

# Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF): Does the “I” Still Apply?

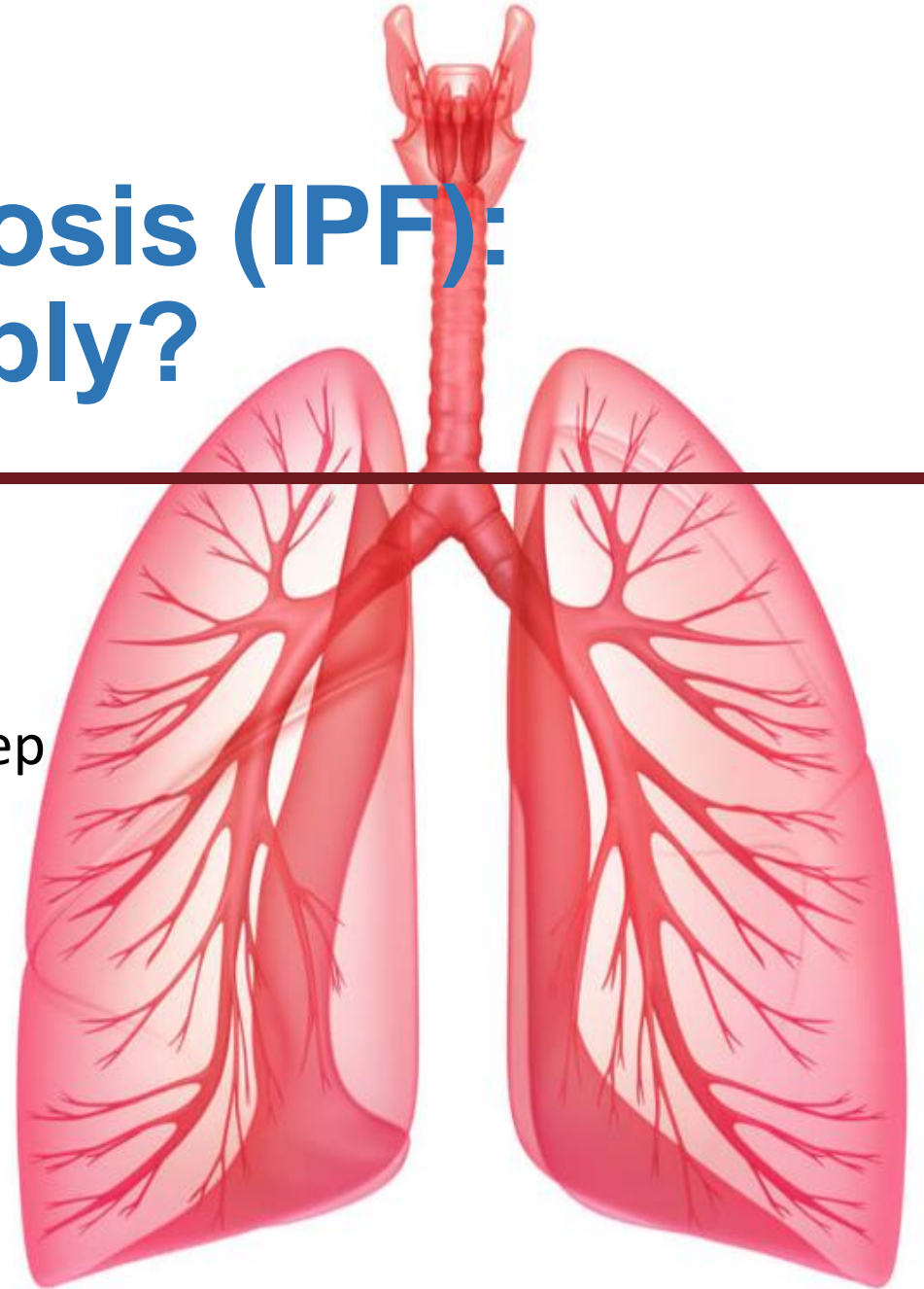
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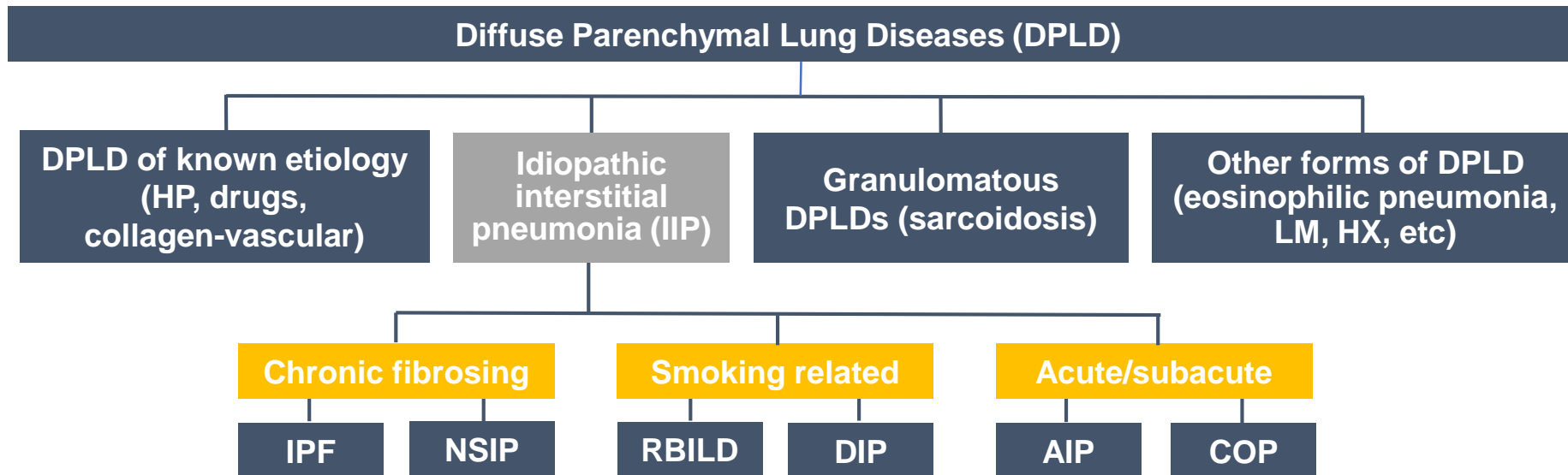
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# Learning Objectives

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- Upon completion of this learning activity, participants should be able to describe risk factors associated with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF).
- Upon completion of this learning activity, participants should be able to review current ideas on pathogenesis of IPF and what the “I” could mean.

# Diffuse Parenchymal (Interstitial) Lung Diseases



Very rare IIPs

- Idiopathic lymphocytic interstitial pneumonia (LIP)
- Idiopathic pleuroparenchymal fibroelastosis (PPFE)

# The many names of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis



- 1838-1893: DJ Corrigan and cirrhosis of the lung



- 1893: William Osler and chronic interstitial pneumonia (subtitle cirrhosis of the lung)



- 1948: Robbins noted no identifiable cause



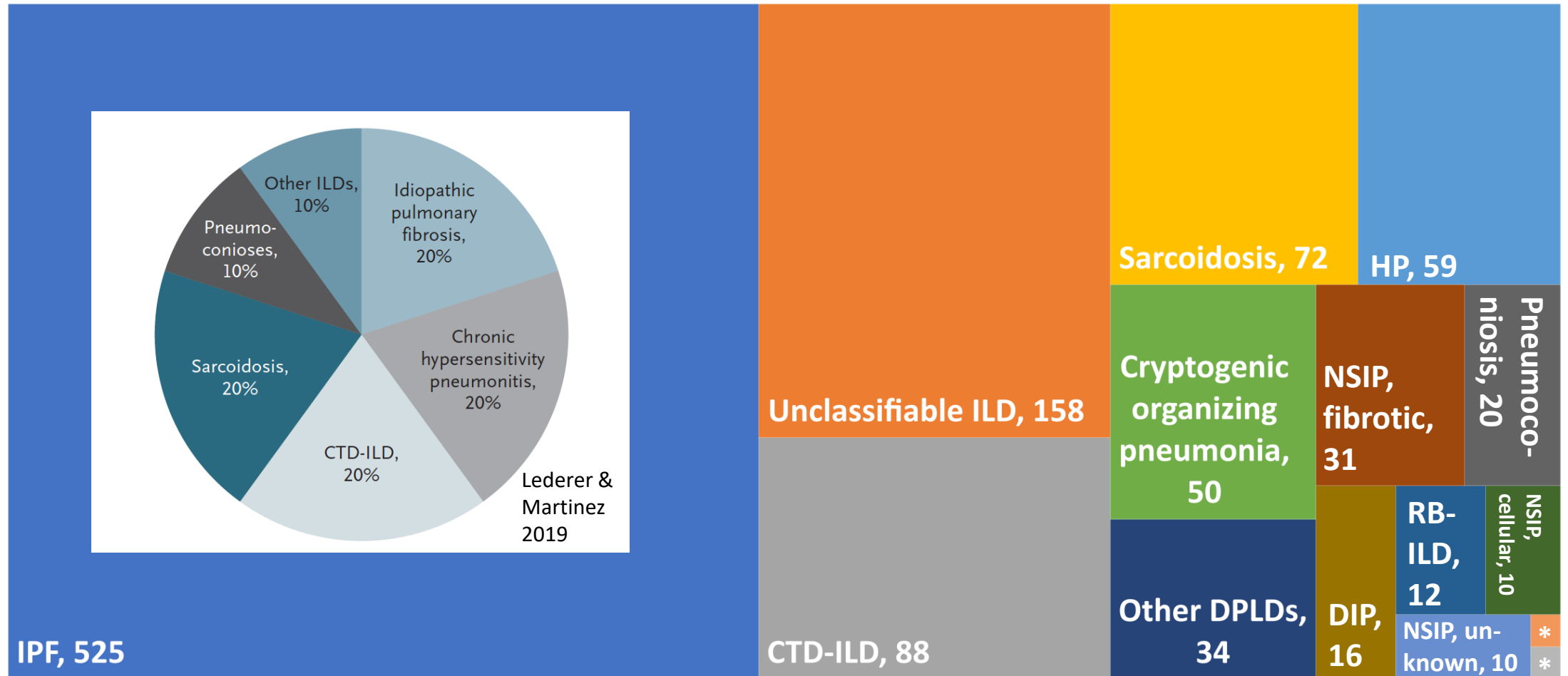
- 1976: Crystal and colleagues popularized IPF



- 1998: Katzenstein recognized different lung pathologies with HRCT findings

- 2018: rename?

# Number of patients with Interstitial lung disease (European IPF Registry 2009–2016)



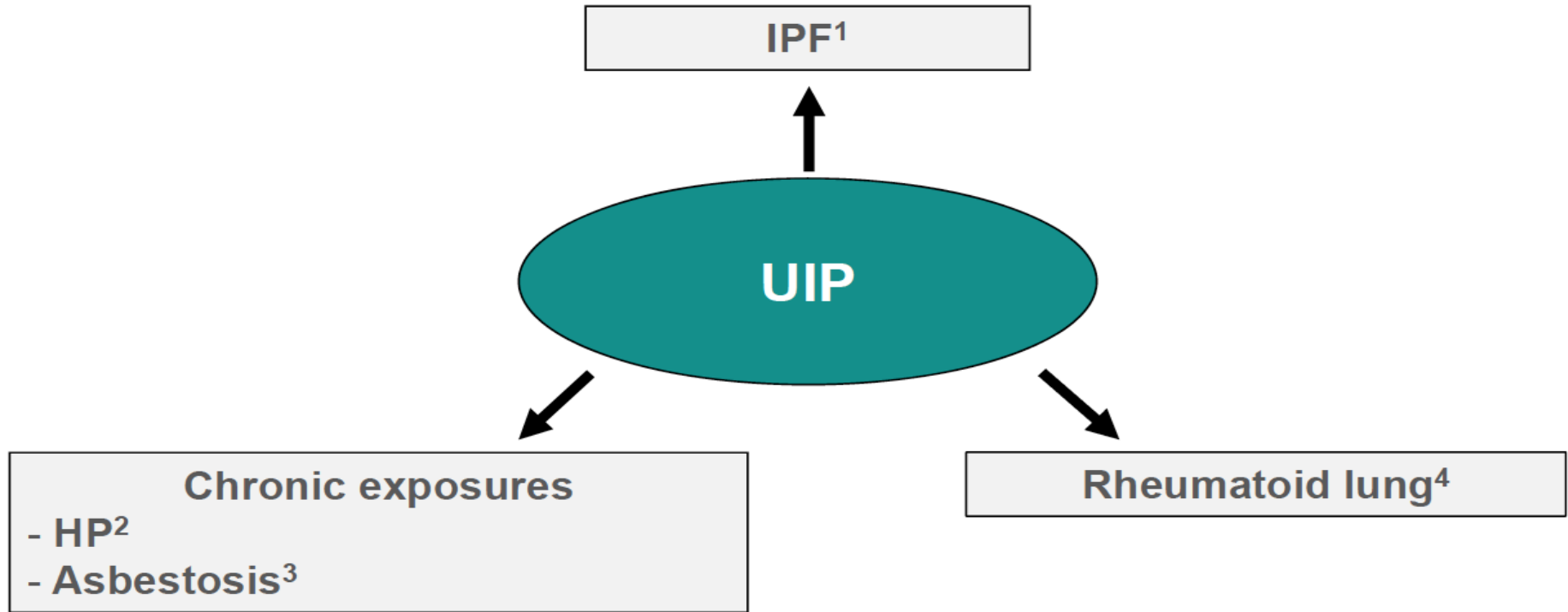
\*Lymphocytic IP, 1; acute IP, 1.

CTD-ILD, connective tissue disease-associated interstitial lung disease; DIP, desquamative IP; DPLD, diffuse parenchymal lung disease; HP, hypersensitivity pneumonitis; IP, interstitial pneumonia; ILD, interstitial lung disease; NSIP, nonspecific IP; RB, respiratory bronchiolitis-associated interstitial lung disease.

Guenther A et al. *Respir Res* 2018;19:141.

# UIP Is Not Always IPF<sup>1</sup>

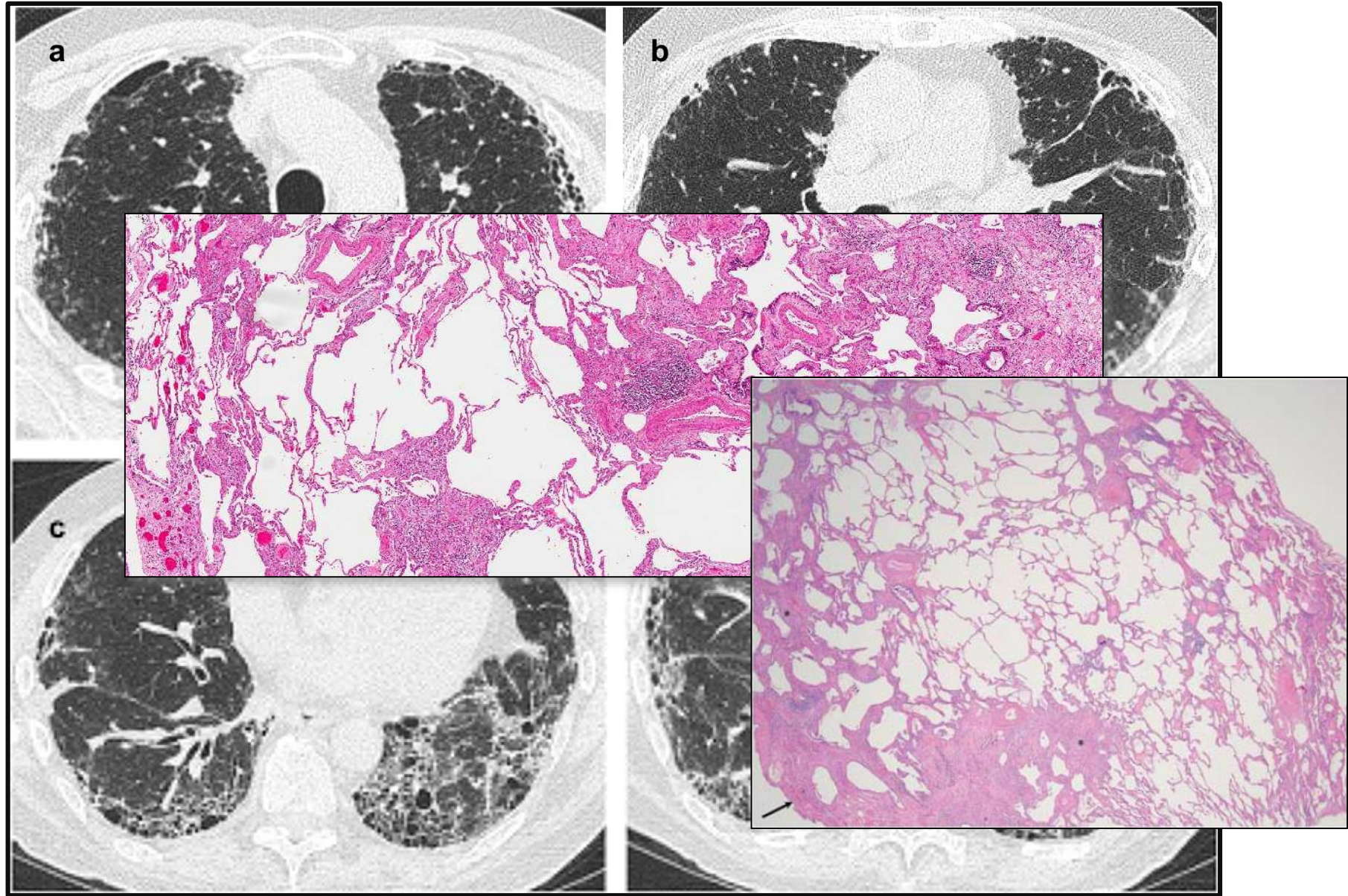
## Putting the Pattern in Context



Distinct ILDs may appear very similar on HRCT and surgical lung biopsy, further complicating the process of diagnosis



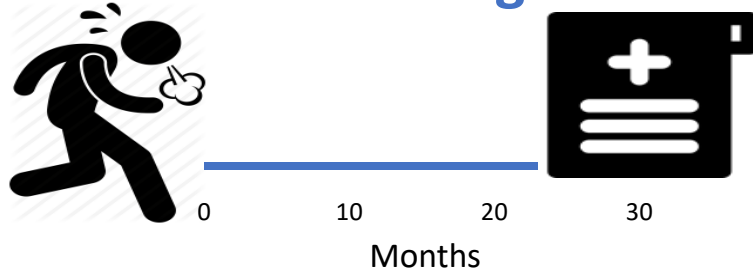
# The Usual Interstitial Pneumonia (UIP) Pathology is not unique to the lungs of patients with IPF





# The delays in diagnosis/the misdiagnoses of IPF: Does the “I” matter?

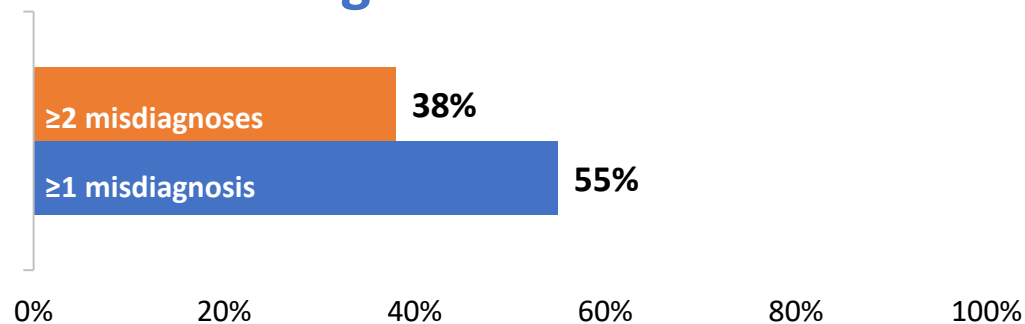
1.9 y between symptom onset and IPF diagnosis



2-3 doctors seen before receiving IPF diagnosis



More Than Half of Patients Are Misdiagnosed *at Least Once*



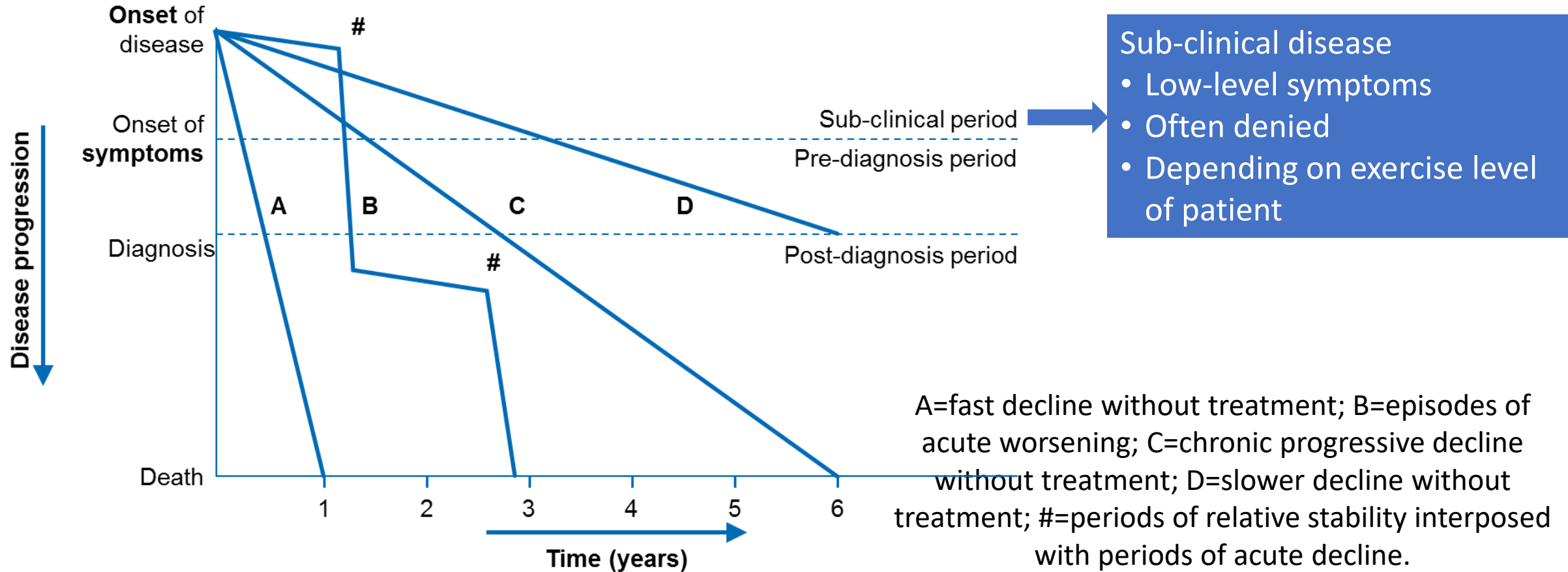
Common Misdiagnoses

Bronchitis (45%)

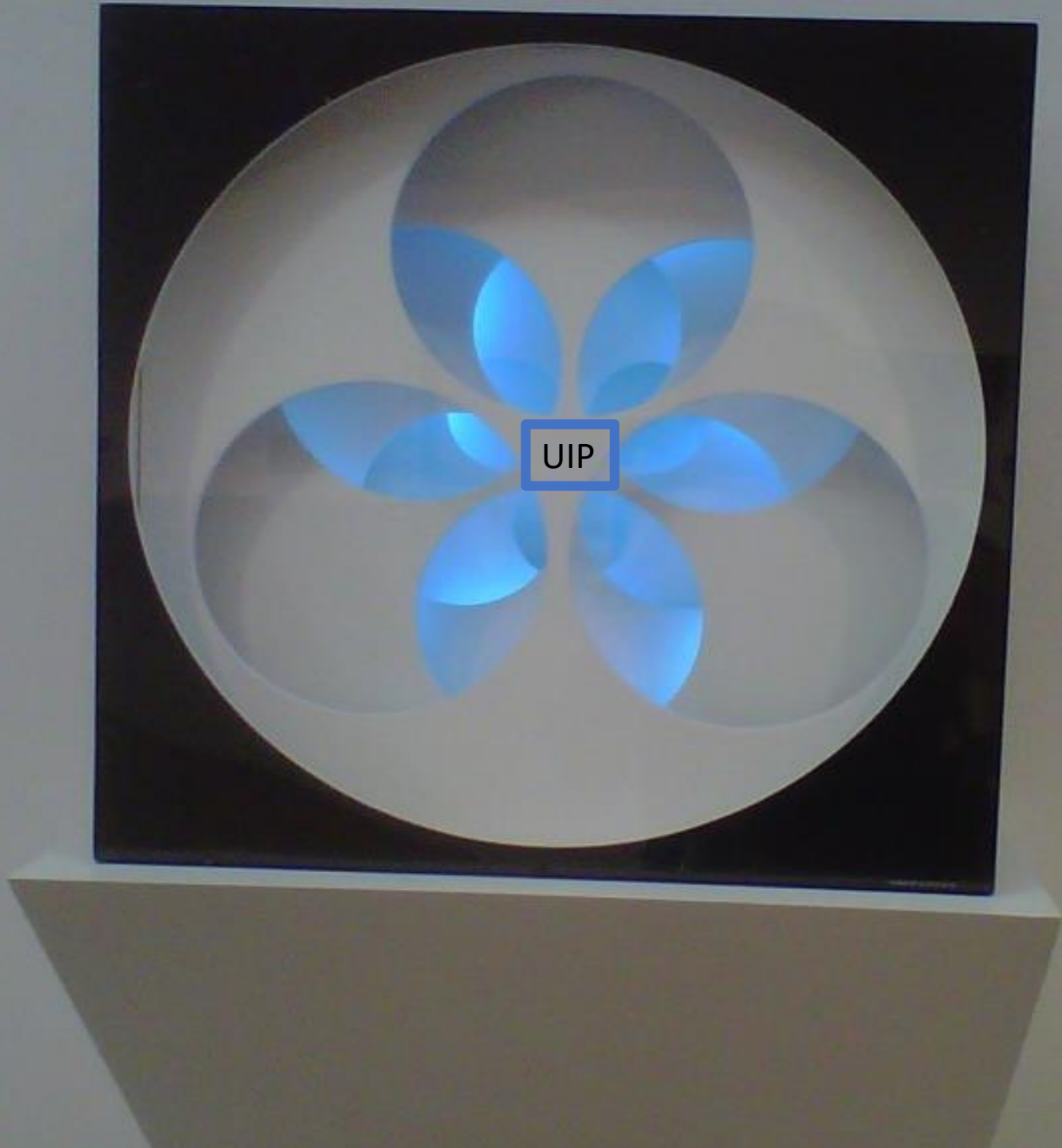
Allergies (34%)

COPD (34%)

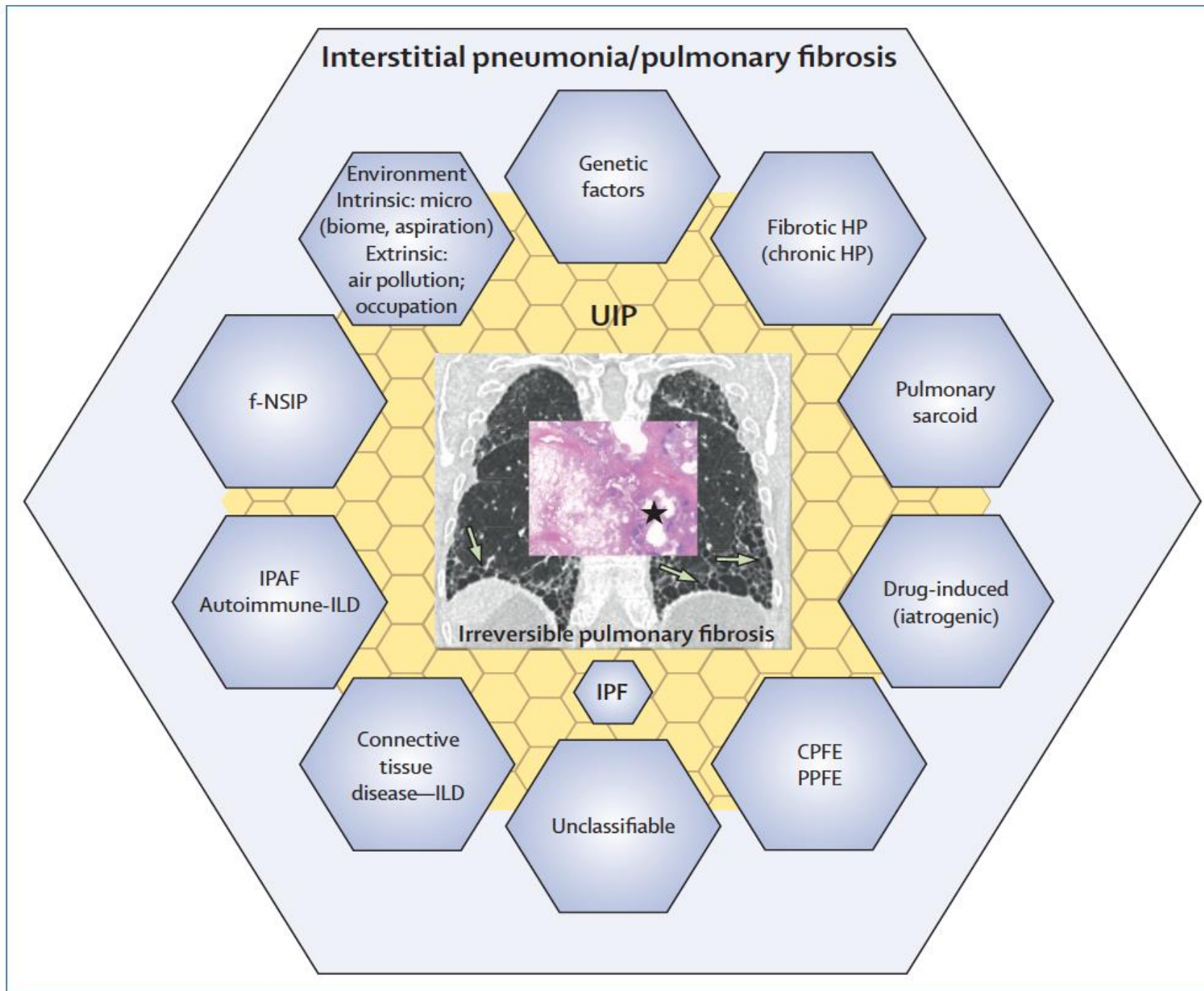
# Natural evolution of IPF often seen in other ILDs



Ley B *et al.* *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 2011;183:431–40; Cottin V *et al.* *Eur Respir Rev* 2014;23:106–10.



UIP

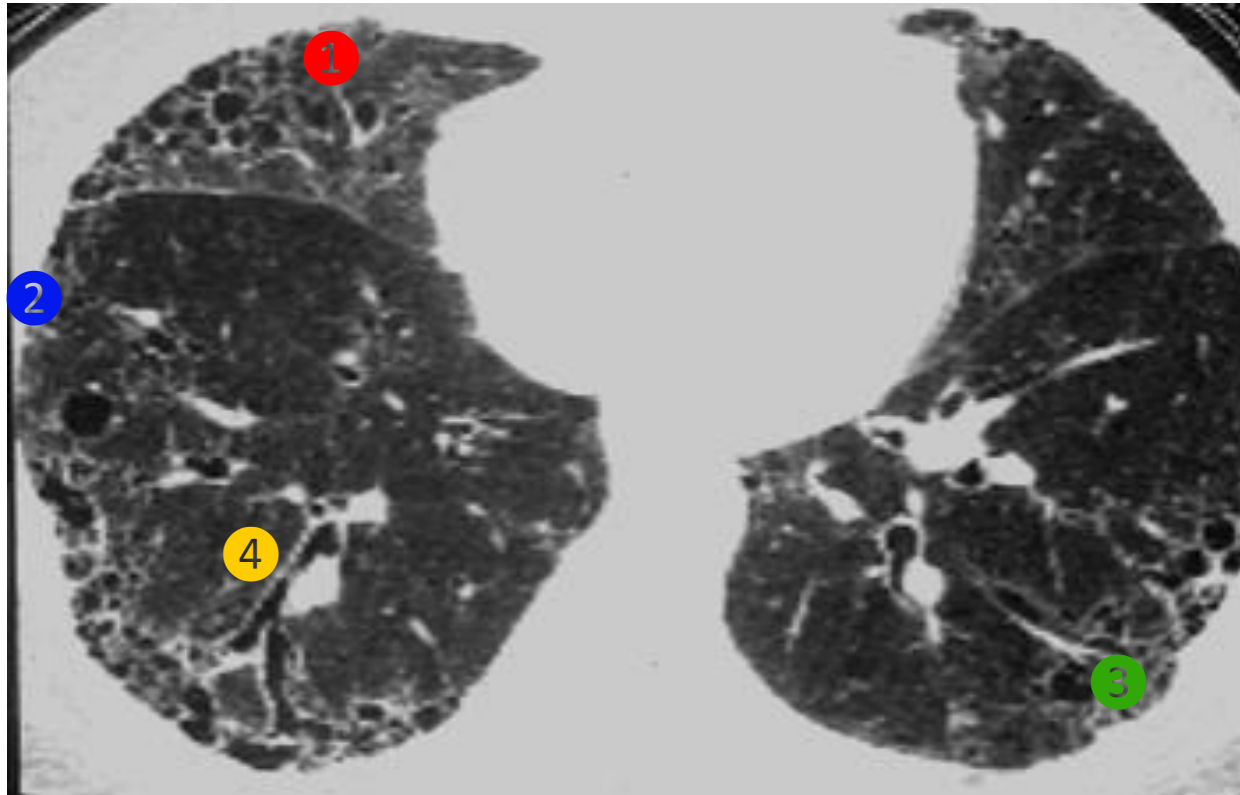


Raghu G. *Lancet Respir Med* 2019  
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# Definite UIP pattern imaging portends poor prognosis

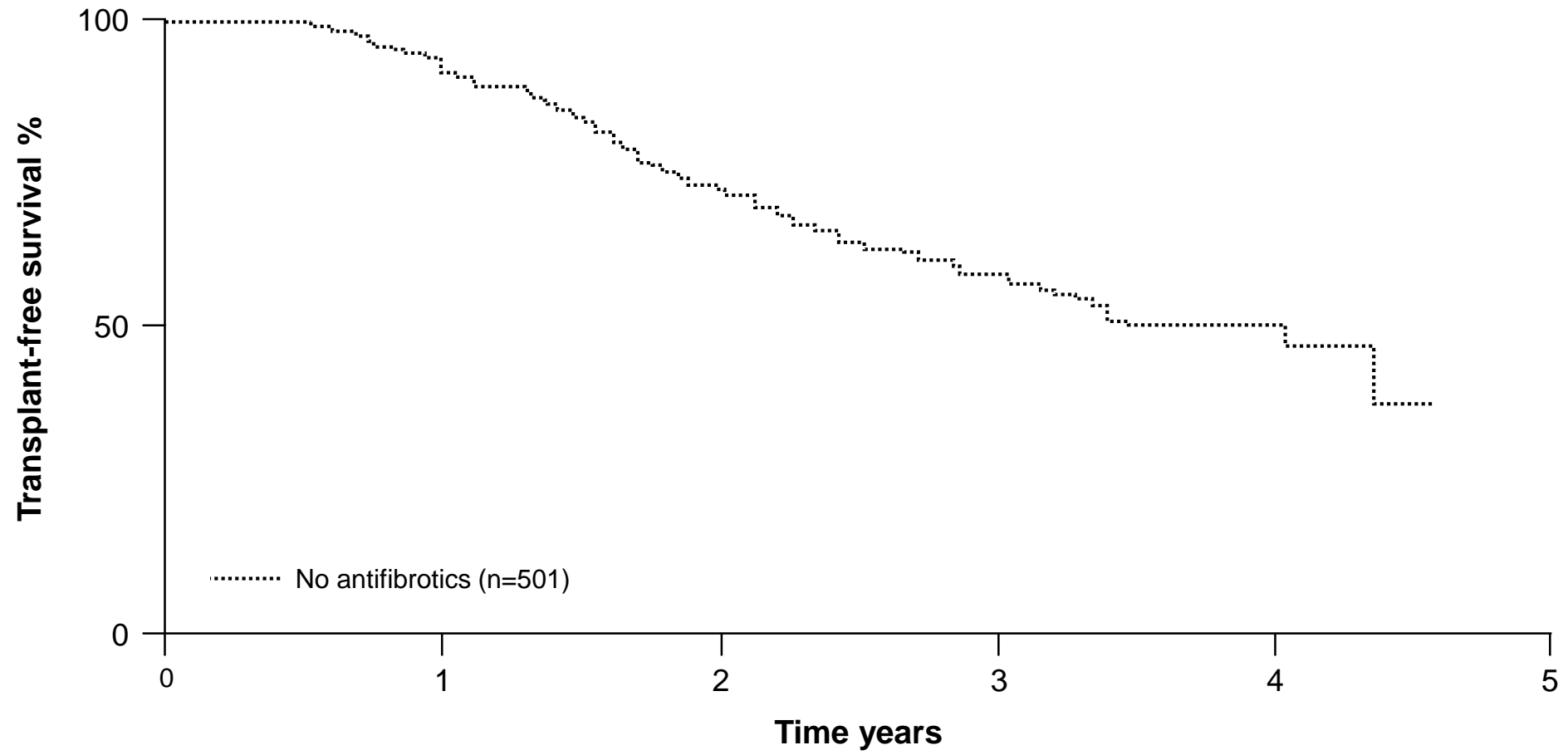
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- ① Subpleural, basal predominance
  - ② Reticular abnormality
  - ③ Honeycombing
  - ④ Traction bronchiectasis
- Absence of inconsistent features





# Natural evolution of IPF



IPF, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.  
Jo HE *et al.* *Eur Respir J* 2017;doi: 10.1183/13993003.01592-2016.

# Although the clinical course is heterogeneous, the end result is the same...fibrosis

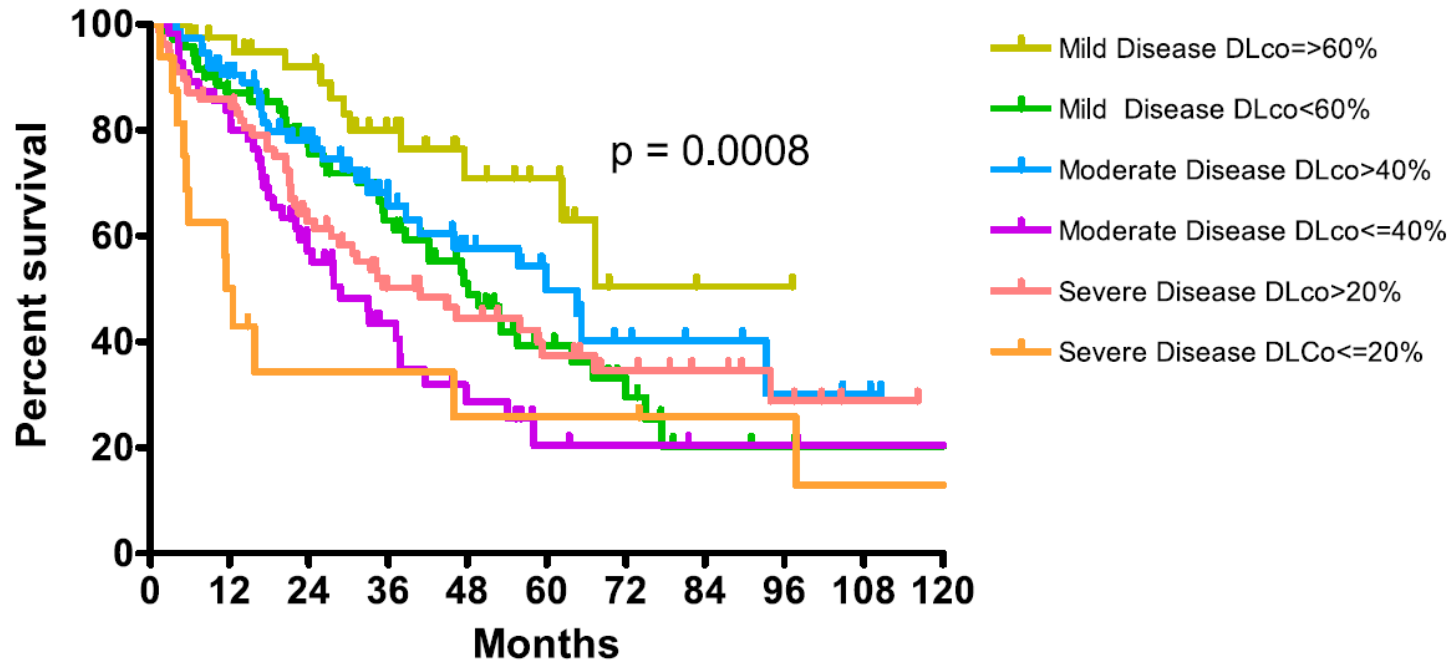
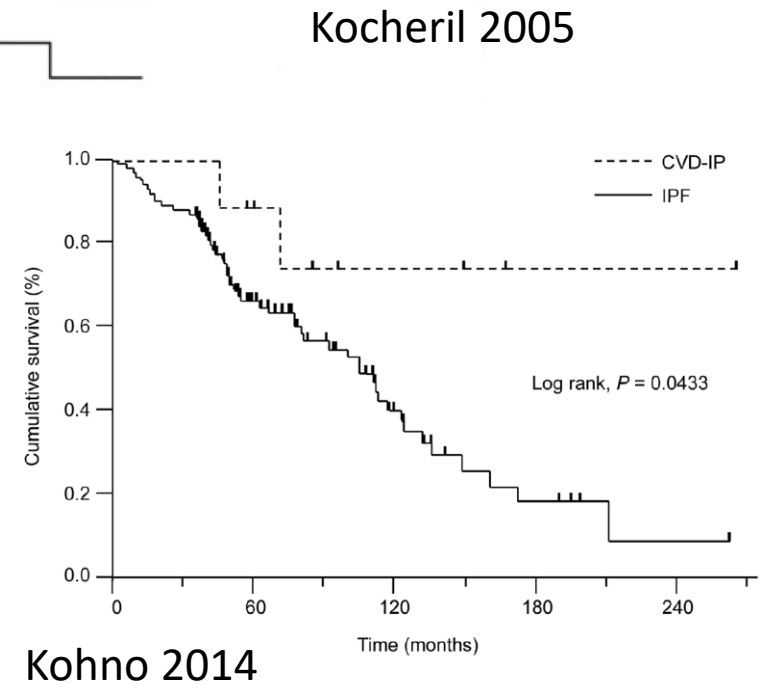
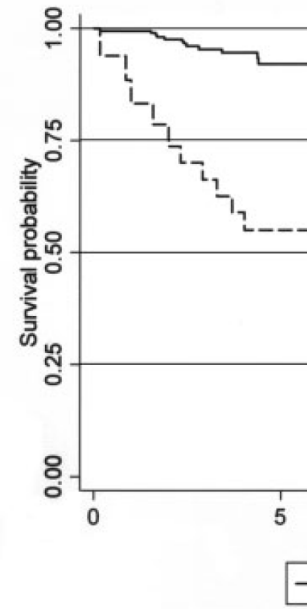
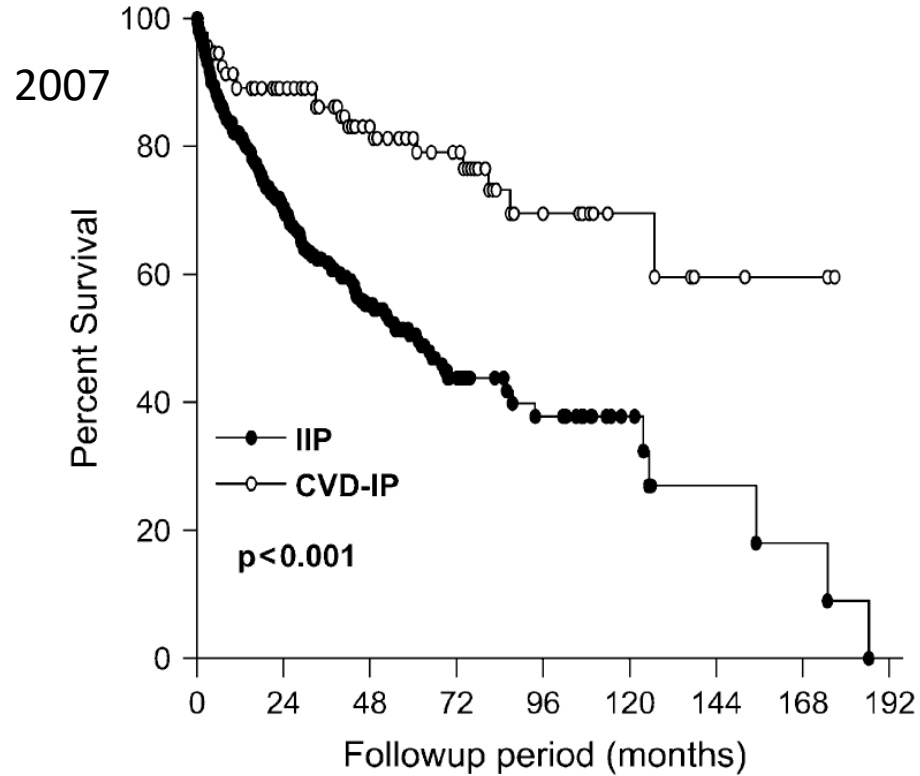


FIGURE 7. IPF survival stratified by the initial FVC % predicted (mild [ $\geq 70\%$ ], moderate [ $55\%-69\%$ ], and severe [ $< 55\%$ ] disease) and DLco % predicted. See Figure 2 legend for expansion of abbreviations.

# What does better survival tell us?

Park, Kim, Park, *et al.*: Prognosis of Fibrotic Interstitial Pneumonia



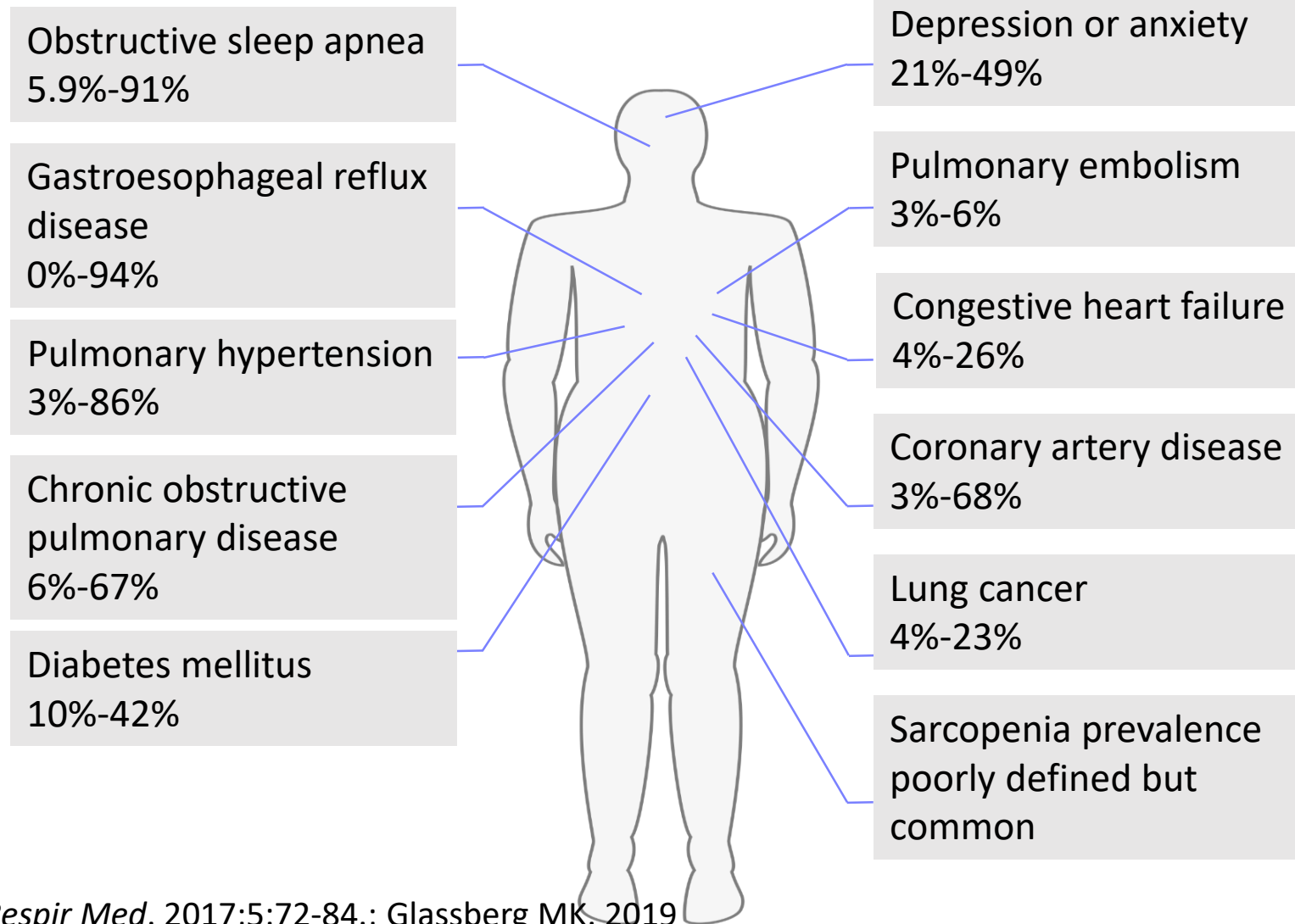
# Are the Risk Factors for IPF Idiopathic?

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- Age  $\geq 60$
- More extensive reticular densities
  - Probability of IPF:  $>80\%$
  - Specificity for IPF diagnosis:  $96\%$
- White race
- Male sex
- American Indian descent
- Former smoker

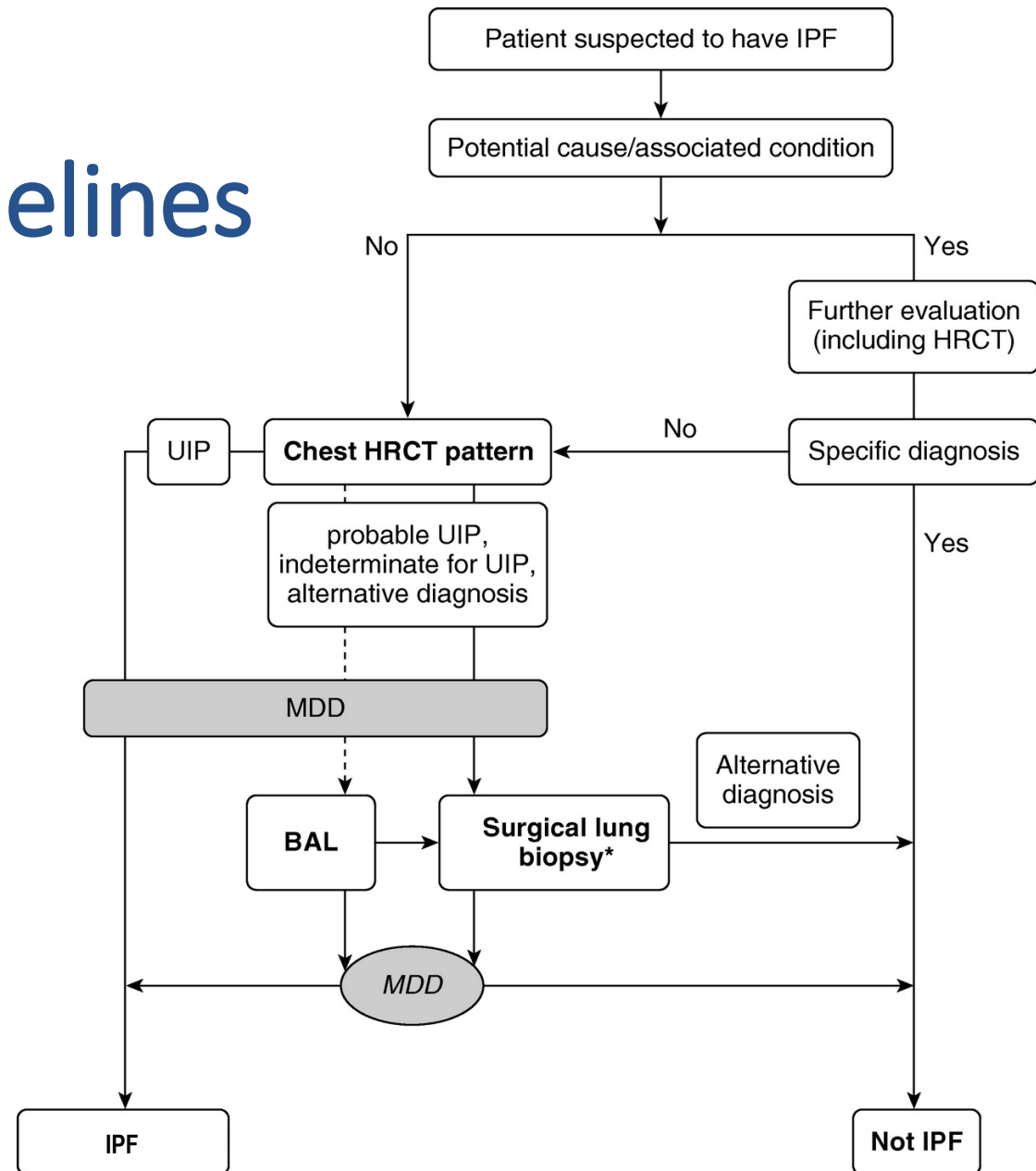
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# Comorbidities of patients with IPF: Are they unique?





# IPF Diagnosis: ATS/Fleischner Guidelines 2019



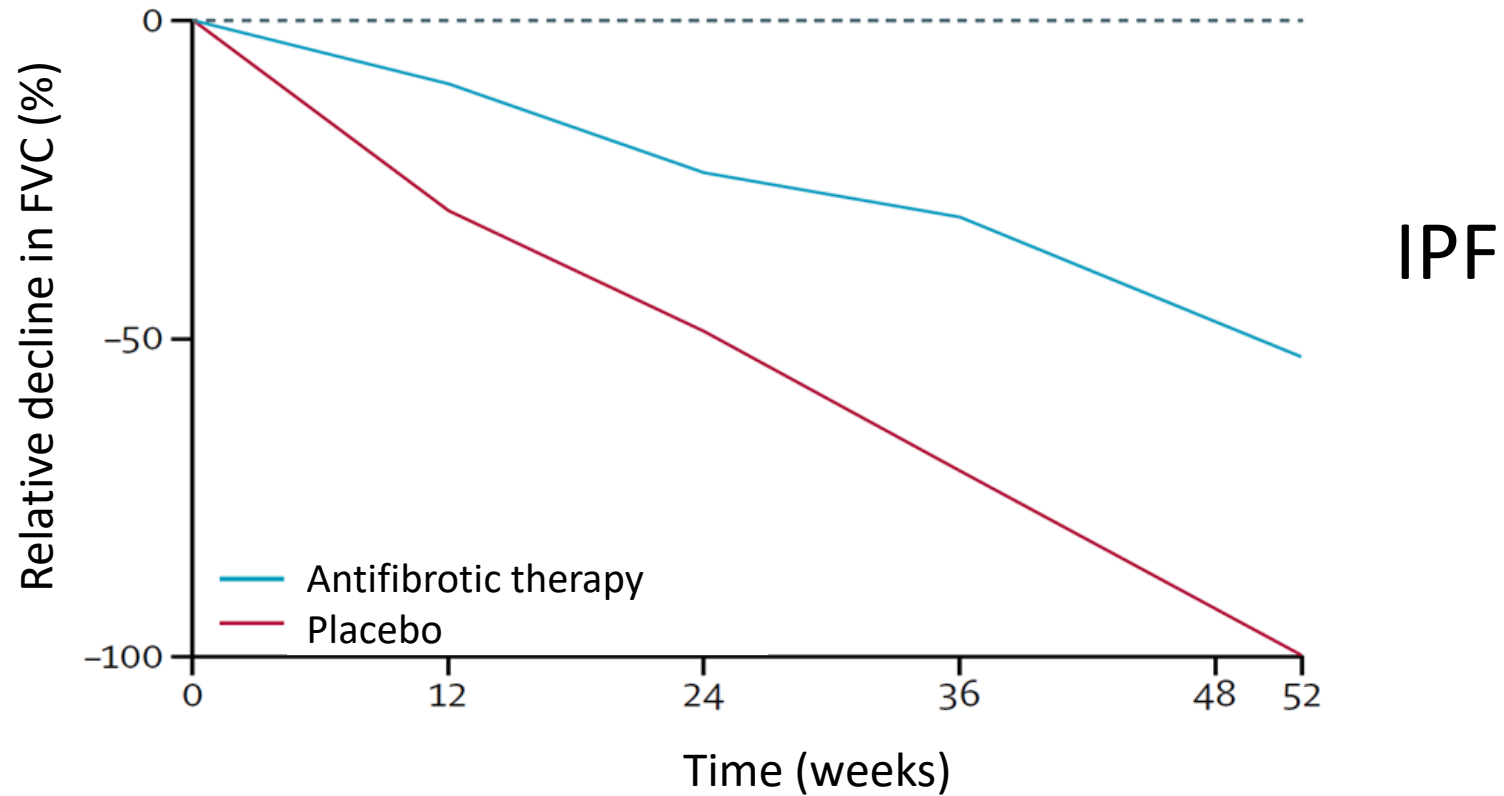
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2018;198(5):e44-e68.

# Exclude known causes that eliminate the “I” in IPF

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| Category                             | Information needed  |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Autoimmune disease                   | <p><u>History</u>: joints, skin, dry eyes/mouth, Raynaud’s</p> <p><u>Exam</u>: skin and joint changes</p> <p><u>Serologies</u>: ANA, RF, anti-CCP, others</p> |
| Chronic hypersensitivity pneumonitis | <p><u>History</u>: dampness, mold, water damage, humidifiers, hot tubs, birds, down bedding</p>   |
| Medications/radiation therapy        | <p><u>History</u>: amiodarone, nitrofurantoin, chemotherapy, etc.</p>   |
| Pneumoconioses                       | Occupational <u>history</u>   |

# Antifibrotics significantly reduce lung function decline in patients with fibrotic lung disease



Benefits are seen even in patients with more advanced disease at the time of antifibrotic initiation

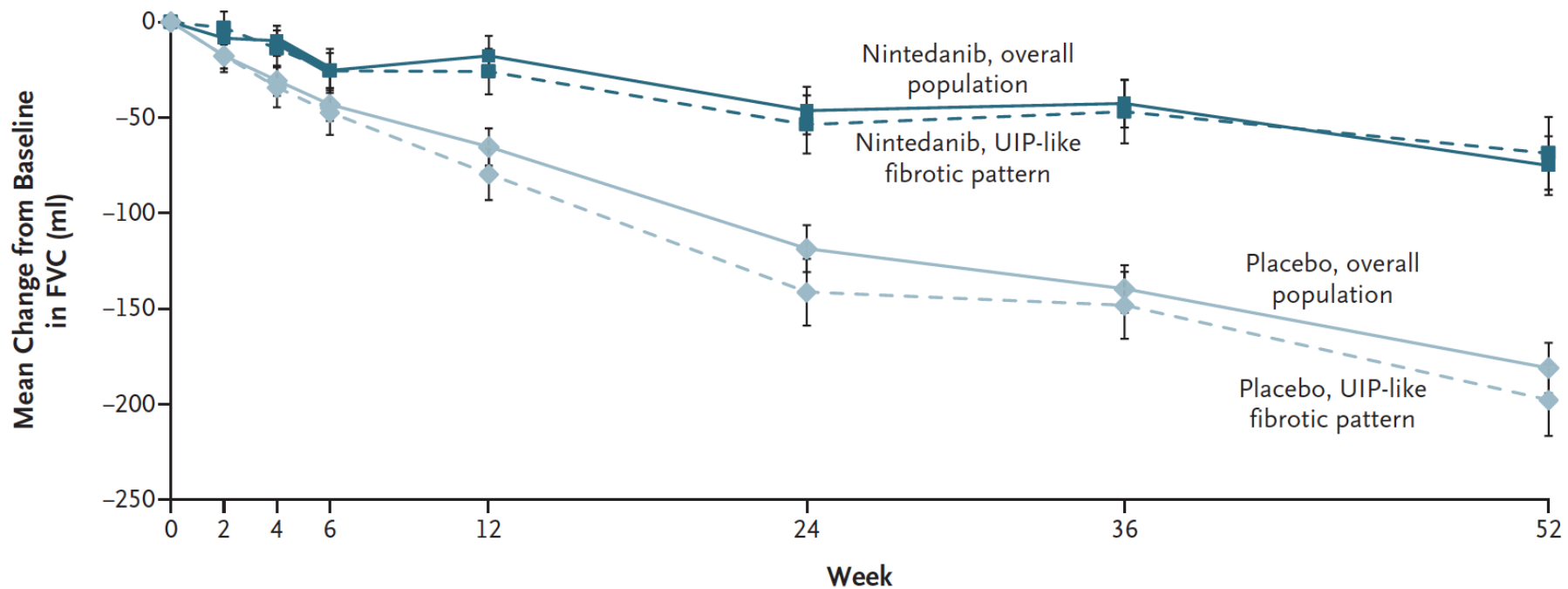
FVC, forced vital capacity.

Richeldi L *et al. Lancet* 2017;389:1941–52; Costabel U *et al. Respir Res* 2019;20:55.

**Table 1. Characteristics of the Overall Population at Baseline.\*** InBUILD trial

| <b>Characteristic</b>   | <b>Nintedanib<br/>(N = 332)</b> | <b>Placebo<br/>(N = 331)</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Male sex — no. (%)  | 179 (53.9)                      | 177 (53.5)                   |
| Age — yr  | 65.2±9.7                        | 66.3±9.8                     |
| Former or current smoker — no. (%)  | 169 (50.9)                      | 169 (51.1)                   |
| UIP-like fibrotic pattern on high-resolution CT — no. (%)   | 206 (62.0)                      | 206 (62.2)                   |
| Criteria for disease progression in previous 24 mo — no. (%)  |                                 |                              |
| Relative decline in FVC of ≥10% of predicted value  | 160 (48.2)                      | 172 (52.0)                   |
| Relative decline in FVC of 5% to <10% of predicted value plus worsening of respiratory symptoms or increased extent of fibrosis on high-resolution CT | 110 (33.1)                      | 97 (29.3)                    |
| Worsening of respiratory symptoms and increased extent of fibrosis on high-resolution CT  | 62 (18.7)                       | 61 (18.4)                    |
| FVC   |                                 |                              |
| Mean value — ml   | 2340±740                        | 2321±728                     |
| Percent of predicted value  | 68.7±16.0                       | 69.3±15.2                    |
| Diffusing capacity for carbon monoxide†   |                                 |                              |
| Mean value — mmol/min/kPa   | 3.5±1.2                         | 3.7±1.3                      |
| Percent of predicted value  | 44.4±11.9                       | 47.9±15.0                    |
| Total score on K-BILD questionnaire‡  | 52.5±11.0                       | 52.3±9.8                     |

Flaherty  
KR, et al.  
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#### No. of Patients

|   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Overall population                      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Nintedanib                              | 332 | 326 | 320 | 322 | 314 | 298 | 285 | 265 |
| Placebo                                 | 331 | 325 | 326 | 325 | 320 | 311 | 296 | 274 |
| Patients with UIP-like fibrotic pattern |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Nintedanib                              | 206 | 203 | 200 | 199 | 193 | 180 | 171 | 160 |
| Placebo                                 | 206 | 202 | 202 | 201 | 197 | 190 | 176 | 162 |

**Figure 2. Decline from Baseline in Forced Vital Capacity (FVC).**

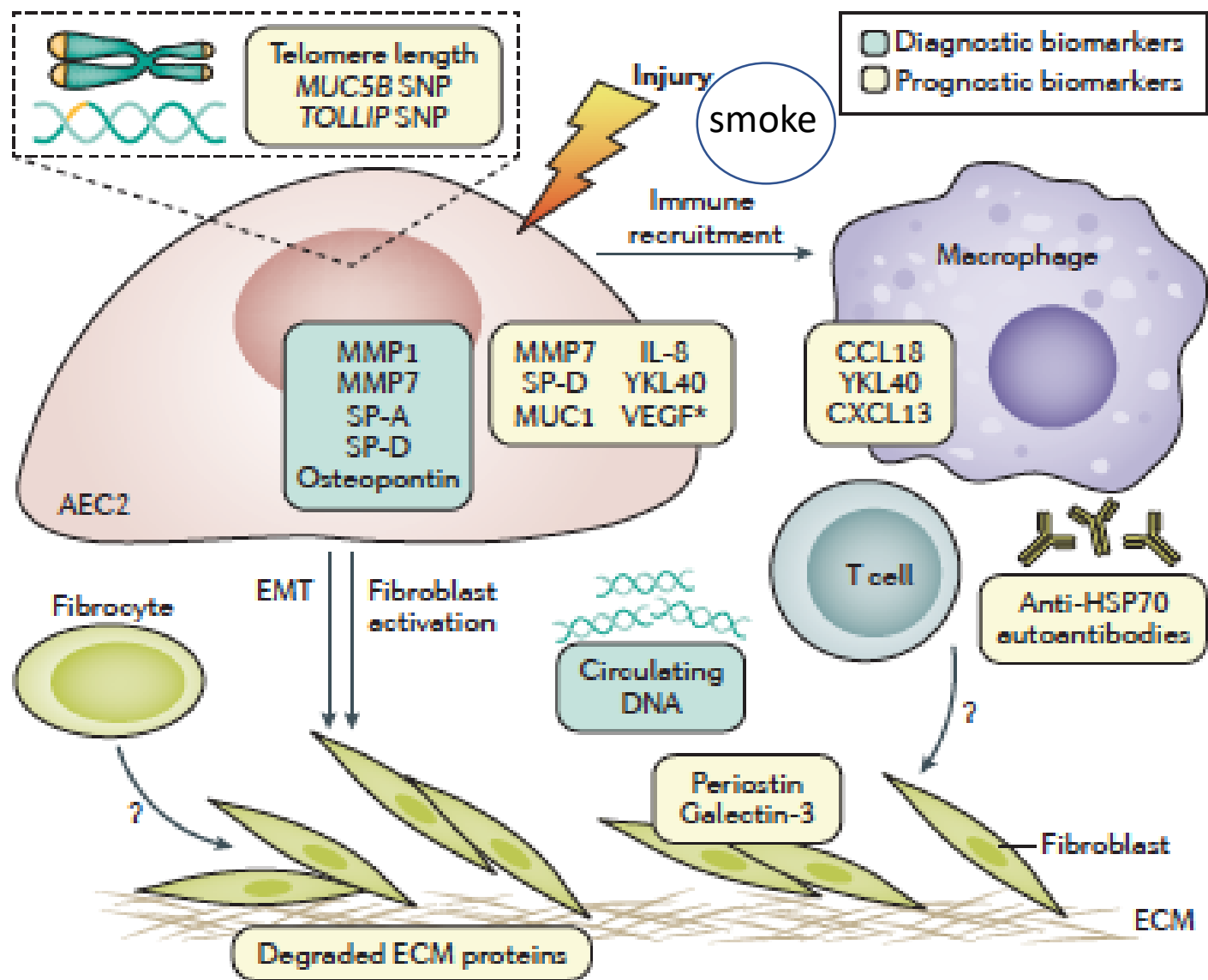
Shown is the observed mean change from baseline in FVC over the 52-week trial period in the overall population and in patients with an imaging pattern of usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP) on high-resolution computed tomography in the nintedanib group and the placebo group. The I bars indicate the standard error.



# Maher T. et al. InJourney trial 2019

|   | Pirfenidone (n=127) | Placebo (n=126)     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Age at screening, years   | 70.0 (61.0–76.0)    | 69.0 (63.0–74.0)    |
| Sex   |                     |                     |
| Men   | 70 (55%)            | 69 (55%)            |
| Women   | 57 (45%)            | 57 (45%)            |
| Race  |                     |                     |
| White   | 120 (94%)           | 123 (98%)           |
| Black   | 1 (1%)              | 2 (2%)              |
| Asian   | 5 (4%)              | 0                   |
| Native American or Alaskan Native                                 | 1 (1%)              | 0                   |
| Other   | 0                   | 1 (1%)              |
| Body-mass index, kg/m <sup>2</sup>                                | 28.6 (26.5–32.9)    | 29.3 (26.2–32.7)    |
| Previous surgical lung biopsy                                     | 40 (31%)            | 48 (38%)            |
| Percent predicted FVC   | 71.0% (59.0–87.3)   | 71.5% (58.0–88.0)   |
| Percent predicted DLco  | 44.6% (36.9–53.5)   | 48.0% (38.4–59.0)   |
| Percent predicted FEV <sub>1</sub>                                | 75.0% (62.0–88.0)   | 76.0% (62.0–92.7)   |
| FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC ratio                                       | 0.82 (0.78–0.86)    | 0.84 (0.78–0.87)    |
| 6MWD, m   | 372.0 (303.0–487.0) | 395.0 (325.0–472.0) |
| Concomitant treatment with mycophenolate mofetil                  | 23 (18%)            | 22 (17%)            |
| IPAF diagnosis  | 15 (12%)            | 18 (14%)            |
| Concomitant treatment with mycophenolate mofetil                  | 6 (5%)              | 6 (5%)              |
| Unclassifiable ILD diagnosis                                      |                     |                     |
| Low-confidence rheumatoid arthritis-ILD                           | 0                   | 0                   |
| Low-confidence systemic sclerosis-ILD                             | 0                   | 1 (1%)              |
| Low-confidence undifferentiated connective tissue disease-ILD     | 3 (2%)              | 2 (2%)              |
| Low-confidence chronic hypersensitivity pneumonitis-ILD           | 10 (8%)             | 9 (7%)              |
| Low-confidence idiopathic non-specific interstitial pneumonia-ILD | 4 (3%)              | 3 (2%)              |
| Low-confidence sarcoidosis-ILD                                    | 0                   | 0                   |
| Low-confidence myositis-ILD                                       | 0                   | 0                   |
| Low-confidence other defined ILD                                  | 1 (1%)              | 0                   |
| Unclassifiable ILD  | 93 (73%)            | 93 (74%)            |

# Common genes, common pathways for fibrotic lung disease

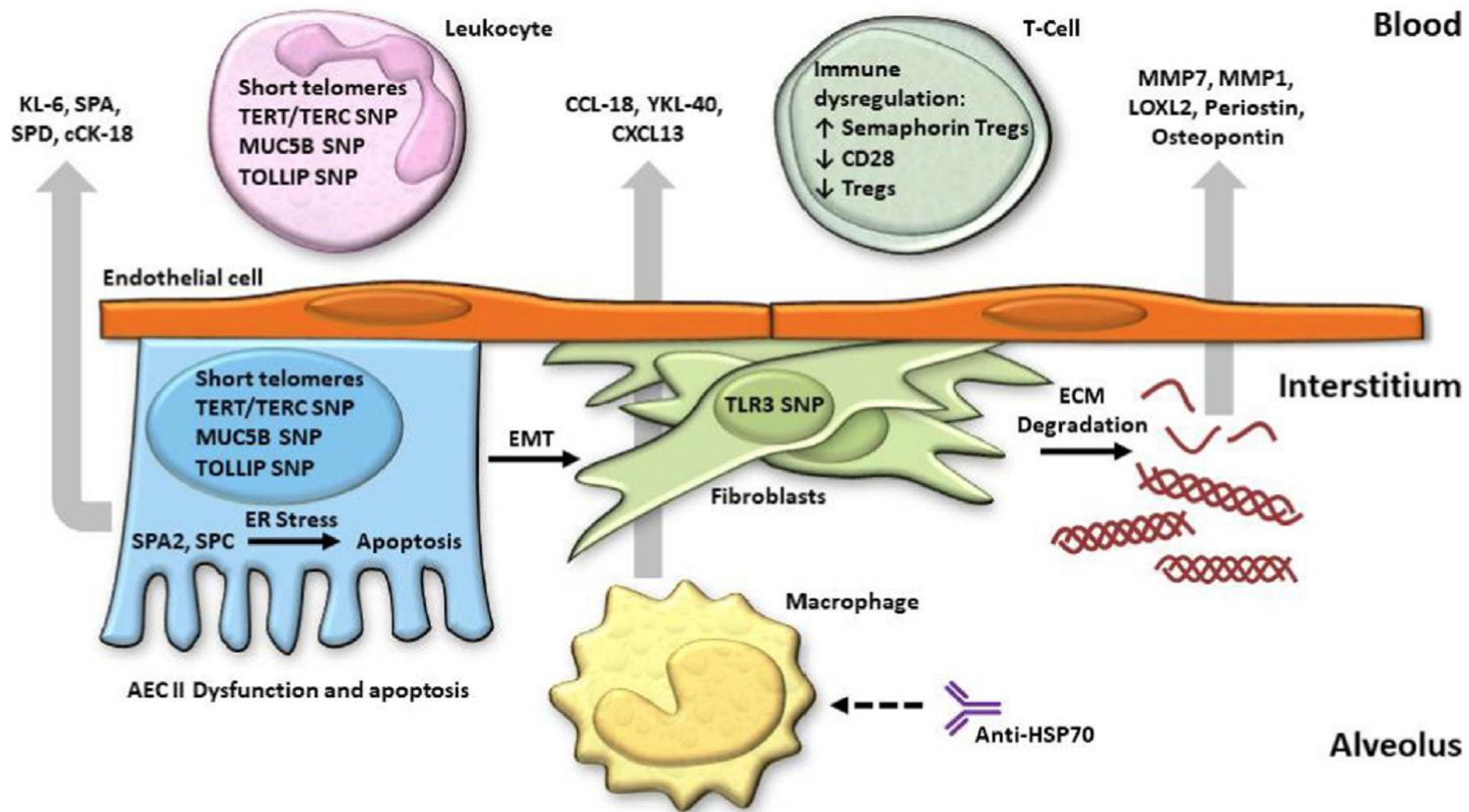


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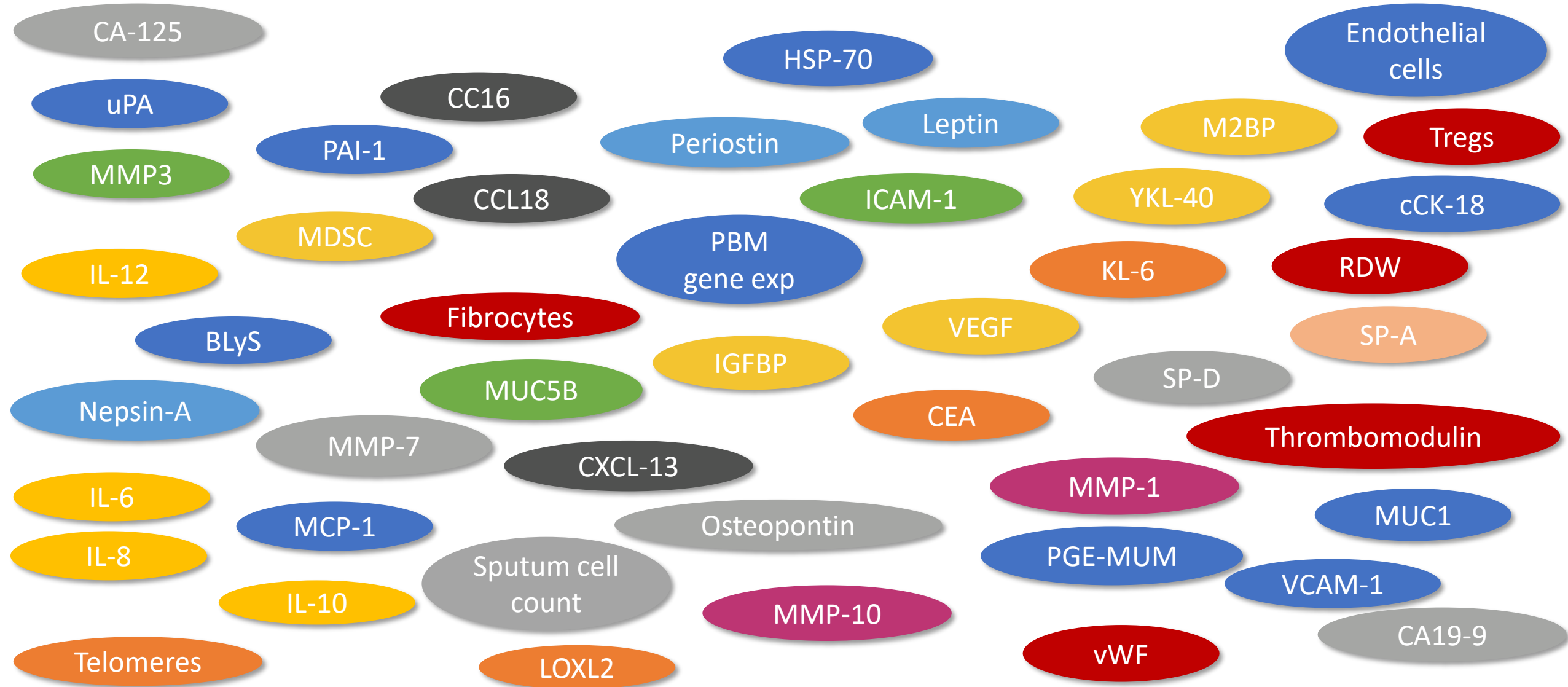
# Specific genetic risk factors associated with IPF

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- 1) Mutations in *TERT*, *TERC*, *PARN*, *RTEL1* and others — genes involved in the maintenance of telomere length; there is aging of alveolar epithelial cells and fibroblasts with shortened telomeres (accelerated aging process)
- 2) Variations in some genes change cell adhesion, integrity, and cell to cell talk
- 3) Sequence variants in *MUC5B* may help identify individuals with early disease
- 5) Family history of more than one case of IPF in previous one or two generations (and biological siblings)

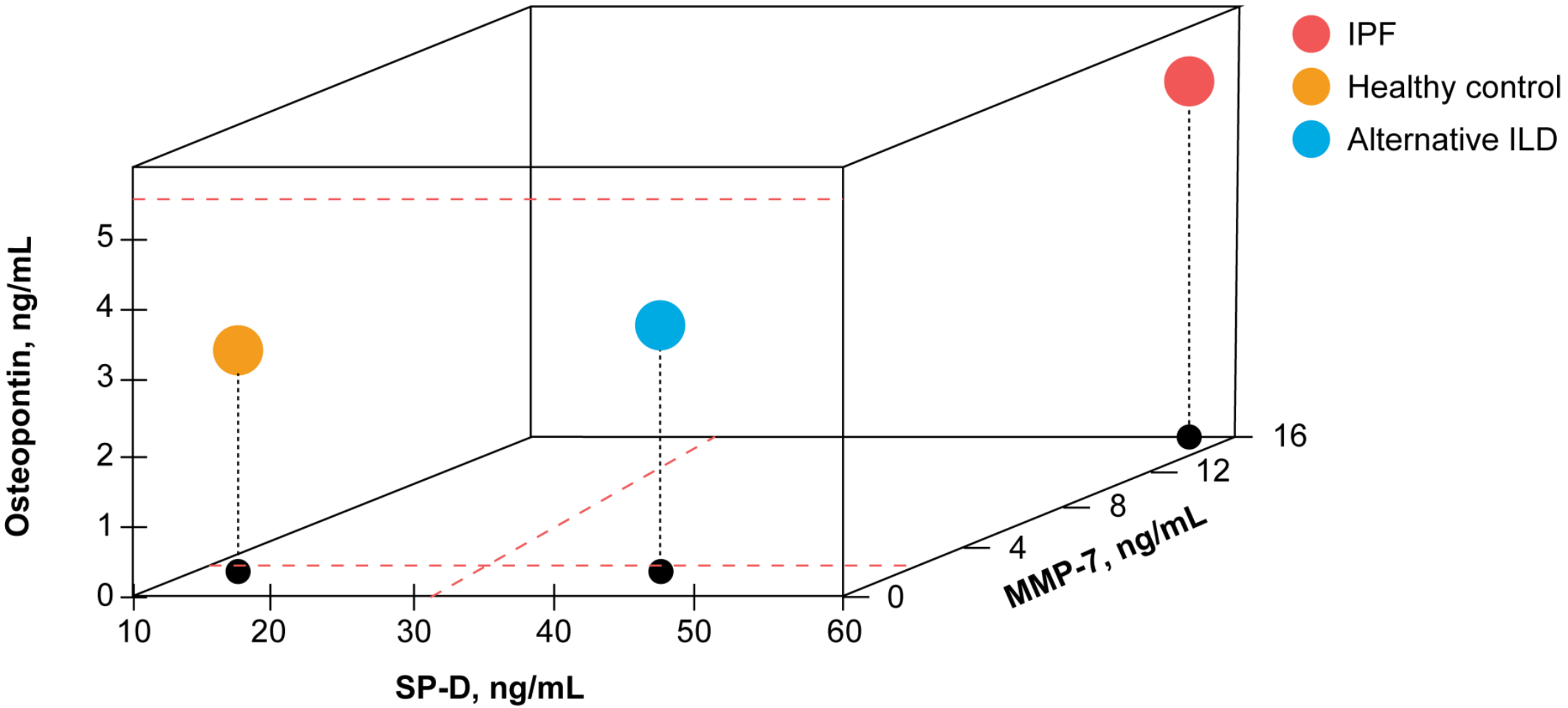


# Biomarkers—It's a Zoo!





# Biomarkers in the Diagnosis of IPF: Use in Combination May Increase Accuracy but not ready for prime time

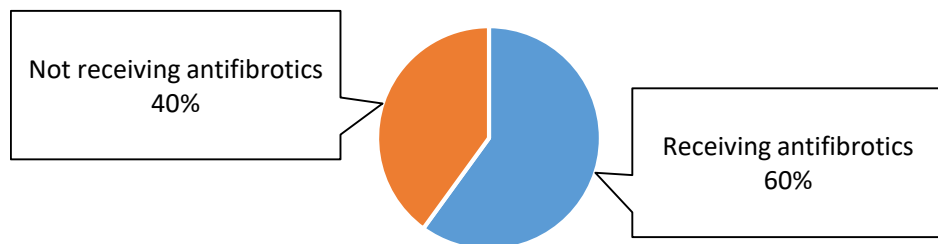


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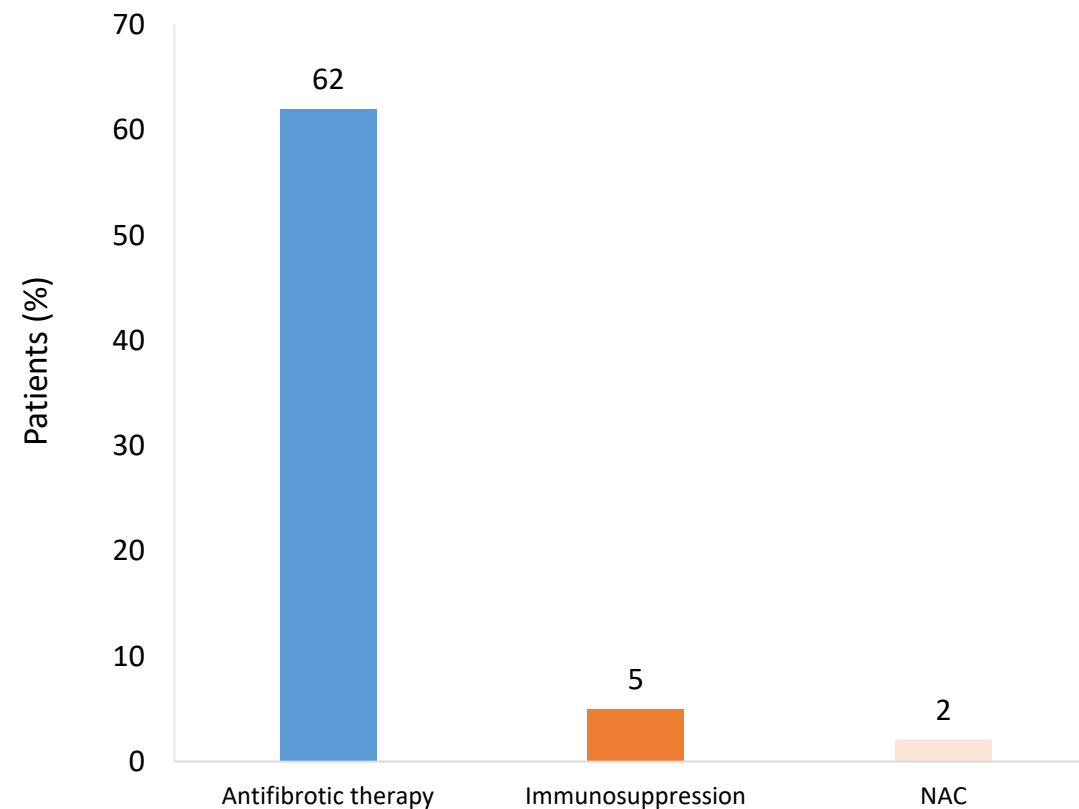


# Numbers of patients currently on antifibrotic therapy

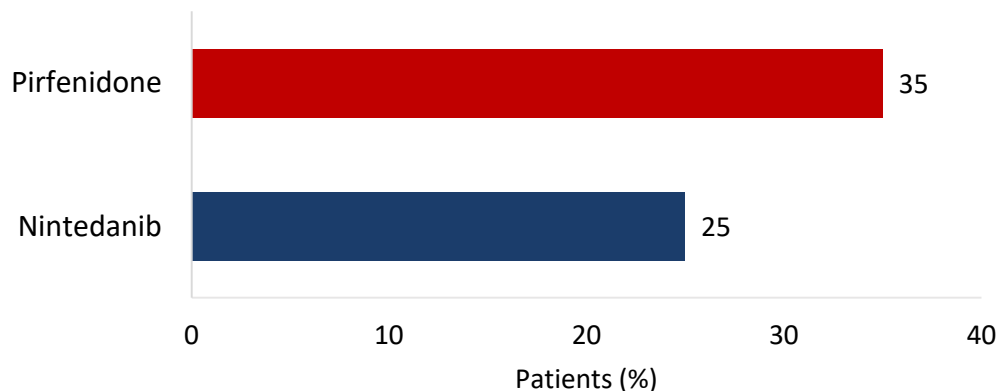
Medical therapy in patients with a confirmed IPF diagnosis in a chart review study across five European countries (n=1158)<sup>1</sup>



Baseline medical therapy of patients enrolled in the US PFF-PR (n=1461)<sup>3</sup>



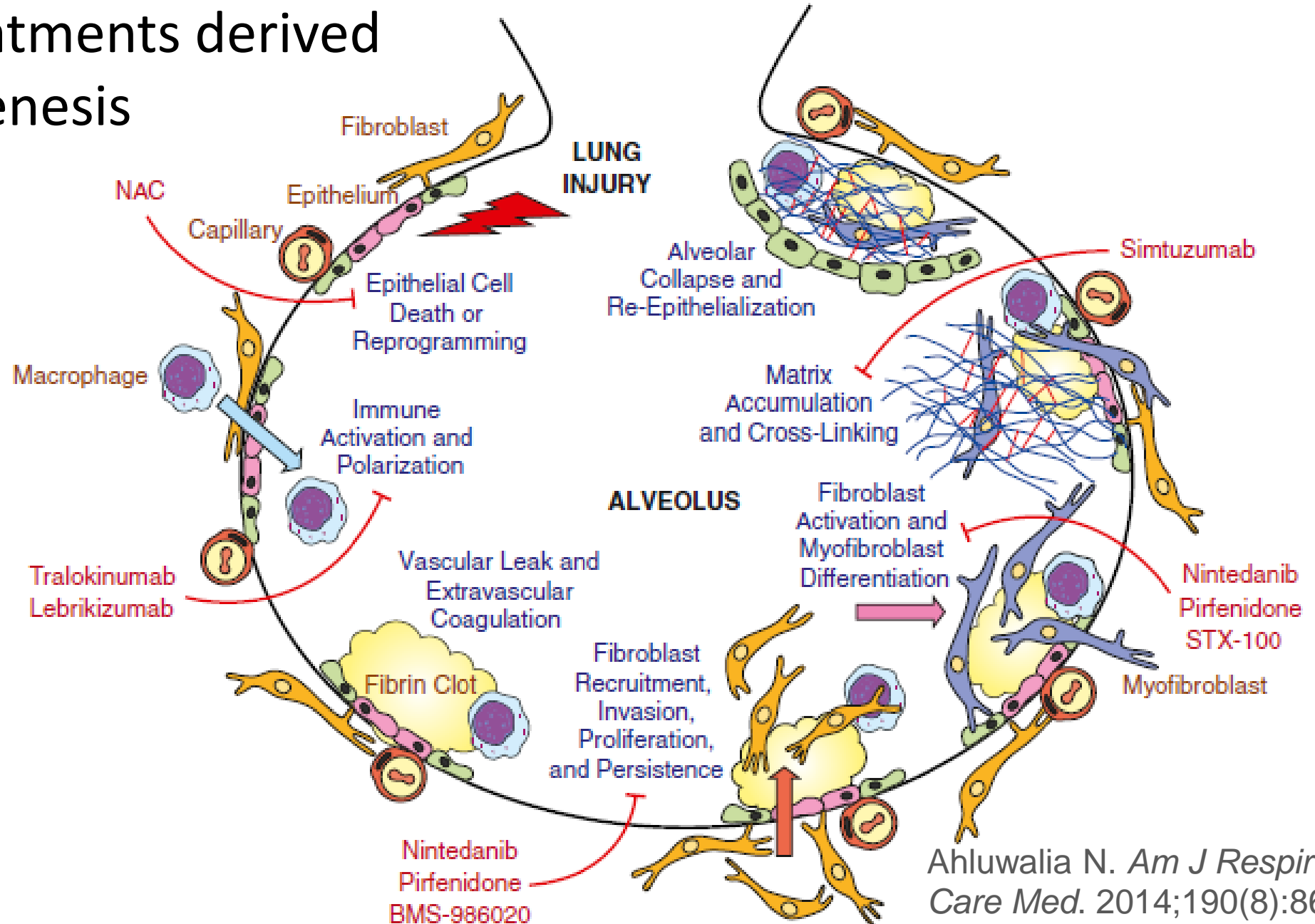
Antifibrotic usage before or at enrollment in the US IPF-PRO registry (n=662)<sup>2</sup>



IPF-PRO, Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Prospective Outcomes; NAC, N-acetylcysteine; PFF-PR, Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation Patient Registry.

1. Maher T *et al.* *BMC Pulm Med* 2017;17:124; 2. Culver DA *et al.* Oral presentation at the CHEST Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, US, October 6–10, 2018. Abstract 397A; 3. Flaherty K *et al.* *Eur Resp J* 2018;52:PA2199.

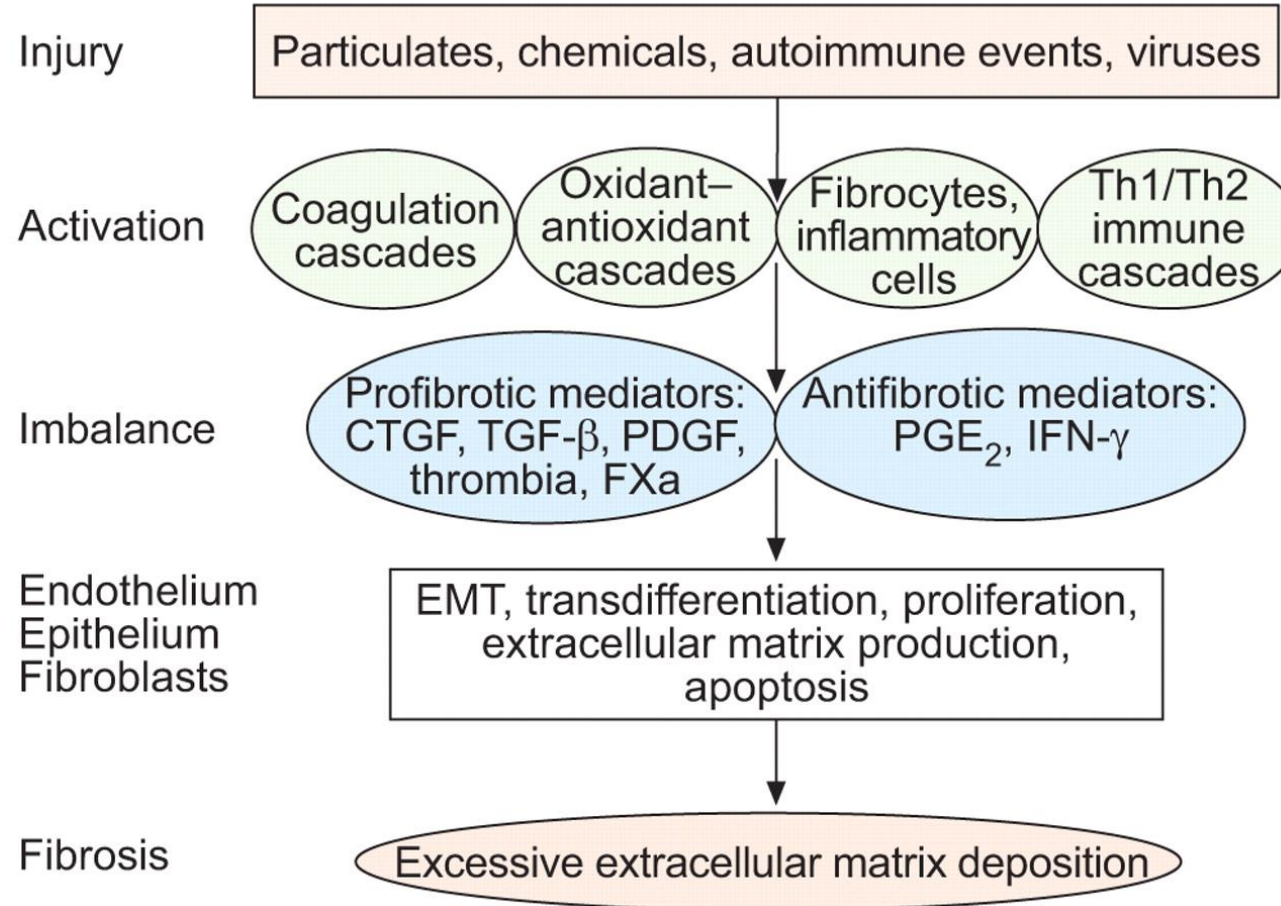
# Potential treatments derived from pathogenesis

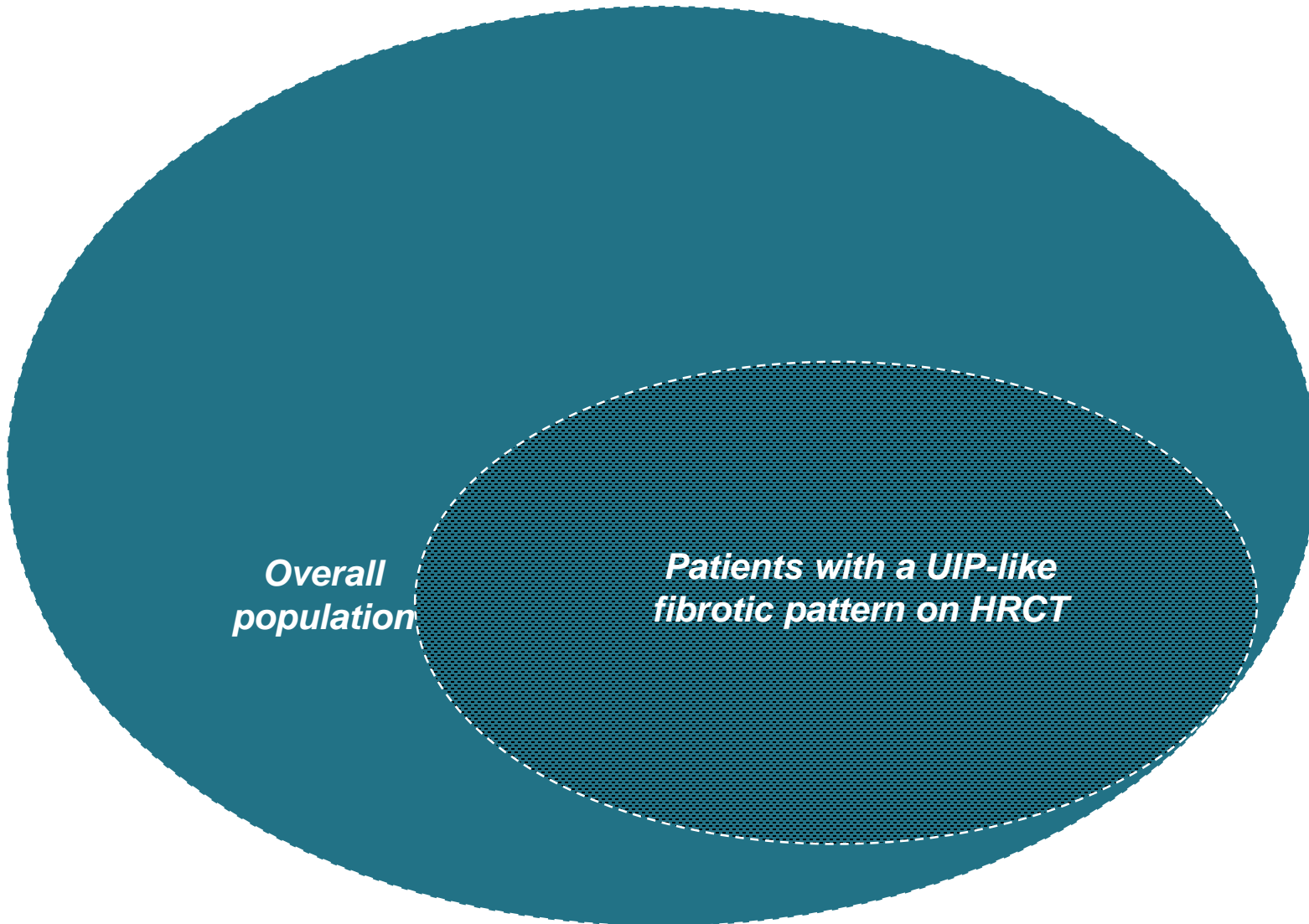


Ahluwalia N. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 2014;190(8):867-878

# Future targets for treatments for patients with fibrotic lung disease will forget the “I”?

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*Overall  
population*

*Patients with a UIP-like  
fibrotic pattern on HRCT*

# Redirect the “I” in Idiopathic

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- Diligently **identify** causes of early **interstitial** lung abnormalities and not focus on a specific entity characterized by usual interstitial pneumonia of unknown cause
- Enhanced public awareness might prompt **at-risk individuals** to seek earlier medical attention for treatment of **irreversible** lung disease
- Approved drugs are safe and efficacious; they minimize/stabilize progression and **improve survival** from usual interstitial pneumonia



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