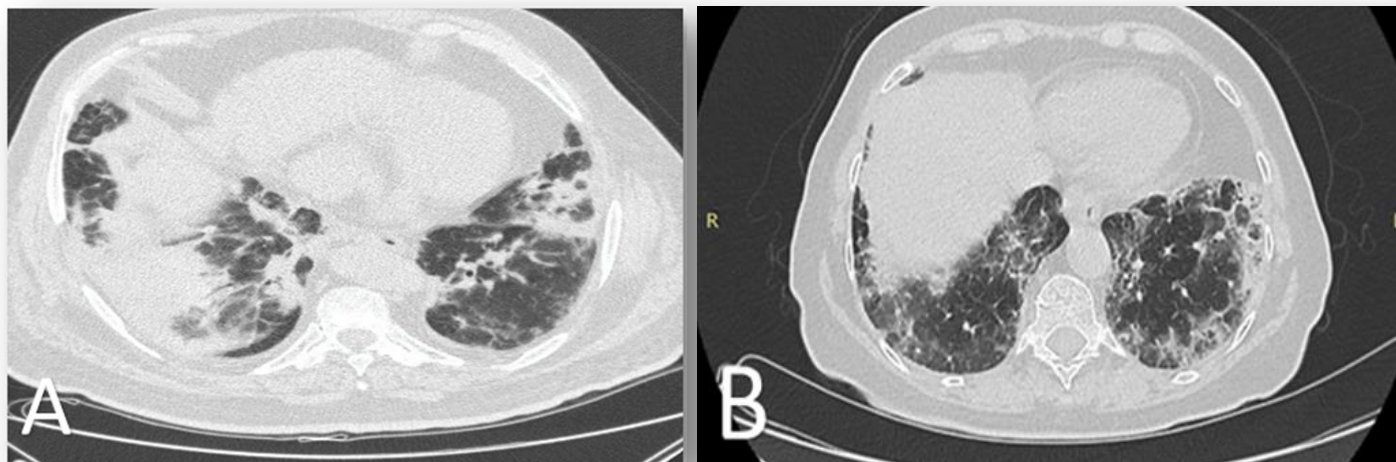
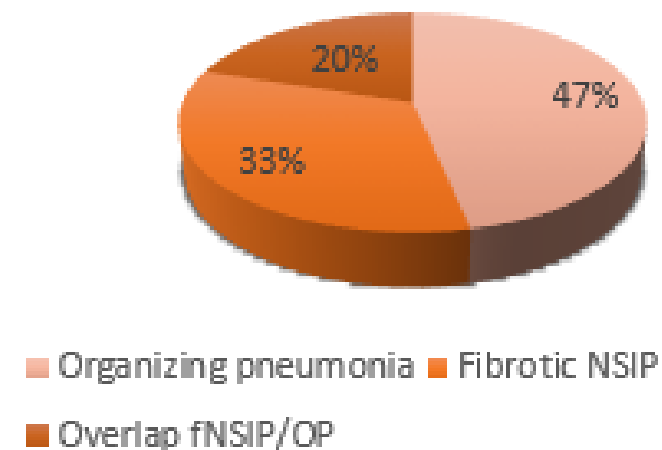


Figure 2. Predominant radiographic pattern.



Miscommunication between Rh and Pm

lacking at disease onset. [5]. However, as reported previously [6], in the case of anti-synthetase antibody positivity, the diagnostic scenario may vary with the same patient diagnosed with ASSD if referred to a rheumatologist, or IPAF if referred to a pulmonologist. In fact, a high prevalence of anti-synthetase

the IIP patients that are presently classified by the rheumatologists in different areas of CTDS as IIPAF. It is clear that physicians from the various specialties now need to work together to overcome these problems to improve our understanding about this galaxy of diseases and finally establish shared diagnostic and classification criteria. At present, IPAF criteria have a relevant role in the improvement of our knowledge

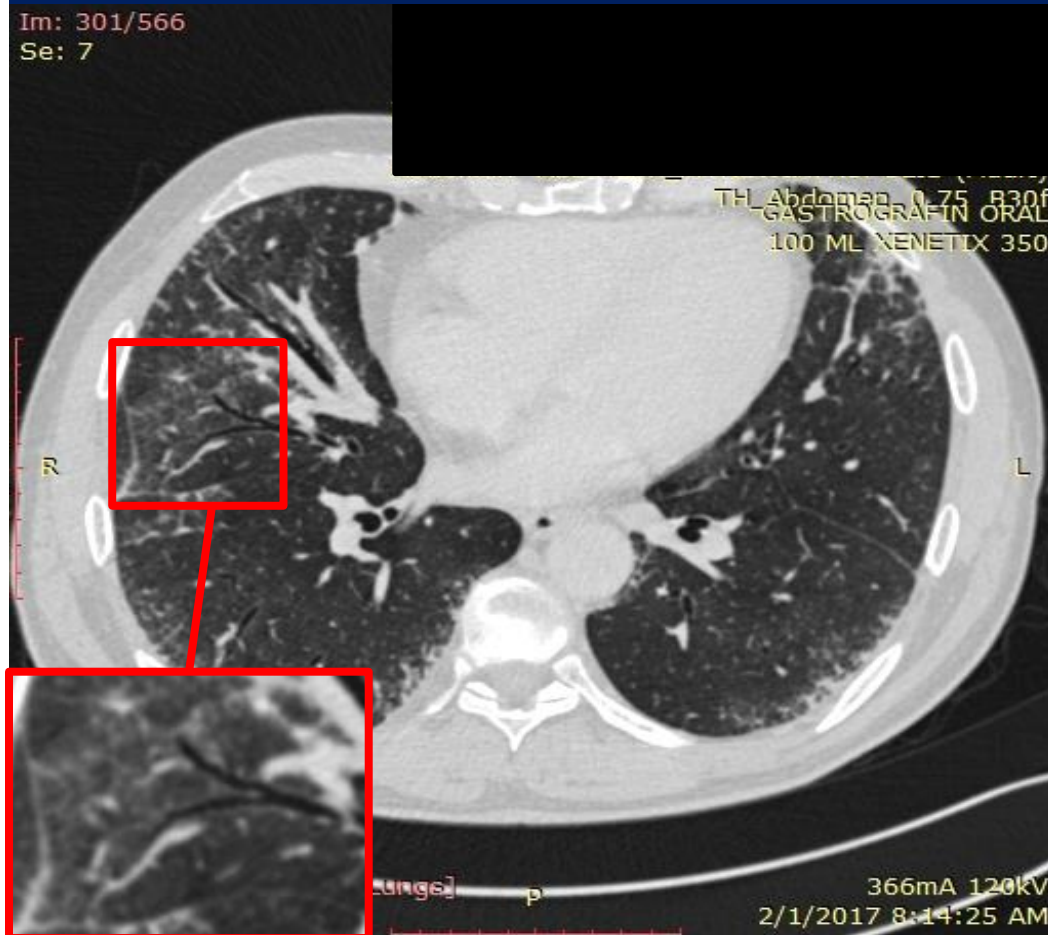
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IPAF



**60 yrs old male, ex-smoker, history of hypercalciuria, hashimoto,
Non-productive cough, DOE (II/IV) last 6 mo, low-grade fever last 3 days – family doctor –
moxifloxacin (WBCs: 17450, CRP: 3.4)- no Raynaud, no arthralgia-myalgia**



**BAL: 37%L, (-) AFB, (-) fungi
ANA: 1/640, ENA panel: (-), RF: (-)
RVSP: 25 mmHg, 6MWD: 410 m, SaO2: 98% – 88%
VATS biopsy: ?**

Indeterminate Pattern

Indeterminate for UIP

Subpleural and basal predominant

Subtle reticulation; may have mild GGO or distortion ("early UIP pattern")

CT features and/or distribution of lung fibrosis that do not suggest any specific etiology ("truly indeterminate")

Familial

IPAF

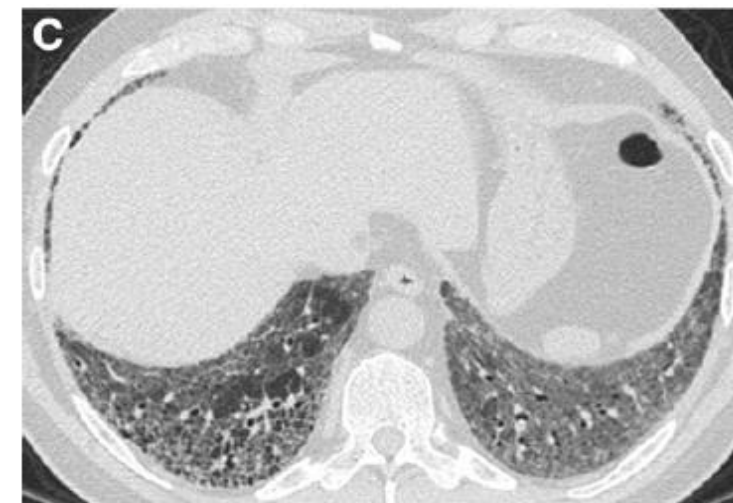
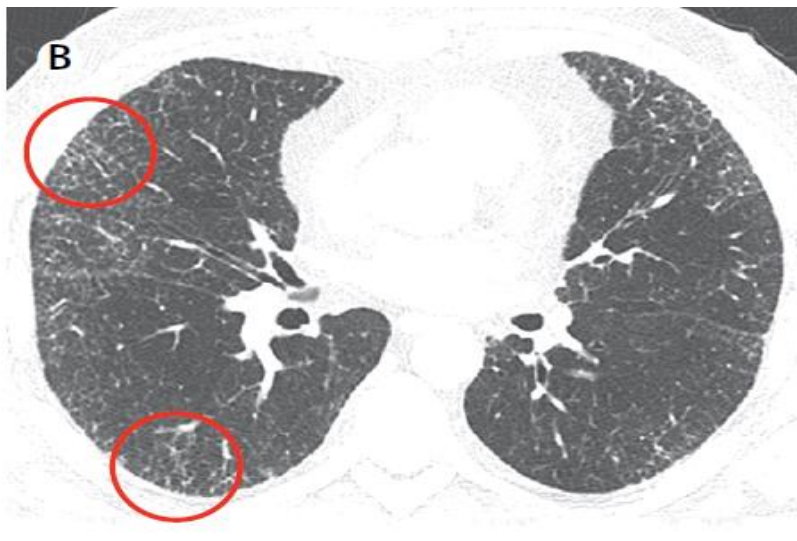
30%

Unclassifiable

ILA

Early UIP pattern

Truly indeterminate





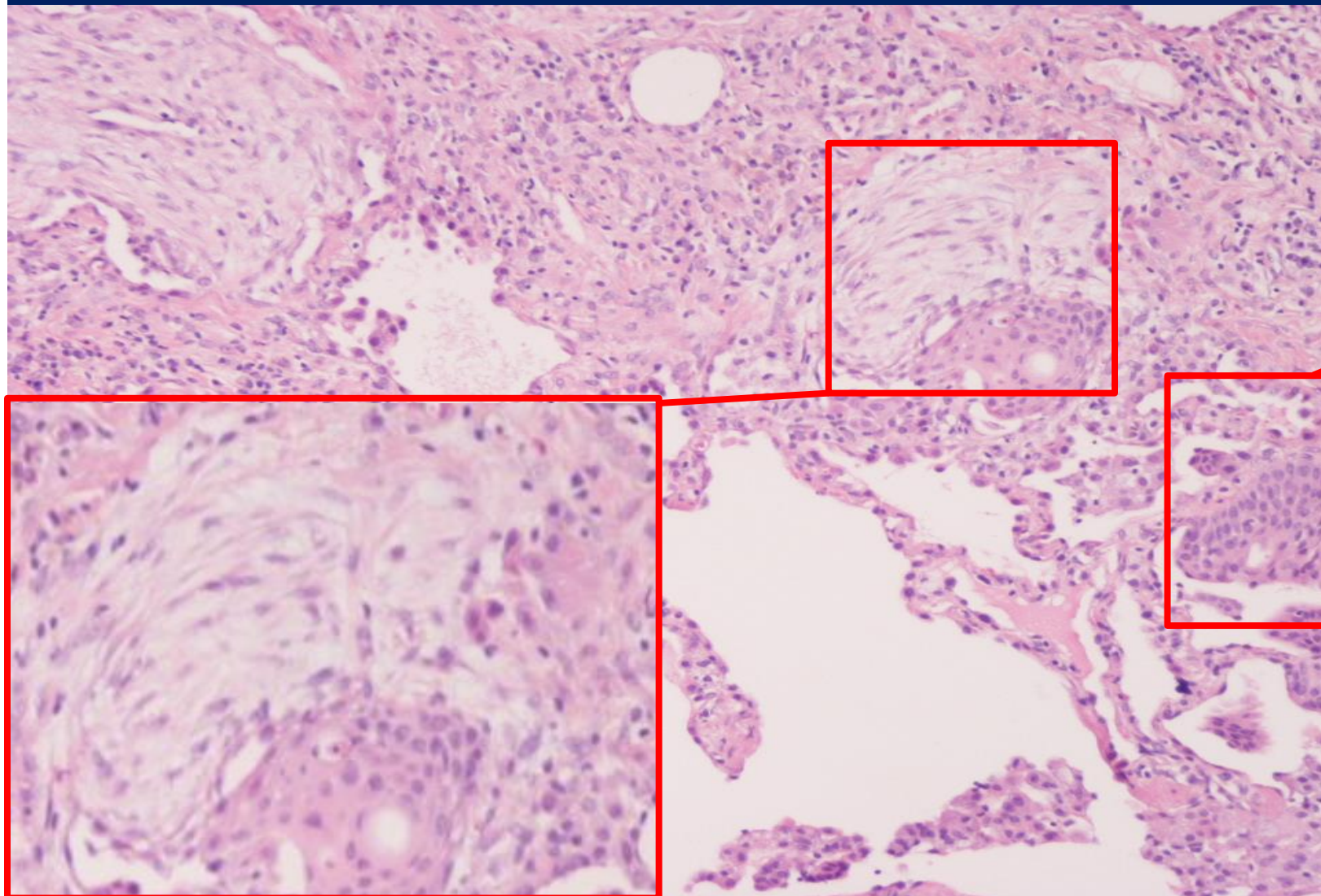
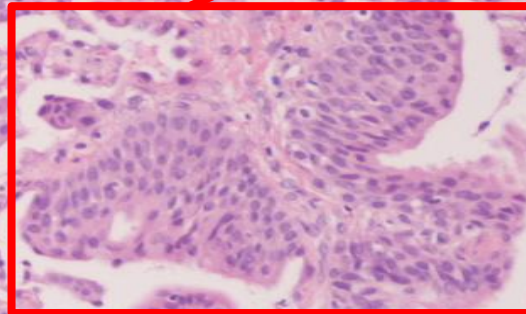
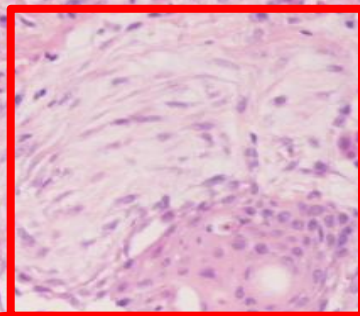
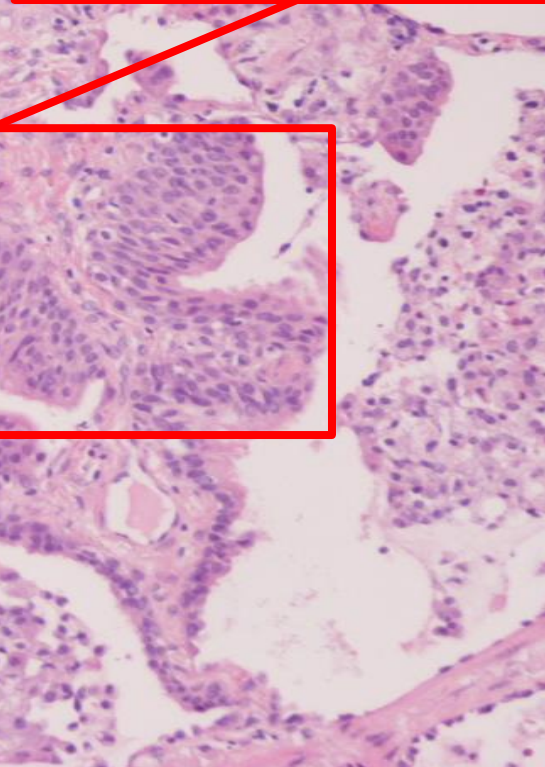
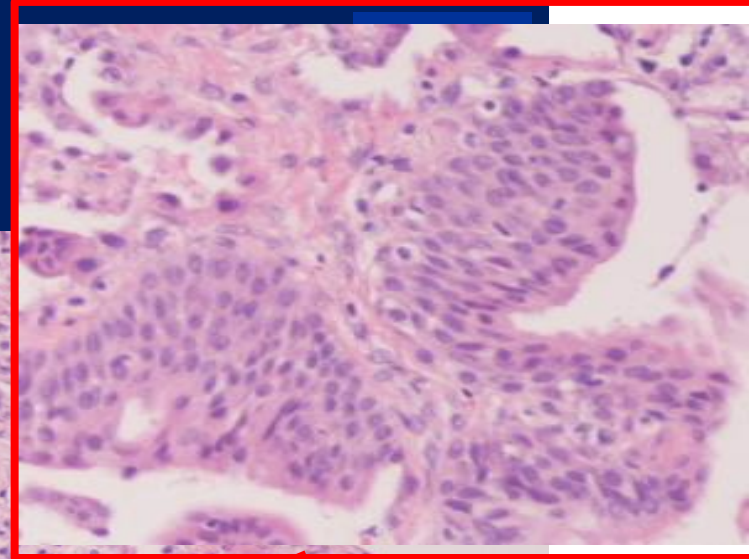
Probable UIP pattern requires biopsy or not?

TABLE 2 Diagnostic components for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)

	ATS/ERS/JRS/ALAT clinical practice guideline [1]	Fleischner white paper consensus statement [2]
Age limit for increased diagnostic confidence		60 years
HRCT pattern	UIP	Typical UIP
		Subpleural and basal predominance
		Presence of honeycombing with or without peripheral traction bronchiectasis
		Biopsy not recommended
		Probable UIP
		Subpleural and basal predominance
		Presence of peripheral traction bronchiectasis
	<i>Biopsy recommended (conditional)</i>	<i>Biopsy not recommended</i>
		Indeterminate for UIP
	Subpleural and basal predominant May have mild GGO or distortion	Variable or diffuse Features suggestive of non-UIP pattern
		<i>Biopsy recommended</i>
	Alternative diagnosis	Most consistent with non-IPF diagnosis
		Findings suggestive of another diagnosis
		<i>Biopsy recommended</i>



Histology (I)





IPAF/Unclassifiable ILD

Working diagnosis

An official European Respiratory Society/ American Thoracic Society research statement: interstitial pneumonia with autoimmune features

TABLE 1 Classification criteria for “interstitial pneumonia with autoimmune features”

1. Presence of an interstitial pneumonia (by HRCT or surgical lung biopsy) and,
2. Exclusion of alternative aetiologies *and,*
3. Does not meet criteria of a defined connective tissue disease *and,*
4. At least one feature from at least two of these domains:
 - A. Clinical domain
 - B. Serologic domain
 - C. Morphologic domain

A. Clinical domain

1. Distal digital fissuring (*i.e.* “mechanic hands”)
2. Distal digital tip ulceration
3. Inflammatory arthritis *or* polyarticular morning joint stiffness ≥ 60 min
4. Palmar telangiectasia
5. Raynaud’s phenomenon
6. Unexplained digital oedema
7. Unexplained fixed rash on the digital extensor surfaces (Gottron’s sign)

B. Serologic domain

1. ANA $\geq 1:320$ titre, diffuse, speckled, homogeneous patterns *or*
 - a. ANA nucleolar pattern (any titre) *or*
 - b. ANA centromere pattern (any titre)
2. Rheumatoid factor $\geq 2\times$ upper limit of normal
3. Anti-CCP
4. Anti-dsDNA
5. Anti-Ro (SS-A)
6. Anti-La (SS-B)
7. Anti-ribonucleoprotein
8. Anti-Smith
9. Anti-topoisomerase [Scl-70]
10. Anti-tRNA synthetase (*e.g.* Jo-1, PL-7, PL-12; others are: EJ, I)
11. Anti-PM-Scl
12. Anti-MDA-5

C. Morphologic domain

1. Suggestive radiology patterns by HRCT (see text for descriptions):

- a. NSIP
- b. OP
- c. NSIP with OP overlap
- d. LIP

2. Histopathology patterns or features by surgical lung biopsy:

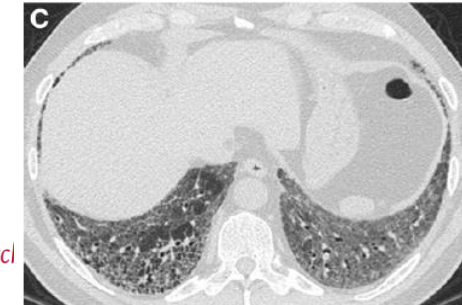
- a. NSIP
- b. OP
- c. NSIP with OP overlap
- d. LIP

- e. Interstitial lymphoid aggregates with germinal centres
 - f. Diffuse lymphoplasmacytic infiltration (with or without lymphoid follicles)
3. Multi-compartment involvement (in addition to interstitial pneumonia):
 - a. Unexplained pleural effusion or thickening

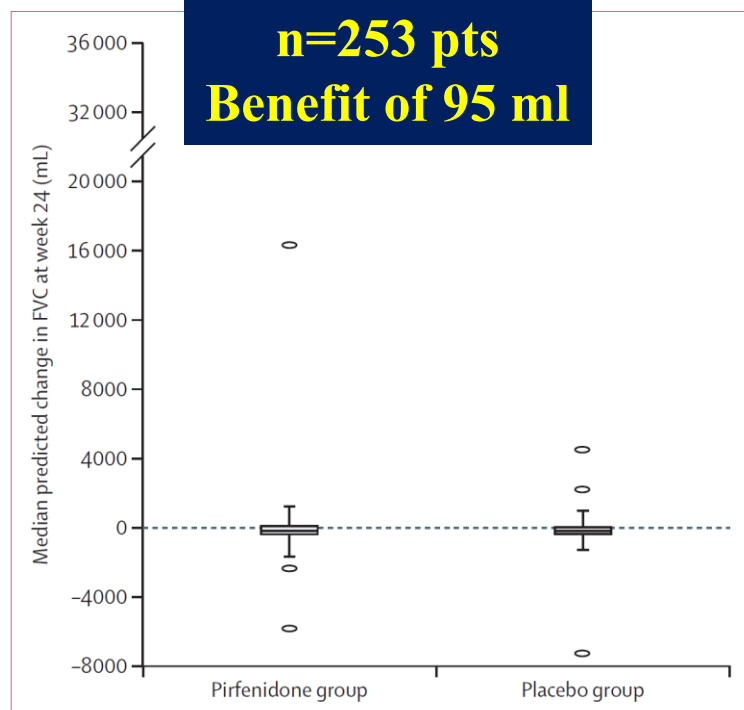
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Pirfenidone in patients with unclassifiable progressive fibrosing interstitial lung disease: a double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled, phase 2 trial

Lancet Respir Med 2019



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	Pirfenidone (n=127)	Placebo (n=126)	Pirfenidone vs placebo	p value*
Predicted FVC change from baseline measured by site spirometry, mL				
Mean (95% CI)	-17.8† (-62.6 to 27.0)	-113.0‡ (-152.5 to -73.6)	95.3 (35.9 to 154.6)	0.002
Median (Q1-Q3)	-7.5 (-185.4 to 112.3)	-125.8 (-238.2 to 2.2)	118.3	..
FVC change from baseline measured by site spirometry, % predicted				
Rank analysis of covariance	0.038
Patients with >5% decline in FVC	47 (37%)	74 (59%)	0.42 (0.25 to 0.69)§	0.001
Patients with >10% decline in FVC	18 (14%)	34 (27%)	0.44 (0.23 to 0.84)§	0.011
DLco change from baseline, % predicted				
Rank analysis of covariance	0.09
Patients with >15% decline in DLco¶	3 (2%)	11 (9%)	0.25 (0.07 to 0.93)§	0.039
6MWD change from baseline, m				
Rank analysis of covariance	0.040
Patients with >50 m decline in 6MWD¶	36 (28%)	35 (28%)	1.03 (0.59 to 1.78)§	0.92

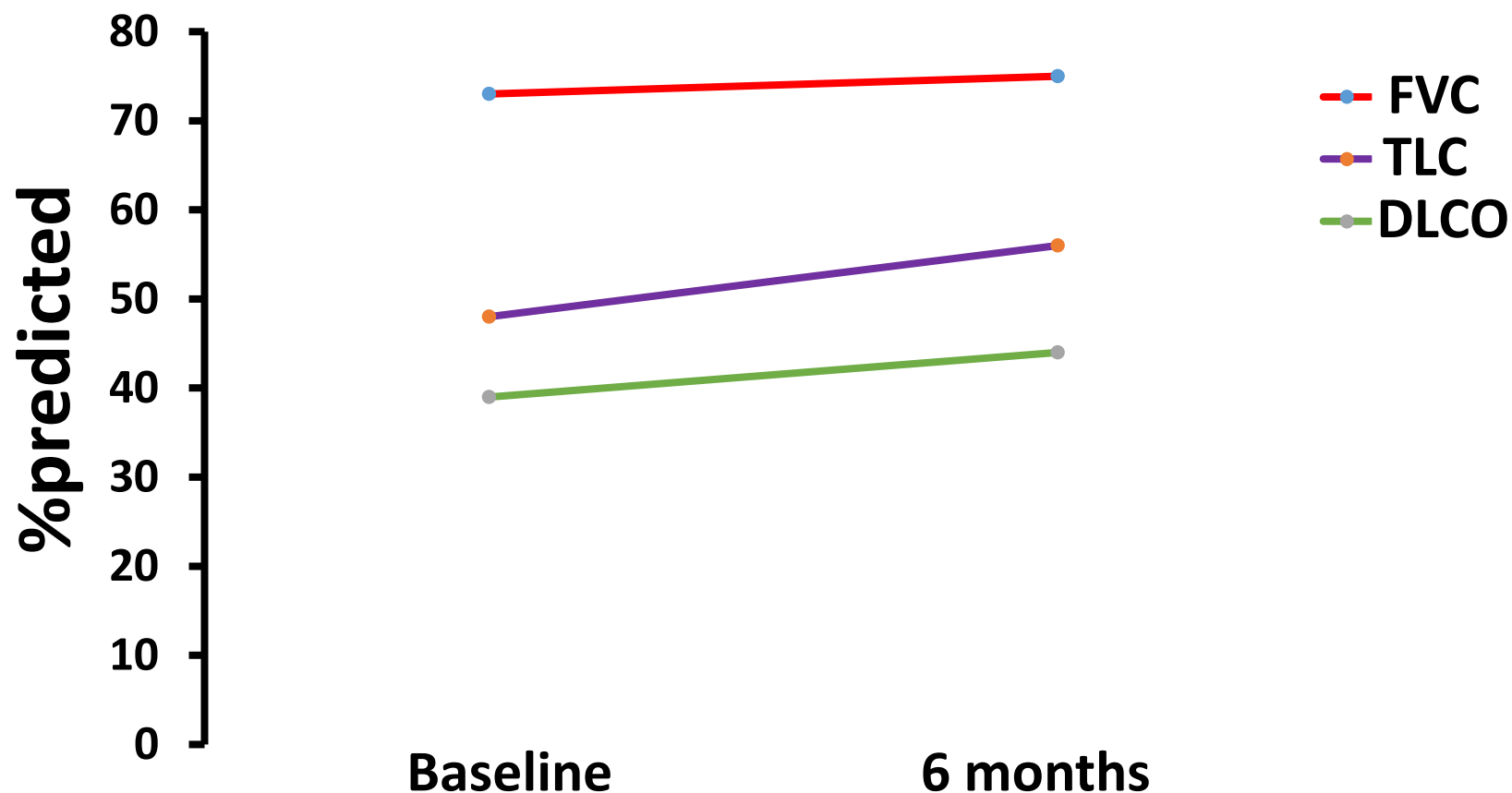
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Low dose OCS – Pirfenidone Follow-up (6 months)



- **ANA: 1/320, anti-Sc170:++, RF: 10.8, anti-CCPs:-**





“Fatal” limitations of the IPAF/EULAR criteria – miscommunication Rheum-Pulmo

- IPAF criteria contain myositis-specific Abs (MDA5, Jo1)
- Abs= rapidly progressing ILDs that will benefit from aggressive approaches with high-doses of CS and immunomodulation
- No therapeutic guidelines for IPAF
- EULAR 2018 require the presence of 6mo of disease duration – ILD is not included
- 6 mo delays to set firm diagnosis maybe FATAL

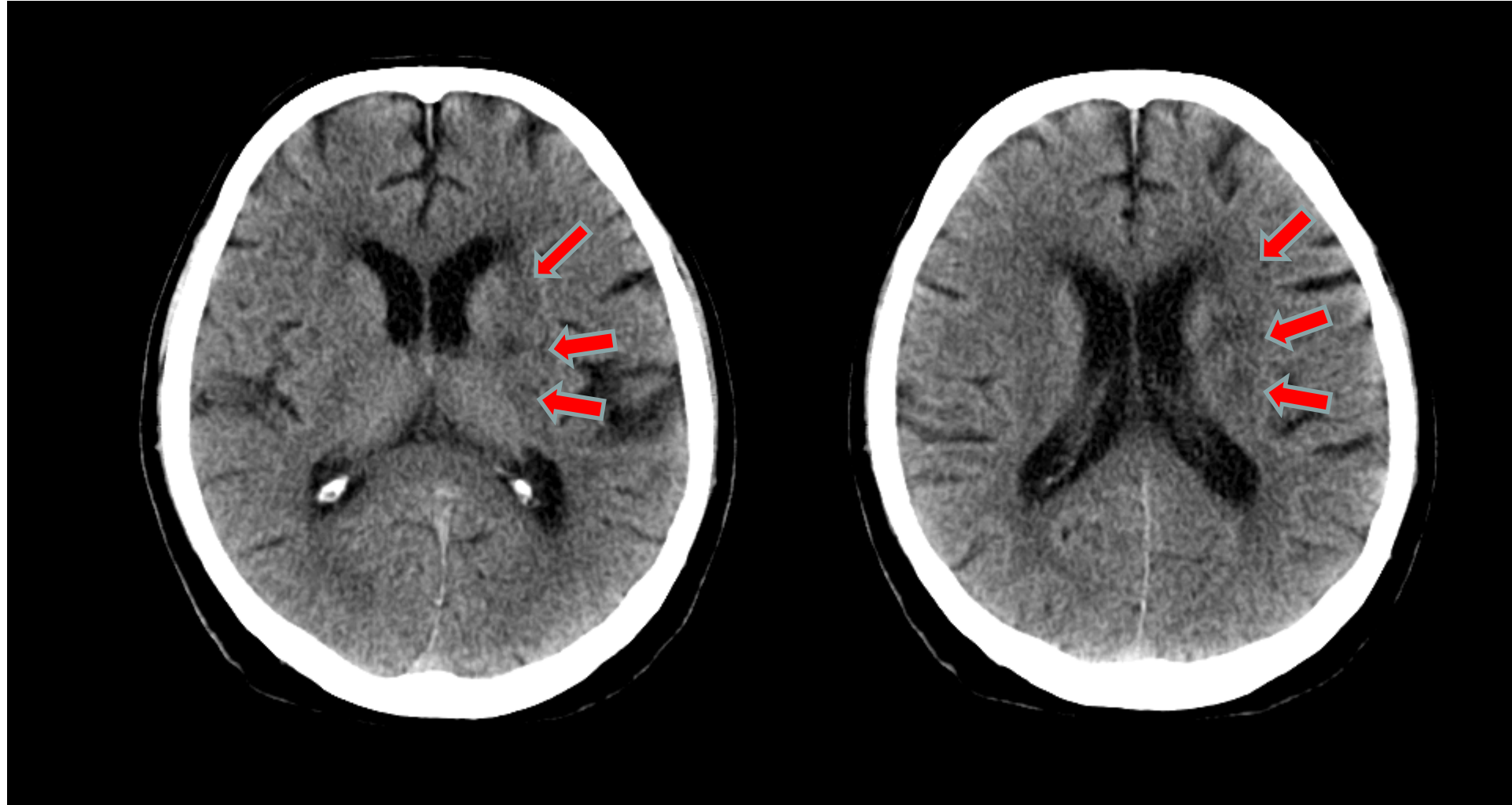


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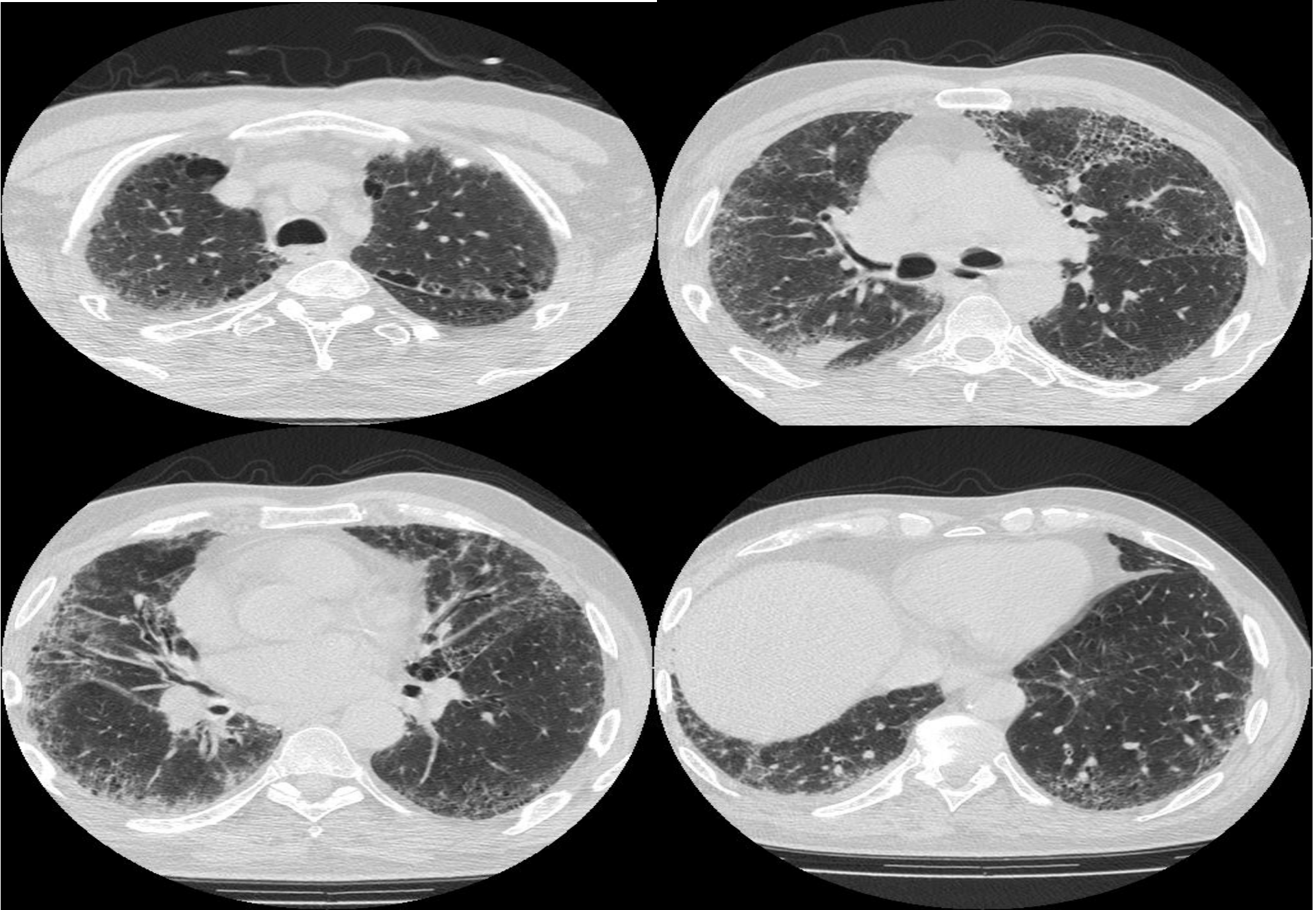
CASE

69-yr old, male, ex-smoker (40 p/yr), BMI=30, farmer, admitted to ER due to mild dyspnoea on exertion (mMRC I) headache, muscle weakness and dysarthria the last 4 hrs.

Brain CT showing multiple ischemia lesions (arrows) in the internal watershed distribution of left internal carotid artery



Day 1



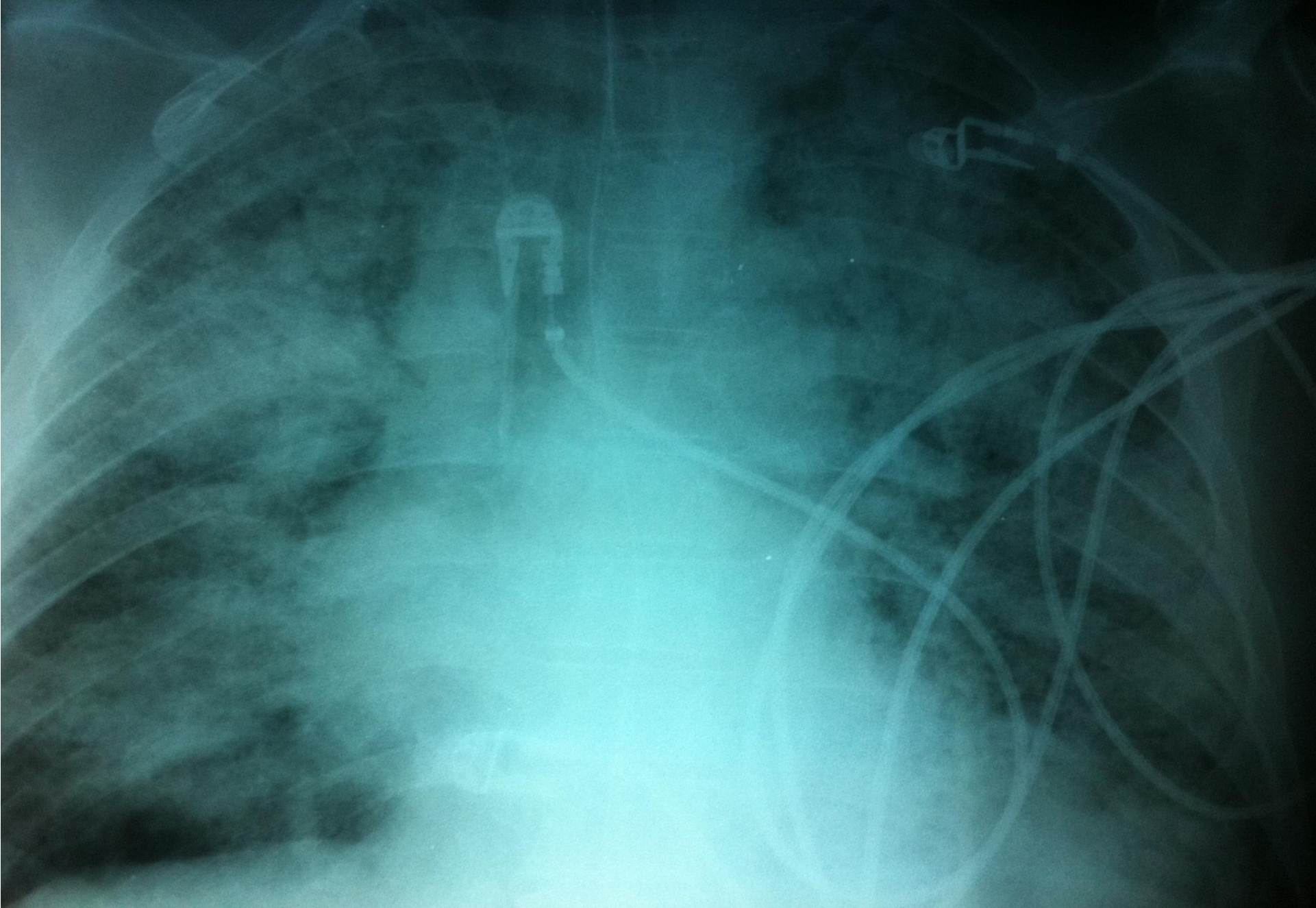
Case follow-up (I)

(day 6)

- Patient treated with 325 mgr aspirin
- Patient developed fever (38°C) and progressive dyspnea with minimal activity – at rest (mMRC IV/IV). Started on Meropenem 1gr*2/day (GFR=24.6)
- ABGs: PO₂: 60 mmHg, PCO₂: 30 mmHg, pH:7.45, FiO₂: 21%
- Blood cell count: Ht :30,1% Hb: 10,1 g/dL, WBC:6.650, Lymph: 31%, Neu:65%, Eos=180/μl, ESR:55mm/1hr
- Routine lab tests:

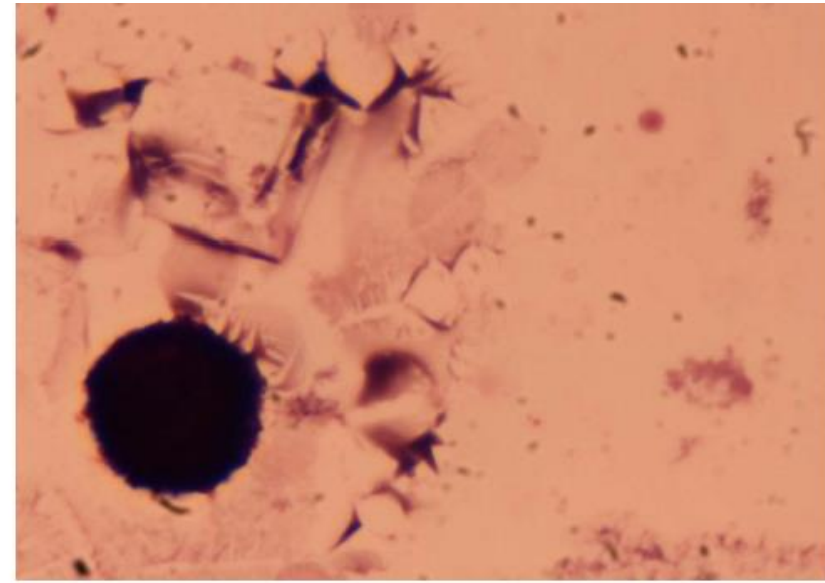
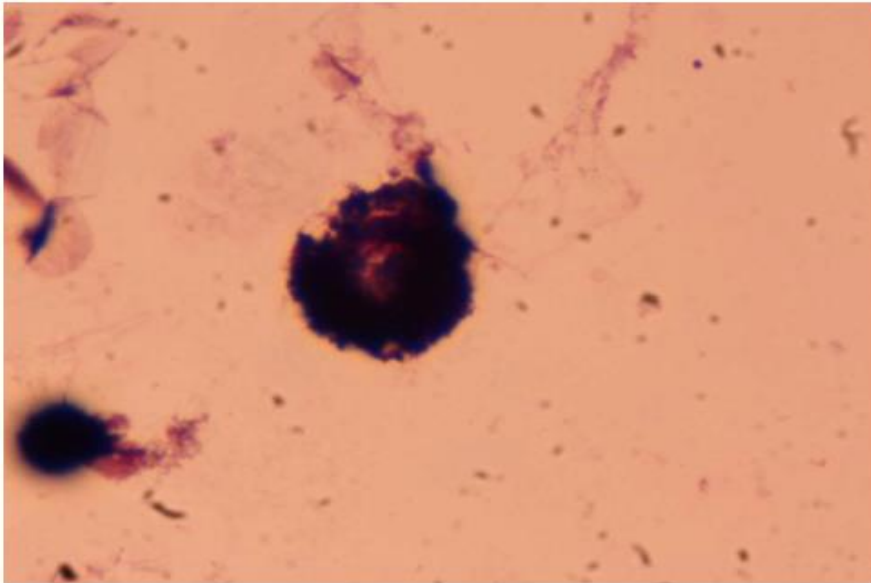
Glucose: 110 mg/dl, U:156 mg/dl, Cr:3,4 mg/dl, Na: 139mmol/L, K: 4,3mmol/L, CRP:2.9 mg/dl
- 24hour urine protein levels: 1400 mg/dl
- Microscopic urine analysis: red blood cell renal casts
- HRCT: Presented (day 12)

Respiratory Failure - ARDS



Case follow-up (day 13)

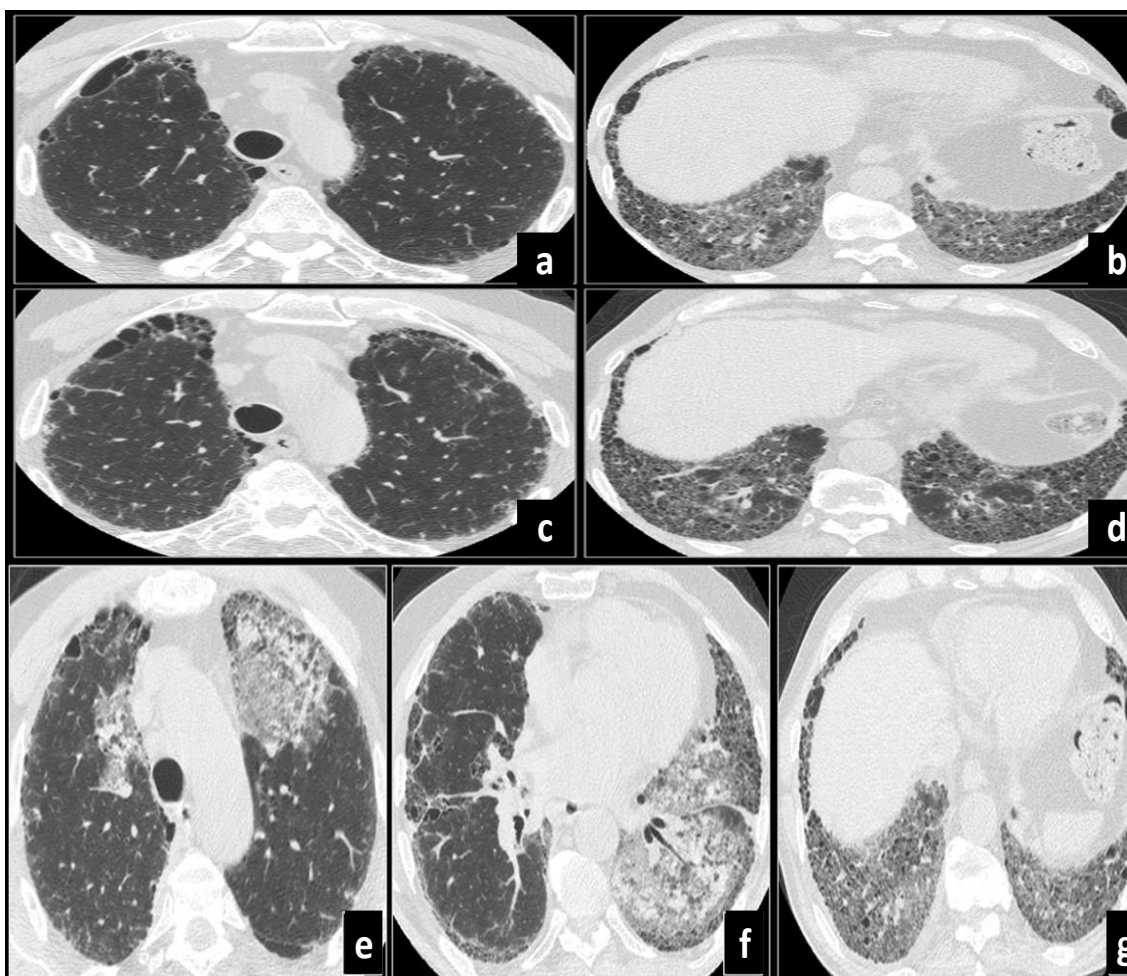
- **BALF = BLOODY**
- **BALF differential cell count = >40% siderophages**



Combined pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema associated with microscopic polyangiitis

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	Time after MPA diagnosis		
	-12 months	0 months	36 months
FEV1 % pred	69.2	59.6	60.9
FVC % pred	70.1	63.6	67.7
FEV1/FVC	73.7	70.8	66.2
FEF _{25-75%} %pred	44	40	33
TLC % pred	73	58.5	53.3
DL _{CO} %pred	43.4	25.7	30.2
6MWD m	380	NA	370
sP _{pa} [#] mmHg	25	35	35
Pa _{O₂} mmHg	66	55	60
Pa _{CO₂} mmHg	40	39	46

Prevalence and outcome of pulmonary fibrosis in microscopic polyangiitis

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TABLE 2 Pulmonary function data in microscopic polyangiitis patients [#] with or without fibrosis			
	Fibrosis	No fibrosis	p-value
FVC % pred	75.4±12.3	79.6±10.9	0.45
FEV ₁ % pred	77.0±19.9	71.9±20.4	0.61
FEV ₁ /FVC	88.3±8.0	78.7±17.5	0.17
TLC % pred	70.6±5.9	82.9±17.1	0.01
DL _{CO} % pred	55.5±18.0	70.2±19.6	0.16

Data are presented as mean ± sd, unless otherwise stated. FVC: forced vital capacity; % pred: % predicted; FEV₁: forced expiratory volume in 1 s; TLC: total lung capacity; DL_{CO}: diffusing capacity for carbon monoxide. [#]: there were seven measurements in the fibrotic group and 11 in the non-fibrotic group.

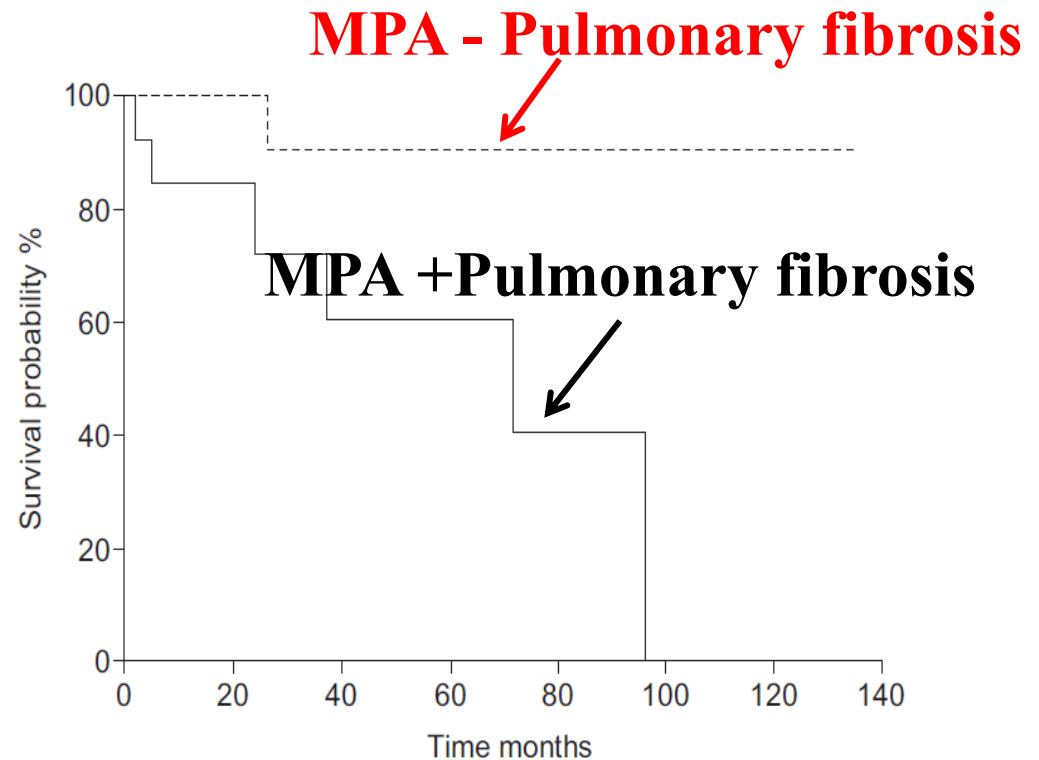
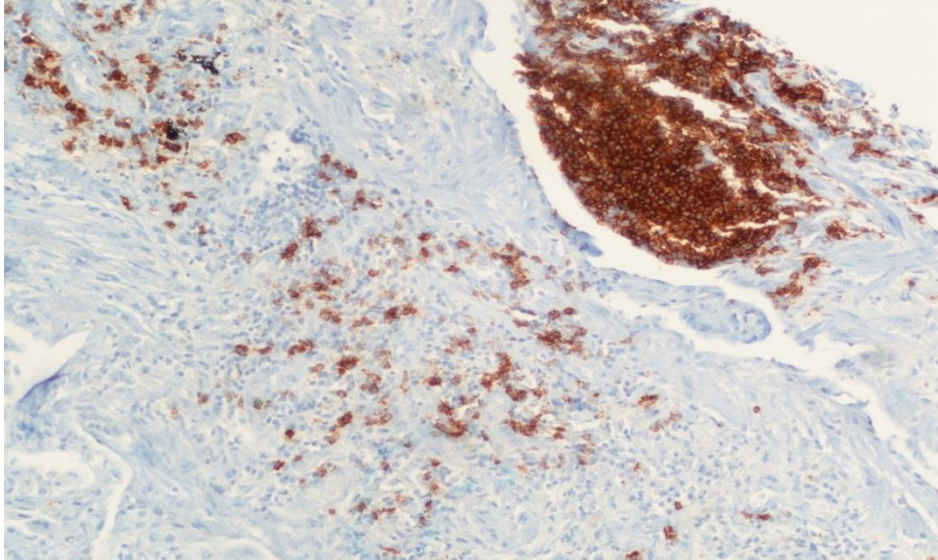


FIGURE 2. Kaplan–Meier survival graph comparing microscopic polyangiitis patients with (—) and without (---) pulmonary fibrosis.

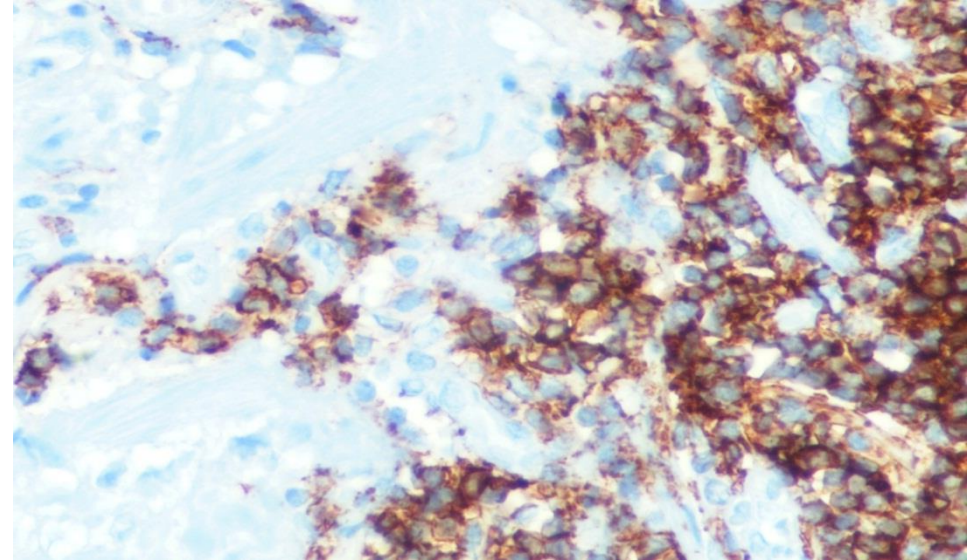
Autoimmunity profile in CPFE patients

Characteristics	CPFE	IPF
Total	40	34
Male	38	29
Age	56 (31-74)	61 (44 – 73)
ANA	17 (42.5%)	11 (32%)
p-ANCA	7 (17.5%)	0
c-ANCA	0	0
anti-scl 70	1 (2.5%)	1 (2.5%)
anti-dsDNA	0	1 (2.5%)
anti-Ro	0	0
anti-La	0	0
Anti-CCPs	2 (5%)	2 (5.8%)
RF	3 (7.5%)	4 (11.7%)
Microscopic Hematuria	7 (17.5%)	0
+ Renal biopsy for necrotizing glomerulonephritis	3 (7.5%)	NA

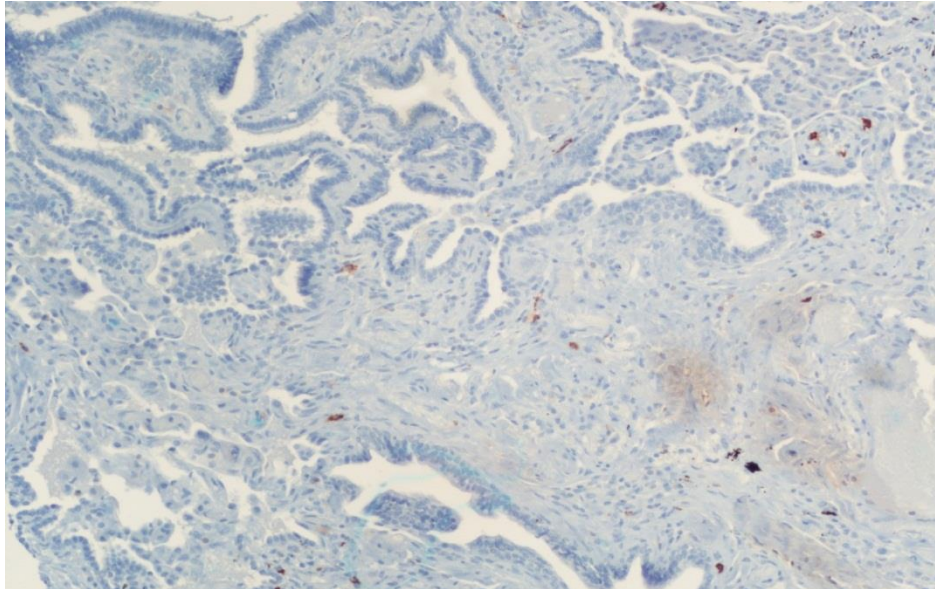
Lymphoid follicles with CD20+ cells in CPFE patients with ANA+ANCA+



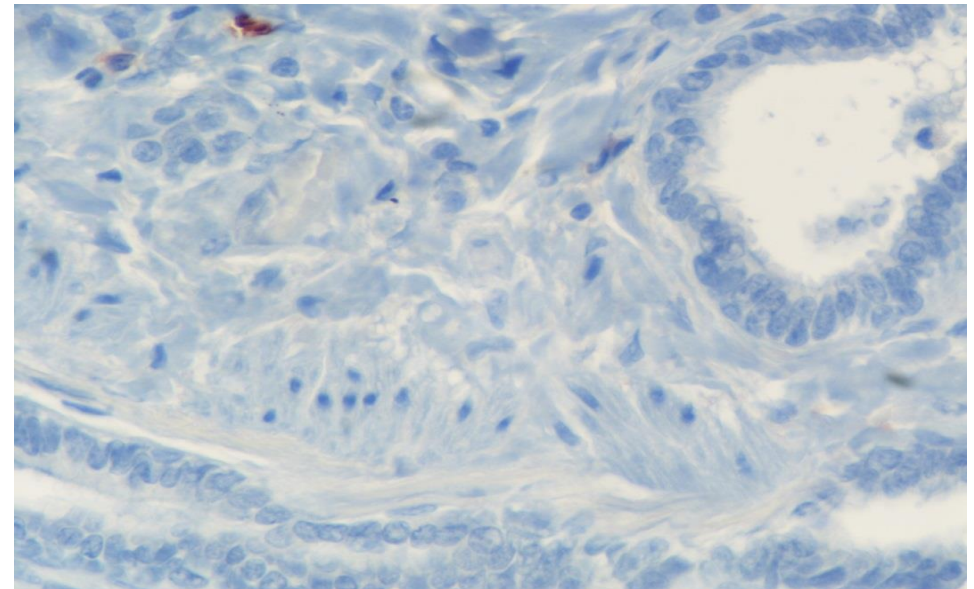
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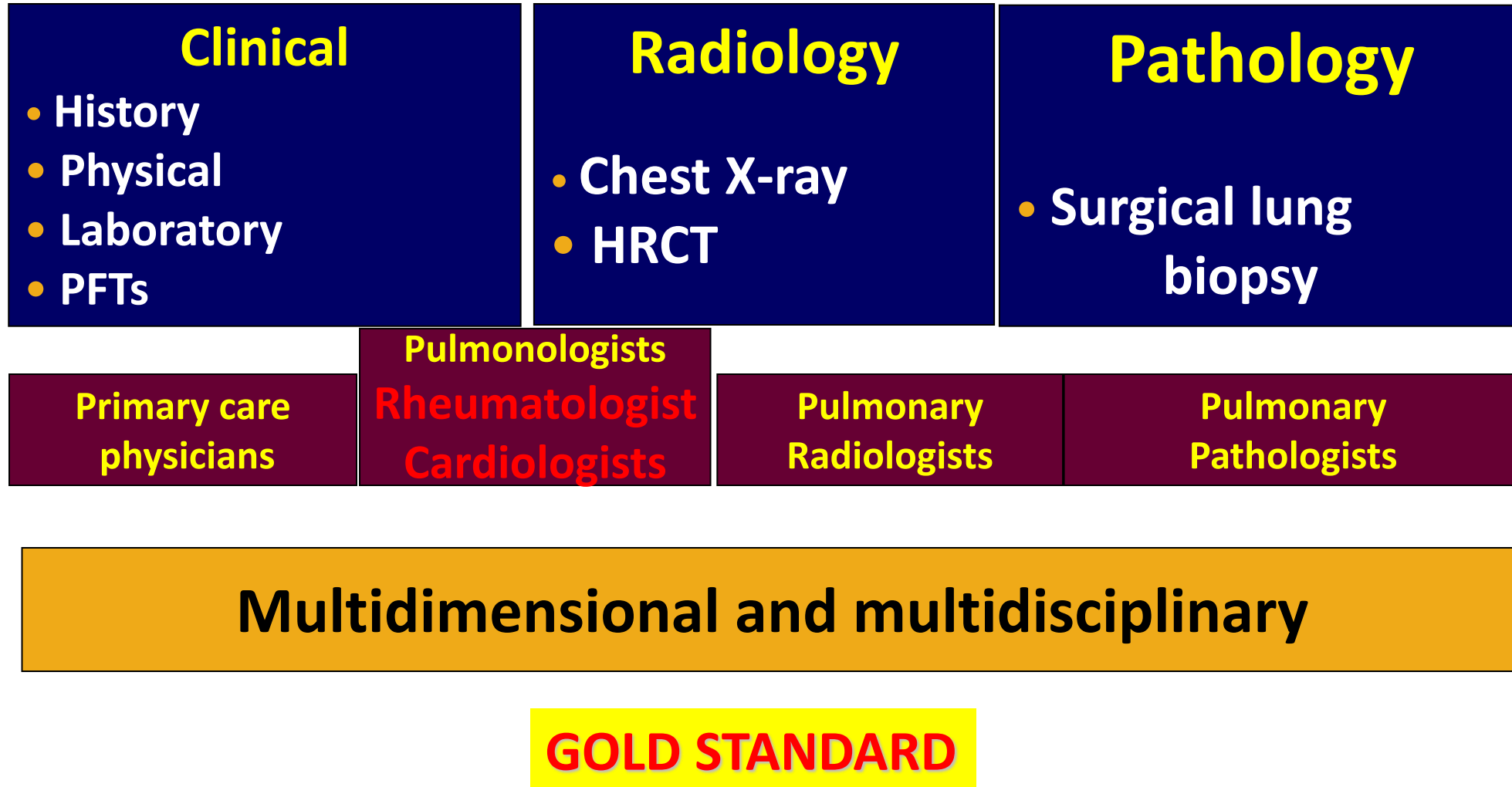
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Conclusions



Diagnostic algorithm of CTD-ILD





Follow-up of CTD-ILD

1. Clinical evaluation (dyspnea, cough)
2. Respiratory function evaluation
3. Every 3-6 months
4. Significant deterioration:
 1. FVC >10% (-3.0% to 3.0%-Clinically meaningful)*
 2. TLco >15%
 3. 6MWT >50 m (24m-MCID**)
5. HRCT annually or symptoms emergence



TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- All CTDs can involve the interstitium – 10% prior CTD
- Inflammation = Immunomodulation - beware the acute onset
- Fibrosis = Anti-fibrotics – Nintedanib /Pirfenidone
- Regular **routine evaluation** for ILD development - HRCT+ PFTs + Cardiac echo (all SSc)- screen for lung cancer
- MDD is mandatory – Treatment specific endotypes

**Volkman et al- MMF versus placebo in SSc-Arthritis and Rheum-2017
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Commentary

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