

# The impact of NTM and Pseudomonas on Non-Cystic Fibrosis Bronchiectasis

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Review Article

*Medical Progress*

**BRONCHIECTASIS**

ALAN F. BARKER, M.D.

This affection of the bronchia is always produced by chronic catarrh, or by some other disease attended by long, violent, and often repeated fits of coughing.

R.T.H. Laënnec<sup>1</sup>

**B**RONCHIECTASIS is an uncommon disease with the potential to cause devastating illness, including repeated respiratory infections requiring antibiotics, disabling productive cough, shortness of breath, and occasional hemoptysis. Landmarks in the history of bronchiectasis include the vivid descriptions of patients with suppurative phlegm that appeared in the writings of René Théophile Hyacinthe Laënnec in the early 19th century; the 1922 introduc-

dilated airways alone and is sometimes seen as a residual effect of pneumonia; **varicose bronchiectasis** (so named because its appearance is similar to that of varicose veins) is characterized by focal constrictive areas along the dilated airways that result from defects in the bronchial wall; and **saccular or cystic bronchiectasis** is characterized by progressive dilatation of the airways, which end in large cysts, saccules, or grape-like clusters (this finding is always indicative of the most severe form of bronchiectasis).<sup>2</sup>

The prevalence of bronchiectasis in the United States and worldwide is unknown. There are reports of high prevalence in relatively isolated populations with poor access to health care and high rates of respiratory tract infections during childhood, such as Alaskan Natives in the Yukon–Kuskokwim Delta.<sup>3</sup>

**PATHOPHYSIOLOGY**

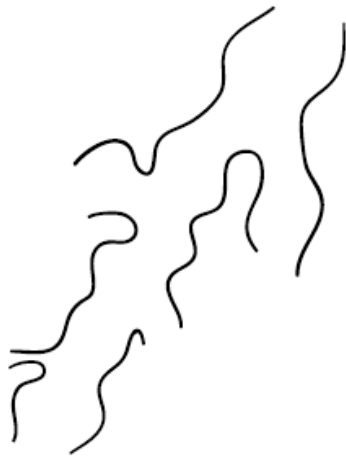
Bronchiectasis is primarily a disease of the bronchi and bronchioles involving **a vicious circle of transmural infection and inflammation with mediator release.**<sup>4</sup> Illness is related to retained inflammatory secretions and microbes that cause obstruction and damage



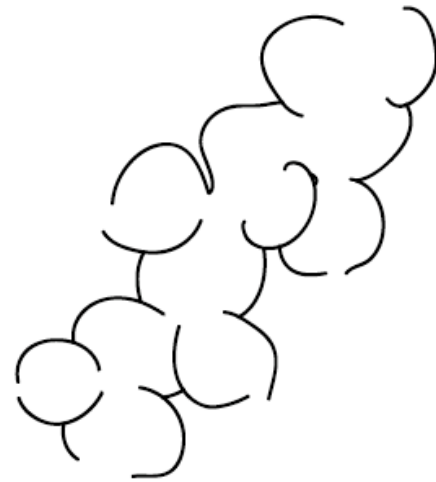
**Normal**



**Cylindrical**



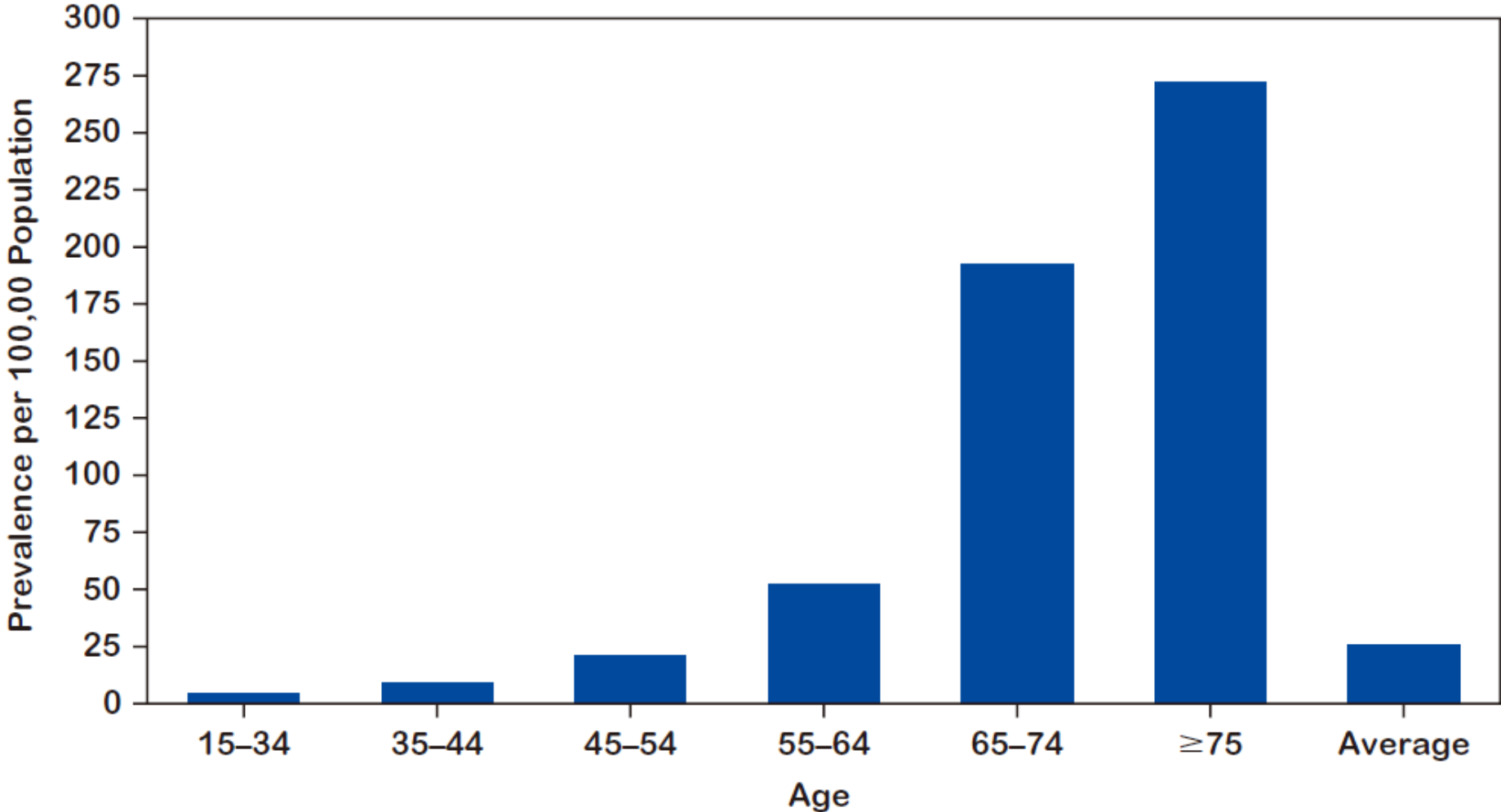
**Varicose**



**Cystic**

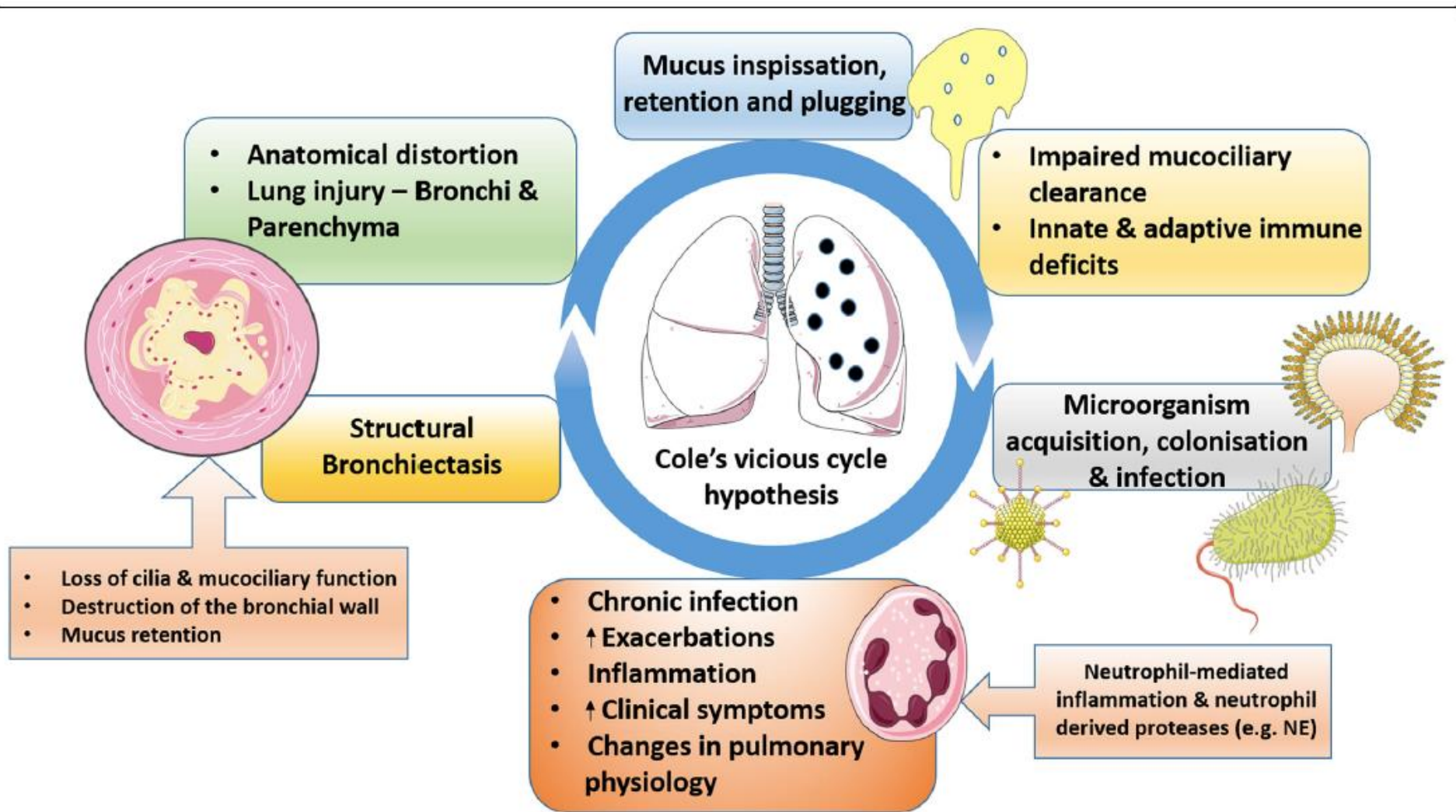


# Prevalence of Bronchiectasis

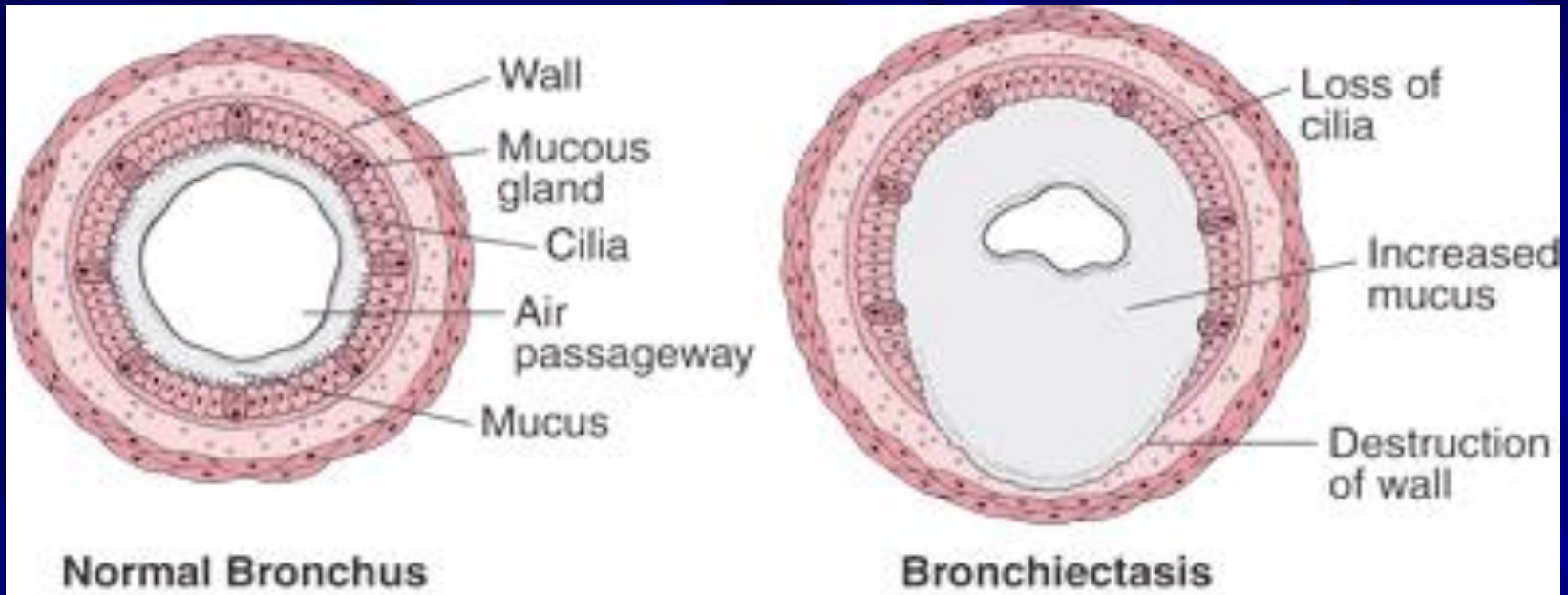


*Bronchiectasis increases with age. It is likely to be much more common than reported here because it is not usually detected, reported, or treated (2).*

# Pathophysiology of Bronchiectasis



**Fig. 1** A modern interpretation of Cole's vicious cycle hypothesis. Abbreviations: NE – Neutrophil elastase, ↑ - Increased



1. Patent airways
2. Effective mucus clearance
3. Normal mucociliary function

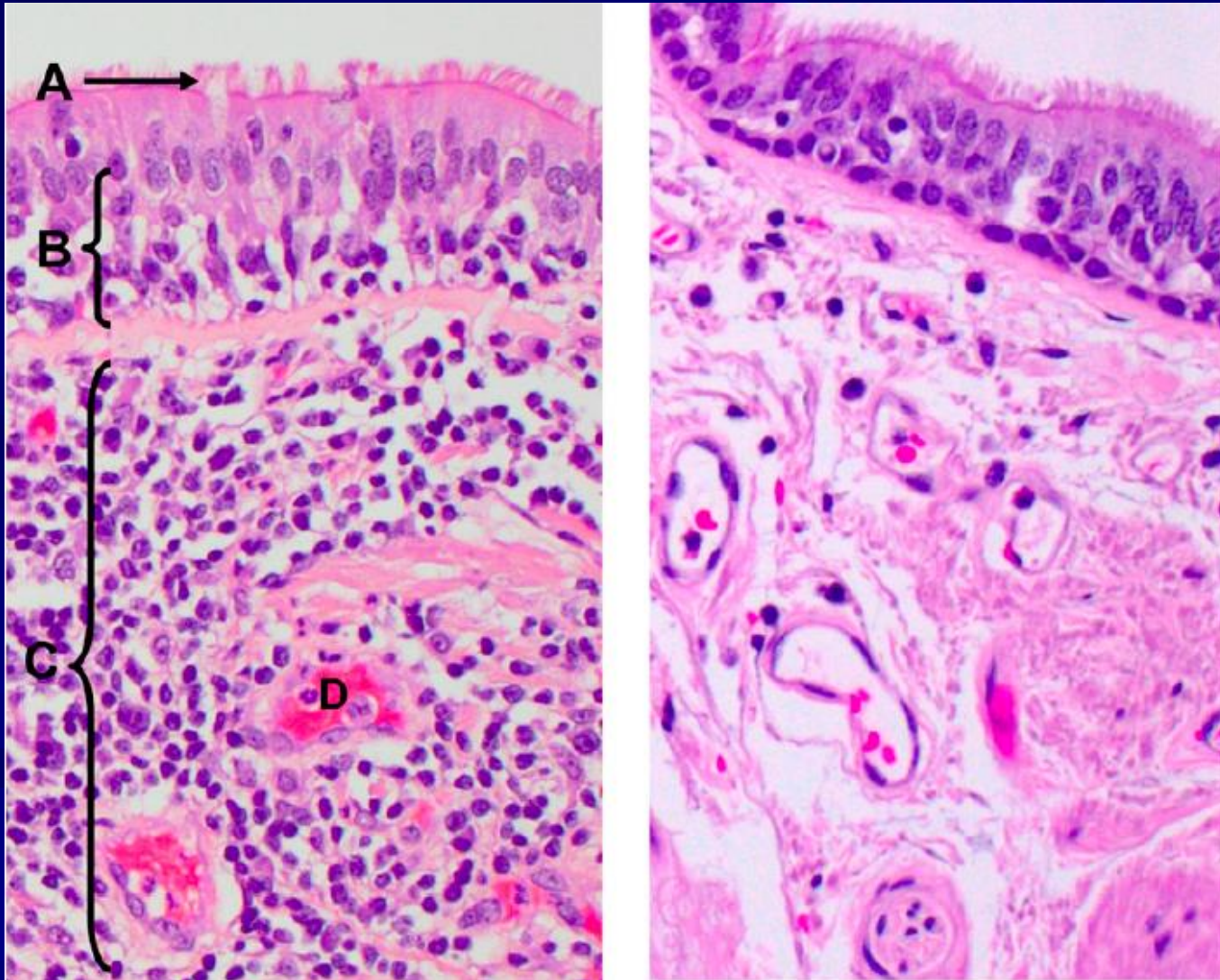
1. Obstructed airways
2. In-Effective mucus clearance
3. Abnormal mucociliary function



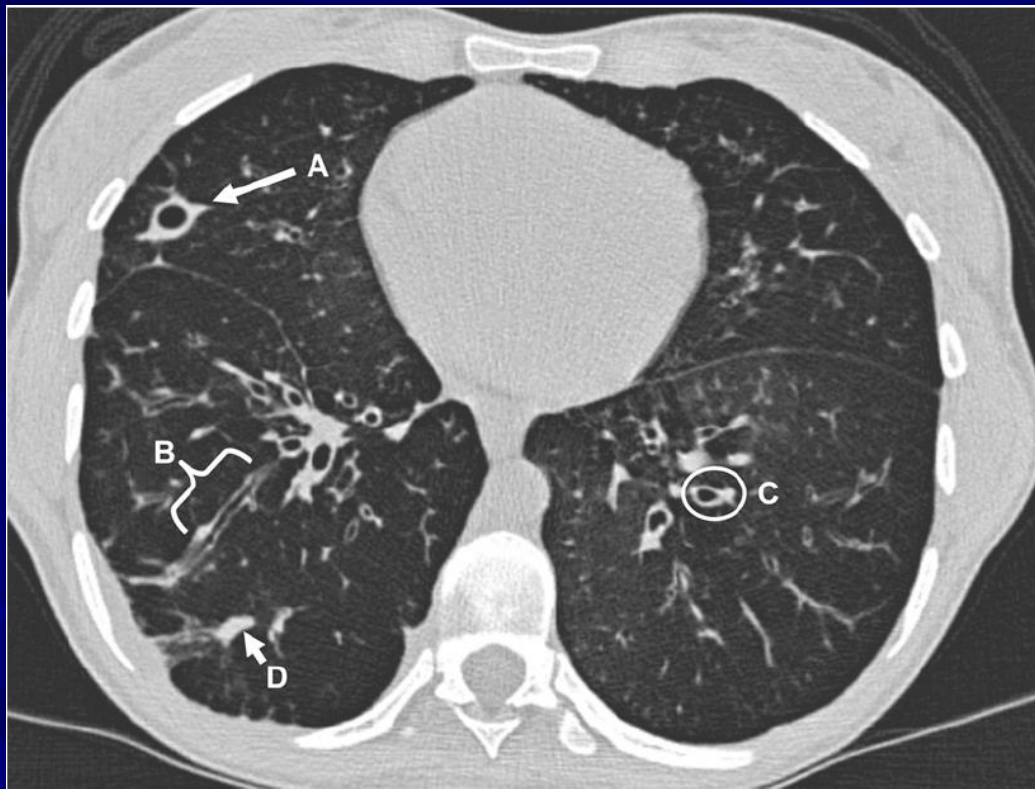
Repeated inflammation or Infection



# HE stain of the bronchial wall



# Diagnosis : HRCT



Radiographic signs of BE.

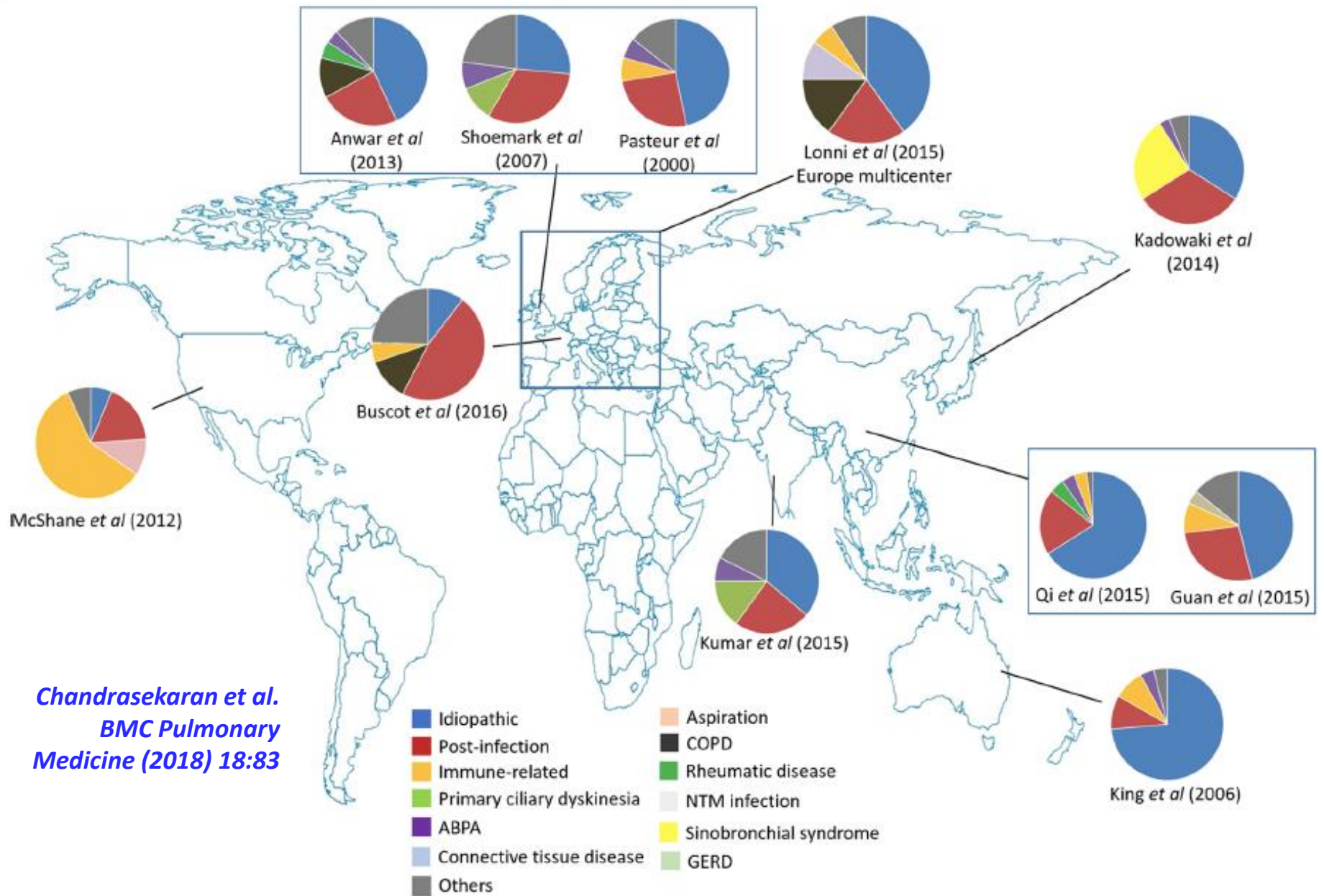
A . Bronchus terminating in a cyst;

B . lack of bronchial tapering as it travels to the periphery of the lung;

C . signet ring sign (bronchus is larger than the accompanying vessel);

D . mucus plug (mucus completely filling the airway lumen).



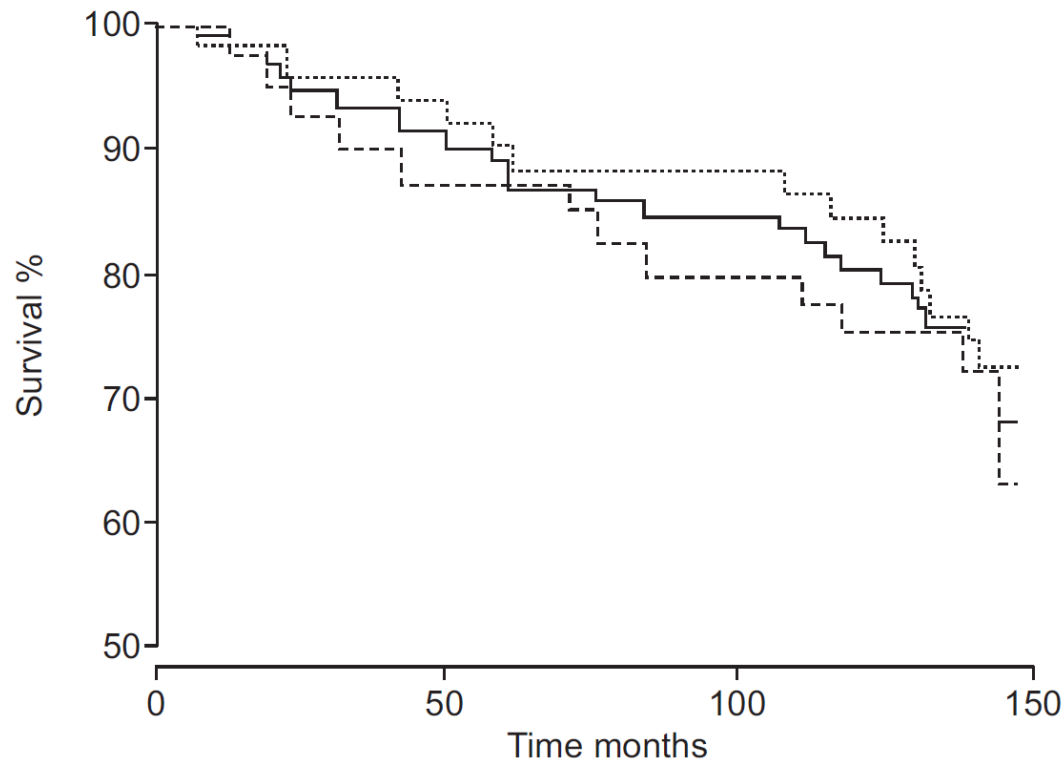


**Fig. 2** Predominant aetiologies across different geographic regions and ethnic populations. The individual pie charts indicate the top aetiologies (top 4 or 5) in each cohort. Abbreviations: ABPA – Allergic Broncho-Pulmonary Aspergillois, COPD – Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder, NTM – Non-Tuberculosis Mycobacteria, GERD – Gastro-Esophageal Reflux Disease

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# Mortality in Bronchiectasis : does knowing etiology matter ?



**FIGURE 2.** Kaplan–Meier plot illustrating the survival of all the bronchiectasis patients (—), in addition to the idiopathic (·····) and known (---) aetiology subgroups. There are no statistically significant differences between the plots (log rank test;  $p=0.85$ ).

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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE



# The Bronchiectasis Severity Index

## An International Derivation and Validation Study

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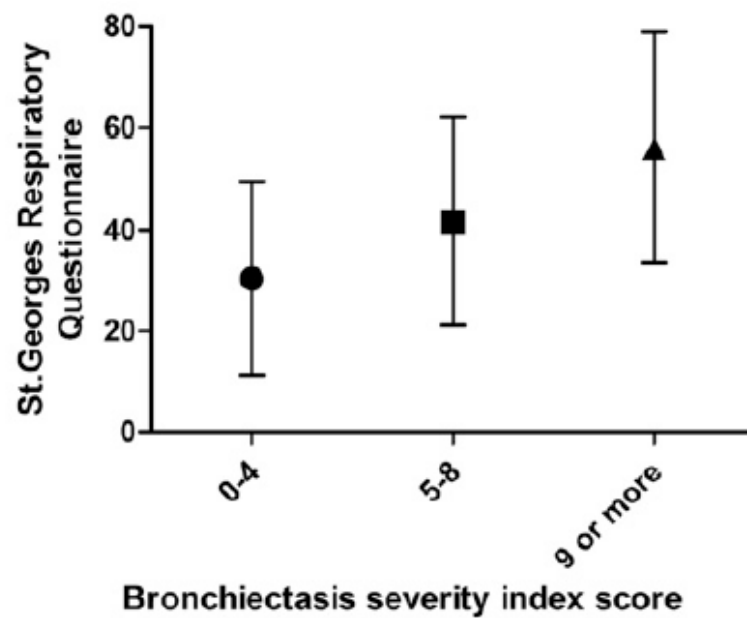
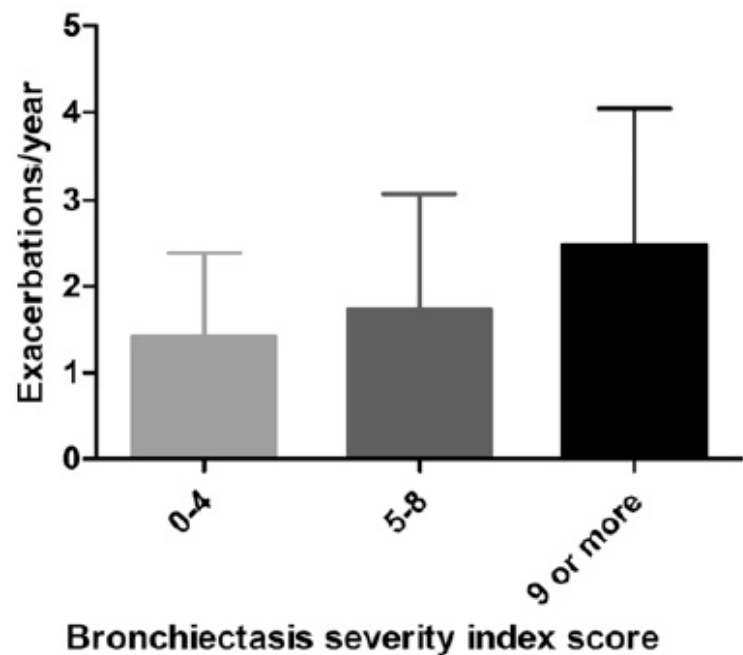
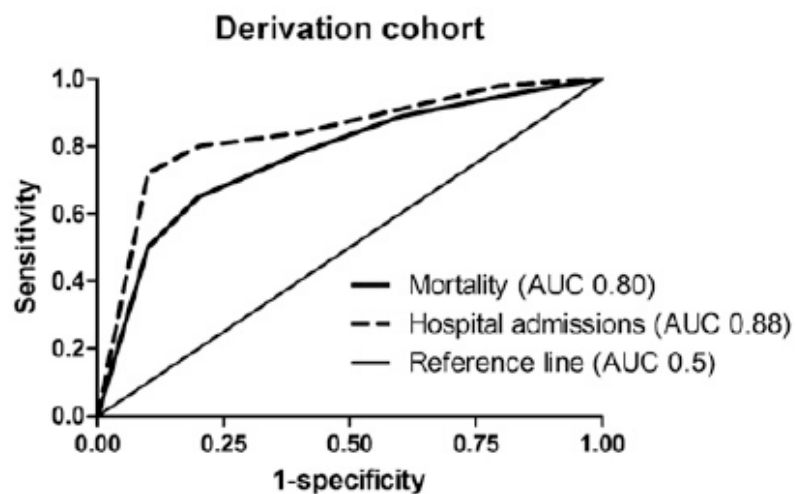
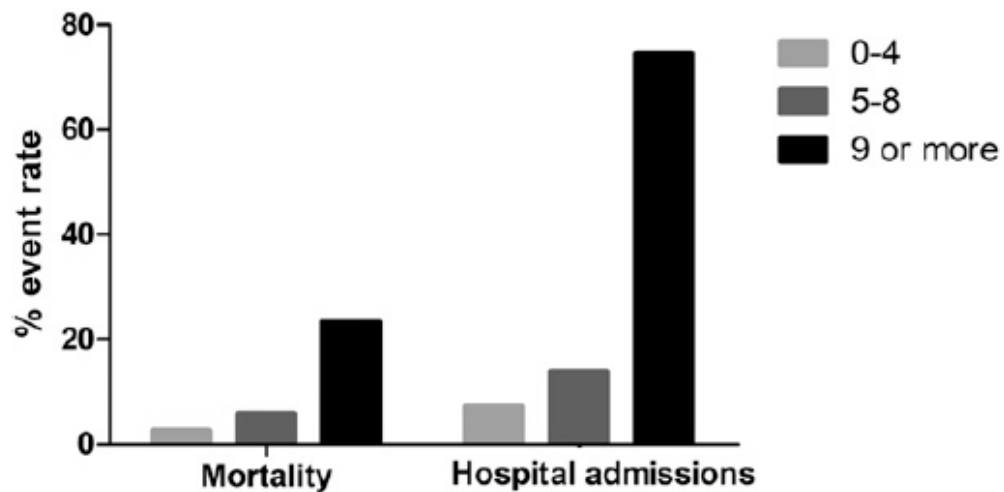
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**Table 3:** Results of the Cox Proportional Hazard Regression Analysis for Mortality and Hospitalization

Severity Marker	HR (95% CI) for Hospital Admissions during Follow-up	HR (95% CI) for Mortality	Score Points
Age, yr			
<50	1.0 (reference)	1.0 (reference)	0
50–69	1.38 (0.73–2.56)	2.21 (0.28–17.5)	2
70–79	1.50 (0.79–2.82)	8.57 (1.15–63.63)	4
80+	1.76 (0.89–3.50)	23.16 (3.09–173.7)	6
BMI			
<18.5	1.23 (0.73–2.08)	2.25 (1.09–4.67)	2
18.5–25	1.0 (reference)	1.0 (reference)	0
26–29	0.90 (0.62–1.30)	0.91 (0.46–1.81)	0
30 or more	1.14 (0.76–1.70)	1.38 (0.68–2.81)	0
FEV <sub>1</sub> % predicted			
>80	1.0 (reference)	1.0 (reference)	0
50–80	1.17 (0.74–1.85)	1.34 (0.67–2.67)	1
30–49	1.40 (0.68–2.85)	1.58 (0.72–3.46)	2
<30	1.52 (1.03–2.25)	4.47 (1.60–12.53)	3
Hospital admission before study			
No	1.0 (reference)	1.0 (reference)	0
Yes	13.5 (9.40–19.46)	2.43 (1.30–4.53)	5
Exacerbations before the study			
0	1.0 (reference)	1.0 (reference)	0
1–2	1.67 (0.78–3.58)	1.78 (0.80–3.98)	0
3 or more	2.25 (0.89–5.70)	2.03 (1.02–4.03)	2
MRC dyspnea score			
1–3	1.0 (reference)	1.0 (reference)	0
4	2.42 (1.66–3.52)	1.05 (0.50–2.20)	2
5	2.69 (1.59–4.53)	1.15 (0.50–2.63)	3
Pseudomonas colonization			
No	1.0 (reference)	1.0 (reference)	0
Yes	2.16 (1.36–3.43)	1.58 (0.75–3.34)	3
Colonization with other organisms			
No	1.0 (reference)	1.0 (reference)	0
Yes	1.66 (1.12–2.44)	1.10 (0.54–2.24)	1
Radiological severity: ≥3 lobes involved or cystic bronchiectasis			
No	1.0 (reference)	1.0 (reference)	0
Yes	1.48 (1.02–2.15)	1.05 (0.57–1.94)	1





# Multidimensional approach to non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis: the FACED score

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## FACED score

**F**: forced expiratory volume in 1 s % predicted (cut-off 50%, maximum value 2 points);

**A**: age ( cut-off 70 years, maximum value 2 points);

**C**: chronic colonisation by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ( maximum value 1 point);

**E**: radiological extension ( lobes affected, cut-off two lobes, maximum value 1 point);

**D**: dyspnea ( cut-off grade II on the mMRC scale, maximum value 1 point)

TABLE 5 Predictive capacity for mortality of the different dichotomised variables included in the final score

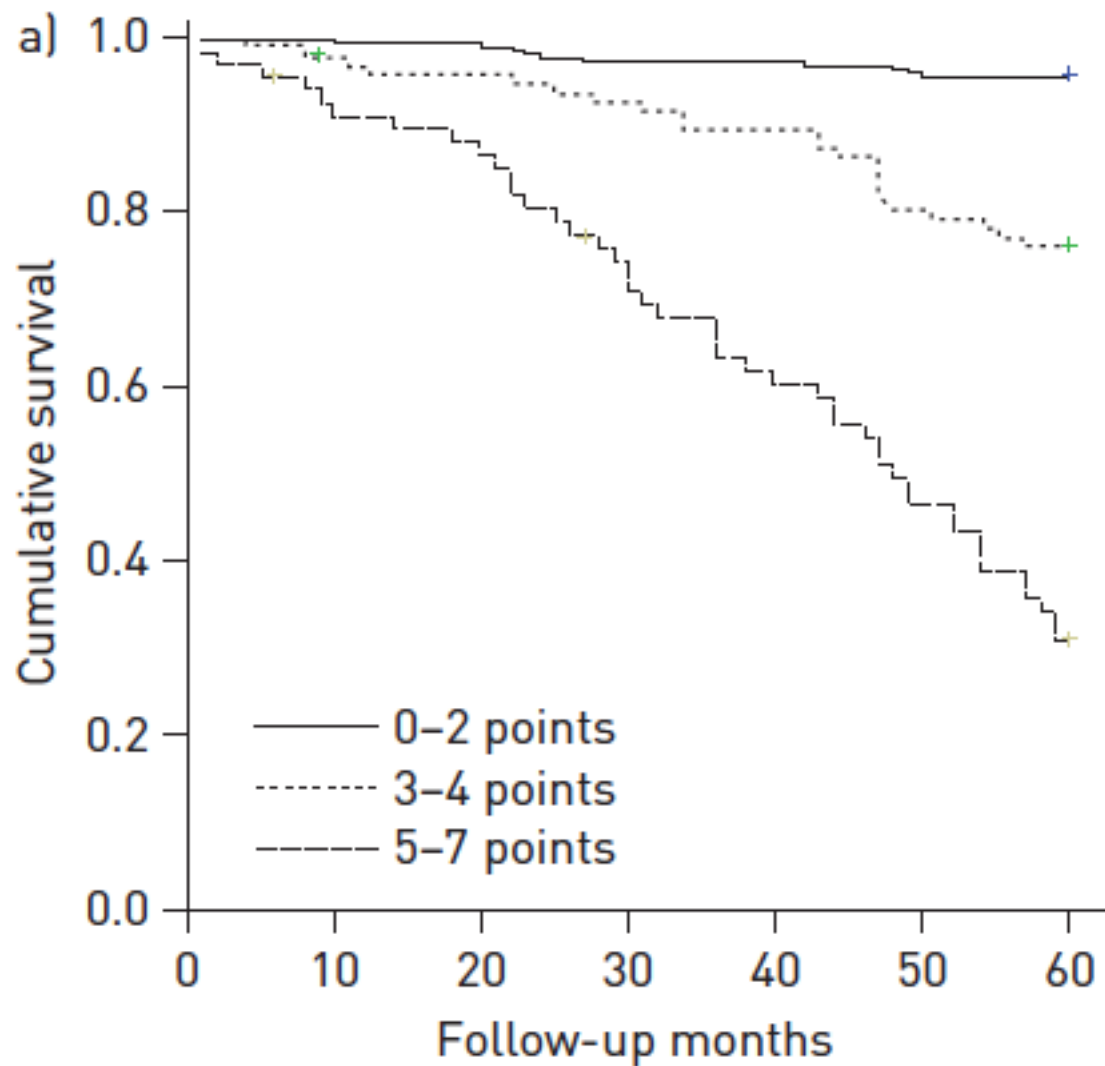
	OR (95% CI)	p-value	β-coefficient	
			Initial	Rounded
Age >70 years versus ≤70 years	4.98 (2.67–9.28)	0.0001	1.61	2
Dyspnoea mMRC score III–IV versus I–II	2.75 (1.46–5.18)	0.002	1.01	1
Post-bronchodilator FEV1 <50% versus ≥50% predicted	5.19 (2.76–9.75)	0.0001	1.65	2
Extension >2 lobes versus 1–2 lobes	1.87 (1.01–3.46)	0.04	0.62	1
Chronic colonisation by <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> yes versus no	2.37 (1.28–4.58)	0.006	0.86	1

mMRC: modified Medical Research Council; FEV1: forced expiratory volume in 1 s.

TABLE 6 Final score, cut-off points of the dichotomised variables and scoring of each variable

	Points
<b>Chronic colonisation by <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i></b>	
No	0
Yes	1
<b>Dyspnoea mMRC score</b>	
0–II	0
III–IV	1
<b>FEV1 % predicted</b>	
≥50%	0
<50%	2
<b>Age</b>	
<70 years	0
≥70 years	2
<b>Number of lobes</b>	
1–2	0
>2	1

Maximum score 7 points. mMRC: modified Medical Research Council; FEV1: forced expiratory volume in 1 s.





# Summary

## BSI

Bronchiectasis Severity Index

Age

**BMI**

FEV1

**Admissions**

**Exacerbations**

MRC

Colonization

Radiologic severity

## FACED

FEV1

Age

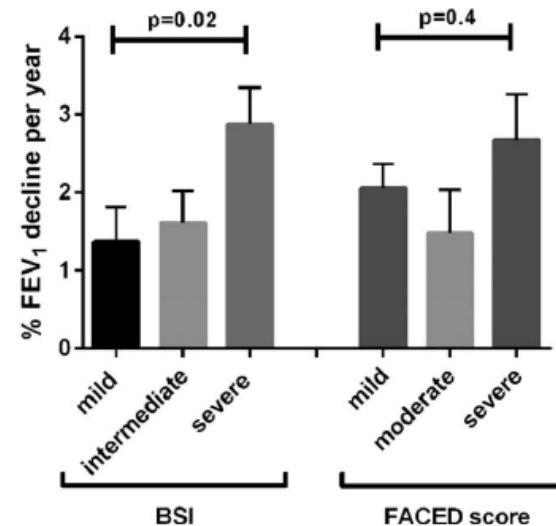
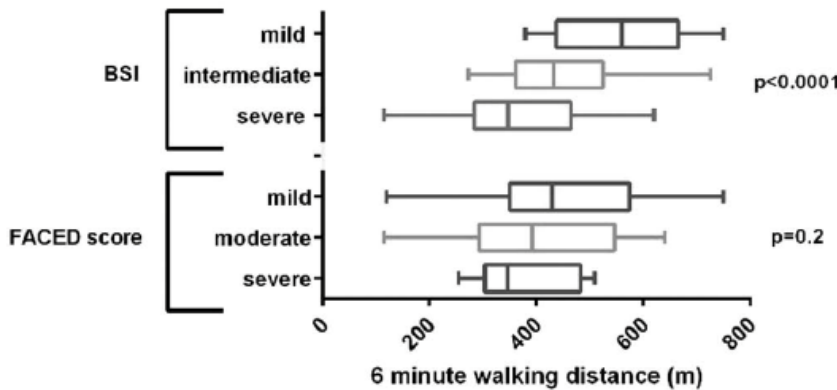
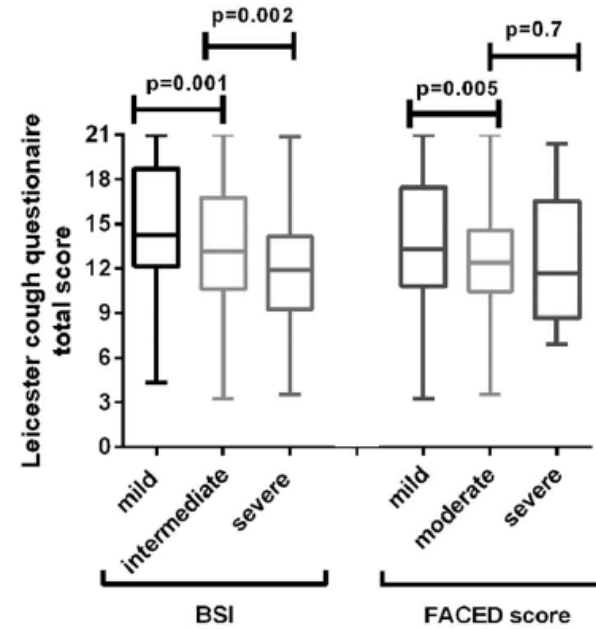
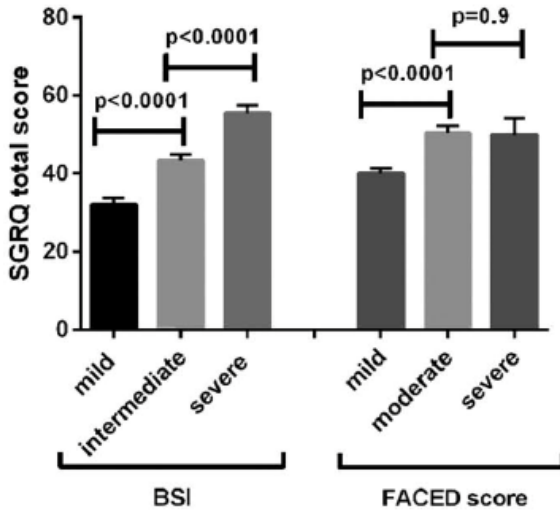
Chronic Colonization

Extension

Dyspnea

# Multidimensional severity assessment in bronchiectasis: an analysis of seven European cohorts.

McDonnell MJ, et al. *Thorax* 2016;71:1110–1118



# Comorbidities and the risk of mortality in patients with bronchiectasis: an international multicentre cohort study

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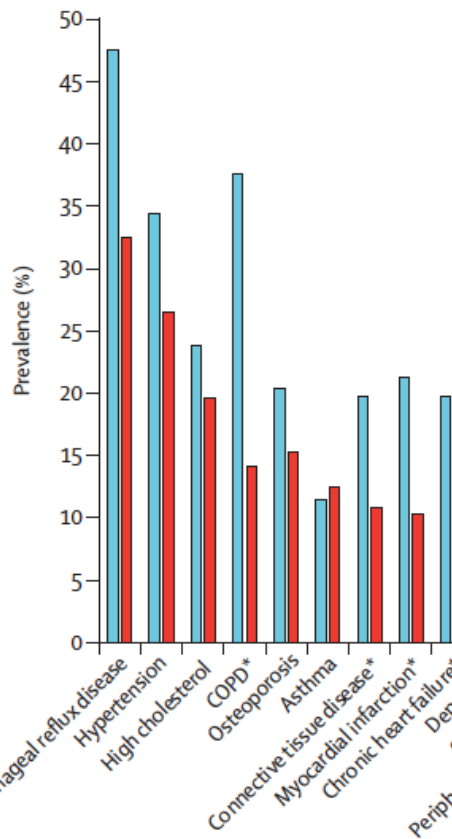
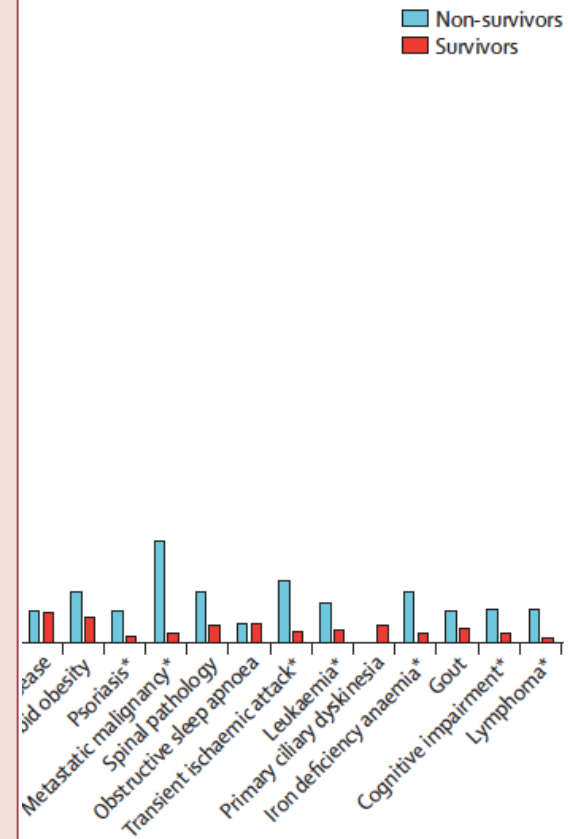


Figure 1: Comorbidities in order of overall prevalence among survivors. \*Comorbidity with a significantly higher prevalence in non-survivors.

Derivation cohort (n=986)	
Age, years	67 (57–74)
Women	589 (60%)
Body-mass index (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	24.6 (21.2–27.8)
Smokers or ex-smokers	379 (38%)
Clinical status	
Medical Research Council dyspnoea score	2 (1–3)
Exacerbations in the previous year	2 (1–3)
At least one hospitalisation in the previous year	224 (23%)
Lung function	
% predicted FEV <sub>1</sub>	75% (54–95)
% predicted FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC	70% (59–79)
Reiff radiological score	4 (2–6)
Microbiological status	
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> colonisation	122 (12%)
Other colonisation	229 (23%)
BSI score	
0–4 (mild)	312 (32%)
5–8 (moderate)	351 (36%)
≥9 (severe)	323 (33%)
Number of comorbidities	4 (2–6)
Range	0–20

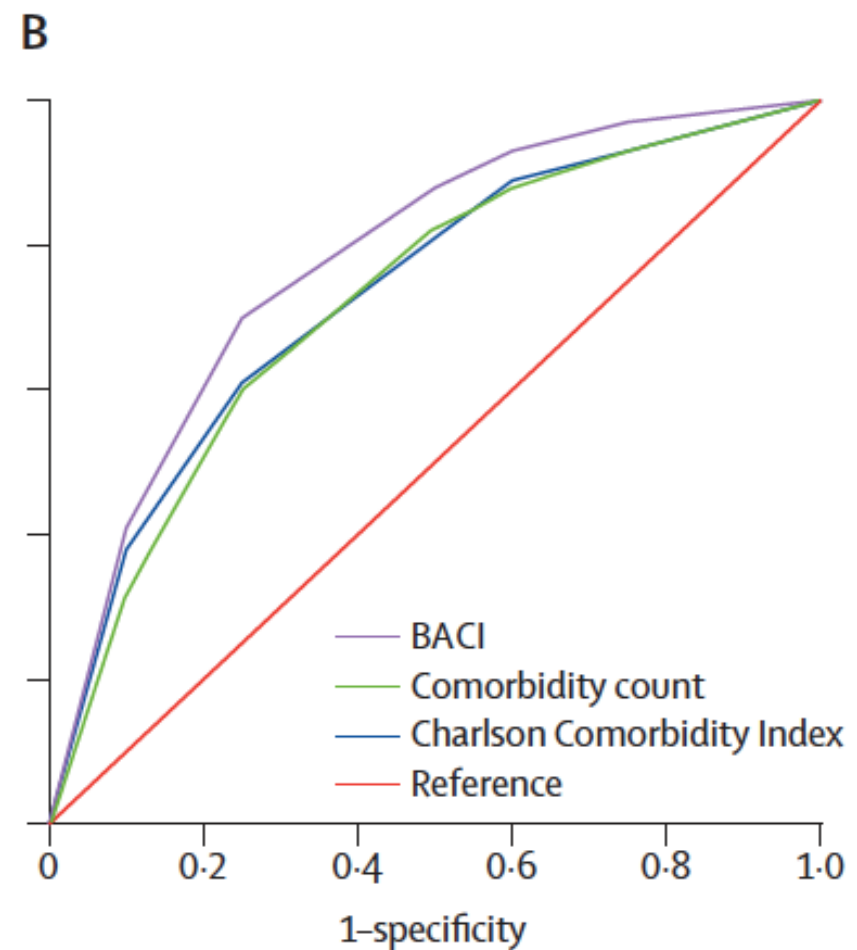
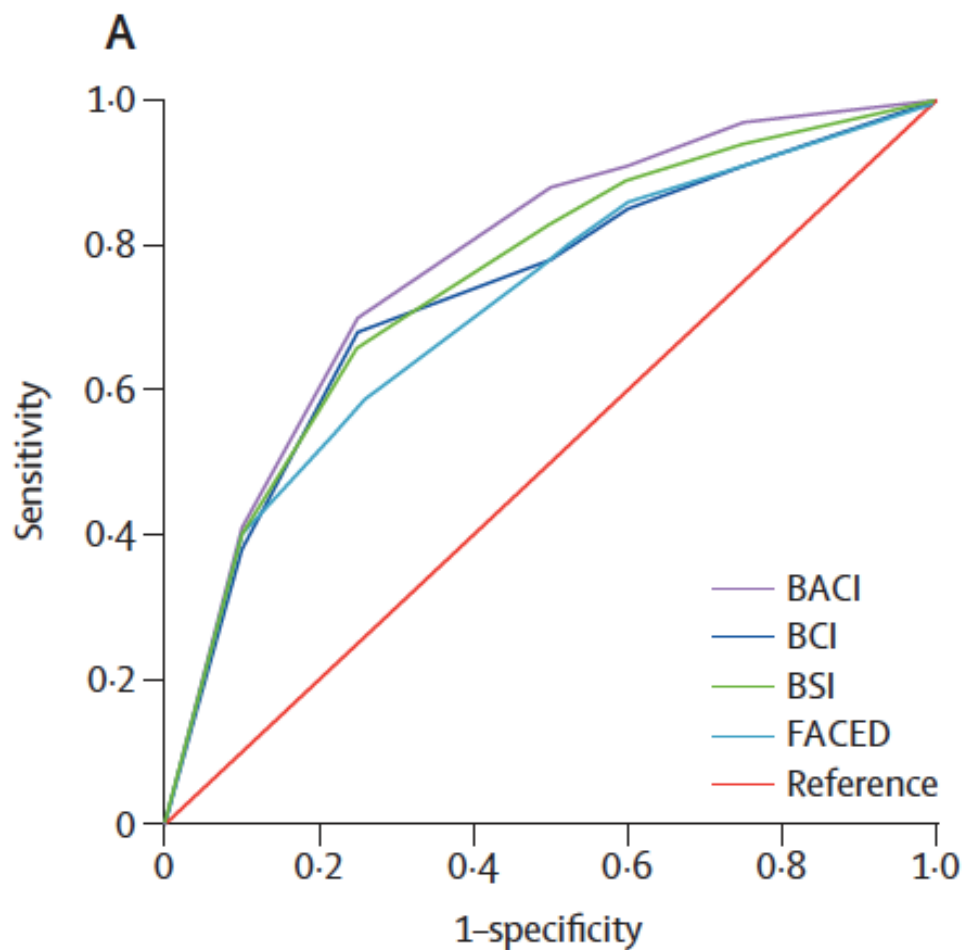
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Table 1: Derivation cohort patient characteristics



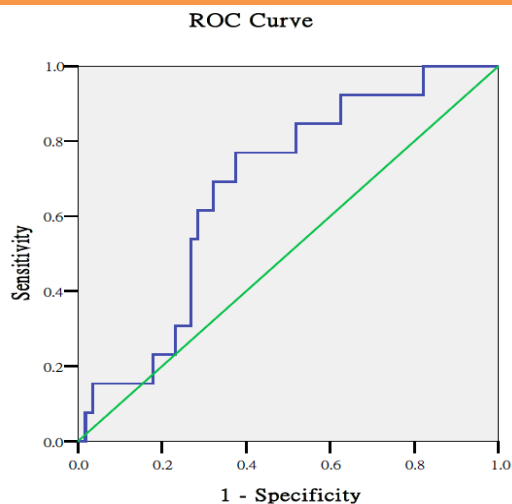
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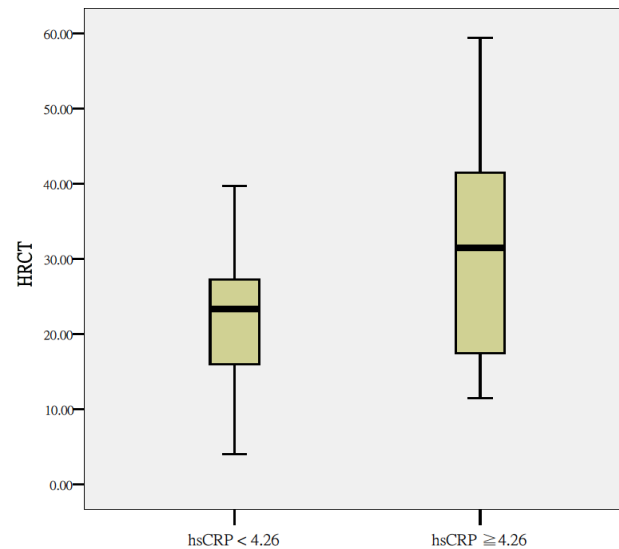


# The Role of the High-Sensitivity C-Reactive Protein in Patients with Stable Bronchiectasis

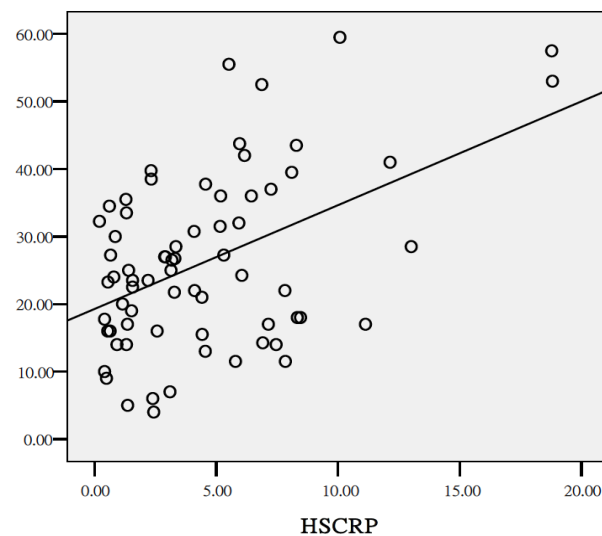
ROC curve of hs-CRP for prediction patients with repeated hospitalization ( $\geq 2$  exacerbation related hospitalization events)



hs-CRP cutoff	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)
3.72	76.9	58.9
4.10	76.9	60.7
4.26	76.9	62.5
4.42	69.2	62.5
4.49	69.2	64.3
4.56	69.2	66.1



HRCT





**More score...**

# Distance-saturation product of the 6-minute walk test predicts mortality of patients with non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis

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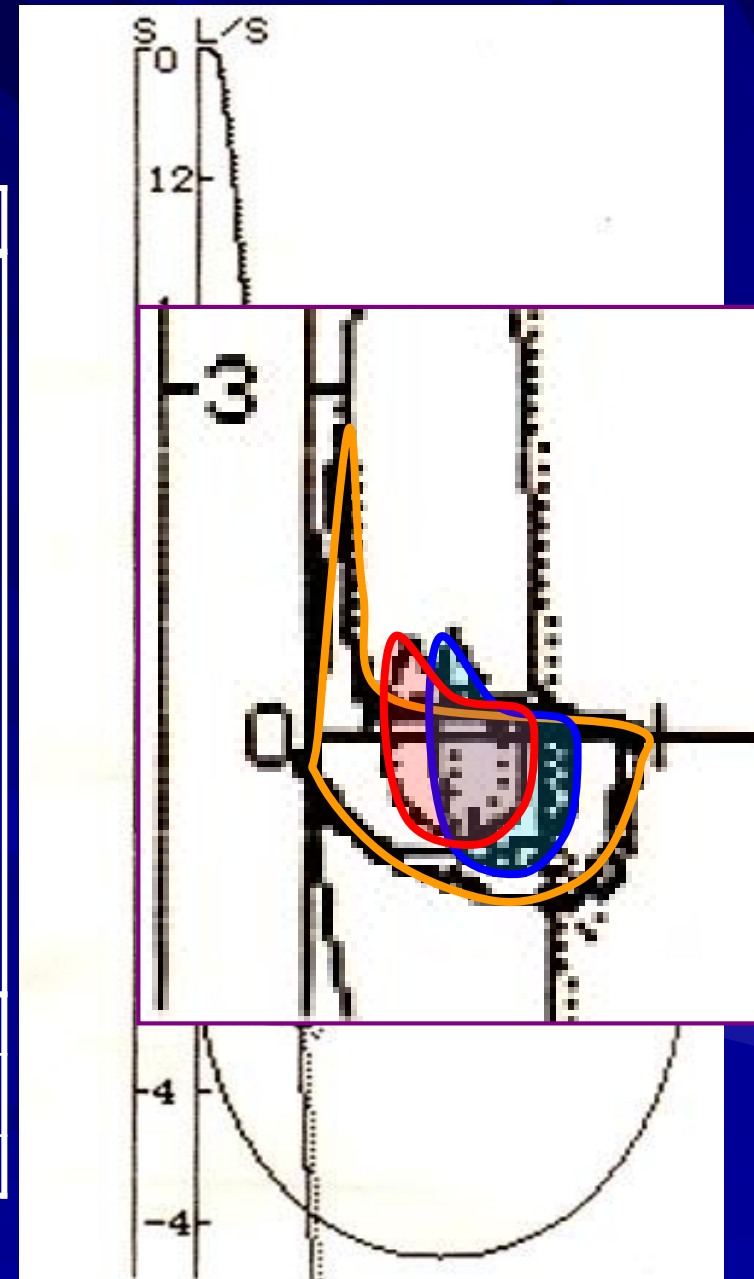
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# Six-min walking test

	Pre-Exercise			Post-Exercise	
FUNCTION	PRED	MEAS	%PR	MEAS	%CH
FVC	3.26	0.95	29	0.90	-3
FEV.5		0.21		0.23	10
FEV1	2.39	0.30	13	0.33	10
FEV3		0.59		0.63	7
FEV1%T					
FEV1%G	69.8	31.6	45	36.7	16
FEV3%T					
FEV3%G		62.1		70.0	13
MEFR		0.04		0.04	0
MMEF	3.35	0.13	4	0.15	15
EX TIME		6.95		5.48	-20
V EXT		0.02		0.03	50
FIVC		1.05		0.90	-11
FIV.5		0.46		0.51	9
FIV1		0.83		0.82	0
FIV1/FVC		87.4		91.1	4
FIV1/FIVC		79.0		91.1	15
FEV.5/FIV.5		0.46		0.45	0
<b>O2 sat (%)</b>	<b>93%</b>			<b>85%</b>	
<b>Heart rate (/min)</b>	<b>120</b>			<b>112</b>	
<b>6 MWD (m)</b>	<b>120</b>				



# DSP: Distance-Saturation Product

- The product of the final distance walked in meters and the lowest room air oxygen saturation during the 6-min walk test.
- For example, a patient walking a total of 300m who's lowest oxygen saturation fell to 90% would have a **DSP** of 270 m% (e.g.,  $300 \times 0.90$ ).



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# The distance-saturation product predicts mortality in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis<sup>☆</sup>

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# DSP predicts mortality in IPF

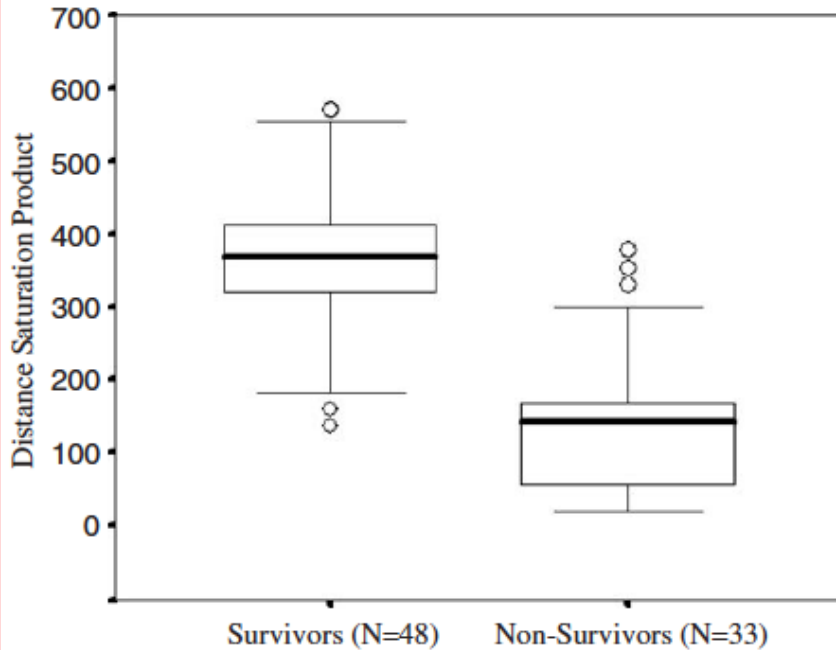


Figure 1 Distance saturation product.

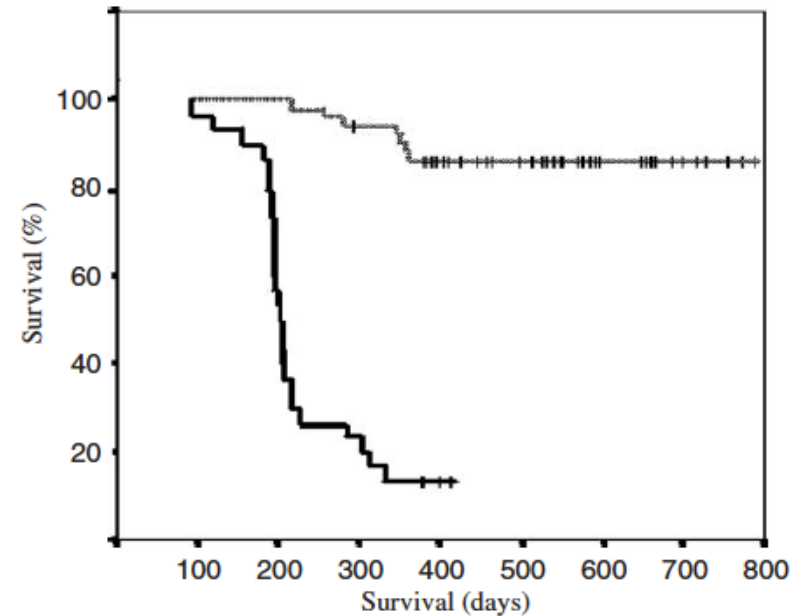
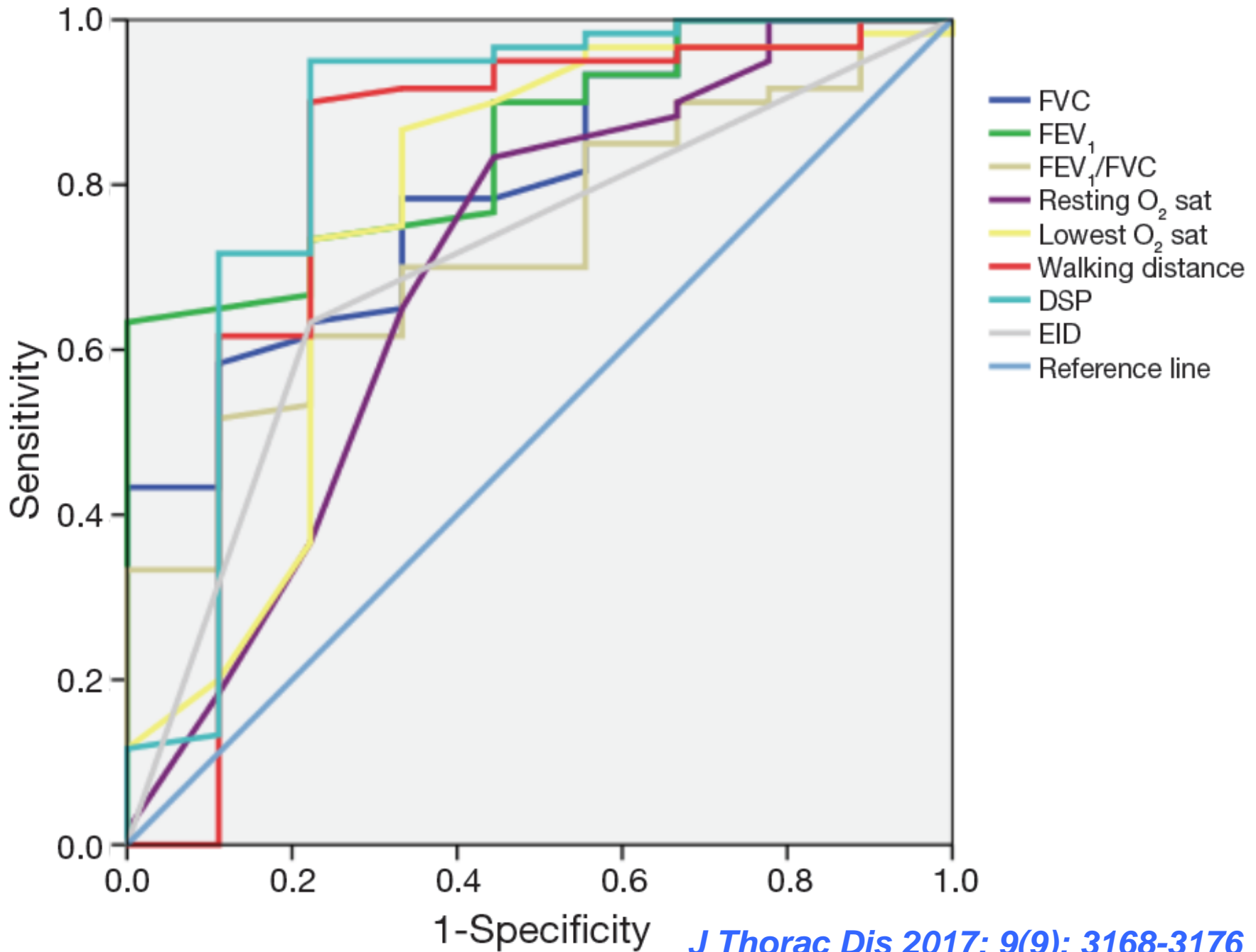
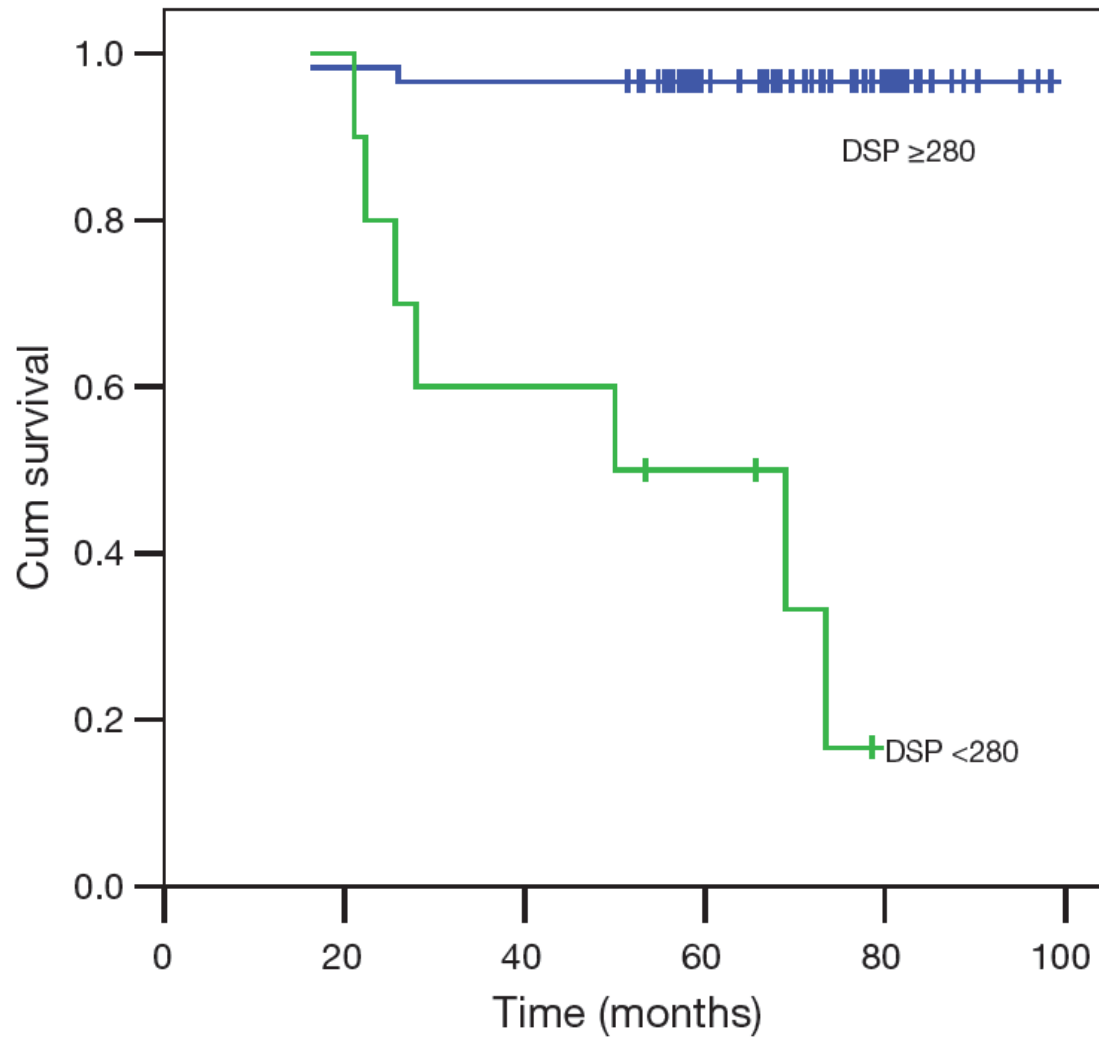
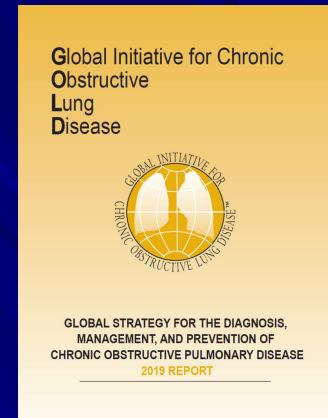
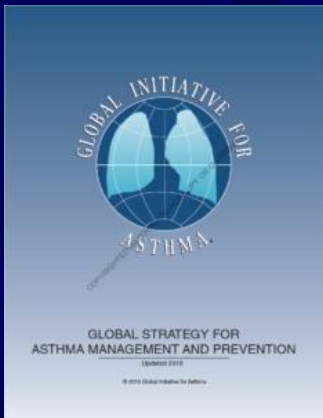


Figure 3 DSP  $\leq$  200 m% as a predictor of 12-month survival.





**Figure 4** Kaplan-Meier survival curve for patients with non-CF bronchiectasis grouped by distance-saturation product (DSP, cut-off value: 280 m%) during the 6MWT (blue line: higher group;  $P < 0.001$ ). Non-CF, non-cystic fibrosis; 6MWT, 6-minute walk test.



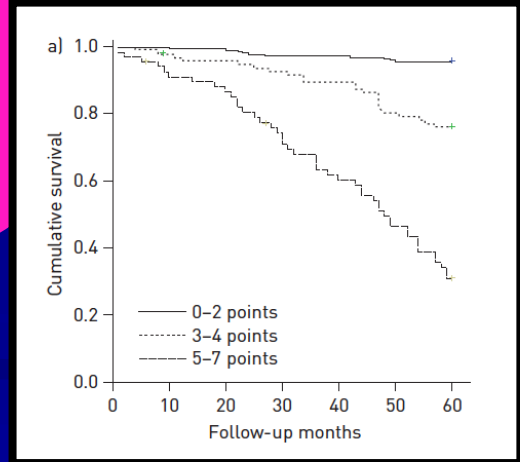
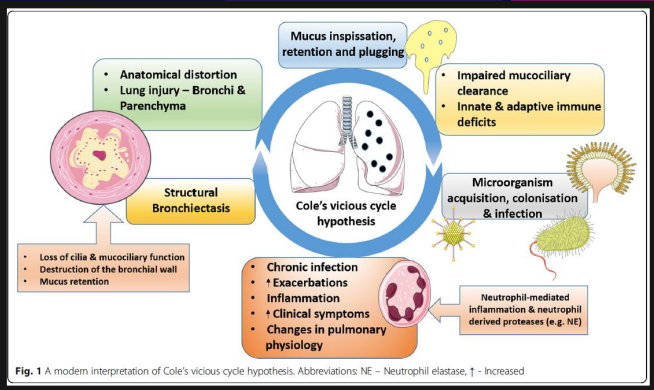
**COPD**

**Acute exacerbation ?**

**Bronchiectasis**

**Mortality ?**

**Asthma**





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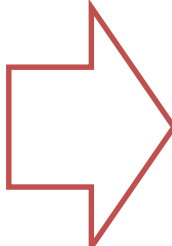
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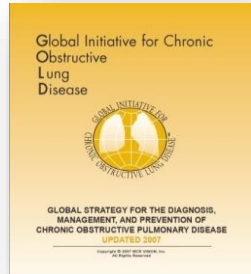
1. Definition and Overview
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# Exacerbations



## COPD Comorbidities



Infections

Lung cancer

Frequently in COPD  
Most frequent cause of death in mild COPD

Anxiety and Depression

Major comorbidities  
Under-diagnosed  
Poor health status and Prognosis

Osteoporosis

Cardiovascular disease

Major comorbidity, Most frequent,  
Most important

Bronchiectasis

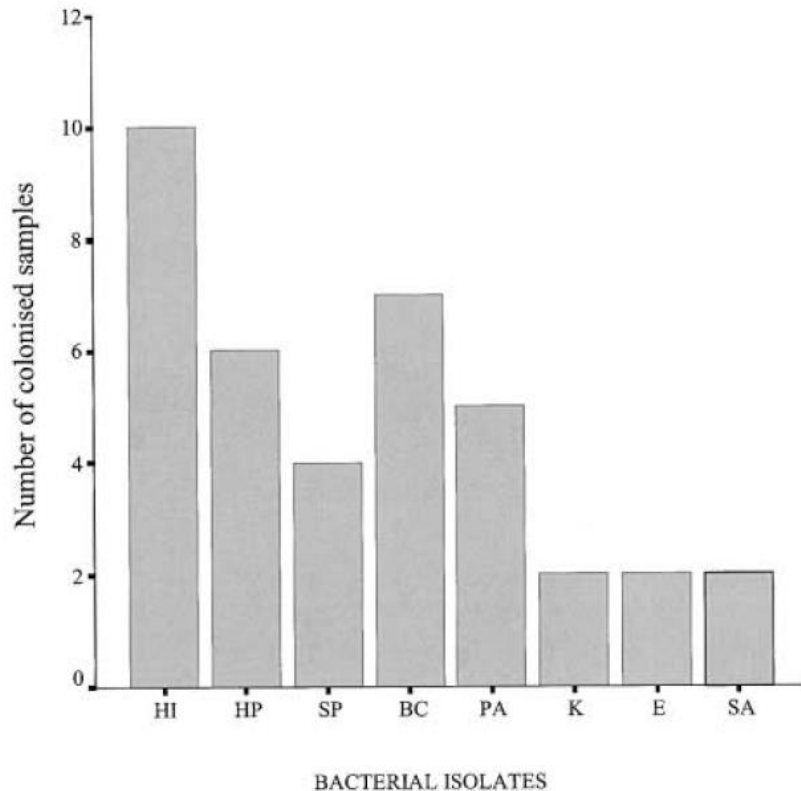
Longer exacerbation and increased mortality

Metabolic syndrome and Diabetes

**GOLD 2014** - Should be actively looked for and treated appropriately if present

# **Bacterial microbiome of lungs in COPD and BE**

# Bronchiectasis, Exacerbation Indices, and Inflammation in COPD



*Figure 2.* Potential pathogens isolated in 52 sputum samples. BC = *Branhamella catarrhalis*; E = *Enterobacter* species; HI = *Haemophilus influenzae*; HP = *Haemophilus parainfluenzae*; K = *Klebsiella* species; PA = *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*; SA = *Staphylococcus aureus*; SP = *Streptococcus pneumoniae*.

52 sputum samples were obtained from patients in the stable state, of which 43 (82.7%) were spontaneous and 9 (17.3%) were induced samples.

# Factors Associated With Bronchiectasis in Patients With COPD

**Table 3—Analytic, Microbiologic, and Functional Characteristics of Subjects With COPD, With and Without Bronchiectasis**

Parameter	Whole Group	COPD With Bronchiectasis	COPD Without Bronchiectasis	P Value
Subjects, No. (%)	92	53 (57.6)	39 (42.4)	...
Fibrinogen, mg/dL	397 (86.3)	417.2 (93.6)	367.9 (66.6)	.008
Albumin, mg/dL	4.21 (0.35)	4.14 (0.39)	4.31 (0.26)	.025
CRP, IU/mL	7.94 (12.2)	9.9 (15.5)	5.2 (4.09)	ns
$\alpha_1$ -Antitrypsin, ng/dL	162.1 (30.5)	166.3 (29.2)	156.1 (31.8)	ns
PO <sub>2</sub> /PCO <sub>2</sub> , mm Hg	63.4/42.9	61.9/43.4	65.4/42.3	ns
FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC, % predicted	47.6 (11.8)	45.1 (11.9)	51.2 (10.1)	.02
Post-BD FEV <sub>1</sub> , mL	1,210 (433)	1,107 (397)	1,350 (446)	.007
% Predicted	49.9 (15.6)	46.4 (16.3)	54.8 (13.3)	.01
Post-BD FVC, mL	2,607 (753)	2,478 (659)	2,783 (841)	ns
% Predicted	80 (18.6)	77.3 (18.2)	83.7 (18.7)	ns
FEV <sub>1</sub> ≤ 50%, No. (%)	51 (55.4)	37 (69.8)	14 (35.9)	.001
Patients with at least one PPM isolate, No. (%) <sup>a</sup>	39 (42.4)	25 (47.2)	14 (35.9)	.01
Patients with chronic colonization by PPM, No. (%)	20 (21.7)	18 (33.9)	2 (5.1)	.001
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> isolates, No. (%)	7 (7.6)	6 (11.3)	1 (2.6)	ns
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> isolates, No. (%)	28 (30.4)	20 (37.7)	8 (20.5)	ns

# Factors Associated With Bronchiectasis in Patients With COPD

Table 4—PPMs Found During the Study

PPM	COPD With Bronchiectasis		COPD Without Bronchiectasis	
	Isolation <sup>a</sup> (n = 25)	Chronic Colonization (n = 18)	Isolation <sup>a</sup> (n = 14)	Chronic Colonization (n = 2)
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	12	8	6	2
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	6	3	4	0
<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>	4	2	3	0
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	2	4	1	0
<i>Haemophilus parainfluenzae</i>	0	1	0	0
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	1	0	0	0

Data from the 44 patients with single isolates of a PPM (left-hand column) or chronic colonization by PPMs (right-hand column). See Table 3 legend for expansion of abbreviation.

<sup>a</sup>Eighteen patients with a single PPM isolate, plus six patients with two separate PPM isolates, plus nine patients with chronic PPM colonization and positive cultures for a separate PPM during the study. Isolates that form part of a chronic colonization were not included (a chronic colonization was defined as at least three isolates in three different months).



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- With increasing use of CT in the assessment of patients with COPD, the presence of previous unrecognized BE is being identified.
- Whether this diagnosis on radiological criteria has the same impact as a clinical diagnosis of BE **remains unknown** at present, although it is associated with **longer exacerbations and increasing mortality**.

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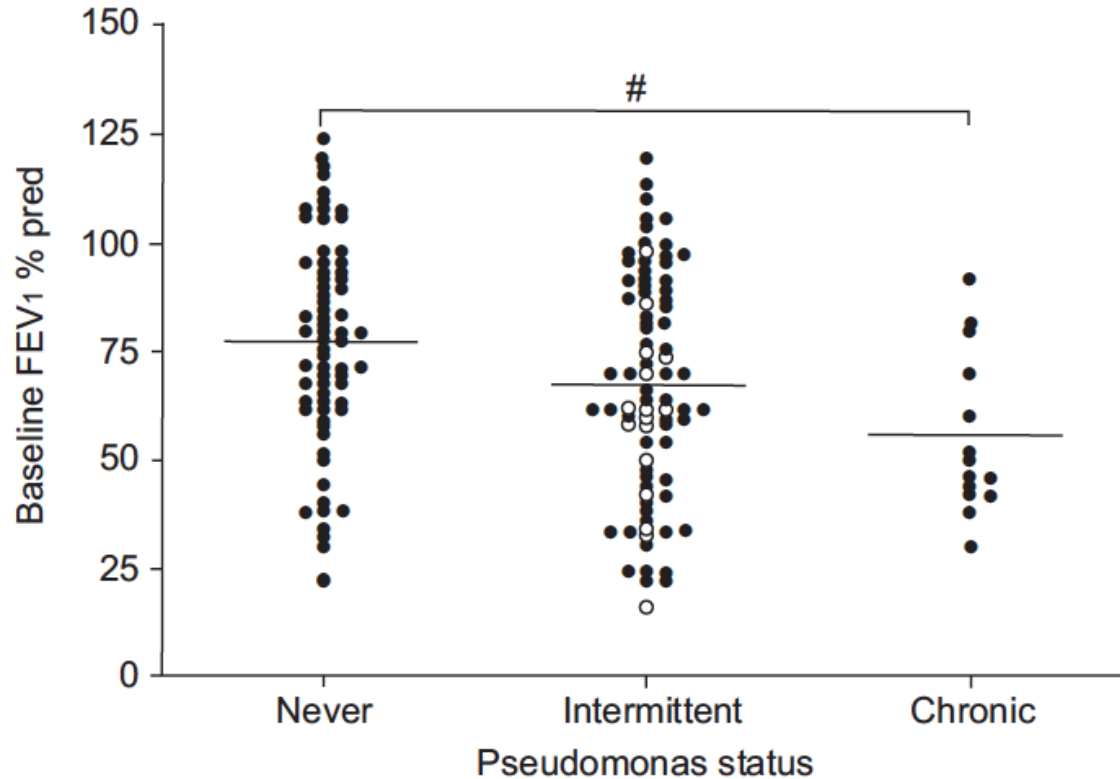
- BE should be treated according to usual guidelines.
- Regarding COPD treatment, some patients may need more aggressive and **prolonged antibiotic** therapy. Inhaled corticosteroids may **not be indicated** in patients with bacterial colonization or recurrent lower respiratory tract infections.

# Outline

- Introduction
- The assessment of Non-Cystic Fibrosis Bronchiectasis (Non-CF BE)
- The impact of NTM and Pseudomonas on Non-CF BE
- Summary

# **The impact of Pseudomonas on Non-CF Bronchiectasis**

# The effect of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* on pulmonary function in patients with bronchiectasis



**FIGURE 1.** Comparison of baseline forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV1) with pseudomonas status. ○: developed chronic *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infection. % pred: % predicted. #:  $p < 0.005$ .





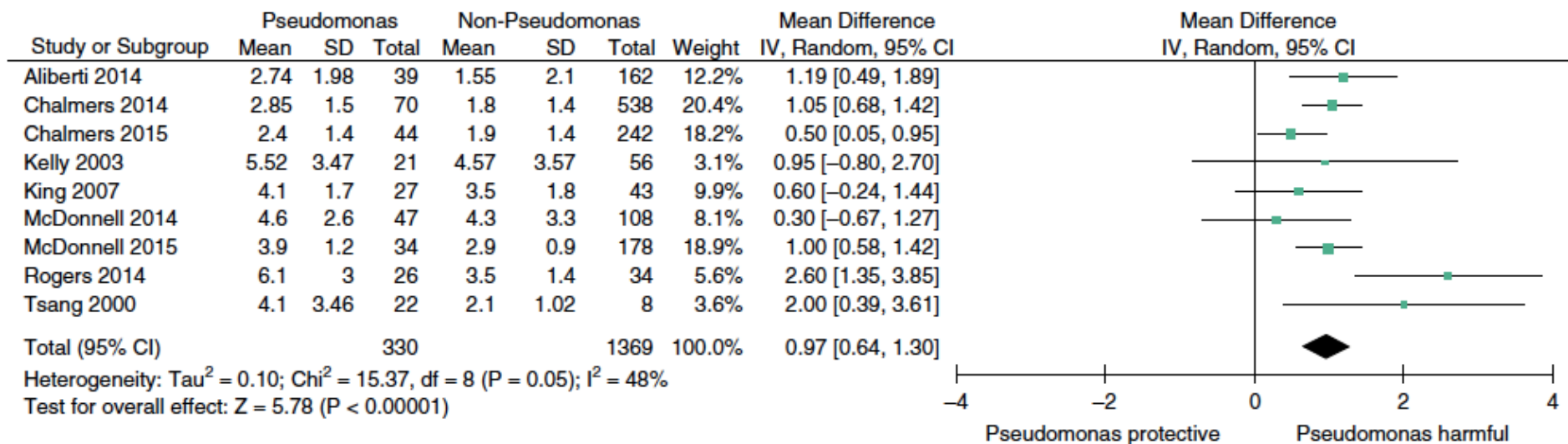
## ORIGINAL RESEARCH

# **A Comprehensive Analysis of the Impact of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Colonization on Prognosis in Adult Bronchiectasis**

Simon Finch<sup>1</sup>, Melissa J. McDonnell<sup>2</sup>, Hani Abo-Leyah<sup>1</sup>, Stefano Aliberti<sup>3</sup>, and James D. Chalmers<sup>1</sup>

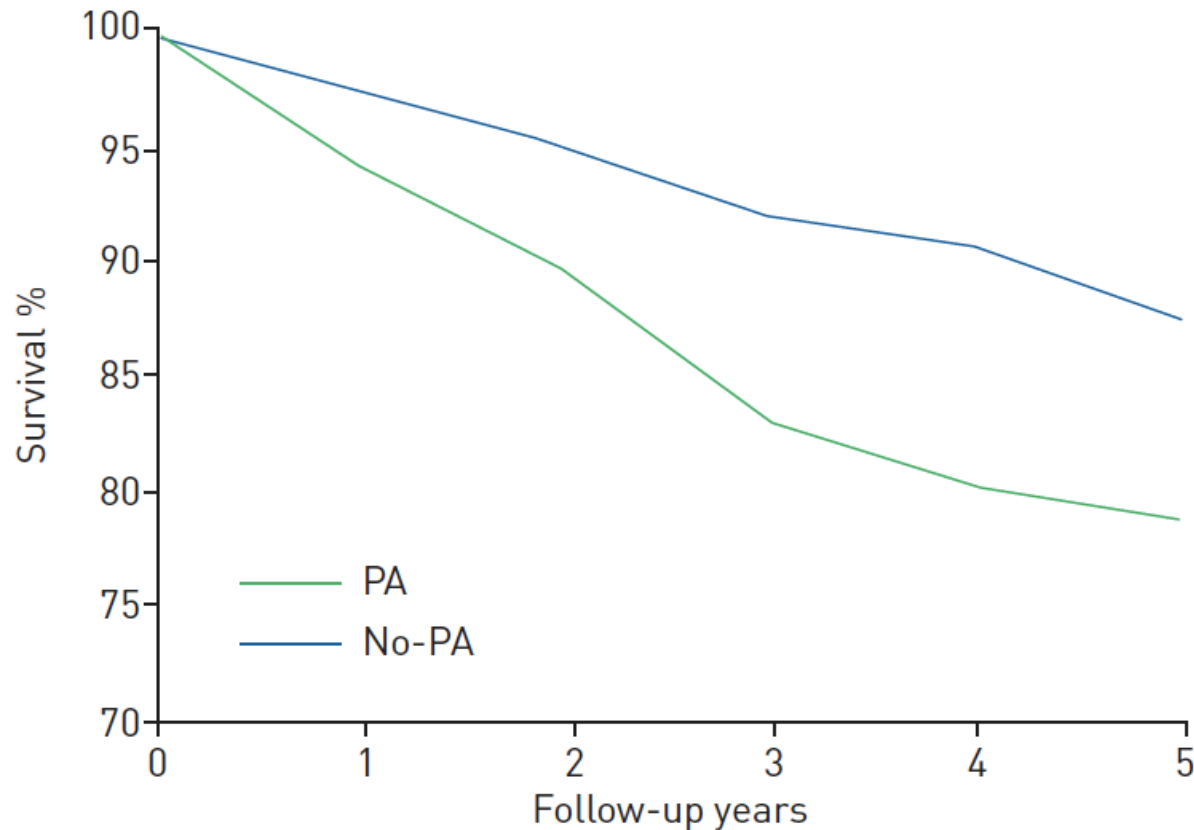
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**Figure 4.** Exacerbation frequency compared between patients with *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* colonization and patients without *P. aeruginosa* colonization. CI = confidence interval; IV = inverse variance.

# The independent contribution of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infection to long-term clinical outcomes in bronchiectasis

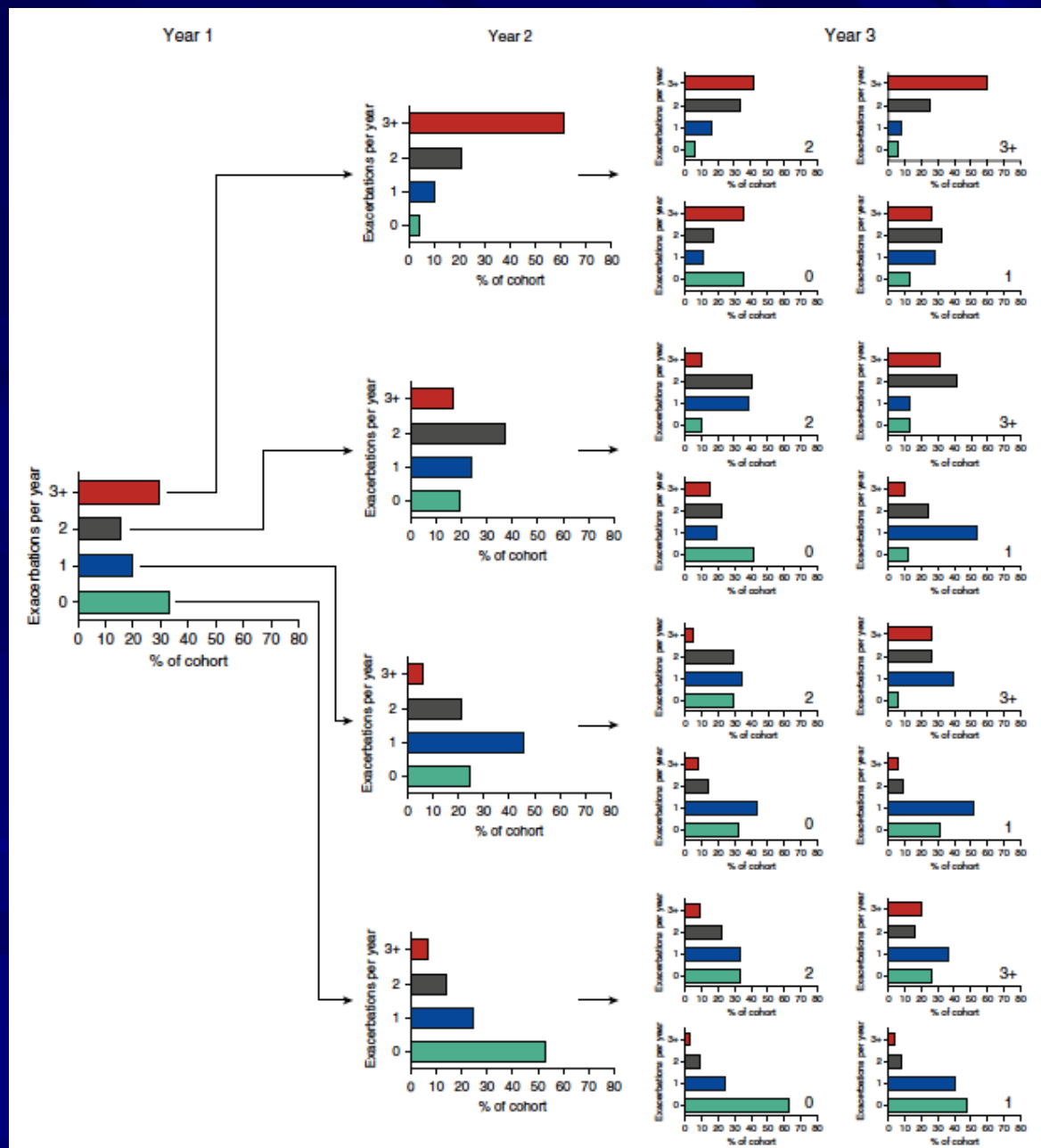


Kaplan–Meier log-rank test survival curve and univariate analysis for mortality: chronic *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (PA) infection versus all other patients

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# Characterization of the “Frequent Exacerbator Phenotype” in BE

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**Table 2.** Adjusted and Unadjusted Incident Rate Ratios for Exacerbation Frequency during Follow-up

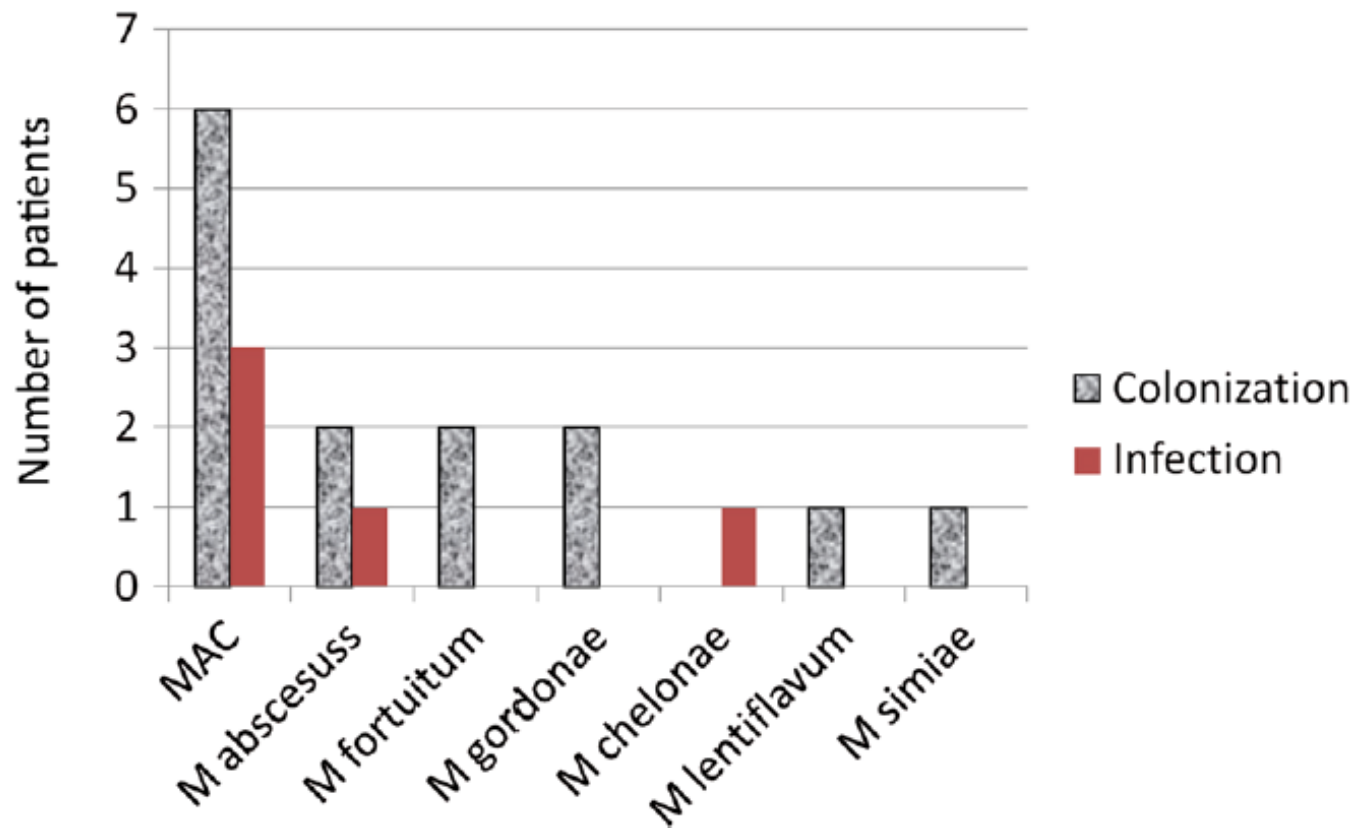
	Unadjusted			Adjusted		
	IRR	95% CI	P Value	IRR	95% CI	P Value
0 Exacerbations	1.0 (reference)			1.0 (reference)		
1 Exacerbation	1.73	1.47–2.02	<0.0001	1.81	1.54–2.12	<0.0001
2 Exacerbations	3.14	2.70–3.66	<0.0001	3.07	2.62–3.60	<0.0001
3 Exacerbations	5.97	5.27–6.78	<0.0001	5.18	4.51–5.95	<0.0001
Age (per 10 yr)	1.00	0.96–1.03	0.8	0.96	0.95–1.03	0.6
Sex (M)	1.11	1.00–1.23	0.04	0.95	0.86–1.06	0.4
MRC dyspnea score	1.24	1.19–1.29	<0.0001	1.02	0.97–1.07	0.4
FEV <sub>1</sub> % predicted (per 10%)	0.88	0.87–0.90	<0.0001	0.96	0.94–0.98	0.001
Reiff score	1.04	1.03–1.06	<0.0001	1.02	1.00–1.03	0.05
Smoking history	1.22	1.10–1.35	<0.0001	0.95	0.85–1.06	0.3
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	1.07	0.96–1.20	0.2	1.13	1.01–1.28	0.04
<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>	0.94	0.78–1.14	0.5	0.94	0.77–1.15	0.5
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	1.19	0.97–1.45	0.1	1.08	0.88–1.32	0.5
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	1.30	1.08–1.57	0.006	0.99	0.82–1.20	0.9
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	1.94	1.69–2.23	<0.0001	1.20	1.04–1.40	0.01
Asthma	1.22	1.03–1.44	0.02	1.16	0.98–1.38	0.09
COPD	1.89	1.66–2.16	<0.0001	1.43	1.22–1.67	<0.0001
Idiopathic	0.72	0.65–0.79	<0.0001	0.92	0.83–1.02	0.1

Definition of abbreviations: CI = confidence interval; COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; IRR = incident rate ratio; MRC = Medical Research Council.

# **The prevalence of NTM on Non-CF Bronchiectasis**



## Prevalence of mycobacterial species



**Fig. 1** Number of patients with positive non-tuberculous mycobacterial cultures (NTM), grouped by mycobacterial species. Patients who met American Thoracic Society/Infectious Disease Society of America (ATS/IDSA) microbiologic criteria for NTM disease are represented in the shaded bars and those who did not meet ATS/IDSA criteria are represented in solid bars. The patient with *Mycobacterium simiae* also had *M. avium* complex (MAC)

Variable	NTM positive (n = 18)	NTM negative (n = 200)	p-value
Age, yr <sup>a</sup>	64 (13.3)	54.9 (15.9)	0.02
Age ≥ 50 years	15 (83.3 %)	126 (63 %)	0.06
Gender (% females) <sup>b</sup>	78 %	60 %	0.2
BMI, kg/m <sup>2a</sup>	23.5 (4.8)	24.9 (4.6)	0.24
BMI ≤ 23 kg/m <sup>2b</sup>	11 (61.1 %)	65 (32.5 %)	0.034
Idiopathic	5 (27.8 %)	60 (30 %)	0.79
Post-infection	6 (33.3 %)	72 (36 %)	
Systemic diseases	4 (22.2 %)	24 (12 %)	
Immunodeficiency	1 (5.6 %)	4 (2 %)	
COPD	2 (11.1 %)	28 (14 %)	
Ciliary dyskinesia	0	7 (3.3 %)	
Other	0	5 (2.5 %)	
Smoking history (pack-years) <sup>c</sup>	22.2 (33)	11.6 (25.6)	0.2
Dyspnea (mMRC)	1.29 (1.3)	1.33 (1.13)	0.8
Macroscopic appearance of sputum (muco-purulent or purulent) <sup>a</sup>	7 (39 %)	125 (62.5 %)	0.045
Cystic bronchiectasis <sup>b</sup>	4 (22 %)	52 (26 %)	0.7
Number of affected lobes <sup>a</sup>	2.9 (1.3)	2.6 (1.2)	0.2
FVC, % predicted <sup>a</sup>	82.5 (23)	73.5 (24)	0.09
FVC ≥ 75 % predicted <sup>b</sup>	14 (77.8 %)	94 (47 %)	0.011
FEV <sub>1</sub> , % predicted <sup>a</sup>	72.3 (26)	63 (25)	0.15
Chronic <i>P. aeruginosa</i> infection <sup>b</sup>	5 (28 %)	88 (44 %)	0.1
Chronic <i>H. influenzae</i> infection <sup>b</sup>	2 (11 %)	46 (23 %)	0.1
Chronic bacterial infection, other PPMs <sup>b</sup>	2 (12 %)	90 (45 %)	0.05

# Adult Patients With Bronchiectasis

## A First Look at the US Bronchiectasis Research Registry

**TABLE 2 ]** Symptoms in Patients With Bronchiectasis by NTM Status<sup>a</sup>

Symptom	Data Available (No.)	Overall (N = 1,826)	NTM (n = 1,158)	No NTM (n = 668)	P Value <sup>b</sup>
Fatigue, No. (%)	1,770				
Yes		886 (50)	591 (53)	295 (46)	< .01
Daily bouts of coughing, No. (%)	1,804				
Yes, any		1,314 (73)	825 (72)	489 (74)	.32
Daily productive cough, No. (%)	1,788				
Yes, productive cough		951 (53)	568 (50)	383 (59)	< .01
Hemoptysis, No. (%)	175				
Yes		409 (23)	283 (25)	126 (19)	< .01
Dyspnea, No. (%)	1,442				
No, not at rest or when active		663 (46)	420 (46)	243 (46)	.98
Yes, only when active		779 (54)	493 (54)	286 (54)	

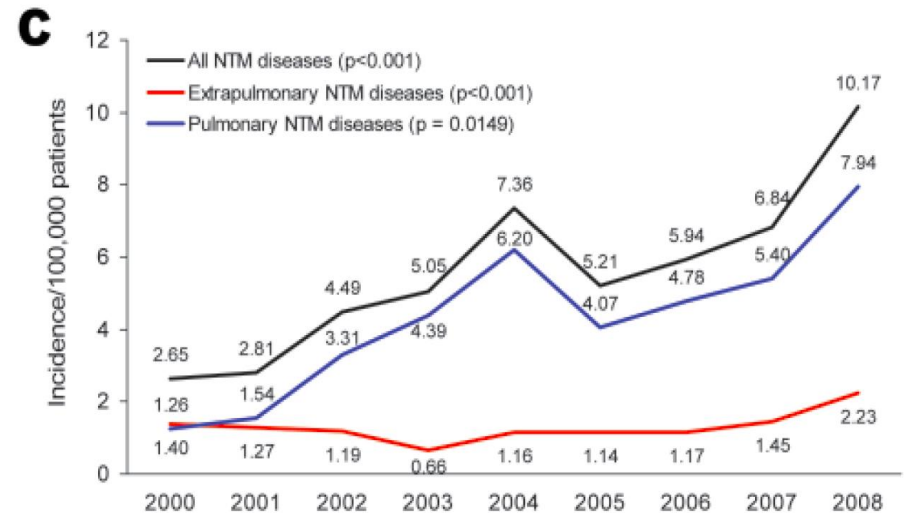
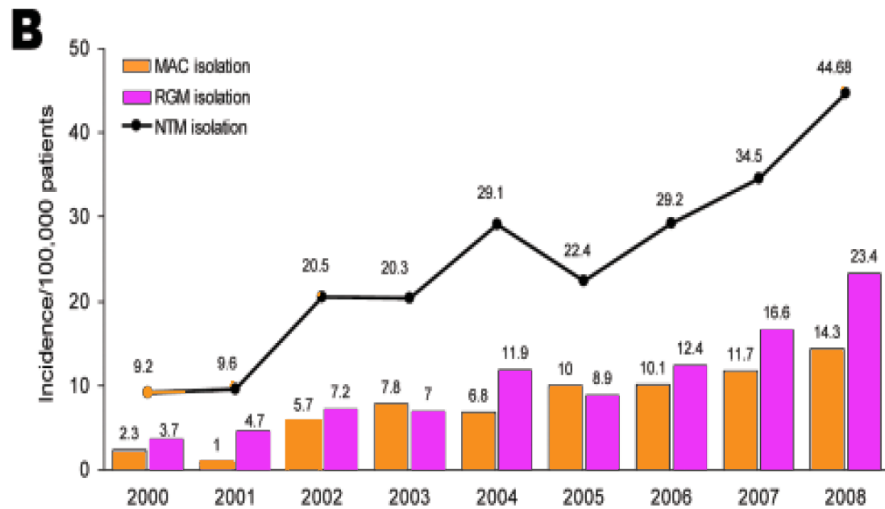
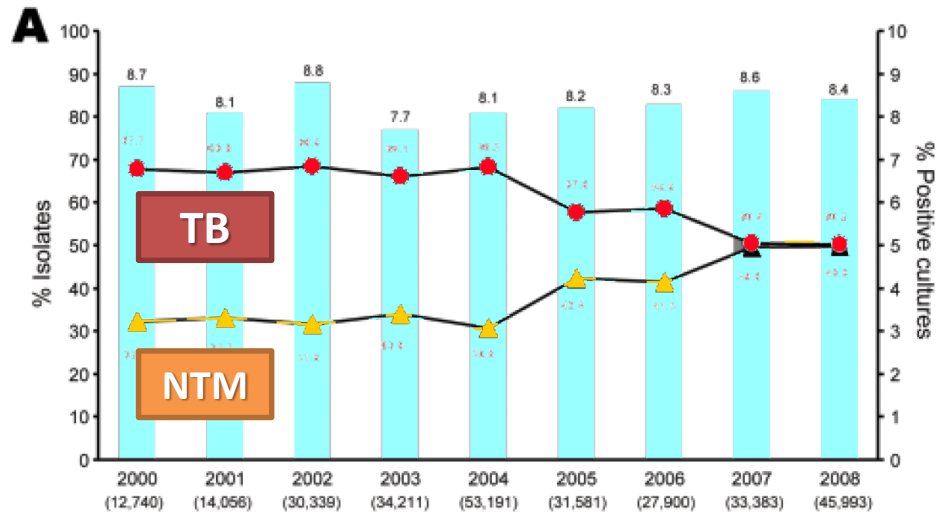
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**TABLE 3 ] Spirometric Test Results for Patients With Bronchiectasis**

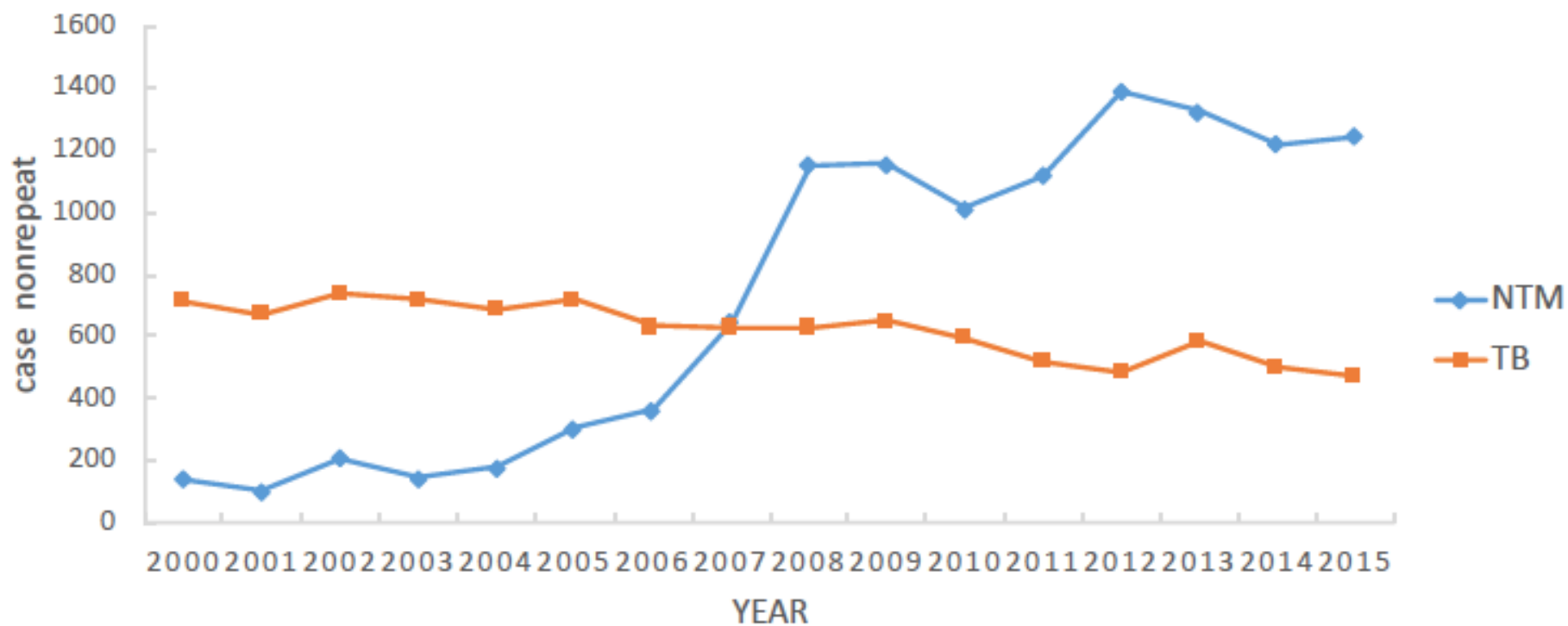
Results	Data Available (No.)	Overall (N = 1,826)	NTM (n = 1,158)	No NTM (n = 668)	P Value <sup>a</sup>
Prebronchodilator findings, No. (%) <sup>b</sup>	1,552				
FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC ≥ 0.70, FVC ≥ 0.80, and FEV <sub>1</sub> ≥ 0.80 (normal)		399 (26)	252 (26)	147 (26)	
FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC ≥ 0.70, FVC ≥ 0.80, and FEV <sub>1</sub> < 0.80 (nearly normal)		363 (23)	229 (23)	134 (24)	
Any obstruction		790 (51)	502 (51)	208 (51)	.86
Mild or moderate obstruction		555 (36)	366 (37)	189 (33)	.11
Severe or very severe obstruction		235 (15)	136 (14)	99 (17)	.06
Restriction		317 (20)	200 (20)	117 (21)	.92
Postbronchodilator findings, No. (%) <sup>c</sup>	963				
FVC or FEV <sub>1</sub> improved ≥ 12%		47 (5)	33 (5)	14 (4)	

# Increasing Incidence of Nontuberculous Mycobacteria, Taiwan, 2000–2008





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# NTM Species

- *M. avium* Complex (MAC)

579 isolates from 279 patients

- *M. kansasii*

- *M. abscessus*

275 isolates from 174 patients

- *M. chelonae*

- *M. fortuitum*

258 isolates from 186 patients

- *M. genavense*

- *M. gordonae*

- *M. haemophilum*

- *M. immunogenum*

- *M. malmoense*

- *M. marinum*

- *M. mucogenicum*

- *M. nonchromogenicum*

- *M. scrofulaceum*

- *M. simiae*

## Slow-growing NTM

*M. avium* complex

*M. kansasii*

*M. malmoense*

*M. xenopi*

*M. szulgai*<sup>a</sup>

*M. scrofulaceum*<sup>a</sup>

*M. simiae*<sup>a</sup>

## Rapidly growing NTM

*M. fortuitum*<sup>a</sup>

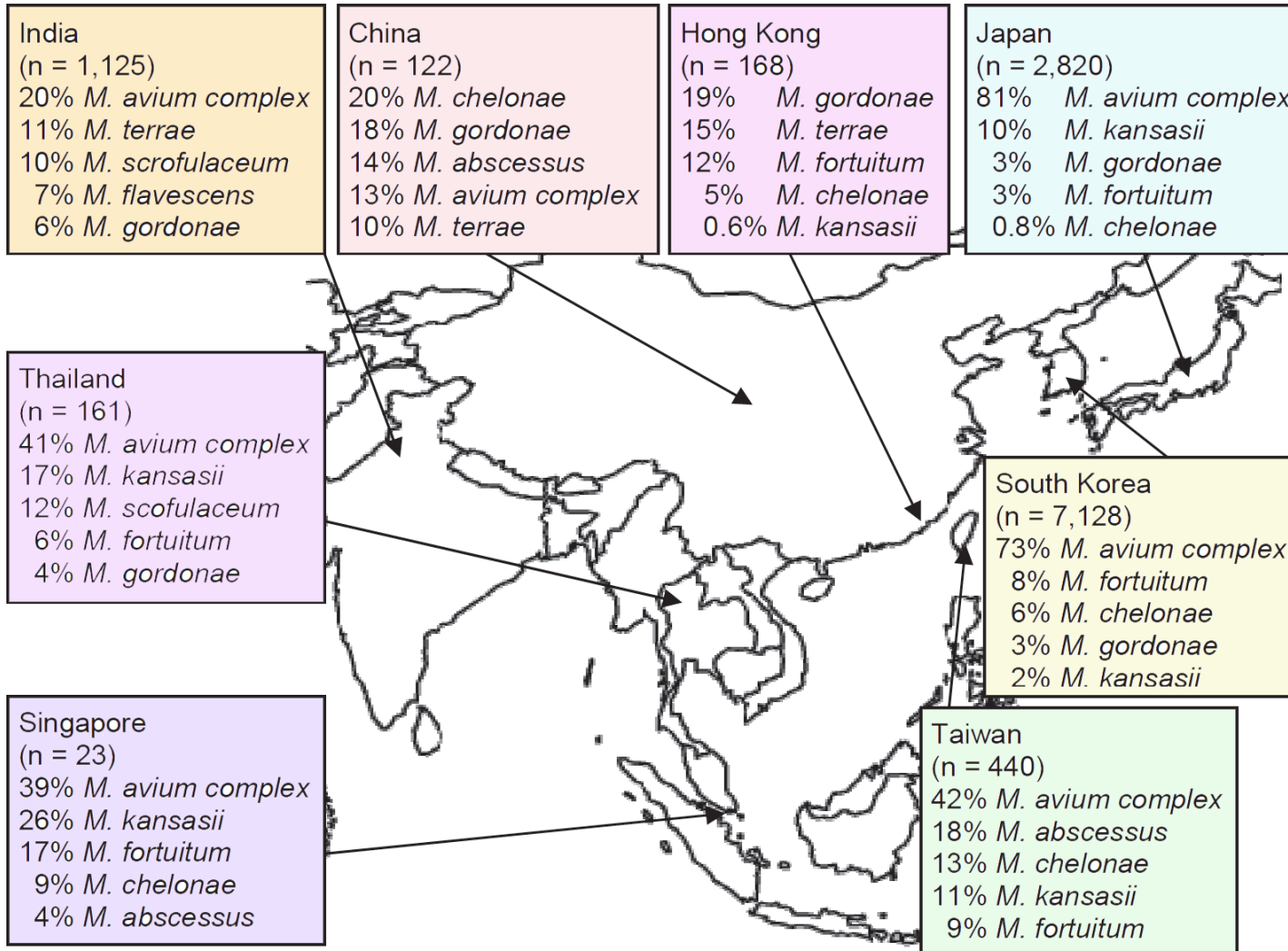
*M. abscessus*

*M. chelonae*<sup>a</sup>

*M. celatum*<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Uncommon

# Nontuberculous Mycobacteria in Respiratory Tract Infections, Eastern Asia



Five most prevalent NTM species in **respiratory specimens**, regardless of clinical relevance, Asia, 1971–2007.

# Impact of concomitant nontuberculous mycobacteria and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* isolates in non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis

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**Purpose:** *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* is associated with pulmonary function decline and high disease severity in non-cystic fibrosis (CF) bronchiectasis. The prevalence of nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) in non-CF bronchiectasis patients has increased recently. This study investigated the impact of NTM with or without *P. aeruginosa* isolates in non-CF bronchiectasis patients.

**Patients and methods:** Our retrospective study included 96 non-CF bronchiectasis patients from January 2005 to December 2014. We recorded the presentation, exacerbations, emergency department (ED) visits, hospitalization, serial pulmonary function, radiologic studies, and sputum culture results. All patients were followed up for at least 2 years.

**Results:** The 96 patients were divided into four groups: patients with concomitant negative NTM and *P. aeruginosa* isolates (n=41; group 1), patients with positive NTM isolates (n=20; group 2), patients with positive *P. aeruginosa* isolates (n=20; group 3), and patients with concomitant positive NTM and *P. aeruginosa* isolates (n=15; group 4). Compared with group 1

# Background

## **Pseudomonas aeruginosa**

**Greater** pulmonary function decline

**More** frequent exacerbations

**More** hospital admissions

**Increased** mortality

## **NTM**

Prevalence ranges wildly (2%~37%)

**Increasing** in recent years

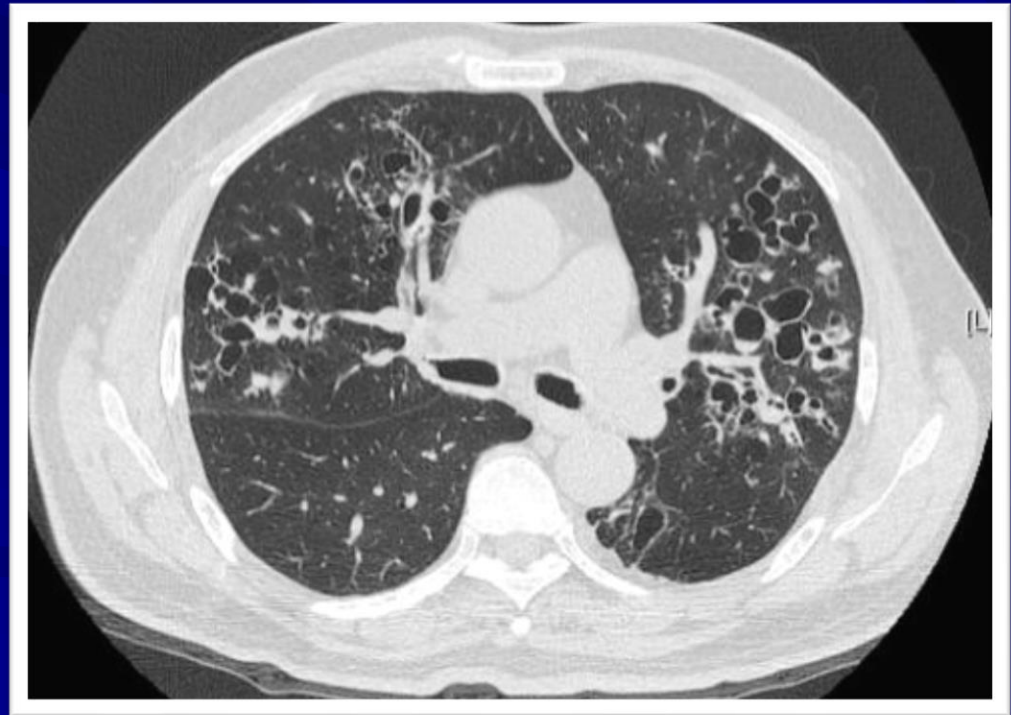
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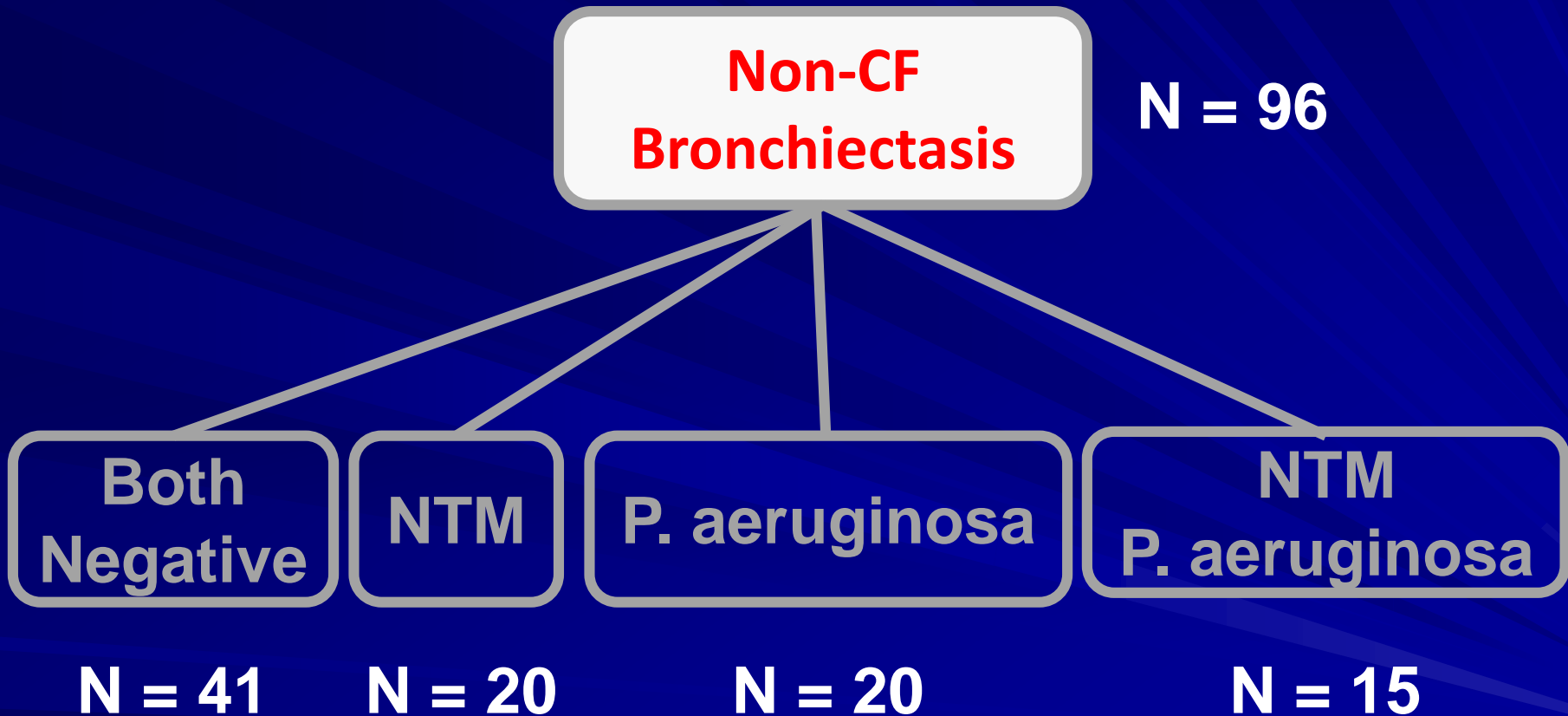
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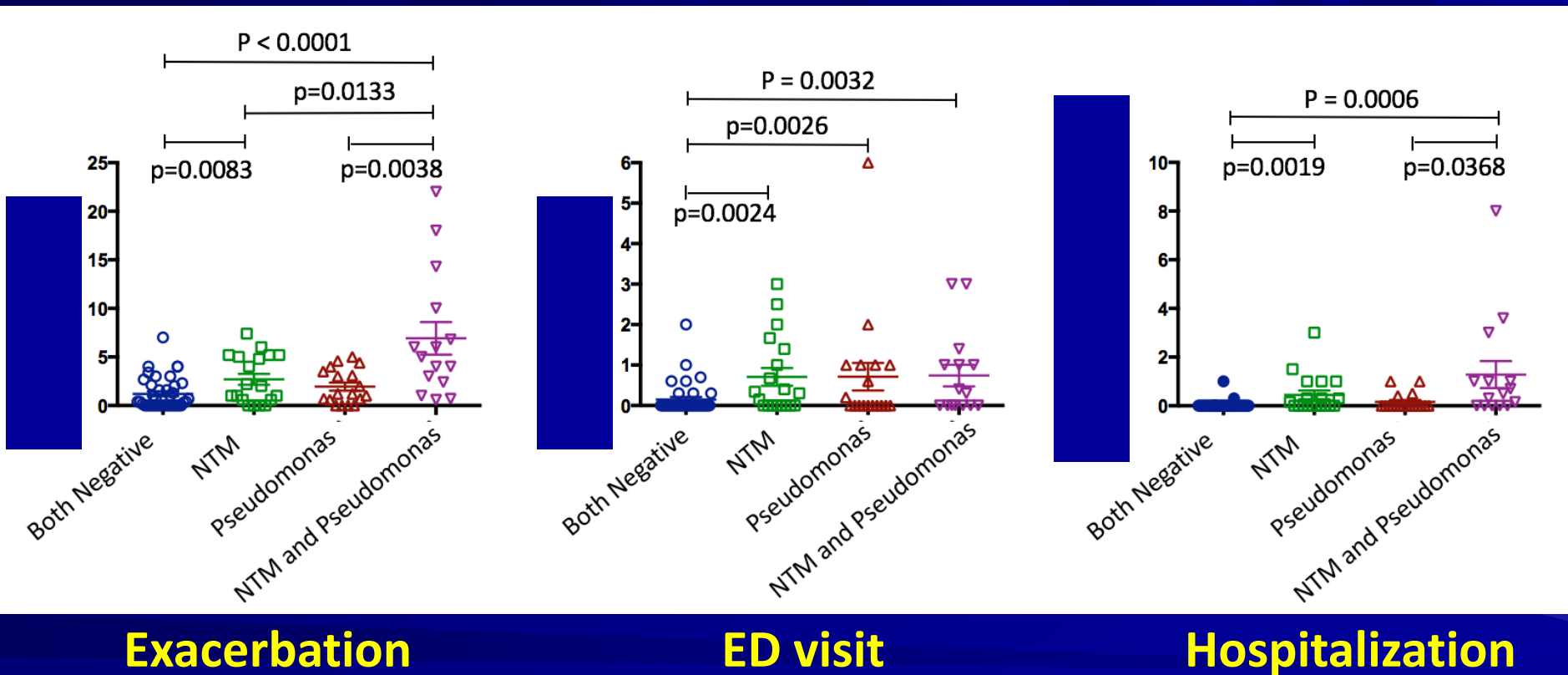


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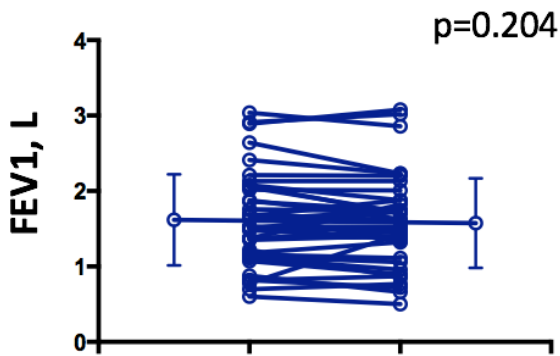


**Exacerbation**

**ED visit**

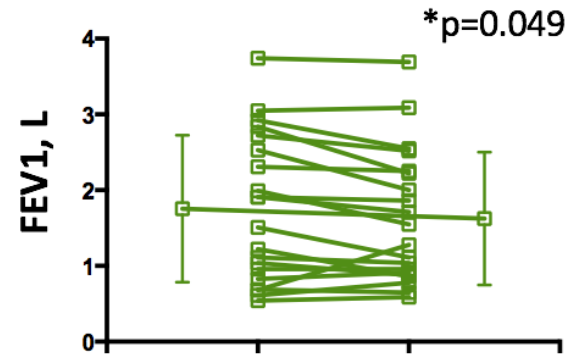
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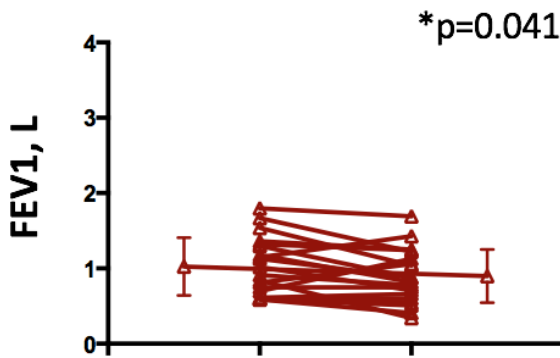
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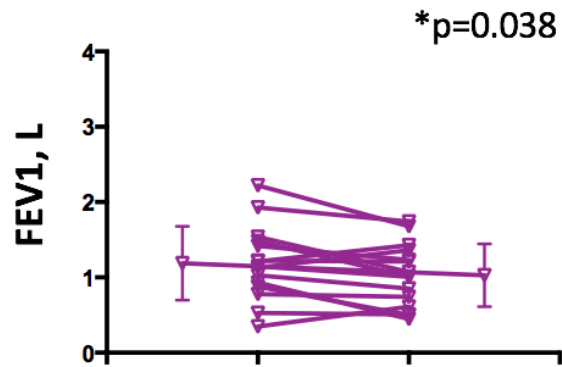
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**NTM**



(C) Baseline Followed

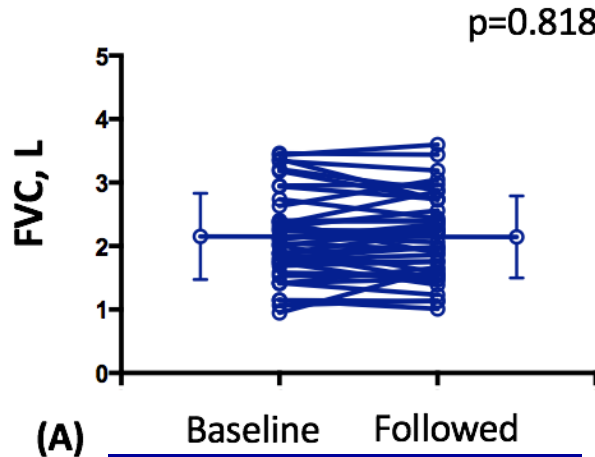
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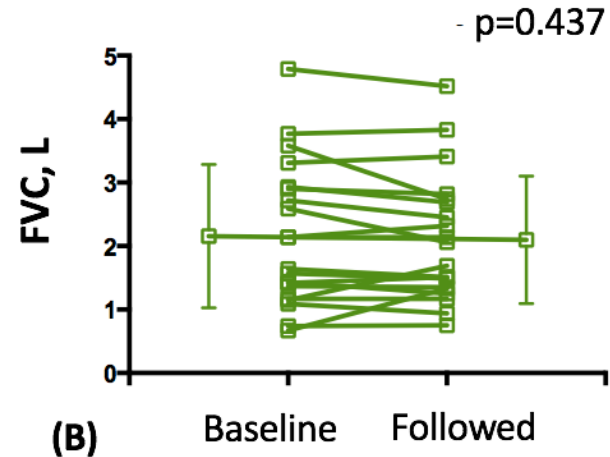
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**NTM and P. aeruginosa**

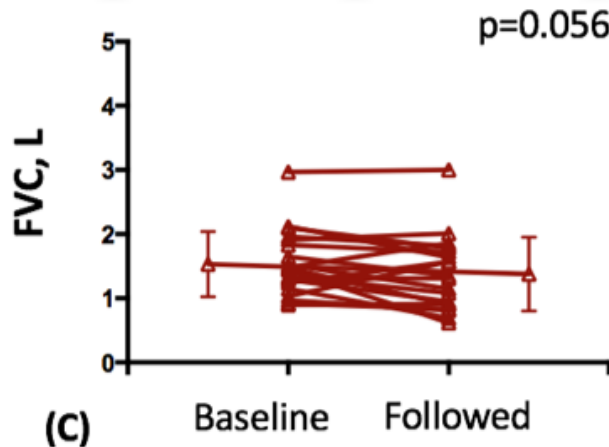
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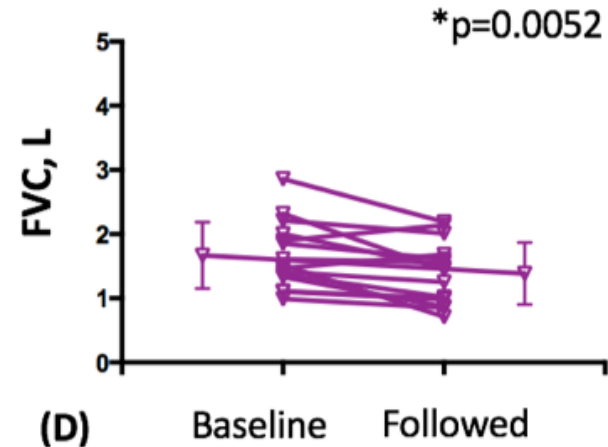
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**NTM**



***P. aeruginosa***



**NTM and *P. aeruginosa***

**Table 3** NTM species isolated from sputum samples in non-CF bronchiectasis patients

<b>NTM species</b>	<b>Group 2 n=20 n (%)</b>	<b>Group 4 n=15 n (%)</b>
<i>Mycobacterium avium</i> – <i>Mycobacterium intracellulare</i> complex	10 (50)	8 (53.3)
<i>Mycobacterium fortuitum</i>	2 (10)	6 (40)
<i>Mycobacterium chelonae</i>	4 (20)	4 (26.7)
<i>Mycobacterium abscessus</i>	2 (10)	3 (20)
<i>Mycobacterium gordonae</i>	2 (10)	2 (13.3)
<i>Mycobacterium kansasii</i>	1 (5)	0 (0)
<i>Mycobacterium mageritense</i>	1 (5)	0 (0)
<i>Mycobacterium scrofulaceum</i>	0 (0)	1 (6.7)
<i>Mycobacterium peregrinum</i>	0 (0)	1 (6.7)
Unidentified	4 (20)	2 (13.3)

**Abbreviations:** CF, cystic fibrosis; NTM, nontuberculous mycobacteria.

# Conclusion

**NTM** isolation in non-CF bronchiectasis

greater **FEV1** decline

more **Exacerbations**

**NTM** and **P. aeruginosa** isolations

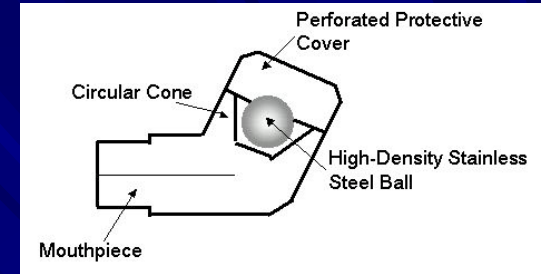
greatest **Pulmonary Function Decline**

most frequent **Exacerbations**

**TREATMENT**



# Treatments



## ■ Airway Hygiene

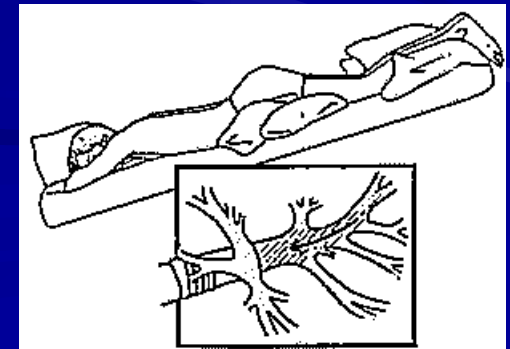
- Mechanical "valve" devices (Flutter, Pep, Acapella, etc)
- Postural drainage and chest physiotherapy

## ■ Mucus-Mobilizing Methods

- Inhaled beta-agonists and/or anticholinergic bronchodilators
- Hypertonic saline or mannitol inhalation

## ■ Anti-inflammatory Airway Management

- Inhaled steroids (ICS)
- Macrolide antibiotics (MLAs)



# Treatments

## ■ Anti-aspiration Measures

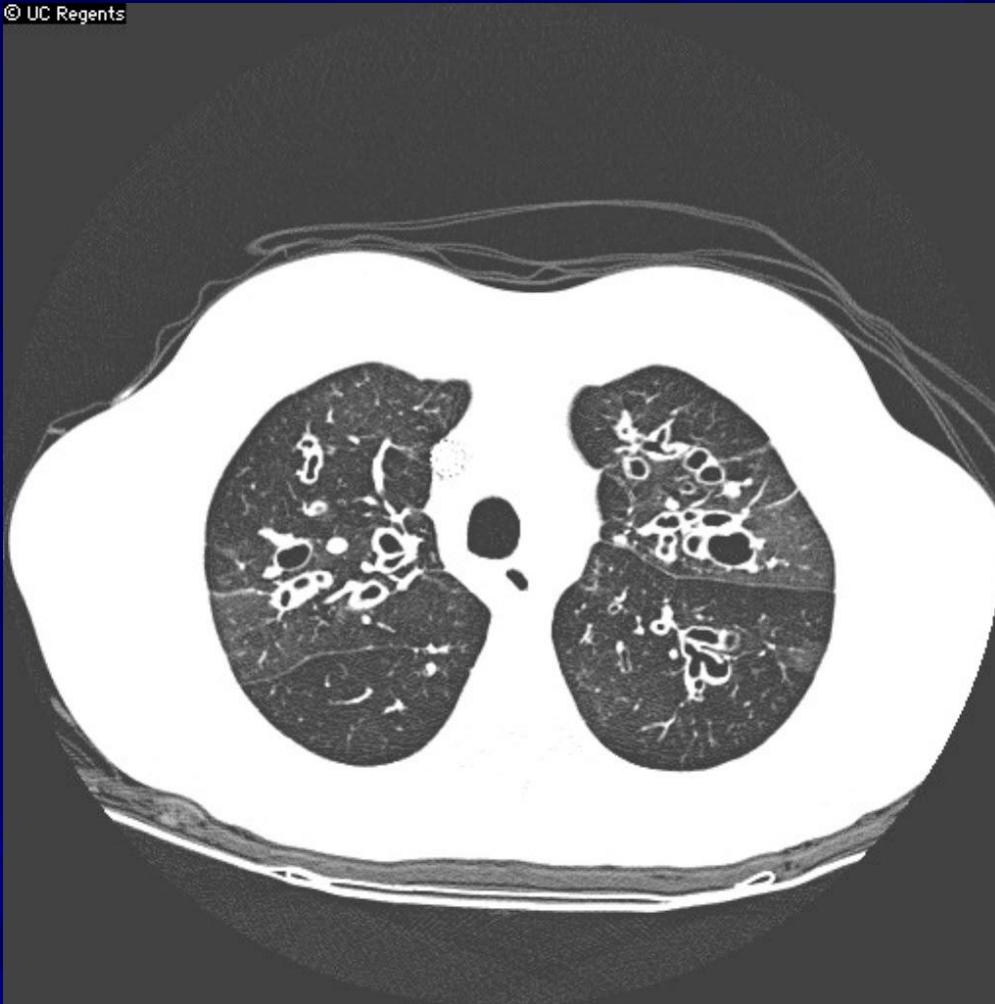
- Anti-GERD management
- Improved deglutition
- Reducing gastric acid

## ■ Antimicrobial Therapy

- Episodic, targeted antibiotics
- Rotating antibiotic therapy
- Initial empirical followed by targeted antibiotics

## ■ Surgery

- Intractable massive bleeding
- Uncontrollable infection
- Aspergillus colonization or Aspergilloma

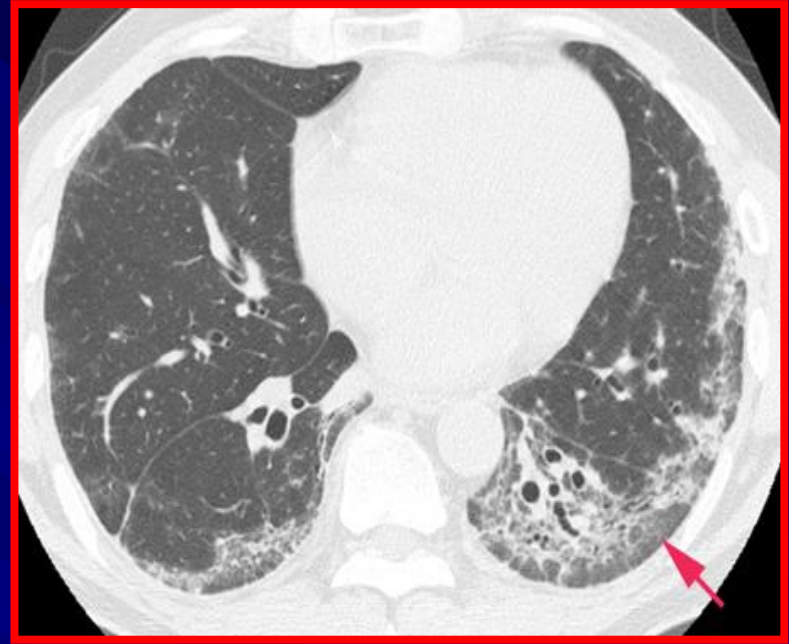


## Mucus Retention





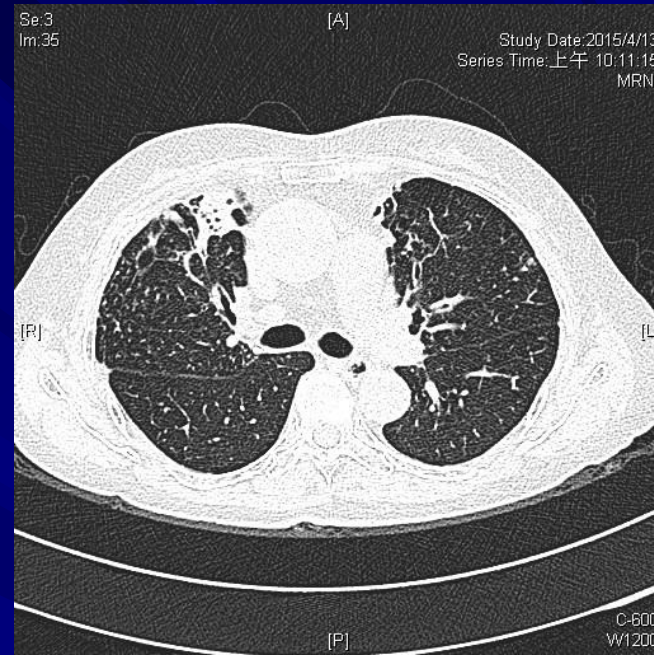
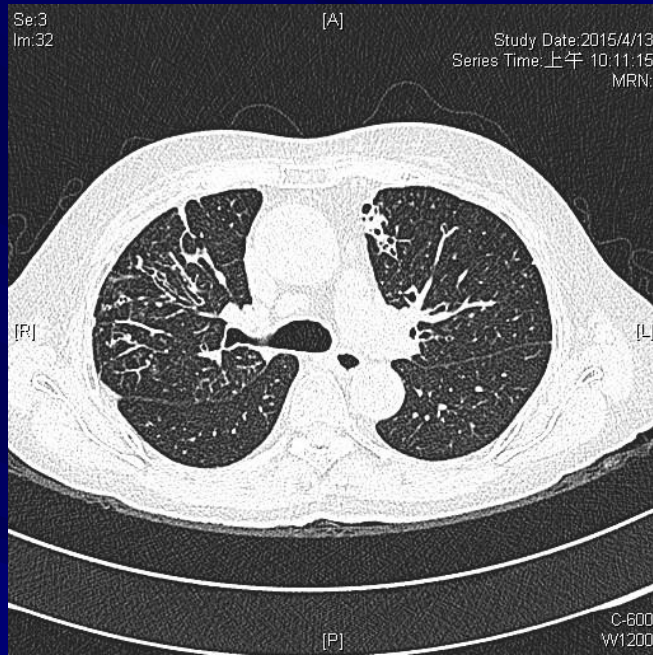
Saccular bronchiectasis



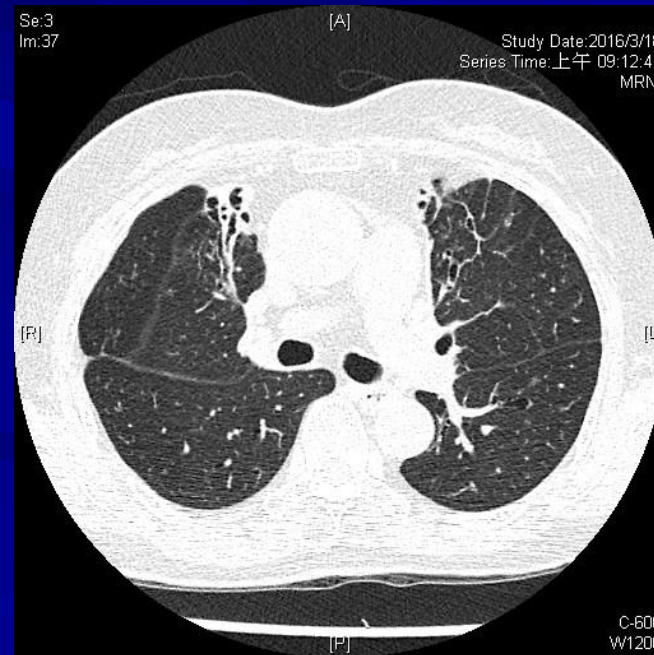
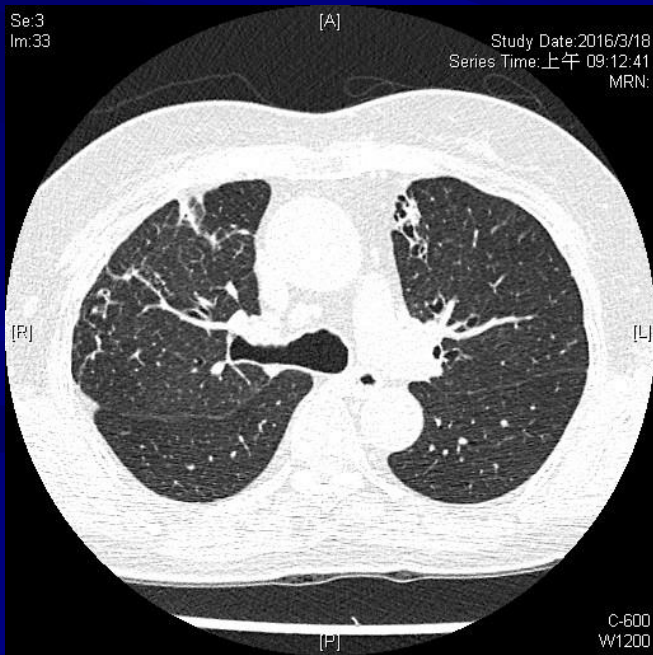
Traction bronchiectasis







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# Summary

- The prevalence of non CF bronchiectasis is increasing
- Two prognostic indices that aid clinical decisions are the bronchiectasis severity index (BSI) and the FACED score
- Patients with concomitant positive NTM and *P. aeruginosa* isolates have the greatest pulmonary function decline and the most frequent AE





# Thanks for Your Attention!!

