

# Cryobiopsy vs. Surgical Lung Biopsy for the Diagnosis of ILD

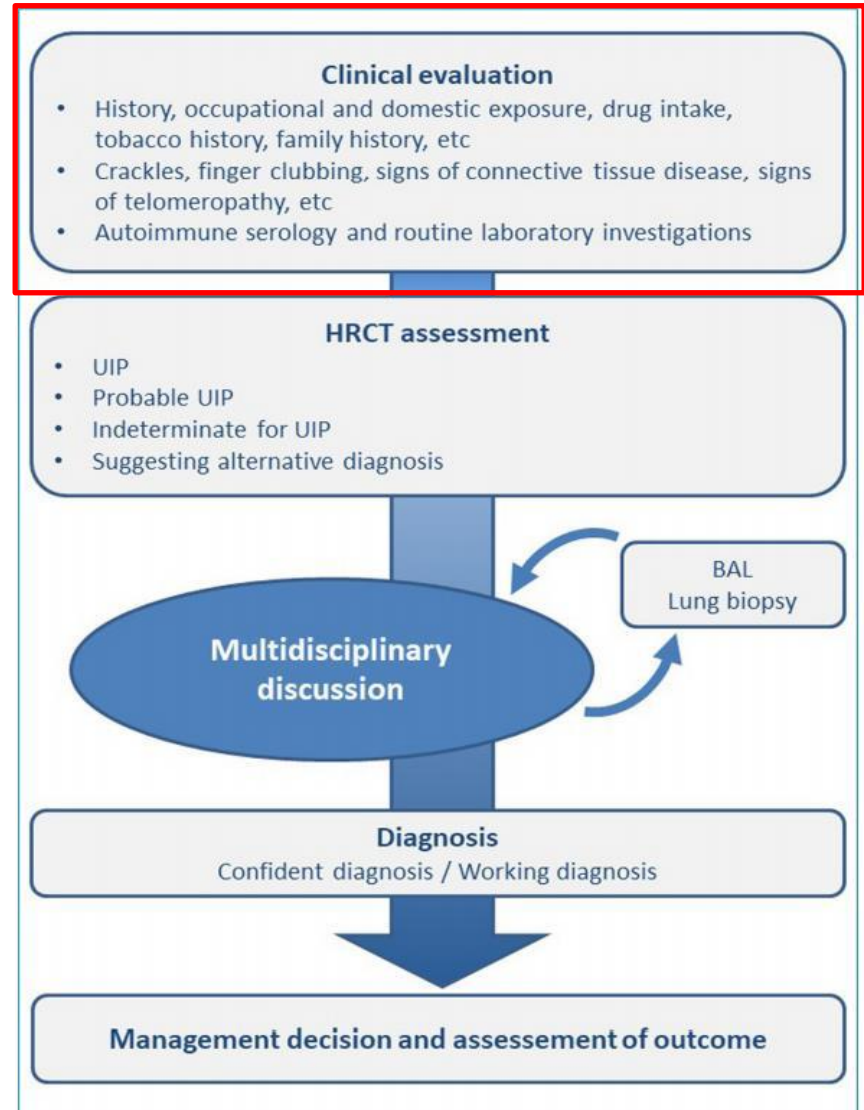
## Pro

# Diagnostic work-up



## 간질성폐질환의 원인

- Familial and occupational history
- Drug – amiodarone, MTX, leflunomide, anti-cancer drug...
- Exposure (과민성폐렴)
- Autoimmune diseases



# Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonia



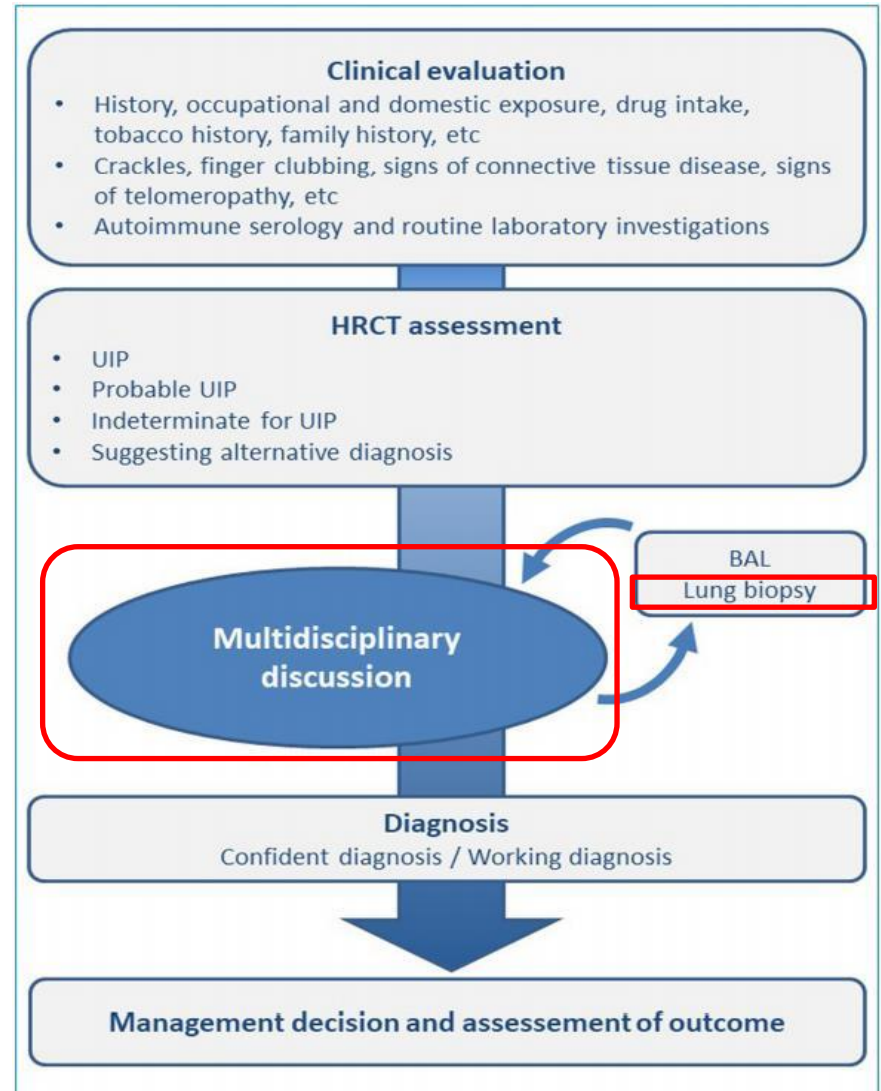
## IIP

### Major IIPs

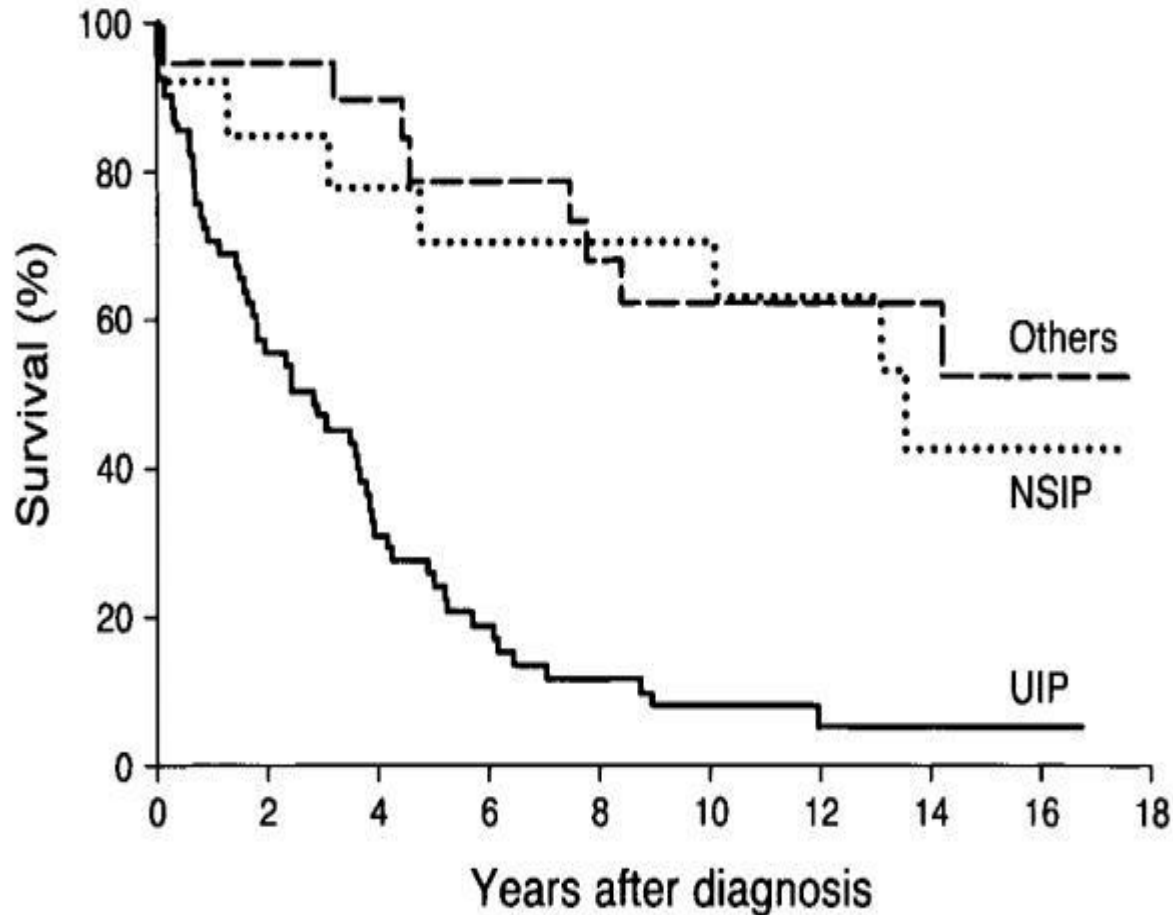
- Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
- Idiopathic nonspecific interstitial pneumonia
- Acute interstitial pneumonia
- Desquamative interstitial pneumonia
- Respiratory bronchiolitis-interstitial lung disease
- Cryptogenic organizing pneumonia

### Rare IIPs

- Idiopathic lymphoid interstitial pneumonia
- Idiopathic pleuroparenchymal fibroelastosis
- Unclassifiable IIPs



# IIP: IPF vs others



**Histopathologic  
patterns**



Diagnosis

Prognosis

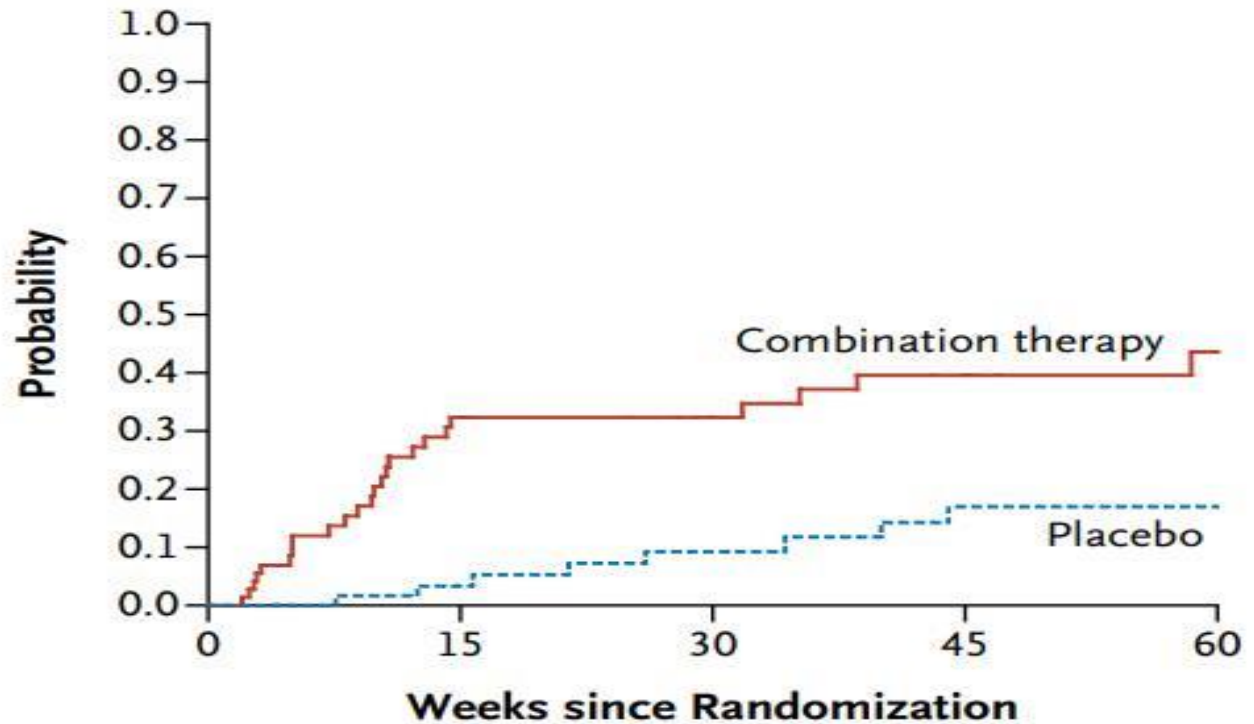
Treatment

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

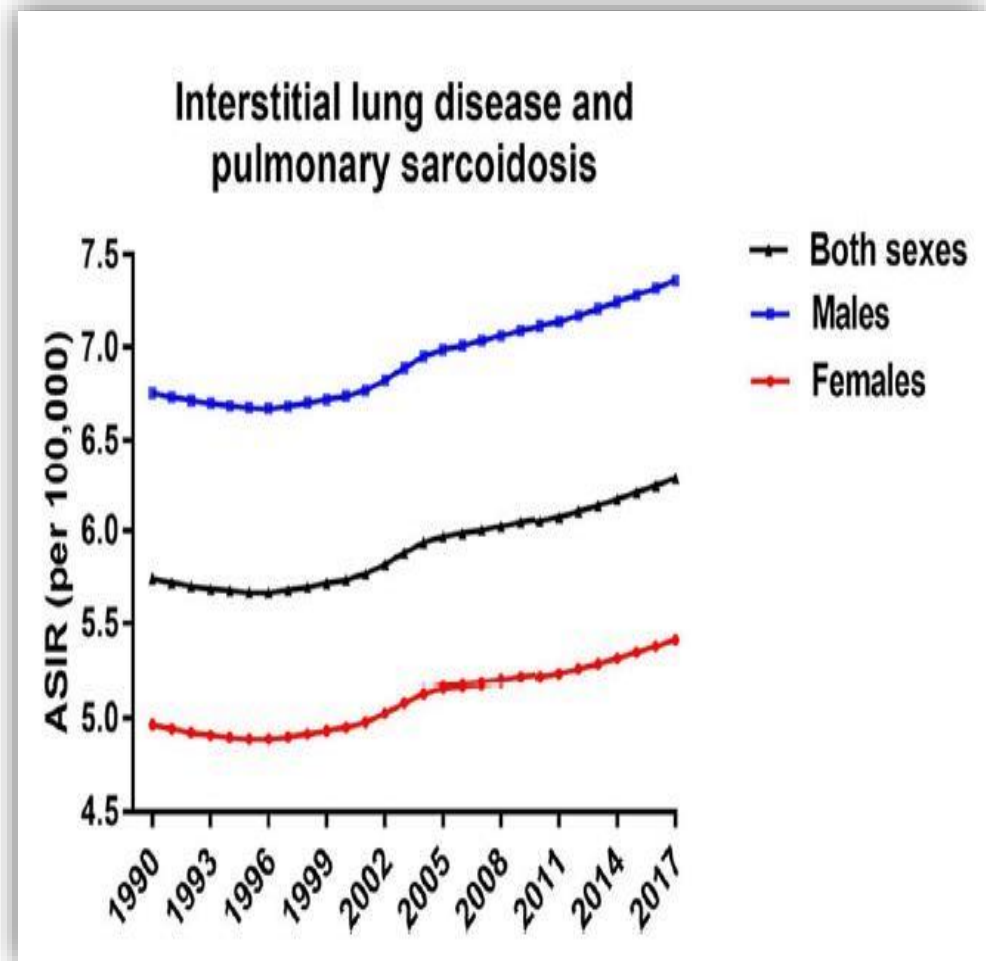
# Prednisone, Azathioprine, and N-Acetylcysteine for Pulmonary Fibrosis

The Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Clinical Research Network\*

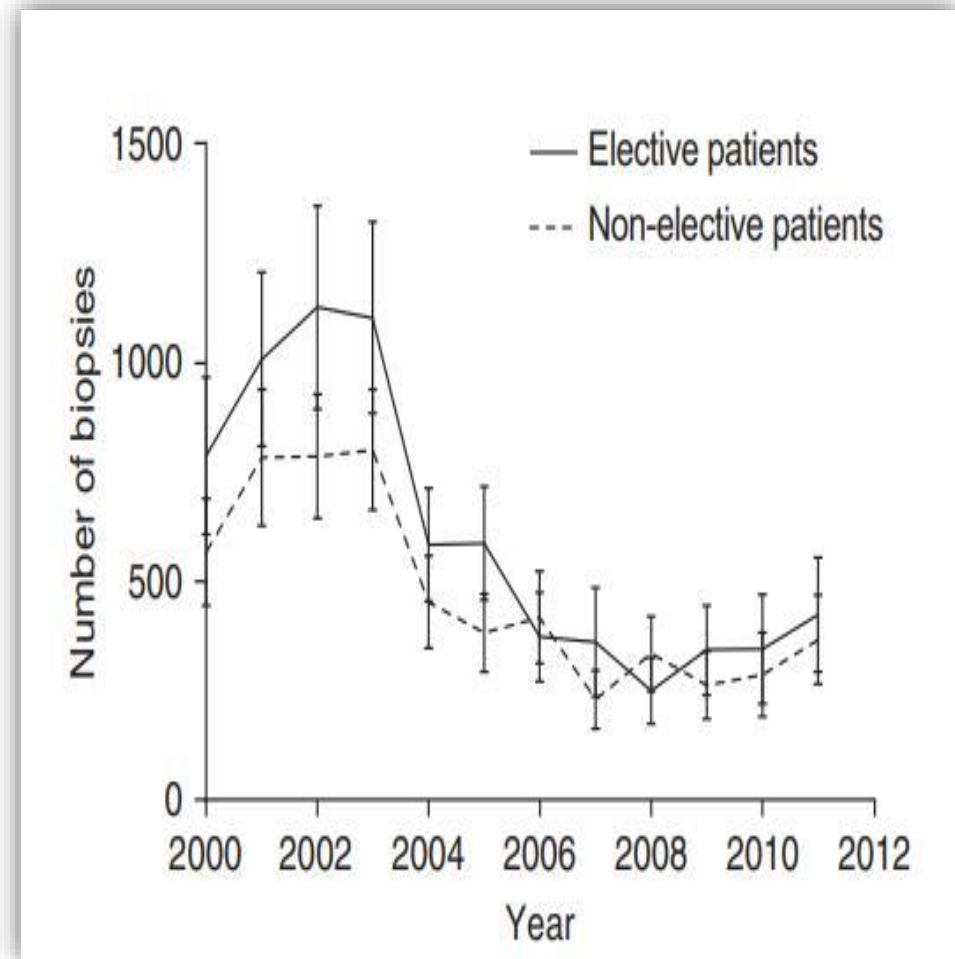
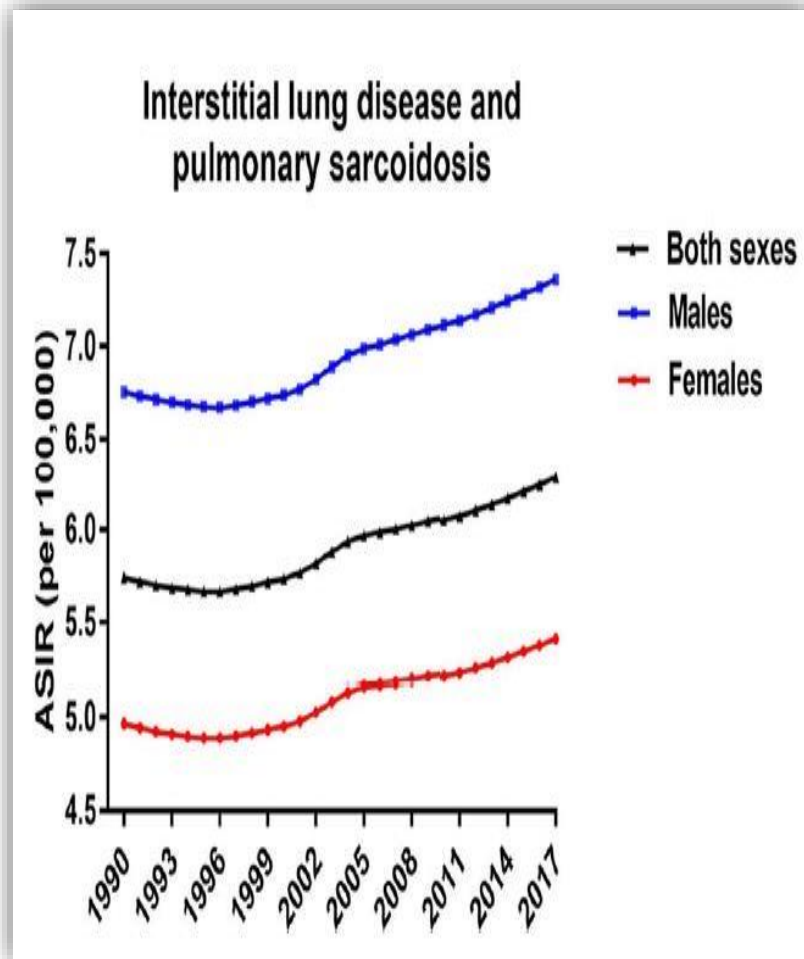
## Time to Death or Hospitalization



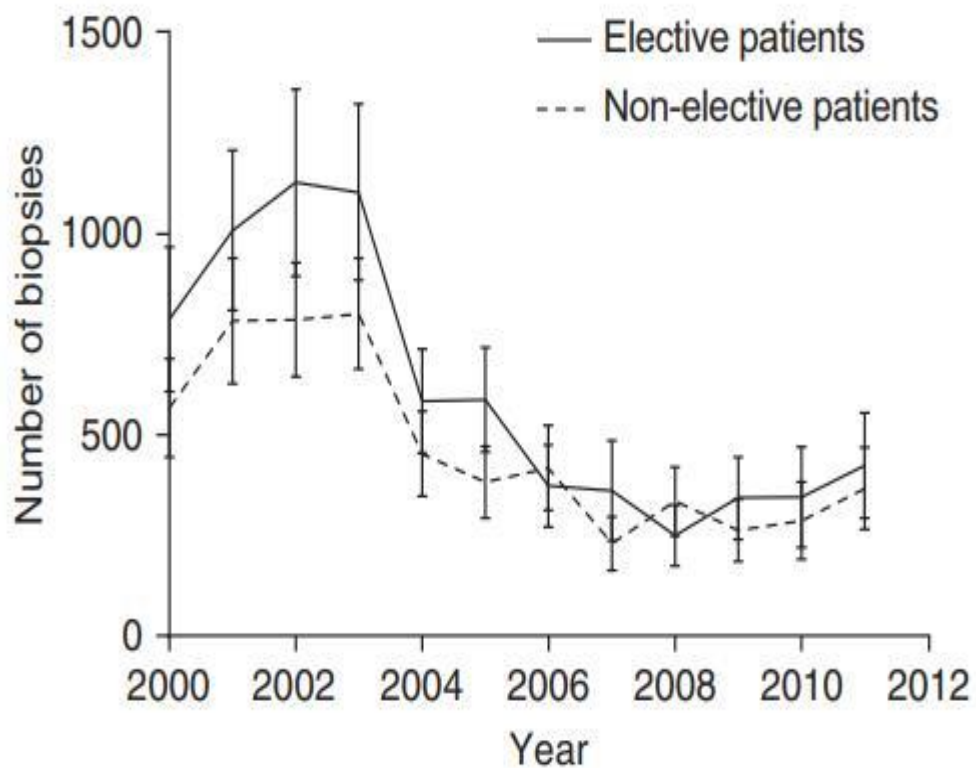
# Increased incidence of ILD



# Decreased numbers of SLB in IPF

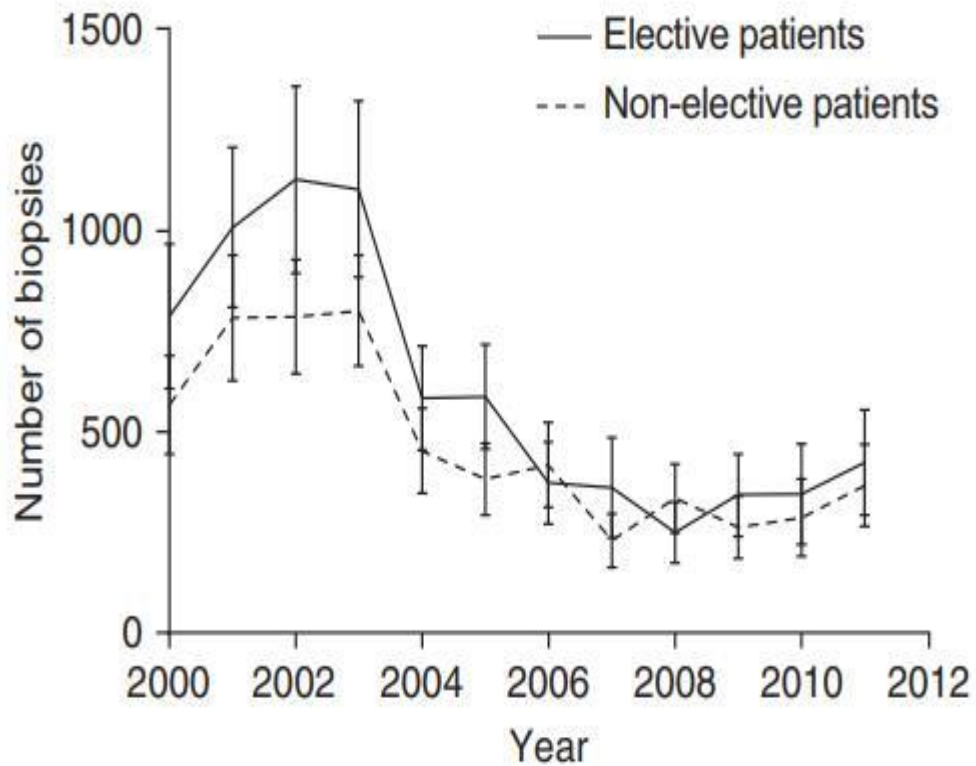


# The decline in SLB for IPF



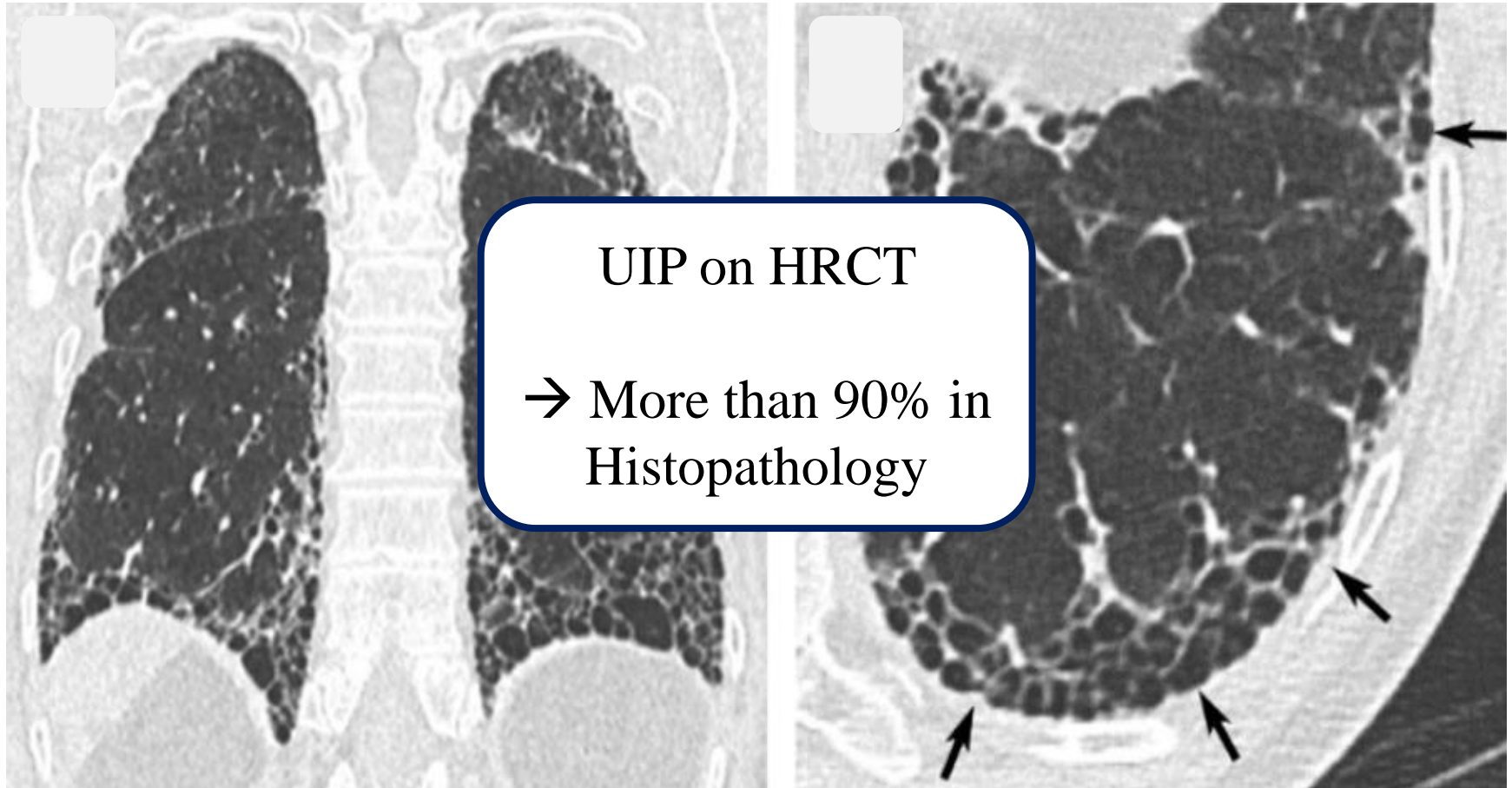
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- **Concerns over the safety of SLB**

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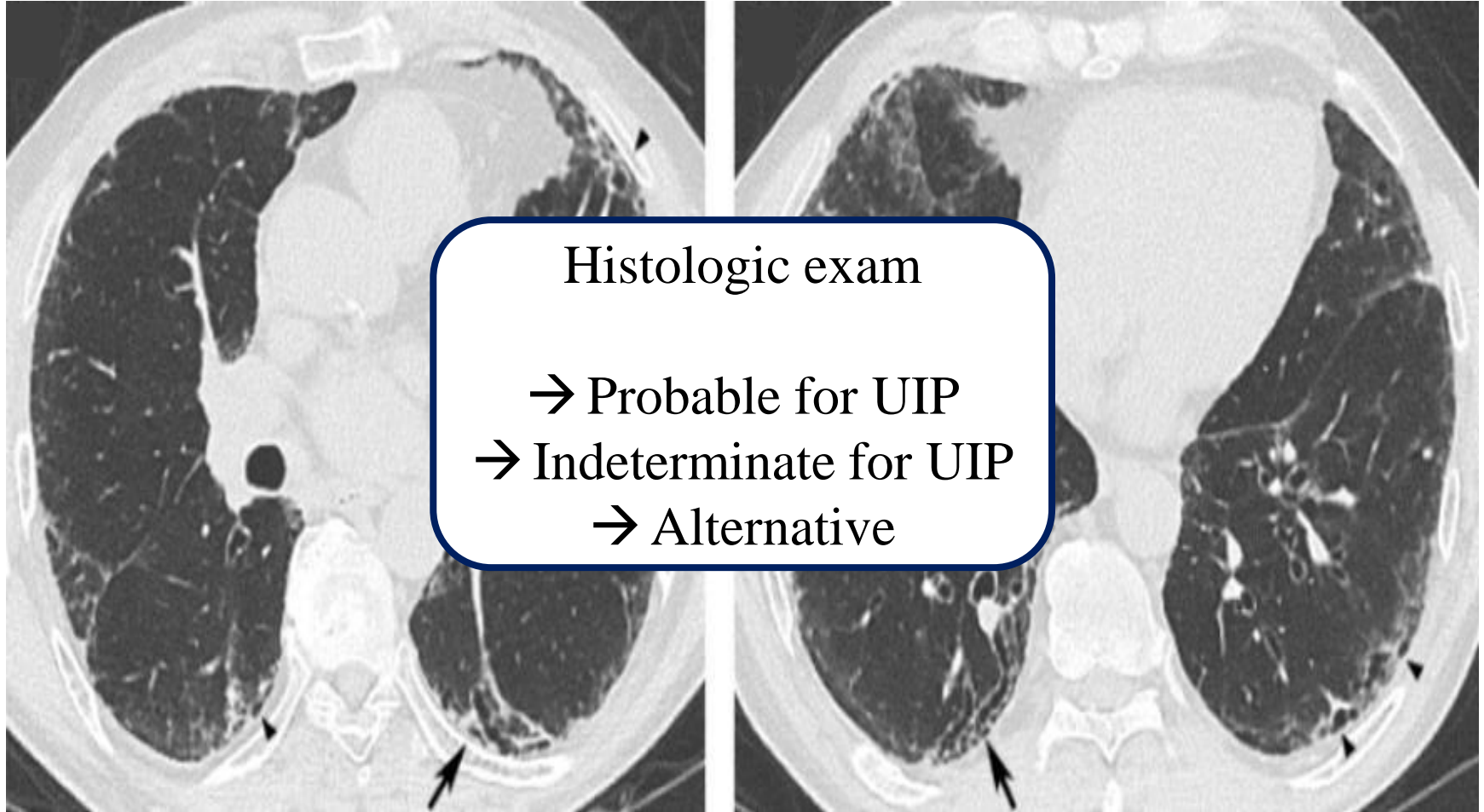


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- **Concerns over the safety of SLB**

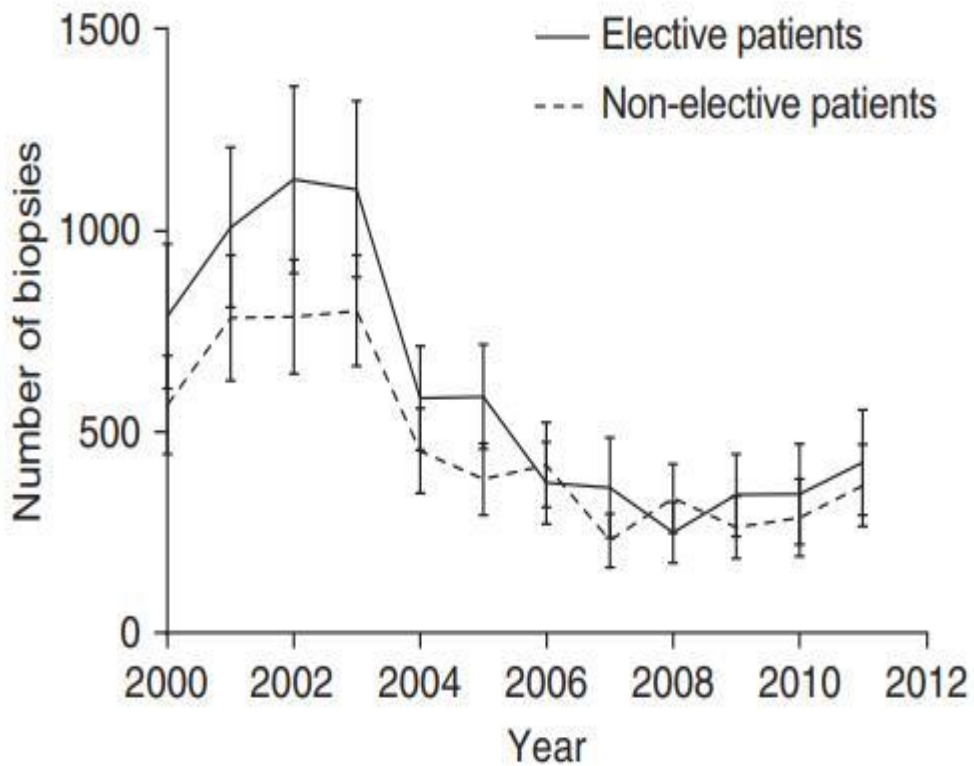
# Role of HRCT



# Histopathologic exam



# The decline in SLB for IPF



- Recognition of the value of HRCT in diagnosis of IPF
- **Concerns over the safety of SLB**

# Risk of mortality after surgical lung biopsy

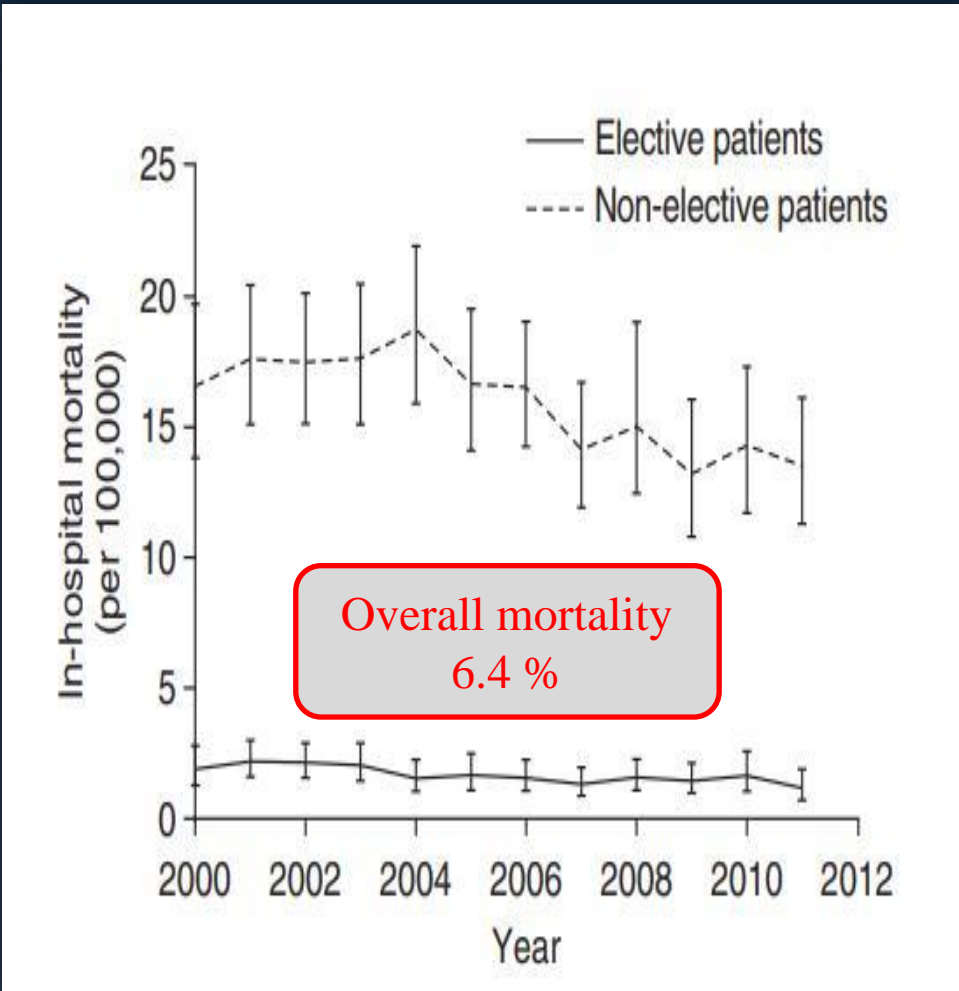


## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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

	Total Admissions ( <i>n</i> = 32,022) [Number (%)]	Elective Admissions ( <i>n</i> = 21,227) [Number (%)]	Nonelective Admissions ( <i>n</i> = 10,310) [Number (%)]
Sex			
Male	15,351 (47.94)	9,942 (46.84)	5,163 (50.08)
Female	16,671 (52.06)	11,285 (53.16)	5,147 (49.92)
Age group, yr			
<45	5,192 (16.21)	3,153 (14.85)	1,958 (18.99)
45–54	6,264 (19.56)	4,229 (19.92)	1,944 (18.86)
55–64	8,093 (25.27)	5,643 (26.58)	2,331 (22.61)
65–74	8,147 (25.44)	5,623 (26.58)	2,406 (23.34)
75–84	4,037 (12.61)	2,431 (11.45)	1,535 (14.89)
>84	289 (0.90)	148 (0.70)	136 (1.32)
Level of comorbidity (updated Charlson score)			
0	13,908 (43.43)	10,627 (50.06)	3,030 (29.39)
1	10,844 (33.86)	7,158 (33.72)	3,558 (34.51)
2	3,304 (10.32)	1,728 (8.14)	1,523 (14.77)
≥3	3,966 (12.39)	1,714 (8.07)	2,199 (21.33)

# Risk of mortality after surgical lung biopsy



✓ 12,000명, 2000~2011

✓ Elective → 1.7%

✓ Non-elective >15%

✓ Co-morbidity

✓ Age

✓ Male

✓ Open surgery

✓ IPF or CTD

Sarcoid	5,270	15 (0.3)	0.19 (0.06-0.59)	0.001
Other	3,148	14 (0.5)	0.32 (0.10-1.00)	0.050

# Severe complications and mortality in invasive diagnostic test



## Cerebral Angiography

### Complications of 19 826 Cerebral Angiography Procedures

Complication	No. of Procedures
<b>Local</b>	
Hematoma	828 (4.2)*
Hematoma requiring surgery	5 (0.03)
Thrombosis	9 (0.05)*
Infection	2 (0.01)*
<b>Systemic</b>	
Headaches	105 (0.8) <sup>†</sup>
Nausea, vomiting, transient hypotension	235 (1.2) <sup>‡</sup>
Chest pain, arrhythmia	61 (0.3) <sup>‡</sup>
Urticaria, rhinorrhea	26 (0.1) <sup>‡</sup>
Death	12 (0.06) <sup>‡</sup>
Anaphylaxis and/or circulatory collapse	5 (0.03) <sup>‡</sup>
Acute renal failure	3 (0.02) <sup>‡</sup>
<b>Neurologic</b>	
TIA	414 (2.09)
Reversible	71 (0.36)
Permanent	27 (0.14)
Death related to neurologic condition	10 (0.05) <sup>§</sup>
Total	522 (2.63)

## Diagnostic CAG

Mortality 1% (1960s) → 0.08% (1990s)

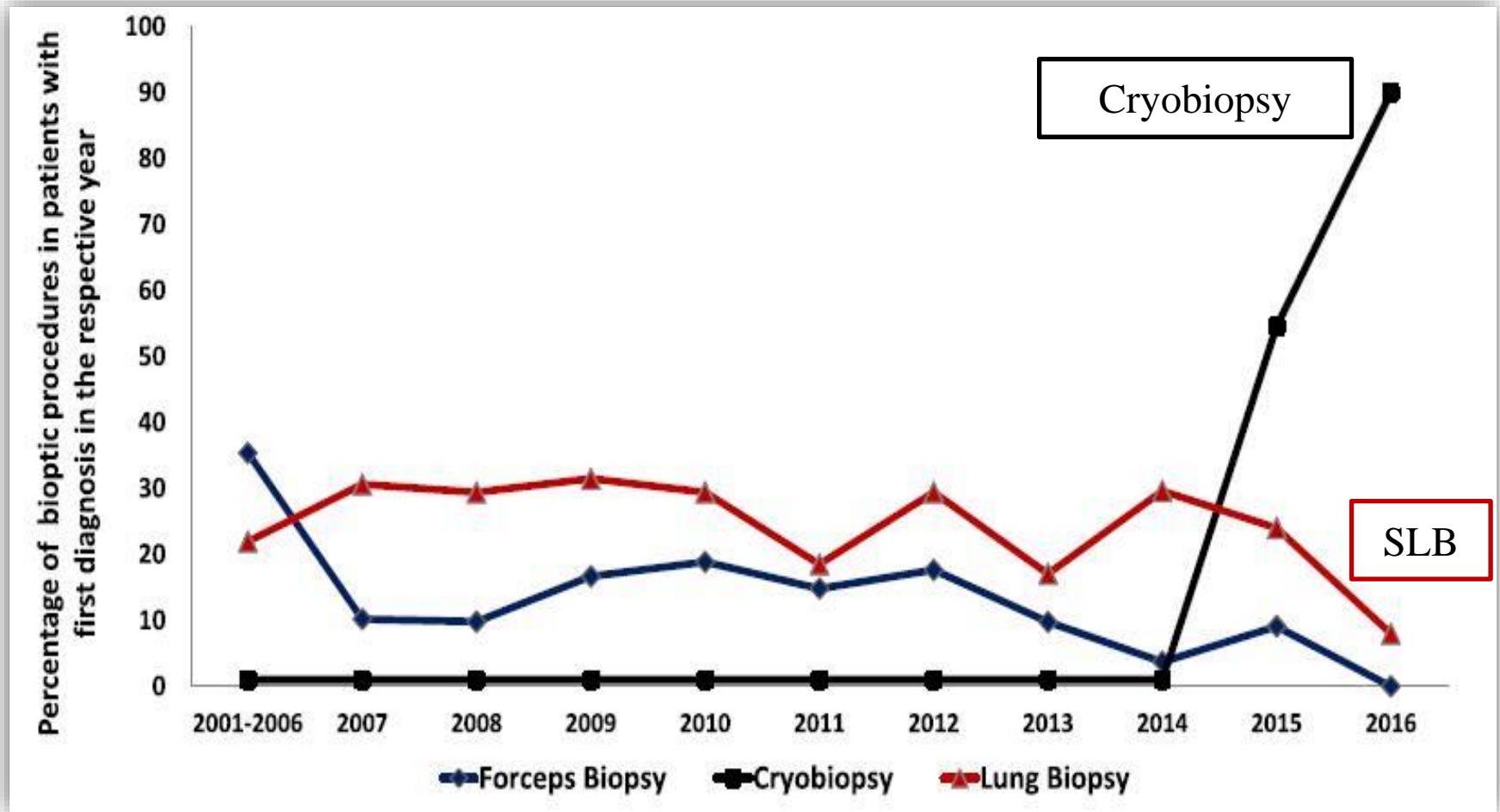
Reference	Patients	Incidence	CABG	MI	Death	Death, %
Bittl et al., 1993	764	3%	34.7	4.3	9	0.012
Ajluni et al., 1994	8932	0.40%	37	26	5.6	0.001
Holmes et al., 1994	2759	1.30%	36.1	16.7	4.8	0.002
Ellis., 1994	12900	0.50%	24	19	0	< 0.001
Cohen et al., 1996	2953	0.70%	41	45.5	9	0.003
Gruberg et al., 2000	30746	0.29%	39	34	10	< 0.001
Dipple., 2001	6214	0.58%	22	NA	11	0.002
Gunning et al., 2002	6245	0.80%	39	29	42	0.007
Fejka et al., 2002	25697	0.12%	39	29	42	0.002
Stankovic et al., 2004	5728	1.47%	13	27	8	0.001
Witzke et al., 2004	12658	0.30%	5	18	2.5	< 0.001
Ramana et al., 2005	4886	0.50%	0	20	8	0.002

# Surgical lung biopsy: VATS



- Adequate sample (100%, 2-3 different lobe)
- Diagnostic yield: 88.2%
- Mortality: 6.4 (1.5%-16.7%), procedure-related mortality (1.7%)
- AE (6.1%), bleeding (0.8%), severe bleeding (0.2%), prolonged air leak (5.9%), infection (6.5%)
  
- No recommendation for UIP pattern on HRCT
- Gold standard

# Procedure in IPF at the first diagnosis



# Indication of TBLC



- Indication of TBLC or SLB?
- IPF diagnosis
  - UIP pattern
  - Probable UIP pattern
- Benefits (diagnostic yield) vs Risks (Safety)
- No absolute contra-indication

# Contraindication of Cryobiopsy ?

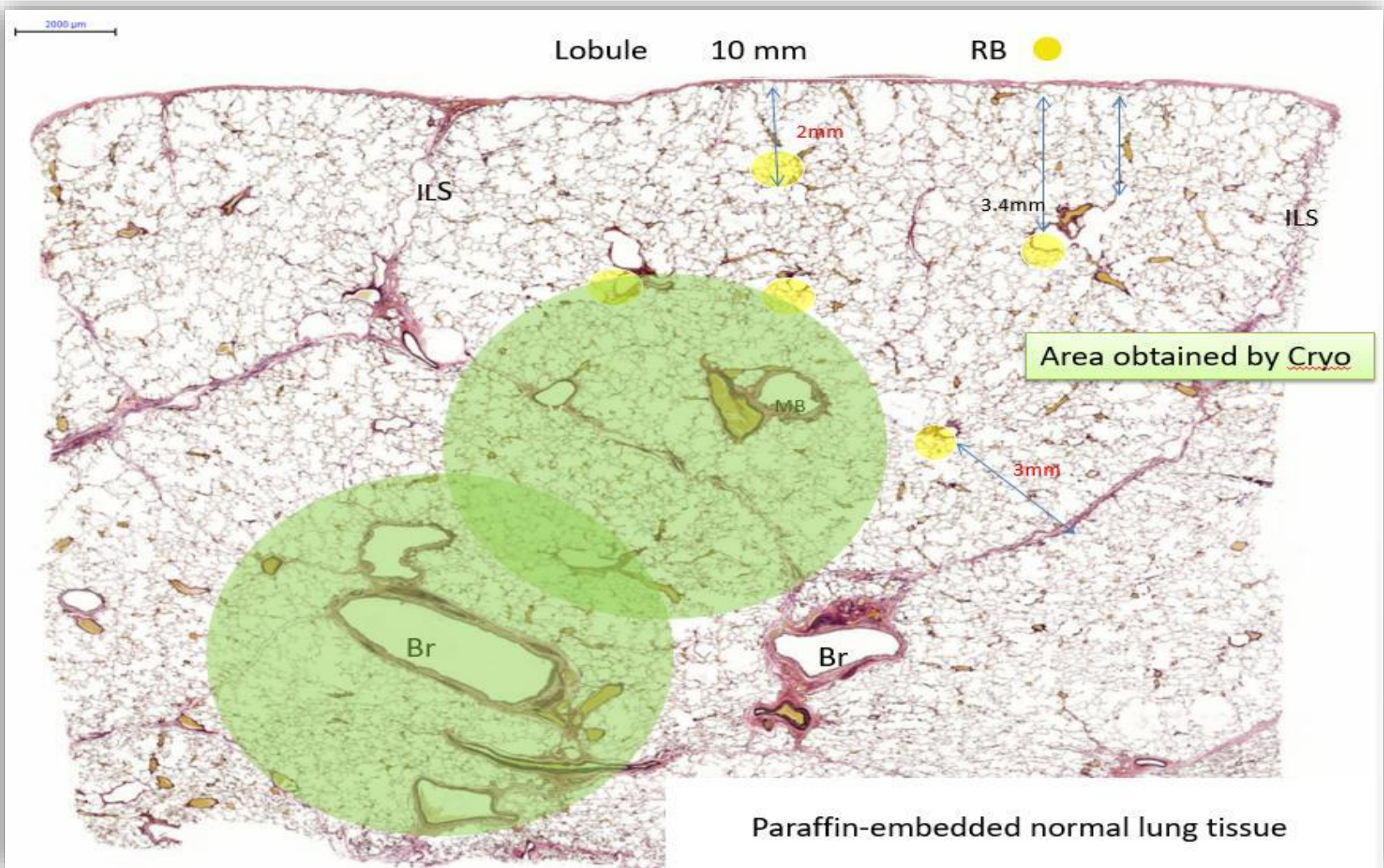


## *Key Points*

- a. The major risks after TBCB are pneumothorax and bleeding.
- b. Bleeding diathesis and anticoagulant therapy, treatment with thienopyridines or other new antiplatelet drugs and thrombocytopenia with platelets  $<50 \times 10^9 /L$  should be considered as contraindications.
- c. Pulmonary hypertension may increase the bleeding risk and is therefore considered as a relative contraindication.
- d. No age limits are suggested.
- e. FVC  $<50\%$  and DLCO  $<35\%$  of the predicted values are regarded as relative contraindications.

# Transbronchial lung cryobiopsy



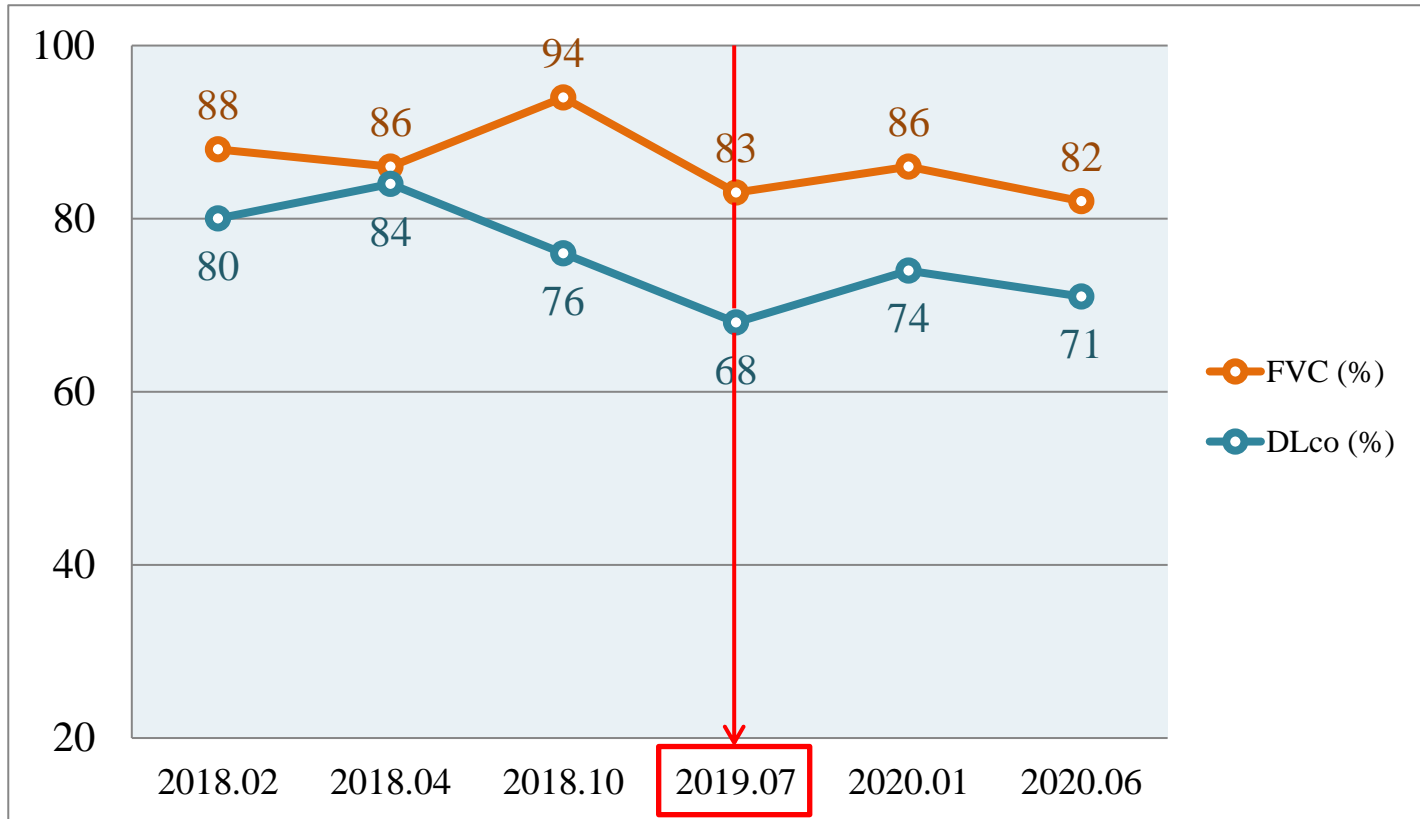


# CASE



- M / 62
- C.C : Dyspnea
- PI : 42갑년의 흡연자로 3개월 전부터 숨이 차다고 병원에 왔다. 빠르게 걸거나, 계단을 오르면 숨차다고 한다. 마른 기침은 있지만, 객담은 없다고 한다.
- Current smoker, 42pyrs
- Family history (-) Social history(-)
- Gout<sub>(2009)</sub>, COPD<sub>(2018)</sub>, Alcoholic liver disease, Hyperlipoproteinemia <sub>(2019)</sub>

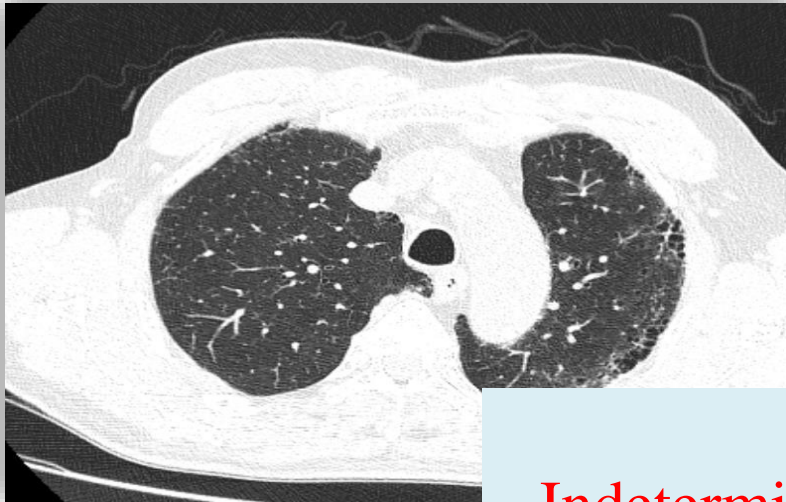
• PFT



• 6MWT

	Initial SpO <sub>2</sub> (%)	End SpO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Distance(m)
2018.04.24	99	97	369
2019.07.23	95	97	444
2020.01.08	96	96	528
2020.06.17	99	98	540

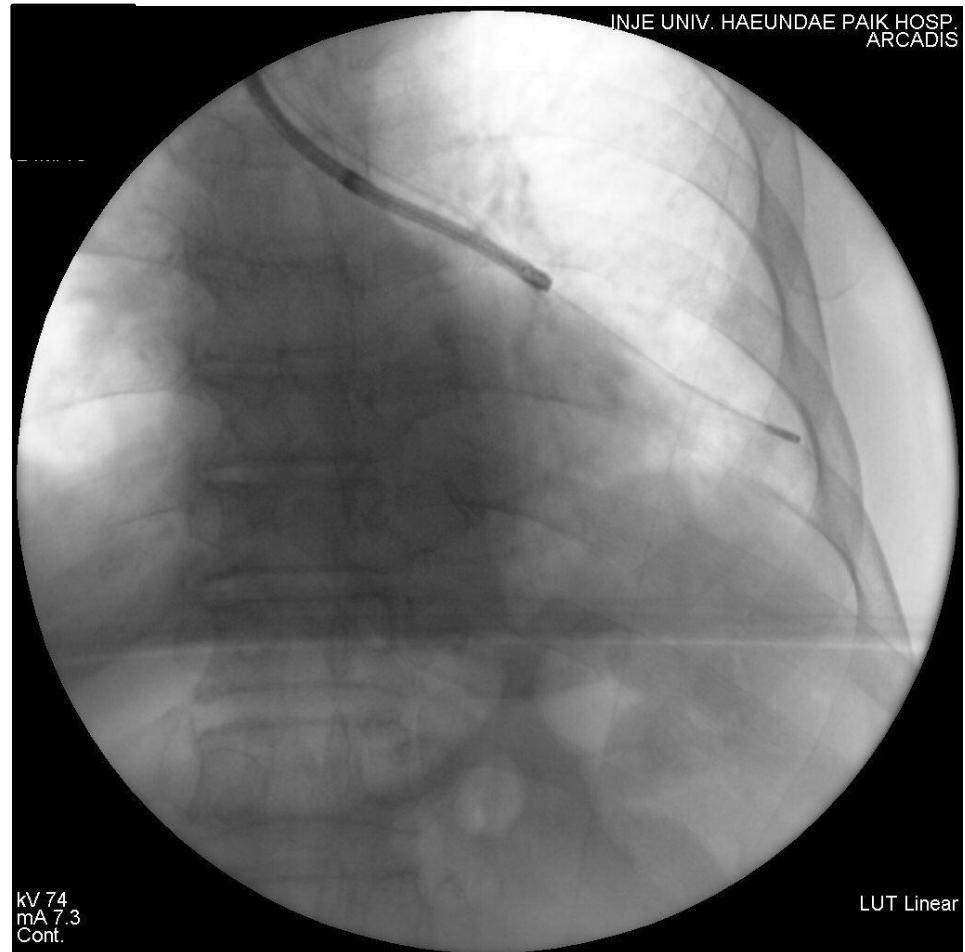
# HRCT



Indeterminate for UIP



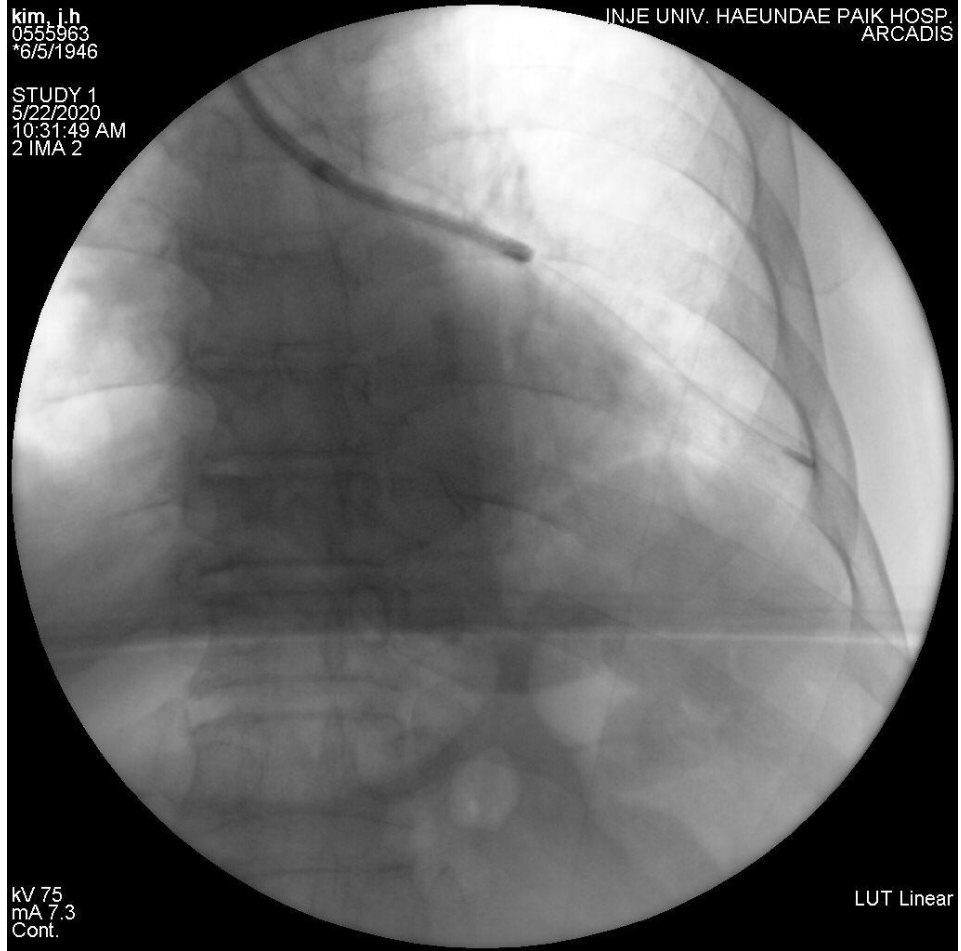
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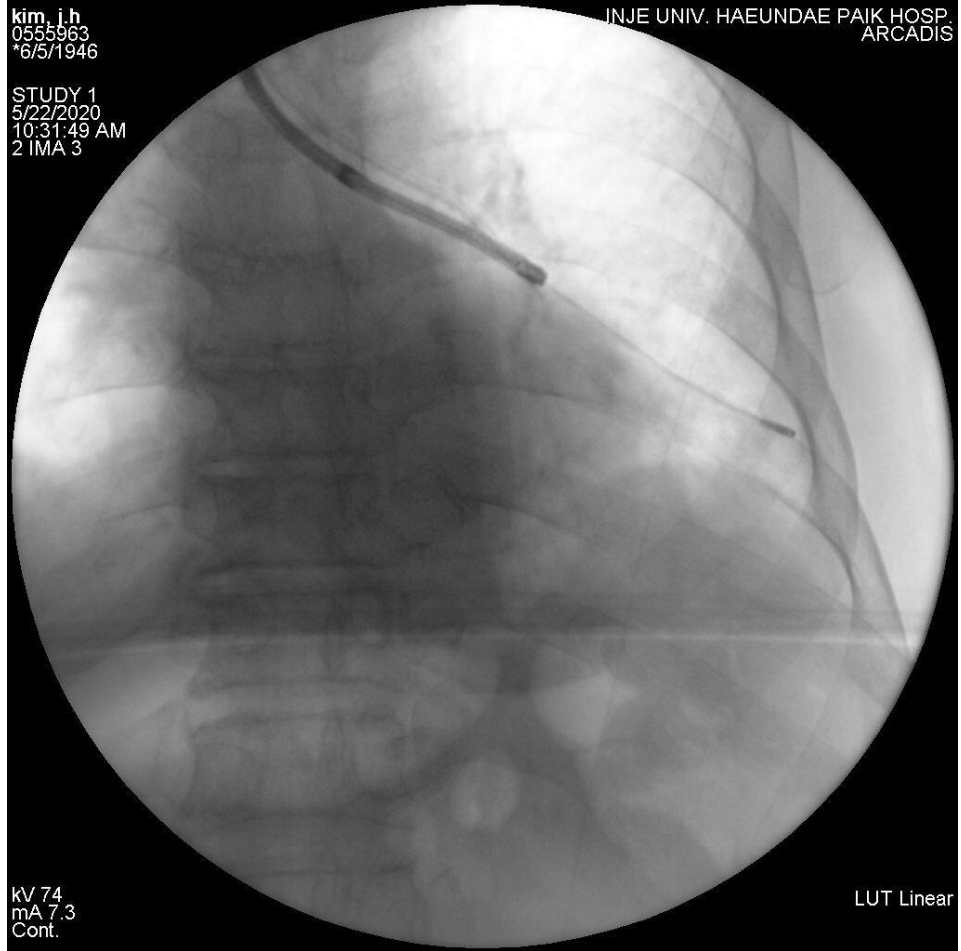
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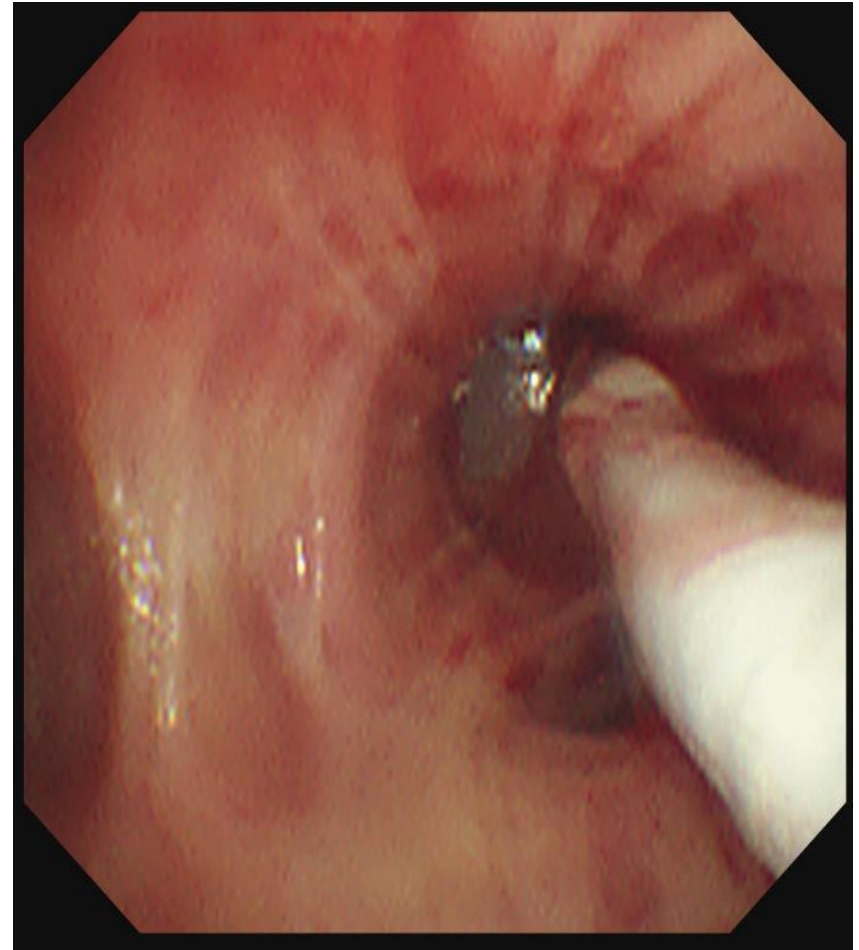
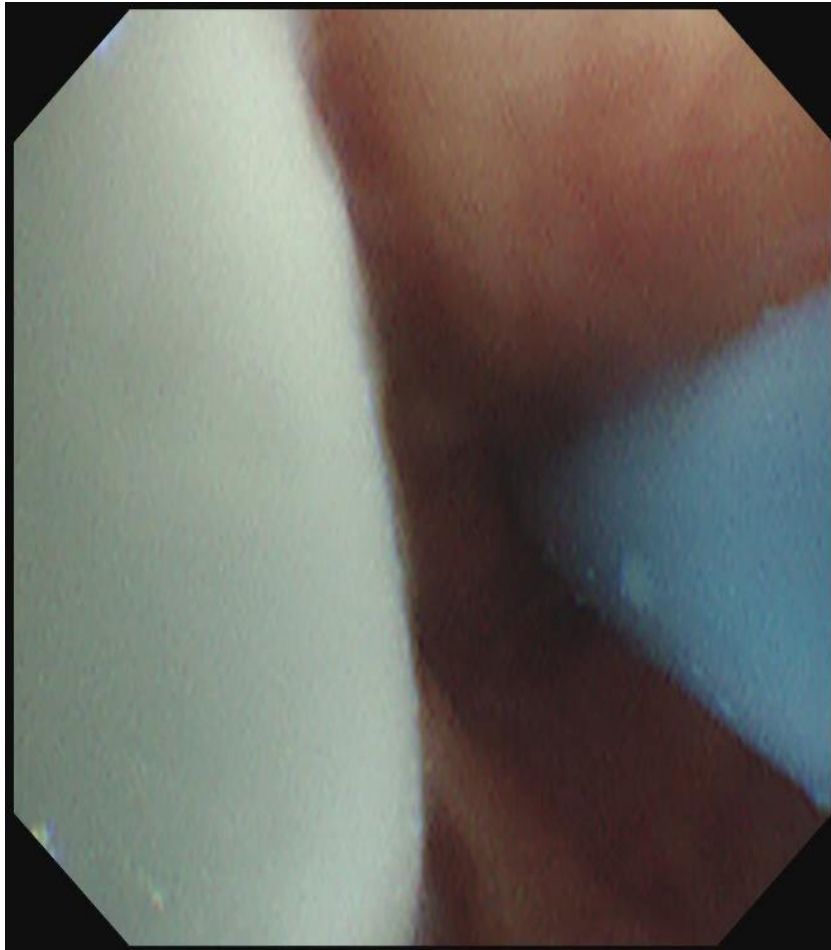
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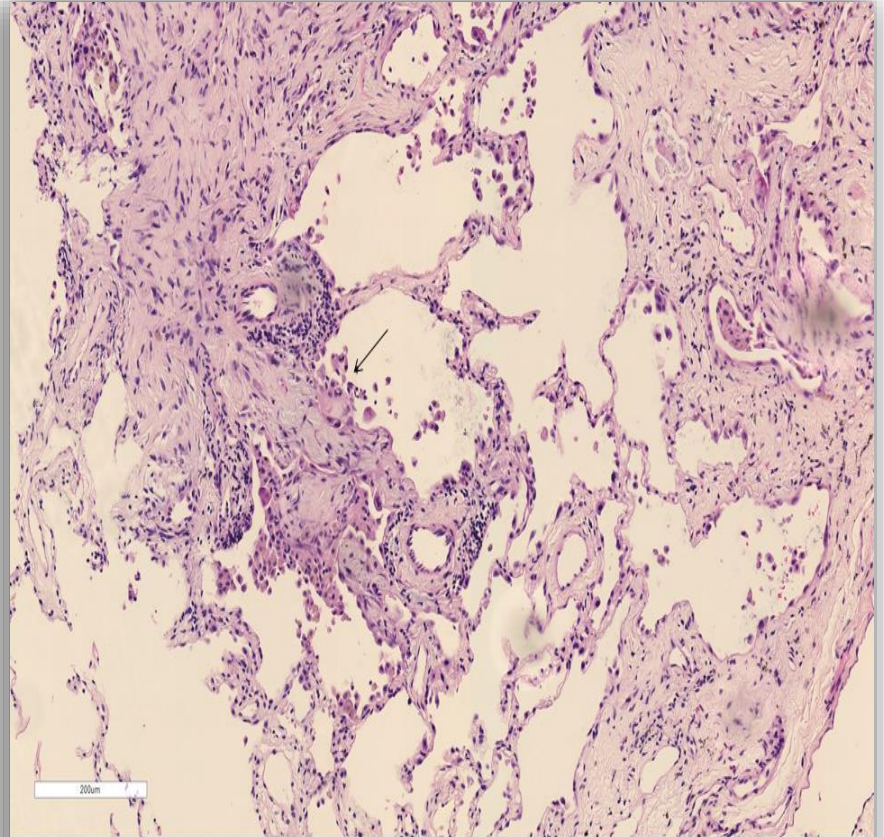
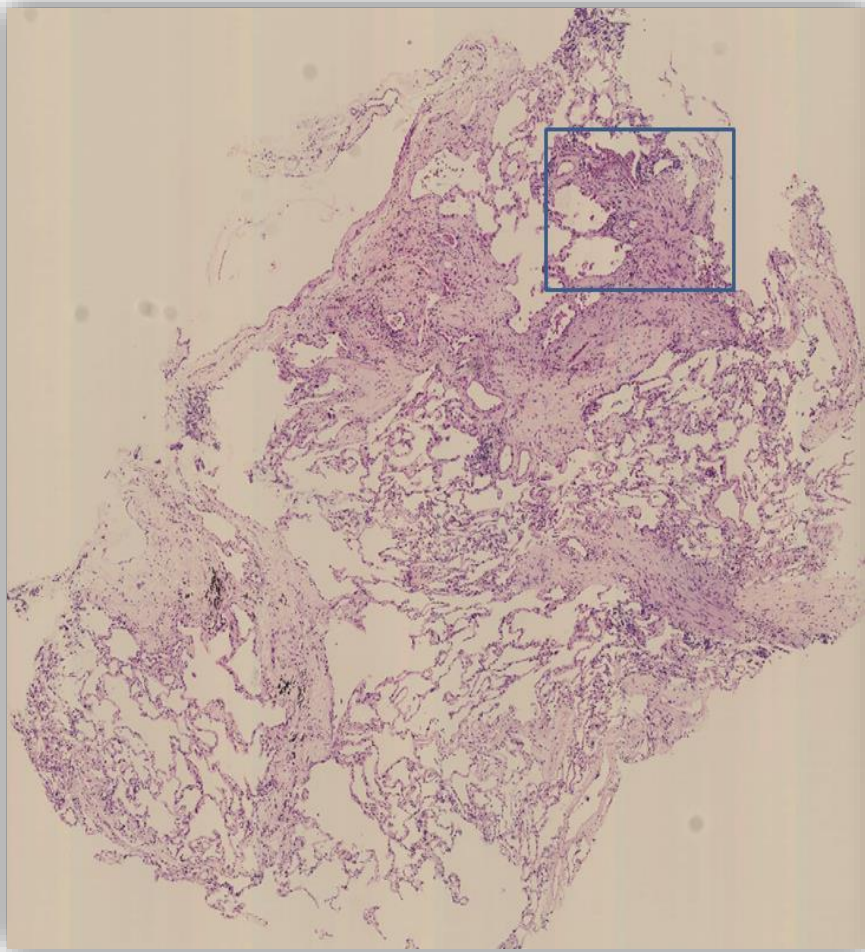


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mA 7.3  
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LUT Linear

# Transbronchial lung cryobiopsy





Young mural and intra-alveolar fibrosis and slight lymphocyte infiltration Alveolar macrophages

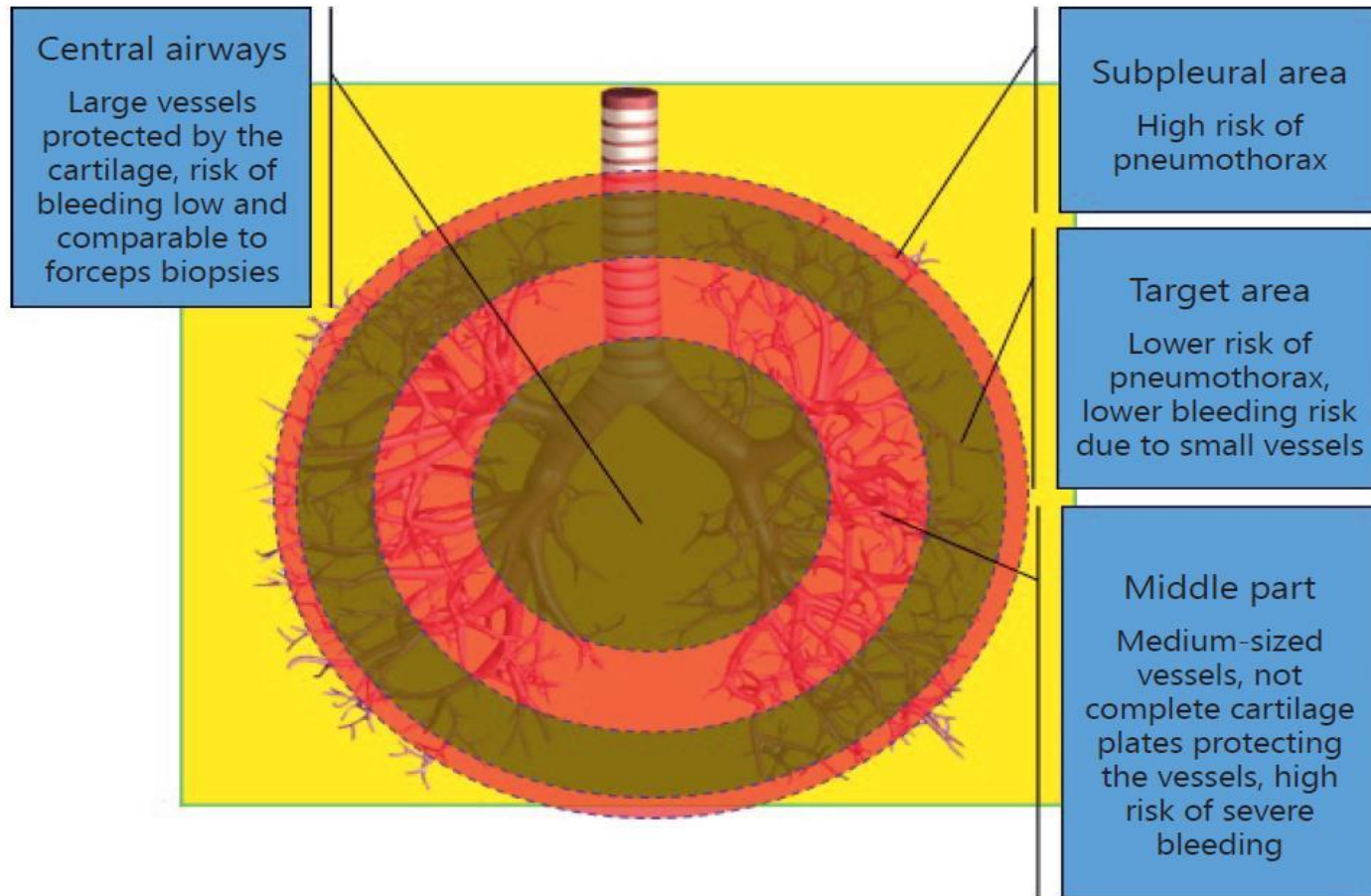
Sample quality - A  
Peri-lobular fibrosis, Fibroblastic foci  
No honeycombing  
Probable UIP with high confidence (A)

# Final diagnosis by MDD

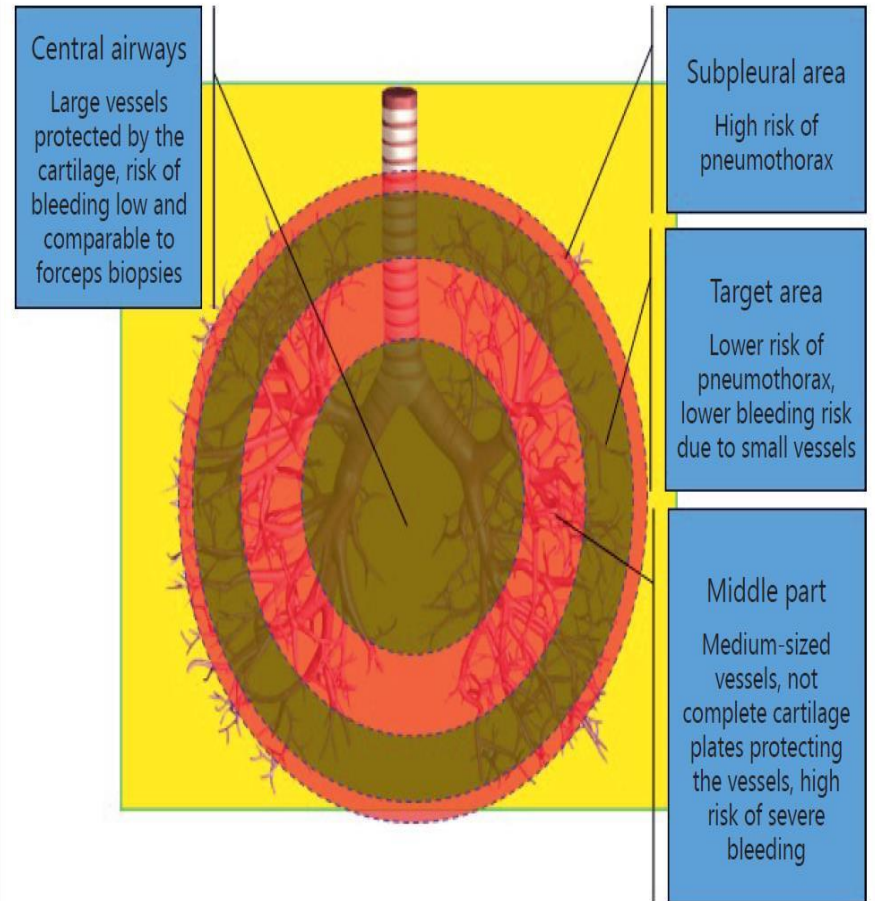


IPF suspected*		Histopathology pattern			
		UIP	Probable UIP	Indeterminate for UIP	Alternative diagnosis
HRCT pattern	UIP	IPF	IPF	IPF	Non-IPF dx
	Probable UIP	IPF	IPF	IPF (Likely)**	Non-IPF dx
	Indeterminate for UIP	IPF	IPF (Likely)**	Indeterminate for IPF***	Non-IPF dx
	Alternative diagnosis	IPF (Likely)** /non-IPF dx	Non-IPF dx	Non-IPF dx	Non-IPF dx

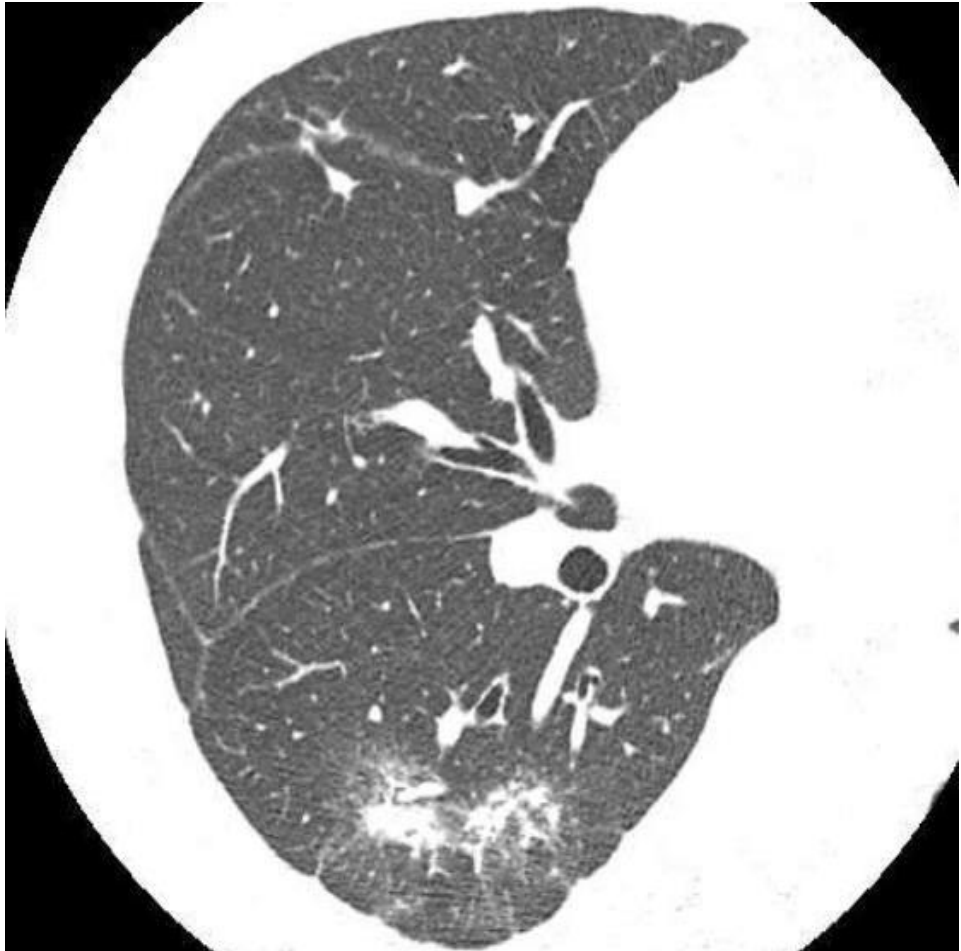
# Target location of cryobiopsy



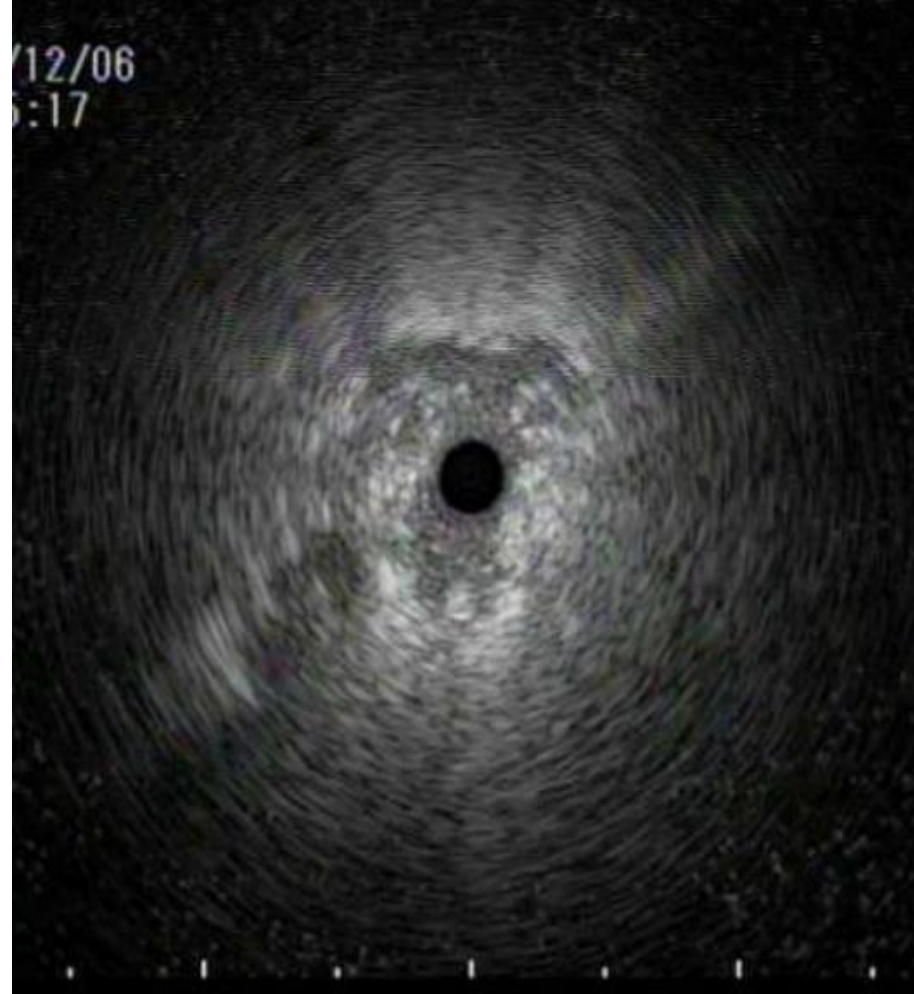
# Target location of cryobiopsy



# Cryobiopsy with radial endobronchial ultrasound



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# Characteristics of good diagnostic test



**Minimally invasive**

**Diagnostic yield**

**Inexpensive**

**Safety**

**Large biopsy specimens**

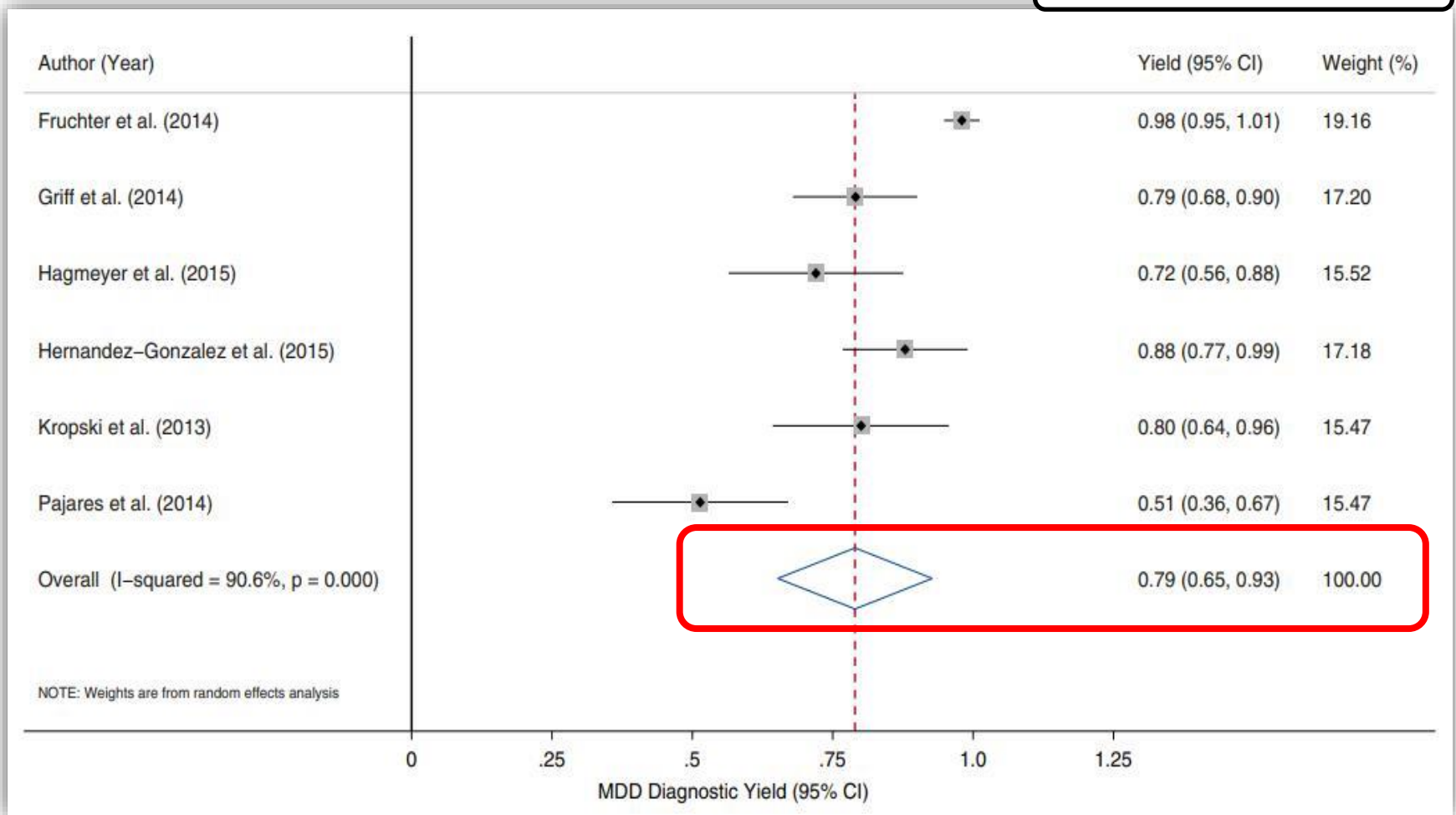
**Multiple sites for spatial heterogeneity**

**Minimal crush artifact**

# Diagnostic yield of TBLC



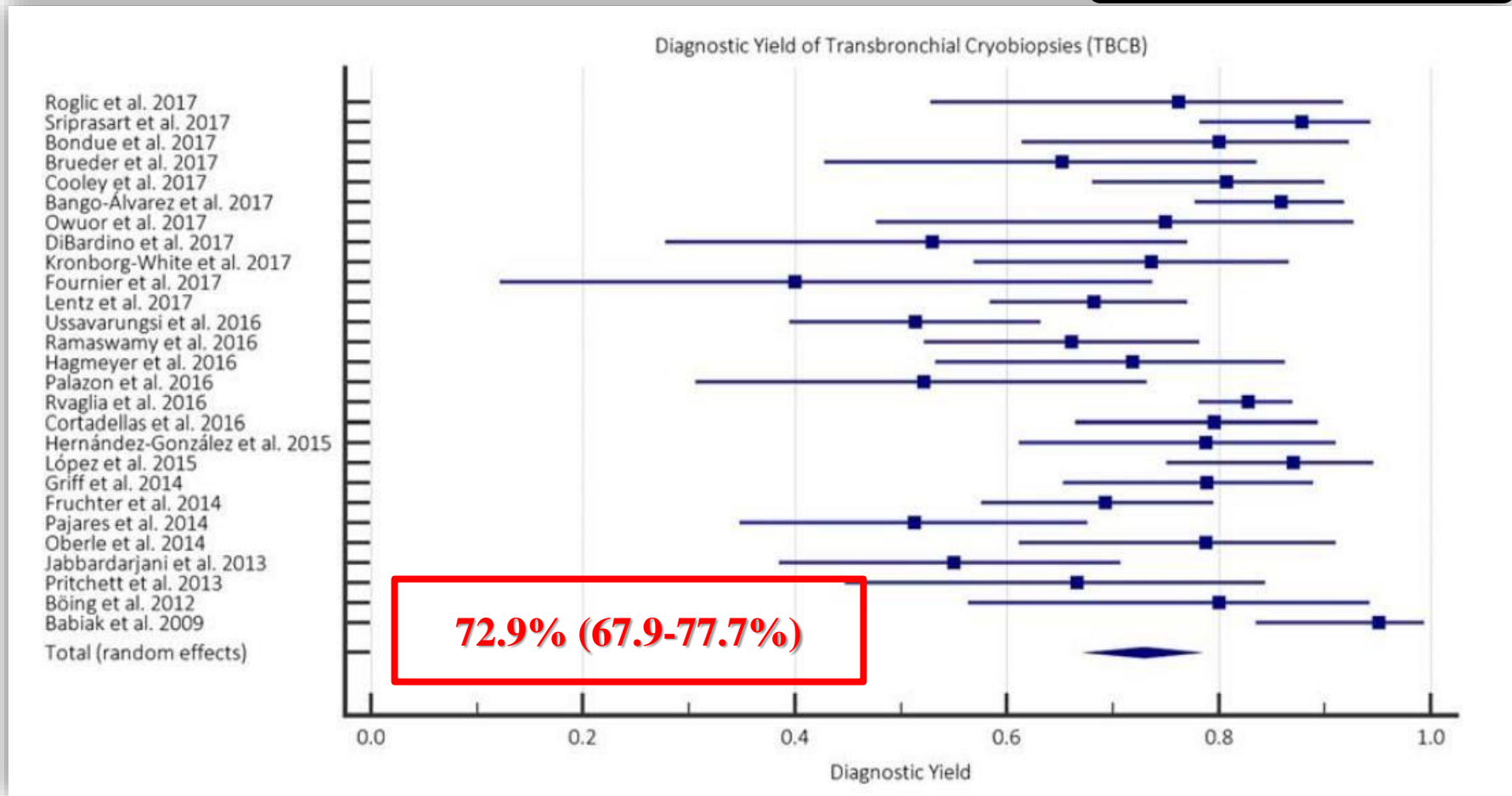
11 studies, 731 TBLC



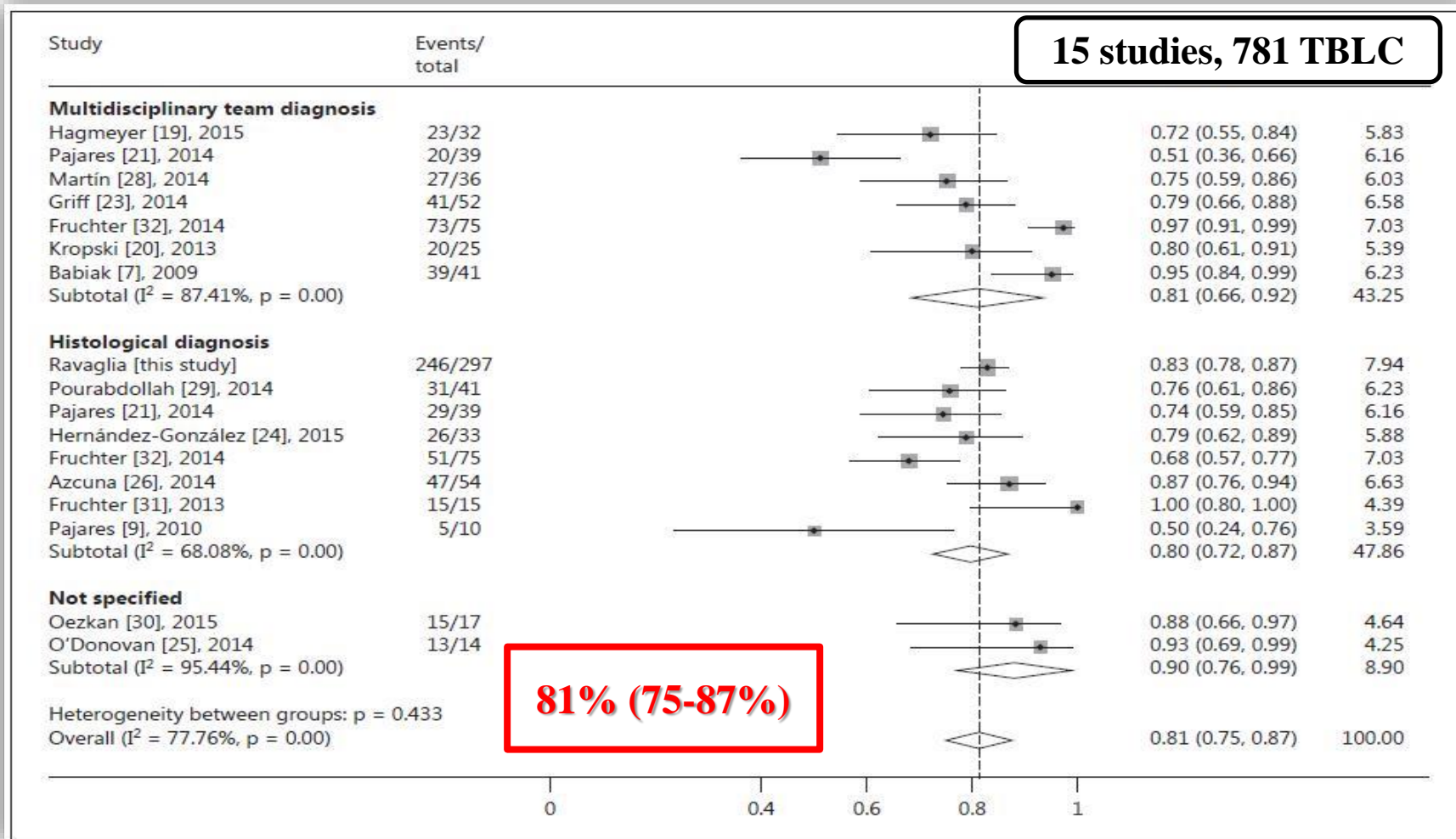
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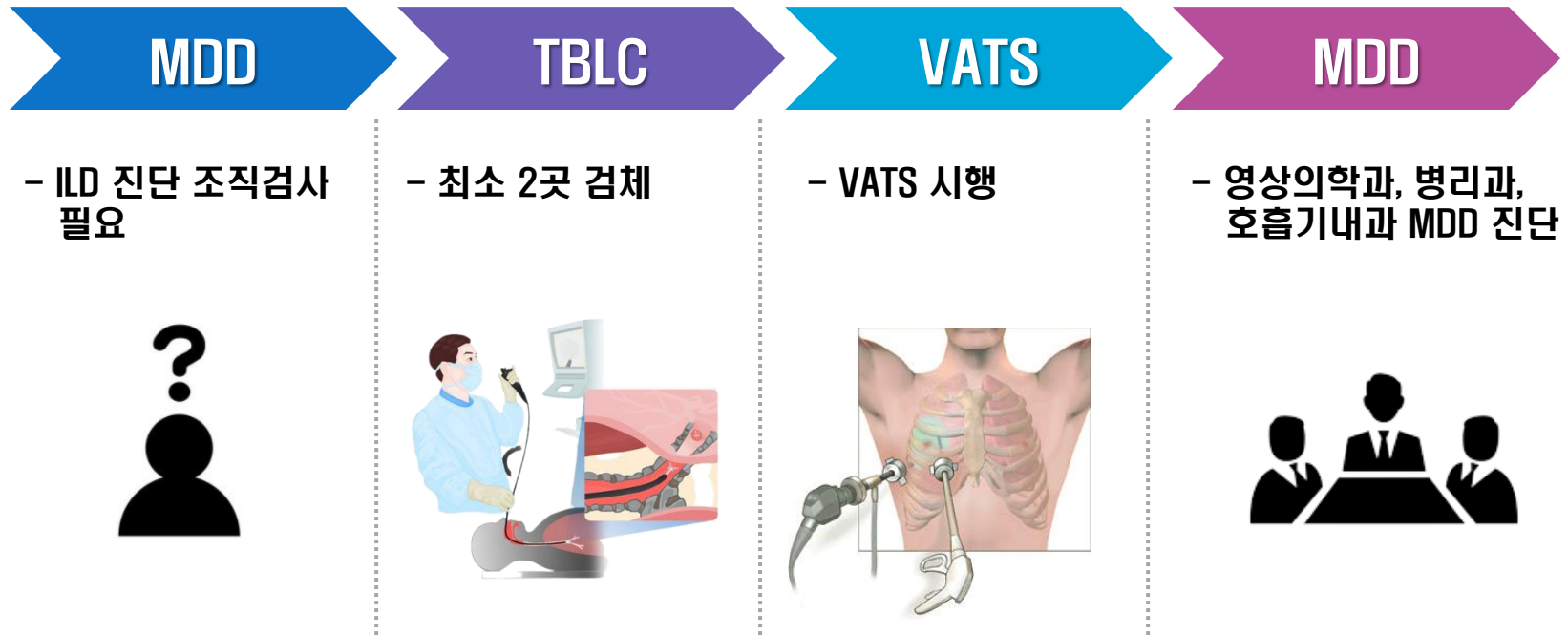


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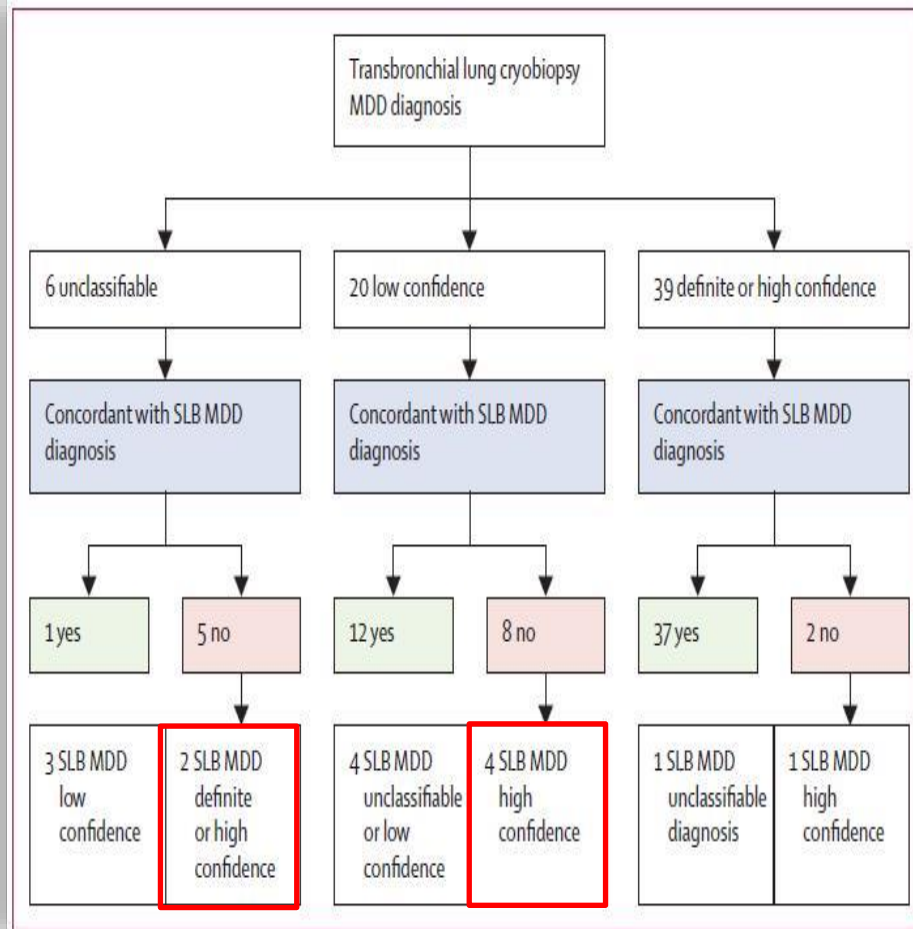


**81% (75-87%)**

# COLDICE study



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



Mean tissue 7.1 mm

SLB – mean 46.4mm, hospital length median 4

- Primary outcome

1) Histopathological assessment, agreement between TBLC and SLB: 70.8% with k of 0.70

2) MDD diagnosis, agreement 76.9% with k of 0.62

- In high confidence or definite final MDD: 39 (60%) of TBLC and 48 (74%) of SLB

- In high confidence or definite final MDD, concordance was 37 (95%) of 39 TBLC

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

- ✓ Good agreement of pathology and MDD diagnosis between TBLC and SLB in same patients, especially high confidence of TBLC
- ✓ Clinical utility for interstitial lung disease within MDD
- ✓ Experienced proceduralist (intervention specialist)

- ✓ Not enough data for complications of TBLC (study design and patient selection for SLB)
- ✓ Probable UIP more common in TBLC than SLB
- ✓ Low diagnostic yield for specific diagnosis other than UIP

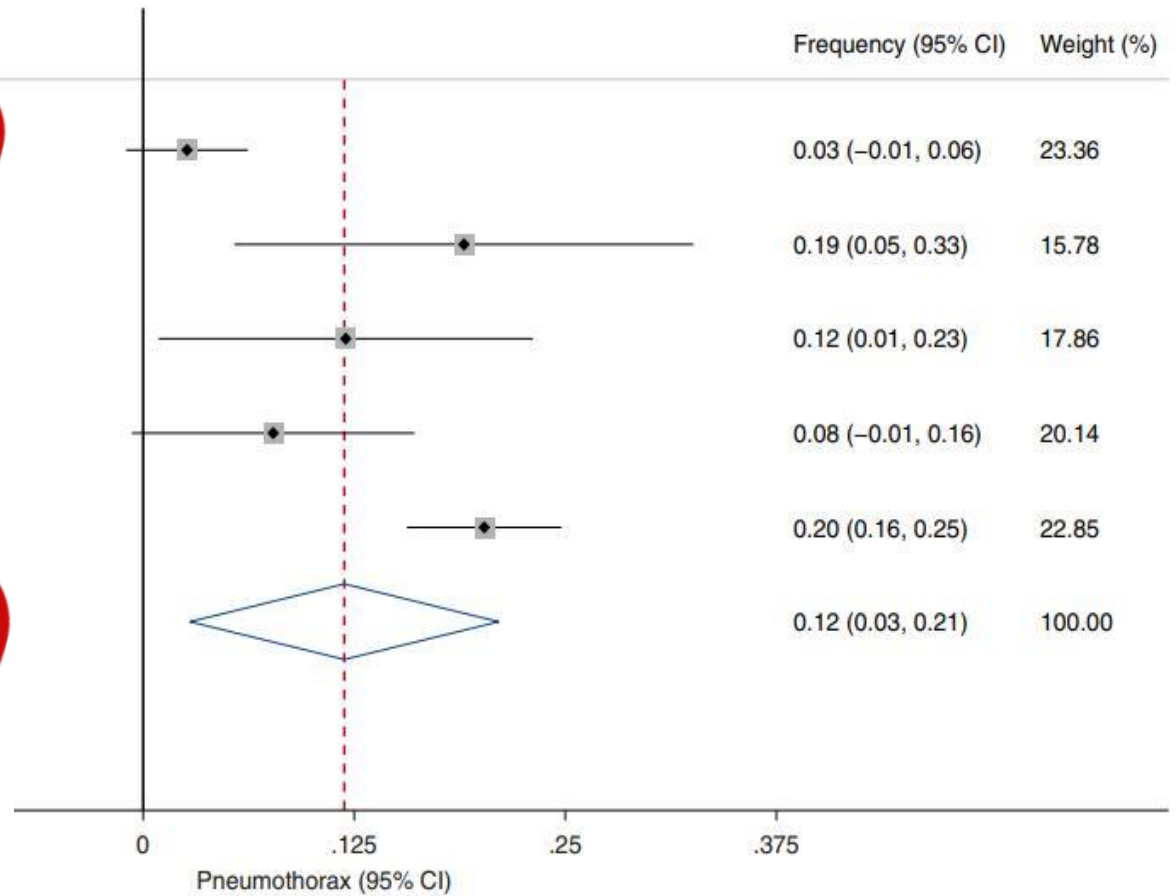
# Safety of TBLC



- Mortality rate (TBLC vs VATS: 1/297 [0.3%] vs 4/150 [2.7%],  $p = 0.045$ )
- **Severe bleeding** [hemodynamic or respiratory instability, tamponade or surgical interventions, transfusion or ICU care]  
→ 0% - 6.3% (median: 1.1%)
- Moderate bleeding [bleeding controlled by endobronchial blocker]  
→ 1.8% - 47%
- Acute exacerbation rate (TBLC vs SLB: 1/297 [0.3%] vs 5/150 [3.3%], relative risk of 0.10 [95% CI, .012-0.85])
- Hospitalization time (TBLC vs SLB: 2.6 days vs 6.1 days,  $p < 0.0001$ )
- **Pneumothorax rate:** 1.4% - 20.2% (median: 9.5%) vs 100% in SLB
- **Lower rate of mortality and acute exacerbation in favor of TBLC compared with SLB**

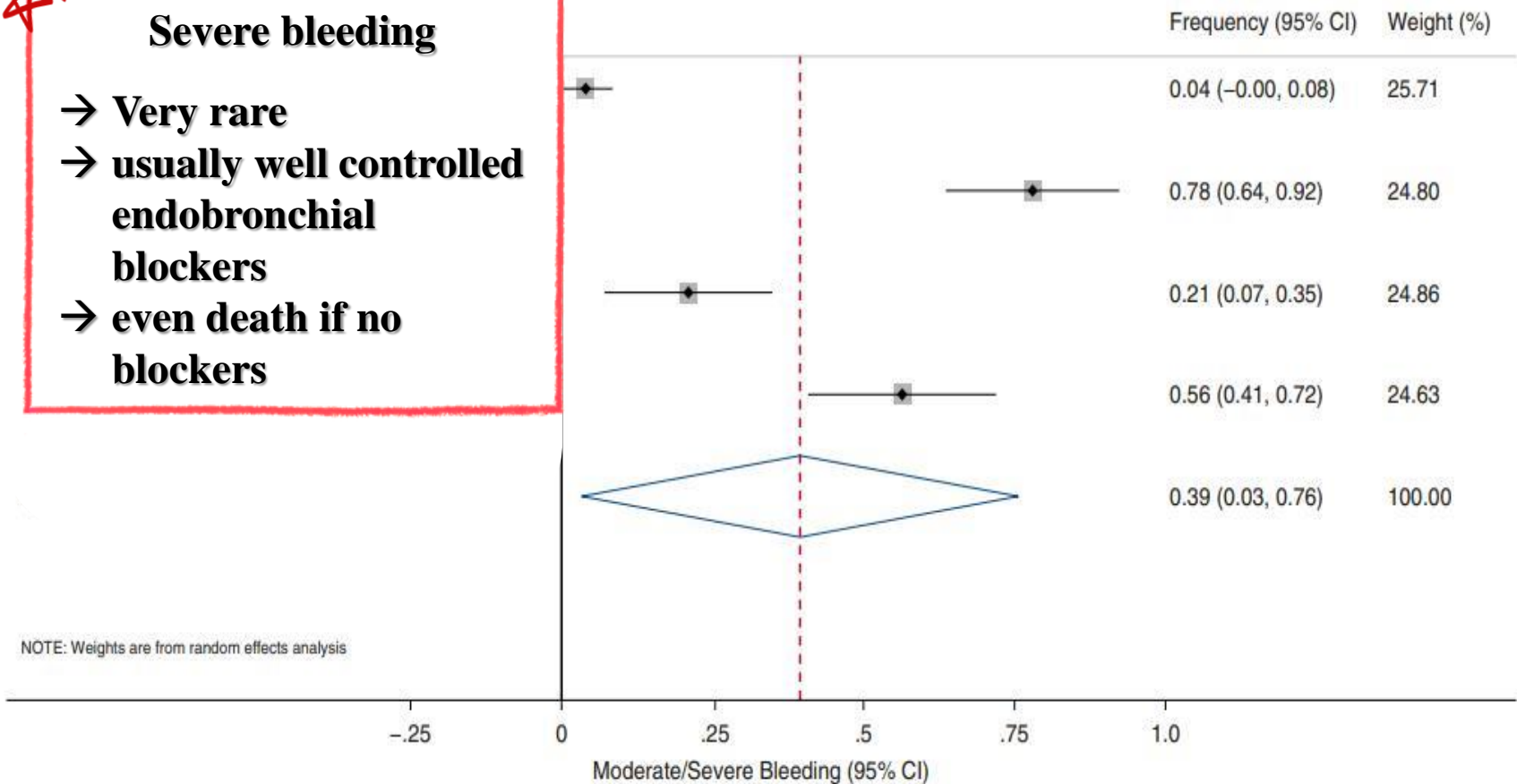
**Time of chest tube drainage → similar to time after VATS**

**High risk  
UIP histopathology  
Fibrotic reticulation  
Close to pleura**



## Severe bleeding

- Very rare
- usually well controlled endobronchial blockers
- even death if no blockers



# TBLC vs SLB in guidelines



	2018 Guideline	
	HRCT Pattern of Probable UIP*, Indeterminate for UIP, and Alternative Diagnosis	HRCT Pattern of UIP*
BAL cellular analysis	We suggest performing BAL cellular analysis (conditional)	We suggest <i>NOT</i> performing BAL cellular analysis (conditional)
Surgical lung biopsy	We suggest performing surgical lung biopsy (conditional)	We recommend <i>NOT</i> performing surgical lung biopsy (strong)
Transbronchial lung biopsy	No recommendation was made either for or against transbronchial lung biopsy	We recommend <i>NOT</i> performing transbronchial lung biopsy (strong)
Lung cryobiopsy	No recommendation was made either for or against cryobiopsy	We recommend <i>NOT</i> performing cryobiopsy (strong)

# Transbronchial Cryobiopsy for the Diagnosis of Interstitial Lung Diseases

CHEST Guideline and Expert Panel Report



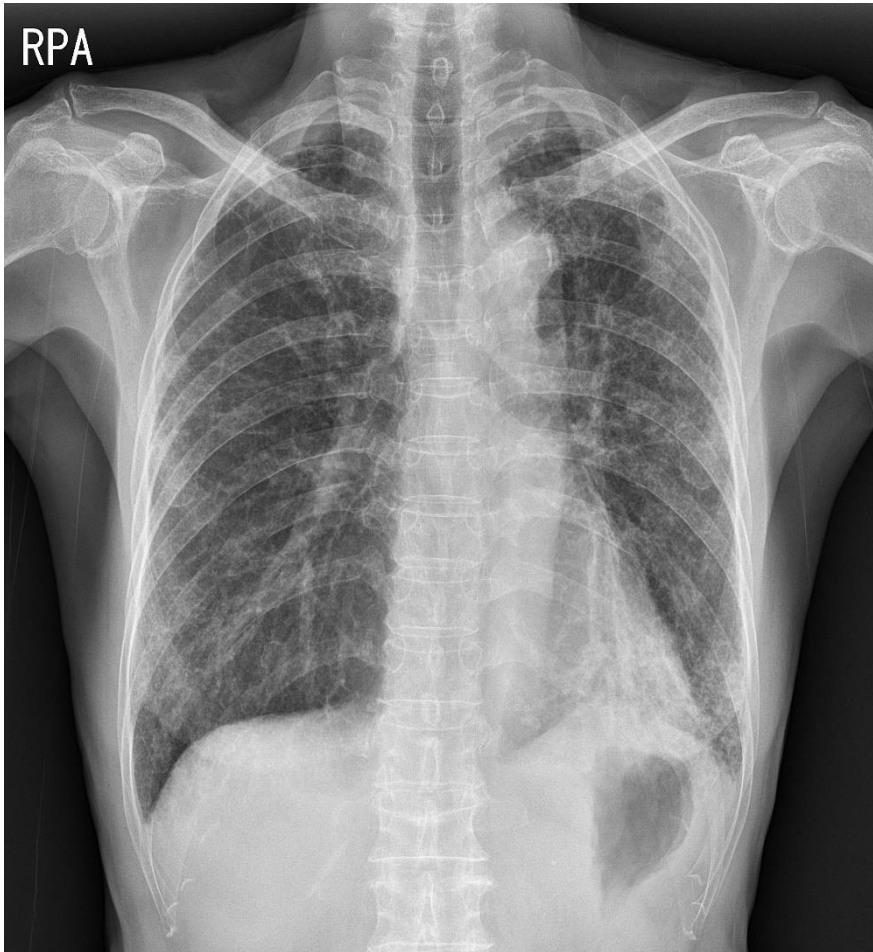
- In patients with suspected interstitial lung disease (ILD), we suggest that transbronchial cryobiopsy (TBC) can be used to provide histopathologic findings for multidisciplinary discussion diagnosis  
(Weak Recommendation, Very Low-Quality Evidence)
- The choice between TBC and surgical lung biopsy (SLB) should be based on local availability and expertise, benefit-risk assessments, and patient preference following informed consent.

# Cons



- Diagnostic yield(-) → SLB or not ?
- Availability
- Cryobiopsy team
- Cost benefit
- Profitability
- Expertise (pulmonologist and pathologist)

# Case



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mMRC gr 2

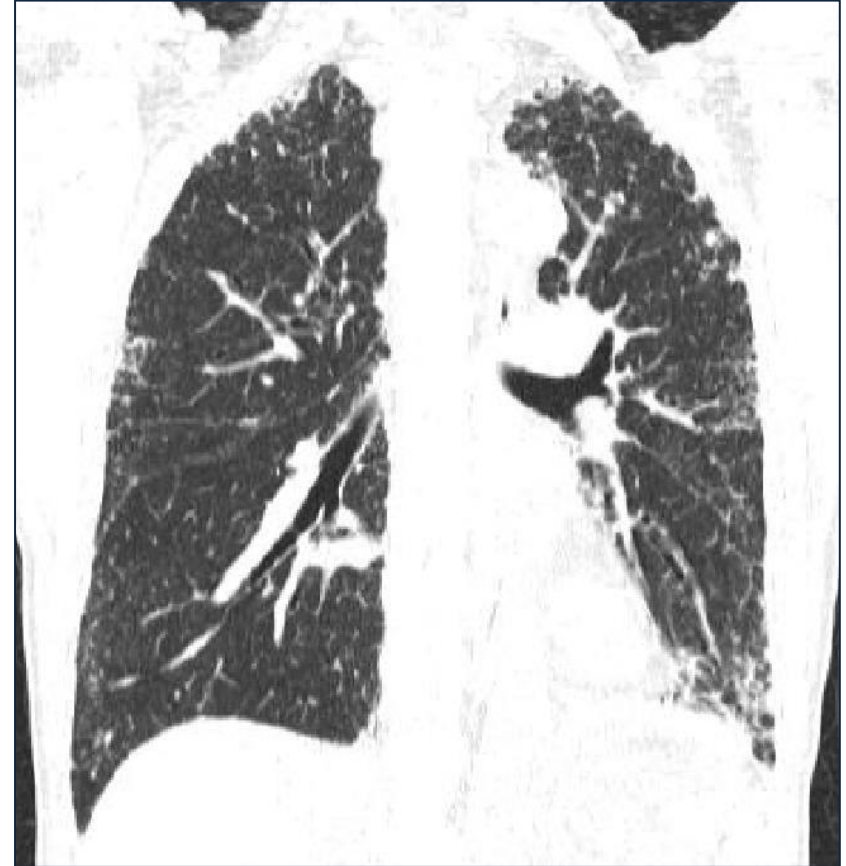
• PFT

Ratio	88 %
FVC	53 %
FEV1, predicted	59%
DLco, corrected	54 %

• 6MWT

	Baseline	End of test
Heart rate	89	117
Dyspnea(Borg scale)	1	3
Fatigue(Borg scale)	0	0
SpO2	96	84
Total distance walked in 6 minutes: 309m		

# Case



Upper lung pre-dominant  
or  
Upper lung and lower lung co-involvement

# 경기관지 폐냉동생검



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  - 나. 신의료기술평가에 관한 규칙 제4조(보건복지부령 제651호, 2019.7.4.)
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  - 라. 2020년 제6차 신의료기술평가위원회 개최 결과 보고(평가사업단-1880, 2020.7.7.)
  - 마. 신의료기술평가신청서("경기관지 폐냉동생검", 접수일: 2019.12.13.)
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# Ideal diagnostic tool for ILD



- Minimally invasive **TBLC > VATS**
- Large biopsy specimens **TBLC < VATS**
- Multiple sites for spatial heterogeneity **TBLC ~ VATS**
- Diagnostic yield **TBLC < VATS**
- Inexpensive **TBLC ~ VATS**
- Minimal crush artifact **TBLC ~ VATS**
- Safety compared to SLB **TBLC > VATS**

# Summary



- Diagnostic yield (MDD > Histopathologic)
- Safety
- Indication
- Hurdles in Korea
- Experienced center  
(interventional bronchoscopist and pathologist)
- **Safety >>> Diagnostic yield**

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