

Diagnosis of Small Airway Disease

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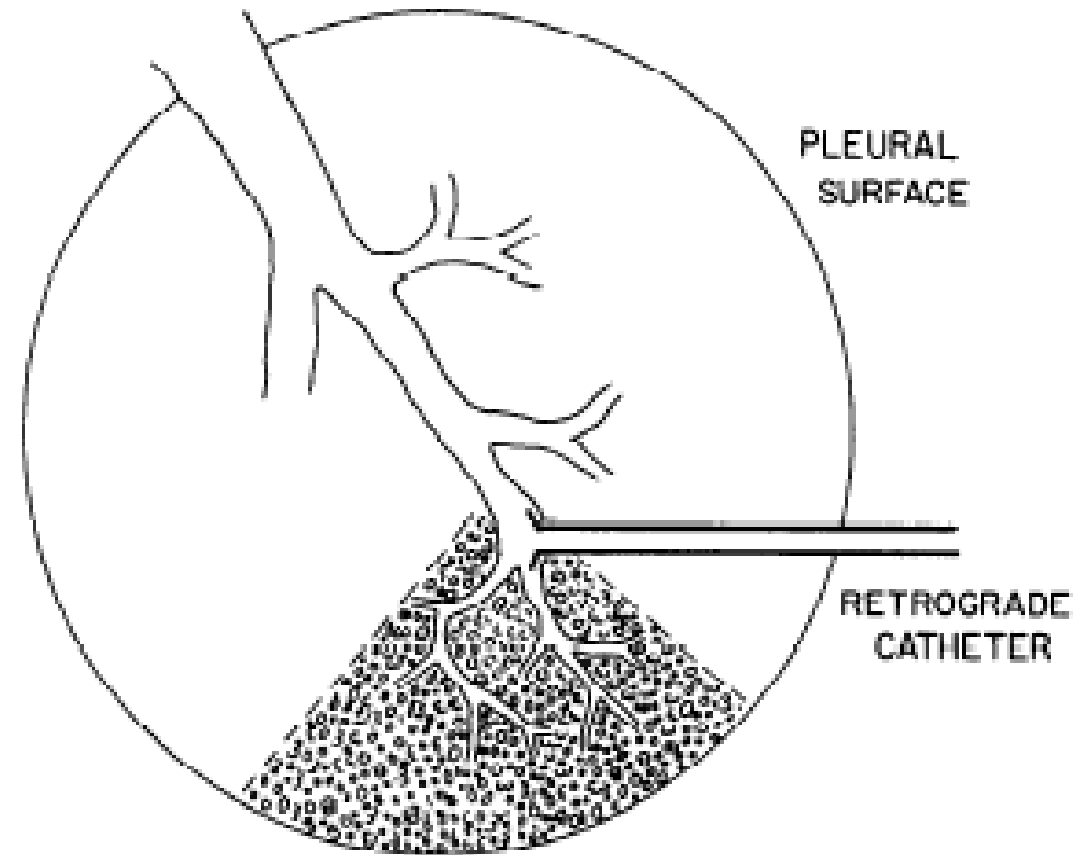
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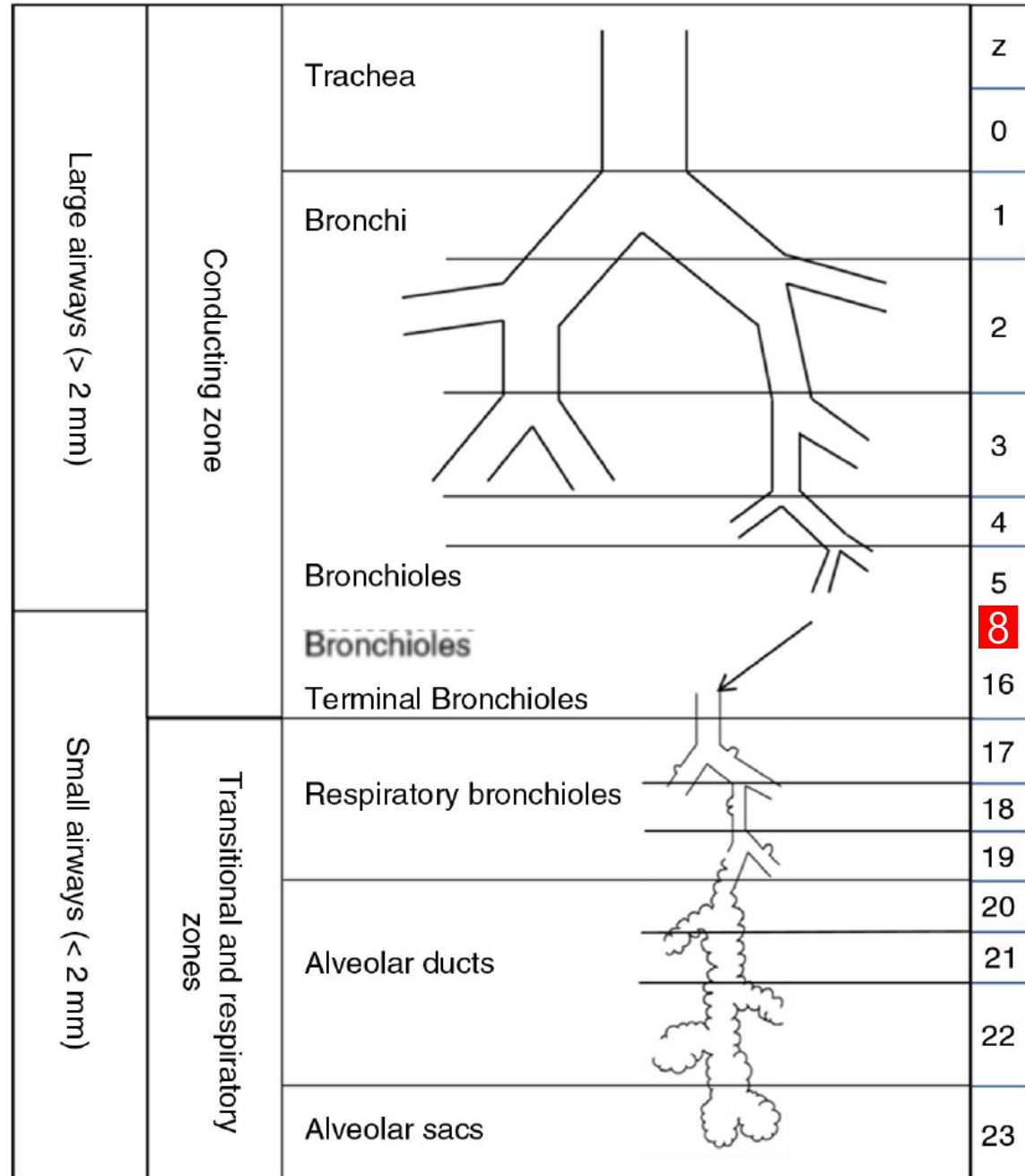
Hogg et al. (1968)

- introduce the term small airways
- major site of airway resistance in patients with emphysema



MACKLEM AND MEAD (1967)

Airway generations

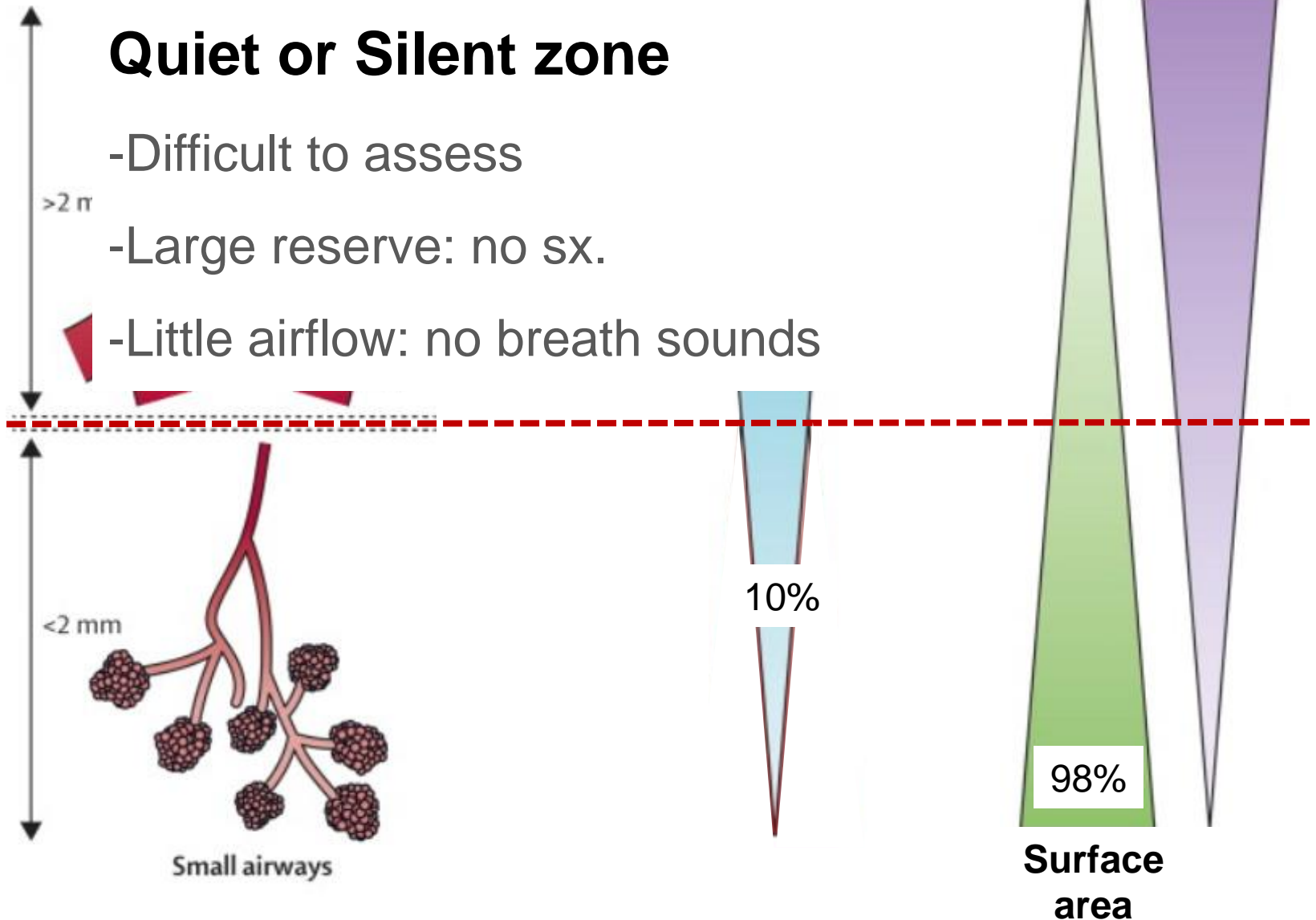


Resistance

Airflow

Quiet or Silent zone

- Difficult to assess
- Large reserve: no sx.
- Little airflow: no breath sounds



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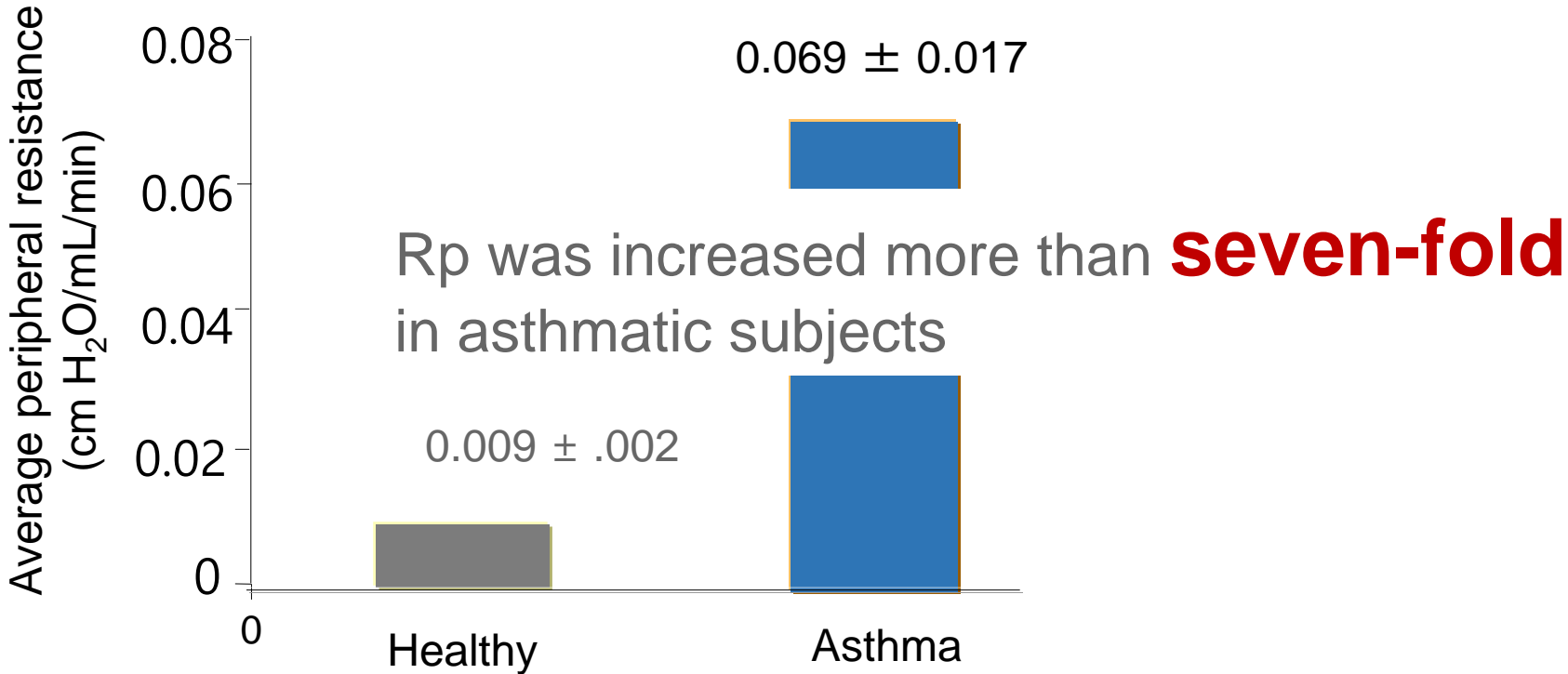
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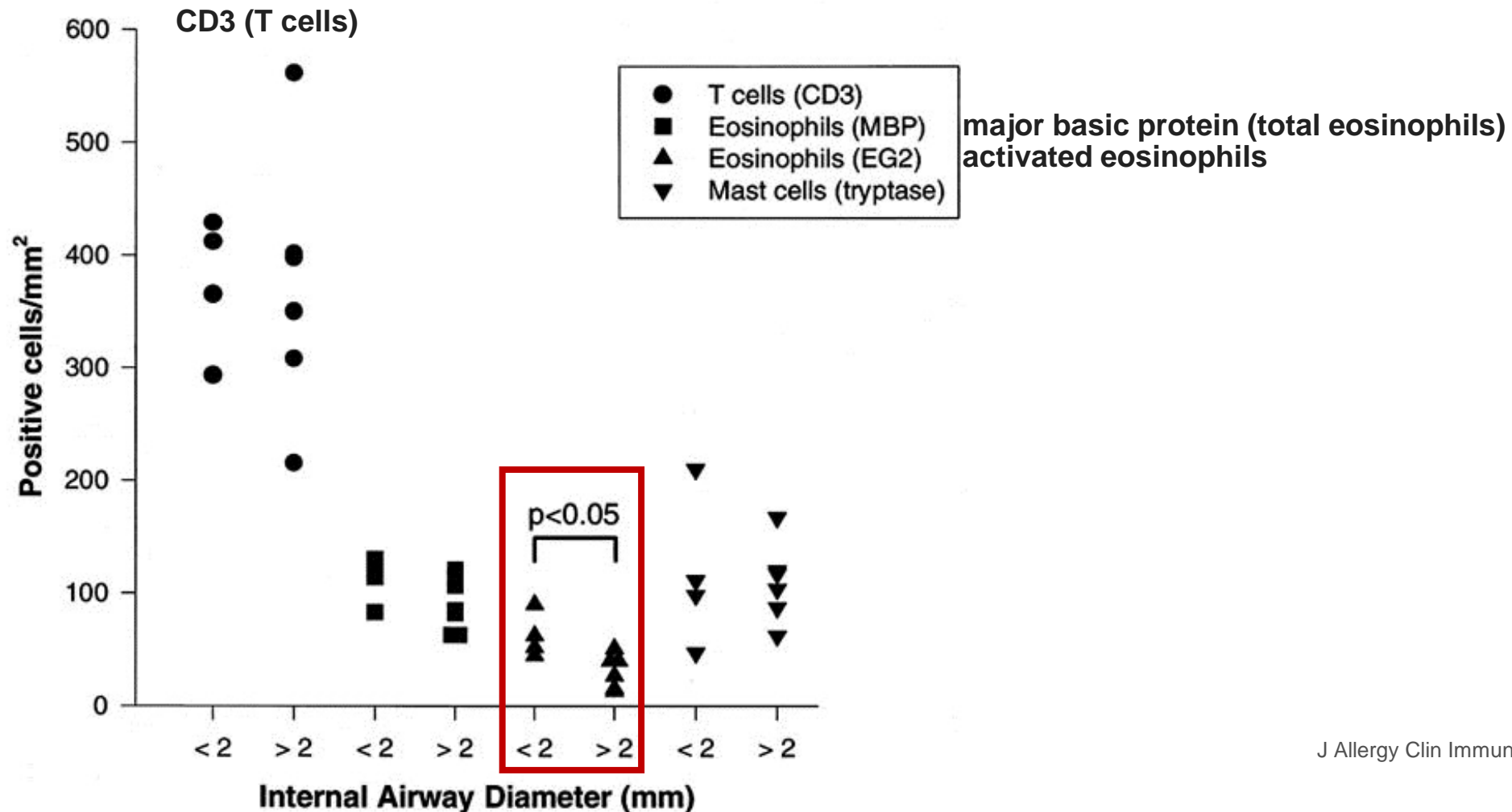
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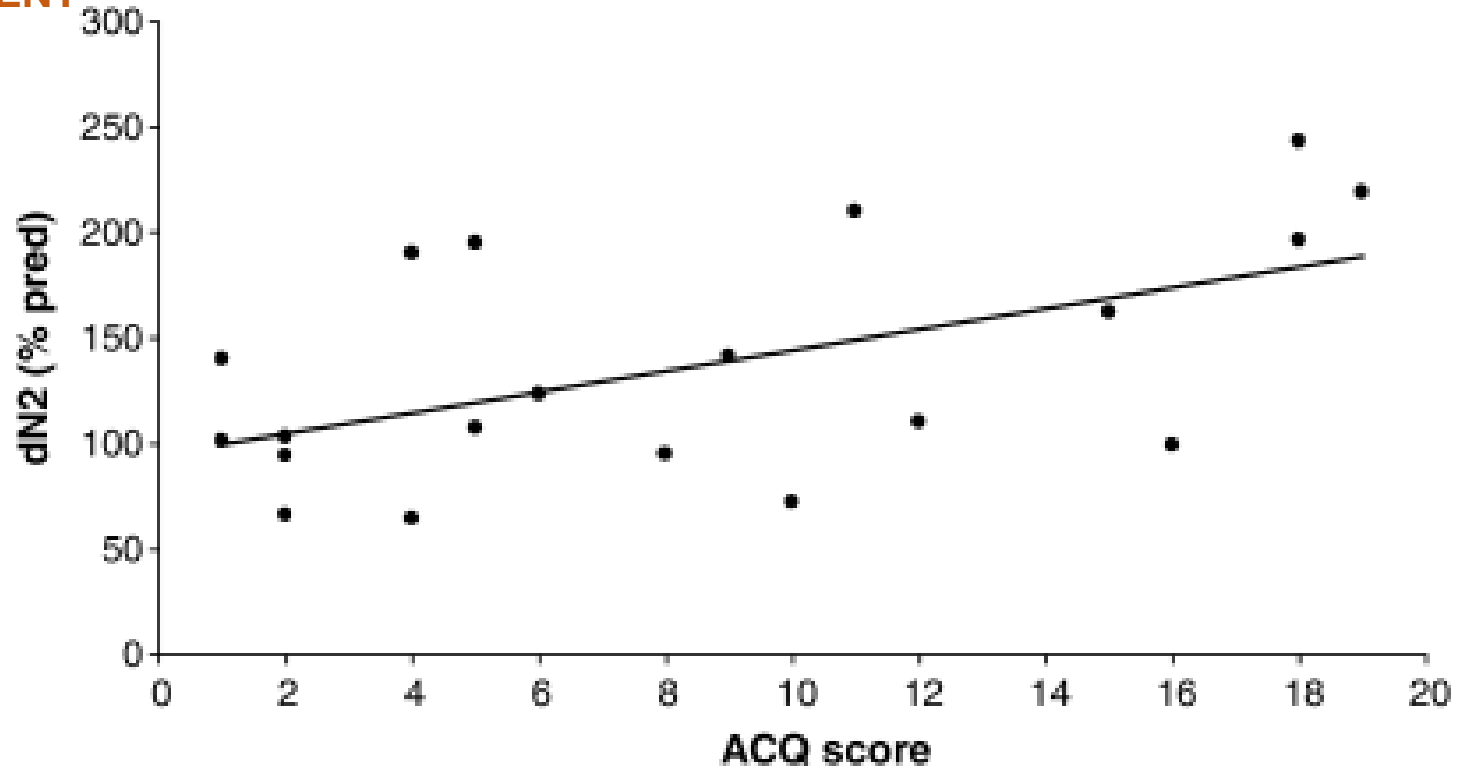
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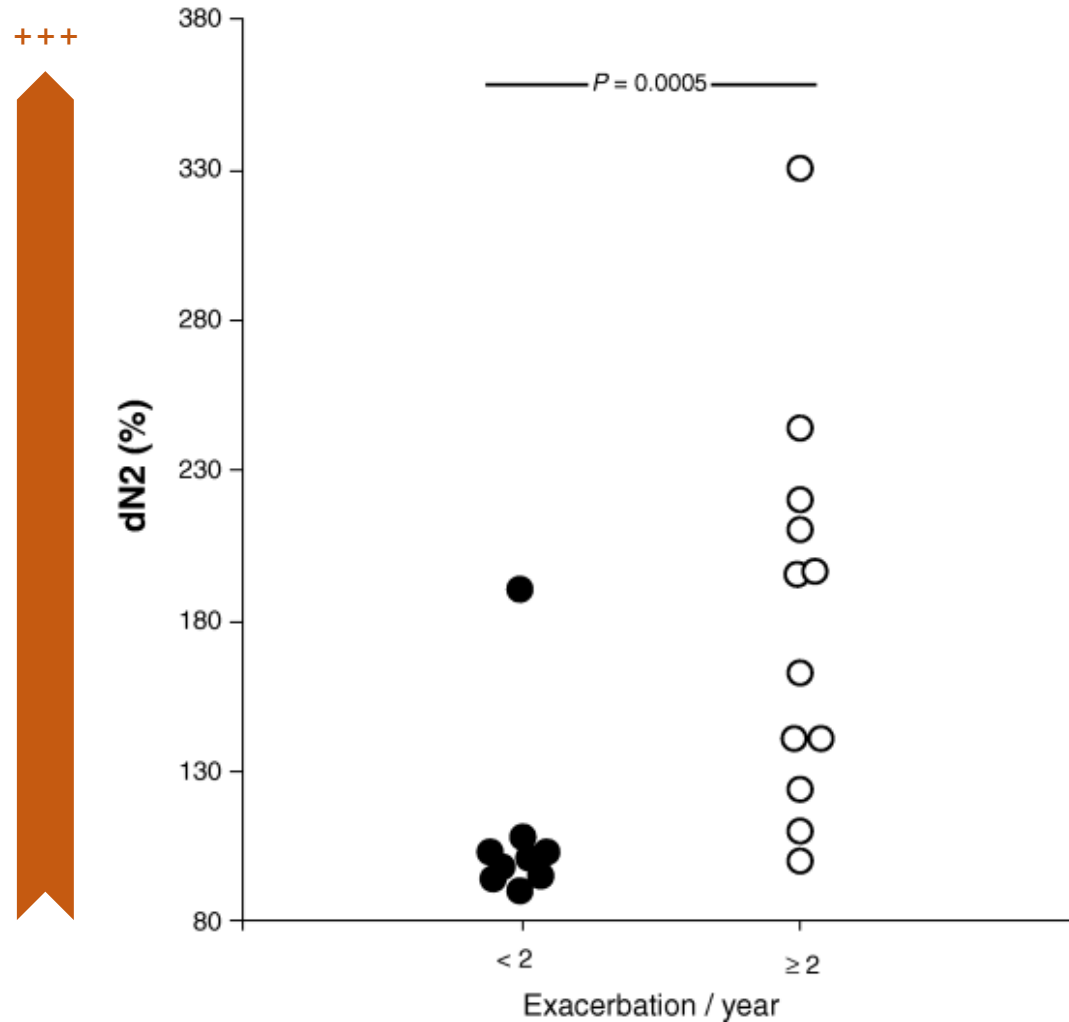
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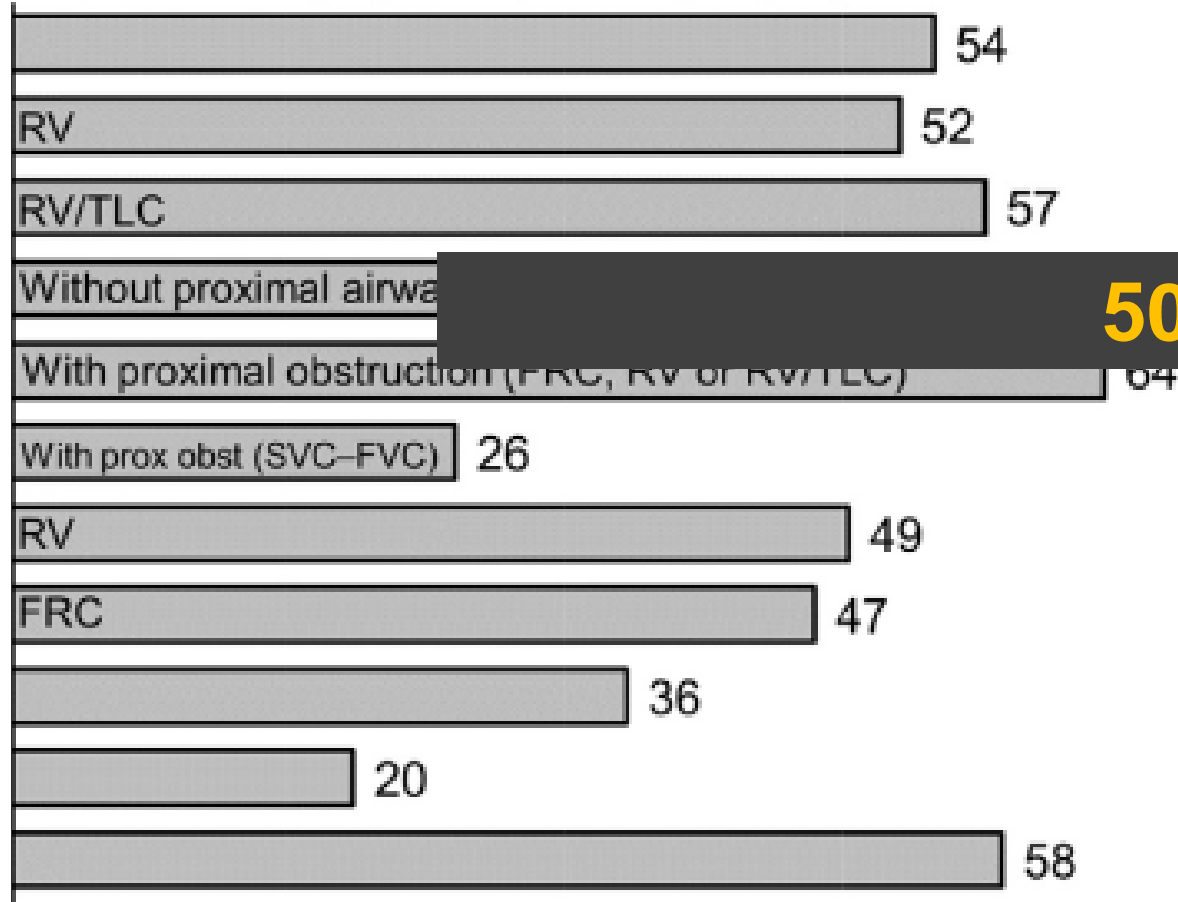
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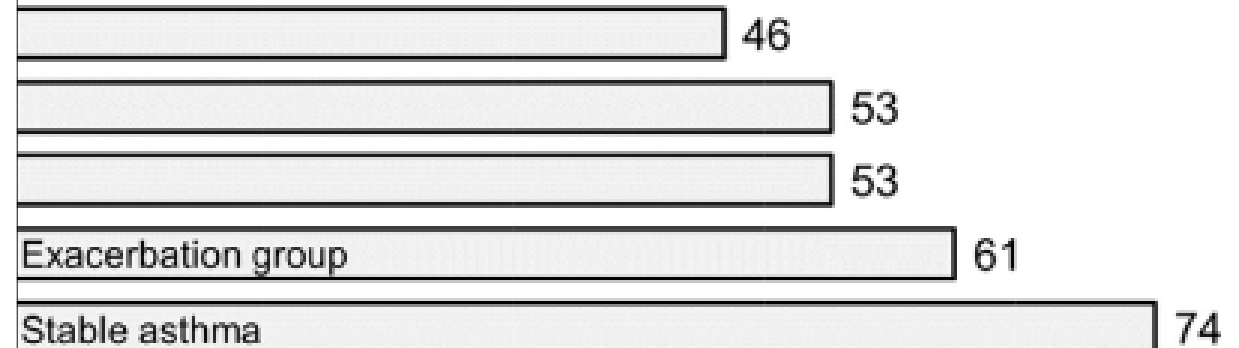


Impulse oscillometry



50-60%

Nitrogen washout



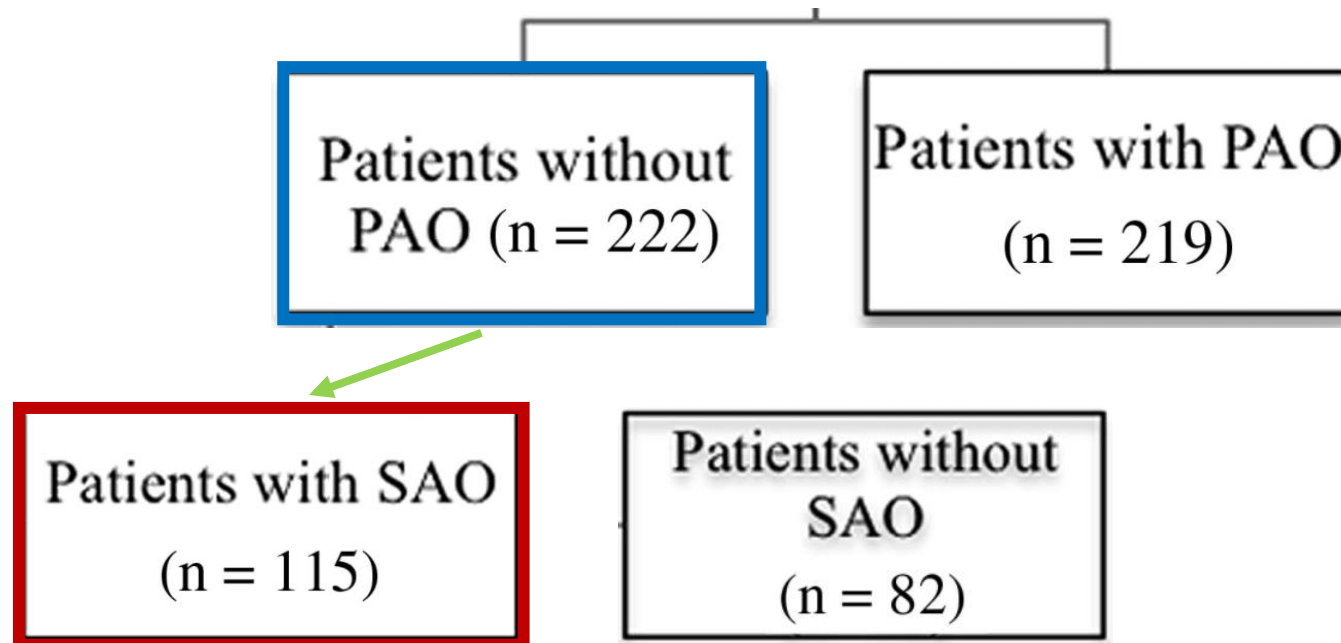
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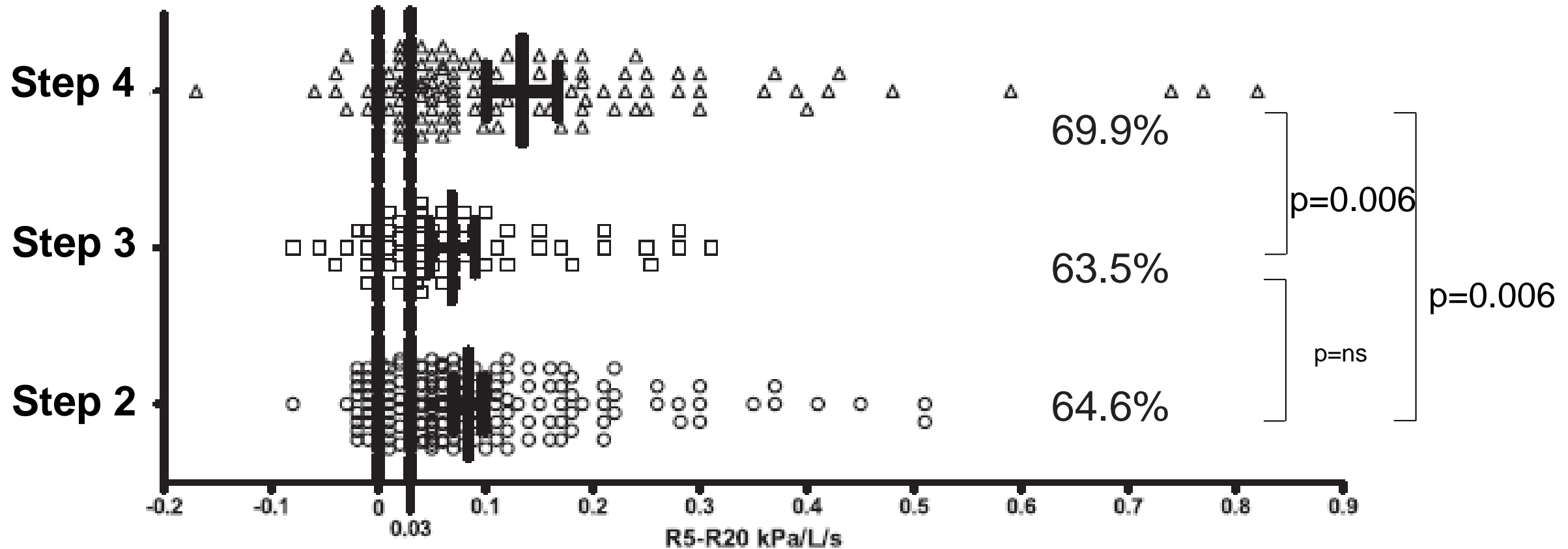
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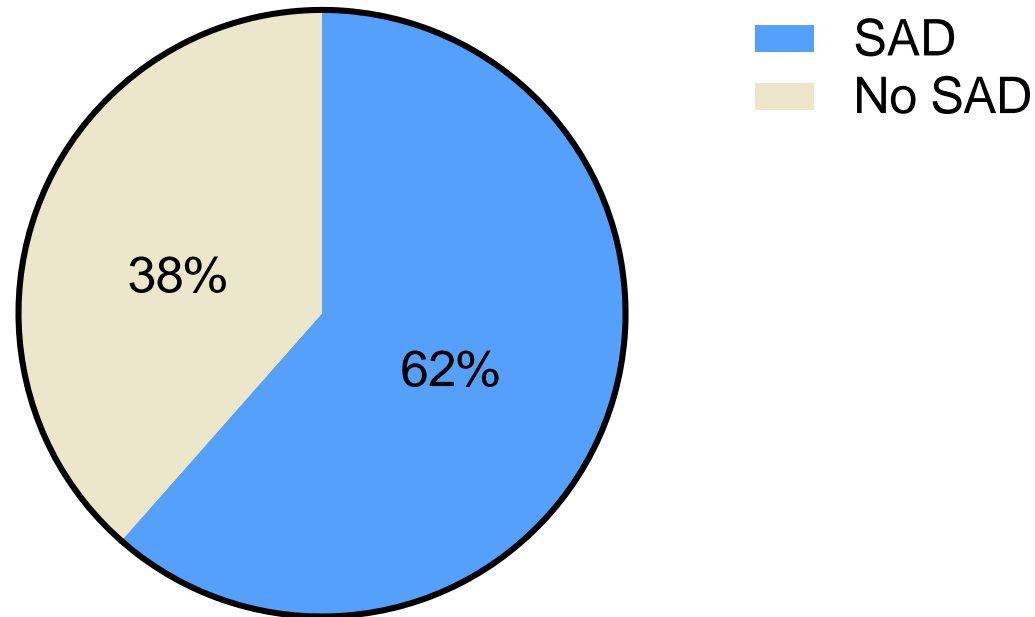
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Clinical Characterization and Predictors of IOS-Defined Small-Airway Dysfunction in Asthma



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6.39

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| Overweight, BMI > 25 kg/m ² | 4.07 | 2.43-6.83 | <.0001 | 3.64 | 1.99-6.85 | <.0001 |
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| Extrafine ICS use | 0.13 | 0.08-0.20 | <.0001 | — | — | — |
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EIA sx.**Obese****3.64**

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EIA sx.
Obese

Night sx.

3.34

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Obese
Night sx.
Age ≥ 50

Smoker
3.06

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Night sx.
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| Smoking, former or current | 4.80 | | <.0001 | 3.06 | 1.60-6.05 | .0006 |
| Presence of atopy | 0.61 | | .0217 | — | — | — |
| Eosinophil count > 300 mm ³ | 2.62 | | <.0001 | — | — | — |
| Feno >25 ppb | 2.94 | | <.0001 | 2.05 | 1.14-3.70 | .0164 |
| Asthma duration > 15.0 y | 1.59 | | .0273 | — | — | — |
| FEV ₁ < 80% | 3.64 | | <.0001 | — | — | — |
| FEV ₁ /FVC < 70% | 1.76 | | .0139 | — | — | — |
| FEF ₂₅₋₇₅ < 60% | 3.35 | | <.0001 | — | — | — |
| Asthma control (UC and PC vs WC) | 9.25 | | <.0001 | — | — | — |
| Asthma exacerbations | 6.32 | | <.0001 | — | — | — |
| Emergency room visit | 6.19 | | <.0001 | — | — | — |
| Hospitalization | 7.19 | | .0003 | — | — | — |
| Night awakenings due to asthma | 8.24 | 5.09-13.74 | <.0001 | 3.34 | 1.85-6.17 | <.0001 |
| EIA symptoms | 9.99 | 6.27-16.31 | <.0001 | 6.39 | 3.65- 11.45 | <.0001 |
| High ICS dosage* | 4.45 | 0.78-83.63 | .1644 | — | — | — |
| Extrafine ICS use | 0.13 | 0.08-0.20 | <.0001 | — | — | — |
| Antileukotriene use | 3.60 | 1.84-7.75 | <.0001 | — | — | — |

EIA sx.
Obese
Night sx.
Age \geq 50
Smoker
Female
FeNO>25



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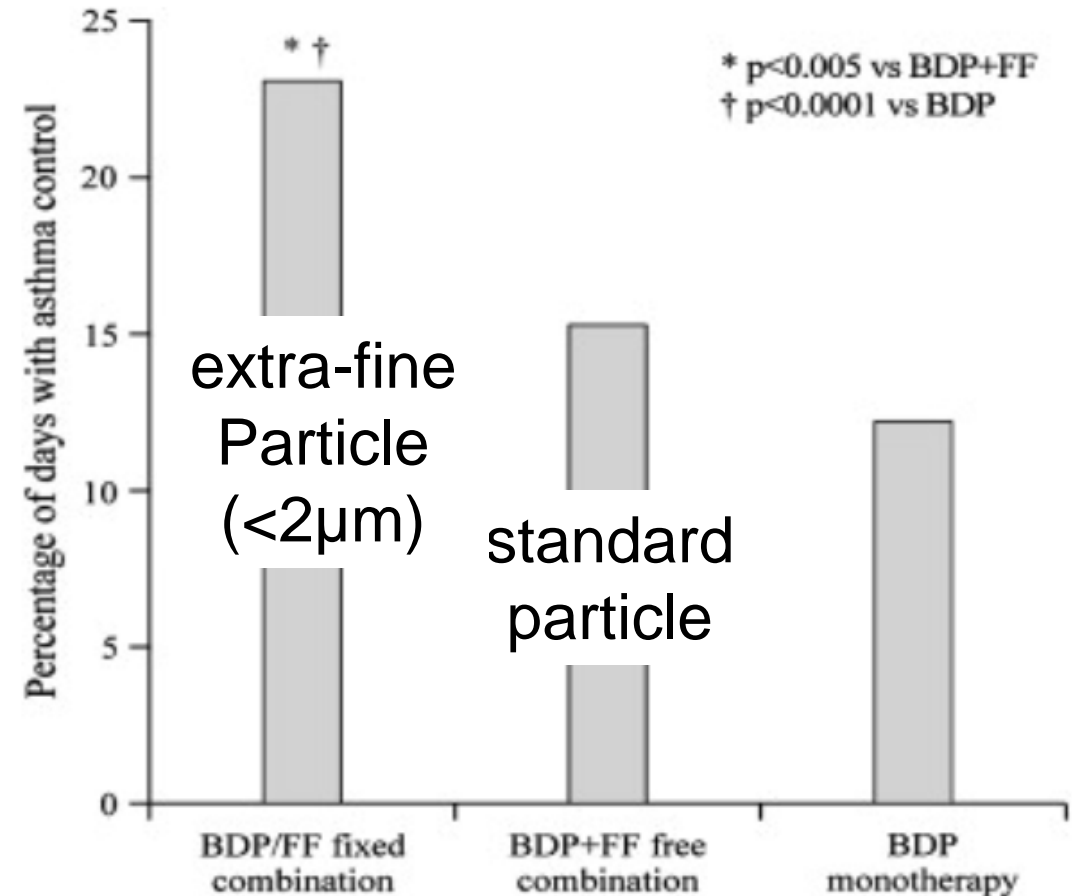
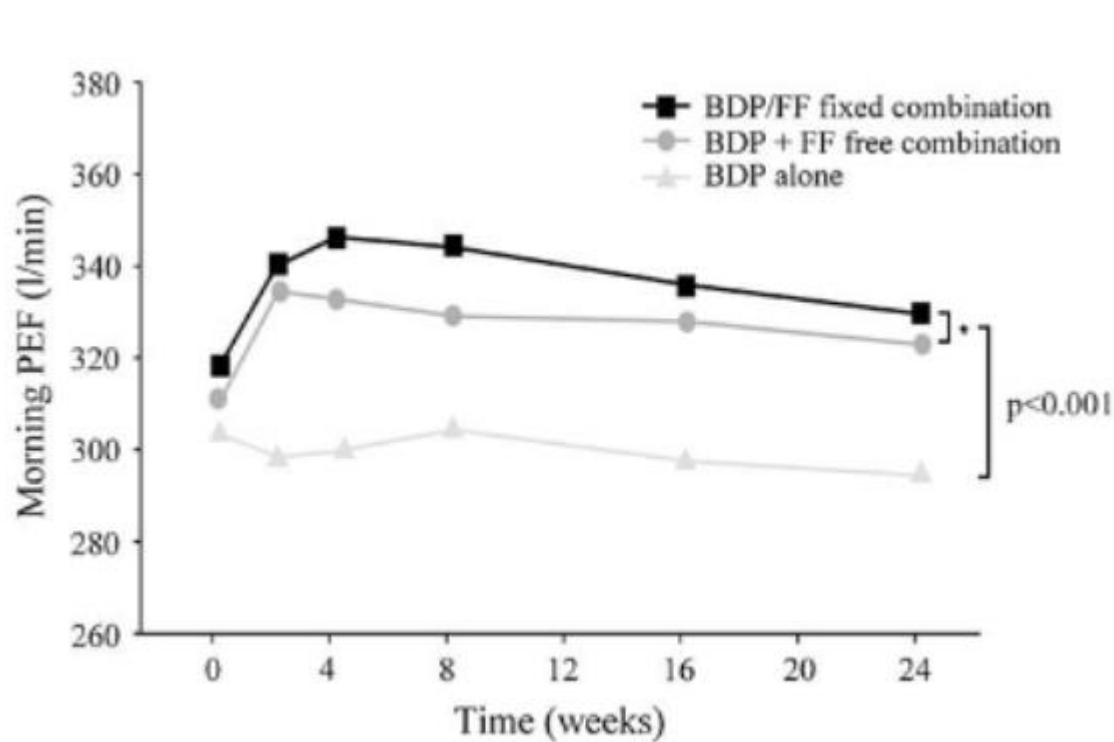
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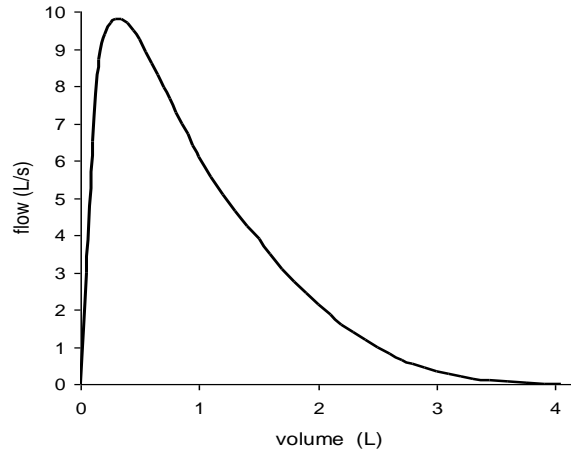
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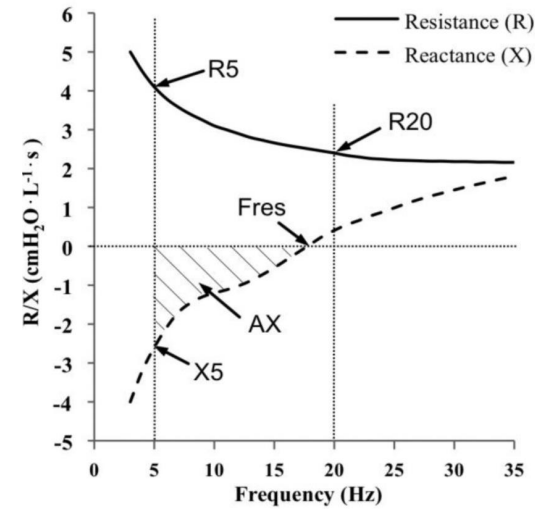
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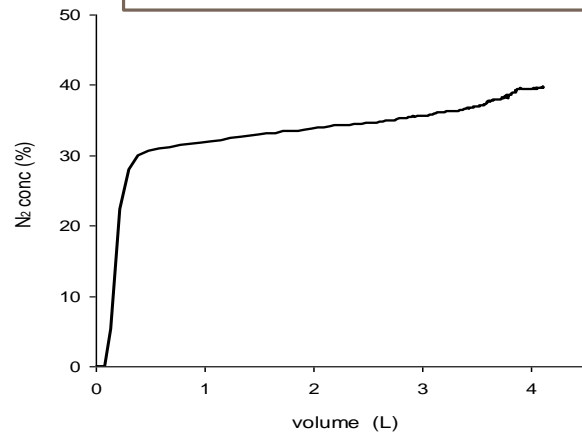
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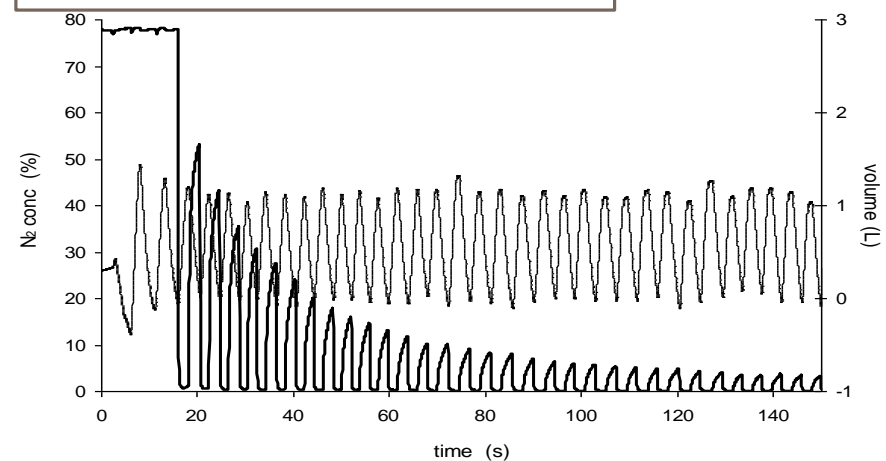
Impulse oscillometry (IOS)



Single breath washout



Multiple breath washout



Large Airway Function

FEV1

FEV1/FVC

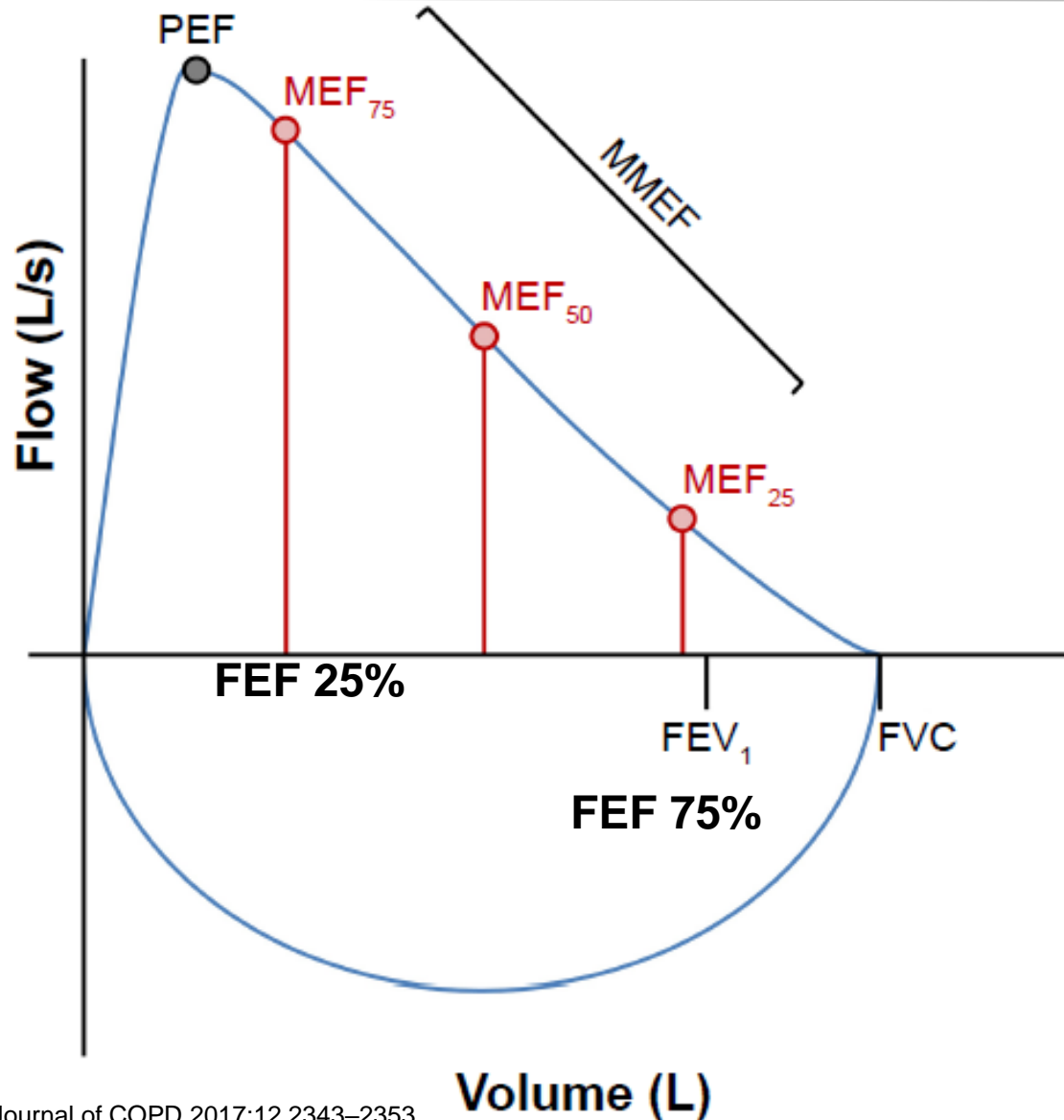
Small Airway Function

FEF 25-75%

FVC/SVC

FVC

FEF 25-75%



Well correlated with Clinical outcome

- disease severity
- control status
- airway hyperresponsiveness

Disadvantages

- Broad normal range
- Less reproducible than FEV₁
- Difficult to interpret if the FVC is reduced or increased

FVC/SVC

| SUBJECT CATEGORY | GROUP | FVC | SVC |
|------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Normals | – | 3.57 ± 0.82 | 3.50 ± 0.82 |
| Asthmatics | Group 1 (<i>n</i> = 26)* | 3.19 ± 0.77 | 3.22 ± 0.76 |
| | Group 2 (<i>n</i> = 20)** | 2.69 ± 0.81 | 2.81 ± 0.84 |
| | Group 3 (<i>n</i> = 20)** | 2.23 ± 0.46 | 2.40 ± 0.42 |

| SUBJECT CATEGORY | GROUP | SVC–FVC |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Normals | – | –67 (–140–2) |
| Asthmatics | Group 1 (<i>n</i> = 26) | 30 (–24–84) |
| | Group 2 (<i>n</i> = 20) | 127 (55–198) |
| | Group 3 (<i>n</i> = 20) | 163 (99–232) |

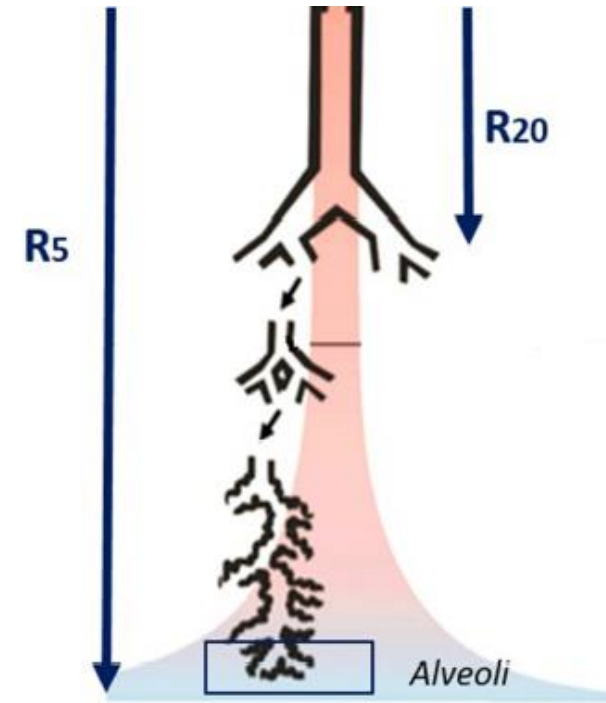
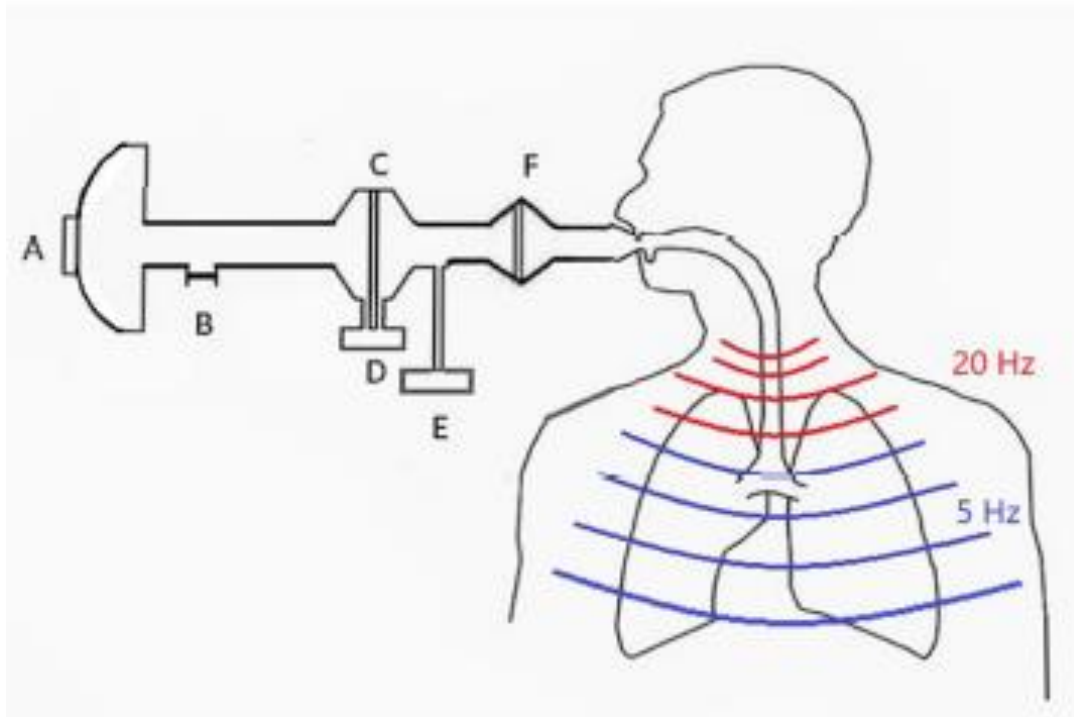


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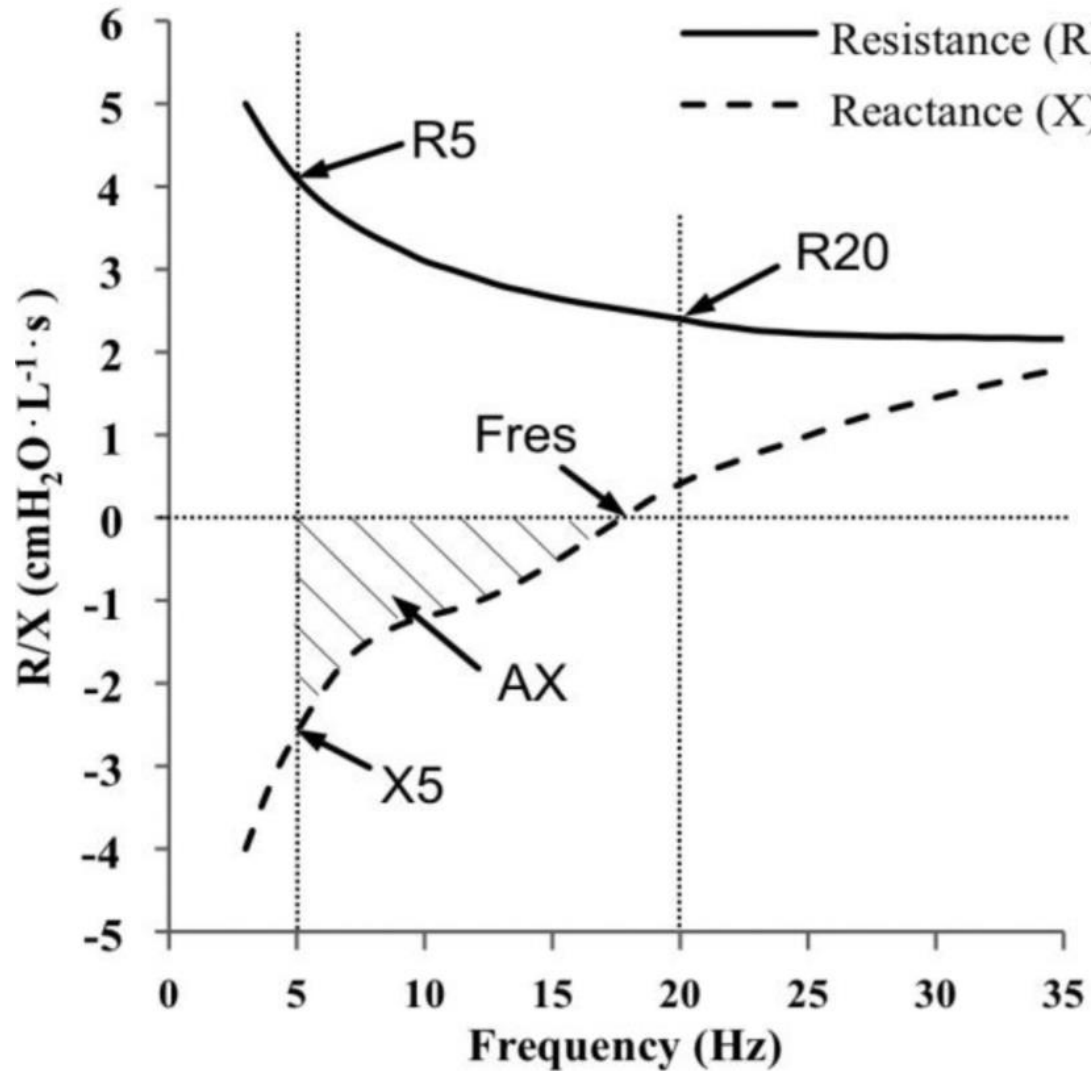
Impulse generator
5 - 20 Hz
Spectrum



R5: total airway resistance

R20: central airway resistance

IOS



Peripheral airway resistance;

R5-R20

X5

AX (reactance area under curve)

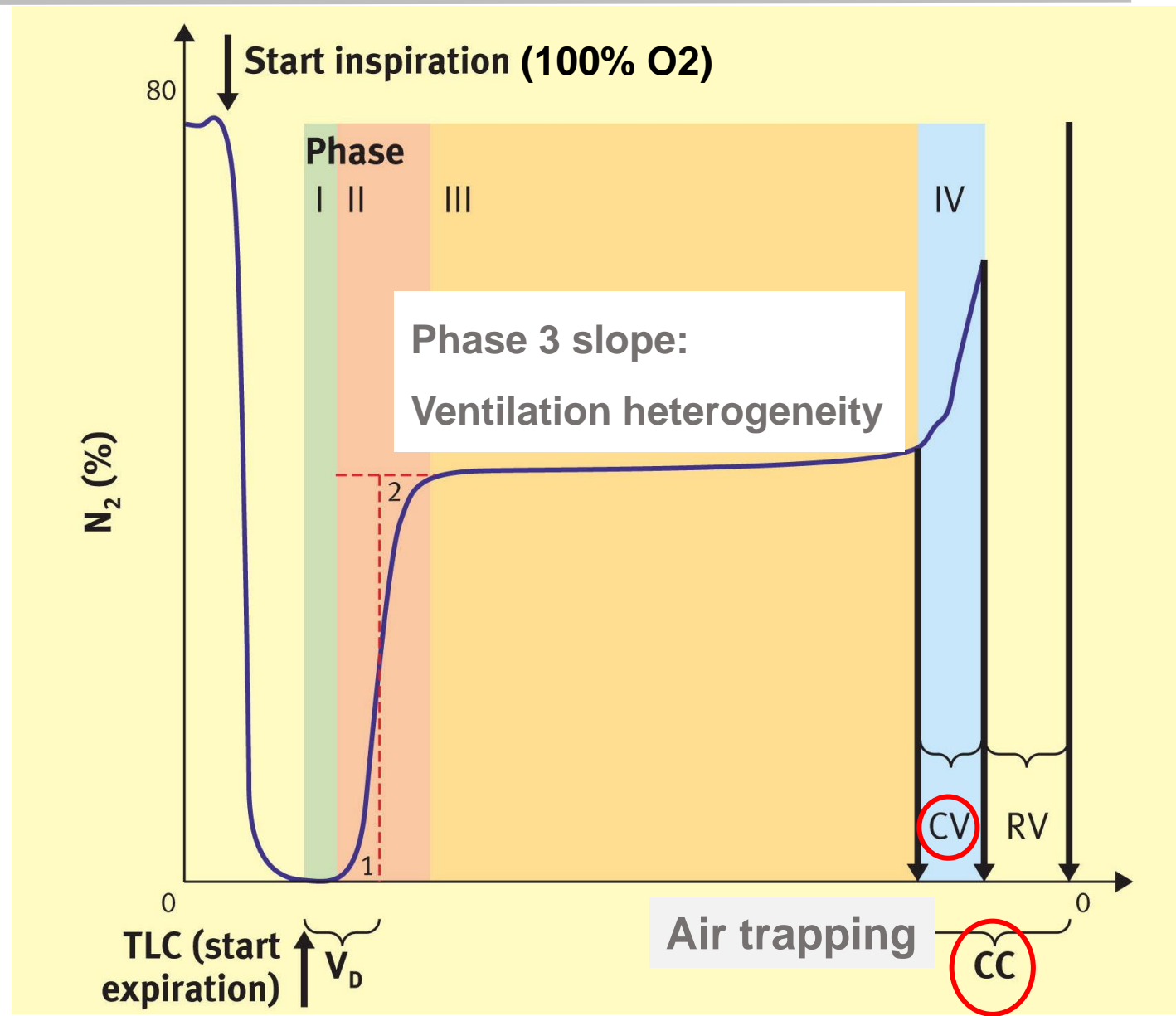
Single breath nitrogen washout test (SBNT)

Phase I: anatomical dead space

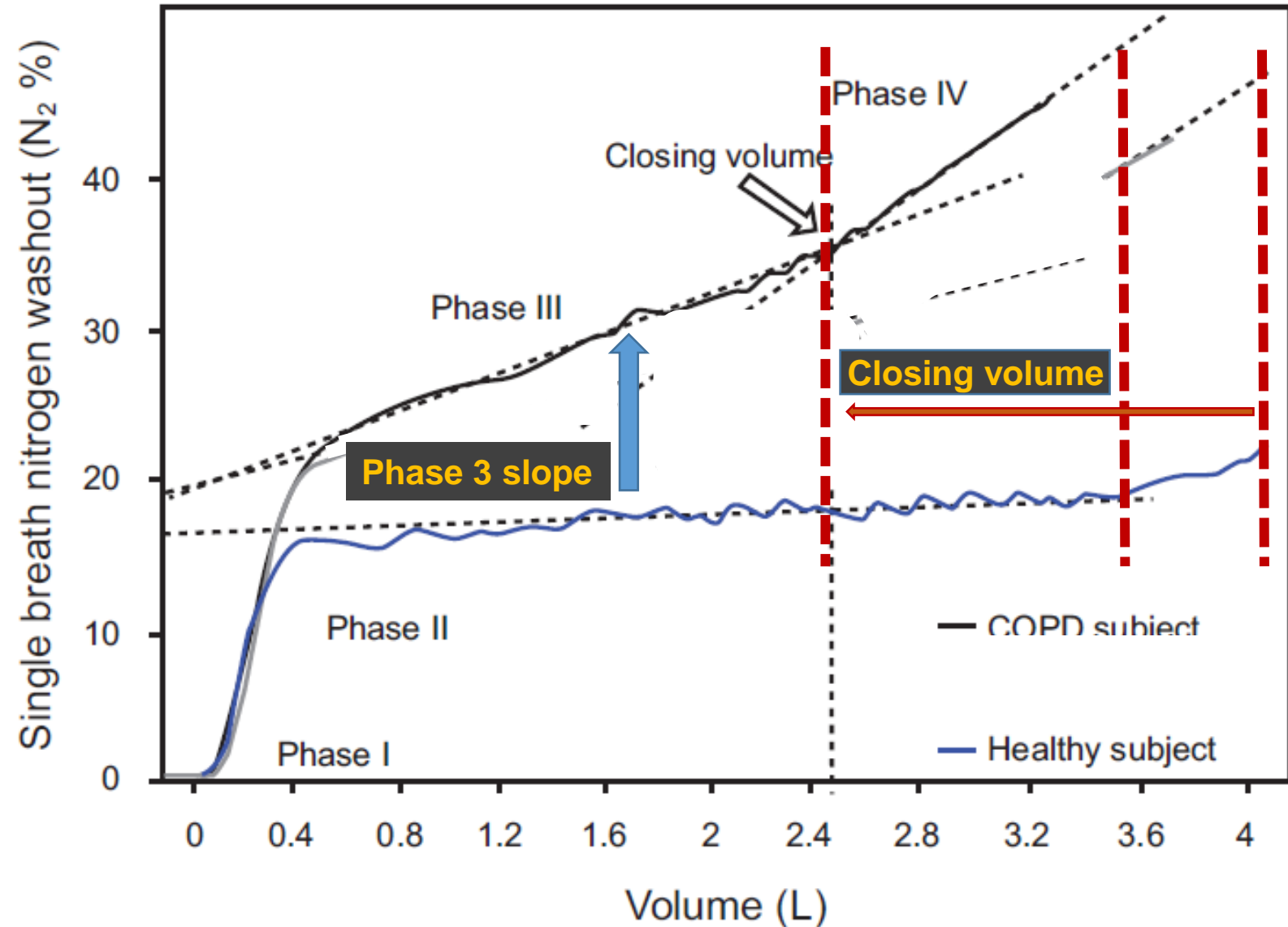
Phase II: bronchial phase

Phase III: alveolar phase

Phase IV: airway closure

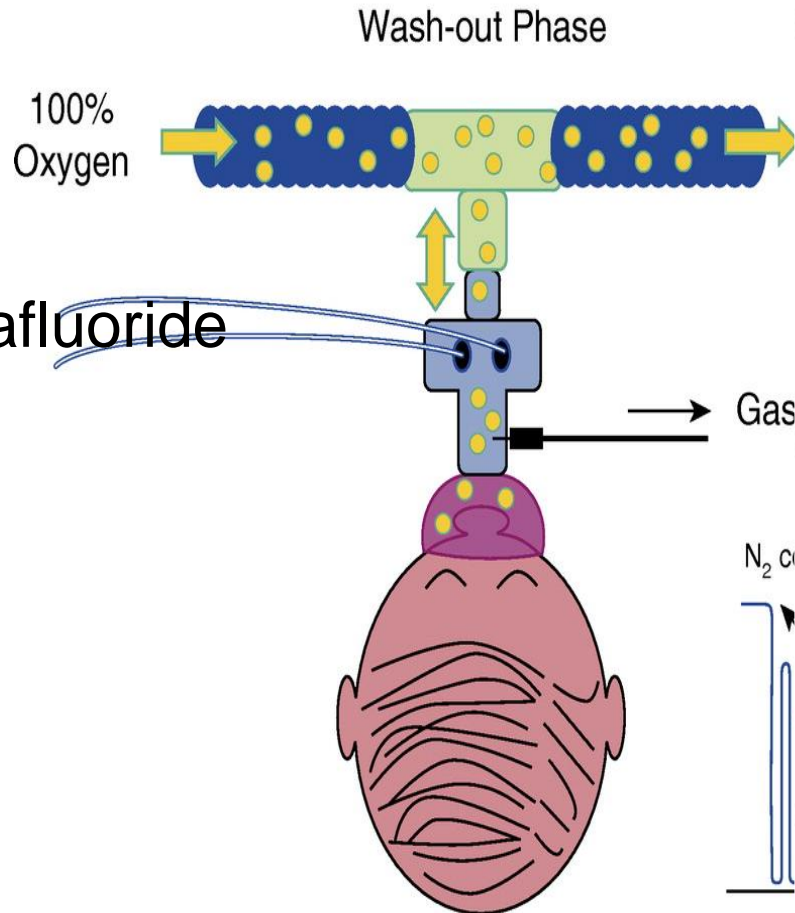


Single-breath nitrogen washout test in a healthy young subject and a subject with severe COPD

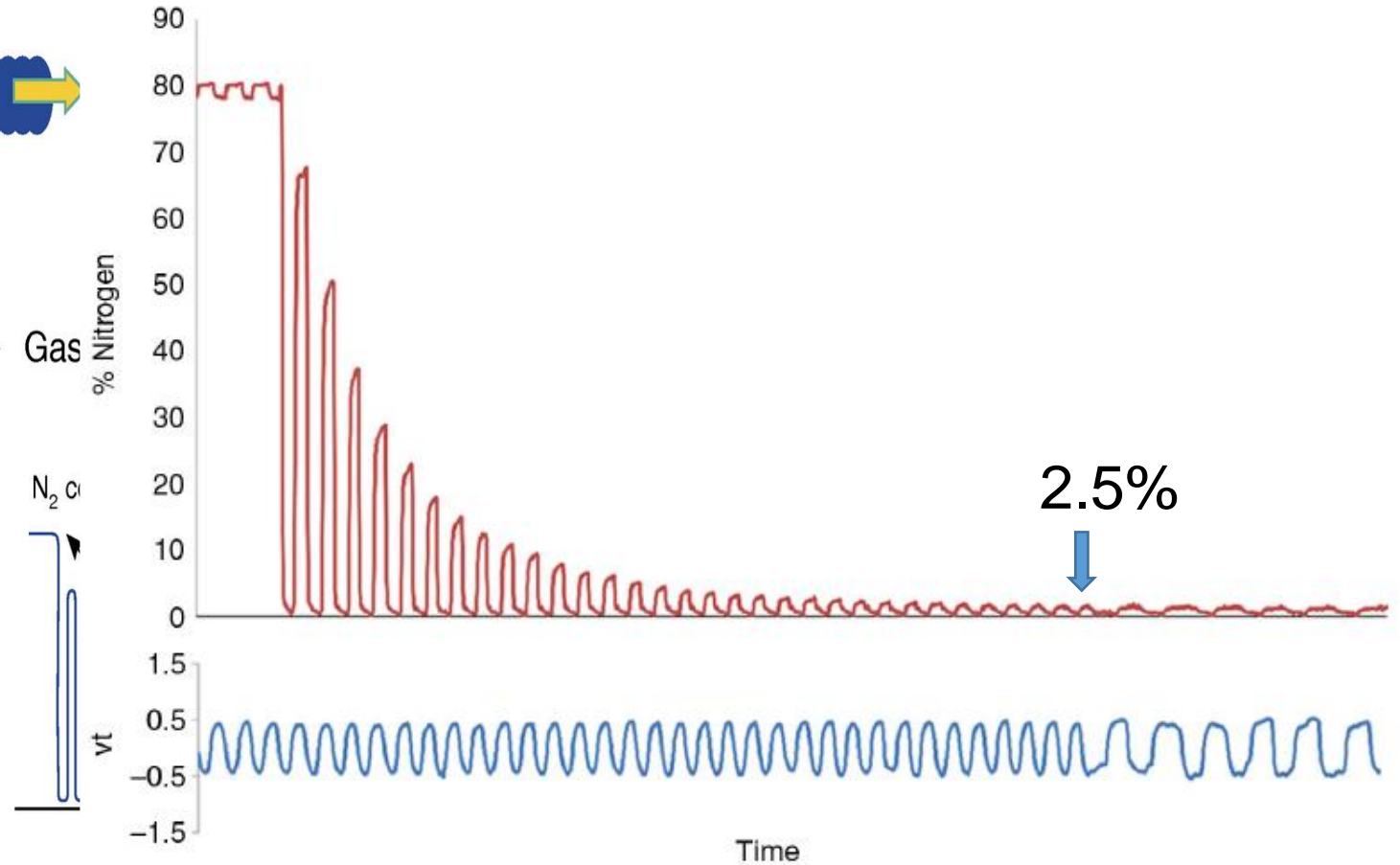


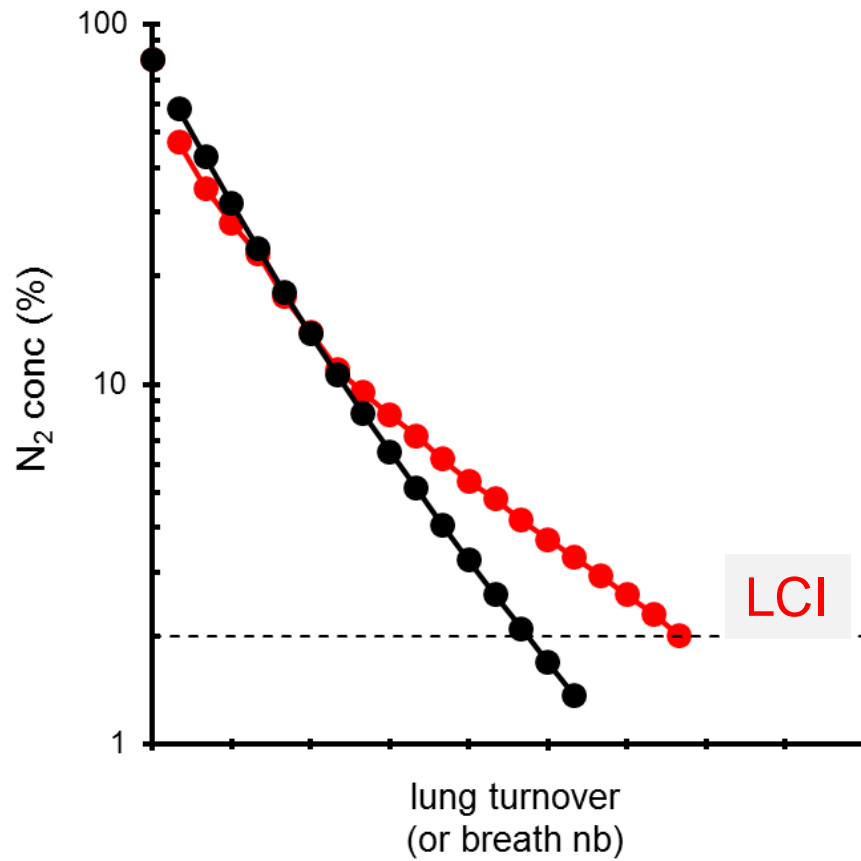
Multiple breath washout test (MBW)

Inert Gas:
Nitrogen
Sulfur hexafluoride



a) MBNW curve



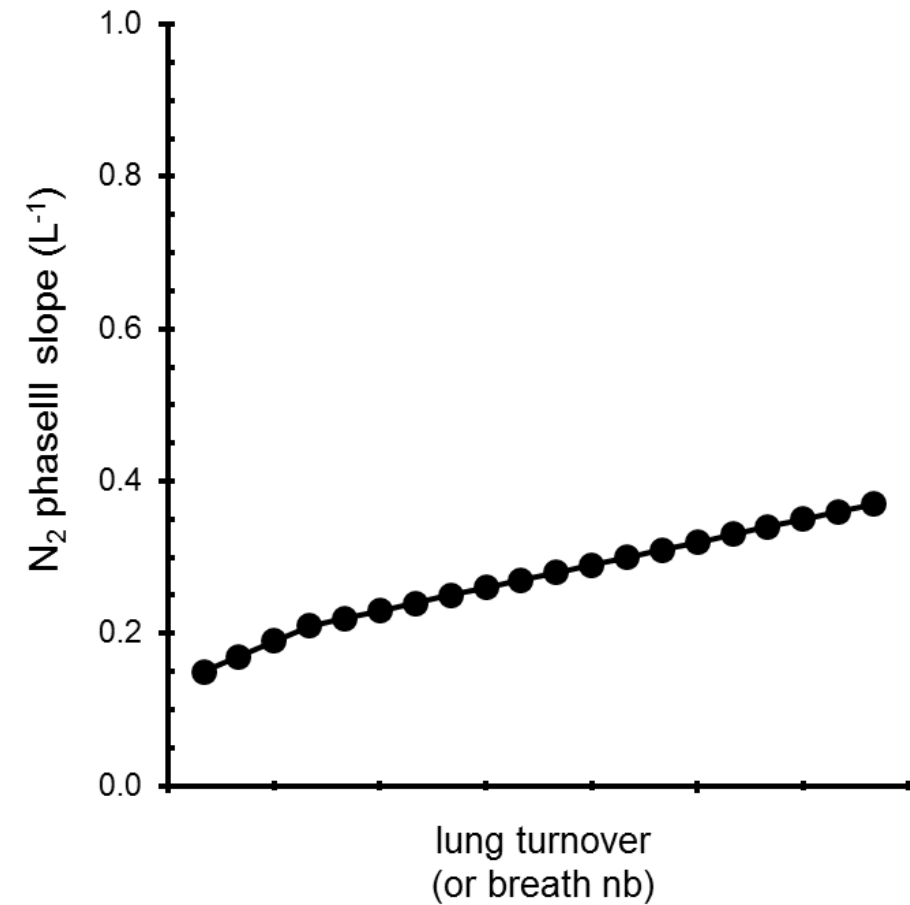
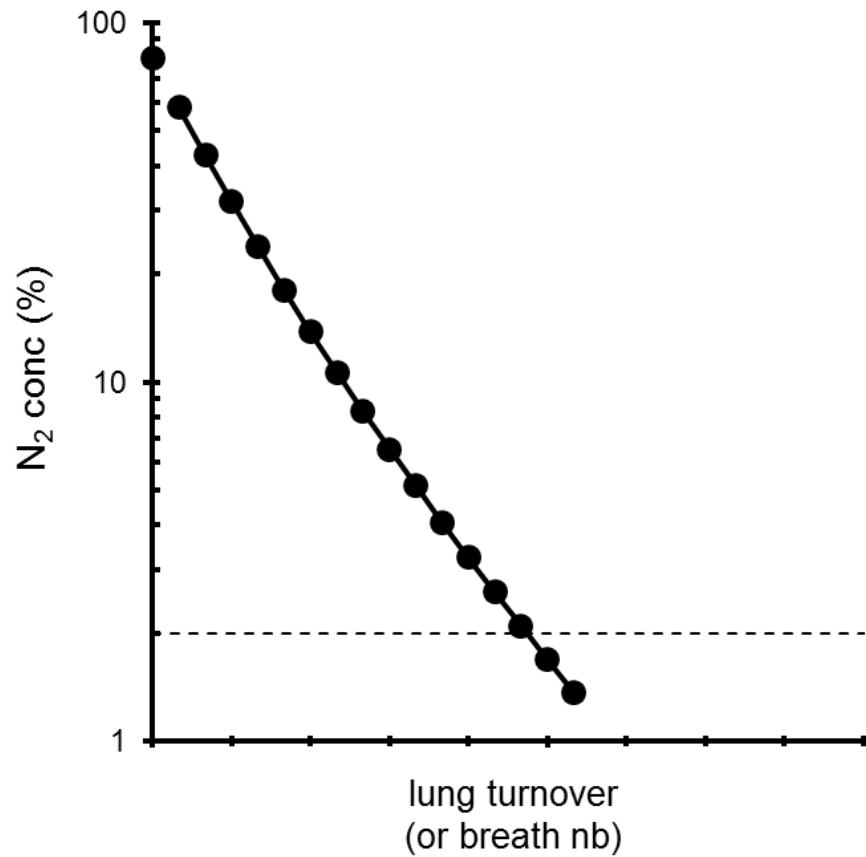


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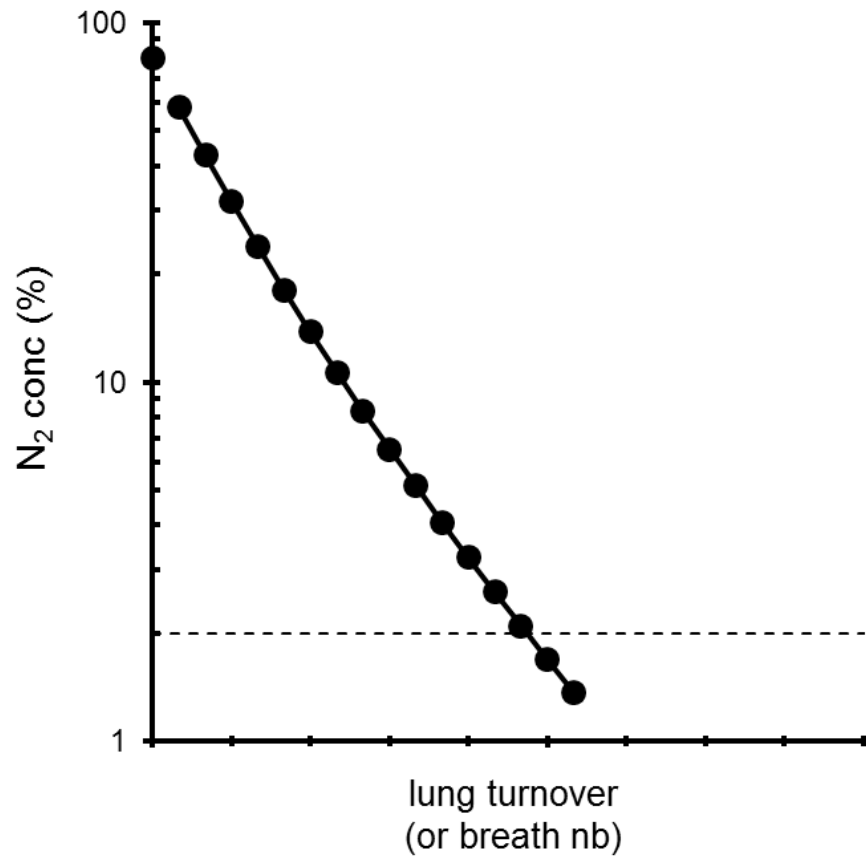
-Lung clearance index

=cumulative expiratory volume/FRC



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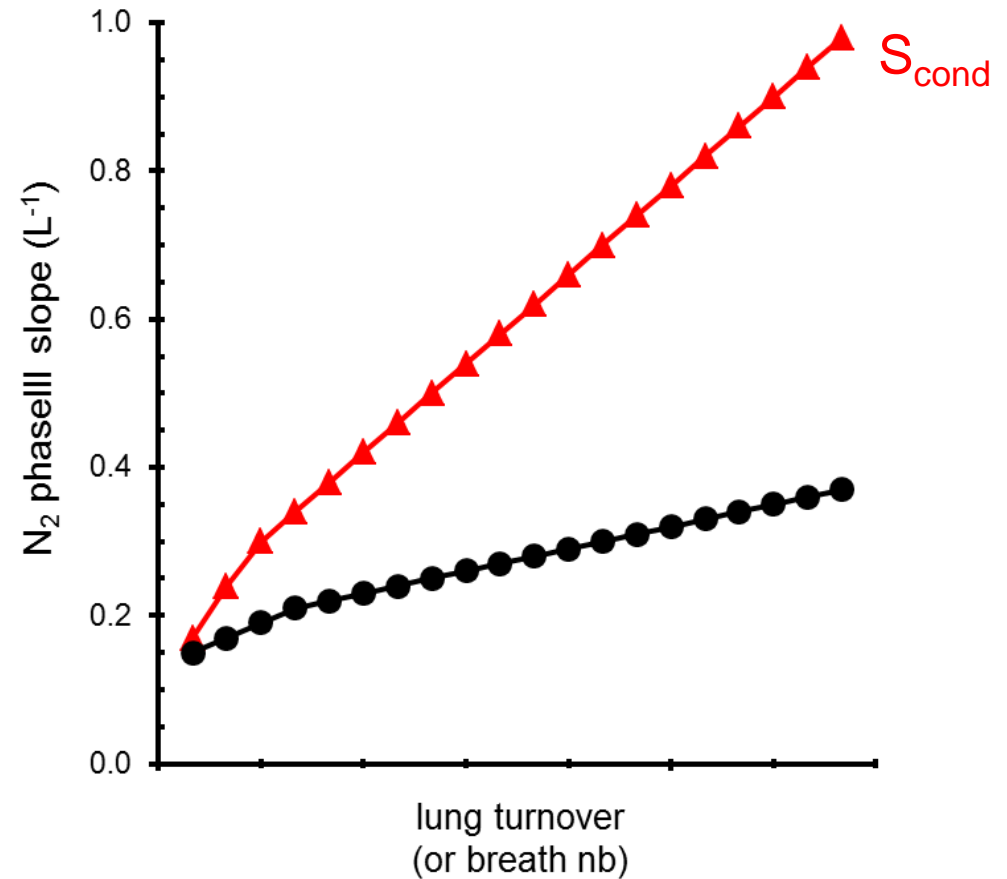


From breath-by-breath N_2 :

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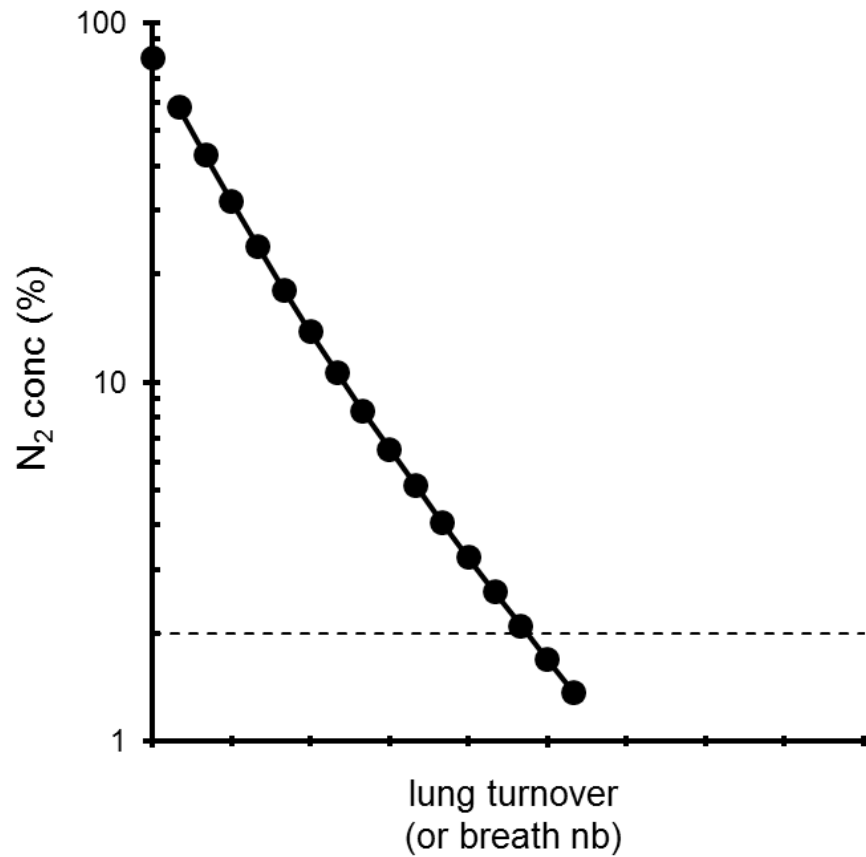
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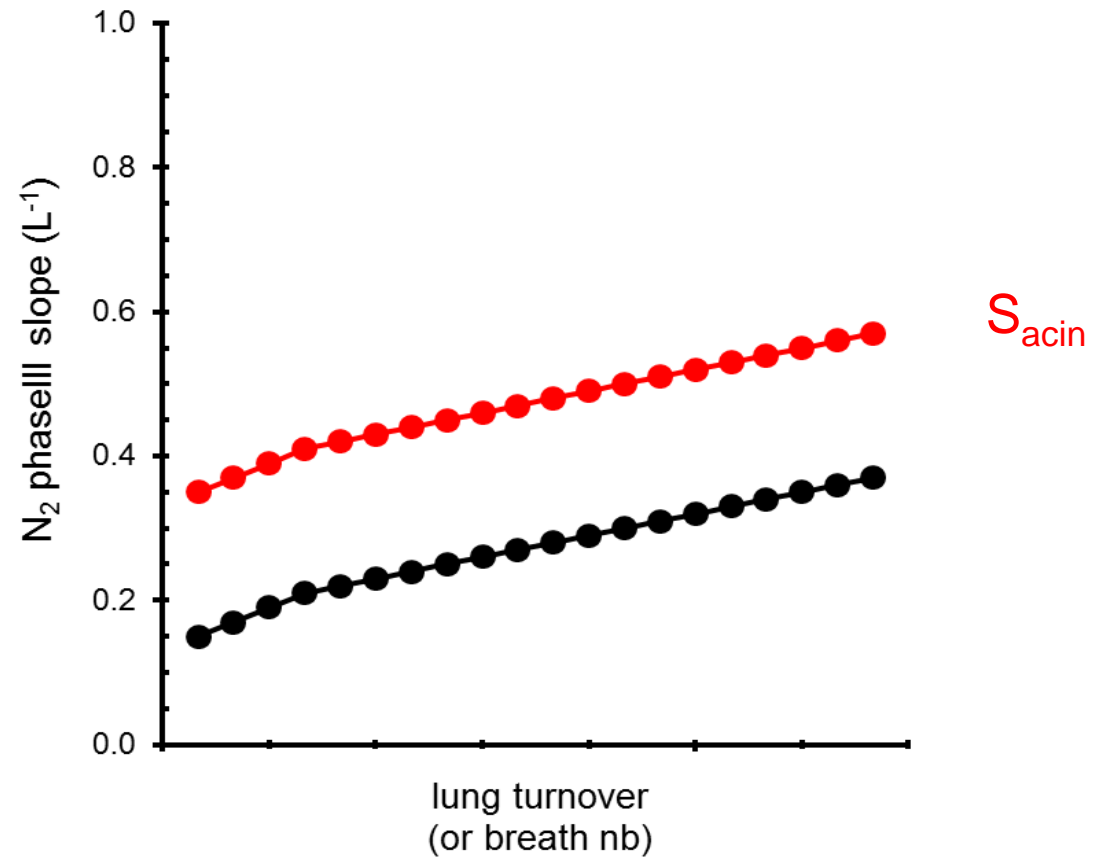
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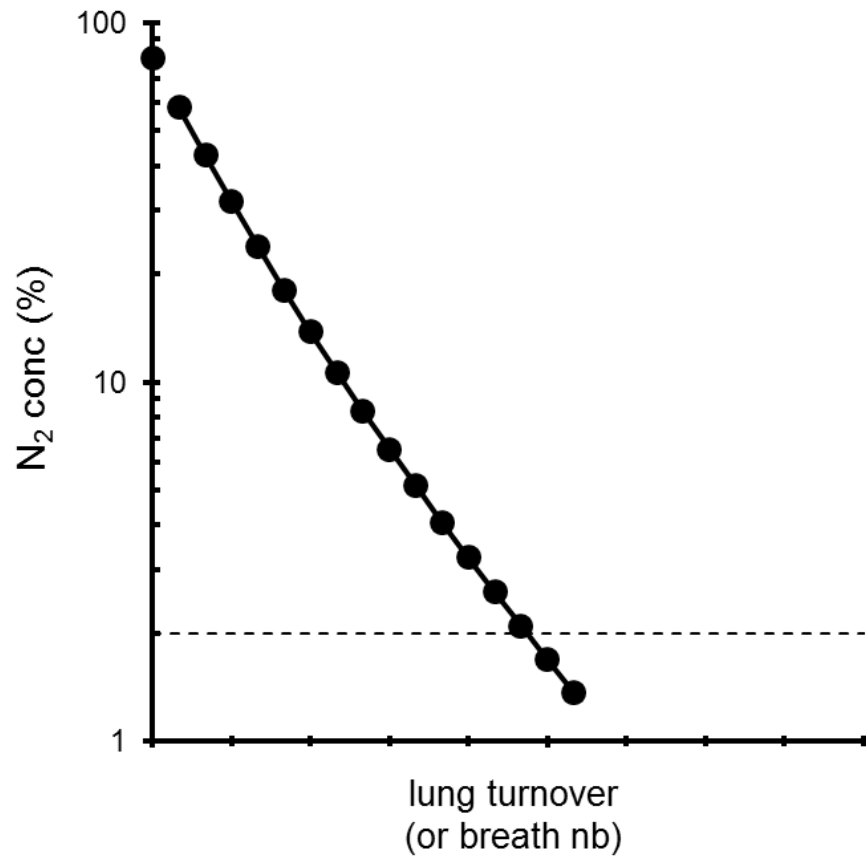
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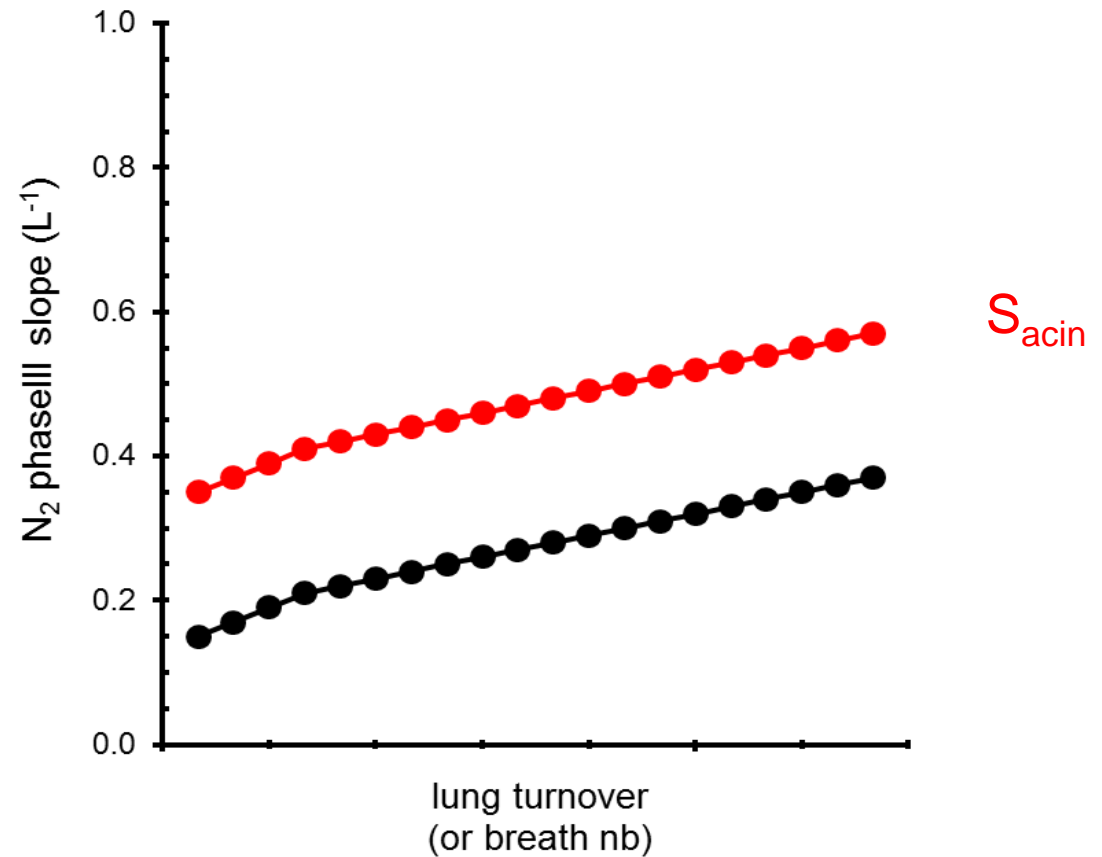


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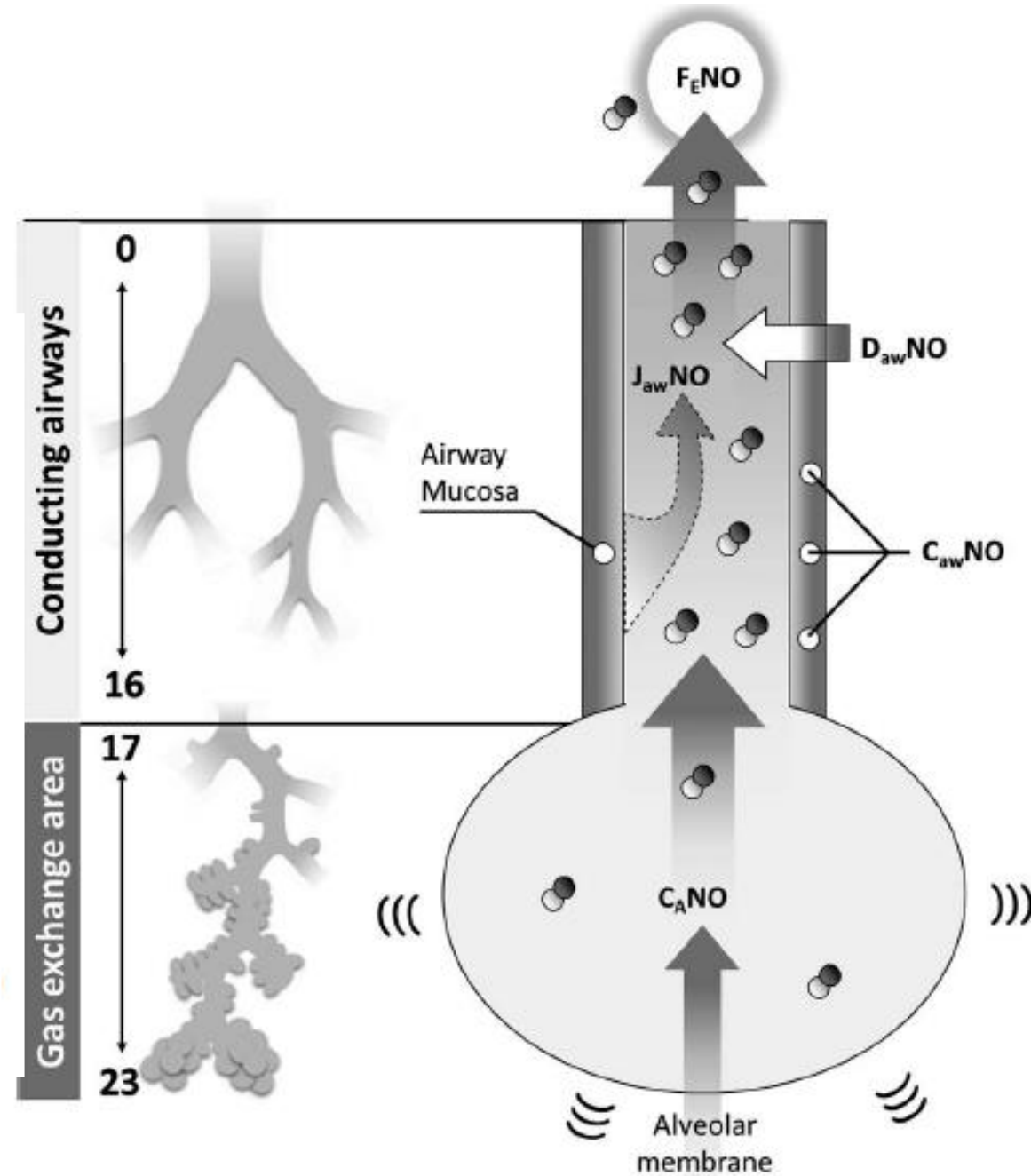
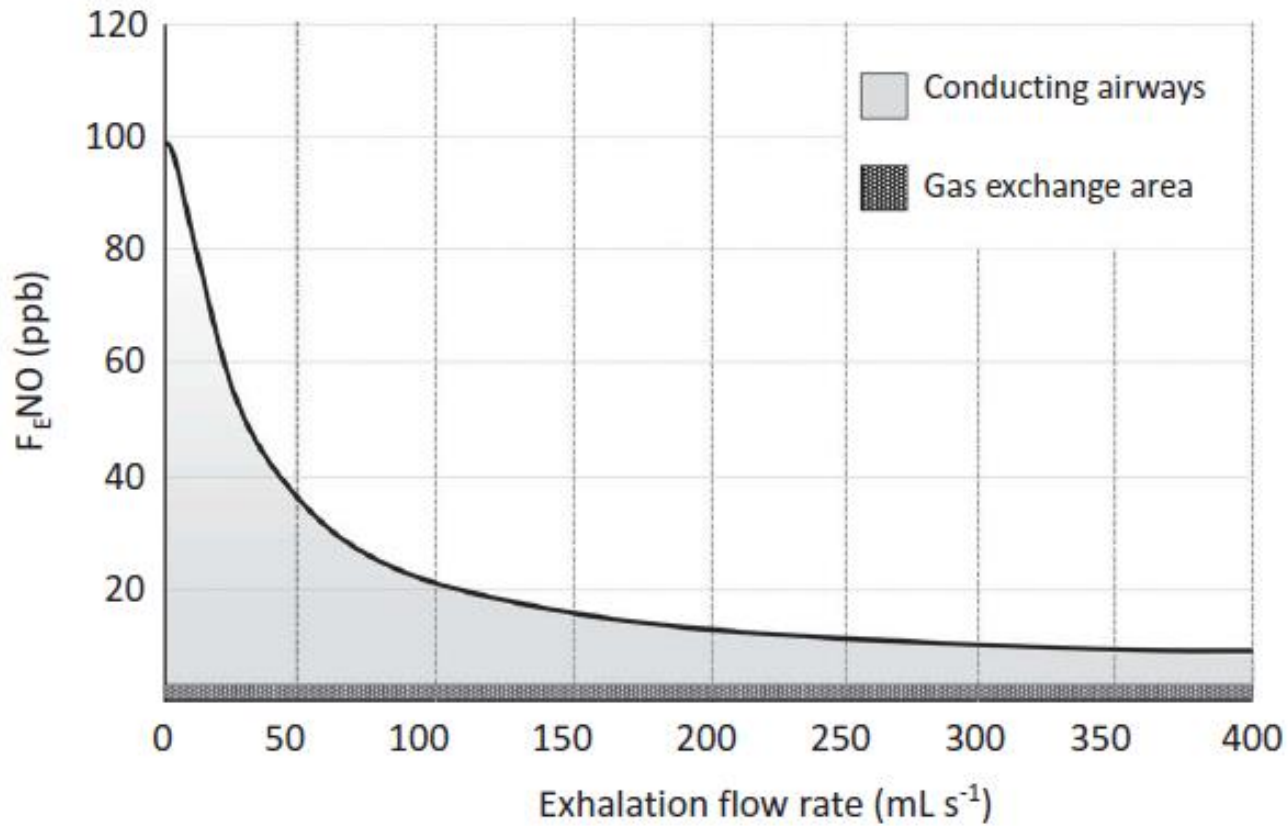


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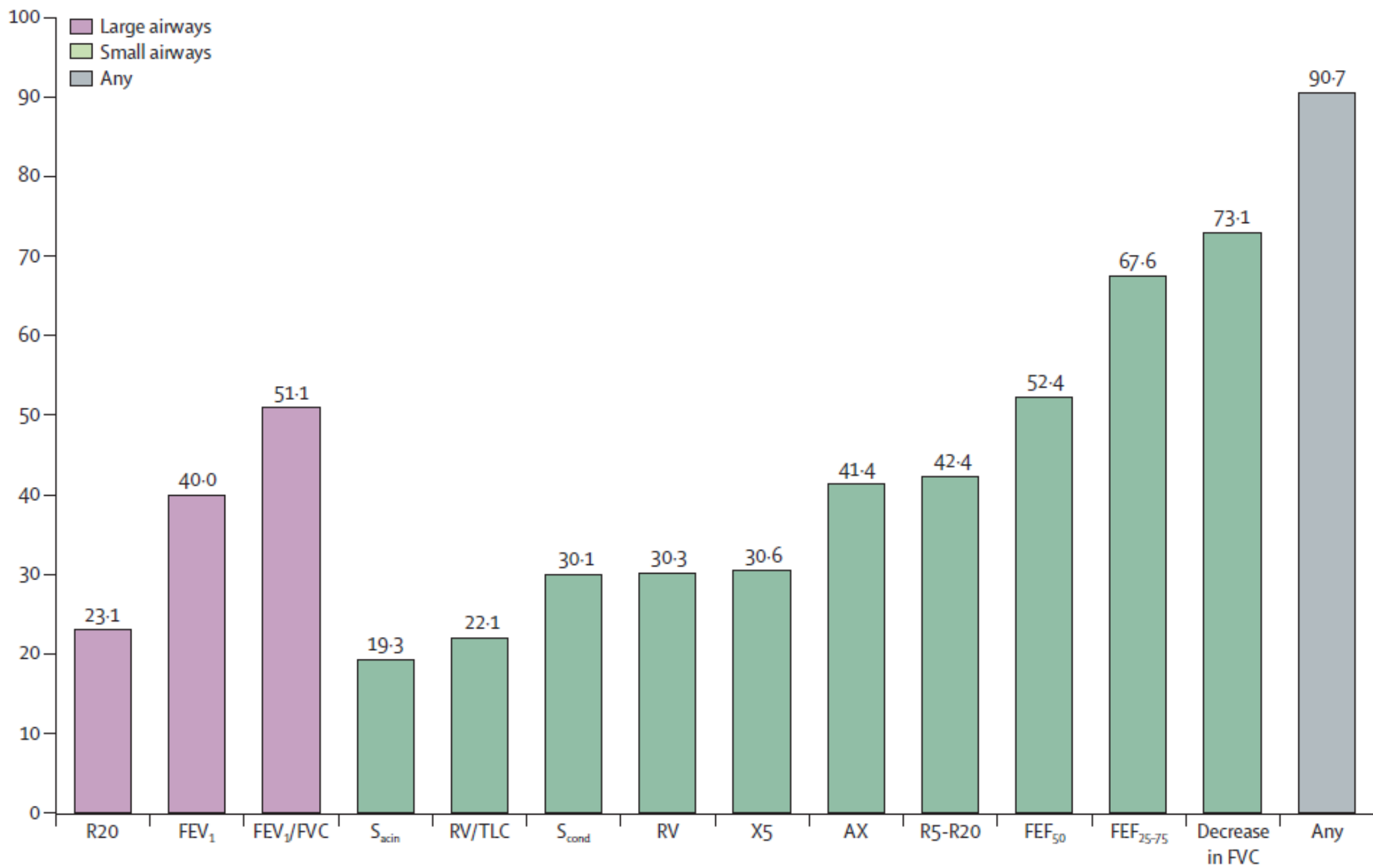
Includes control participants without airway disease

Multicentre, multinational, 1-year prospective cohort study

Includes smokers

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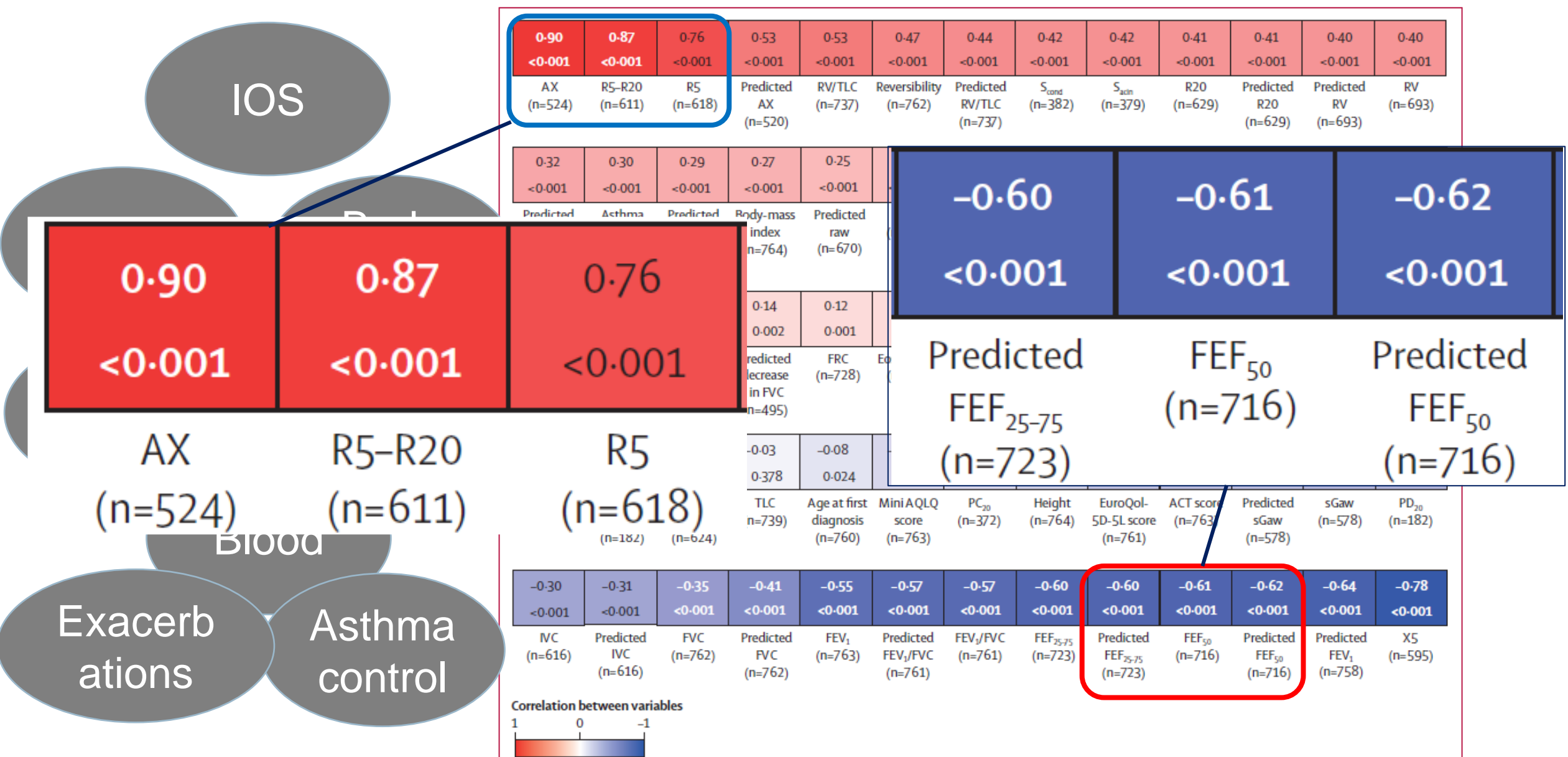
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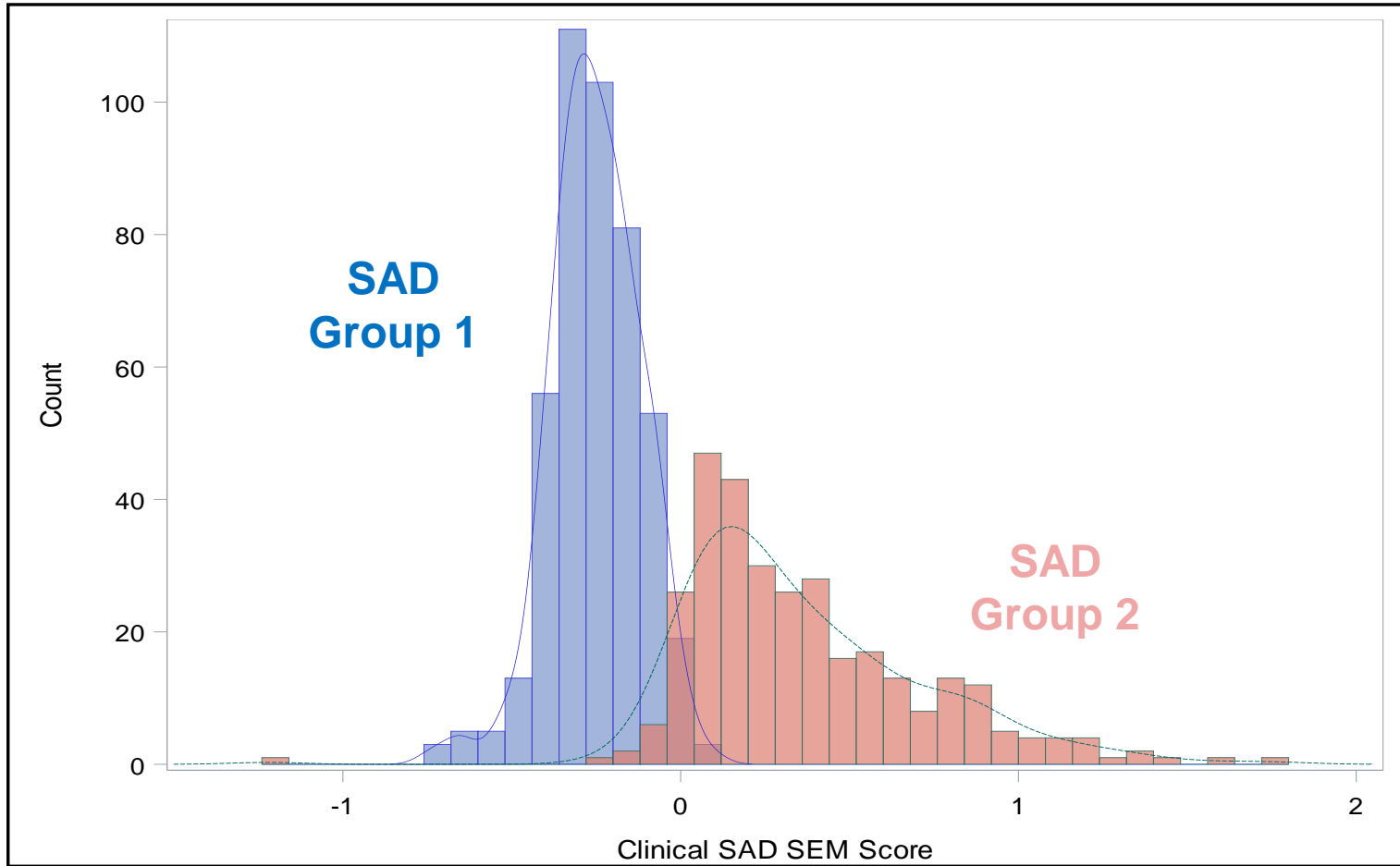


Prevalence by GINA severity

| | GINA1 (n=135) | GINA2 (n=85) | GINA3 (n=207) | GINA4 (n=300) | GINA5 (n=46) |
|---|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Spirometry | 17% | 11% | 27% | 39% | 6% |
| FEF ₂₅₋₇₅ | 41% | 43% | 51% | 55% | 80% |
| FEF ₅₀ | 37% | 49% | 54% | 55% | 75% |
| Decrease in FVC | 72% | 68% | 75% | 73% | 84% |
| Body plethysmography | | | | | |
| Residual volume/total lung capacity | 14% | 16% | 19% | 28% | 31% |
| Functional residual capacity | 16% | 23% | 19% | 25% | 27% |
| Impulse oscillometry | | | | | |
| R5-R20 | 30% | 40% | 37% | 51% | 71% |
| AX | 32% | 34% | 35% | 49% | 68% |
| X5 | 23% | 32% | 29% | 33% | 53% |
| Multiple breath nitrogen washout | | | | | |
| S _{cond} | 21% | 20% | 30% | 33% | 64% |
| S _{acin} | 12% | 18% | 19% | 21% | 41% |

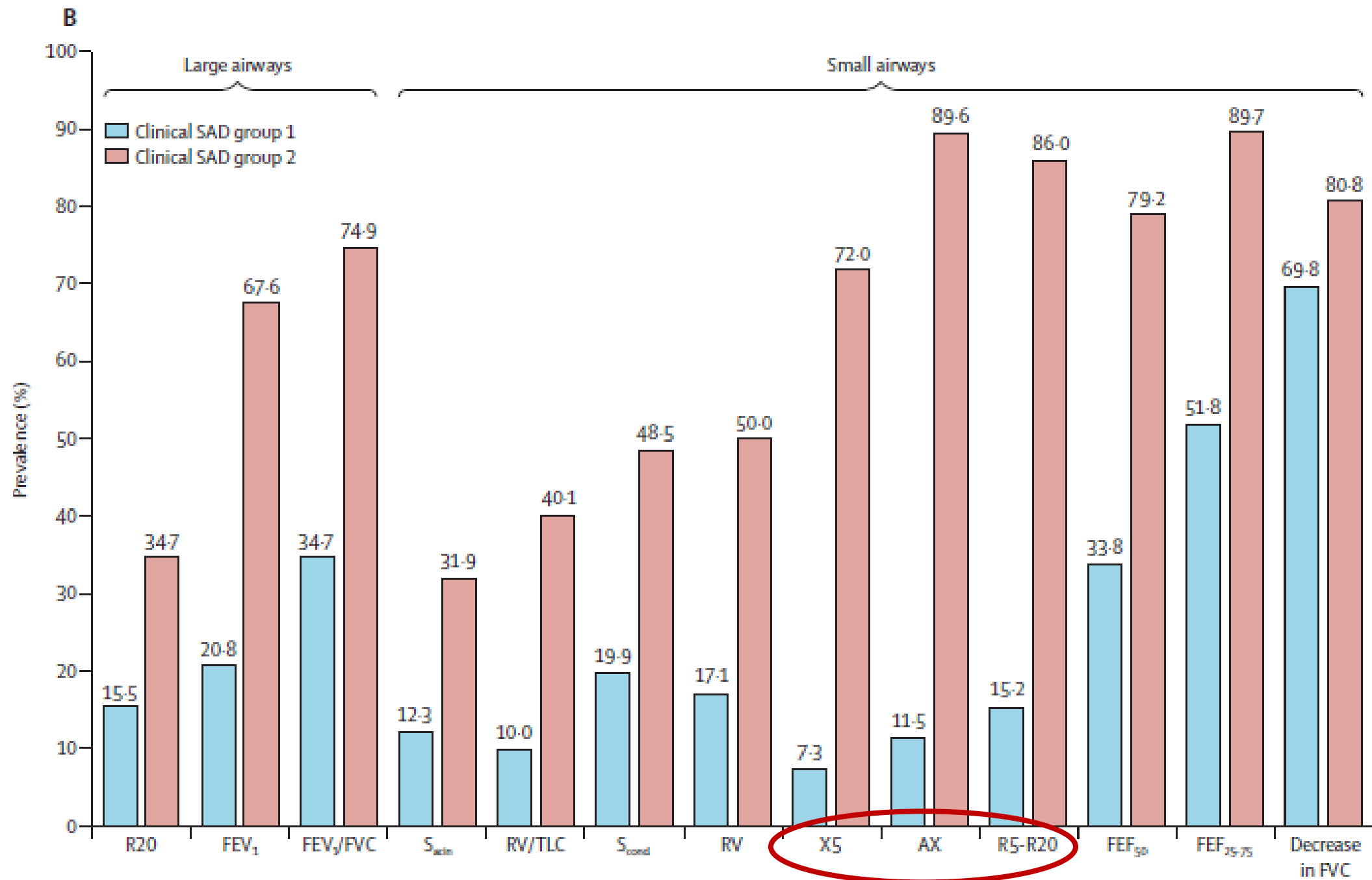
Correlations between the clinical SAD score of participants with asthma and all variables measured





Asthma control was worse in clinical SAD group 2

| Parameter | Group1 n=452 | Group2 n=312 | P |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
| No. of asthma-specific emergency | 0.06 | 0.15 | 0.023 |
| No. unscheduled consultations | 0.15 | 0.50 | 0.001 |
| No. exacerbations | 0.16 | 0.29 | 0.002 |
| ≥ 1 exacerbation, % | 50 | 59 | 0.002 |
| Duration of disease, years | 11.61 (4.4;24.5) | 21.51 (9.4;35.0) | <0.001 |
| ACT total score | 22 (19.0;24.0) | 20 (17.0;23.0) | <0.001 |
| ACT score ≤ 15, % | 8.9 | 19.2 | <0.001 |
| ACQ-6 total mean score | 0.66 (0.2;1.3) | 1.00 (0.5;1.8) | <0.001 |
| ACQ-6 score ≥ 1.25 ,% | 27.4 | 40.4 | <0.001 |
| EQ-5D-5L: VAS score | 83 (75.0;90.0) | 80 (70.0;90.0) | <0.001 |





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