

Increased levels of serum heat shock protein 27 as a possible marker for incipient obstructive pulmonary disease in a risk cohort

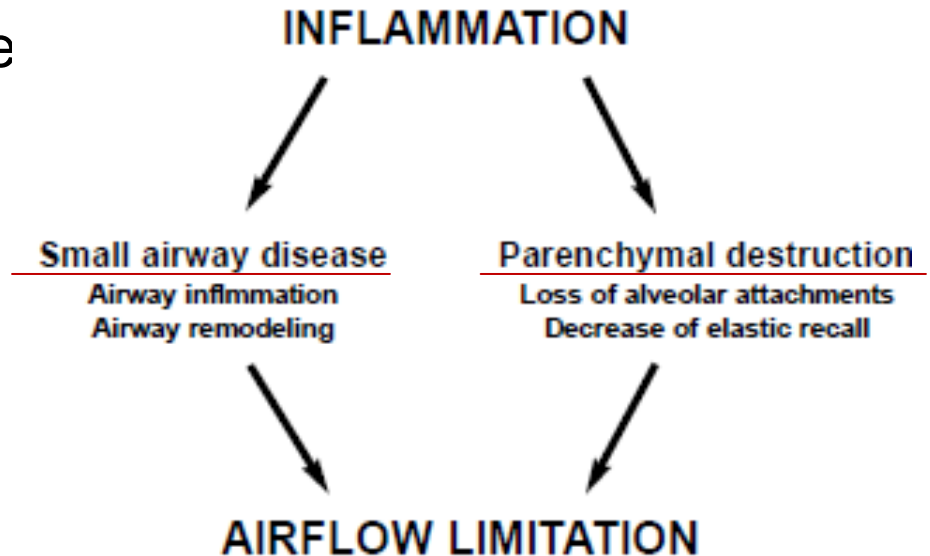
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Background COPD

- progressive airflow limitation
- abnormal inflammatory response of the lung
- diagnosis and classification by means of spirometry
 - $FEV1/FVC < 0.7$
 - FEV1%
 - GOLD I-IV (former 0-IV)
- *preventable and underdiagnosed*



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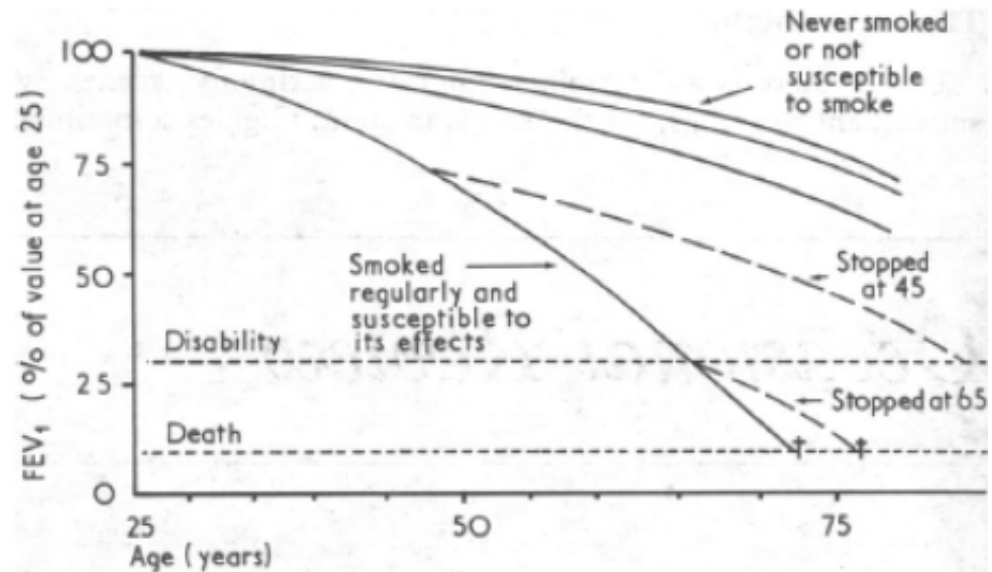
COPD – Epidemiology

- 5th leading cause of death
 - 5-year mortality GOLD IV: 73%
- prevalence 5 – 22% (\geq GOLD II)
- burden in terms of disability and impaired QOL
 - comorbidities
- financial burden (ERS: €38.7 billion/year)

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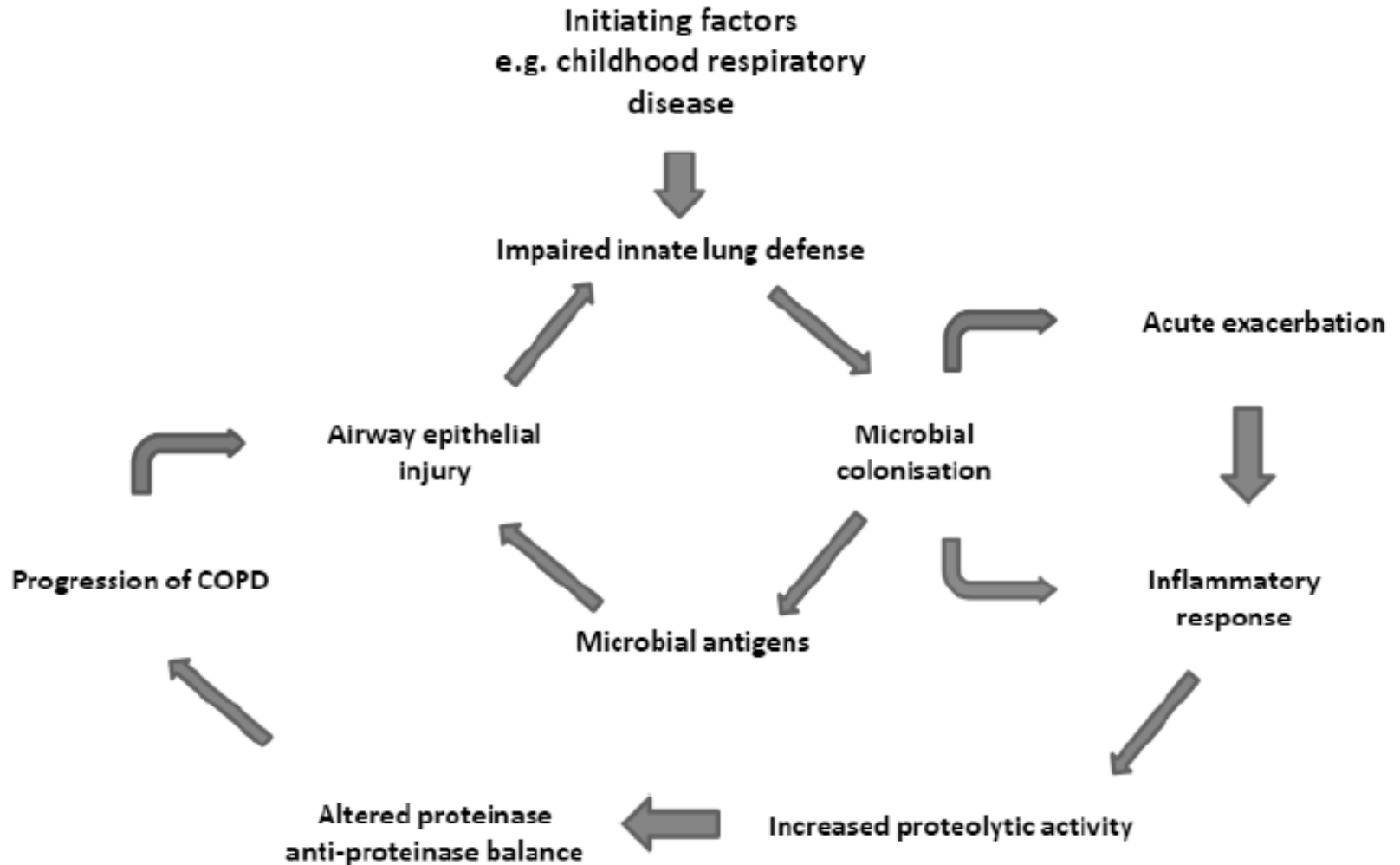
COPD – Risk Factors

- tobacco smoking
- environmental risk factors
- infections
 - adenovirus, rhinovirus, EBV
 - bacterial infections
 - exacerbations
- genetic risk factors
 - severe alpha1-antitrypsin deficiency
 - many possible „target genes“



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COPD – Risk Factors



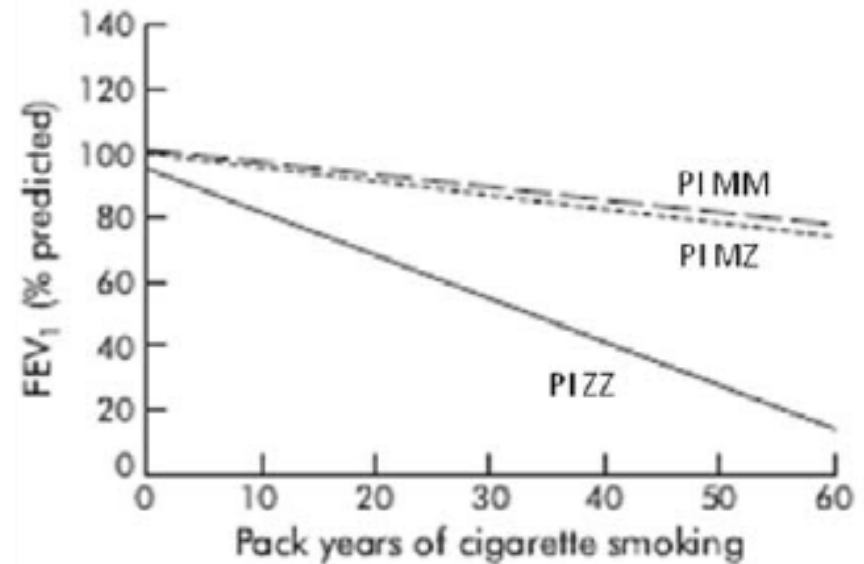


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COPD – Risk Factors

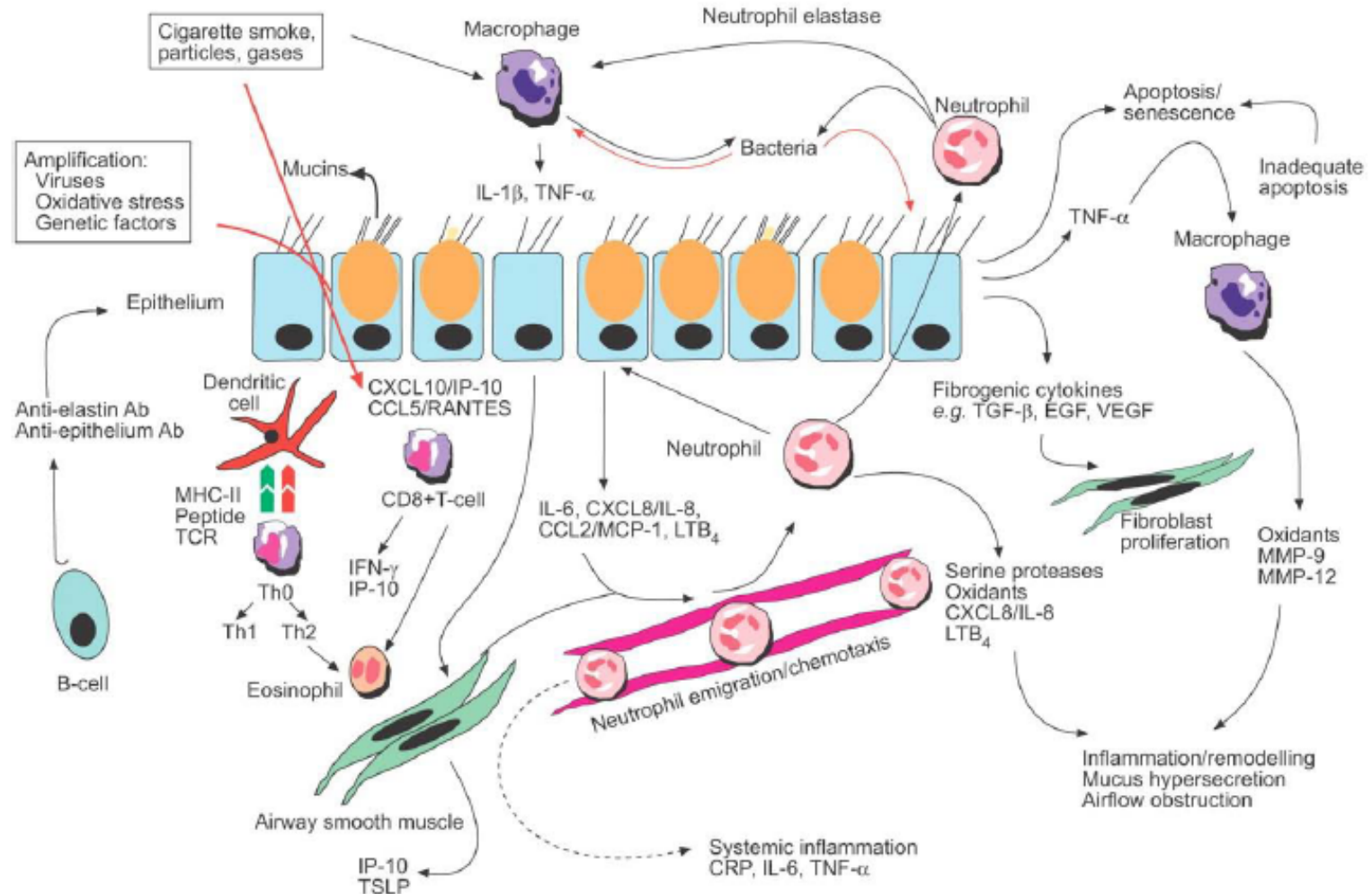


Symbol	Name	Locus	Function
<i>ELN</i>	Elastin	7q11	Matrix
<i>FBLN4</i>	Fibulin 4	11q13	Matrix
<i>FBLN5</i>	Fibulin 5	14q32	Matrix
<i>FBN1</i>	Fibrillin	15q21	Matrix
<i>ATP7A</i>	Copper transporter	Xq13	Matrix
<i>TGFB1</i>	Transforming growth factor β 1 (TGF β 1)	19q13	Matrix
<i>LTBP4</i>	Latent TGF β binding protein 4	19q13	Matrix
<i>SERPINA1</i>	α ₁ -Antitrypsin	14q32	Anti-protease
<i>SERPINE2</i>	Serpin E2	2q33	Antiprotease
<i>TIMP2</i>	Tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinase 2	17q25	Antiprotease
<i>MMP1</i>	Metalloproteinase 1	11q22	Protease
<i>MMP9</i>	Metalloproteinase 9	20q11	Protease
<i>MMP12</i>	Metalloproteinase 12	11q22	Protease
<i>EPHX1</i>	Epoxide hydrolase 1	1q42	Detoxification
<i>GST-P1</i>	Glutathione S-transferase P1	11q13	Detoxification
<i>GST-M1</i>	Glutathione S-transferase M1	1p13	Detoxification
<i>HMOX1</i>	Heme oxygenase 1	22q13	Detoxification
<i>SOD3</i>	Superoxide dismutase 3	4p15	Detoxification
<i>TNF</i>	Tumour necrosis factor	6p21	Inflammation
<i>GC</i>	Group specific component	4q12	Inflammation



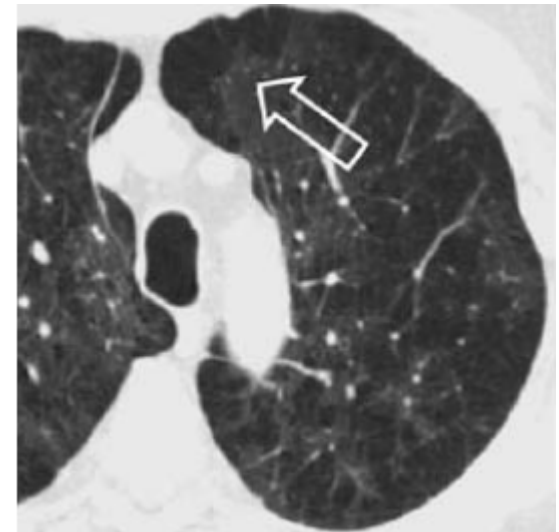
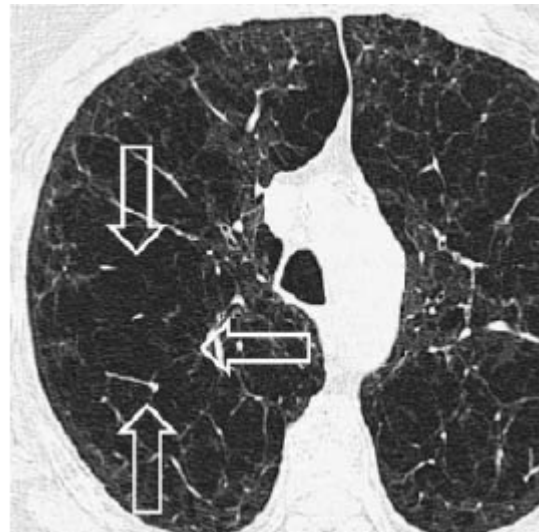
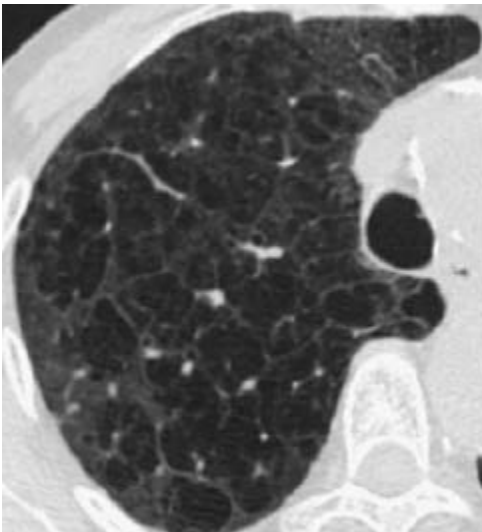
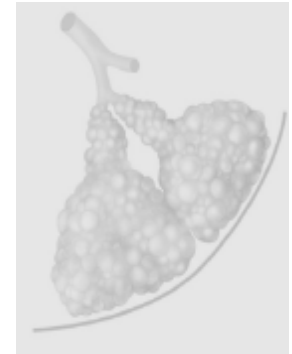
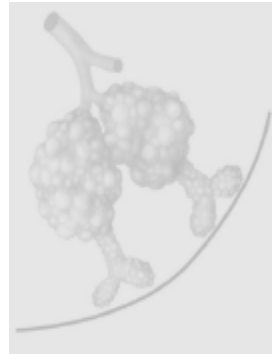
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Background COPD - Pathogenesis



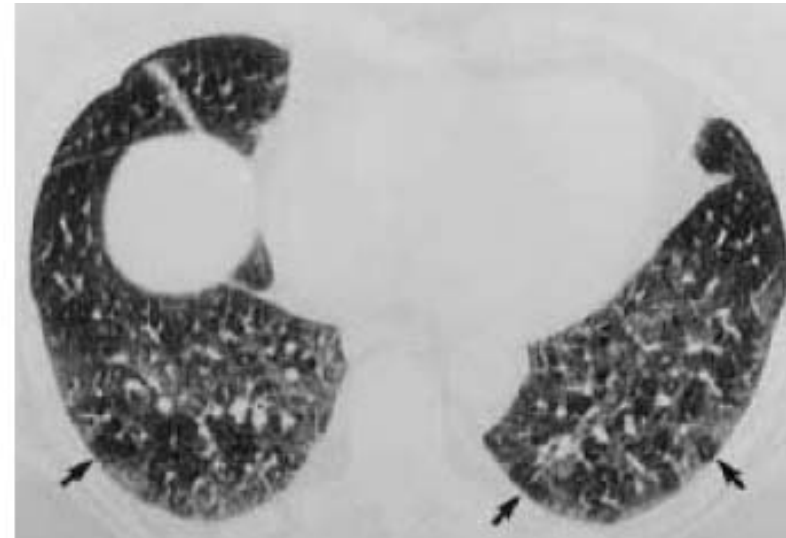
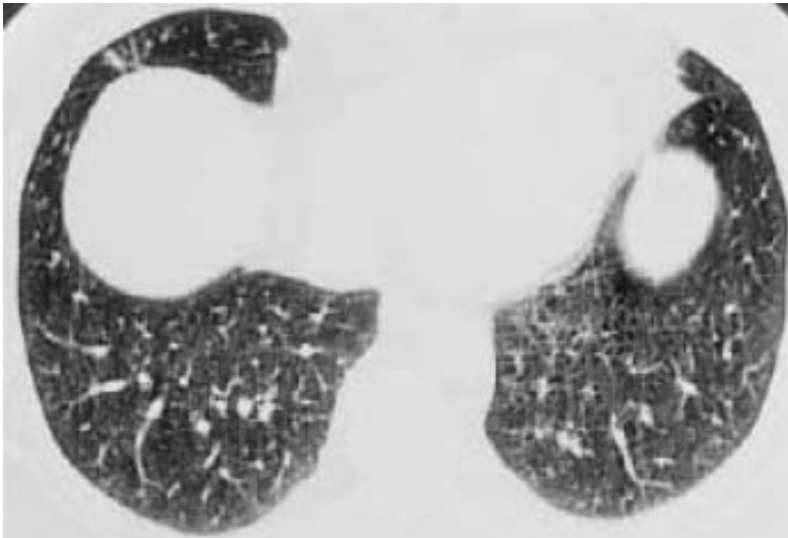
COPD – Morphologic Changes I

- pulmonary emphysema
 - centrilobular
 - panlobular
 - paraseptal



COPD – Morphologic Changes II

- small airway disease
 - inflammatory infiltrate
 - airway wall remodeling
 - „air trapping“



Background

COPD – Biomarkers

U.S. Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

“with the exception of lung function tests, there are no well-validated biomarkers [...] that can be used [...] for COPD”.

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- Informs on the disease process and prognosis
 - Reliable and reproducible in a routine clinical setting
 - Inexpensive
 - Measurable changes in response to intervention
 - Little or no diurnal variation
 - Sensitive, disease-specific, high positive and negative predictive values
 - Sampling method acceptable to patients

- blood-derived biomarkers
- airway-sampled biomarkers
 - sputum
 - BAL
 - exhaled air
 - EBC

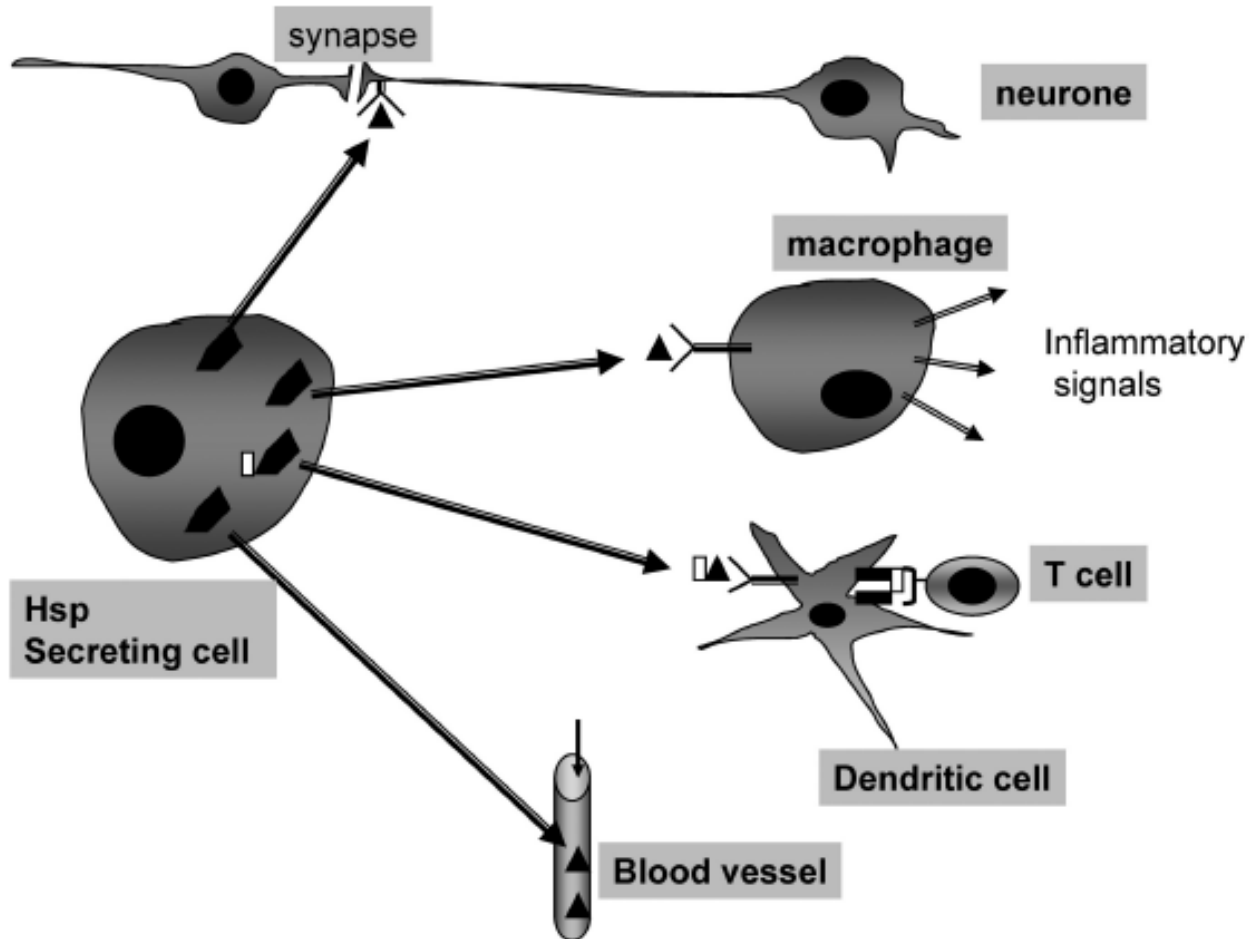
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Heat Shock Proteins

Stress Protein	Protein Function	
	Intracellular	Extracellular
Hsp27	Chaperone antideath	Anti-inflammatory
Hsp60	Chaperonin	Proinflammatory
Hsp70	Chaperone antideath	Immunoregulatory proinflammatory neuronal survival
Hsp90	Chaperone cell regulation	Proimmune prometastatic
Hsp110	Chaperone co-chaperone	Proimmune

- usually intracellular chaperones
- release after cell stress and trauma → extracellular „danger signal“
- modulation of the immune response

Background Heat Shock Proteins

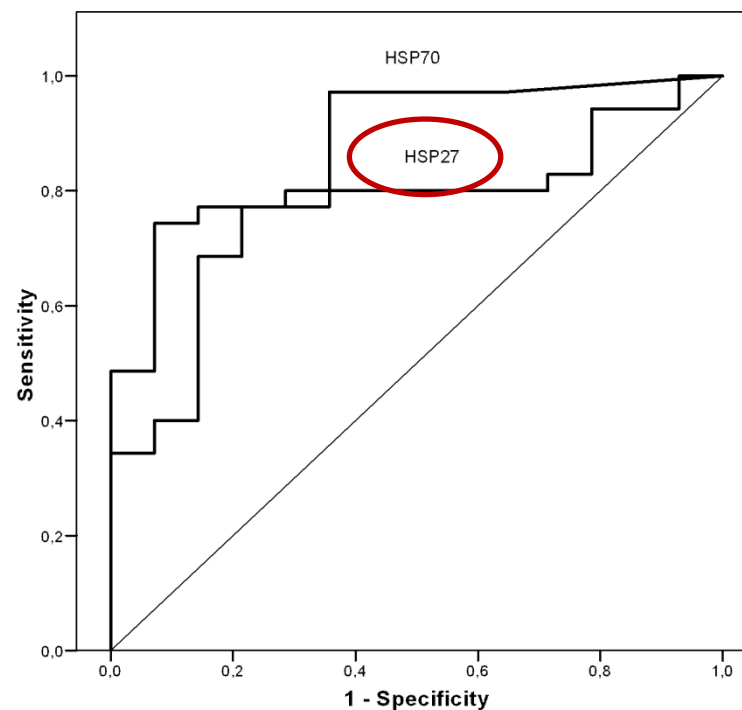
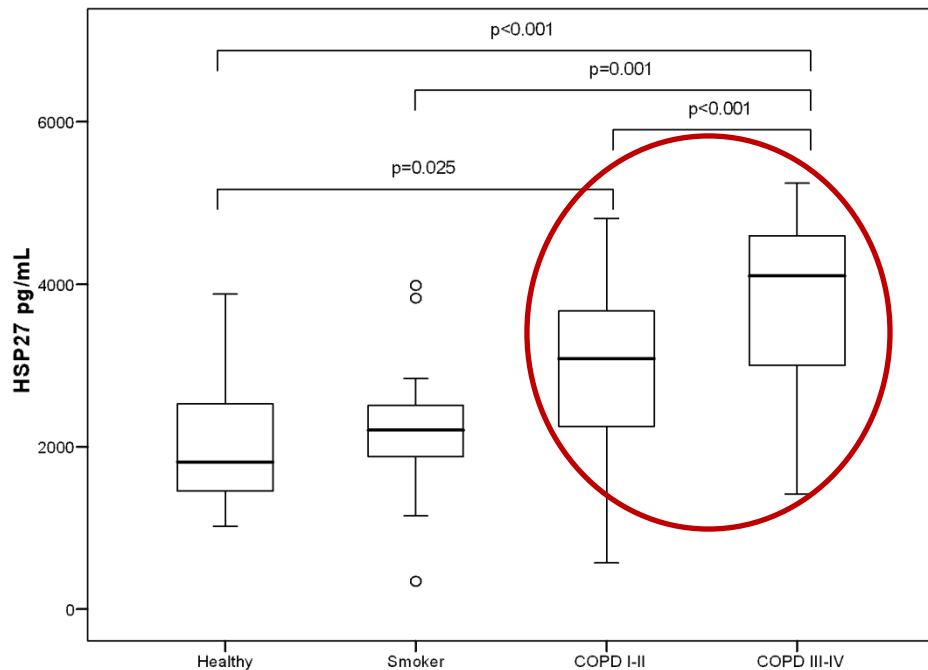


Heat Shock Proteins in COPD

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Elevated HSP27, HSP70 and HSP90 alpha in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: markers for immune activation and tissue destruction

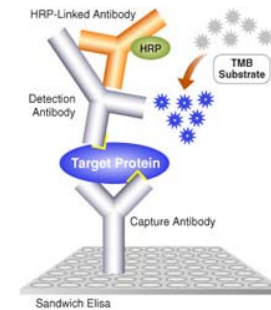
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- Evaluation of HSP27 serum levels in long-time smokers
 - normal lung function
 - air trapping and/or emphysema
- Are HSP27 serum values altered before lung function parameters indicating obstruction deteriorate?
- Measurement of proinflammatory, pro-angiogenic and chemotactic factors, markers for apoptosis and metalloproteinases

- 120 subjectively healthy smokers
 - questionnaire (smoking habits, medication)
 - lung function testing (FVC[%], FEV1[%], FEV1/FVC ratio)
 - acquisition of serum samples
 - HR-CT (optional)
- Exclusion criteria:
 - known lung diseases
 - relevant cardiopulmonary morbidities
 - autoimmune diseases
 - use of immunomodulatory drugs within 2 weeks before study entry

- ELISA
- High resolution CT
(16-detector MDCT scanner)
- SPSS / GraphPad Prism 5

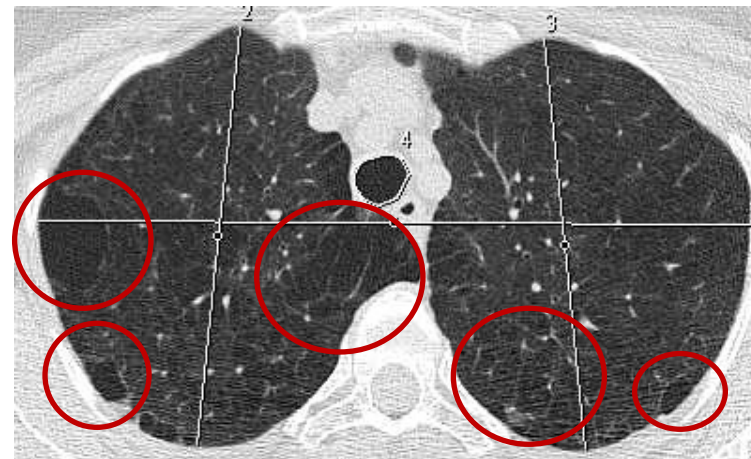
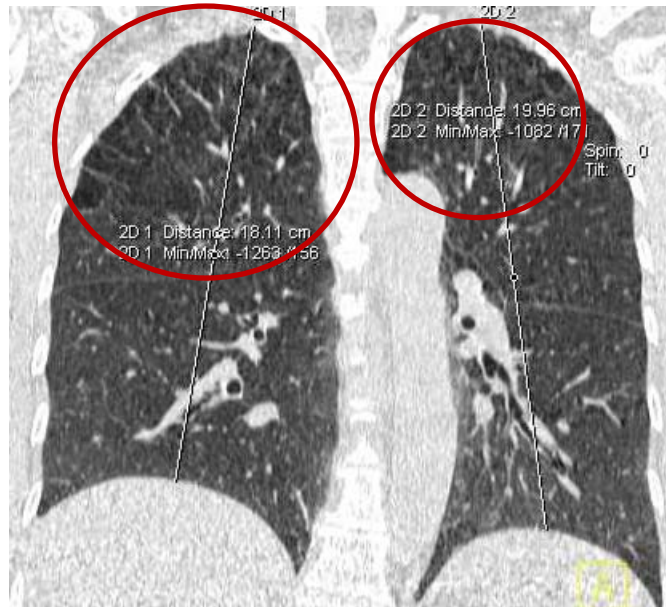
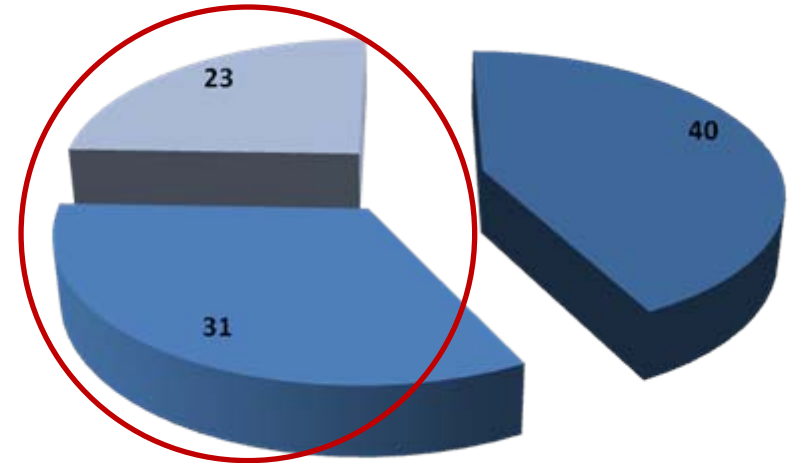


Demographics

	total study group	HR-CT study group	<i>P</i> -value
	100%	78.3%	
<i>n</i>	120	94	-
M / F <i>n</i>	53 / 67	42 / 52	<i>n.s.</i>
M / F %	44.2 / 55.8	44.7 / 55.3	<i>n.s.</i>
Age	43.1±9.7	43.4±9.5	<i>n.s.</i>
Pack Years	17.0 (10.5/31.0)	16.7 (10.8/33.9)	<i>n.s.</i>
HSP27 (pg/ml)	3623±1552	3761±1582	<i>n.s.</i>
Lung Function			
FVC%	90.2±11.5	90.6±11.7	<i>n.s.</i>
FEV1%	83.6±11.8	83.5±12.9	<i>n.s.</i>
FEV1/FVC	0.779±0.078	0.771±0.077	<i>n.s.</i>
FEV1/FVC≤0.7	15 (12.5%)	13 (13.8%)	<i>n.s.</i>

Results I

$n = 54$ (57.5%) HR-CT abnormalities
 $n = 31$ (33.0%) AT
 $n = 23$ (24.5%) AT+E

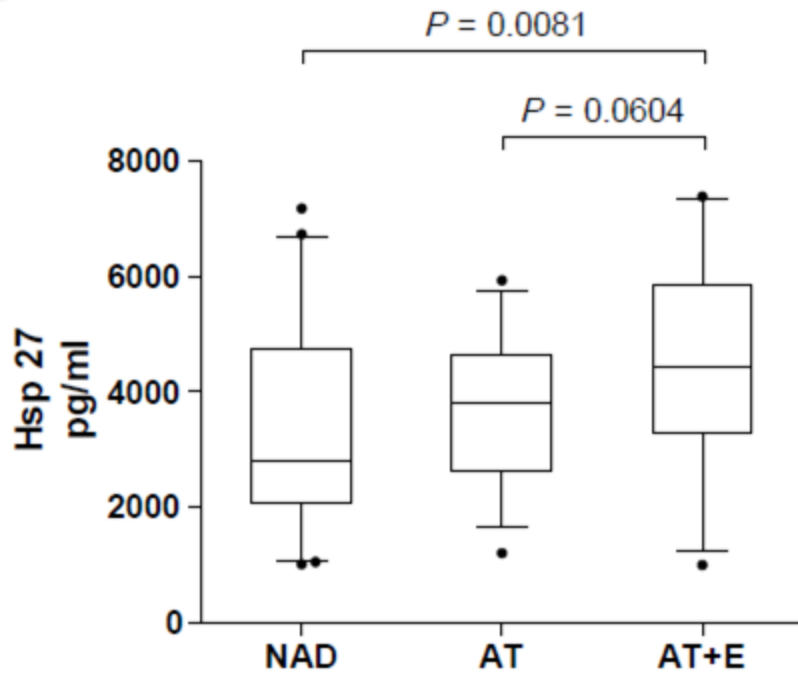


U.H., 53 yrs., >40 PYs
normal lung function
centrilobular emphysema; air trapping

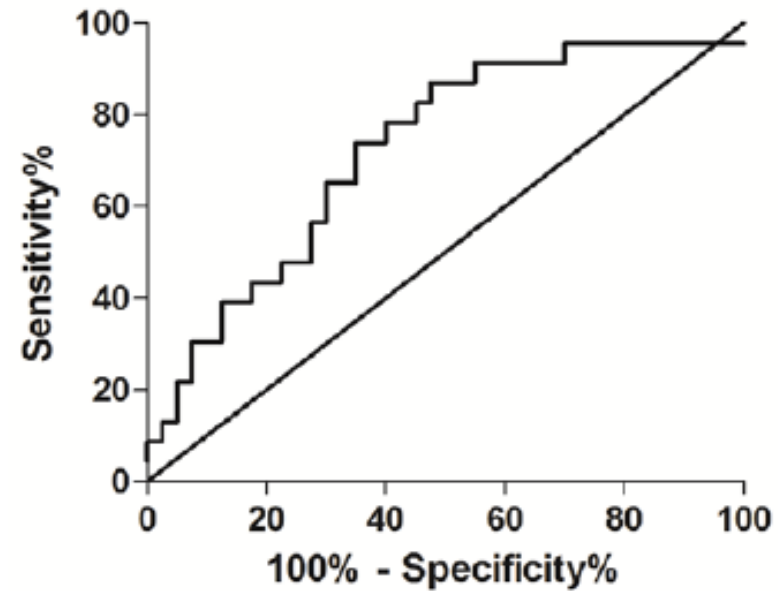
Results II

	nothing abnormal detected	air trapping	air trapping and emphysema	total	<i>P</i> -value
n	40	31	23	94	-
M / F <i>n</i>	19 / 21	15 / 16	8 / 15	42 / 52	<i>n.s.</i>
M / F %	(47.5 / 52.5)	(48.4 / 51.6)	(34.8 / 65.2)	(44.7 / 55.3)	
Age	42.1±10.0	41.9±9.5	47.7±7.5	43.4± 9.5	0.039
Pack Years	15.6 (10.0/29.8)	14.8 (8.6/21.3)	33.0 (15.3/40.3)	16.7 (10.8/33.9)	0.011
Lung Function					
FVC%	92.4±10.5	90.4±12.5	87.7±12.5	90.6±11.7	<i>n.s.</i>
FEV1%	86.6±12.9	83.2±13.1	78.4±11.3	83.5±12.9	<i>n.s.</i>
FEV1/FVC	0.78±0.07	0.77±0.06	0.75±0.11	0.77±0.08	<i>n.s.</i>
FEV1/FVC≤0.7	5 (12.5%)	3 (9.7%)	5 (21.7%)	13 (13.8%)	<i>n.s.</i>

Results III



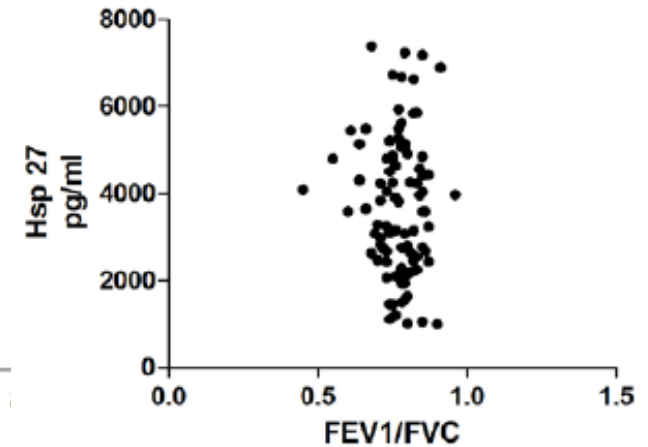
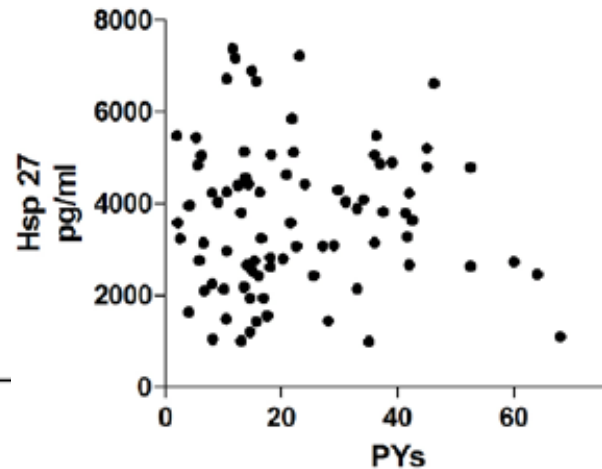
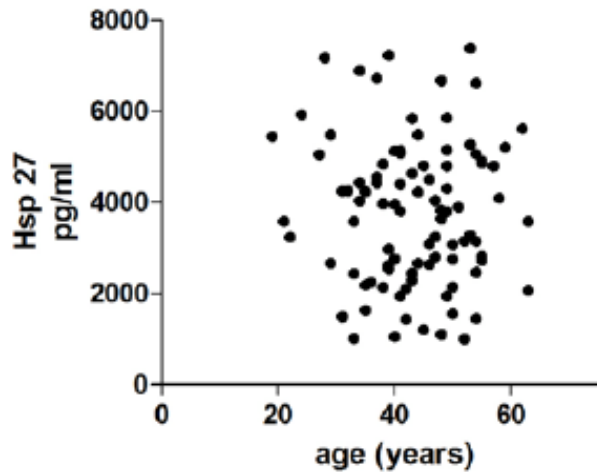
mean	3282	3744	4618
±	±	±	±
SD	1607	1210	1677



ROC-curve (AT+E)

→ AUC=0.724 ($P=0.003$)

Results IV



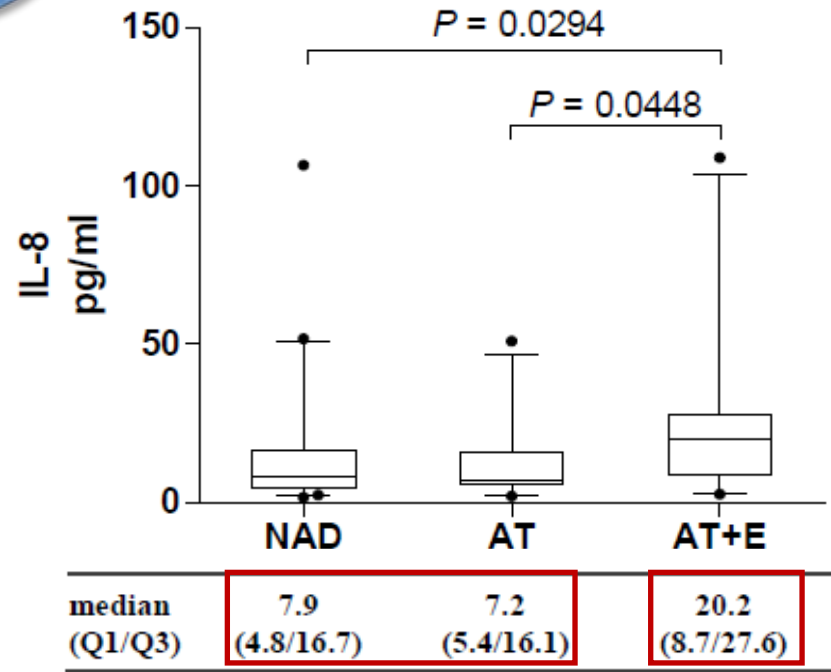
→ no correlation of serum HSP27 with other clinical parameters

Age: $r=-0.056$; $P=0.595$

PYs: $r=-0.028$; $P=0.801$

FEV1/FVC: $r=-0.059$; $P=0.575$

Results V

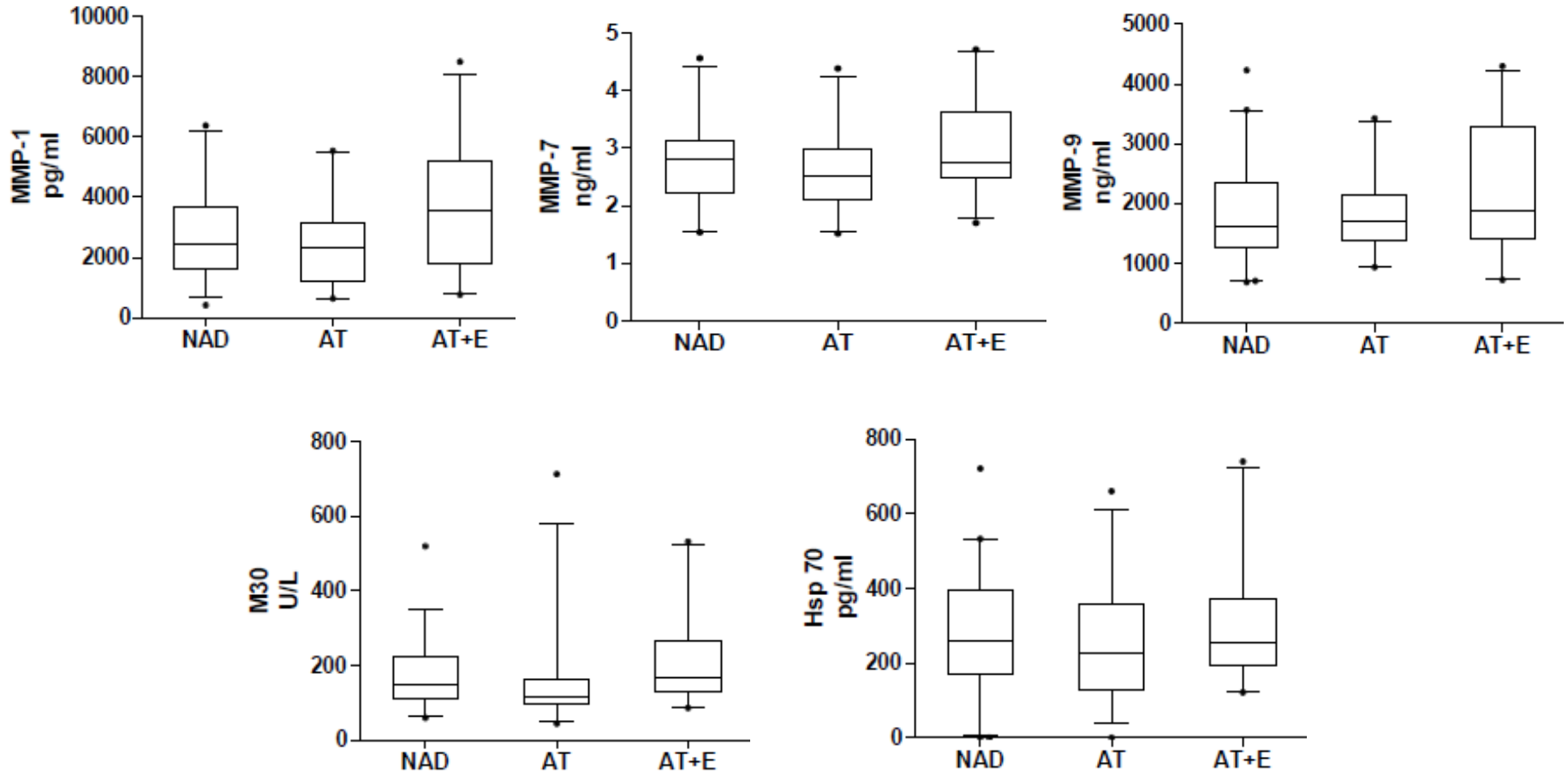


HR-CT Findings	nothing abnormal detected		air trapping		air trapping + emphysema		P-value
	Median (Q1/Q3)	Min-Max	Median (Q1/Q3)	Min-Max	Median (Q1/Q3)	Min-Max	
IL-1 β (pg/ml)	0.0 (0.0/2.67)	0.0-81.36	0.0 (0.0/0.08)	0.0-96.16	0.0 (0.0/1.95)	0.0-38.75	0.916
IL-6 (pg/ml)	0.0 (0.0/1.08)	0.0-76.26	0.0 (0.0/0.65)	0.0-23.15	0.19 (0.0/1.16)	0.0-46.25	0.679
TNF- α (pg/ml)	0.0 (0.0/0.0)	0.0-9.37	0.0 (0.0/0.0)	0.0-0.0	0.0 (0.0/0.0)	0.0-2.25	0.132

Results VI

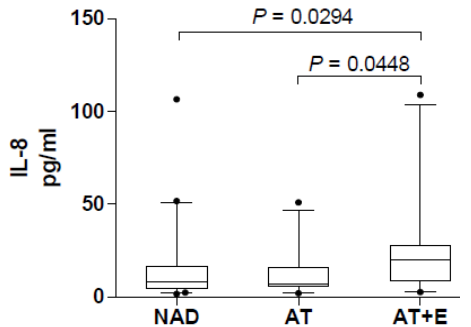
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	Median (Q1/Q3)	Min-Max	Median (Q1/Q3)	Min-Max	Median (Q1/Q3)	Min-Max	
sST2 (pg/ml)	67.24 (41.19/137.1)	3.16–810.4	60.14 (32.36/125.7)	2.86–445.2	69.6 (9.93/206.1)	0.0–623.6	0.573
GRO-α (pg/ml)	24.79 (8.74/45.54)	0.0–116.9	27.39 (18.76/44.70)	0.0–112.7	25.42 (11.18/44.91)	0.0–107.3	0.700
M30 (U/L)	147.1 (108.6/223.8)	59.13–519.0	115.5 (96.55/164.3)	43.97–712.4	168.8 (130.1/264.1)	85.4–530.9	0.062
HMGB1 (ng/ml)	2.21 (1.53/3.52)	0.85–7.79	2.09 (1.36/2.87)	0.57–12.23	2.15 (1.53/4.0)	1.04–8.25	0.618
	Mean ± SD	95% CI	Mean ± SD	95% CI	Mean ± SD	95% CI	
ENA-78 (pg/ml)	2664 ± 1529	2175–3153	3575 ± 1694	2954–4196	2643 ± 1322	2024–3262	0.031
RANTES (ng/ml)	71.29 ± 26.17	62.81–79.78	74.18 ± 16.42	68.05–80.31	75.57 ± 19.37	67.20–83.95	0.730
MMP-1 (pg/ml)	2812 ± 1691	2264–3360	2467 ± 1433	1922–3012	3602 ± 2082	2701–4502	0.062
MMP-7 (ng/ml)	2.73 ± 0.71	2.49–2.97	2.62 ± 0.69	2.36–2.88	3.01 ± 0.80	2.66–3.36	0.157
MMP-9 (ng/ml)	1837 ± 857.9	1562–2111	1844 ± 647.8	1607–2082	2184 ± 1078	1718–2650	0.252
HSP70 (pg/ml)	282.3 ± 152.1	233.7–331.0	250.6 ± 149.6	194.7–306.4	311.6 ± 172.0	237.2–386.0	0.371
sRAGE (pg/ml)	363.5 ± 188.5	300.6–426.3	384.9 ± 188.0	314.7–455.1	283.0 ± 221.2	182.3–383.7	0.175

Results VI



Conclusions

Chronic antigen exposure
(e.g. tobacco smoke)

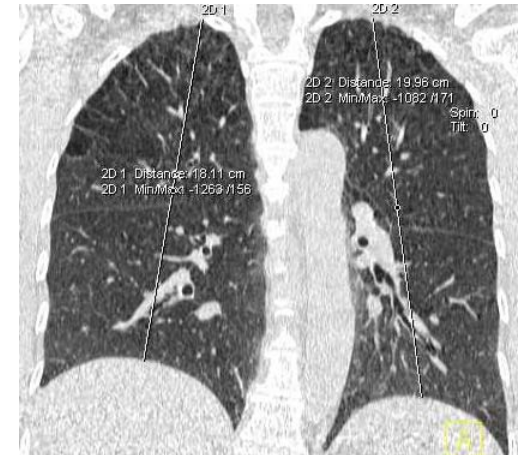


immune activation

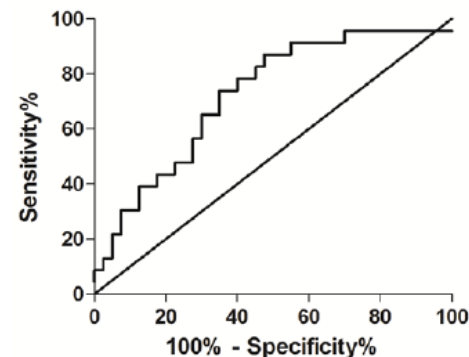
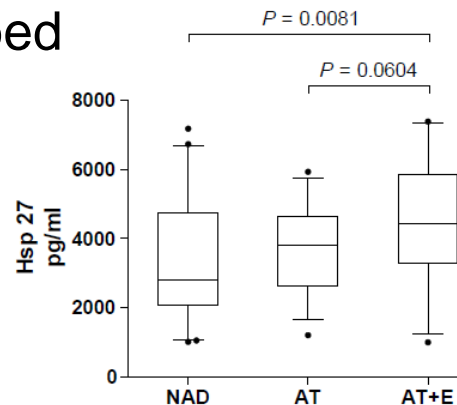


secretion of HSP27 into
the vascular bed

**HSP27 as future marker
for incipient COPD?**



COPD-associated
radiological findings





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