

COPD 진단과 역학

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KEY POINTS:

Diagnosis

- A diagnosis of COPD should be **considered** in any patient who has dyspnea, chronic cough or sputum production, a history of recurrent lower respiratory tract infections and/or a history of exposure to risk factors; **spirometry** with post-bronchodilator FEV1/FVC < 0.7 is **mandatory** to establish the diagnosis of COPD.
- Pre-bronchodilator spirometry can be used to exclude a diagnosis of COPD.

Initial assessment

- The goals of the initial COPD assessment are to determine the severity of airflow obstruction, assess the impact of current symptoms on the patient, and their risk of future events (such as exacerbations, hospital admissions, or death), to guide therapy.

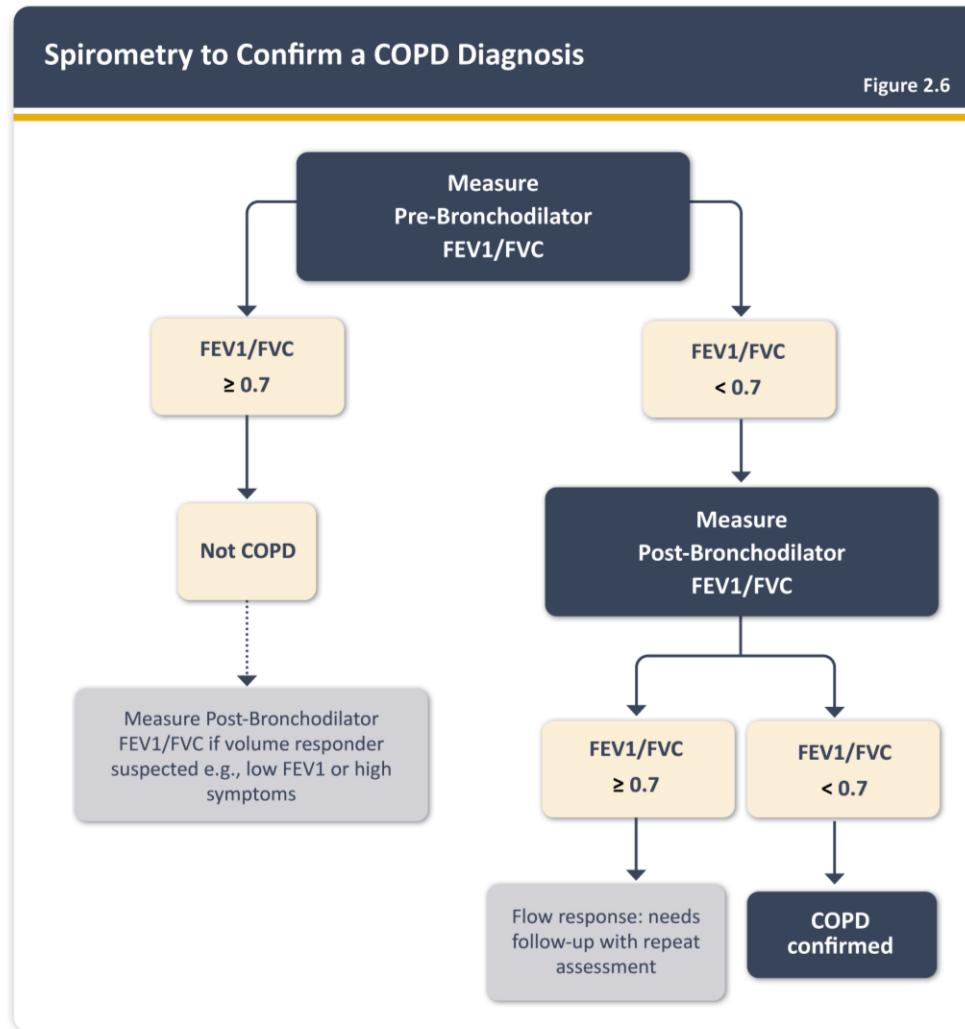
Monitoring and follow-up

- Routine follow-up of lung function, symptoms and exacerbations is essential to determine when to modify management and to identify any complications and/or comorbidities.
- Virtual and hybrid virtual/in-person care models may offer improved healthcare access, outcomes, and affordability, but use should be based on evidence.

Additional investigations

- Additional clinical assessment, including the measurement of lung volumes, diffusion capacity, exercise testing and/or lung imaging may be considered in patients with COPD who have a marked discordance between the level of airflow obstruction and the perceived symptoms.
- Concomitant chronic diseases (multimorbidity) occur frequently in patients with COPD, including cardiovascular disease, skeletal muscle dysfunction, metabolic syndrome, osteoporosis, depression, anxiety, and lung cancer. These comorbidities should be actively sought, and treated appropriately when present, because they influence health status, hospitalizations and mortality independently of the severity of airflow obstruction due to COPD.

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Pre- vs post BD spirometry

TABLE 1 Prevalence of COPD using pre- or post-bronchodilator (BD) spirometry in cohort studies

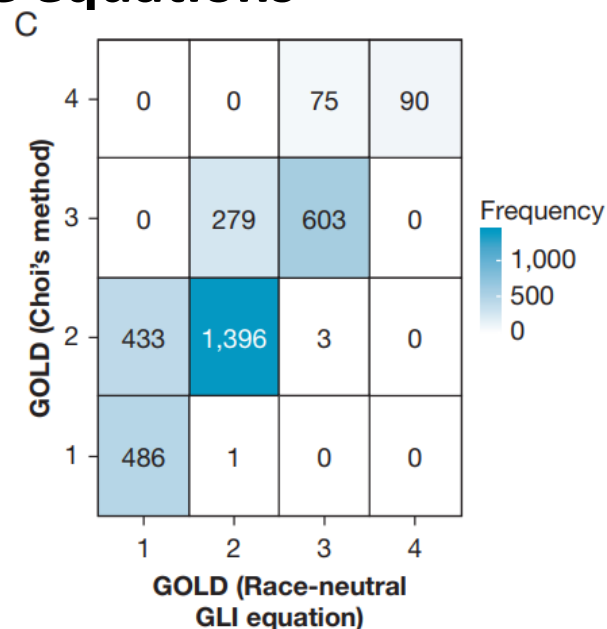
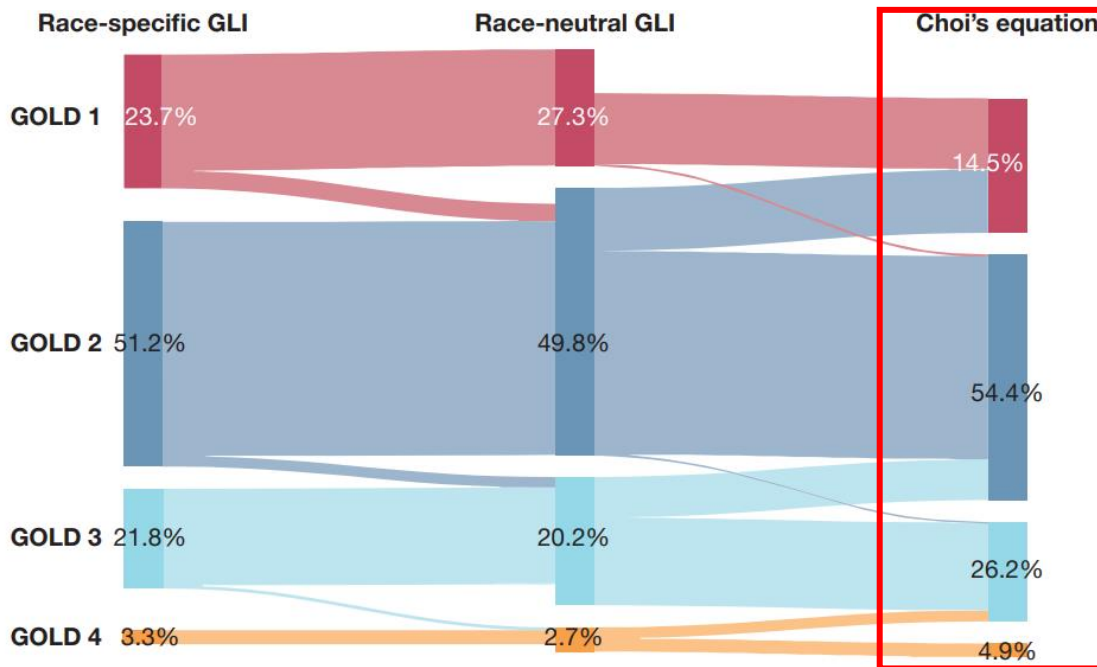
First author, year [ref.]	Sample size (n)	Age (years)	Smoking criteria	Smokers [#] (%)	Prevalence (%) [¶]		Reduction pre- versus post-BD (%) ⁺	Smokers only: reduction pre- versus post-BD (%) ⁺
					Pre-BD	Post-BD		
MANNINO, 2011 [48] Lung Health Study	5307	35–65	Current smokers [§]	100	91.4	77.7	16.1	16.1
TILERT, 2013 [49] NHANES	5477 ^f	40–79		50.6	20.9	14.0	33.0	NC
PÉREZ-PADILLA, 2007 [50] PLATINO	5183	>40		63.5 ^{##}	21.7	14	35.5	33.6
JOHANNESSEN, 2005 [51]	2225	15–70		61	9.6	7	27.1	20.3
FORTIS, 2017 [52] COPDGene	10 000	45–80	>10 pack-years	100	50.2	44.5	11.3	11.3

		Subjects (n)	Post-BD FEV ₁ % pred	ΔFEV ₁ (%)	ΔFVC (%)	
COPDGene						
Flow responders	PREO	POSTO	4150	55.9	8.8	7.5
	PREO	POSTN	866	84.7	7.7	-2.1
	PREN	POSTO	301	77.3	1.5	17.7
	PREN	POSTN	4683	92.6	3.0	0.9

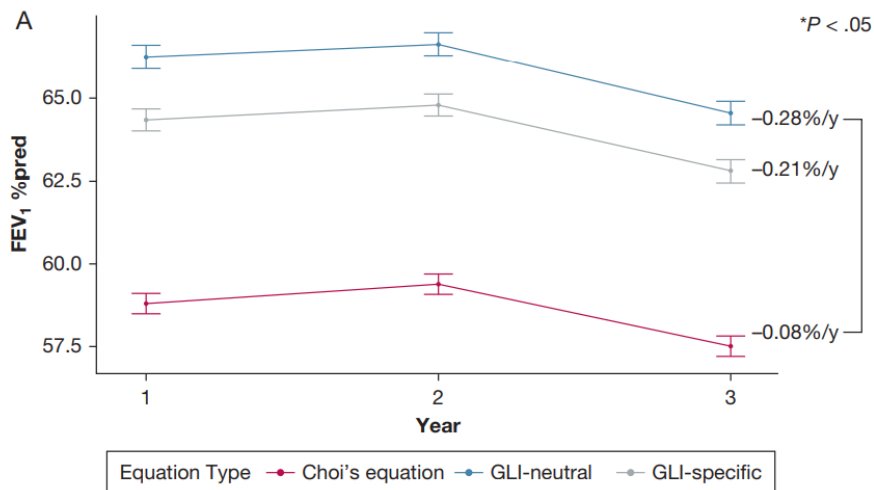
SPIROMICS						
	PREO	POSTN	175	92	8.2	1.3
	PREN	POSTN	603	98	4.6	1.7

Volume responders

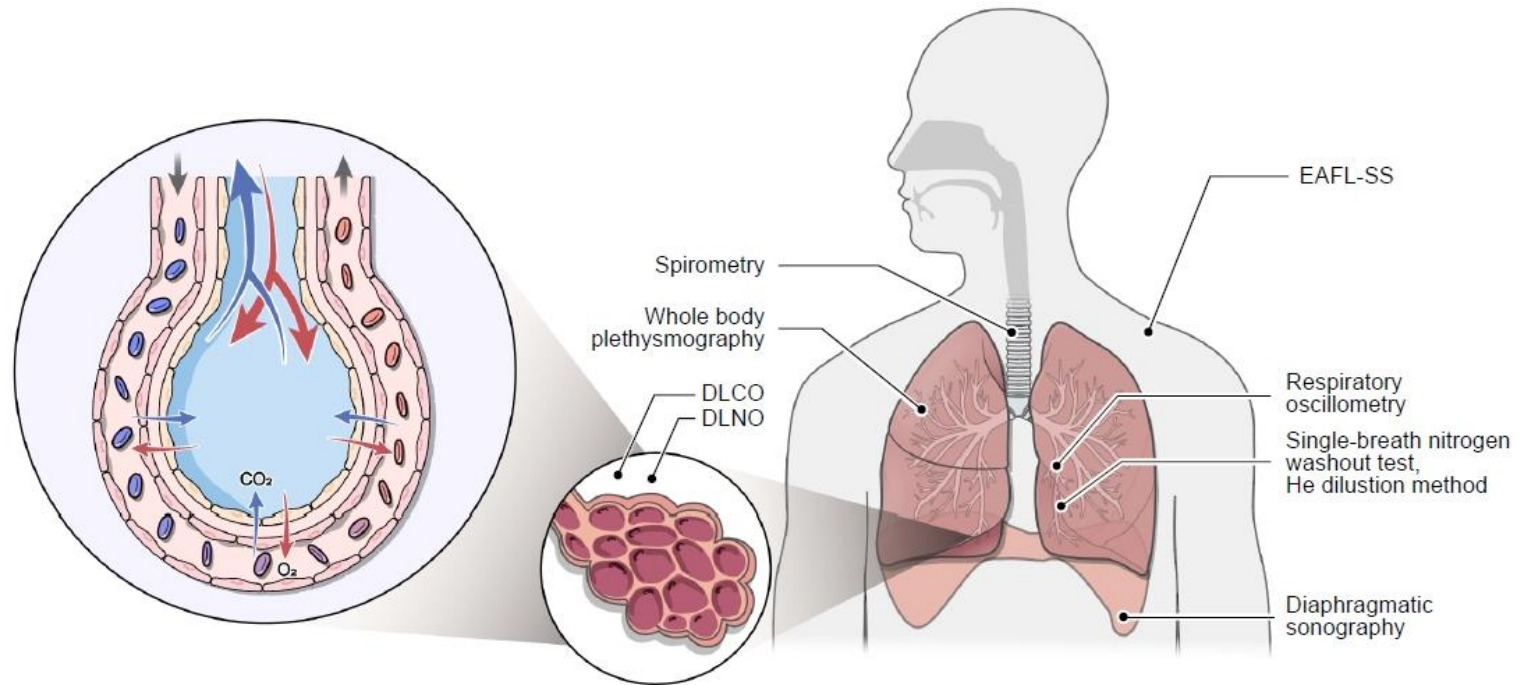
GLI reference vs Choi's reference equations



Bangdiwala's B statistics; 0.53
Cohen kappa test: $K = 0.80, P < .001$



Various diagnostic modalities



Traditional method

- Spirometry
- Whole body plethysmography
- DLCO

New method

- EAFL-SS
- Respiratory oscillometry
- Single-breath nitrogen washout test, He dilution method
- DLNO
- Diaphragmatic sonography
- Respiratory muscle strength

Prognostic differences in patients with emphysema

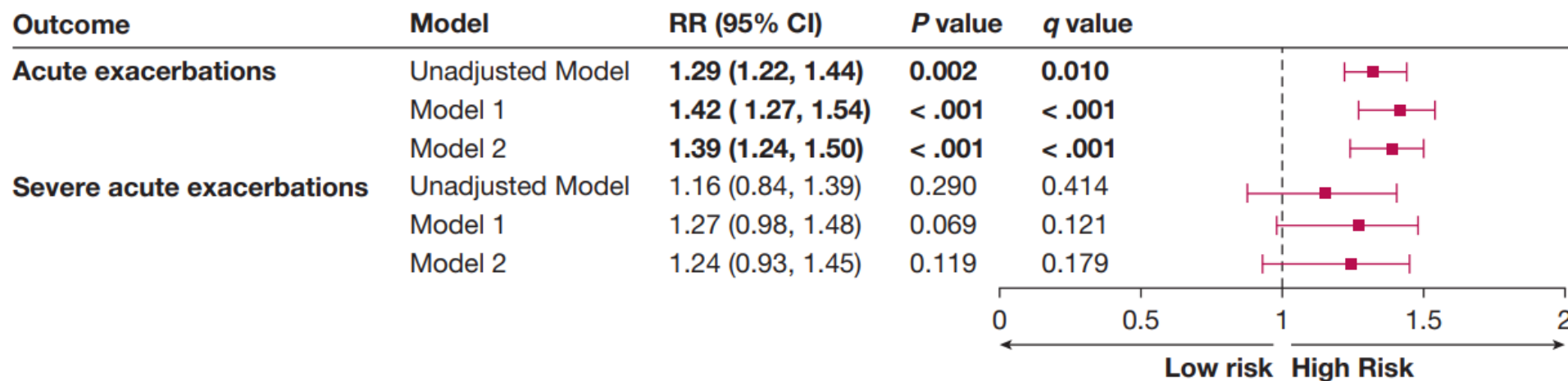
TABLE 2] Estimated Rates of Decline of FEV₁ Between Patients With Mild-to-Moderate COPD With and Without Radiographic Emphysema

Characteristic (n = 1,916)	Mild-to-Moderate COPD	
	Without Emphysema	With Emphysema
No. of participants at baseline	561	428
No. of participants at visit 4 (n = 484)	202	157
Observation time, median (interquartile range), y	2.01 (1.03-3.01)	2.07 (1.03-3.03)
FEV ₁ , mean [SD], L		
At baseline	2.19 [0.64]	2.09 [0.65]
At visit 4	2.12 [0.62]	1.93 [0.68]
Unadjusted FEV ₁ rate of decline (95% CI), mL/y ^a	-46.8 (-54.3 to -39.2)	-55.6 (-64.1 to -47.1)
Model 1 ^b	-46.9 (-54.5 to -39.3)	-56.1 (-64.5 to -47.6)
Model 2 ^c	-46.9 (-54.5 to -39.3)	-55.9 (-64.4 to -47.4)

Prognostic differences in patients with emphysema

TABLE 4] Estimated Differences in Rates of Change in COPD Outcomes Between Groups^a

COPD Outcome	EC Group vs NEC Group		q Value
	Difference (95% CI) ^b	P Value	
Unadjusted model			
COPD Assessment Test score	0.5 (0.0 to 0.9)	.029	0.067
SGRQ score	1.0 (0.2 to 1.7)	.005	0.019
mMRC score	0.1 (0.0 to 0.1)	.004	0.017
6-min walk distance	-3 (-9 to 3)	.484	0.484



CT and rapid FEV₁ rapid decline

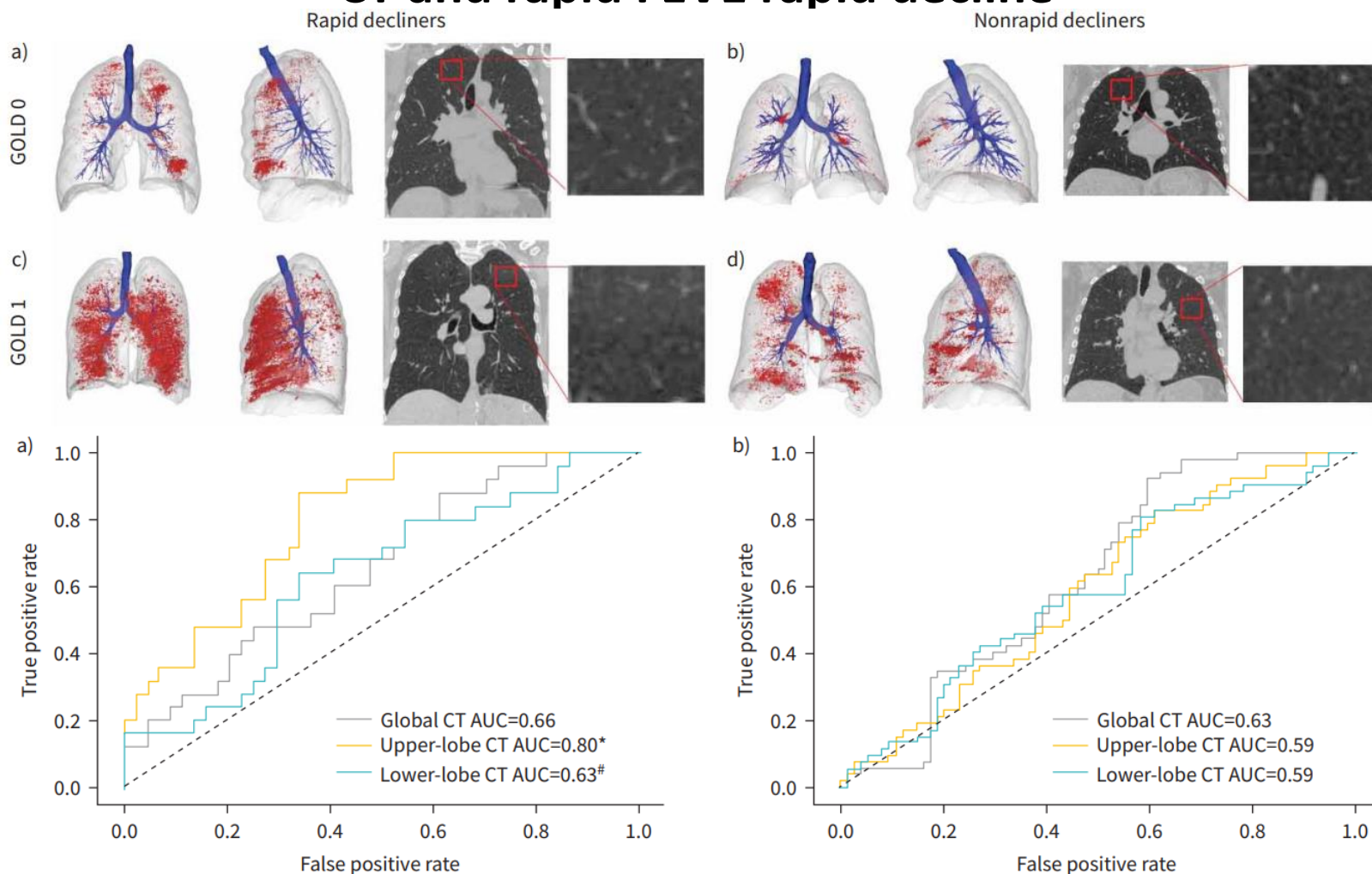


FIGURE 2 Receiver operative characteristics curves for predicting rapid forced expiratory volume in 1 s (FEV₁) decline. **a)** Rapid FEV₁ decline in Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD) 0. **b)** Rapid FEV₁ decline in COPD. DeLong's test was used to test for significant differences between area under the curve (AUC) values. Significance level is $p < 0.05$. *: Significantly different AUC from global CT model. #: Significantly different AUC from upper CT model.

Mucus plugs on CT associated with exacerbations

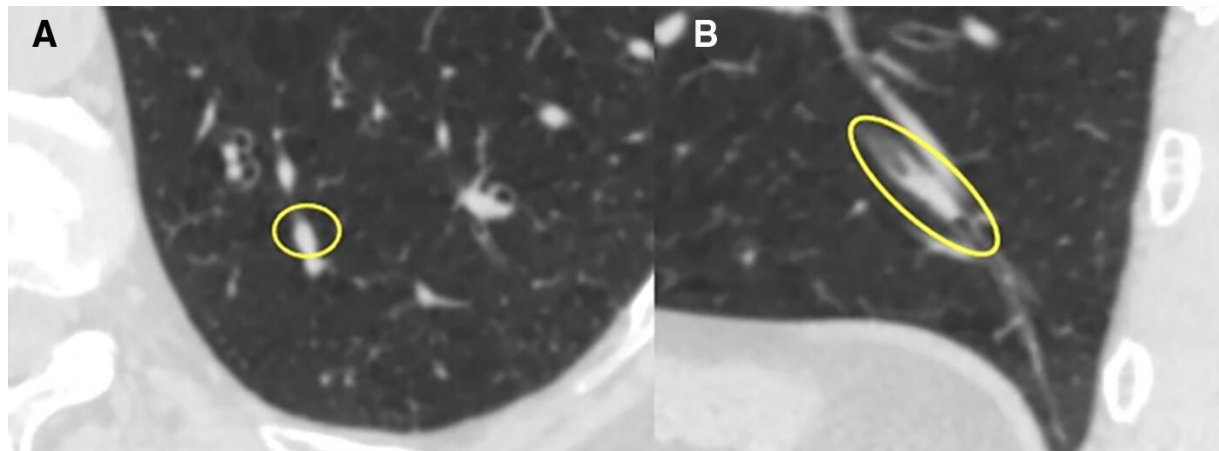
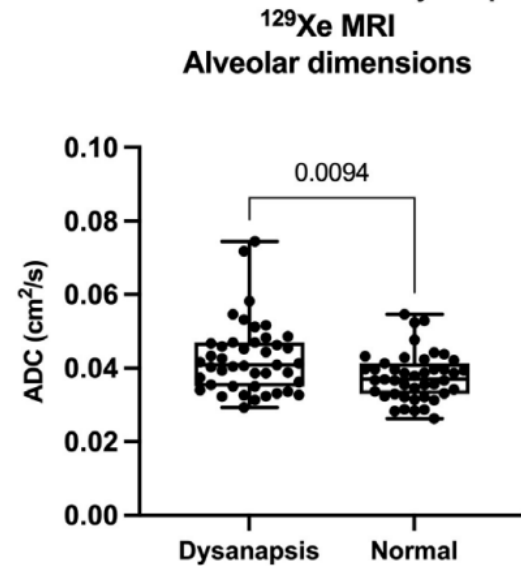
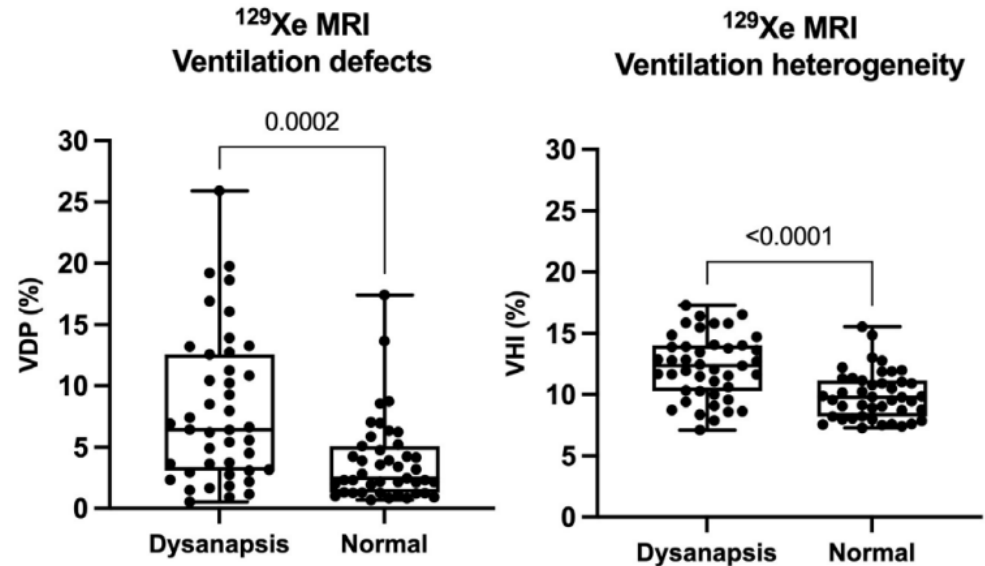
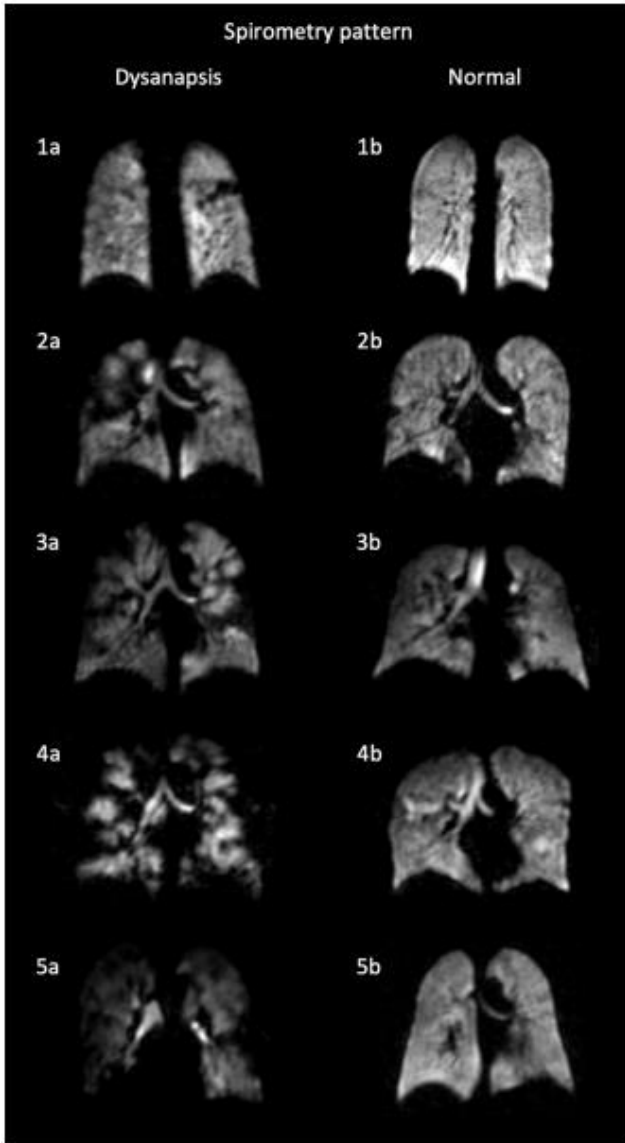


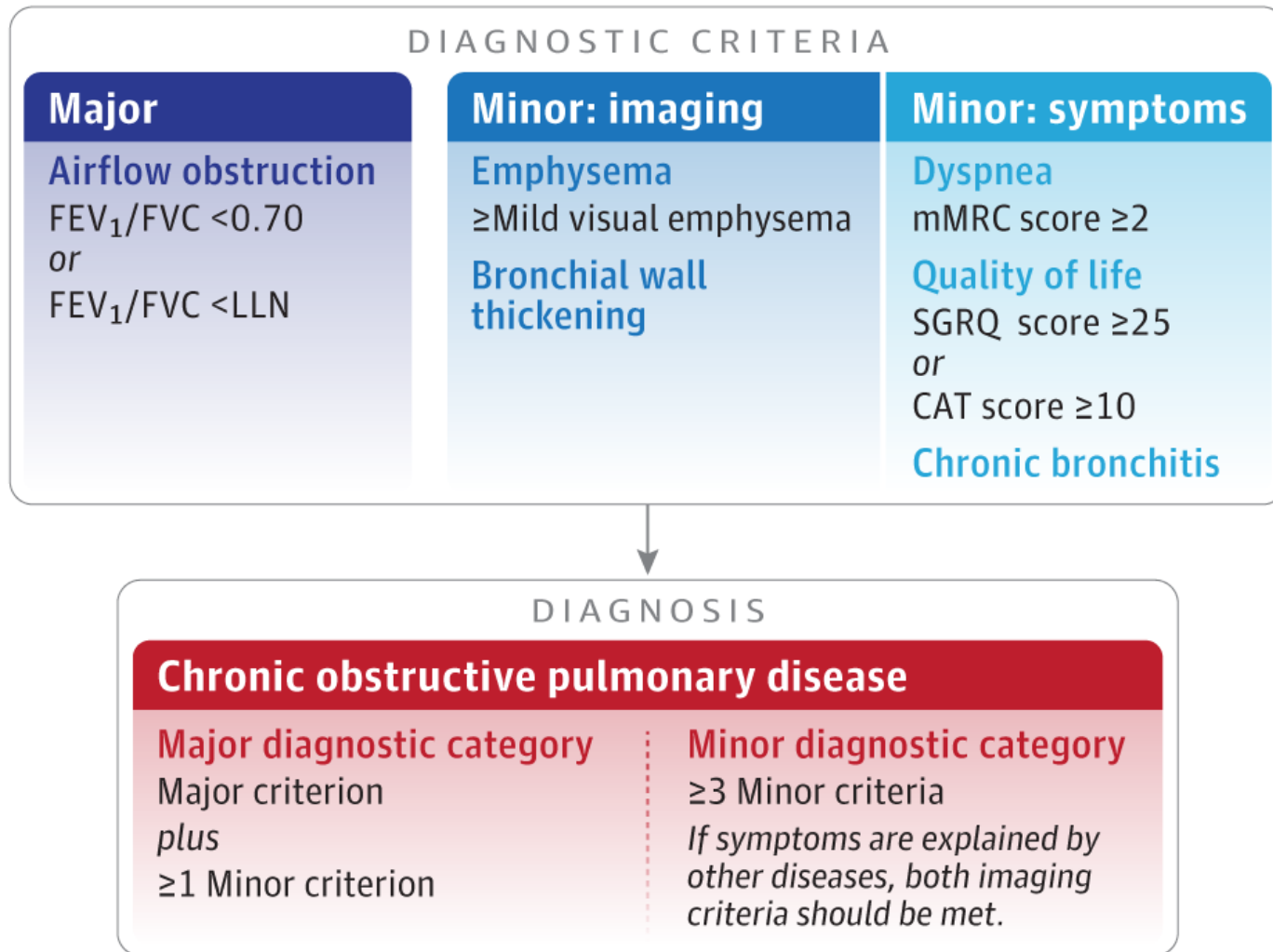
Table 2. Association between Ordinal Mucus Plug Score Groups and AEs

	COPDGene			ECLIPSE		
	0	1–2	≥3	0	1–2	≥3
No. of patients	1,808	753	689	926	373	417
Moderate to severe AEs	Ref.	1.070 (1.048–1.093)	1.145 (1.098–1.195)	Ref.	1.056 (1.019–1.094)	1.115 (1.039–1.197)
Severe AEs	Ref.	1.045 (1.008–1.084)	1.092 (1.016–1.175)	Ref.	1.169 (1.072–1.273)	1.365 (1.15–1.622)

Xe-MR on obstructive disease

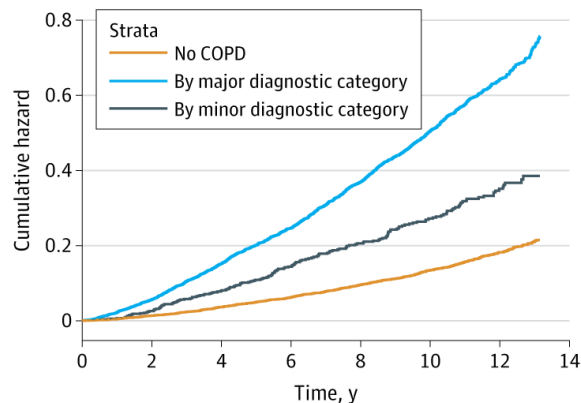


Multidimensional diagnostic approach



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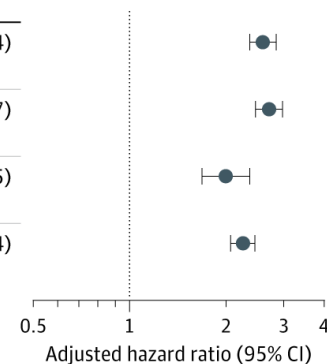
A Multivariable cumulative hazards plot of all-cause mortality by COPD category



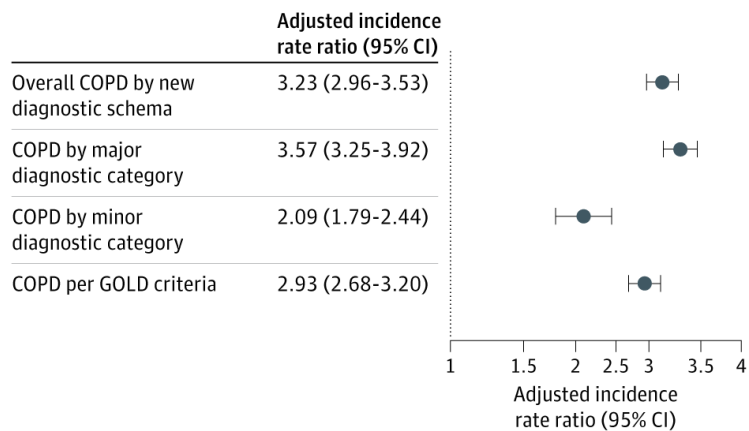
No. at risk	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
No COPD	4721	4183	3986	3612	3276	2932	1820	
By major diagnostic category	3884	3495	3100	2626	2160	1763	1015	
By minor diagnostic category	811	670	598	517	423	354	201	

B Adjusted hazard ratio for all-cause mortality by COPD category

	Adjusted hazard ratio (95% CI)
Overall COPD by new diagnostic schema	2.58 (2.35-2.84)
COPD by major diagnostic category	2.70 (2.45-2.97)
COPD by minor diagnostic category	1.98 (1.67-2.35)
COPD per GOLD criteria	2.24 (2.05-2.44)

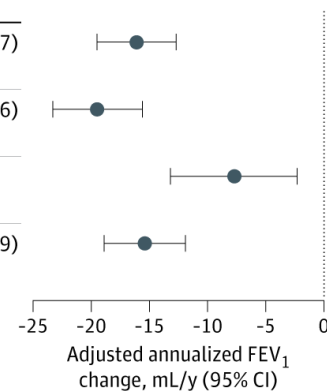


C Adjusted incidence rate ratio for exacerbations



D Adjusted annualized change in FEV₁

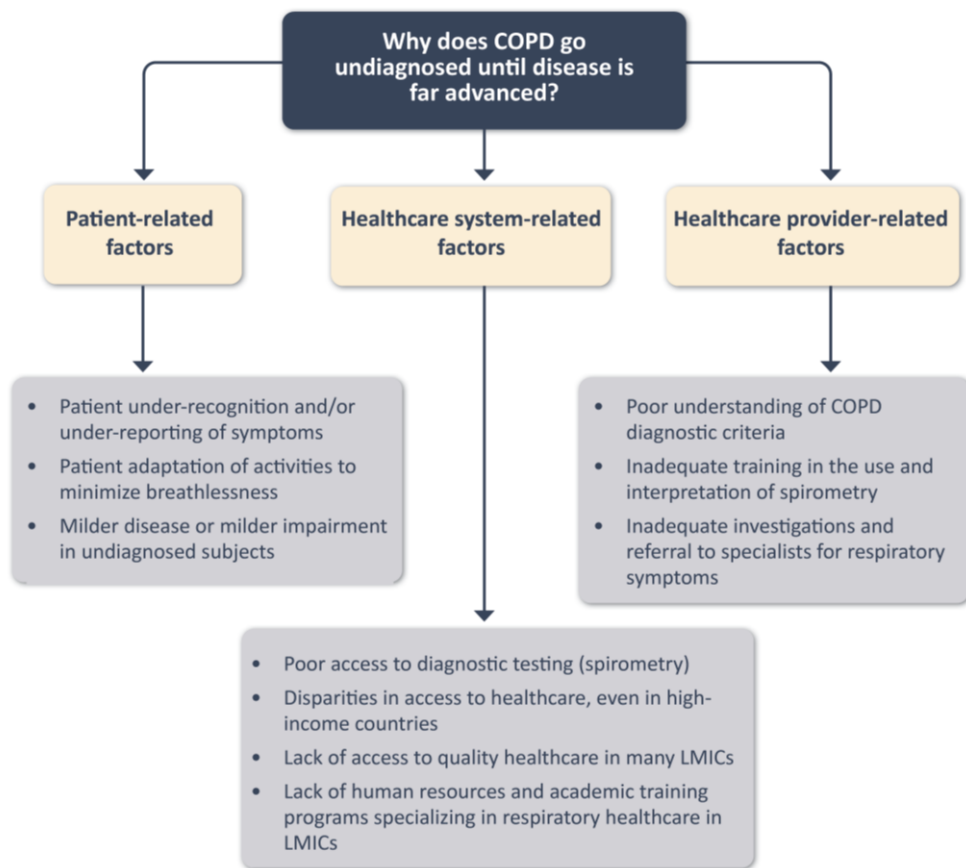
	Adjusted annualized FEV ₁ change, mL/y (95% CI)
Overall COPD by new diagnostic schema	-16.1 (-19.5 to -12.7)
COPD by major diagnostic category	-19.5 (-23.3 to -15.6)
COPD by minor diagnostic category	-7.7 (-13.2 to -2.3)
COPD per GOLD criteria	-15.4 (-18.9 to -11.9)



Emphasis of undiagnosed COPD

Factors that May Be Associated with COPD Underdiagnosis

Figure 2.8



Adapted from: Aaron et al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2024 Apr 15;209(8):928-937.

Undiagnosed airflow limitation on lung cancer

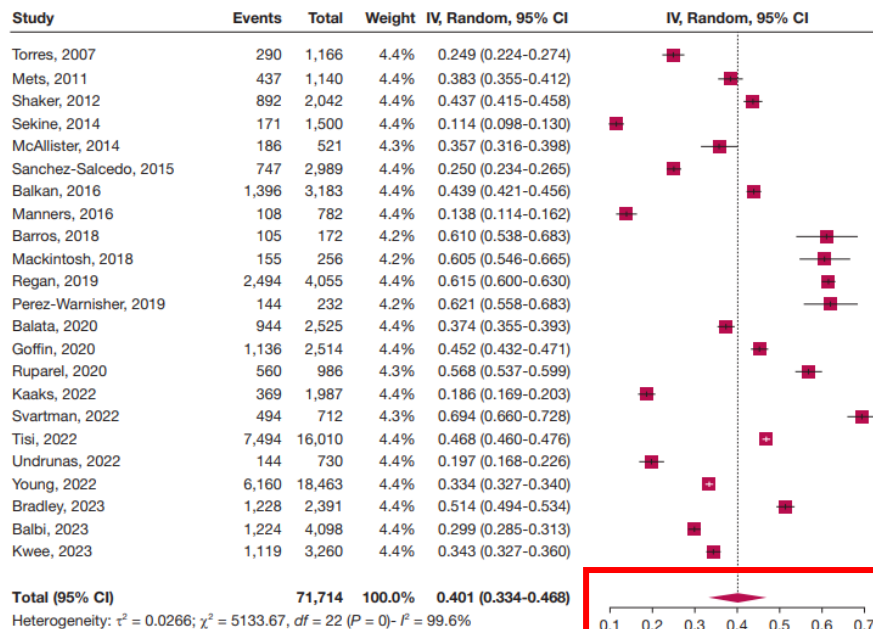
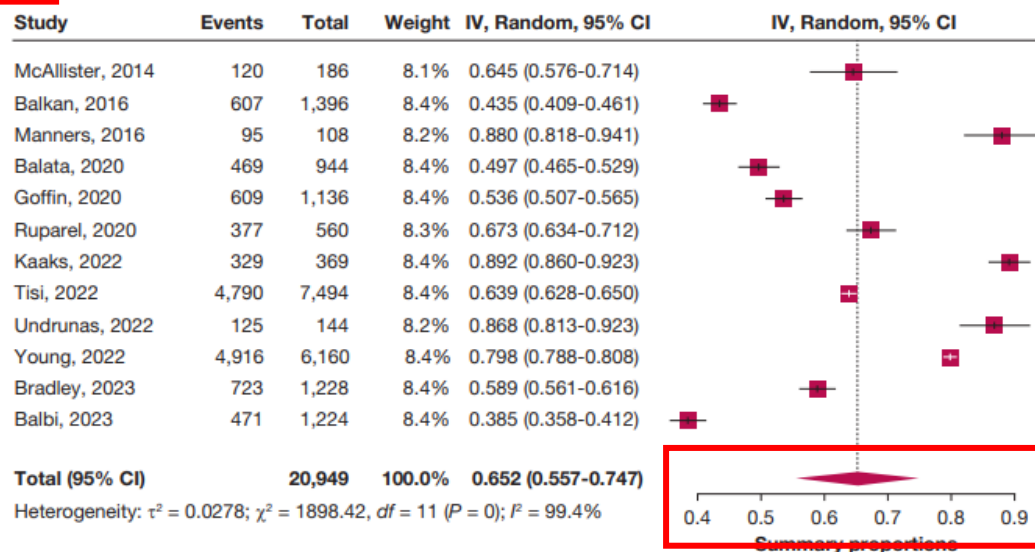
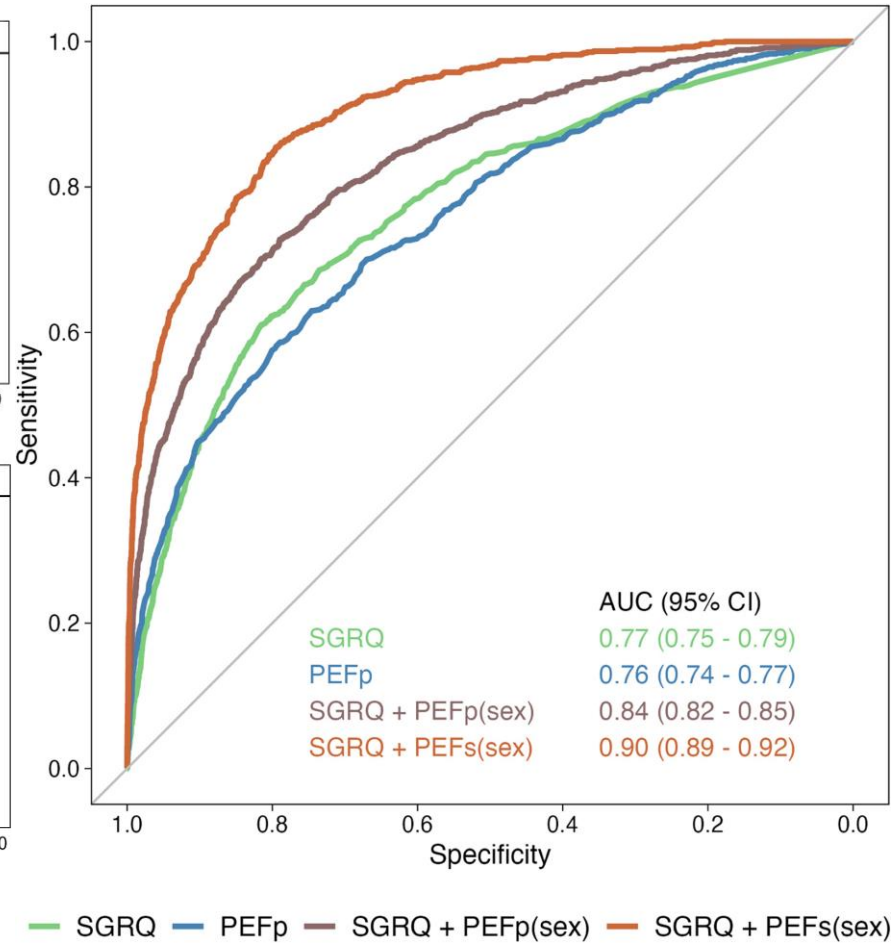
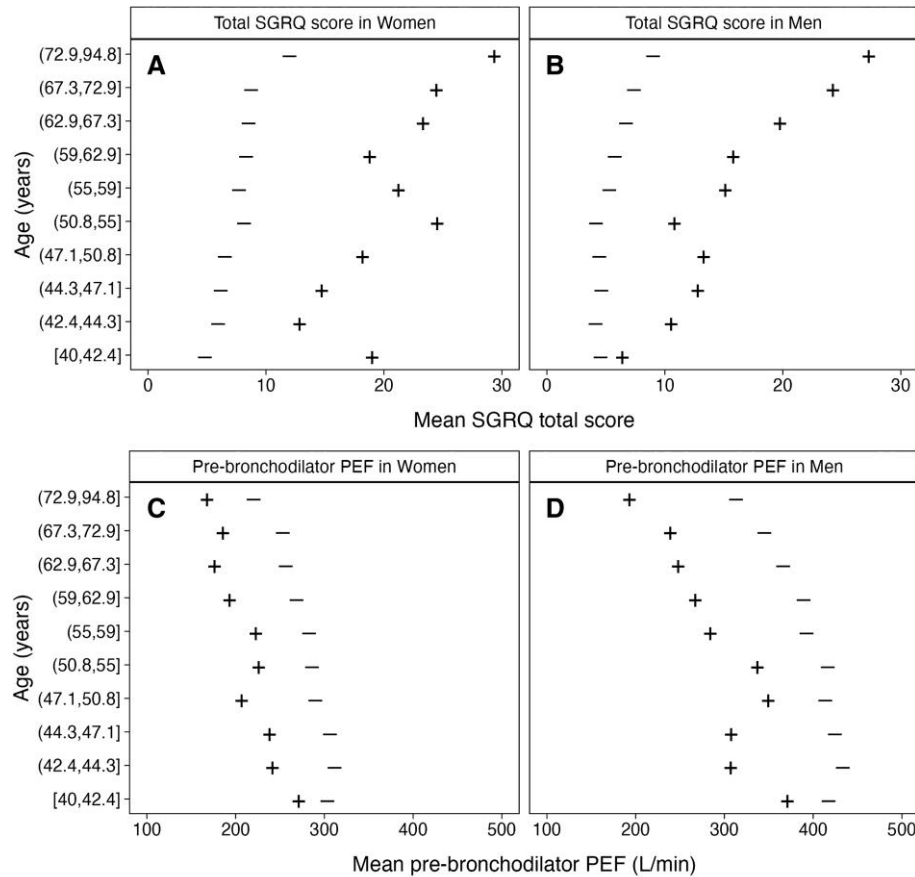


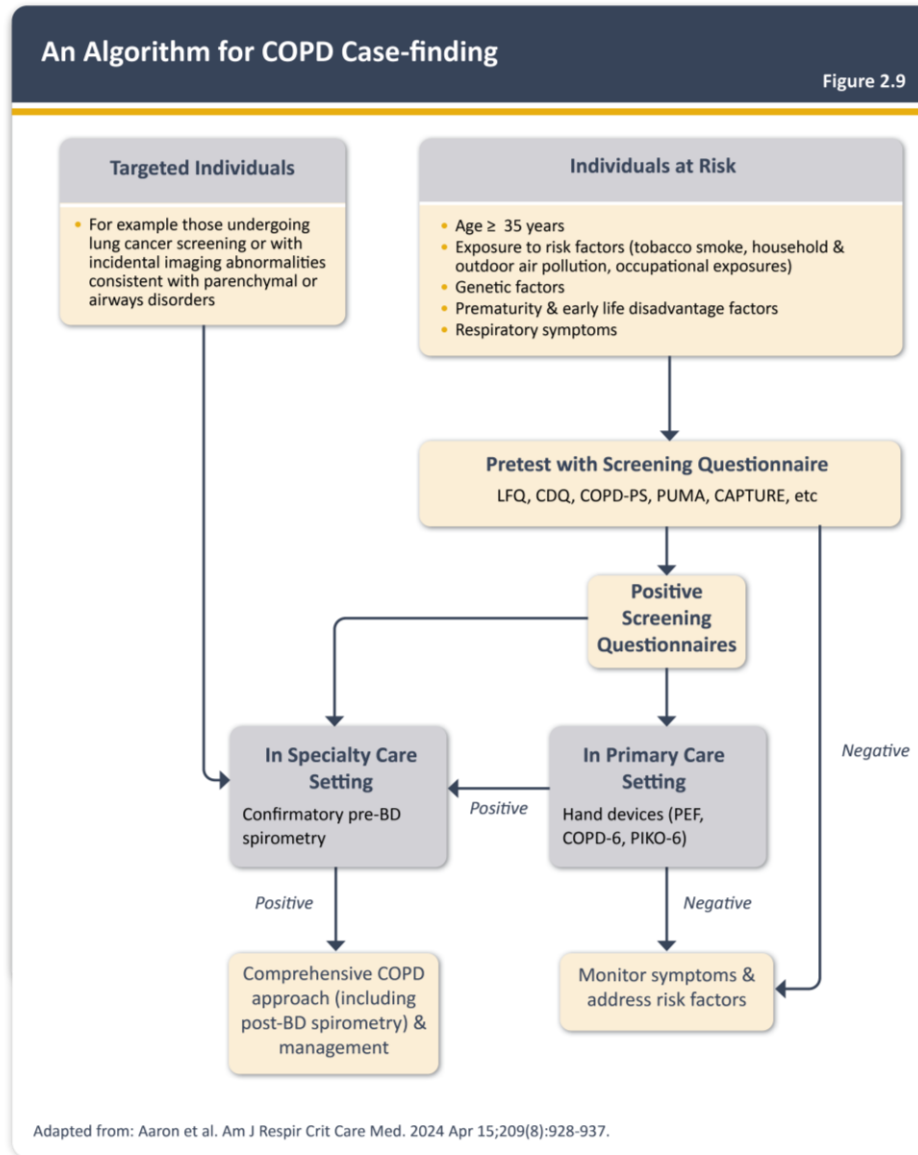
Figure 4 - Forest plot showing pooled airflow limitation prevalence in lung cancer screening participants. $df =$ degrees of freedom.



Screening of COPD by SGRQ with PEF



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Case-findings in COPD

Table 2. MCID Responder Analyses Classified by Low and High Baseline Disease Burden for CAT Scores, SGRQ Scores and FEV₁ (ml)

	Disease Burden		OR (95% CI)	P Value
	Low (n = 234)	High (n = 235)		
CAT score improvement ≥ 2	111 (47%)	168 (71%)	2.78 (1.90–4.07)	<0.001
SGRQ score improvement ≥ 4	116 (50%)	164 (70%)	2.40 (1.64–3.51)	<0.001
FEV ₁ improvement ≥ 100 ml	63 (32%)	116 (52%)	2.32 (1.56–3.46)	<0.001

Table 4. MCID Responder Analyses Classified by Diagnosis for CAT Score, SGRQ Score, and FEV₁

	Asthma (n = 231)	COPD (n = 238)	OR (95% CI)	P Value
CAT score improvement ≥ 2	146 (63%)	133 (56%)	1.36 (0.94–1.96)	0.11
SGRQ score improvement ≥ 4	149 (65%)	131 (56%)	1.47 (1.02–2.14)	0.044
FEV ₁ improvement ≥ 100 ml	87 (41%)	92 (44%)	0.89 (0.60–1.30)	0.54

Questionnaires and COPD screening

Table 3. Practice-Level and Patient-Level Outcomes from 12-Month Follow-Up among CAPTURE+ Patients

Outcome	Intervention: COPD Education + CAPTURE Education and Patient-Level CAPTURE Screening Results (n = 226 Patients in 49 Practices)	Enhanced Usual Care: COPD Education (n = 161 Patients in 44 Practices)	Absolute Difference* (95% CI)	P Value
Practice level				
Primary (Significance level = 0.05), %				
Referral for or completion of spirometry testing, new diagnosis of COPD, newly prescribed inhaled respiratory medication, referral to a respiratory specialist, or referral for or completion of pulmonary rehabilitation	45.9	41.9	4.0 (-6.9, 15.0)	0.47
Secondary (Bonferroni-adjusted significance level = 0.01), %				
Referral for or completion of spirometry testing†	30.0	19.6	10.4 (0.1, 20.7)	0.0465
New diagnosis of COPD†	13.7	12.4	1.3 (-6.7, 9.2)	0.75
Newly prescribed inhaled respiratory medication†	25.2	27.9	-2.7 (-11.5, 6.1)	0.54
Referral to a respiratory specialist‡	17.4	12.3	-5.1 (-2.1, 12.3)	0.16
Referral for or completion of pulmonary rehabilitation program†	6.4	7.0	-0.6 (-6.4, 5.1)	0.82
Patient level (Bonferroni-adjusted significance level = 0.01)				
Change in COPD Assessment Test score (12-mo survey, baseline)§	-1.253	-0.932	-0.321 (-2.01, 1.36)	0.55
Acute respiratory illness¶ during follow-up, %**	24	15.3	8.7 (-0.1, 17.4)	0.05 ^{††}
Hospitalization‡‡ for respiratory illness during follow-up, %	1.7	1.3	0.4 (-2.0, 2.7)	0.76
Post hoc analysis, change in CAPTURE Question 5 (12-mo survey, baseline)§§	-0.52	-0.37	-0.15 (-0.41, 0.11)	0.53



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Smoking and Non-smoking PRISM

TABLE 3] Annual Declines in Pre-BD Lung Function Among Participants With Normal Control and PRISM Stratified by Smoking Status^a

Variable	Group			Adjusted Difference Between Groups, Mean (95% CI), Adjusted <i>P</i> Value ^b		
	Normal Control (n = 2,124)	NS-PRISM (n = 470)	ES-PRISM (n = 256)	ES-PRISM vs NS-PRISM	ES-PRISM vs Normal Control	NS-PRISM vs Normal Control
Pre-BD lung function						
Annual decline in FEV ₁ , mL/y	-24.2 [0.6]	-8.1 [1.3]	-23.3 [1.7]	-16.3 (-21.0 to -11.6), < .001	-0.6 (-4.6 to 3.3), .924	15.7 (12.5 to 18.8), < .001
Annual decline in FEV ₁ % predicted/y	-0.17 [0.03]	0.31 [0.06]	-0.15 [0.08]	-0.48 (-0.69 to -0.28), < .001	-0.03 (-0.21 to 0.15), .918	0.45 (0.31 to 0.59), < .001
Annual decline in FVC, mL/y	-18.0 [0.9]	-3.6 [1.8]	-6.6 [2.4]	-4.8 (-11.3 to 1.7), .194	9.2 (3.7 to 14.8), < .001	14.0 (9.7 to 18.4), < .001
Annual decline in FVC % predicted/y	0.02 [0.03]	0.41 [0.07]	0.29 [0.09]	-0.15 (-0.39 to 0.08), .291	0.21 (0.01 to 0.41), .033	0.37 (0.21 to 0.52), < .001
Annual decline in FEV ₁ /FVC	-0.32 [0.02]	-0.25 [0.04]	-0.65 [0.05]	-0.40 (-0.54 to -0.26), < .001	-0.31 (-0.43 to -0.20), < .001	0.08 (-0.01 to 0.18), .089

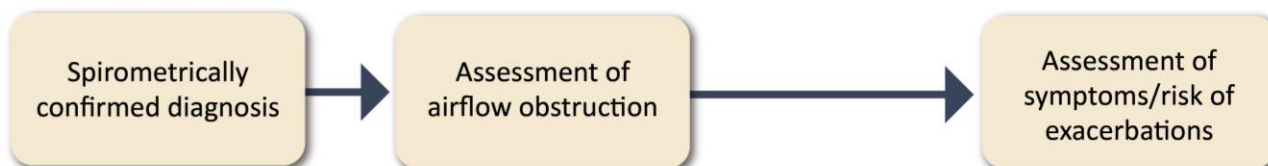
TABLE 5] Risk of Developing Airflow Limitation During the Follow-Up Period^a

Group Comparison	Events, ^b No./Total No. (%)	Unadjusted		Adjusted ^c	
		HR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> Value	HR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> Value
NS-PRISM vs normal control	69/470 (14.7) vs 193/2,124 (9.1)	1.66 (1.26-2.19)	< .001	1.41 (1.07-1.87)	.016
CS-PRISM vs normal control	67/175 (38.3) vs 193/2,124 (9.1)	4.86 (3.67-6.43)	< .001	2.68 (1.90-3.78)	< .001
FS-PRISM vs normal control	28/81 (34.6) vs 193/2,124 (9.1)	5.06 (3.40-7.54)	< .001	2.70 (1.73-4.22)	< .001
CS-PRISM vs NS-PRISM	67/175 (38.3) vs 69/470 (14.7)	2.92 (2.09-4.10)	< .001	1.90 (1.27-2.83)	.002
FS-PRISM vs NS-PRISM	28/81 (34.6) vs 69/470 (14.7)	3.05 (1.96-4.74)	< .001	1.91 (1.17-3.11)	.009
FS-PRISM vs CS-PRISM	28/81 (34.6) vs 67/175 (38.3)	1.04 (0.67-1.63)	.857	1.01 (0.64-1.58)	.975

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GOLD ABE Assessment Tool

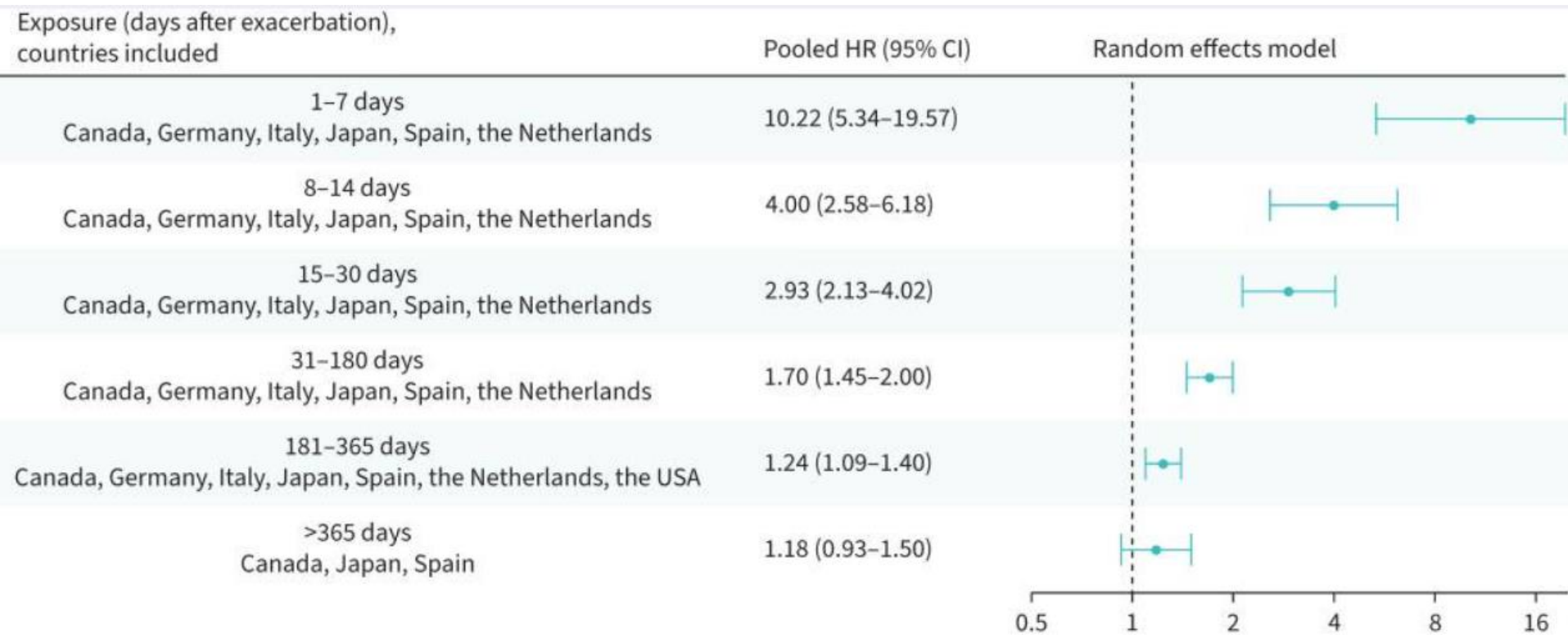
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GRADE	FEV1 (% predicted)	EXACERBATION HISTORY (PER YEAR)		SYMPTOMS	
		One or more (≥ 1) moderate or severe exacerbations in the previous year	Zero (0) moderate or severe exacerbations in the previous year	A	B
GOLD 1	≥ 80	E	A	B	mMRC 0-1 CAAT < 10
GOLD 2	50-79				
GOLD 3	30-49	E	A	B	mMRC ≥ 2 CAAT ≥ 10
GOLD 4	< 30				

Post-bronchodilator FEV1/FVC < 0.7

Exacerbation and cardiovascular events



COPD and cardiovascular events

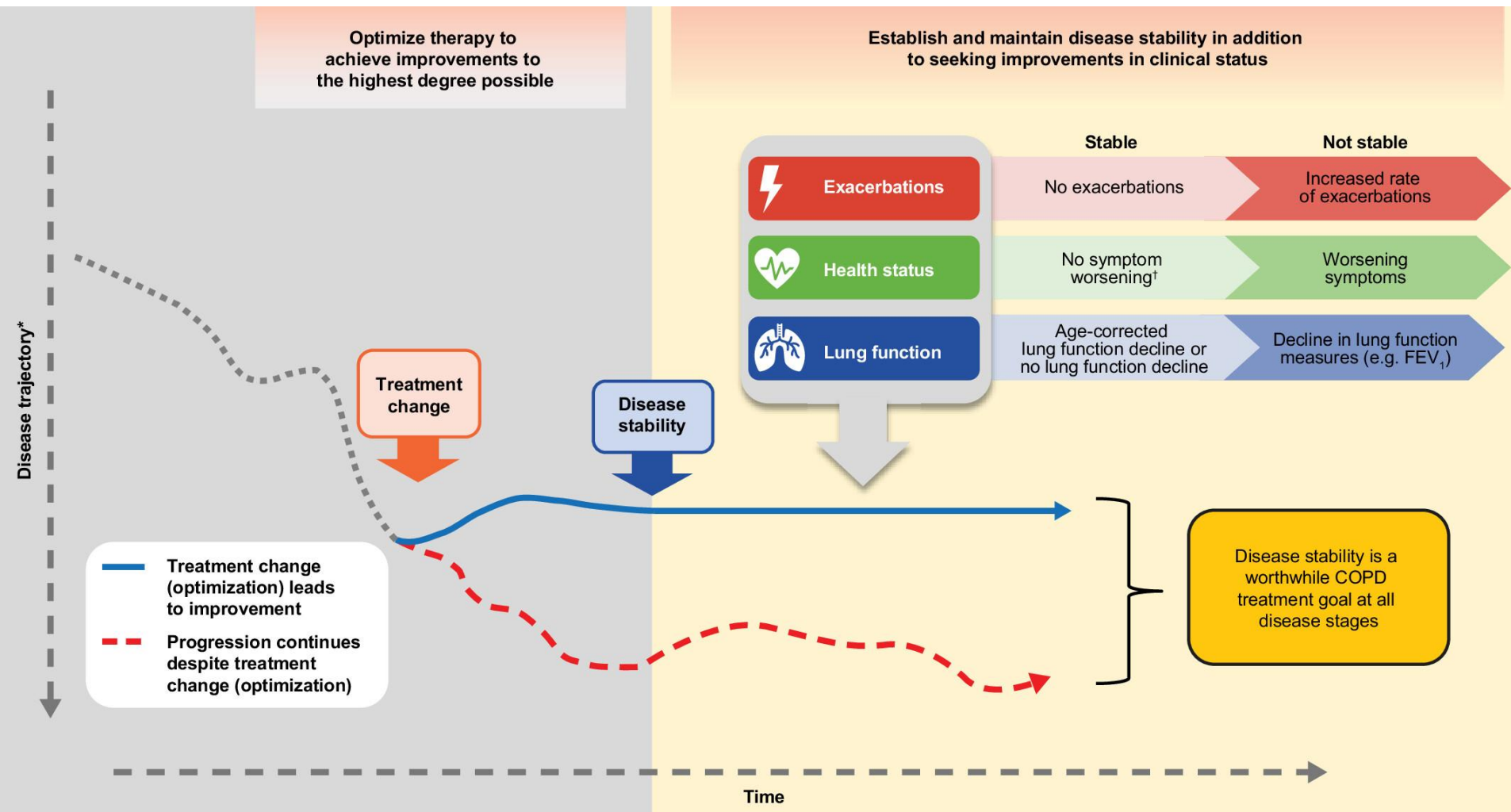
Table 2 Age- and sex-standardised rates of cardiovascular outcomes among individuals with cardiovascular diseases and COPD (cardiovascular-COPD cohort) versus individuals with cardiovascular diseases without COPD (cardiovascular cohort) in Ontario, Canada

Cardiovascular outcomes	Age-sex standardised rate per 1000 person-years (95% CI)		
	Persons with cardiovascular disease and COPD	Persons with cardiovascular disease without COPD	Rate ratio (95% CI)
Primary outcome			
Major cardiovascular event (composite of AMI, stroke or cardiovascular death)	45.3 (44.5–46.3)	28.6 (28.4–28.8)	1.6 (1.7–1.6)

Table 4 HRs for a major adverse cardiovascular event (MACE: composite of hospitalisation for acute myocardial infarction or stroke or death due to cardiovascular disease) for individuals with cardiovascular diseases and COPD (CVD-COPD) compared with individuals with cardiovascular diseases without COPD (CVD)

Characteristic	Adjusted for age and sex (95% CI)	Add traditional cardiovascular risk factors and comorbidities (95% CI)	Add lab tests (95% CI)	Add income quintile, place of residence, immigration status (95% CI)	Add health services utilisation (95% CI)	Add smoking (95% CI)
Family doctor visit in last 2 years					2.26 (2.17 to 2.36)	2.25 (2.16 to 2.35)
Specialist visit in last 2 years					1.04 (1.02 to 1.06)	1.05 (1.02 to 1.07)
Cholesterol screening in previous 3 years					0.91 (0.89 to 0.92)	0.91 (0.89 to 0.93)
Diabetes screening in previous 3 years					1.11 (1.08 to 1.14)	1.11 (1.08 to 1.14)
Health examination in previous 3 years					0.81 (0.80 to 0.82)	0.81 (0.80 to 0.82)
Smoker (imputed) (ref=non smoker)						1.39 (1.28 to 1.50)

Disease stability of COPD



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Estimated COPD Prevalence According to Different Sources

Figure 1.1

	GBD 2019 ^a	GBD 2021 ^b	Population- based study 2019 ^c	Other sources 2020 ^d
Prevalence (%)	2.6	2.5	10.3	10.6
Number of cases (per million)	212	213	392	479

References: ^aSafiri et al. *BMJ* 2022;378:e069679; ^bWang et al. *Respir Res* 2025;26:2; ^cAdeloye et al. *Lancet Respir Med* 2022;10:447–458; ^dBoers et al. *JAMA Netw Open* 2023;6:E2346598.

Global burden and prevention

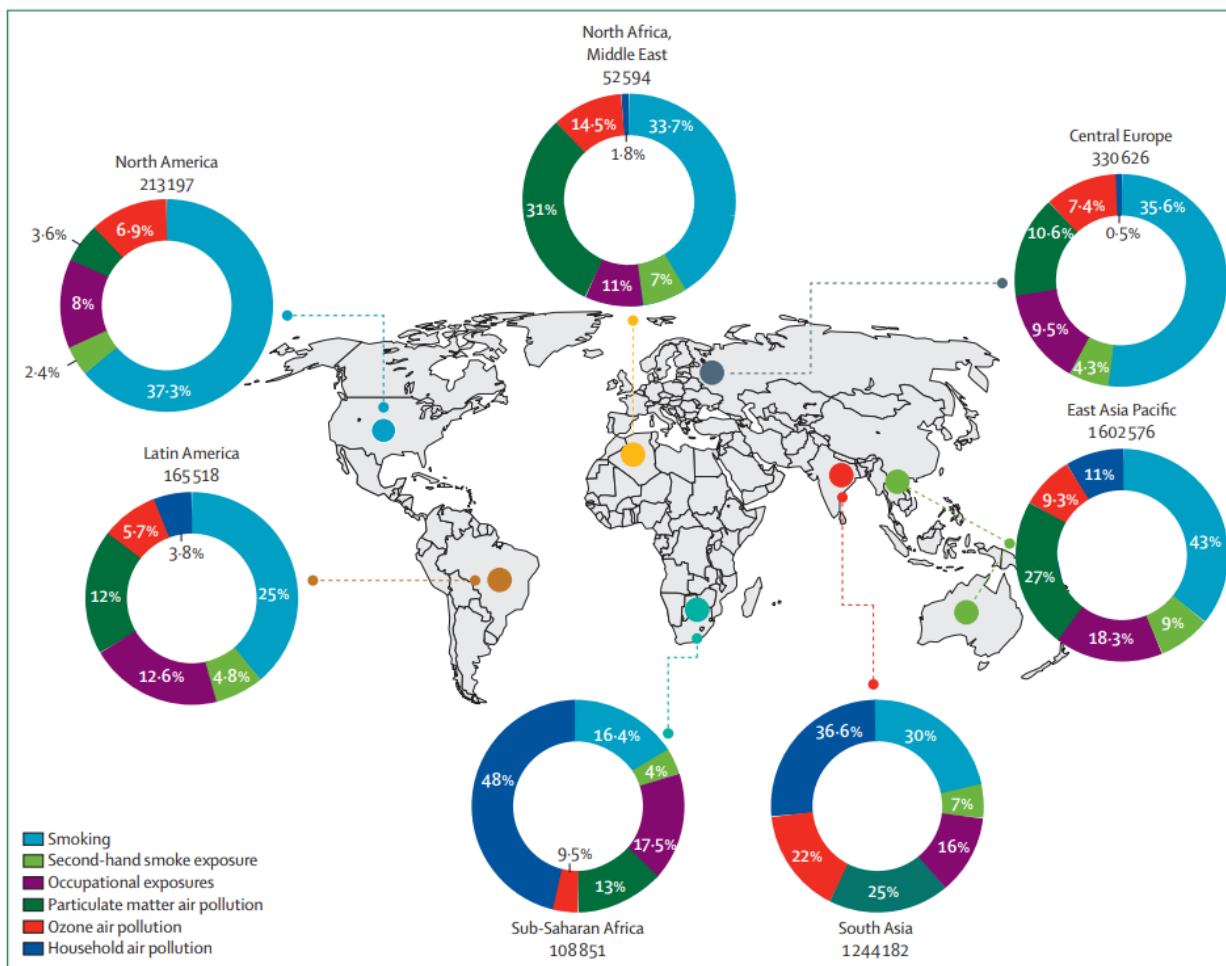


Figure 3: Distribution of six known risk factors for COPD deaths in different regions of the world, according to GBD 2021
 Relative distribution of six known risk factors (smoking, second-hand smoke exposure, occupational exposures, particulate matter, household air pollution, and ozone) for COPD deaths in different regions (World Bank) according to GBD 2021 (age-standardised death rates). Percentages are approximate as risks overlap, and a varying proportion of COPD deaths remain unaccounted for by all evaluated risk factors. COPD=chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. GBD=Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors Study.

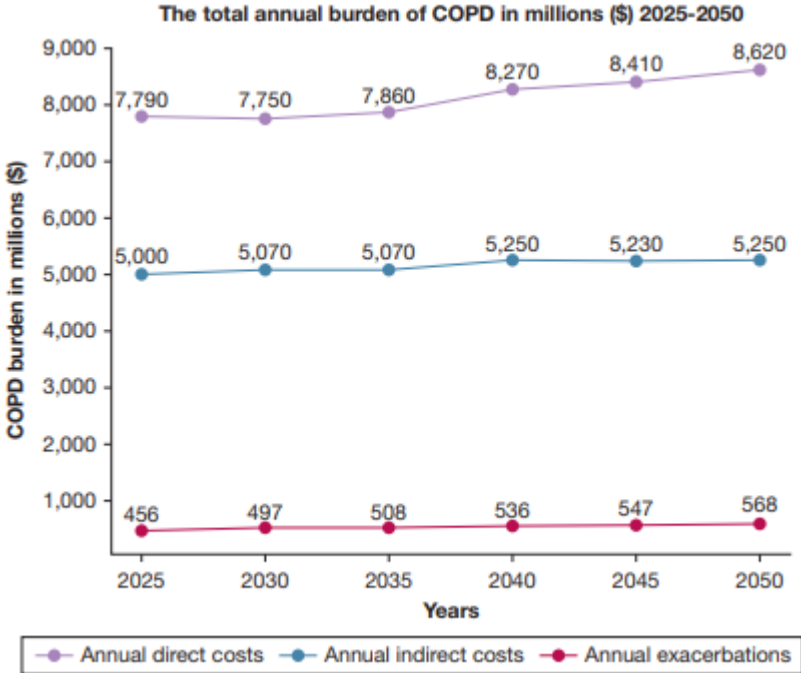
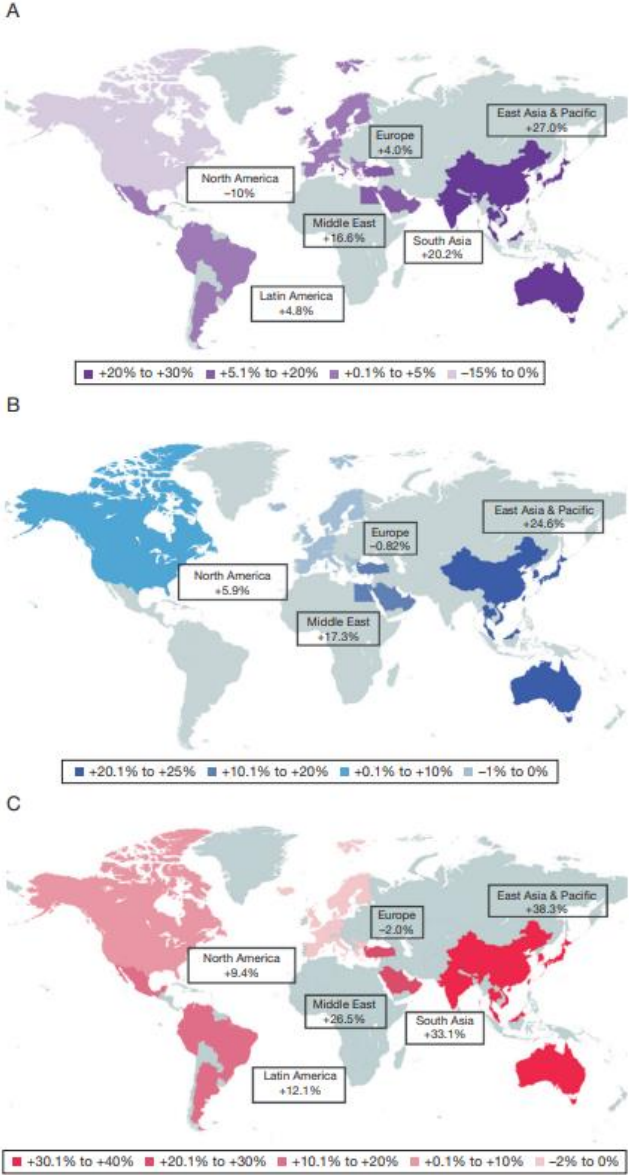
Global burden and prevention

	Rate change in low SDI (%)	Rate change in low-middle SDI (%)	Rate change in middle SDI (%)	Rate change in high-middle SDI (%)	Rate change in high SDI (%)
COPD deaths					
Ambient particulate matter pollution	24% (93 to -19)	66% (153 to -9)	-4% (55 to -40)	-33% (2 to -58)	-59% (-41 to -71)
Occupational particulate matter, gases, and fumes	-12% (6 to -24)	-9% (13 to -22)	-57% (-48 to -65)	-56% (-47 to -65)	-32% (-28 to -37)
Household air pollution from solid fuels	-18% (4 to -31)	-38% (-13 to -58)	-91% (-75 to -98)	-98% (-88 to -100)	-99% (-97 to -100)
Ambient ozone pollution	50% (93 to -30)	73% (121 to 47)	-47% (-35 to -54)	-51% (-40 to -59)	-26.5% (-21 to -32)
Smoking	-26% (-7 to -40)	-23% (-4 to -37)	-58% (-49 to -67)	-57% (-48 to -65)	-40% (-36 to -44)
Second-hand smoke exposure	-23% (-3 to -35)	-23% (-1 to -36)	-61% (-52 to -69)	-59% (-49 to -67)	-48% (-43 to -53)
COPD DALYs					
Ambient particulate matter pollution	17% (79 to -22)	58% (139 to -4)	-5% (50 to -39)	-34% (-1 to -56)	-56% (-38 to -69)
Occupational particulate matter, gases, and fumes	-15% (0.2 to -26)	-13% (5 to -25)	-58% (-50 to -65)	-56% (-48 to -64)	-28% (-25 to -31)
Household air pollution from solid fuels	-21% (-2 to -34)	-42% (-20 to -60)	-91% (-75 to -98)	-98% (-88 to -100)	-99% (-97 to -100)
Ambient ozone pollution	51% (93 to -30)	59% (103 to 36)	-51% (-40 to -58)	-57% (-48 to -64)	-31% (-25 to -35)
Smoking	-26% (-7 to -39)	-28% (-12 to -38)	-60% (-52 to -68)	-57% (-50 to -65)	-35% (-28 to -44)
Second-hand smoke exposure	-22% (-3 to -36)	-28% (-9 to -38)	-62% (-54 to -68)	-58% (-49 to -65)	-44% (-40 to -47)

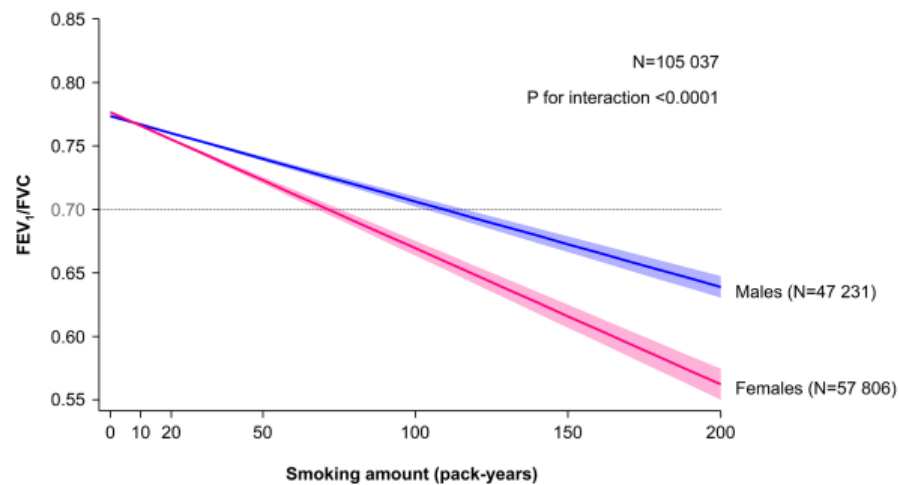
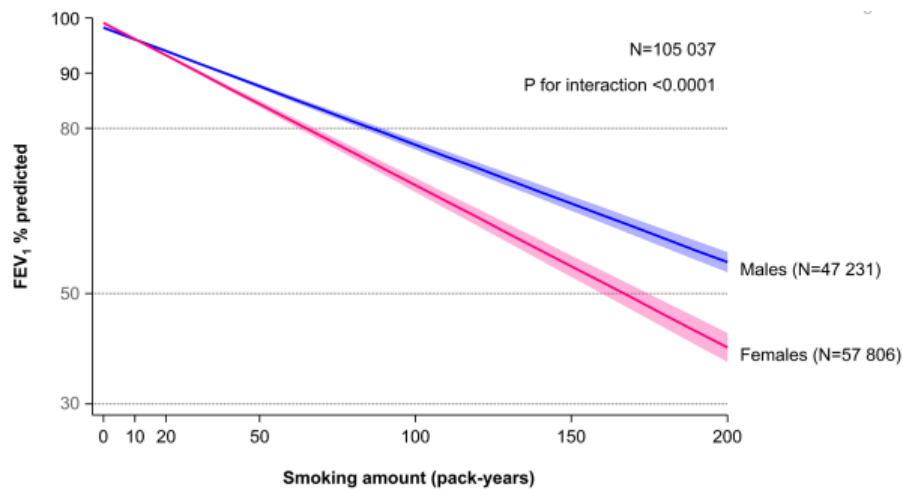
Data are % (95% CI). COPD=chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. DALYs=disability-adjusted life-years. GBD=Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors Study. SDI=sociodemographic index.

Table 3: Percent change of age-standardised death rates (per 100 000, from 1990 to 2021) and DALYs from chronic COPD attributed to risk factors, stratified by SDI according to GBD 2021

Global burden and future



Sex difference in COPD

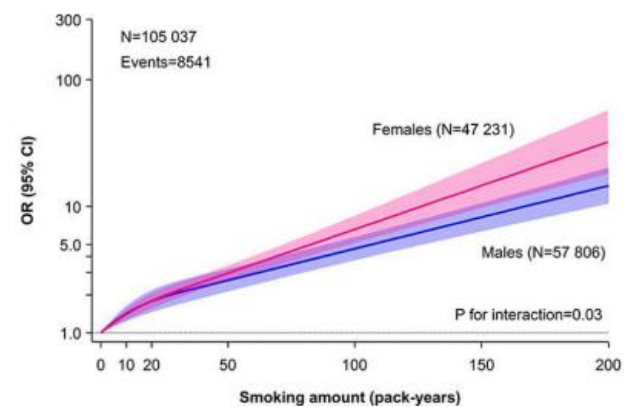
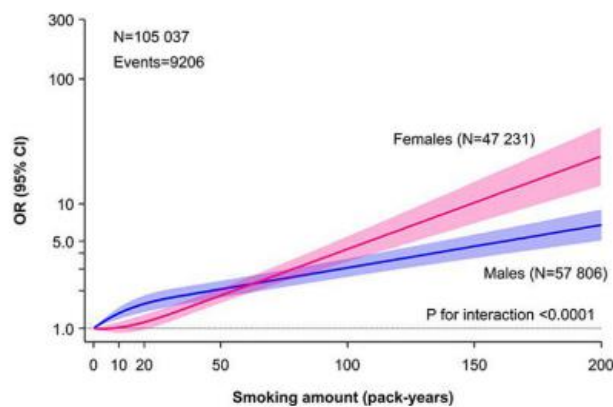
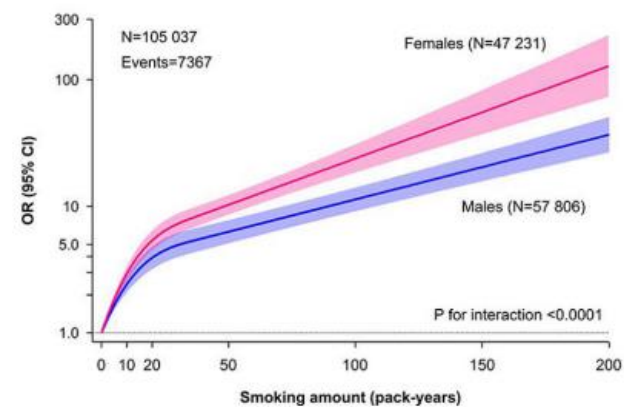


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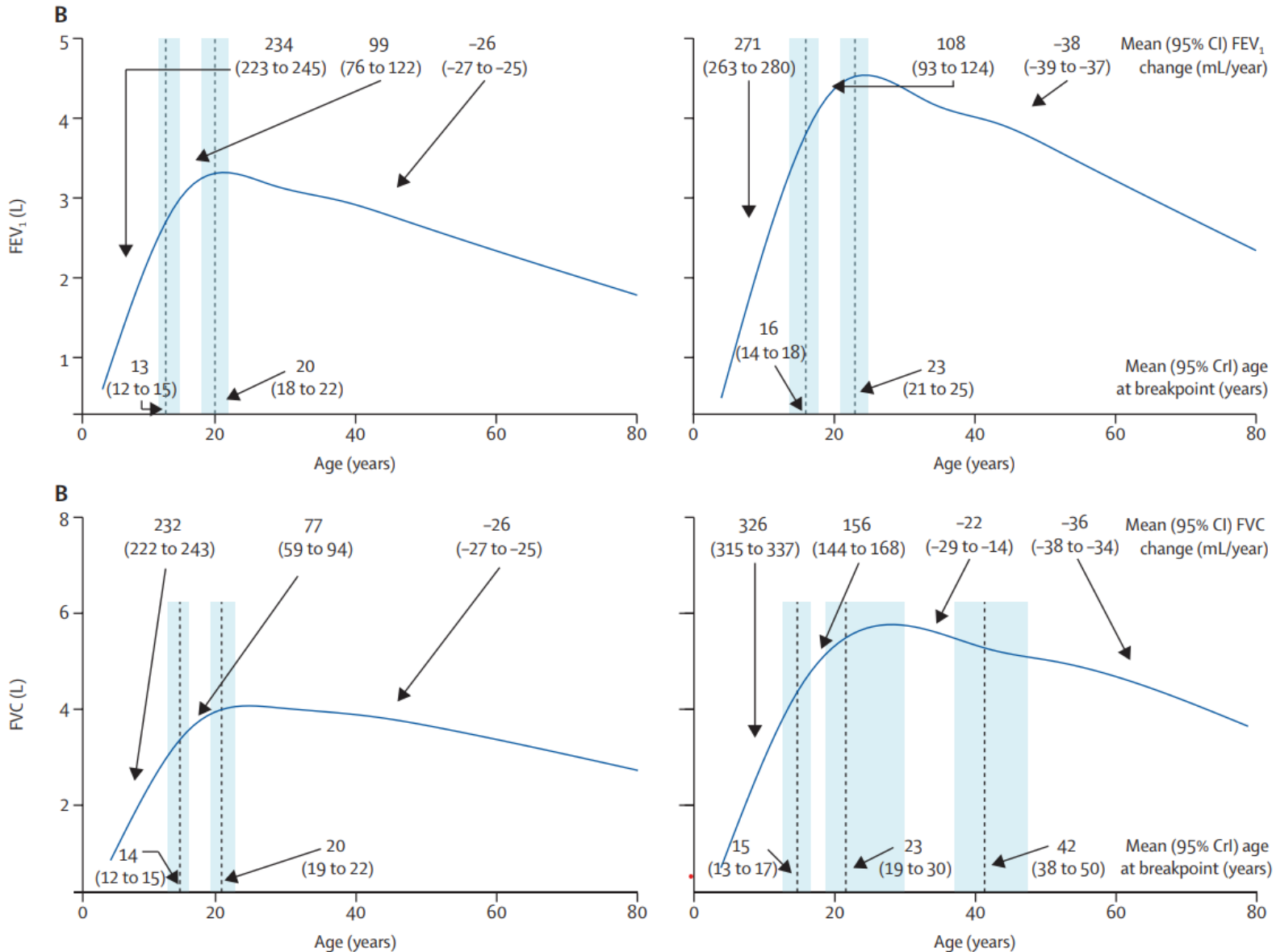
Chronic bronchitis

Dyspnoea

Figure 3



Lung function trajectories over the life course



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