

Diffuse parenchymal lung disease from sarcoidosis to alphabet soup

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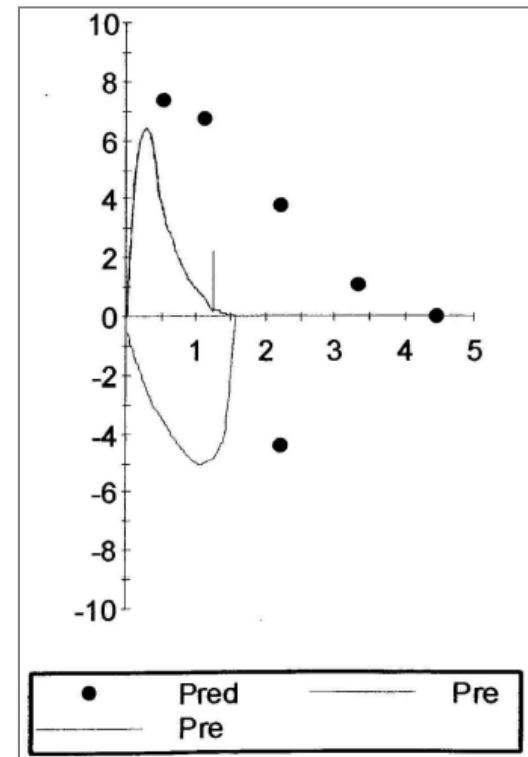
NHLBI

- No medication is FDA-approved for the other ILDs

A patient you are seeing...

A 59 year-old man presents with progressive dyspnea on exertion over the past one year. He reports a dry cough but no wheezes, sputum production, fevers or hemoptysis. He smoked 1 ppd for 20 years but quit 10 years ago. He works as a lawyer. PFTs are as follows:

Test	Actual	% Predicted
FEV ₁	1.28	38
FVC	1.57	35
FEV ₁ /FVC	82	
TLC	2.70	42
DLCO	5.06	16

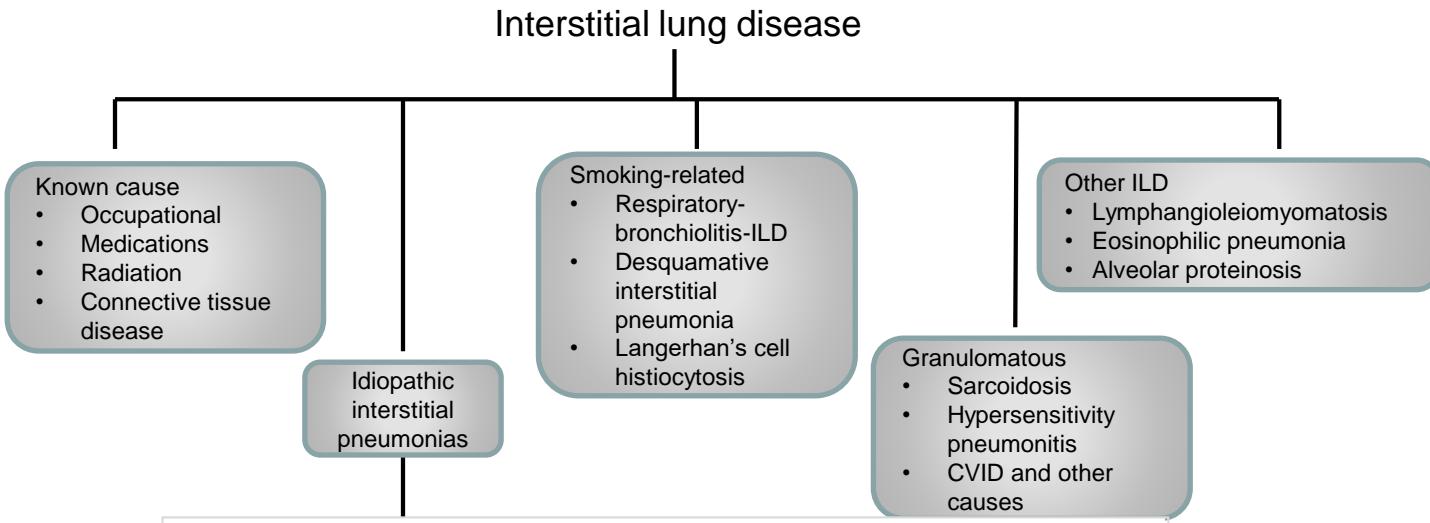


Is all UIP IPF?
What is CPFE? LAM?

Objectives

- Review the diagnostic approach and classification of ILD
- Update the pathogenesis and treatment of IPF
- Recognize the diagnostic dilemma encountered with IIPs
- Discuss sarcoidosis

Classifying ILD



American Thoracic Society Documents



Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

An Official American Thoracic Society/European Respiratory Society Statement: Update of the International Multidisciplinary Classification of the Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonias

William D. Travis, Ulrich Costabel, David M. Hansell, Talmadge E. King, Jr., David A. Lynch, Andrew G. Nicholson, Christopher J. Ryerson, Jay H. Ryu, Moisés Selman, Athol U. Wells, Jurgen Behr, Demosthenes Bouras, Kevin K. Brown, Thomas V. Colby, Harold R. Collard, Carlos Robalo Cordeiro, Vincent Cottin, Bruno Crestani, Marjolein Drent, Rosalind F. Dudden, Jim Egan, Kevin Flaherty, Cory Hogaboam, Yoshikazu Inoue, Takeshi Johkoh, Dong Soon Kim, Masanori Kitaichi, James Loyd, Fernando J. Martinez, Jeffrey Myers, Shandra Protzko, Ganesh Raghu, Luca Richeldi, Nicola Sverzellati, Jeffrey Swigris, and Dominique Valeyre; on behalf of the ATS/ERS Committee on Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonias

Lymphocytic Interstitial pneumonia

Drug reactions are frequently missed

Which may be associated with obstruction as well as restriction?

- Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
- Sarcoidosis
- Asbestosis
- Combined pulmonary fibrosis-emphysema
- Scleroderma-ILD
- Lymphangioleiomyomatosis (LAM)
- Hypersensitivity pneumonitis
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Which are more likely to have exaggerated ↓FVC% < ↓DLCO%?

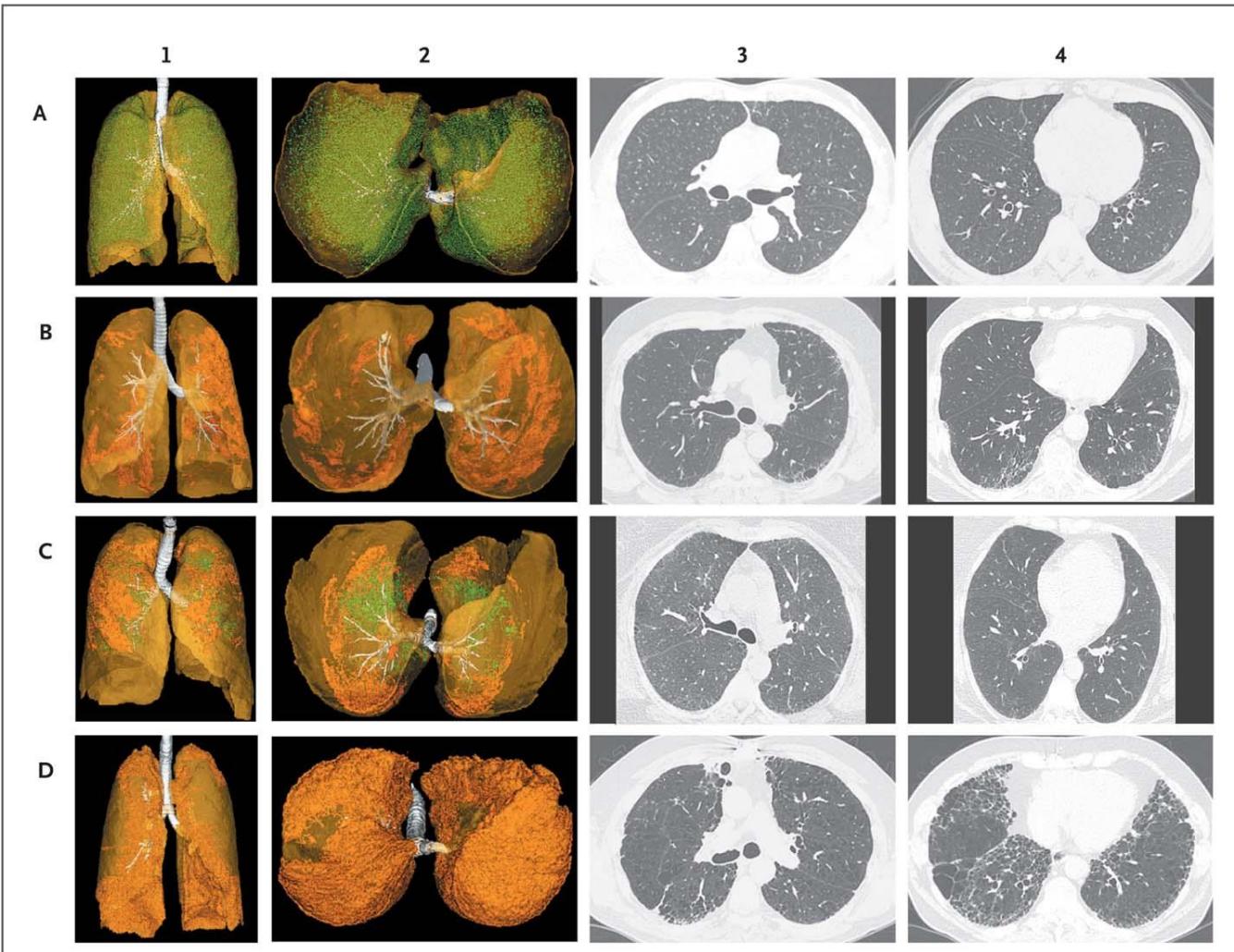
- Sarcoidosis
- IPF
- Hypersensitivity pneumonitis
- Rheumatoid lung
- Asbestosis
- Smoking-related ILD

Physical exam

- Non-specific
- Rales, squeaks, wheezes
- Connective tissue disease signs
- Lymph nodes
- Clubbing
- Cor pulmonale

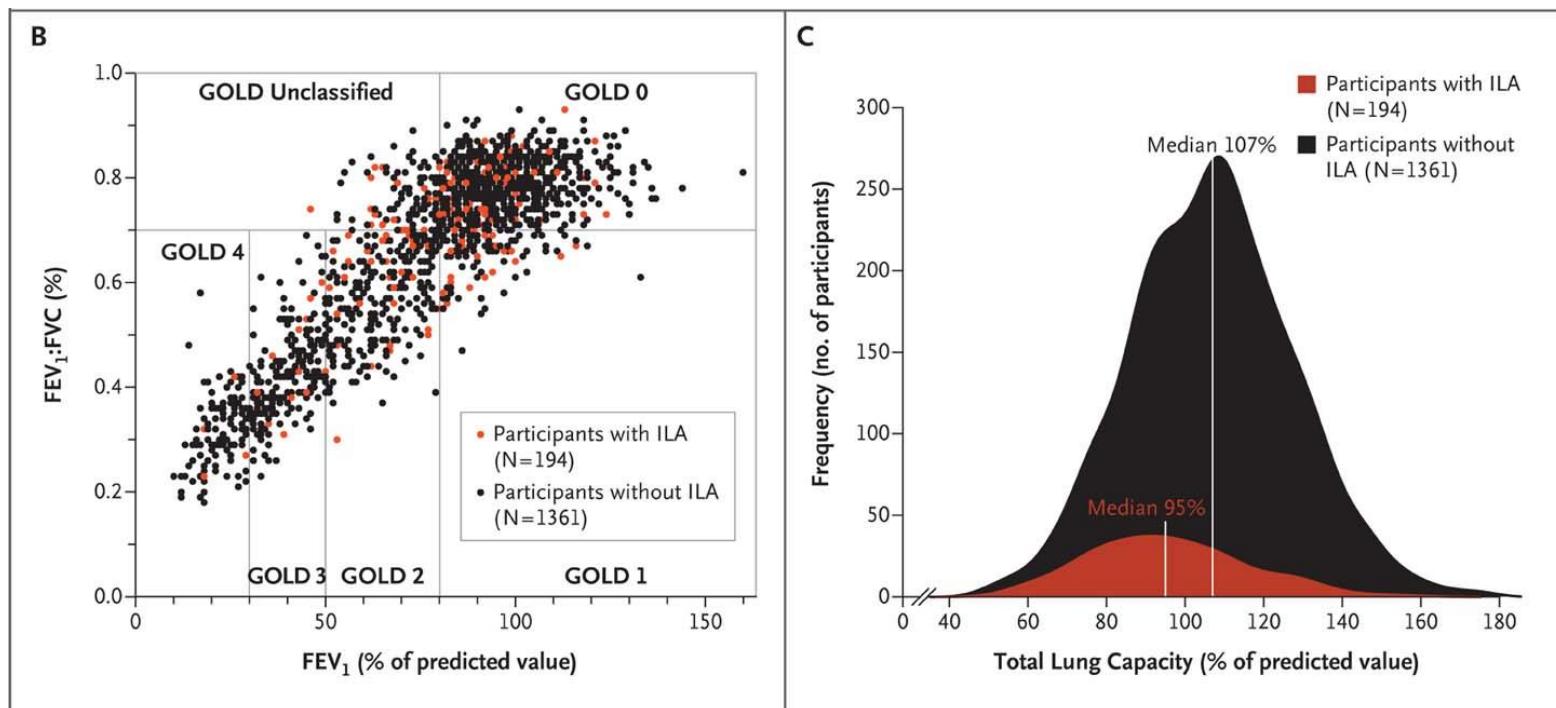
Interstitial Lung Abnormalities are present in 8-13%

Centrilobular



Interstitial lung disease

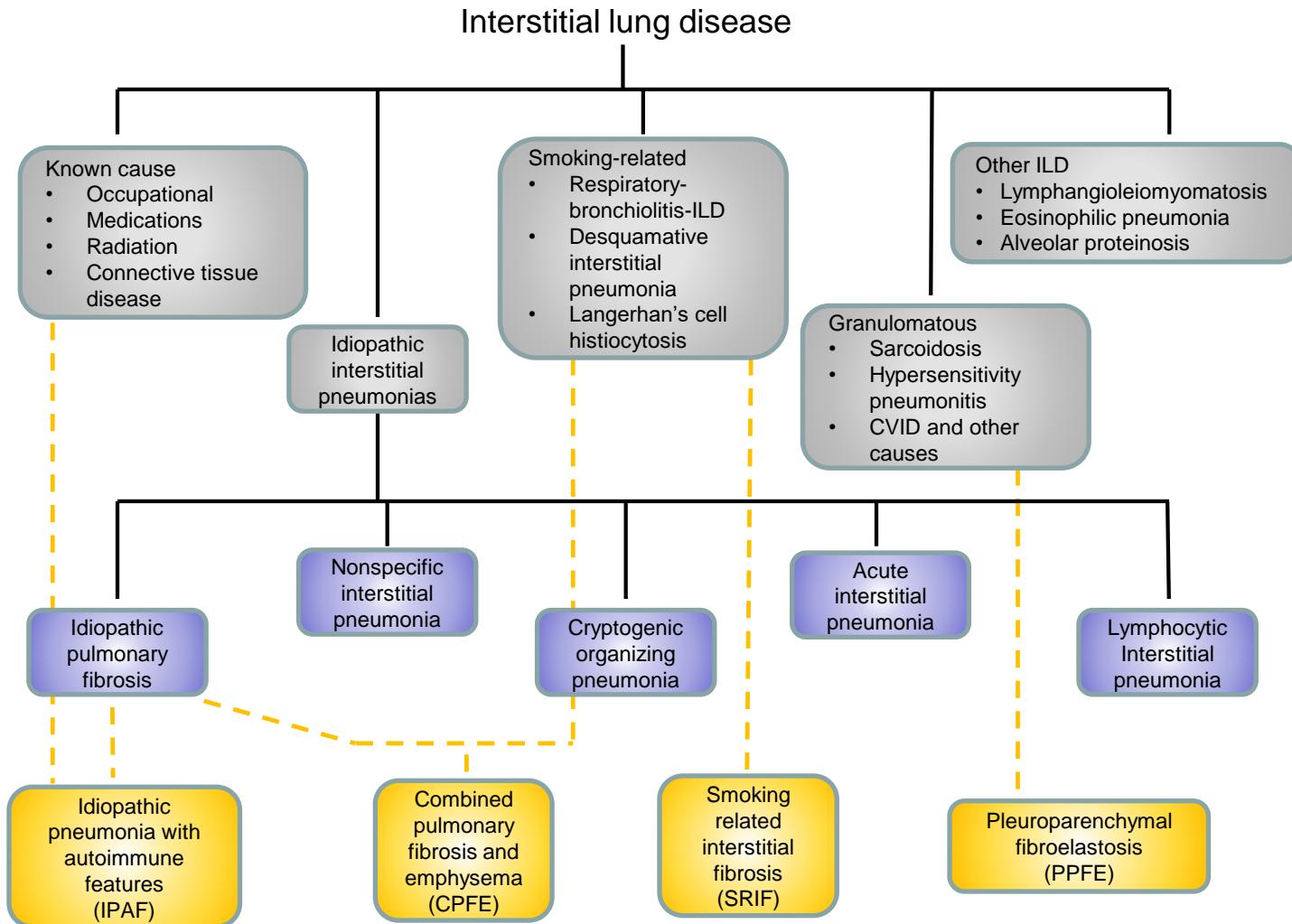
ILAs associate with pulmonary restriction



Weekly multidisciplinary conference

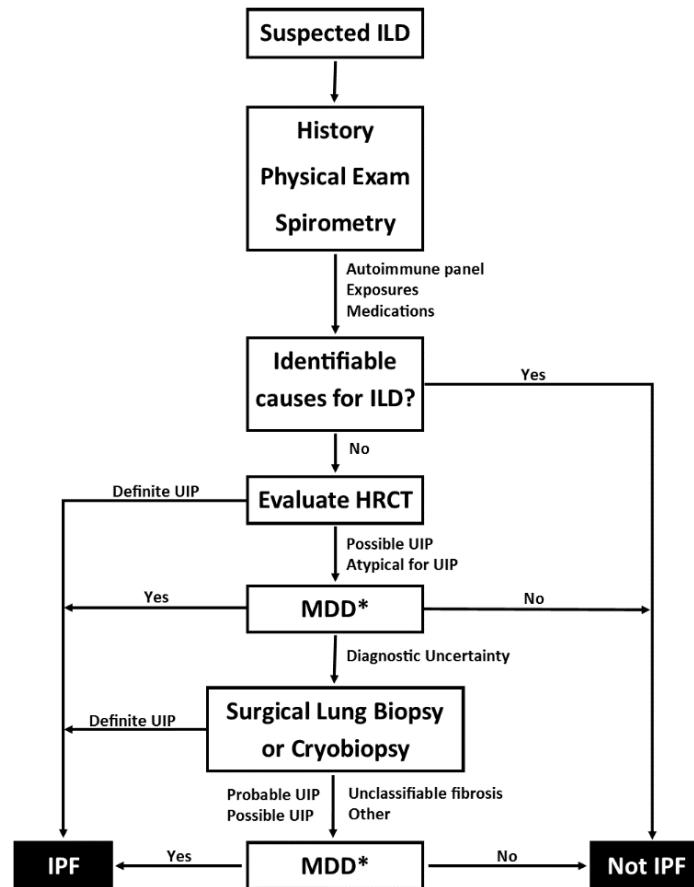


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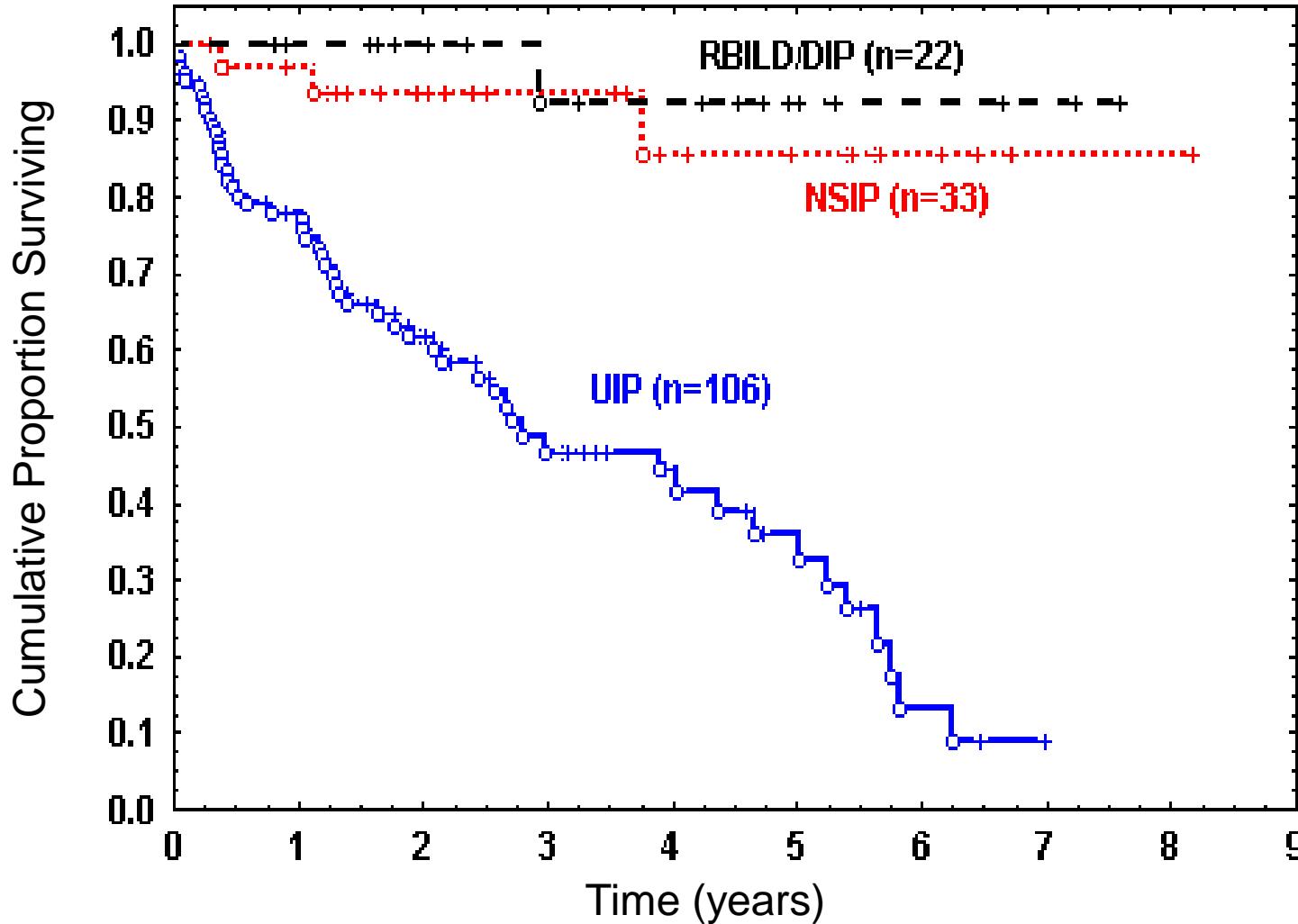


Practical approach for diagnosis of IPF

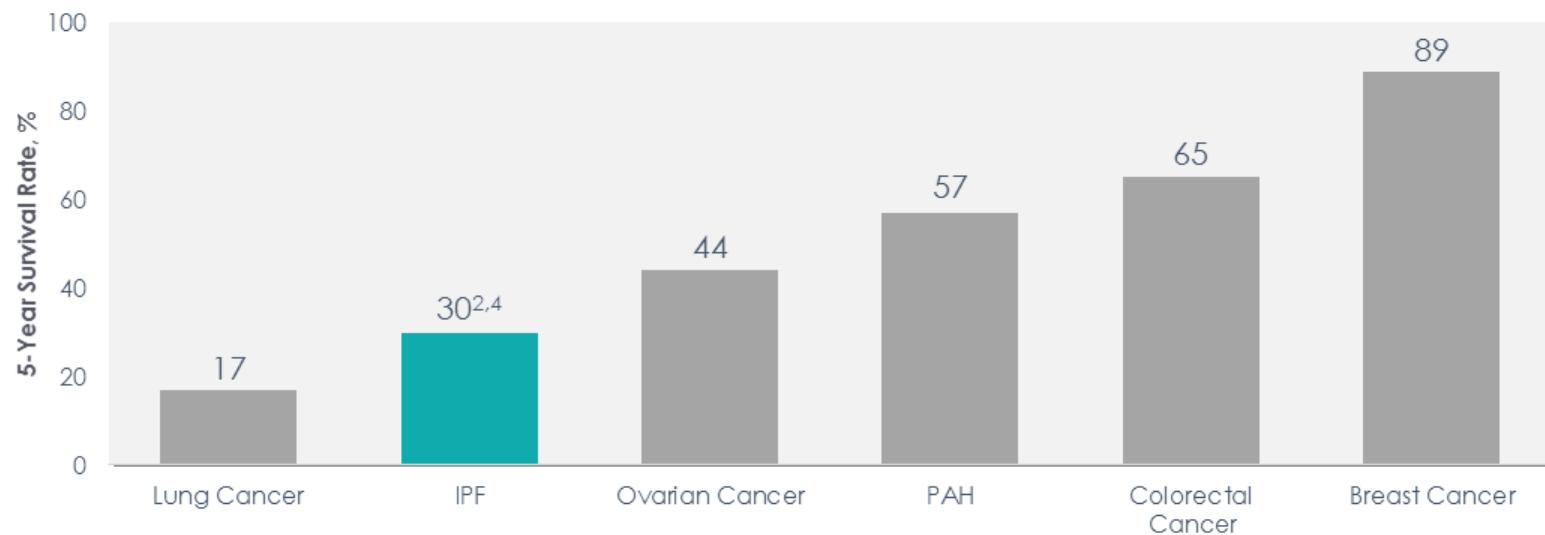
Diagnostic Algorithm for IPF



IPF is worse than others



5-Year Survival Rate of IPF is Poor



Clinical prognostic factors per ATS

TABLE 7. SELECTED FEATURES ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED RISK OF MORTALITY IN IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS

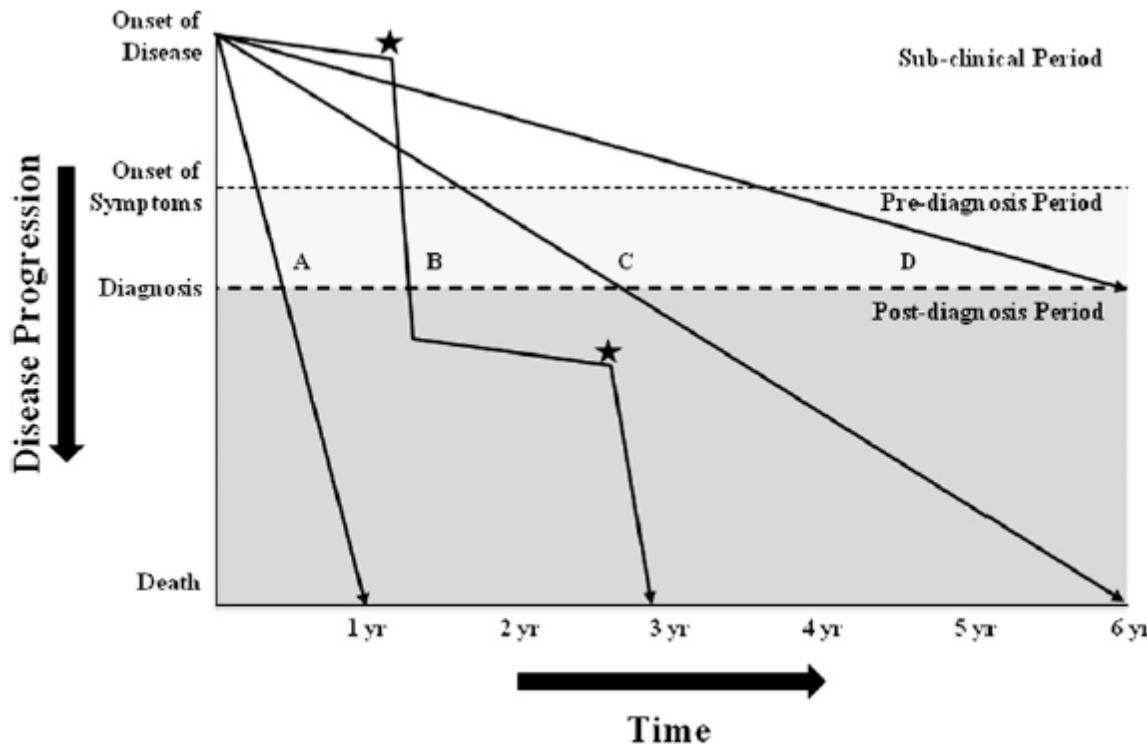
Baseline factors*

Level of dyspnea [†]	Others include:
D _L CO < 40% predicted	
Desaturation ≤ 88% during 6MWT	
Extent of honeycombing on HRCT [†]	
Pulmonary hypertension	
Longitudinal factors	
Increase in level of dyspnea [†]	
Decrease in Forced Vital Capacity by ≥ 10% absolute value	
Decrease in D _L CO by ≥ 15% absolute value	
Worsening of fibrosis on HRCT [†]	

- Age
- Smoking
- Low BMI

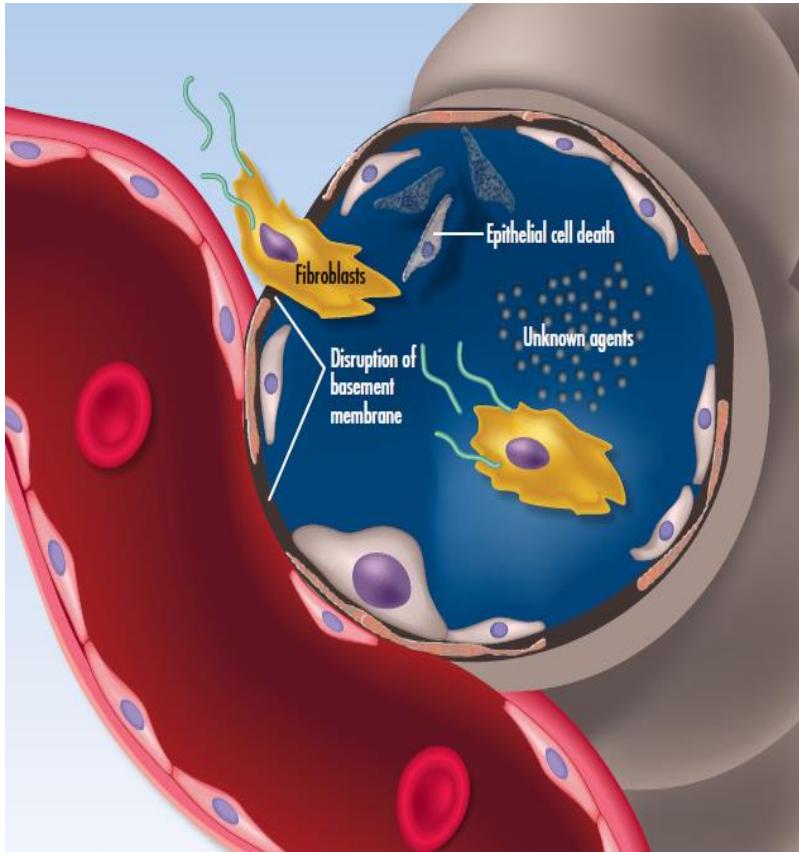
Official ATS/ERS/JRS/ALAT Statement: Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: Evidence-based Guidelines for Diagnosis and Management, AJRCCM 2011

Variable course of IPF



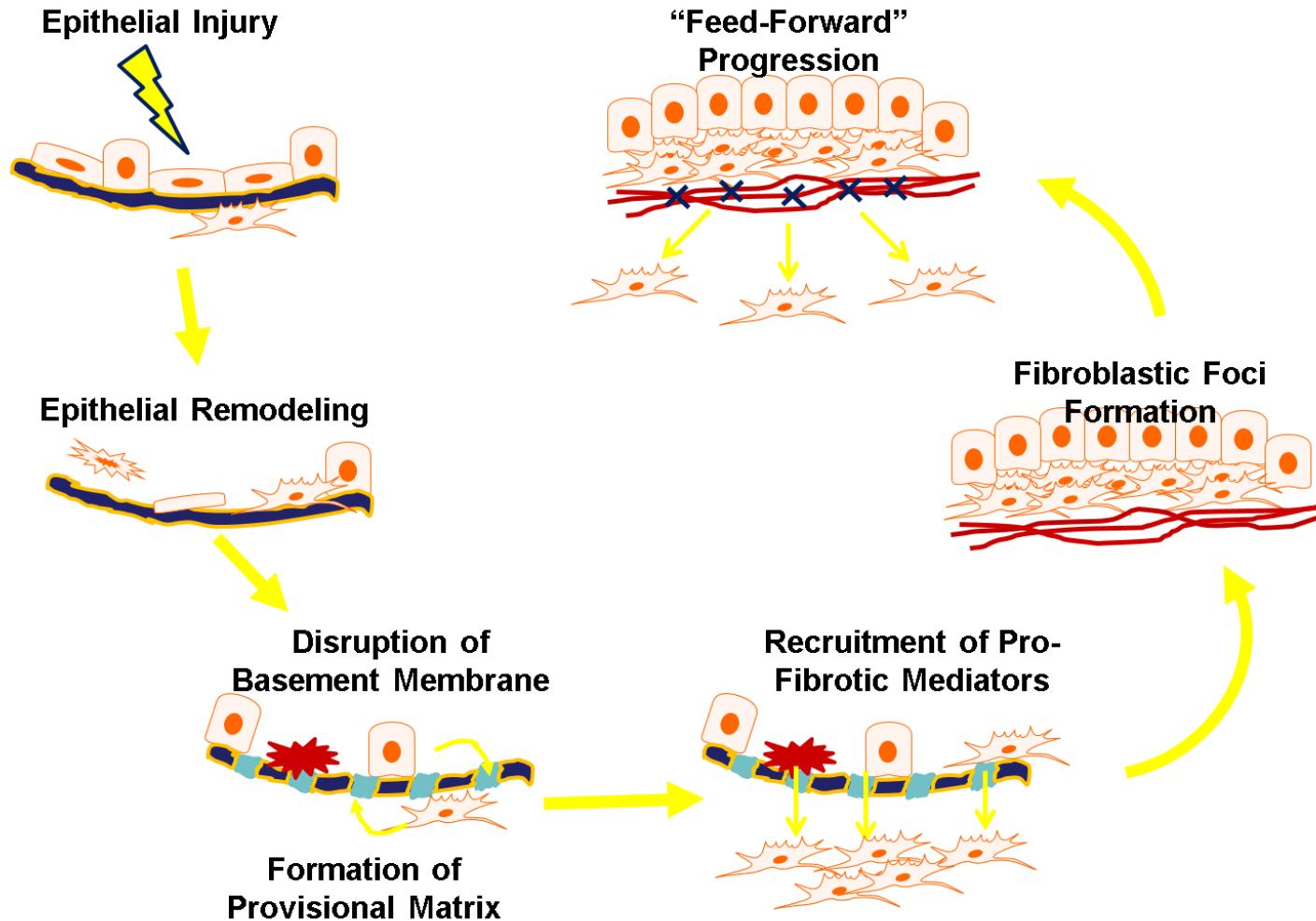
- Approximately 40,000 new cases per year in the U.S.
- 50,000/yr die from IPF

IPF Begins With an Initial Epithelial Injury

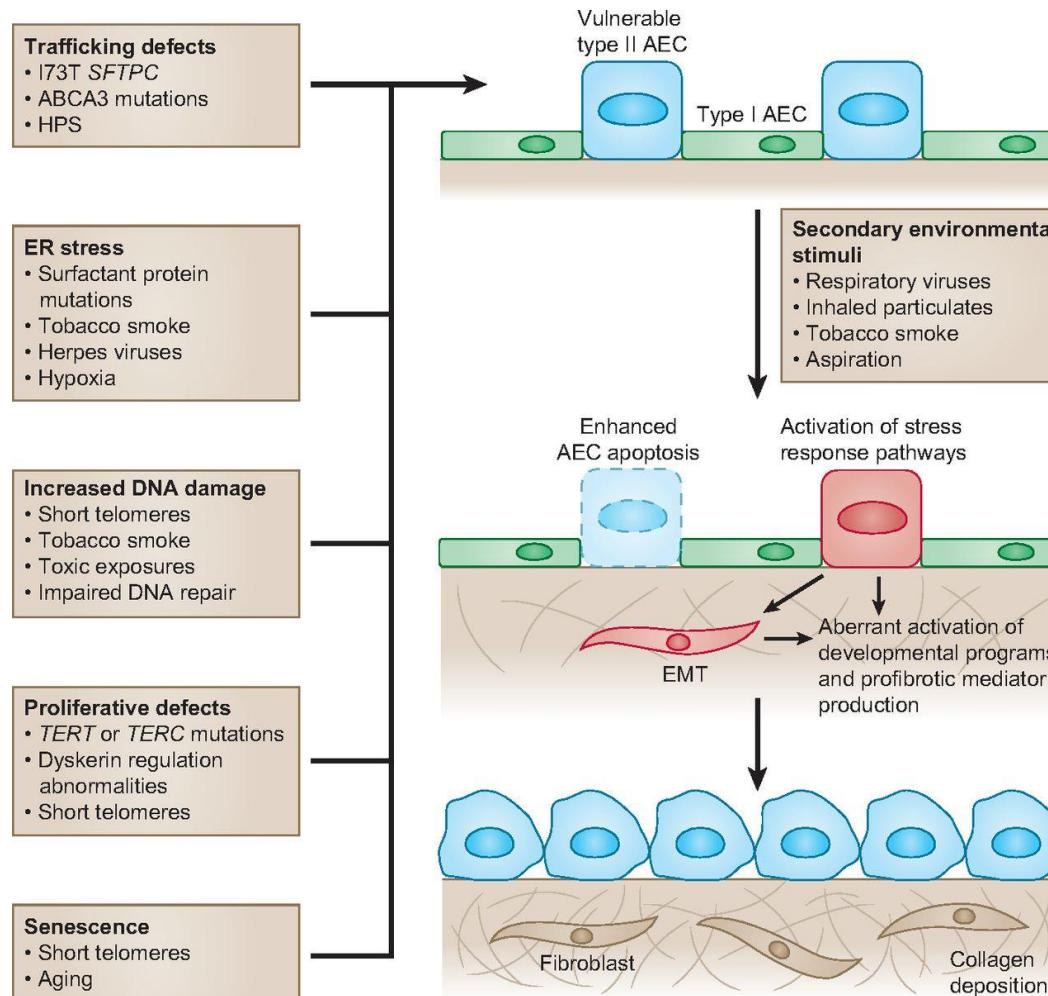


- 1 • Injury of alveolar epithelial cells
- 2 • Initiation of normal repair mechanisms
- 3 • Release of profibrotic mediators into the alveolar space
- 4 • Wound clot formation with inadequate epithelial repair

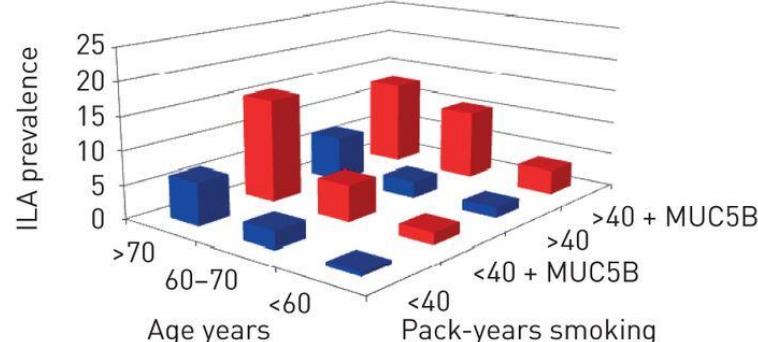
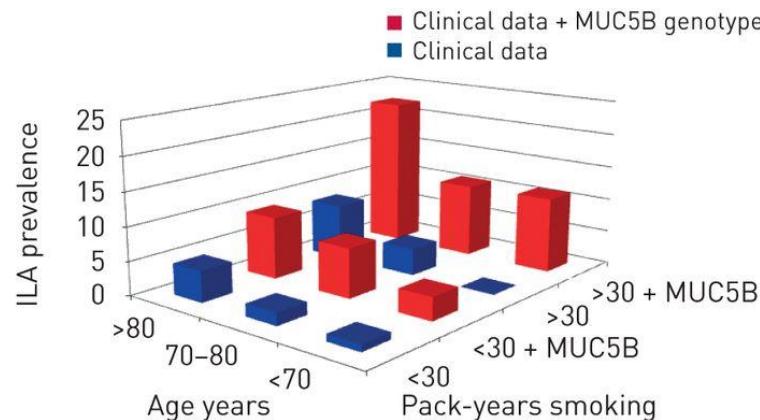
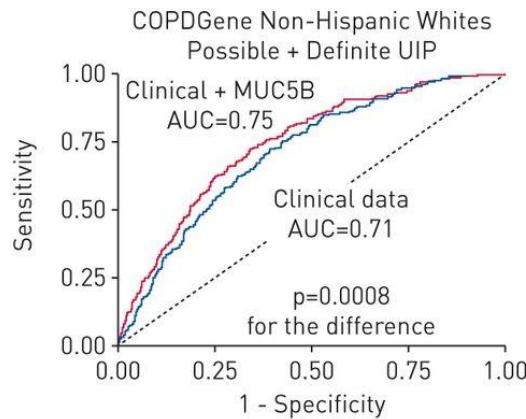
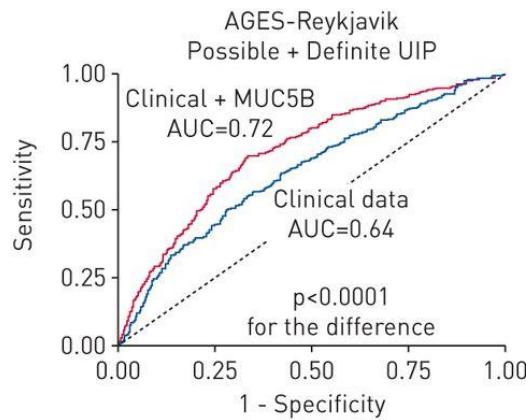
Pathogenesis of IPF



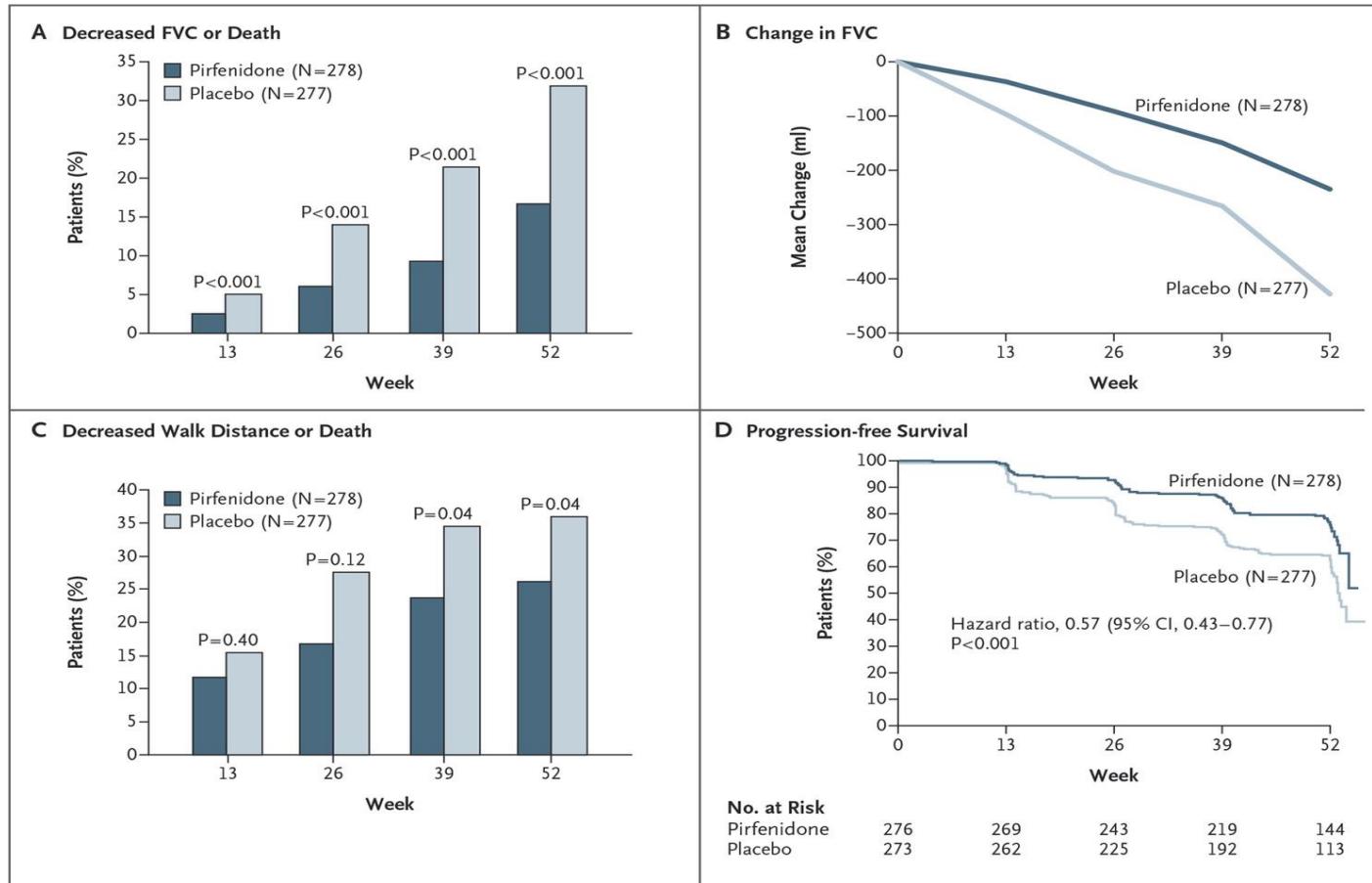
Genetic influencers of fibrosis



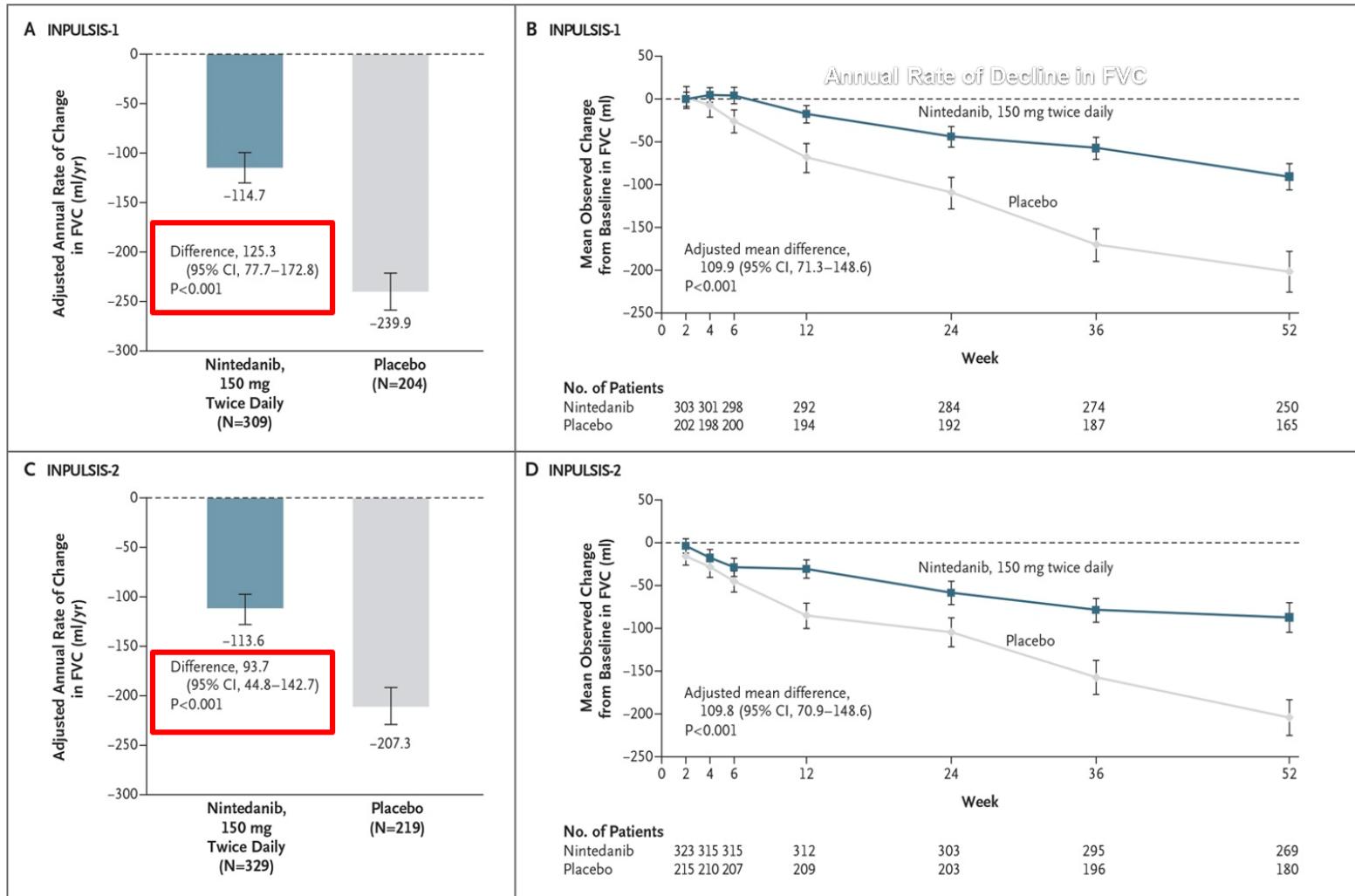
MUC5B promoter polymorphism and risk of UIP pattern in ILAs



ASCEND trial: pirfenidone for IPF



INPULSIS trials: nintedanib



Is possible UIP just occult definite UIP?

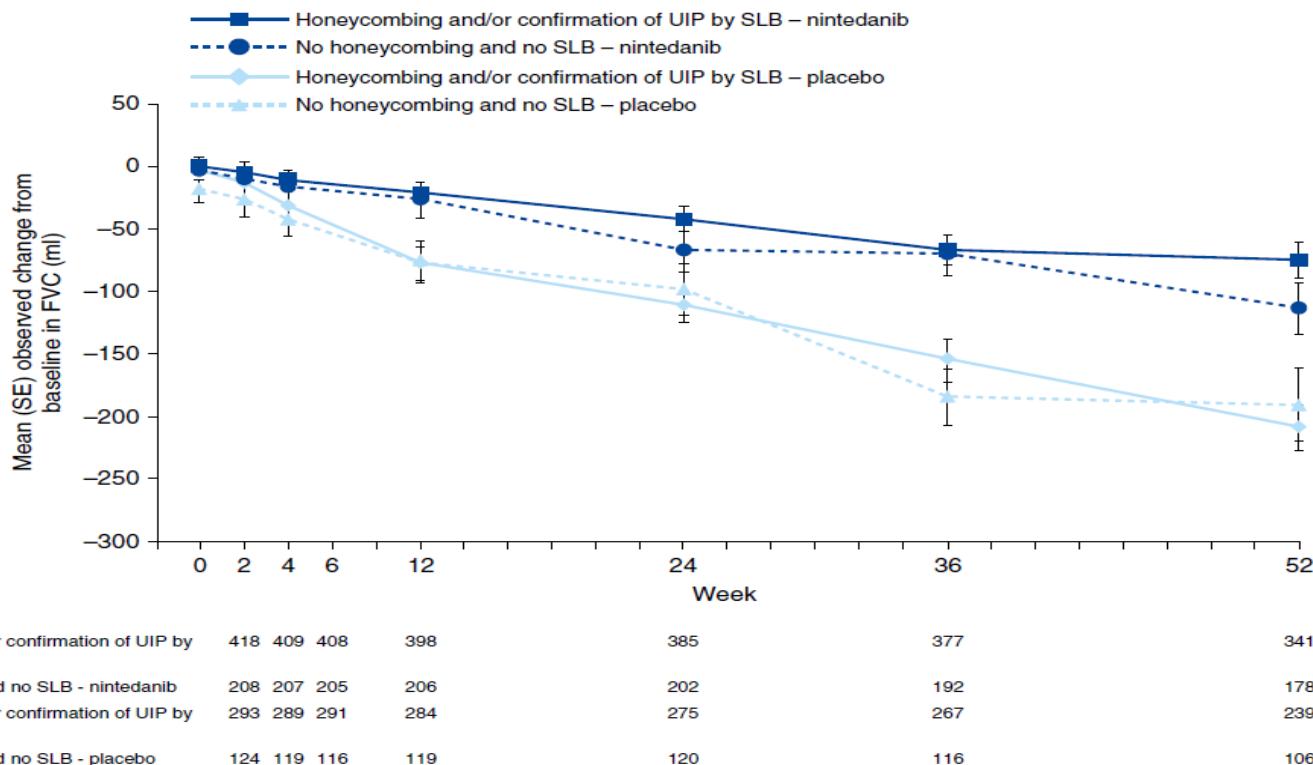


Figure 3. Change from baseline in FVC over time by subgroup. SLB = surgical lung biopsy; UIP = usual interstitial pneumonia.

IPF therapy

Good ideas

- Pulmonary rehabilitation
- Oxygen supplementation
- Find comorbidities
 - OSA
 - GER
 - Depression
- “The lungs can’t take a joke”—hygiene and vaccines

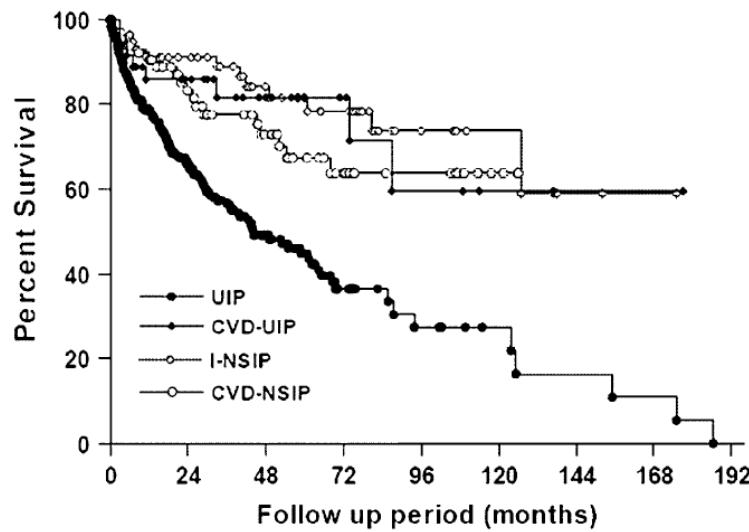
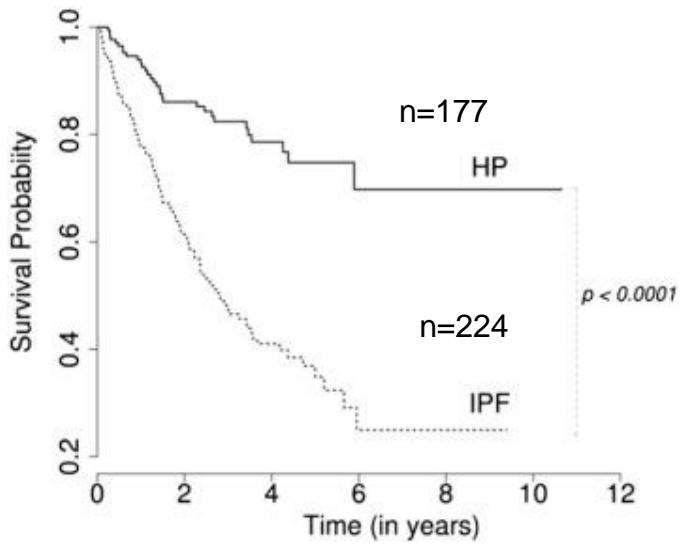
Bad ideas

- Prednisone
- Immunosuppressants
- PAH treatment?
- High Vt ventilation

Interim summary: IPF

- Most common and most devastating ILD
- Think of it in older males, especially with exposures
- Acute exacerbations may be idiopathic or not
- 5-10% FVC decline, 10-15% DLCO decline, worsened oxygenation are tip-offs for poor outcomes
- More pulmonary rehab
- “Interstitial lung abnormalities”...

Etiology and histopathology both influence the outcome



Mooney JJ. Chest 2013

Park JH. Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2007

HP is a common cause of occupational lung disease

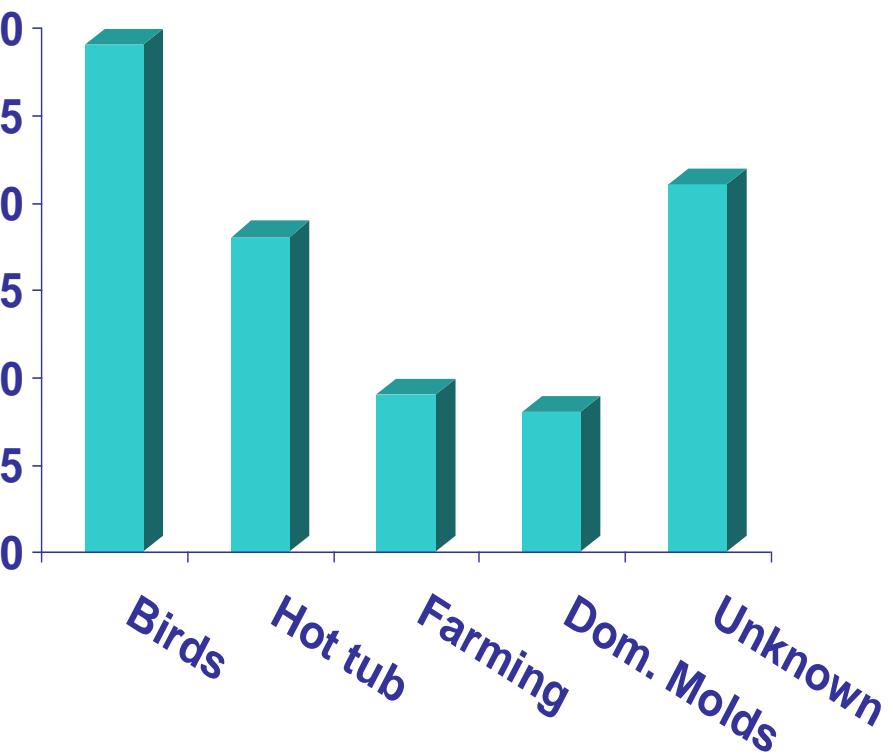
“Almost all who make a living by sifting or measuring grain are short of breath and cachectic and rarely reach old age.”

-*Morbis Artificum Diatriba*

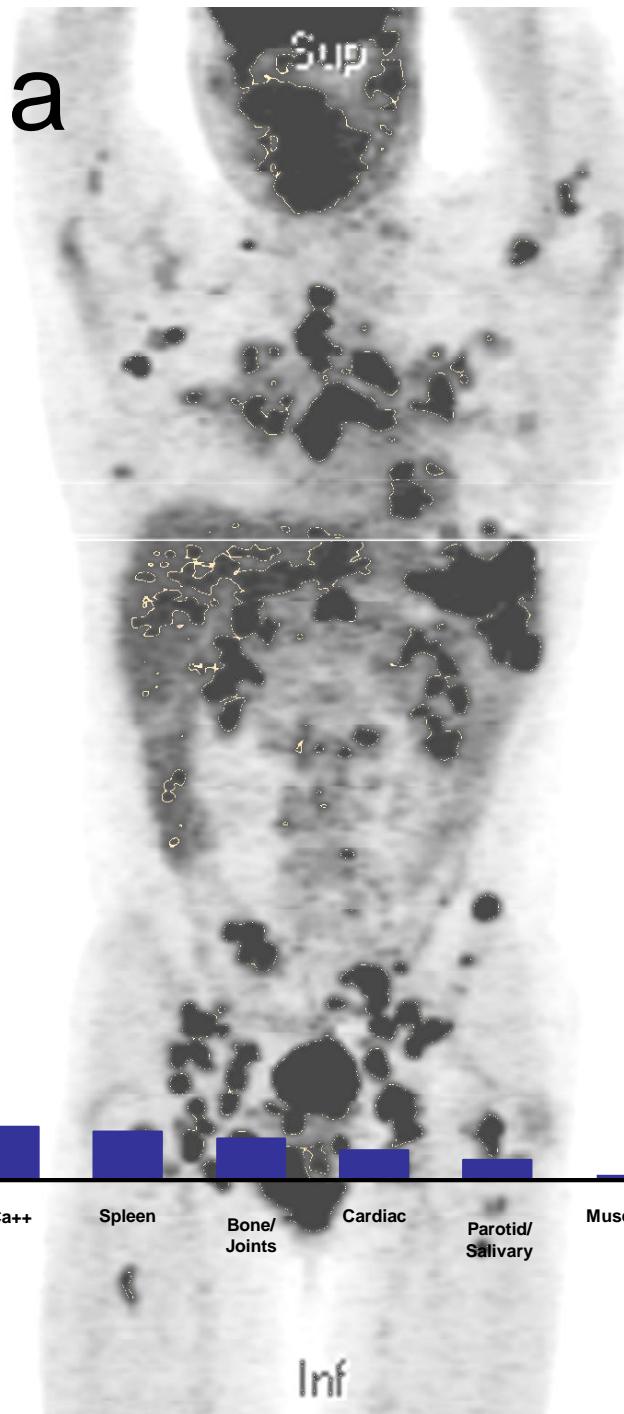
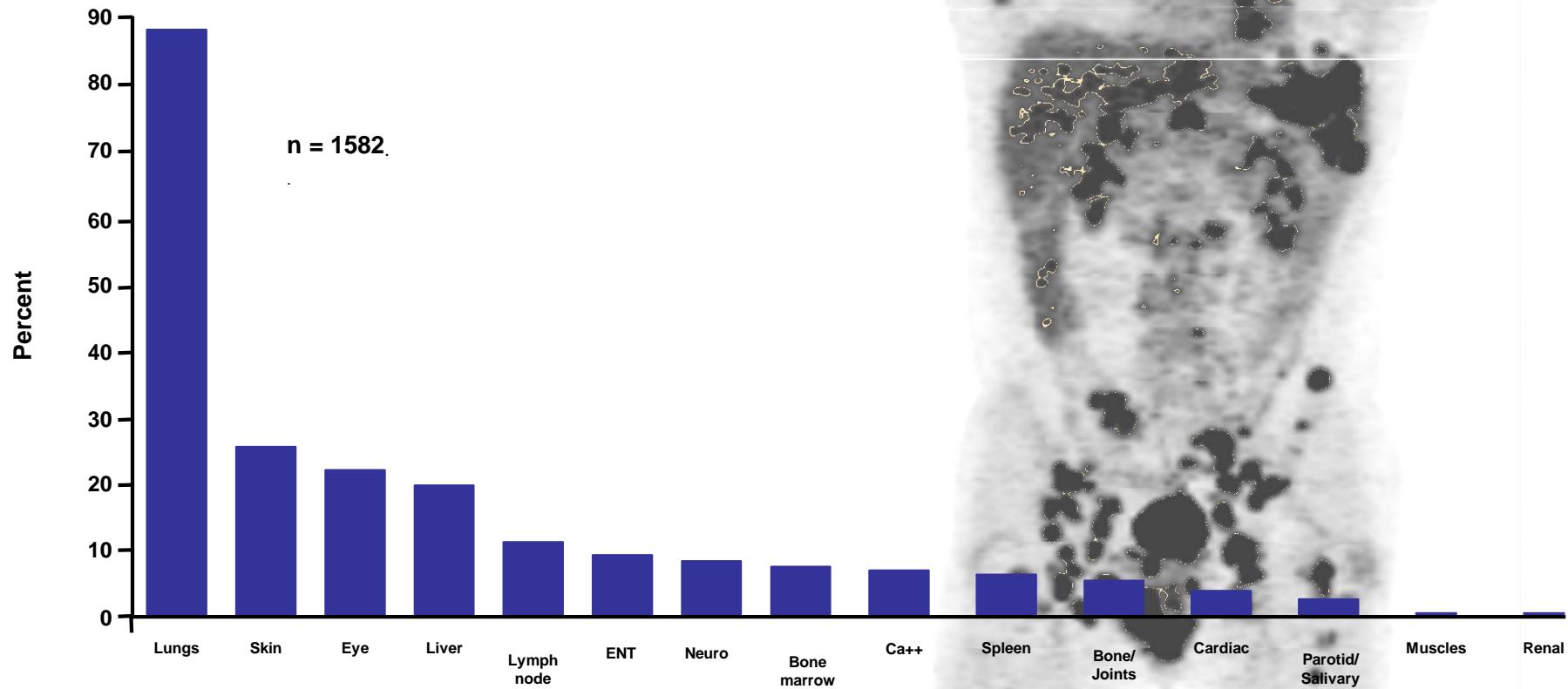
Hypersensitivity pneumonitis syndrome

Usually due to inhaled antigens ($\leq 5\mu\text{m}$)

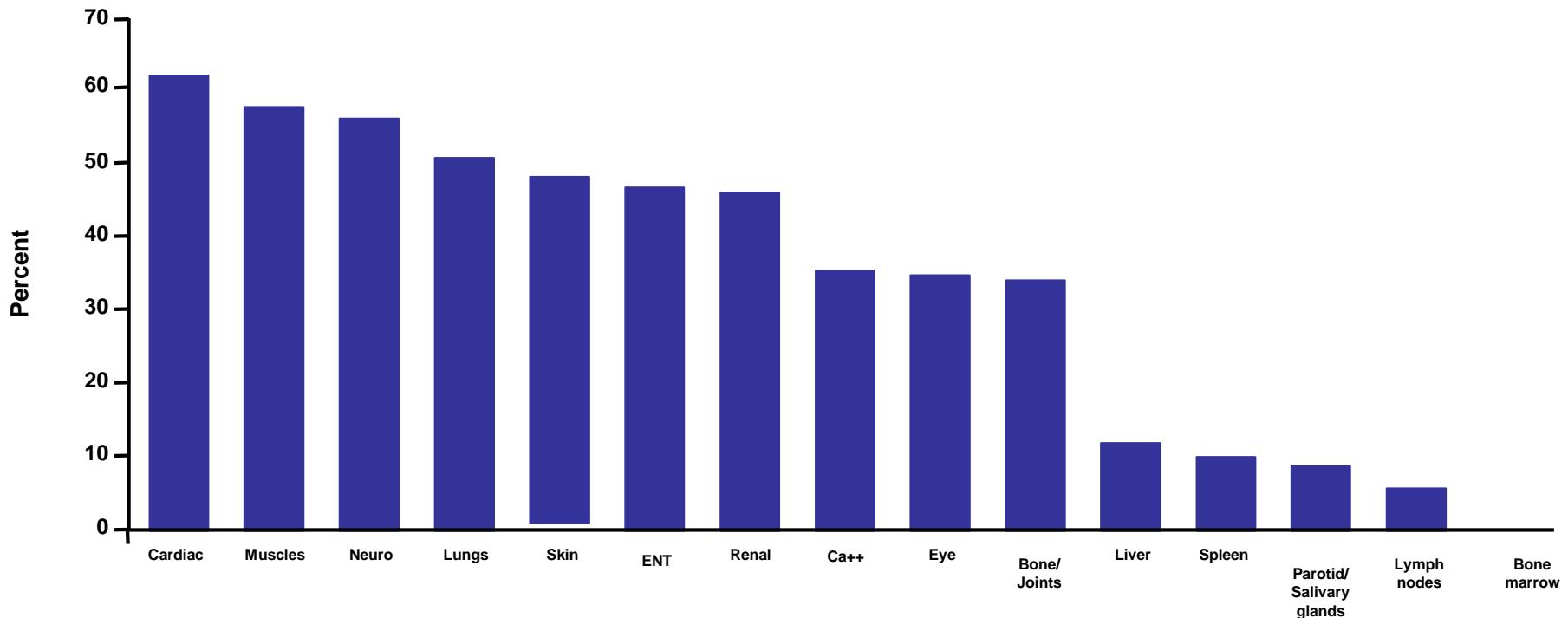
- Animal proteins
- Micro-organisms
- Hydrocarbons (e.g. isocyanates)



Organ involvement in a US sarcoidosis clinic

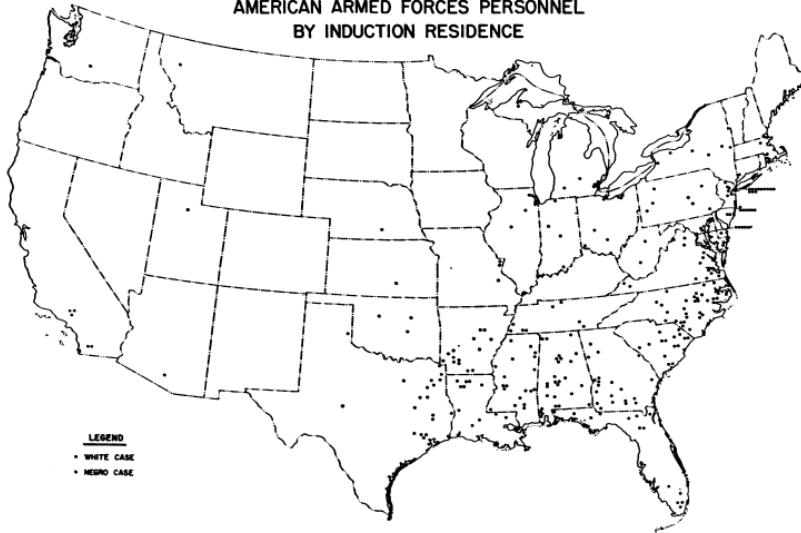


Frequency of treatment requirement

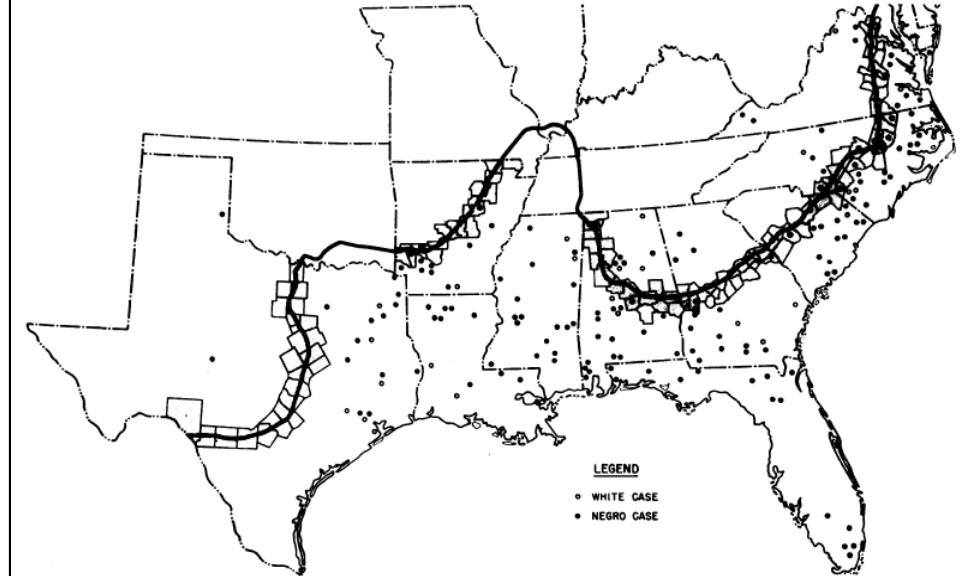


Sarcoidosis in US military personnel during WWII

DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF SARCOIDOSIS AMONG
AMERICAN ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL
BY INDUCTION RESIDENCE

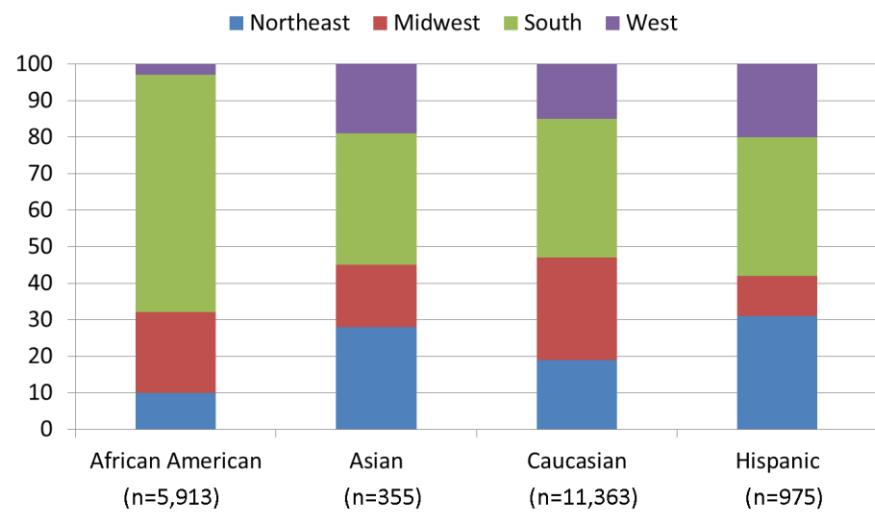
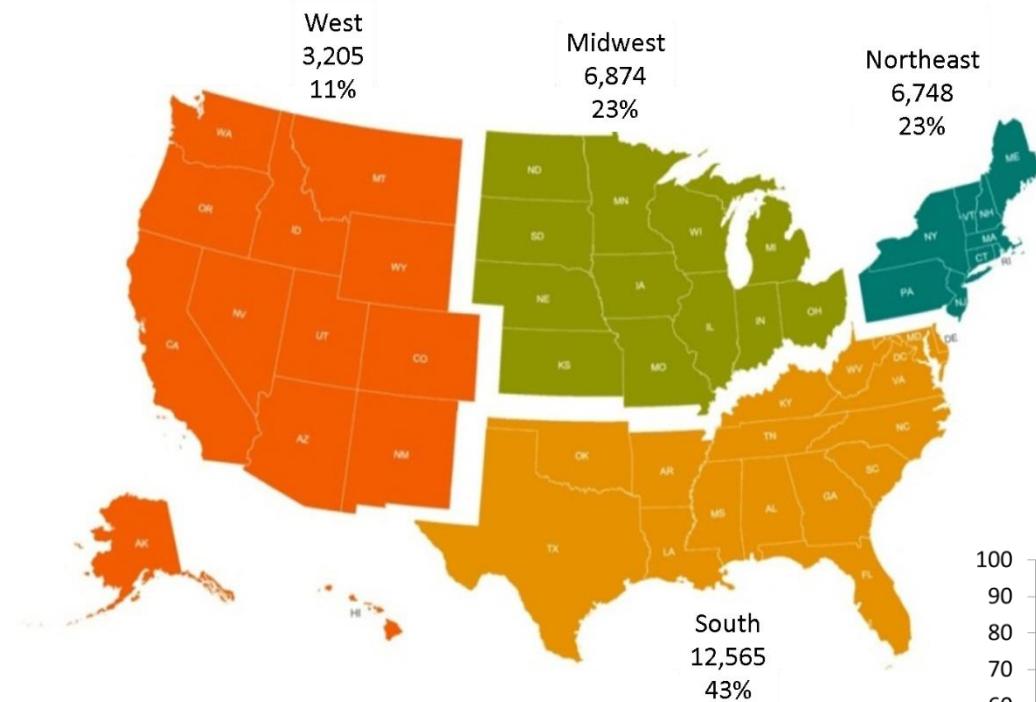


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■ NEGRO CASE



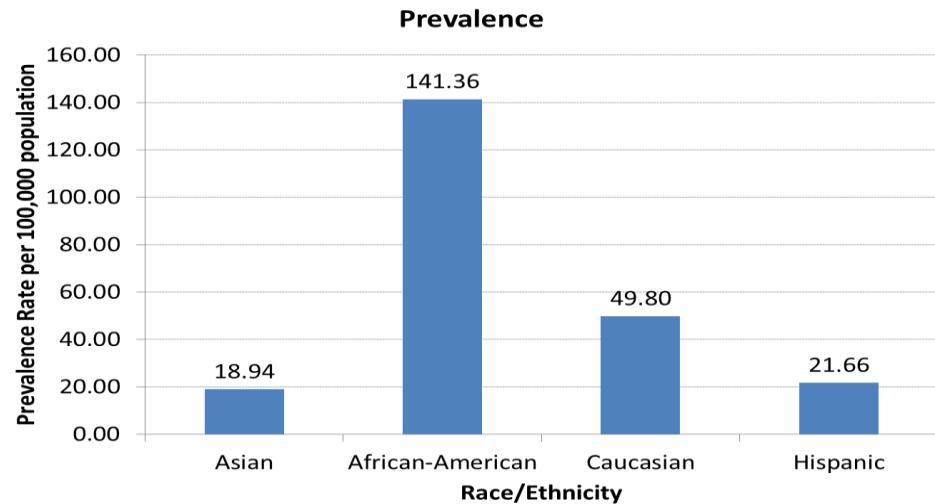
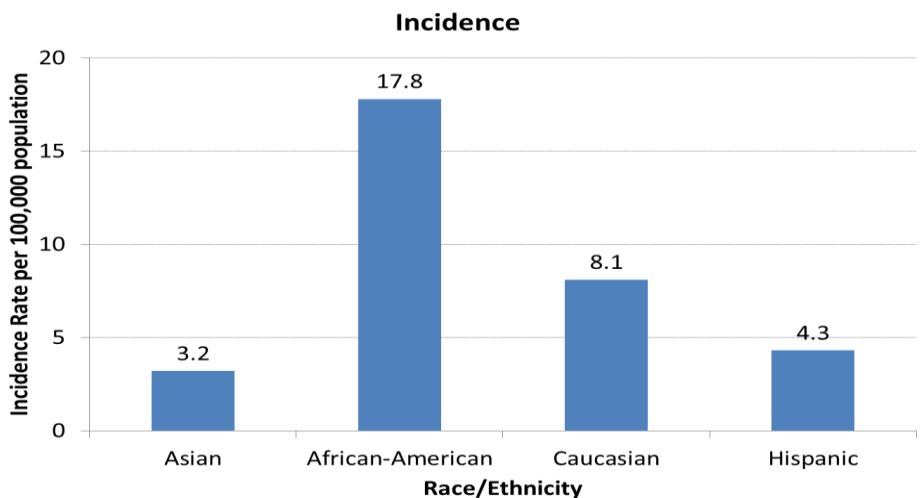
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Sarcoidosis more common in the Southeast

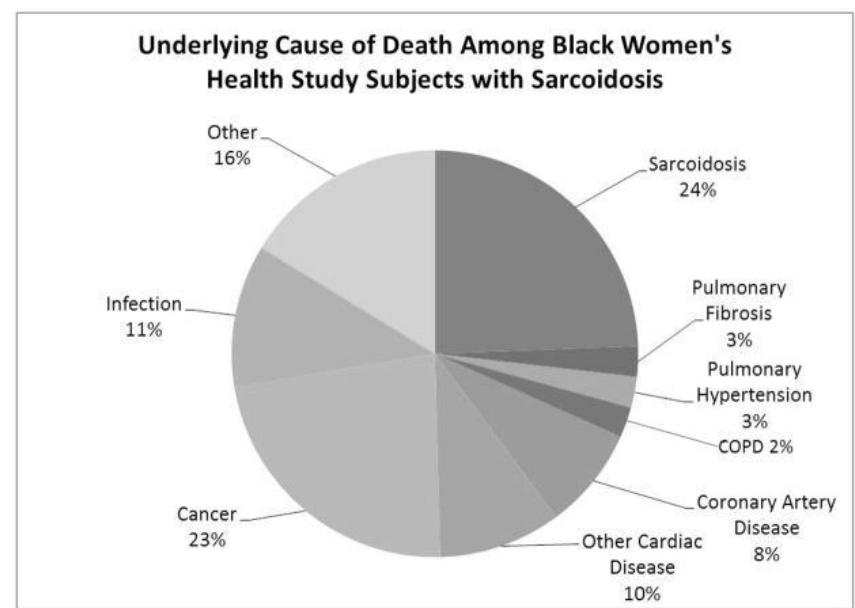
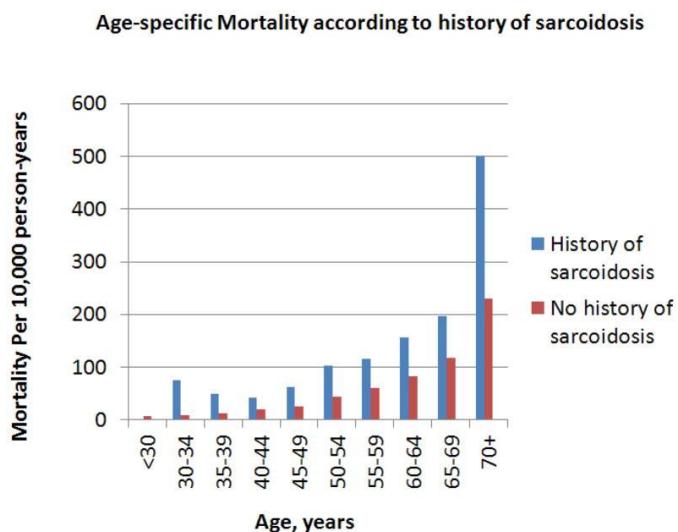
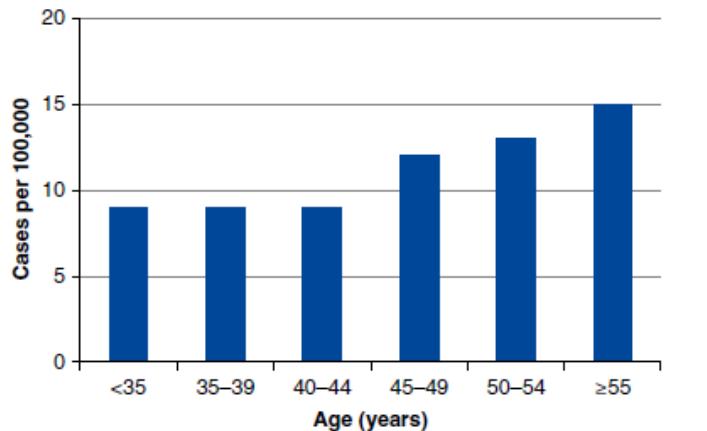


Sarcoidosis in the US

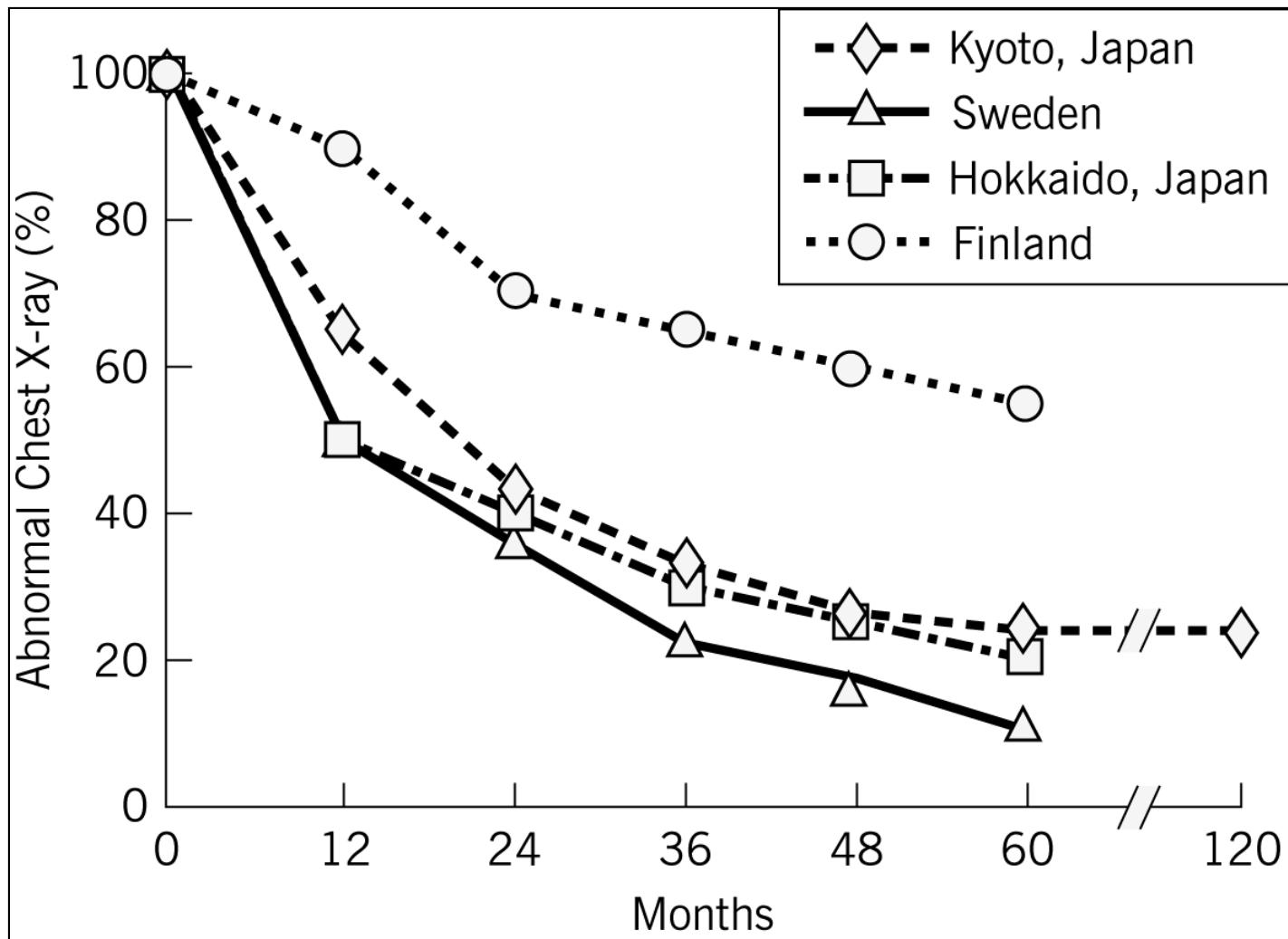
2010-2013 Optum Database



Upward age shift

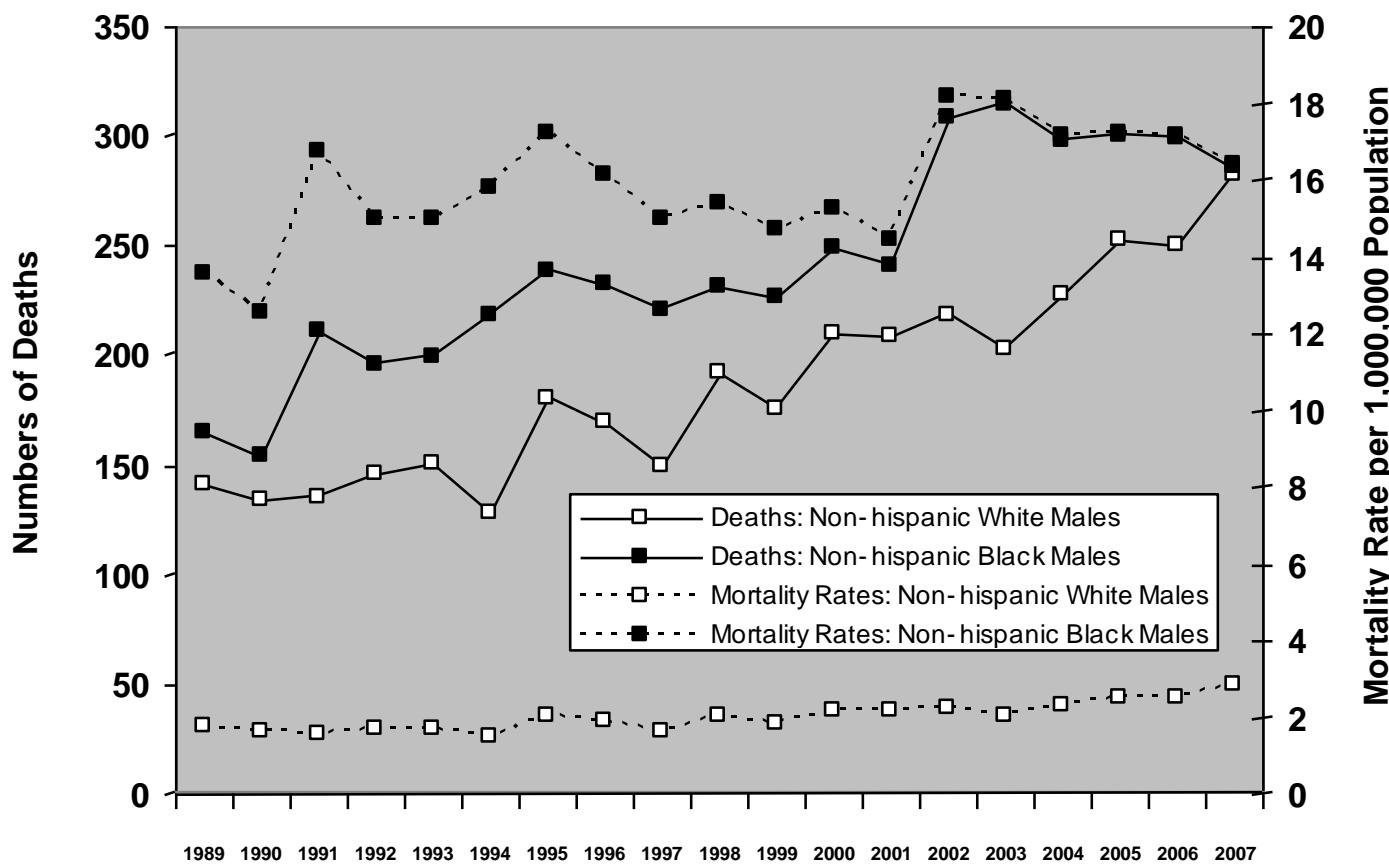


Many individuals resolve their CXR

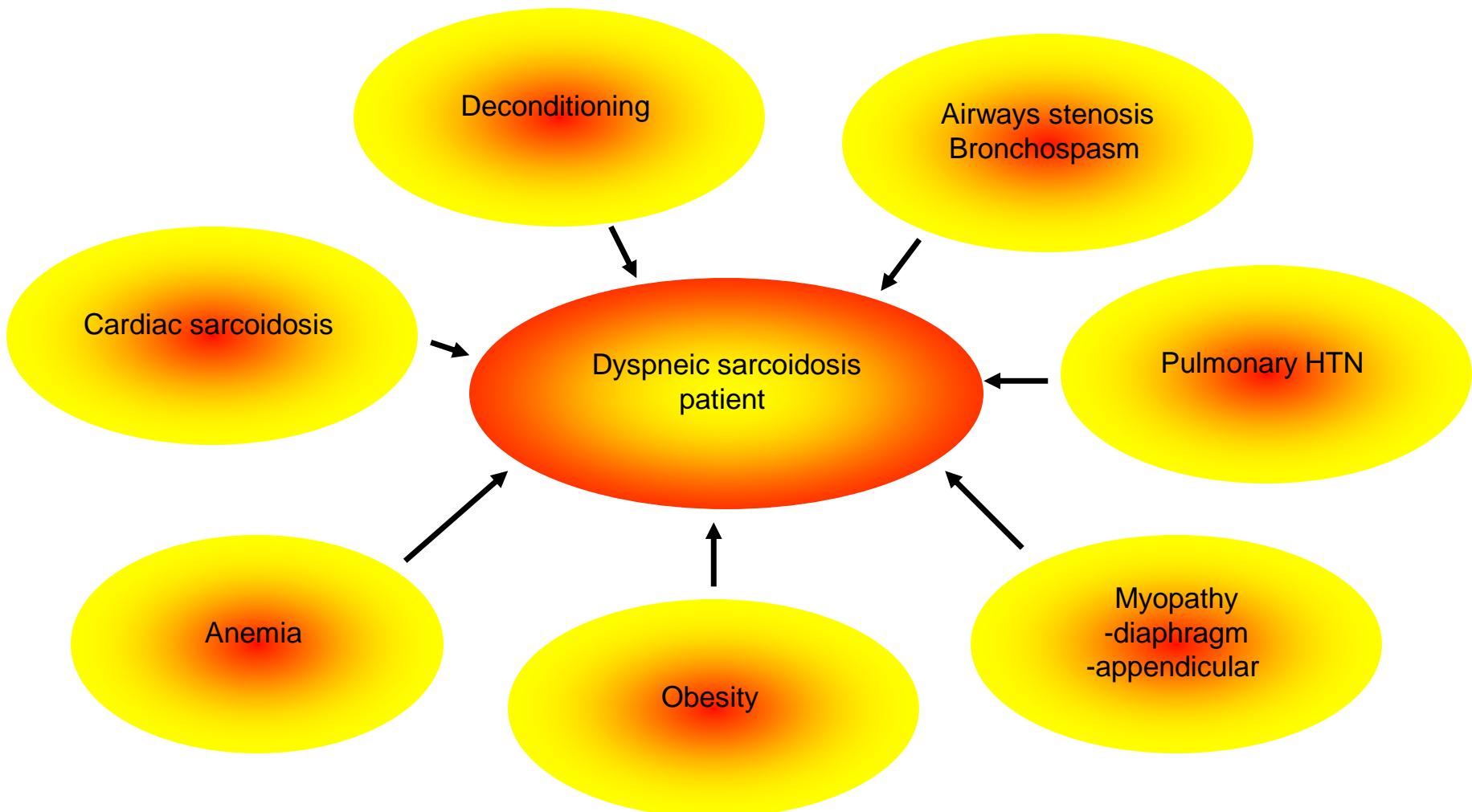


Rising sarcoidosis mortality in the US

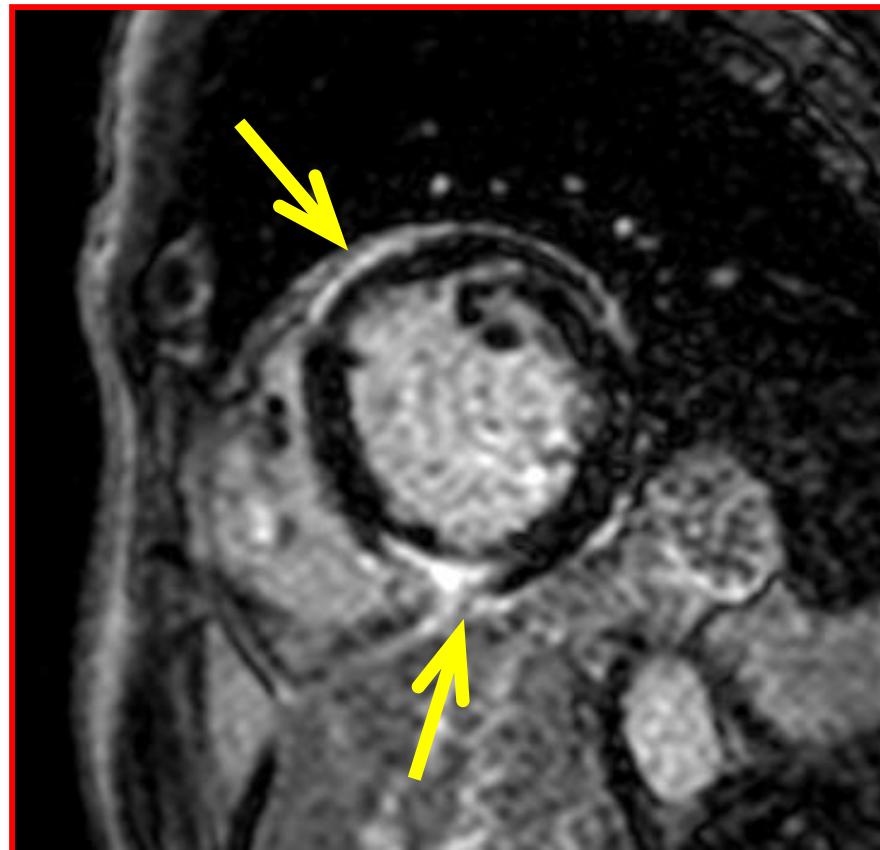
Non-hispanic Males: Numbers of Deaths and Age-adjusted Mortality Rates
per 1,000,000 Men



Multifaceted dyspnea of sarcoidosis



Cardiac sarcoidosis



DE-MRI

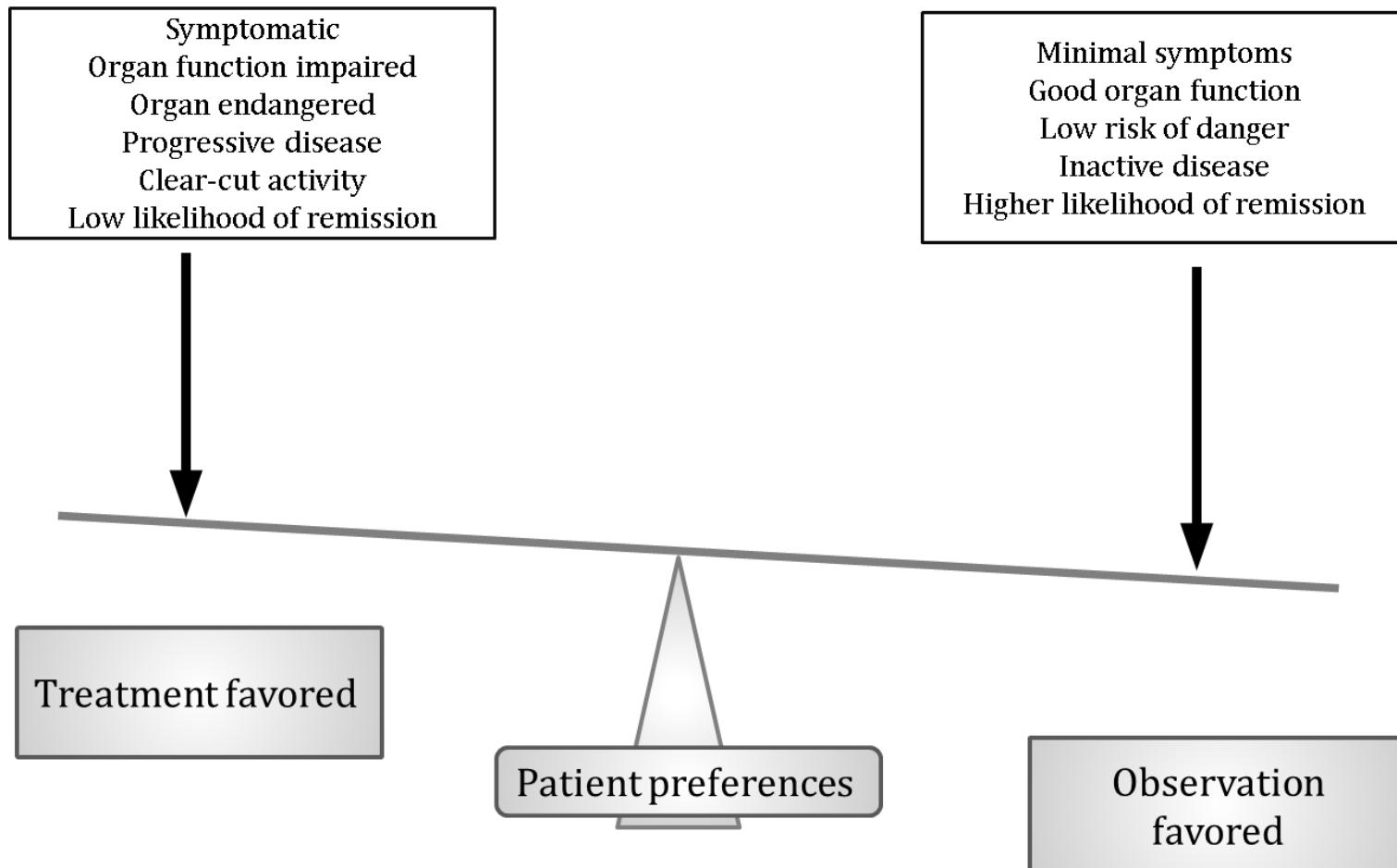


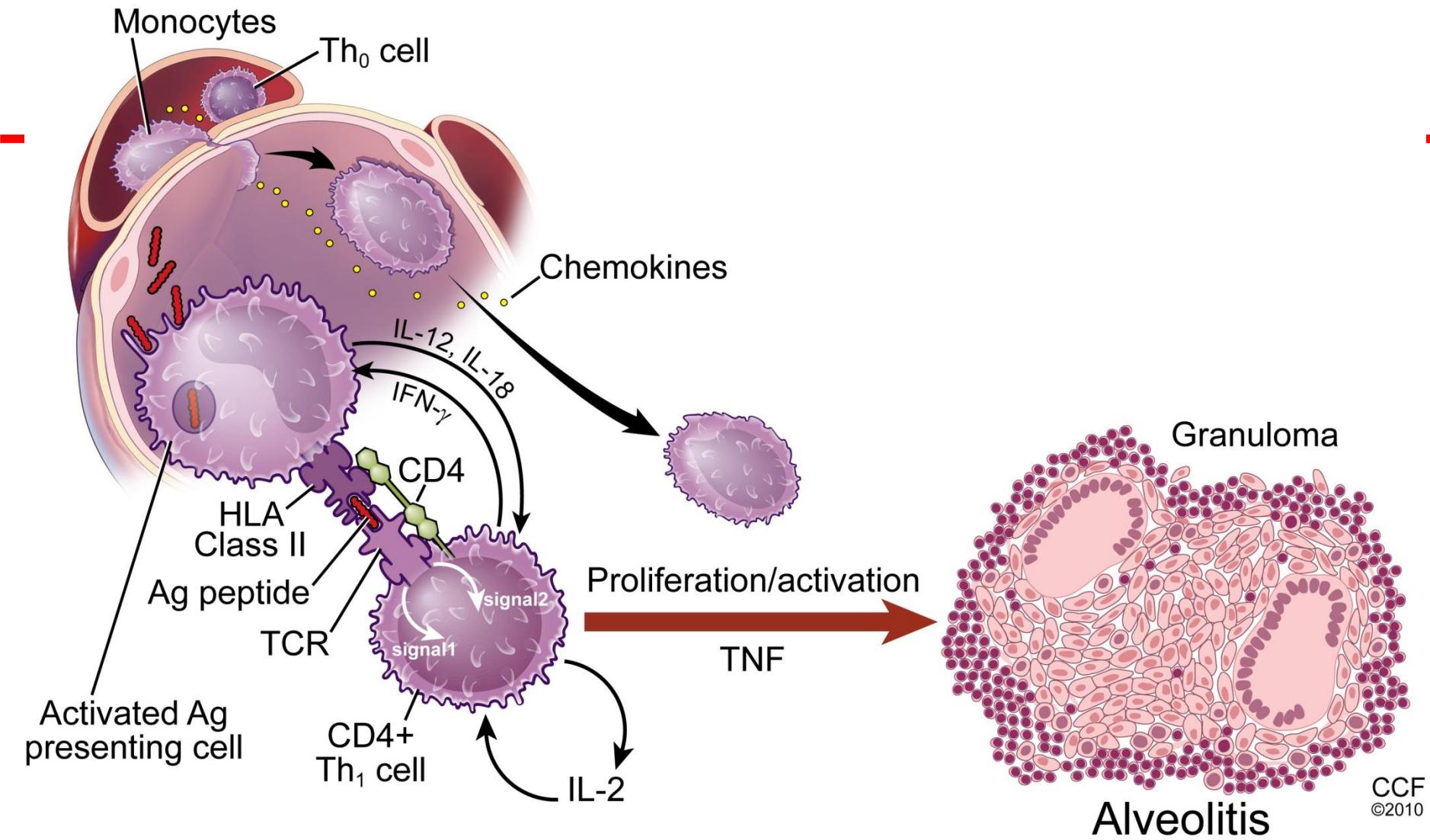
DE-MRI/PET Fusion

Sarcoidosis therapy: MICO

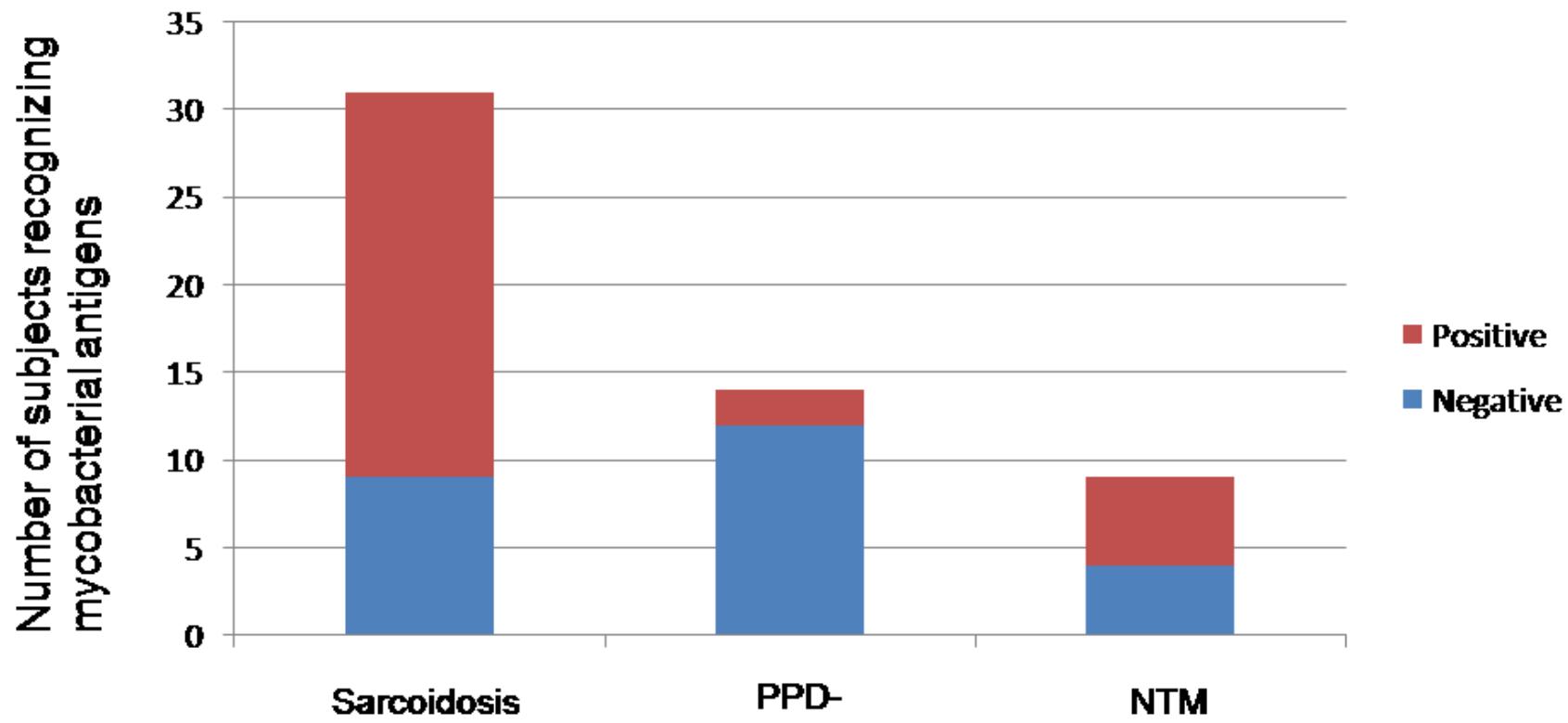
Masterful
Inactivity with
Cat-like
Observation

The decision to treat

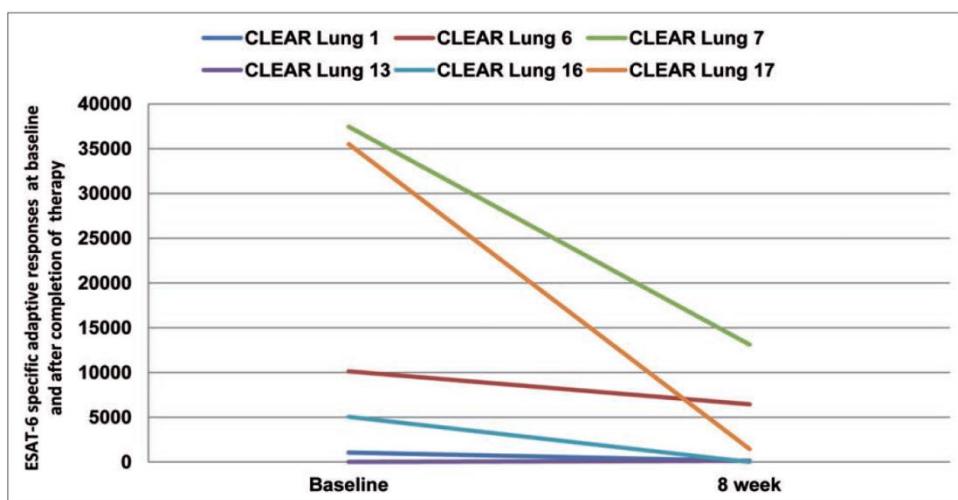
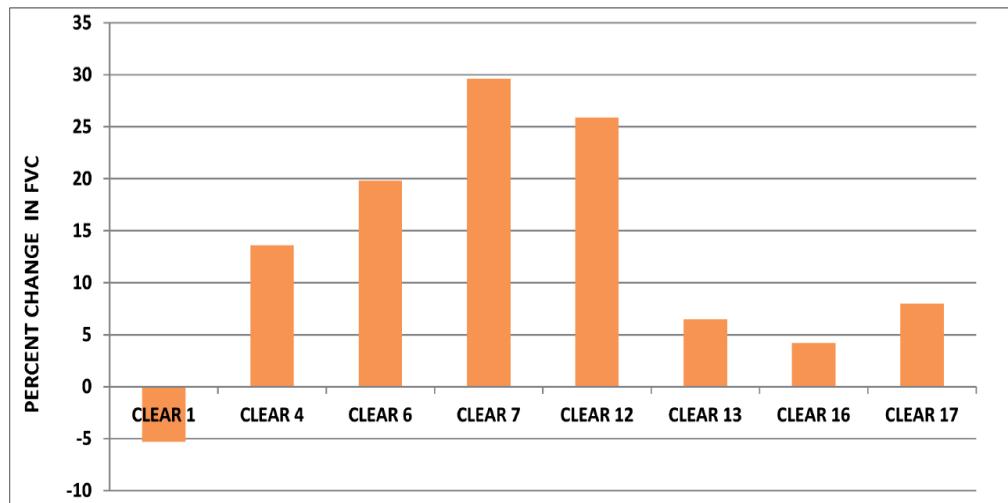




Sarcoidosis patients respond to multiple mycobacterial antigens



Effects of 8 weeks of CLEAR therapy in pulmonary sarcoidosis



Major sarcoidosis trends

- Emerging diagnostic technology
 - FDG-PET
 - EBUS-TBNA
 - Cardiac sarcoidosis
- Move away from steroids
- Demographic shift
- Focus on non-inflammatory aspects
 - Pulmonary hypertension
 - Fatigue, neuropathy, comorbidities
- Collaboration

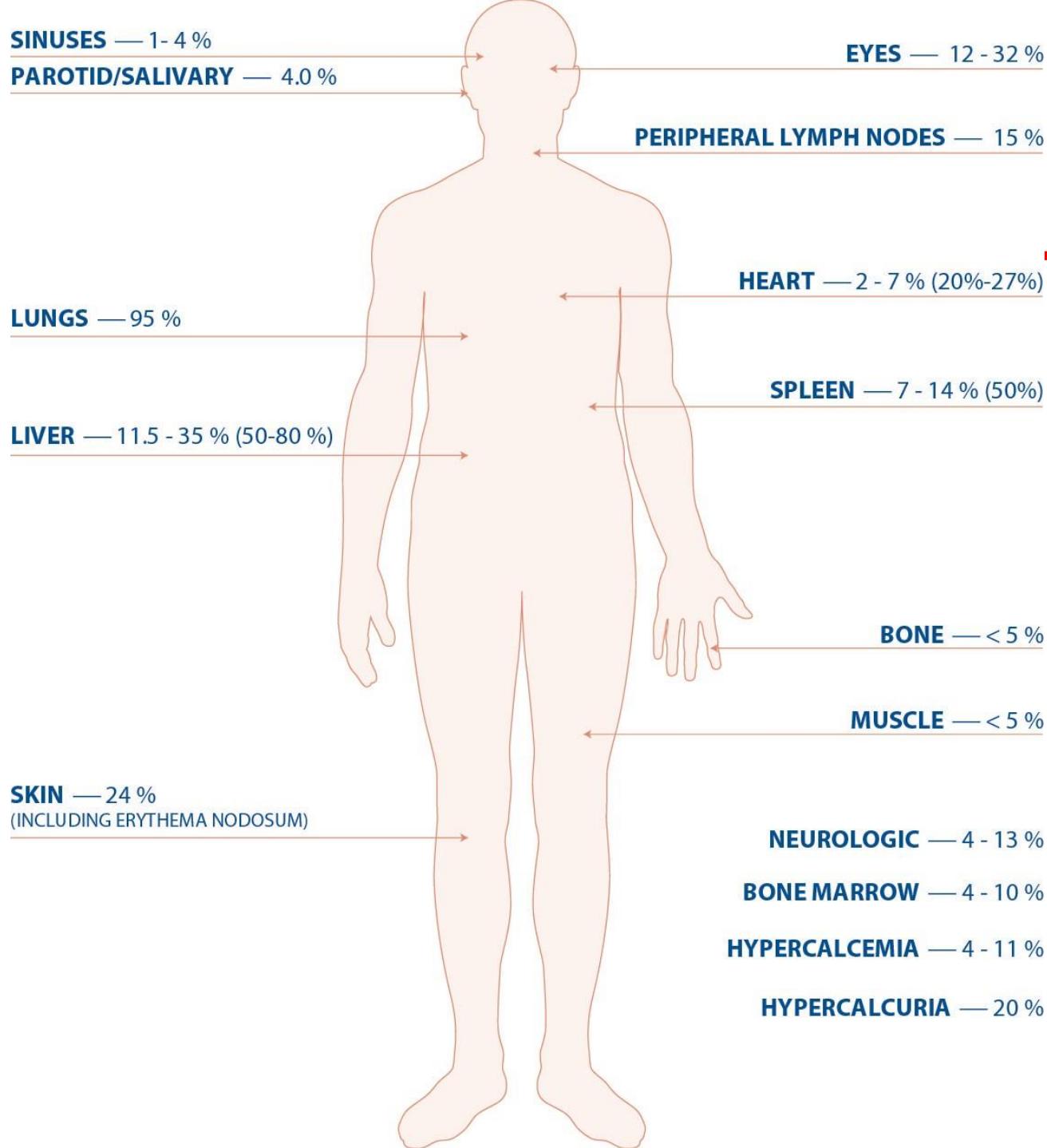
Conclusions

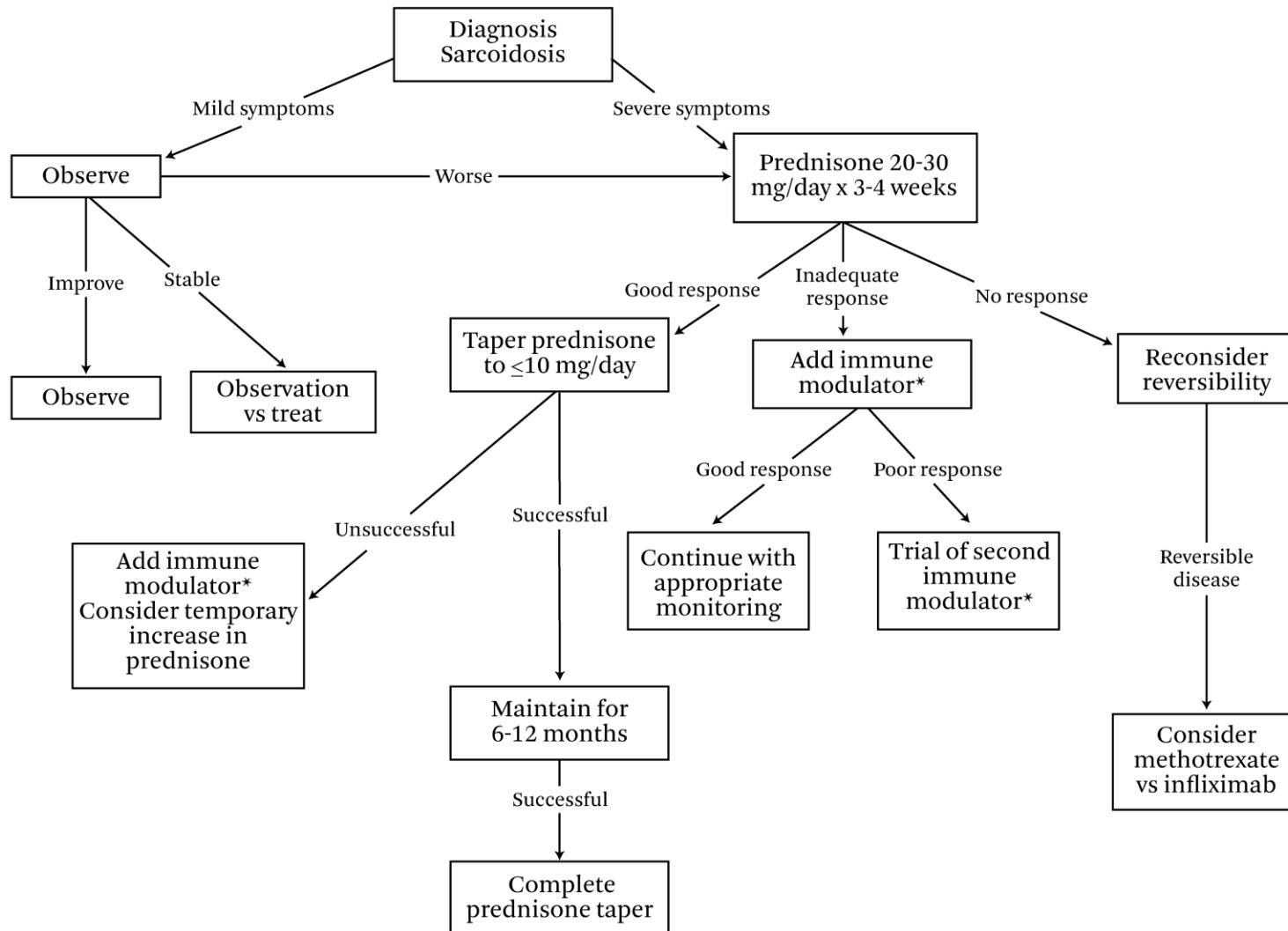
- Interstitial lung diseases ≈ 200 types
- History, exam, PFTs and radiology diagnose most ILDs
- PFTs are crucial for assessment and longitudinal care
- UIP ≠ IPF
- Pulmonary fibrosis ≠ IPF

Sarcoidosis misconceptions

- Affects younger adults
- Cardiac disease is rare
- Usefulness of ACE level
- Most commonly treated with prednisone

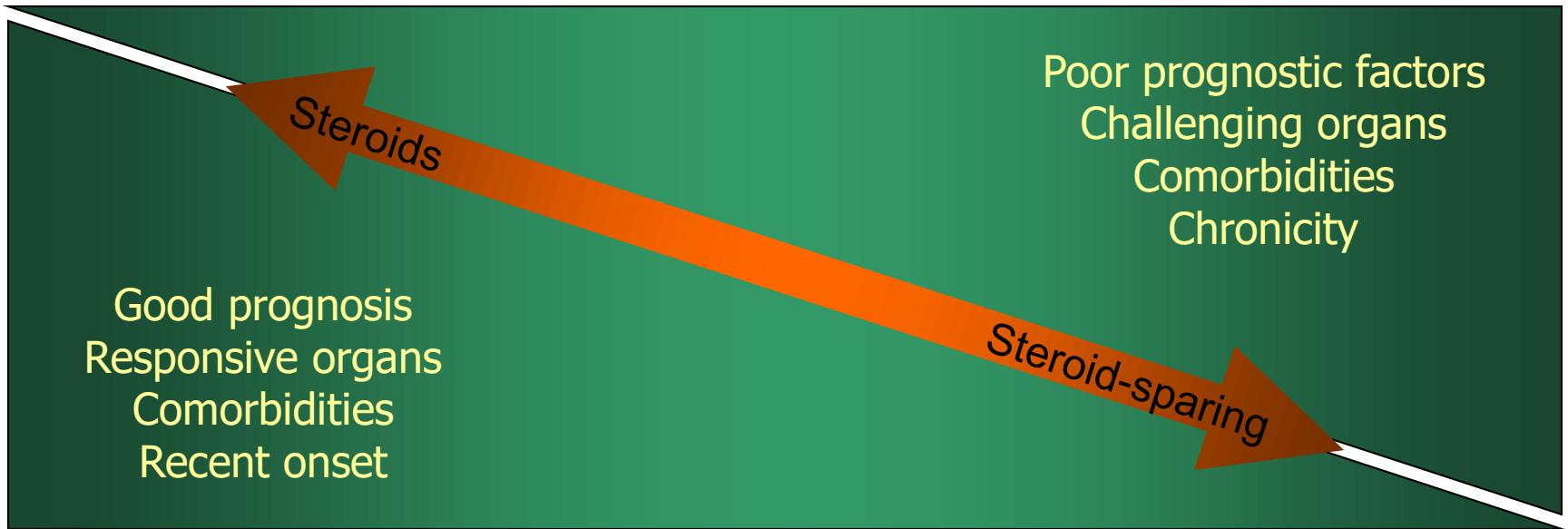
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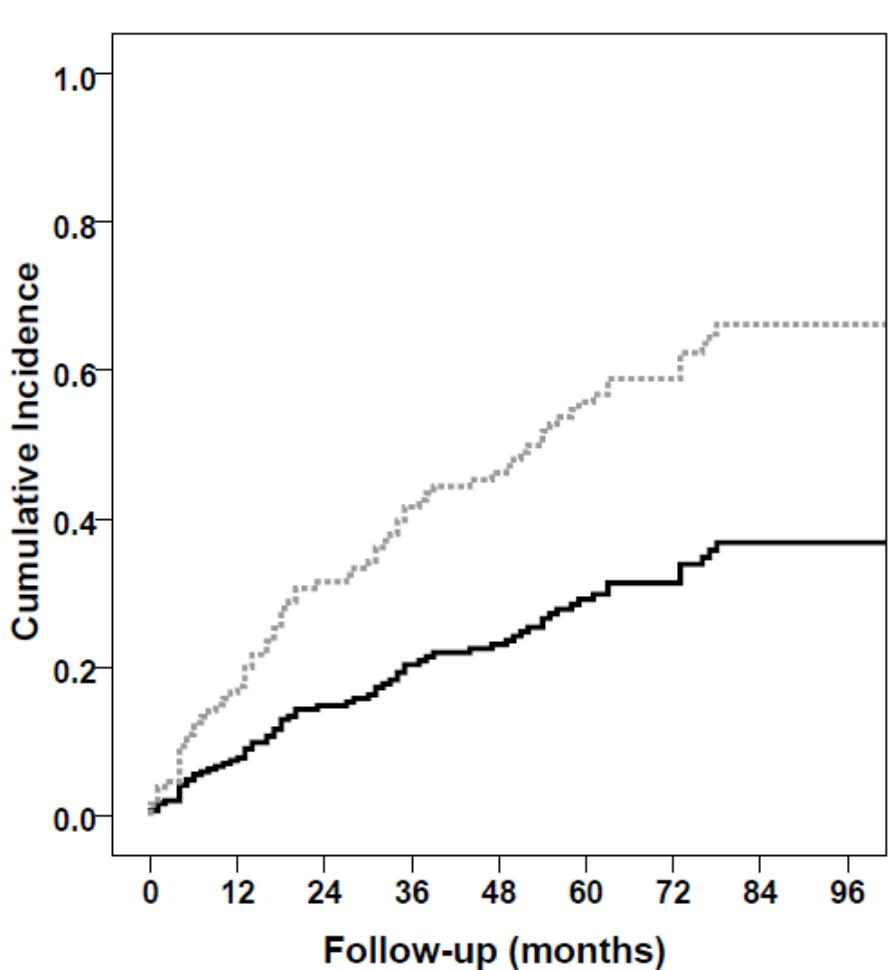


*Current options include - methotrexate, azathioprine, leflunomide, and mycophenolate.

One size does not fit all



Cumulative risk of steroid complications



Hazard ratio: 2.37 (1.34-4.17)

Other covariates

Age/yr 1.021 (1.001-1.041)

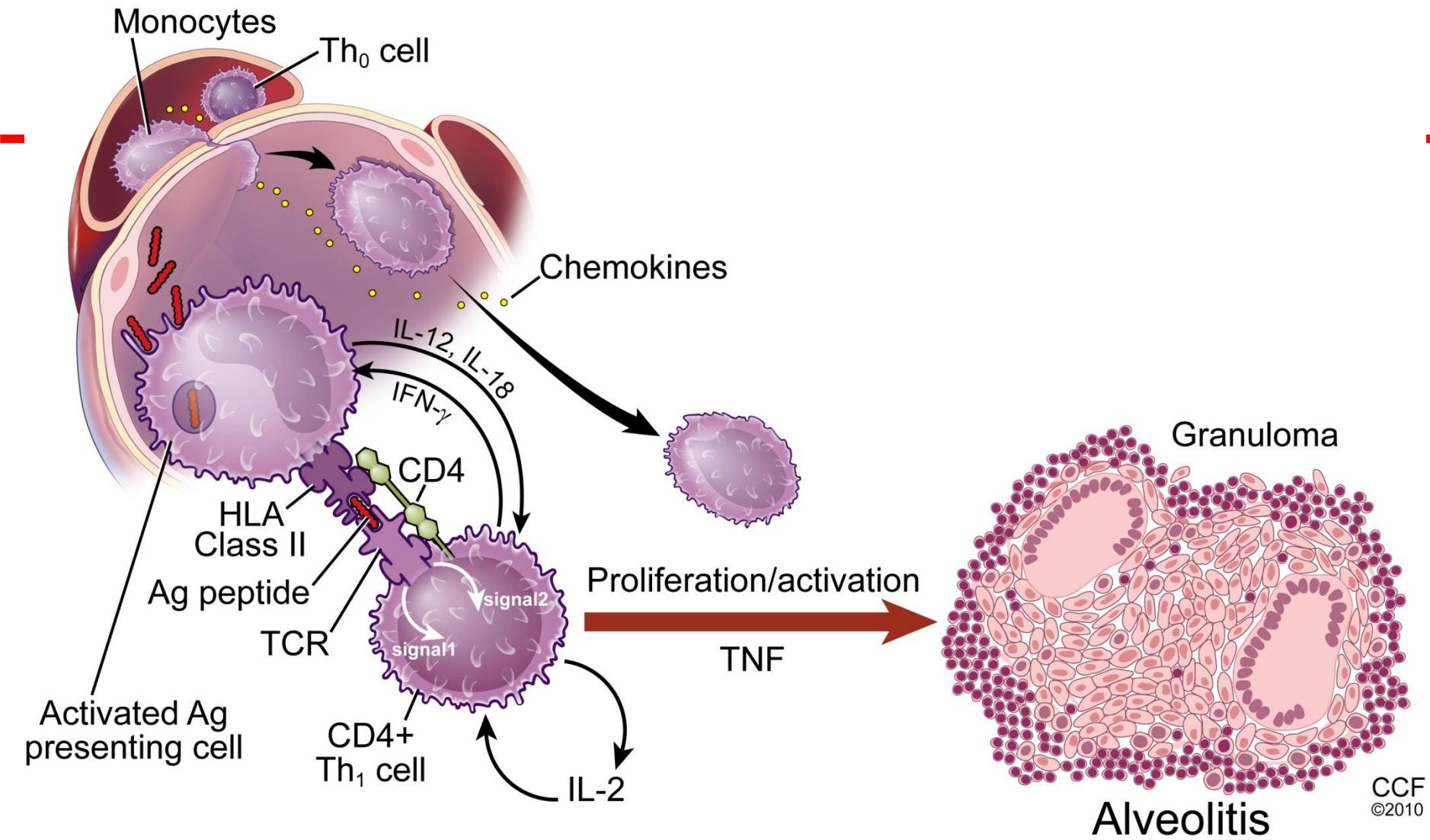
Pre-existing
disease 2.27 (1.33-3.89)

Duration of steroids (mos)

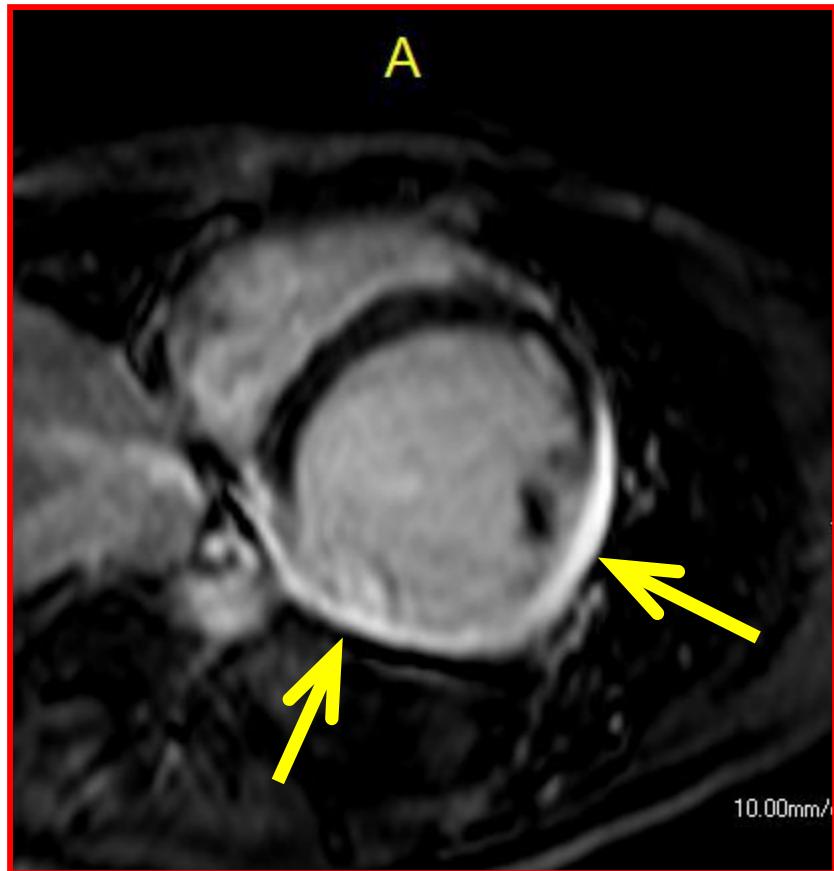
1.023 (1.013-1.033)

Cumulative dose (grams)

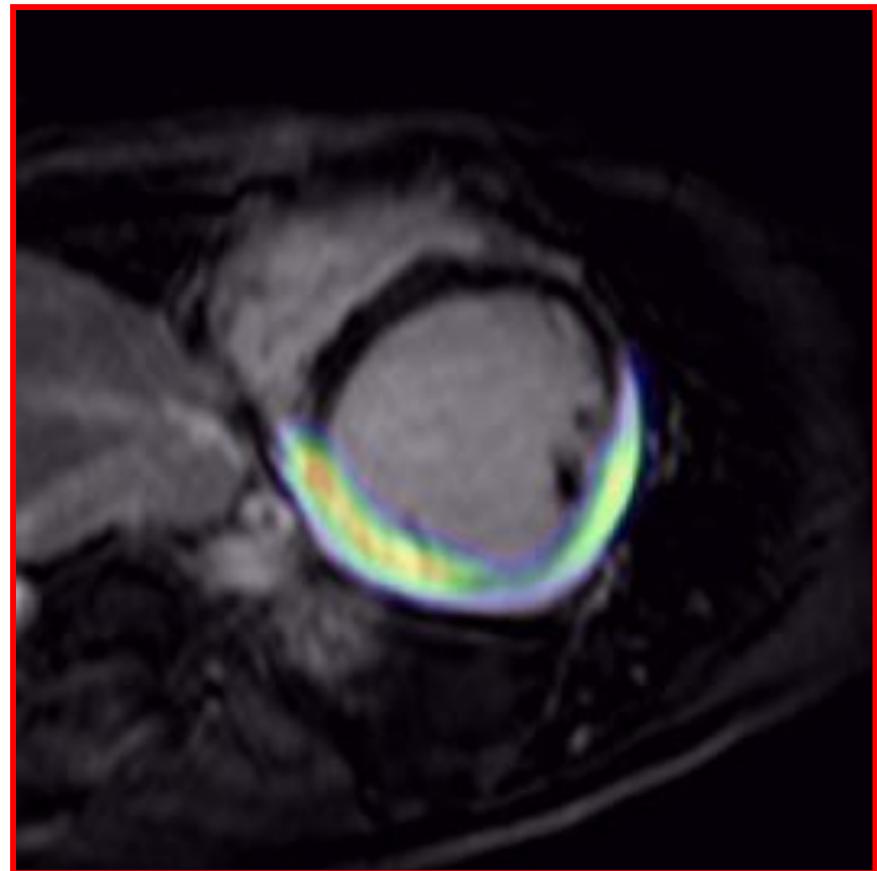
1.038 (1.019-1.056)



Concordance

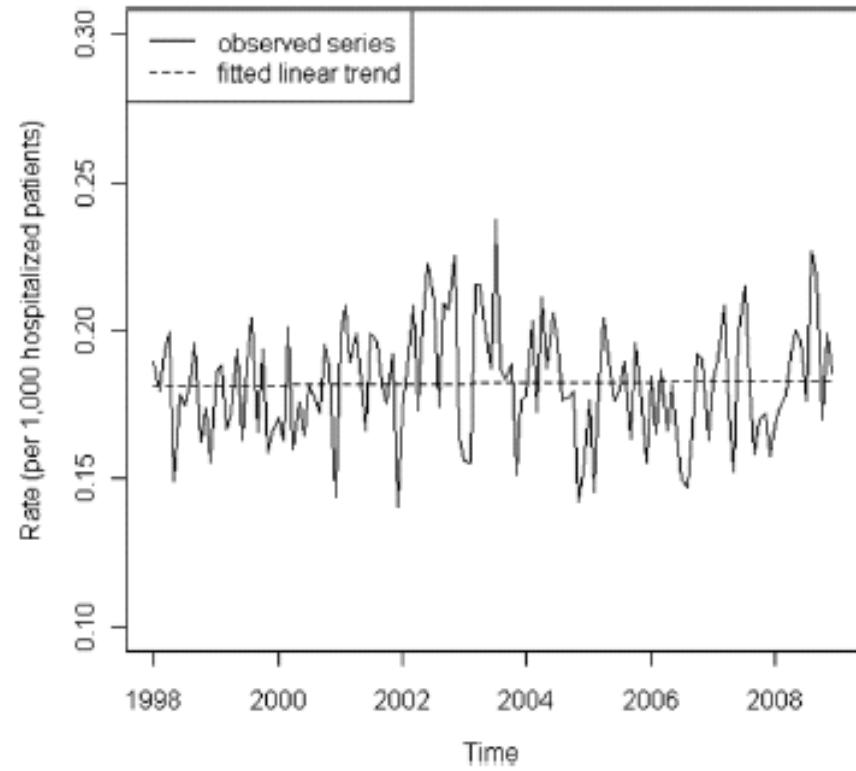
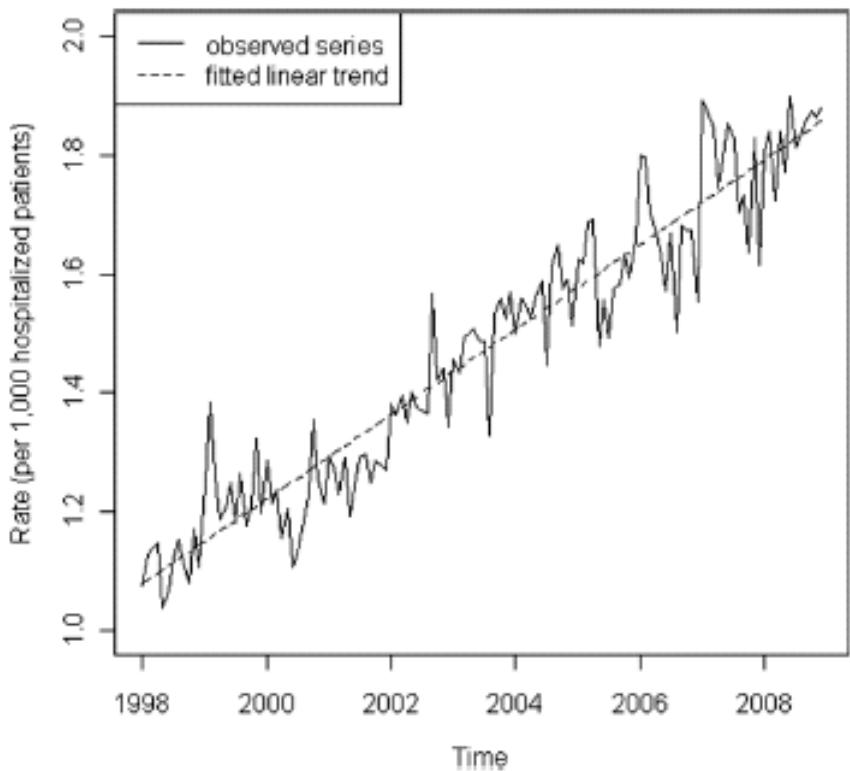


DE-MRI



DE-MRI/PET Fusion

Rising number of sarcoidosis hospitalizations in the US



Clinical outcome after 5 years

Clinical outcome score	Therapy	No (%)
Resolved	Never	59 (12%)
Resolved	Not within 1 year	44 (9%)
Minimal (<25% of peak disease)	Never	47 (9%)
Minimal (<25% of peak disease)	Not within 1 year	38 (8%)
Persistent, no current therapy	Never	41 (8%)
Persistent, no current therapy	Not within 1 year	54 (11%)
Current therapy, asymptomatic		57 (11%)
Current therapy, symptomatic		115 (23%)
Current therapy, worsening		45 (9%)

} 32%

Prognosis versus clinical features

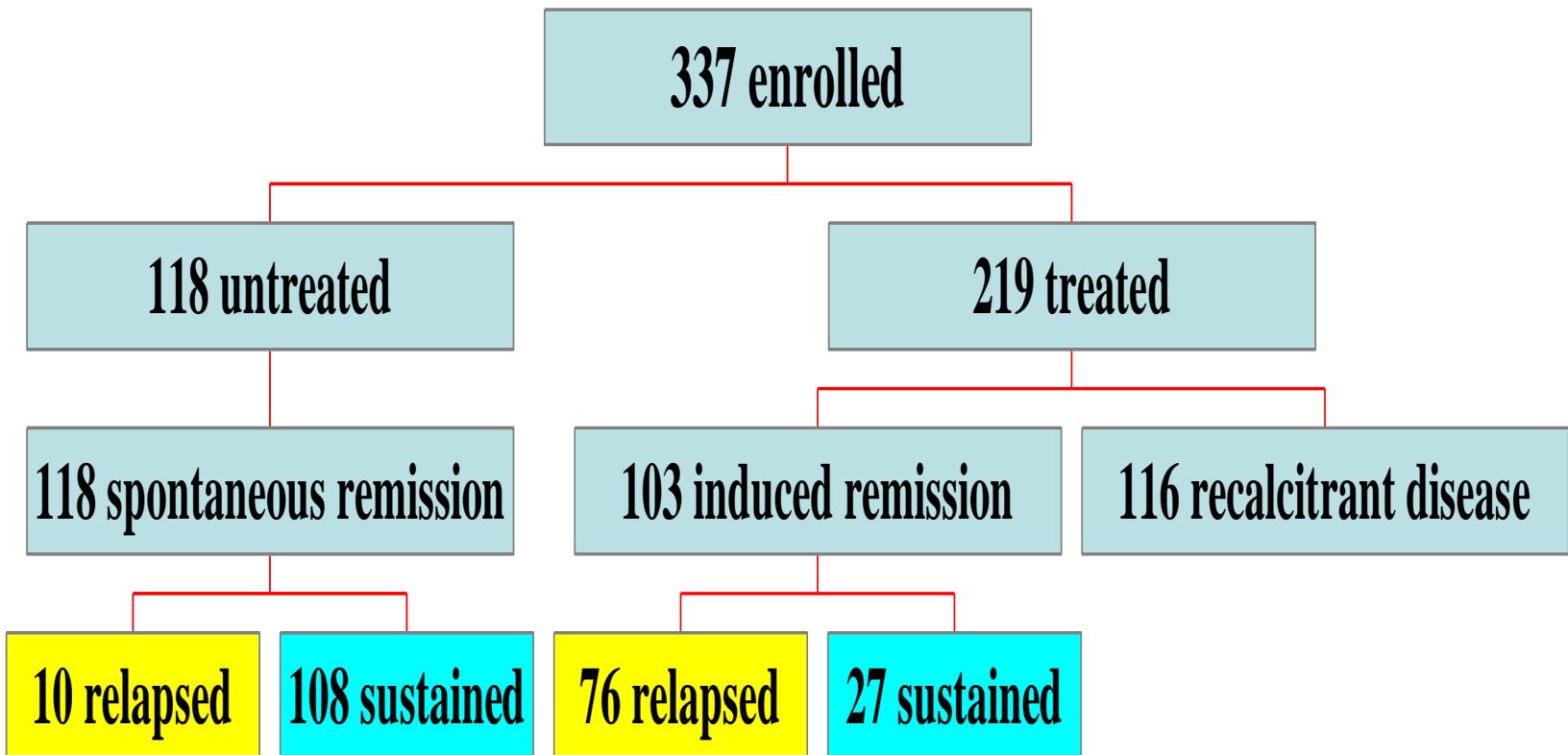
Characteristics Associated with Worse Prognosis
Age > 40 at onset
African American
Requirement for steroids
Extrapulmonary involvement Cardiac Neurologic (except isolated CN palsy) Lupus pernio Splenomegaly Hypercalcemia Osseous disease
Pulmonary Involvement Stage 3-4 chest radiograph Pulmonary hypertension Significant lung function impairment Moderate to severe dyspnea on presentation BAL neutrophilia at presentation

Effect of prolonged corticosteroids

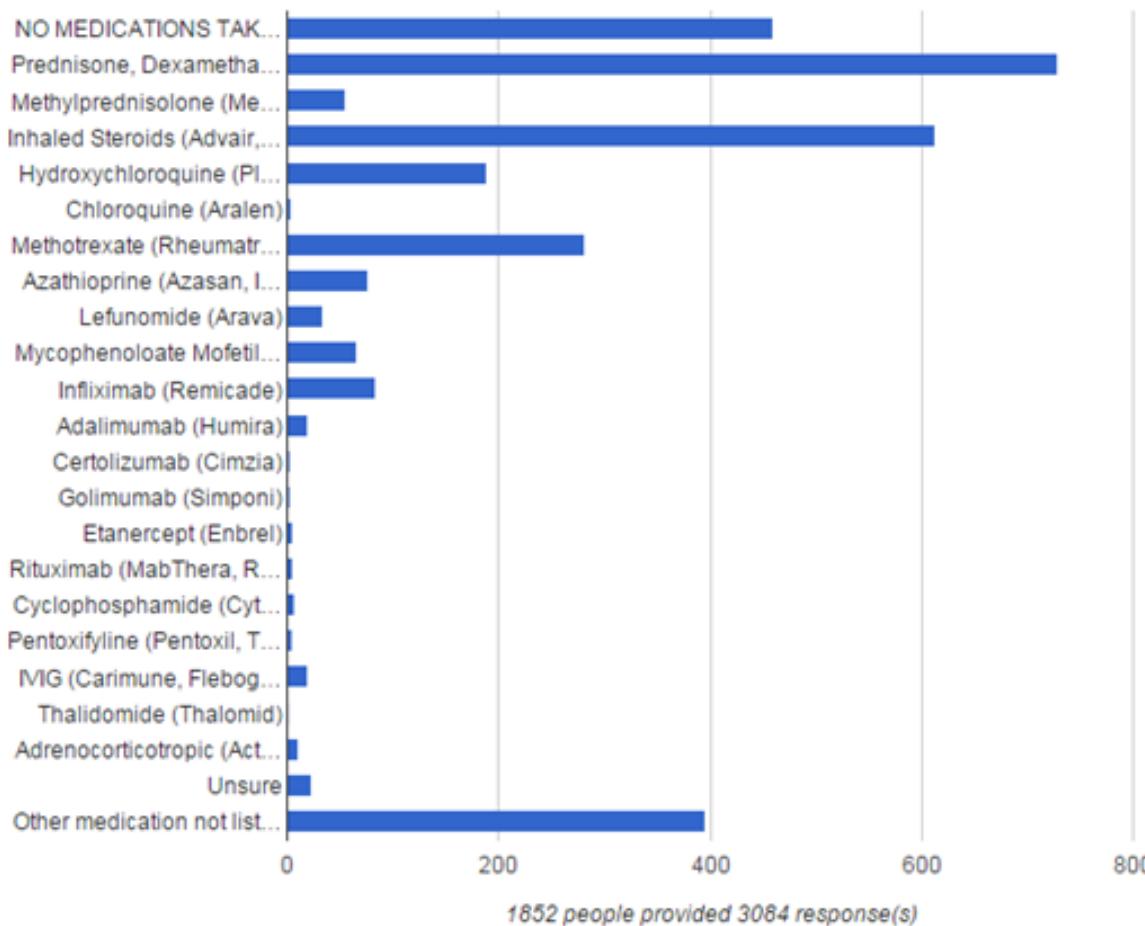
Effects of 2 years steroid treatment in Stage 2/3 patients

	FVC		DLCO	
	CS	Placebo	CS	Placebo
Unchanged	11 (37%)	8 (40%)	9 (36%)	6 (37%)
Improved	13 (43%)	6 (30%)	13 (52%)	7 (44%)
Worsened	6 (20%)	6 (30%)	3 (12%)	3 (19%)
Total	30	20	25	16

Treated patients typically require ongoing treatment



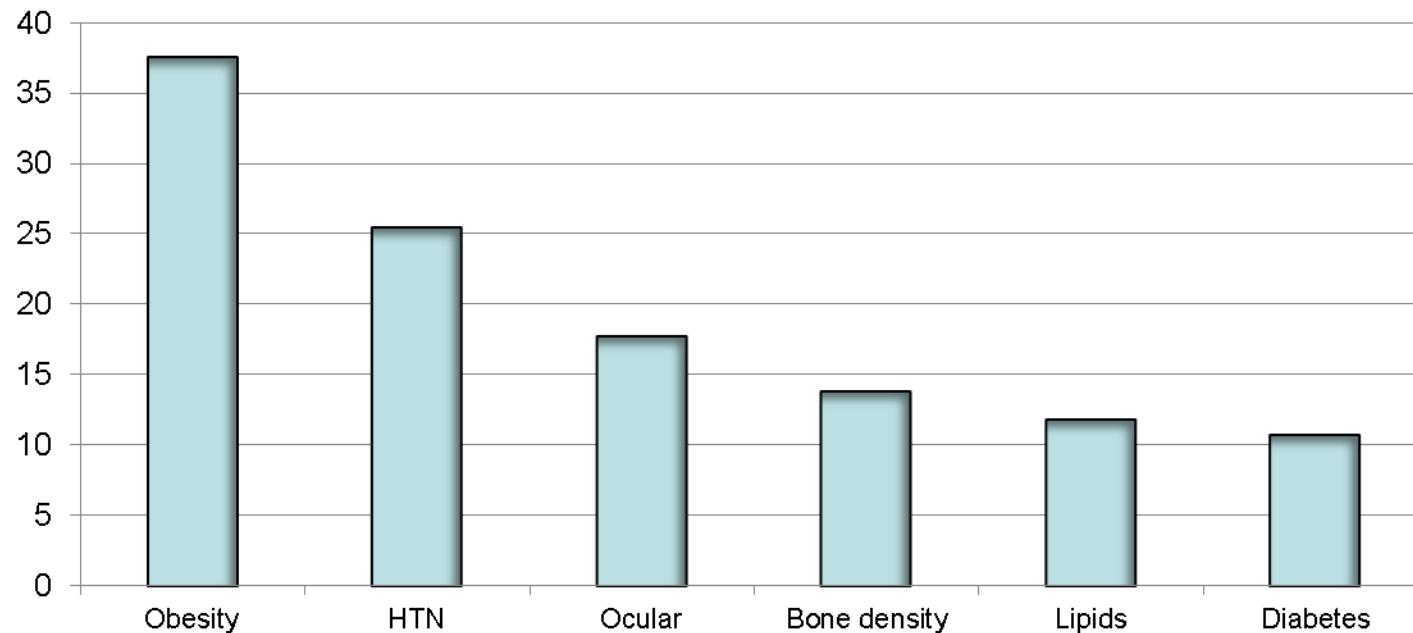
Medications in FSR registry population



RESULTS: Metabolic Complications among 154 new sarcoidosis patients seen at CCF

76 patients developed or had worsening
average of 1.9 ± 1 conditions per patient

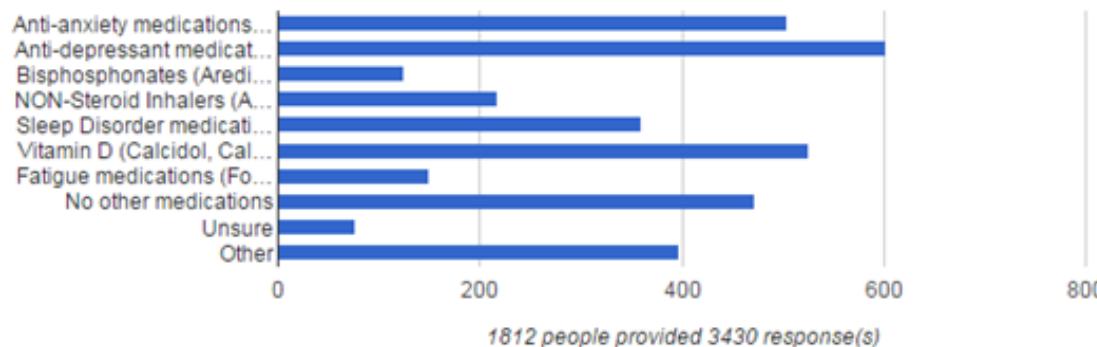
Rate of Metabolic Complications



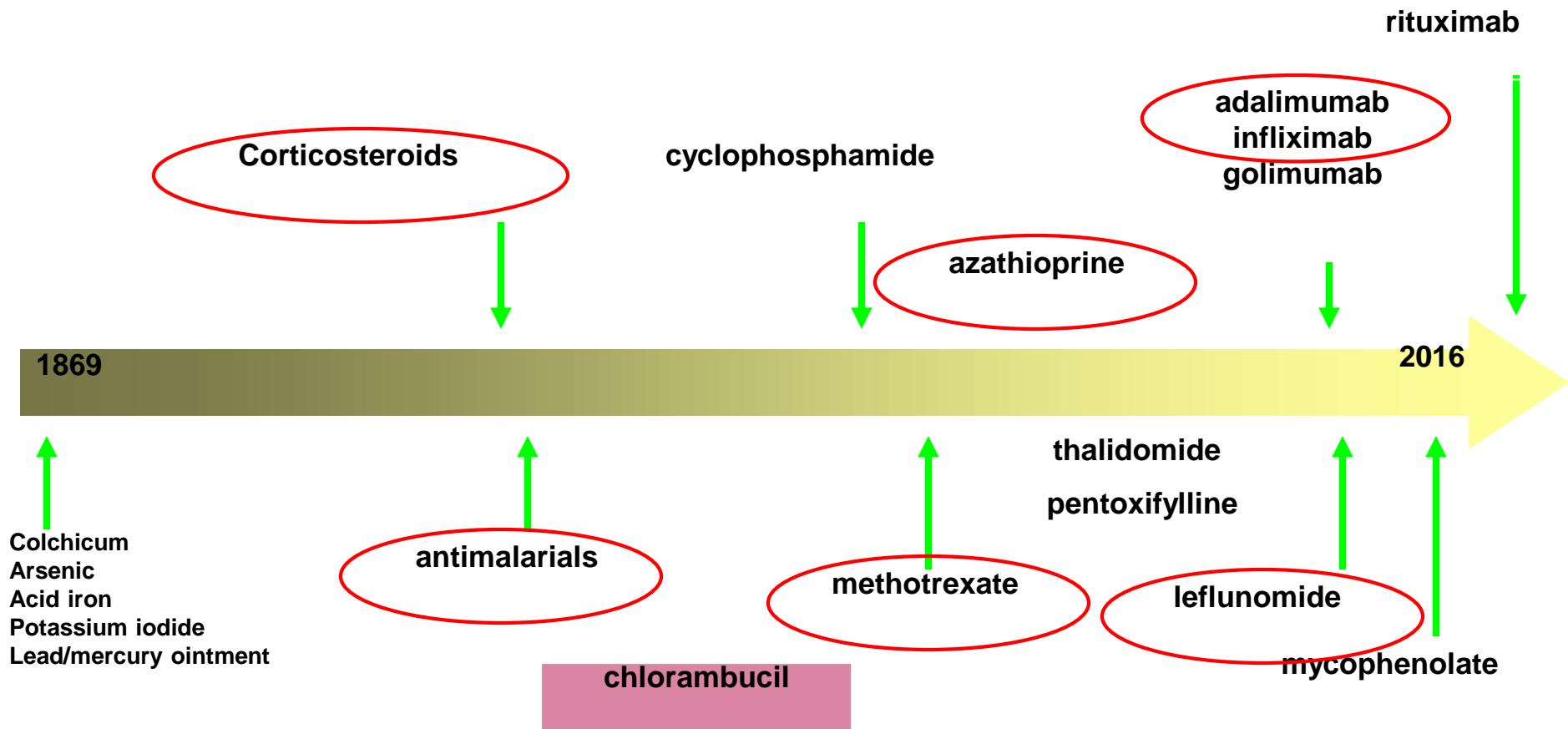
Quality of life and use of steroids are opposite

Table 3—Differences in Predicted HRQL Scores Between Patient Groups Based on Oral Corticosteroid Treatment*

Group	Unadjusted Score	p Value	Adjusted Score†	p Value	Adjusted Score‡	p Value
SGRQ total						
Steroid users (n = 56)	52 (45–58)	<0.0001	49 (43–56)§	0.031	48 (44–53)	0.011
No steroids (n = 55)	37 (31–43)		39 (33–44)		39 (35–44)	
SF36-PCS						
Steroid users (n = 56)	31 (28–34)	0.011	32 (29–35)	0.048	32 (29–35)#	0.044
No steroids (n = 55)	37 (34–40)		37 (34–40)		37 (34–40)	
SF36-MCS						
Steroid users (n = 56)	42 (39–46)	0.055				
No steroids (n = 55)	47 (44–50)					

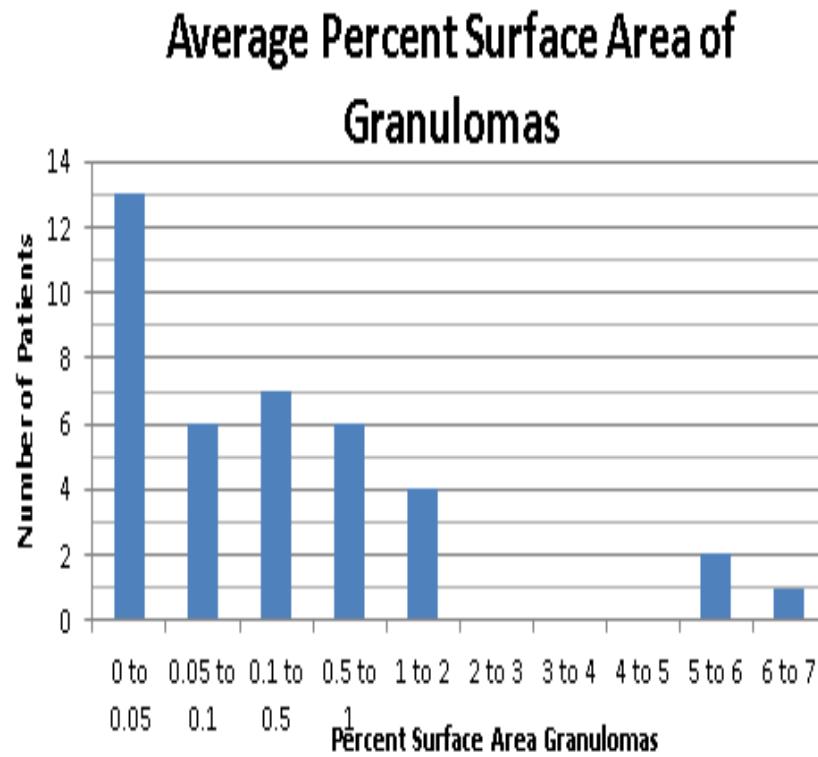


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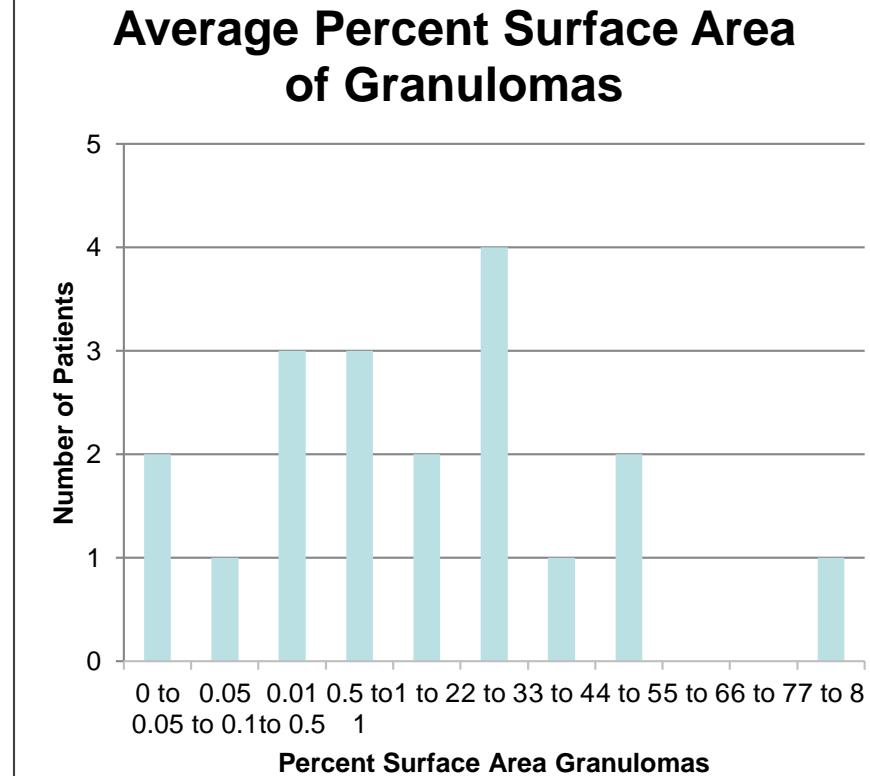


Explant granuloma burden

New diagnosis

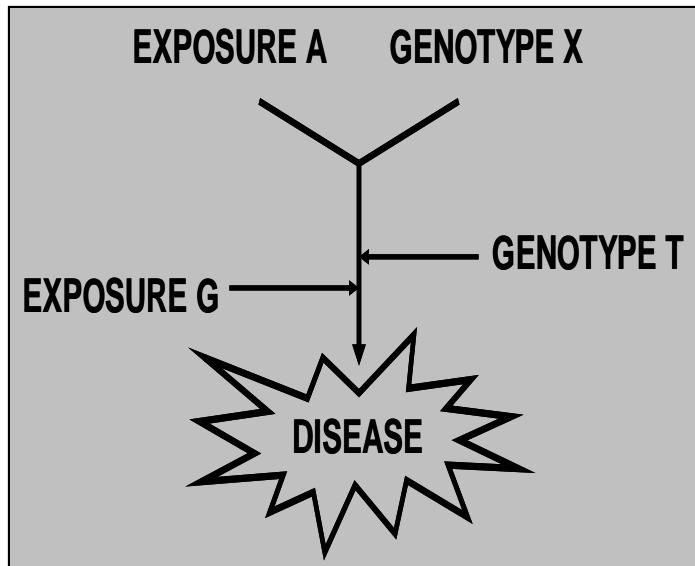


Explant



Challenges for pathophysiologic research

Sarcoidosis vs “sarcoidoses”

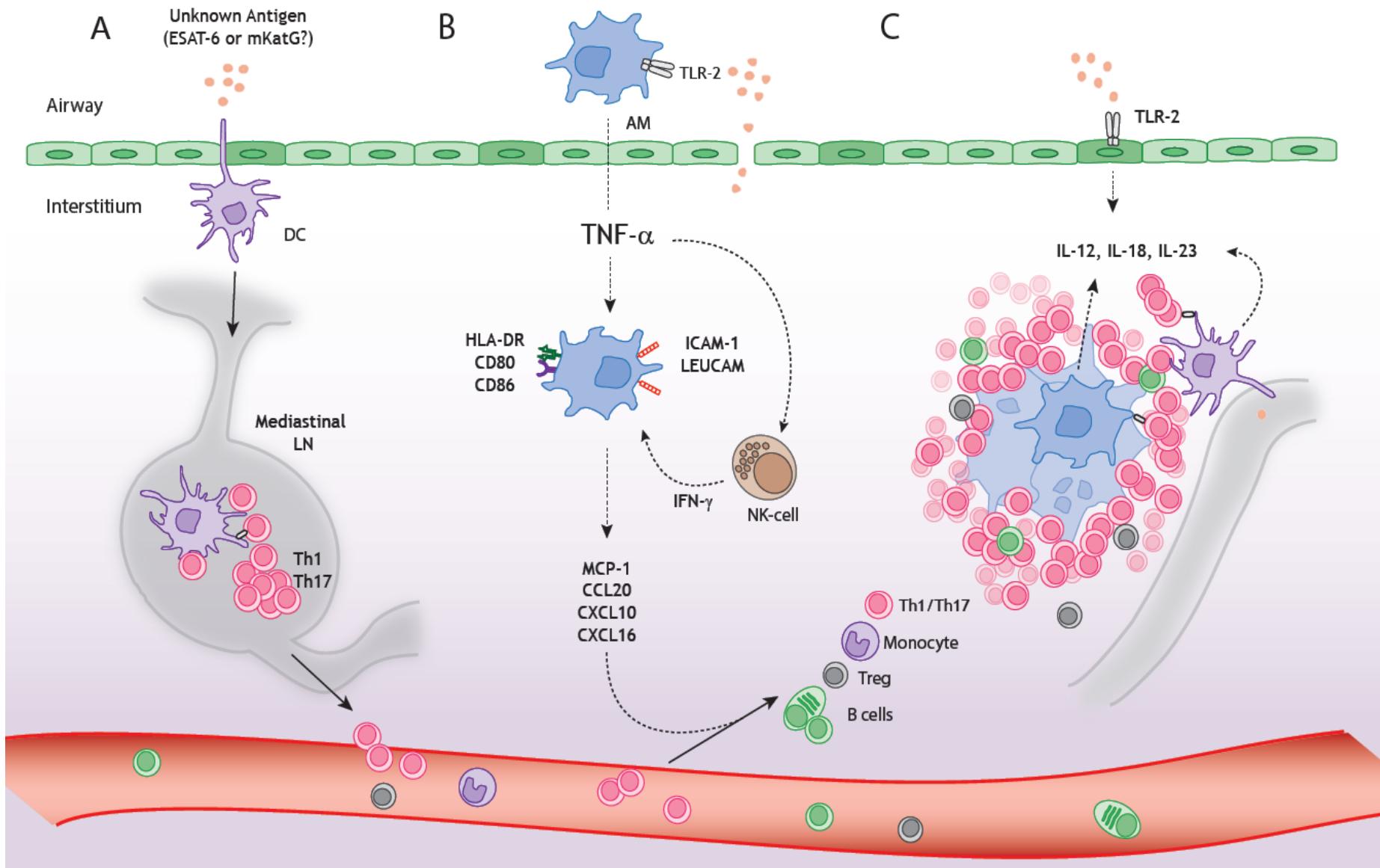


Genetic (? Etiologic) variability
between populations

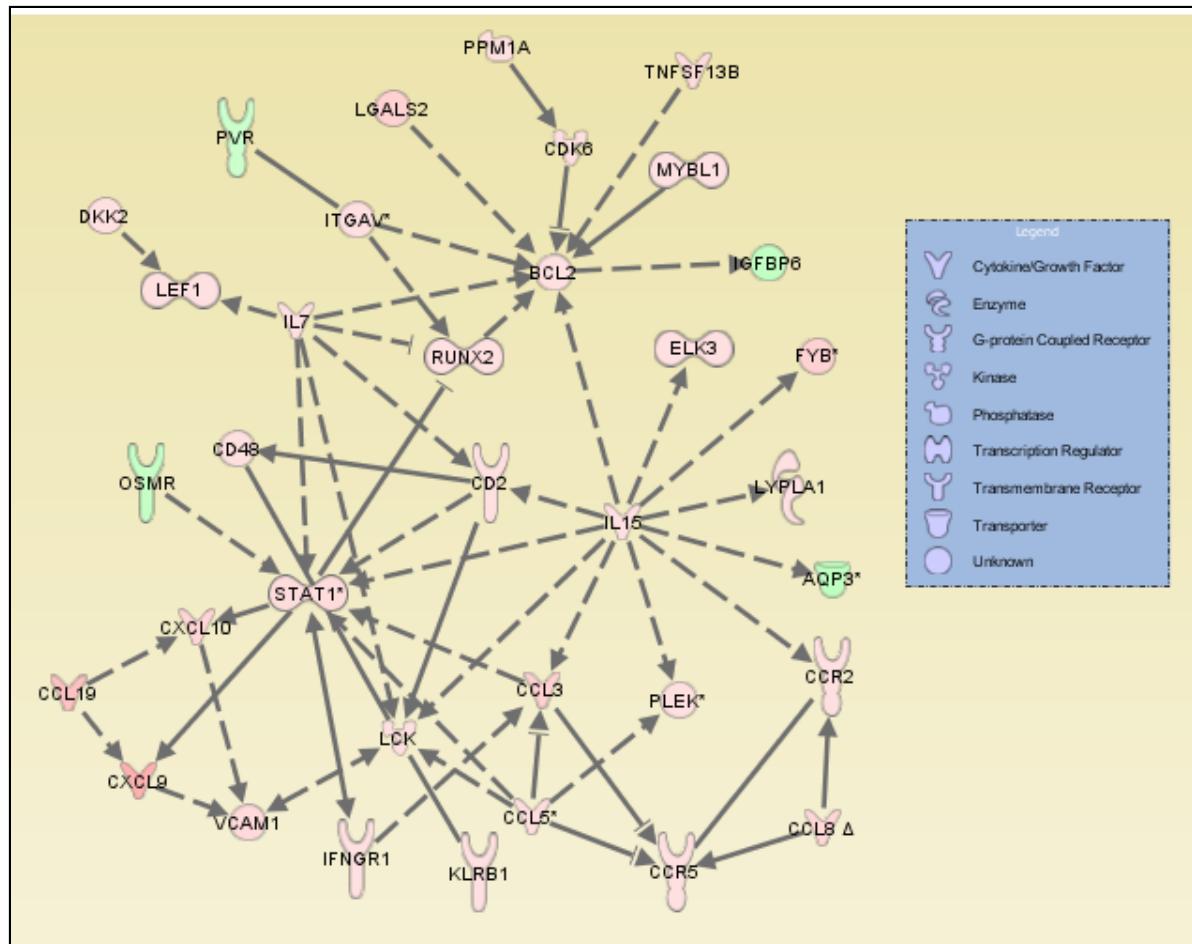
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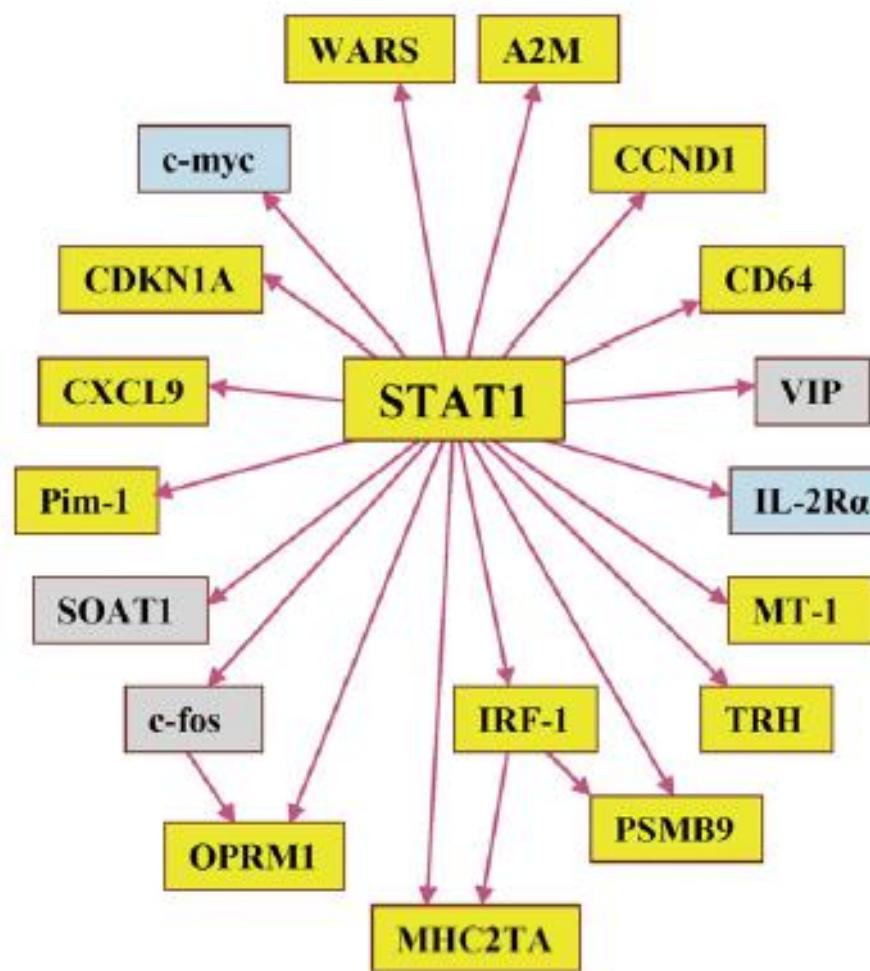
Absence of a robust animal model



STAT1 plays a central role in sarcoidosis



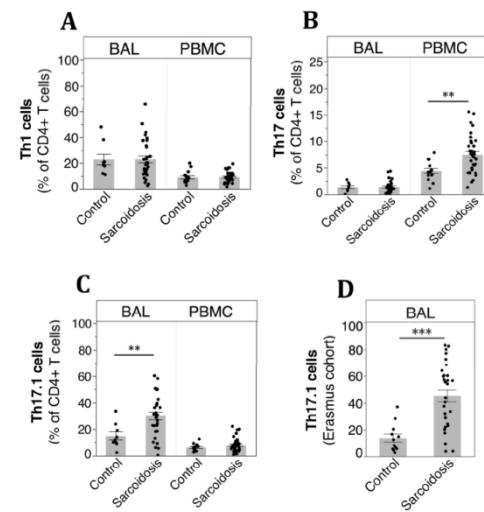
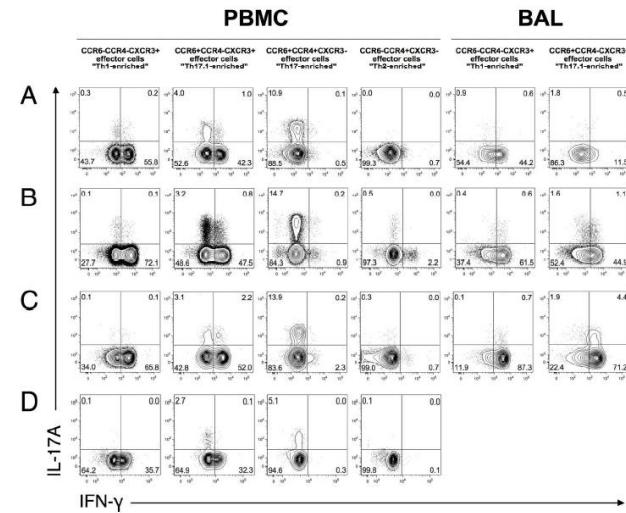
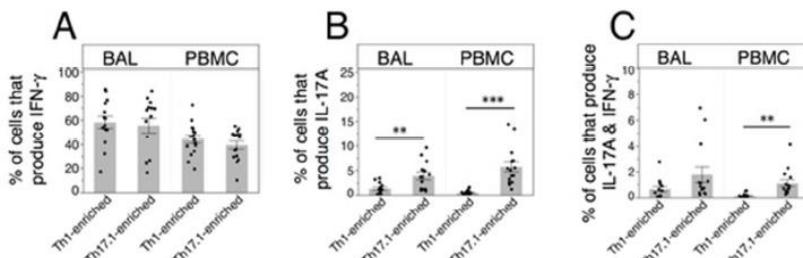
Stat1-downstream genes in blood microarray



IFN-gamma producing Th17

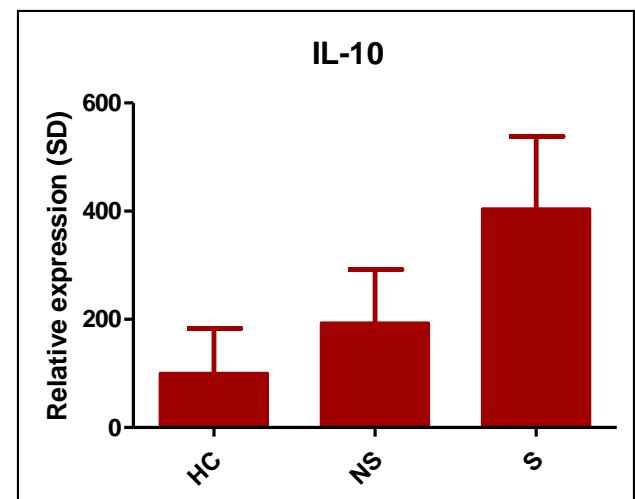
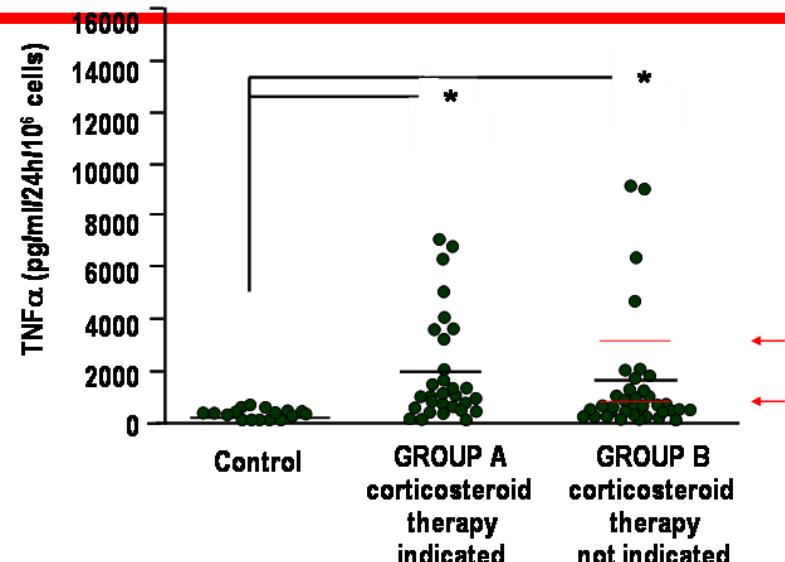
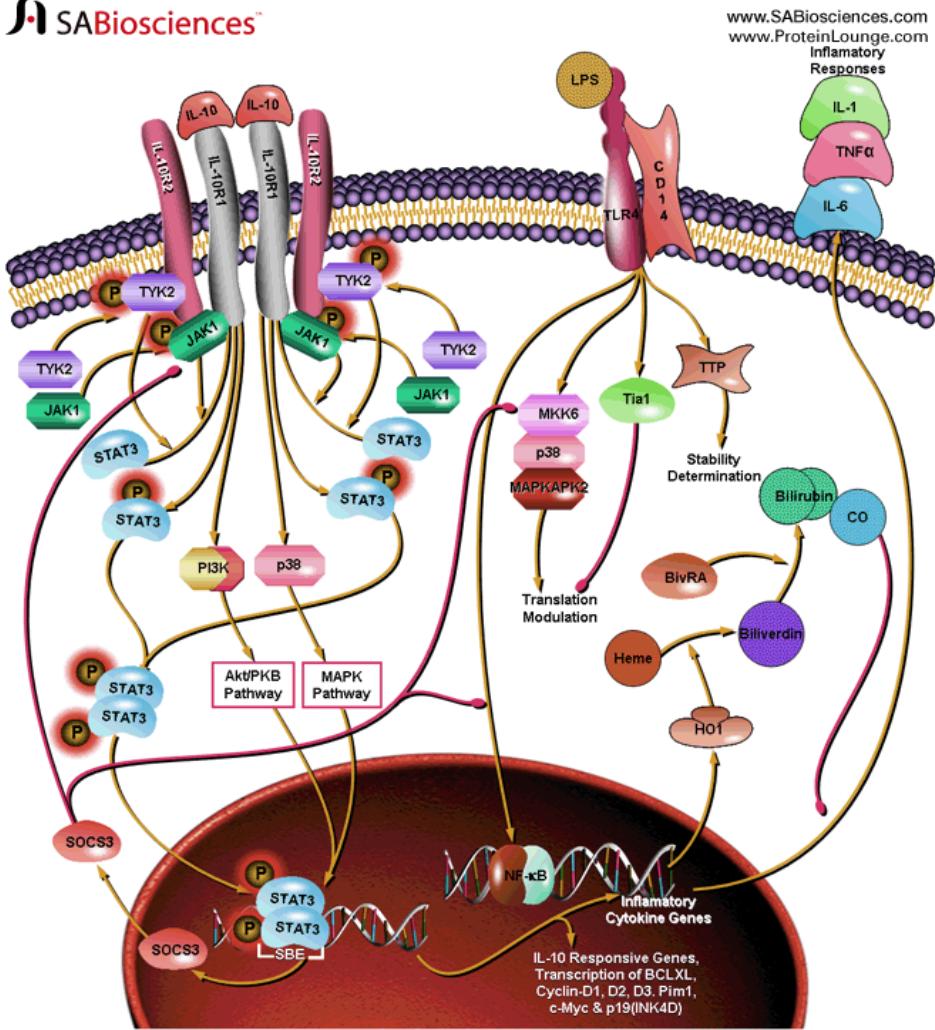
Table 1: T effector cell subset phenotypes

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CCR6-	Th1	Th2
CCR6+	Th17.1	Th17

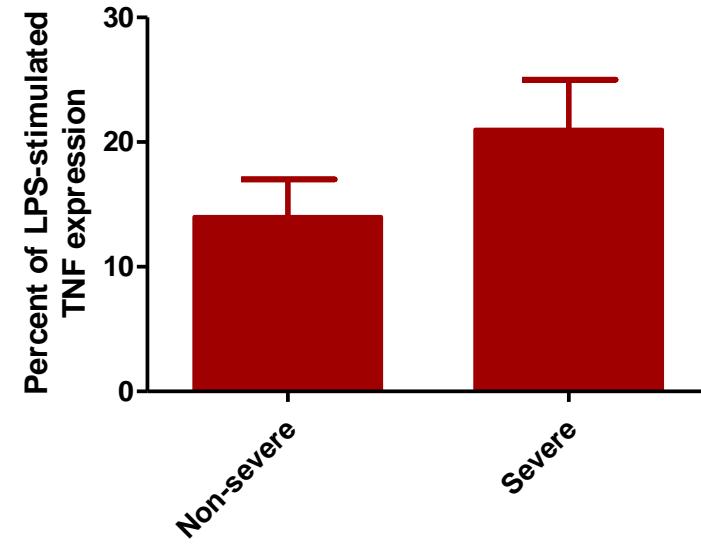
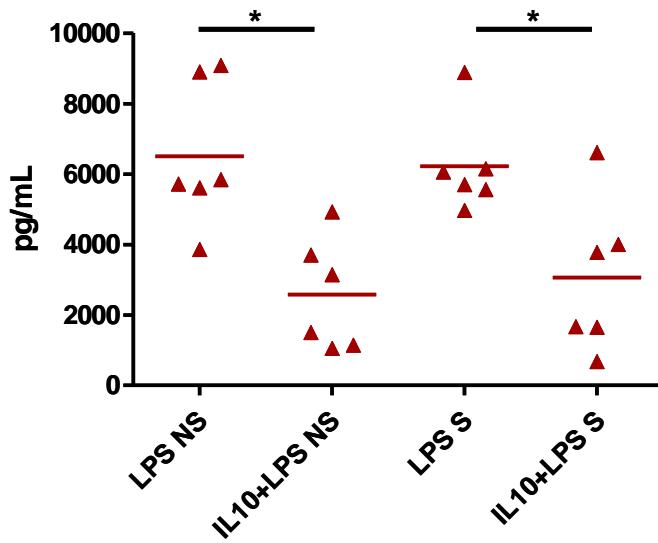


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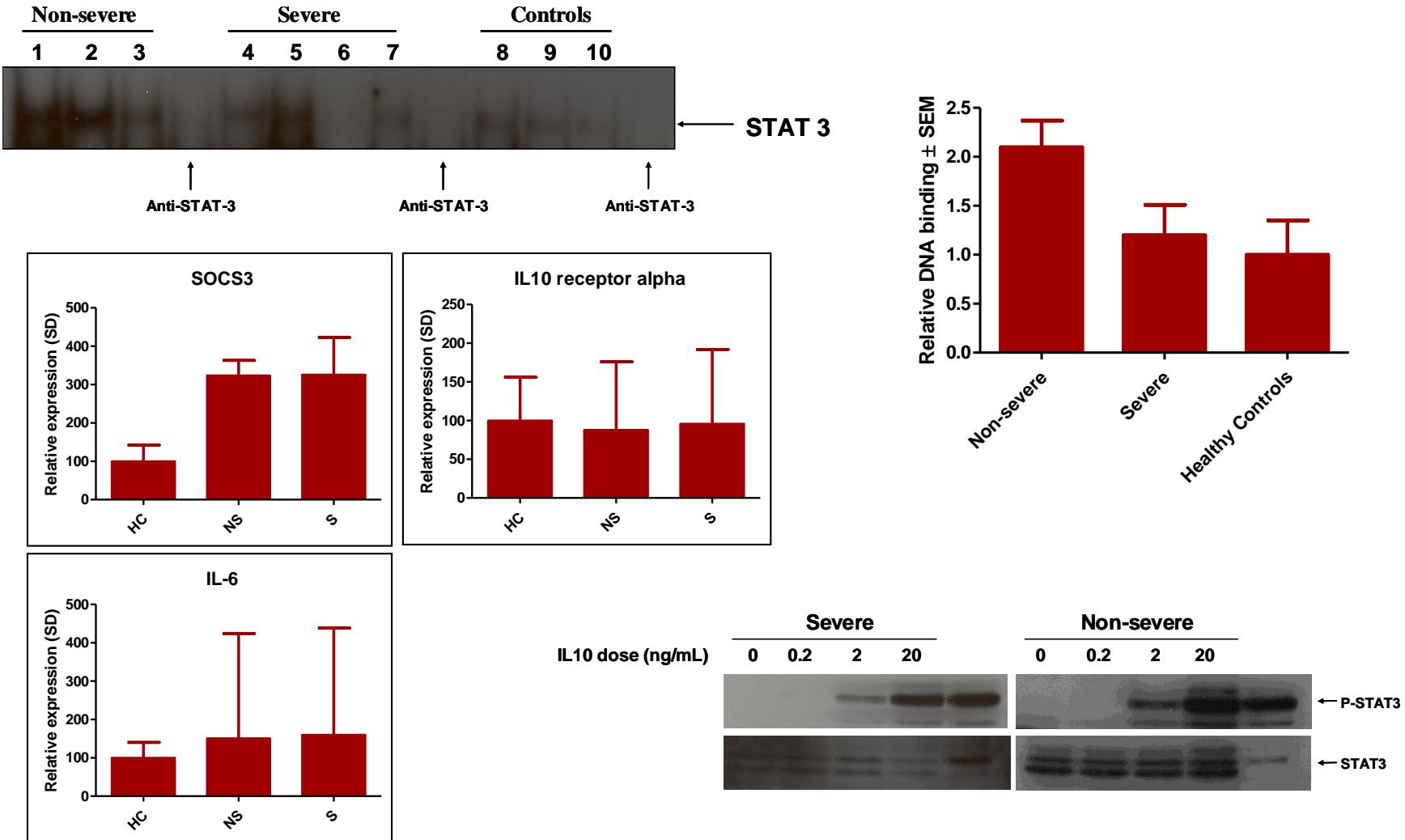
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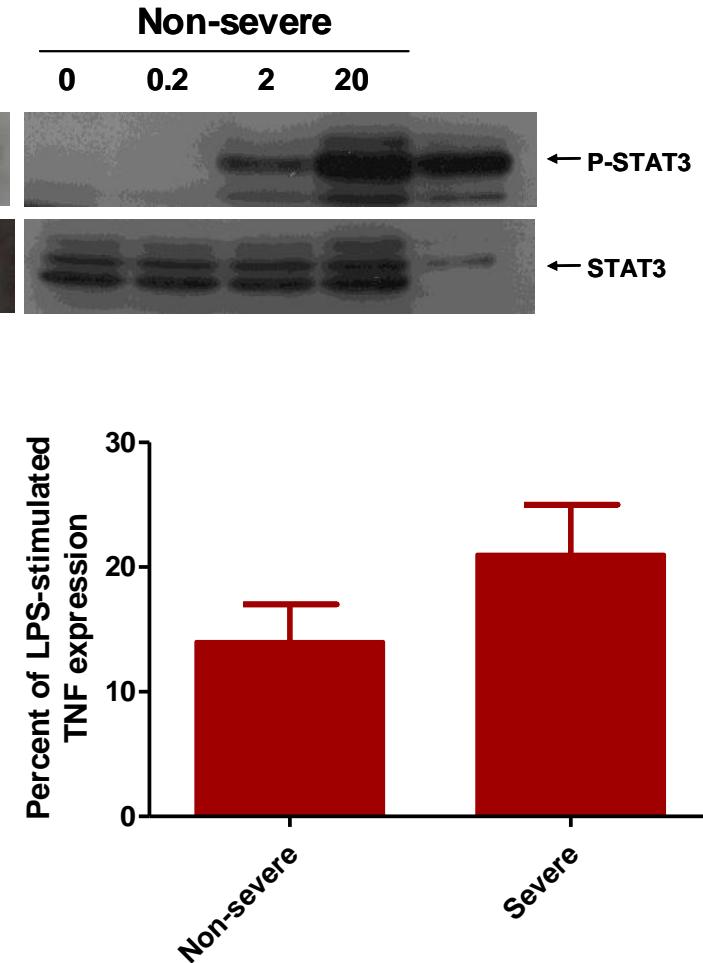
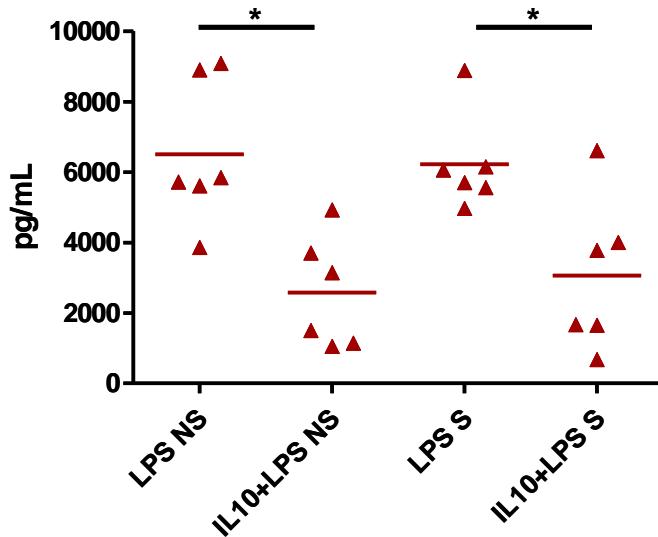
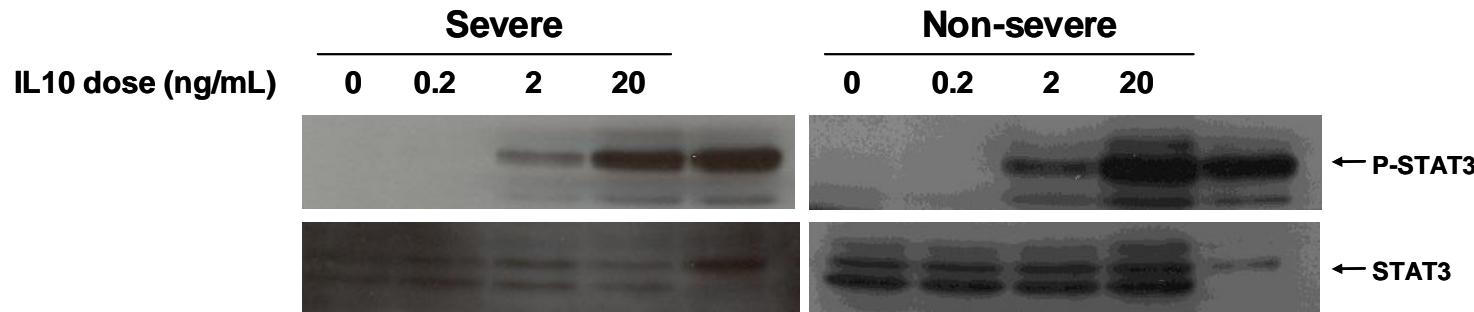
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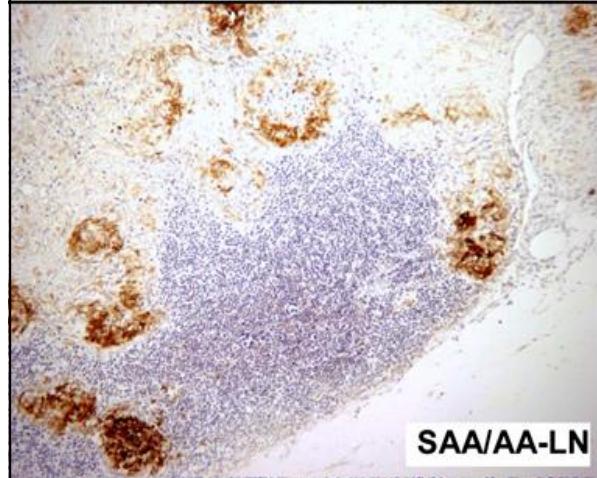
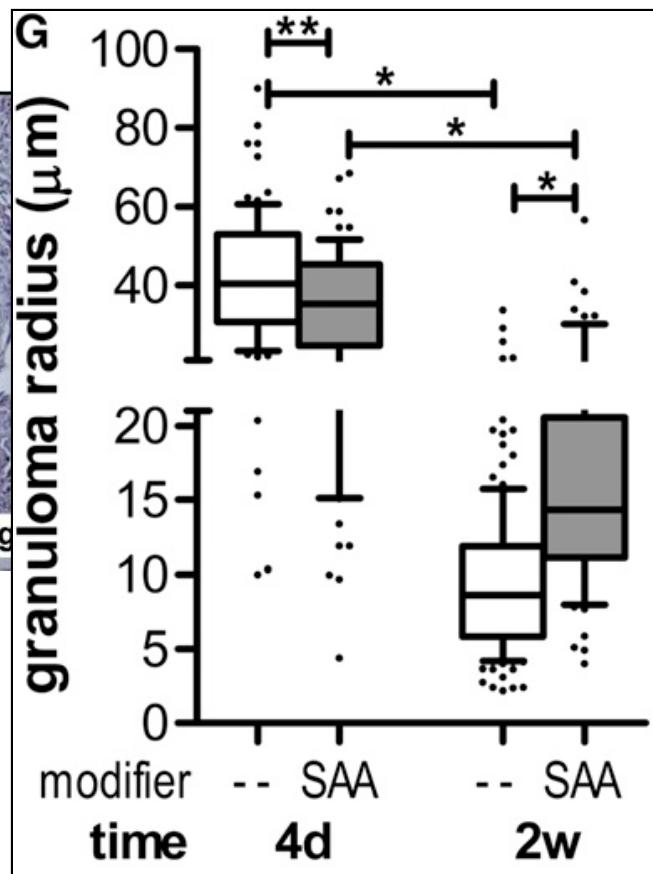
Enhanced STAT3 phosphorylation in resolving sarcoidosis



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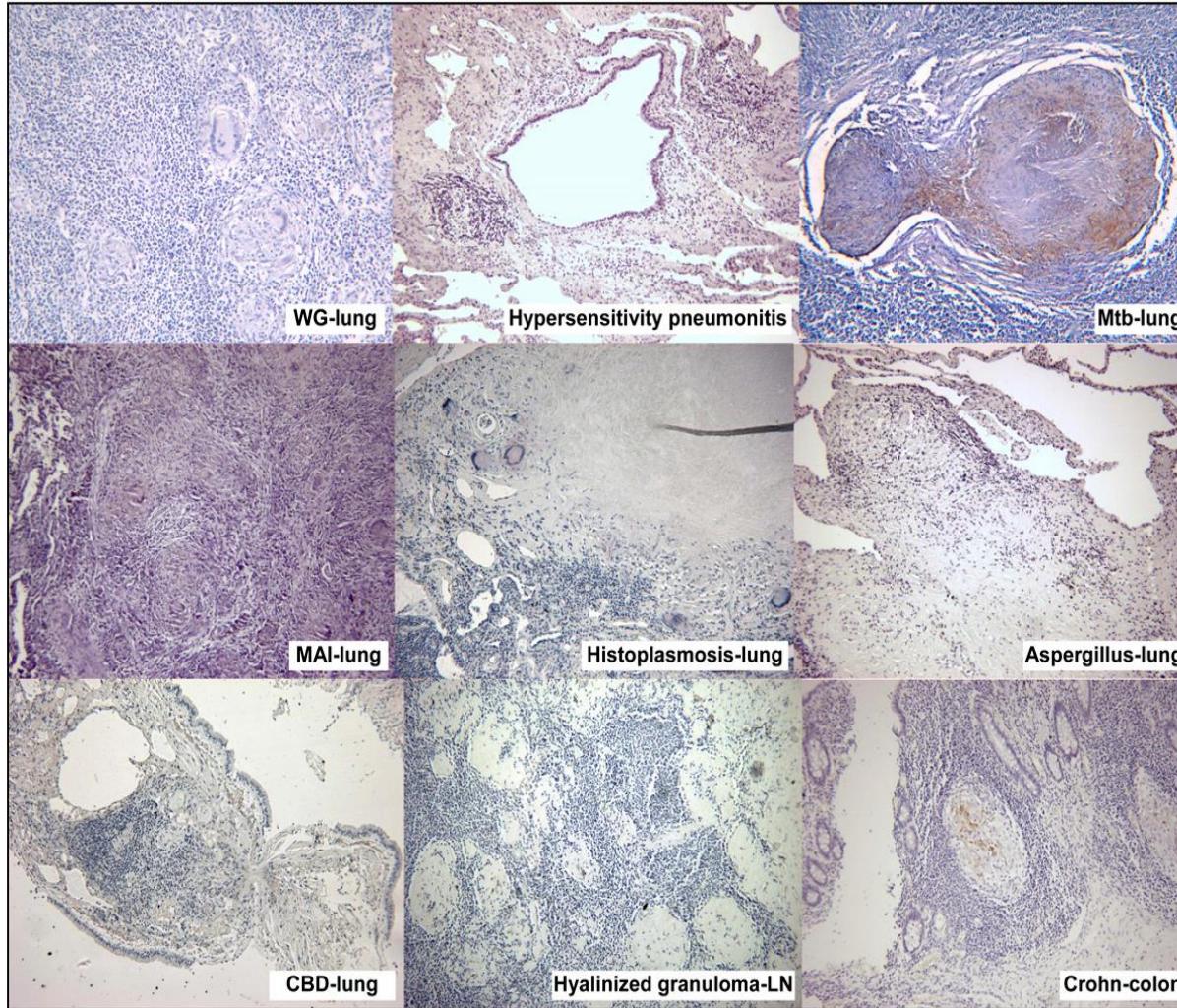


Physicochemical similarity of the Kveim reagent and amyloid protein

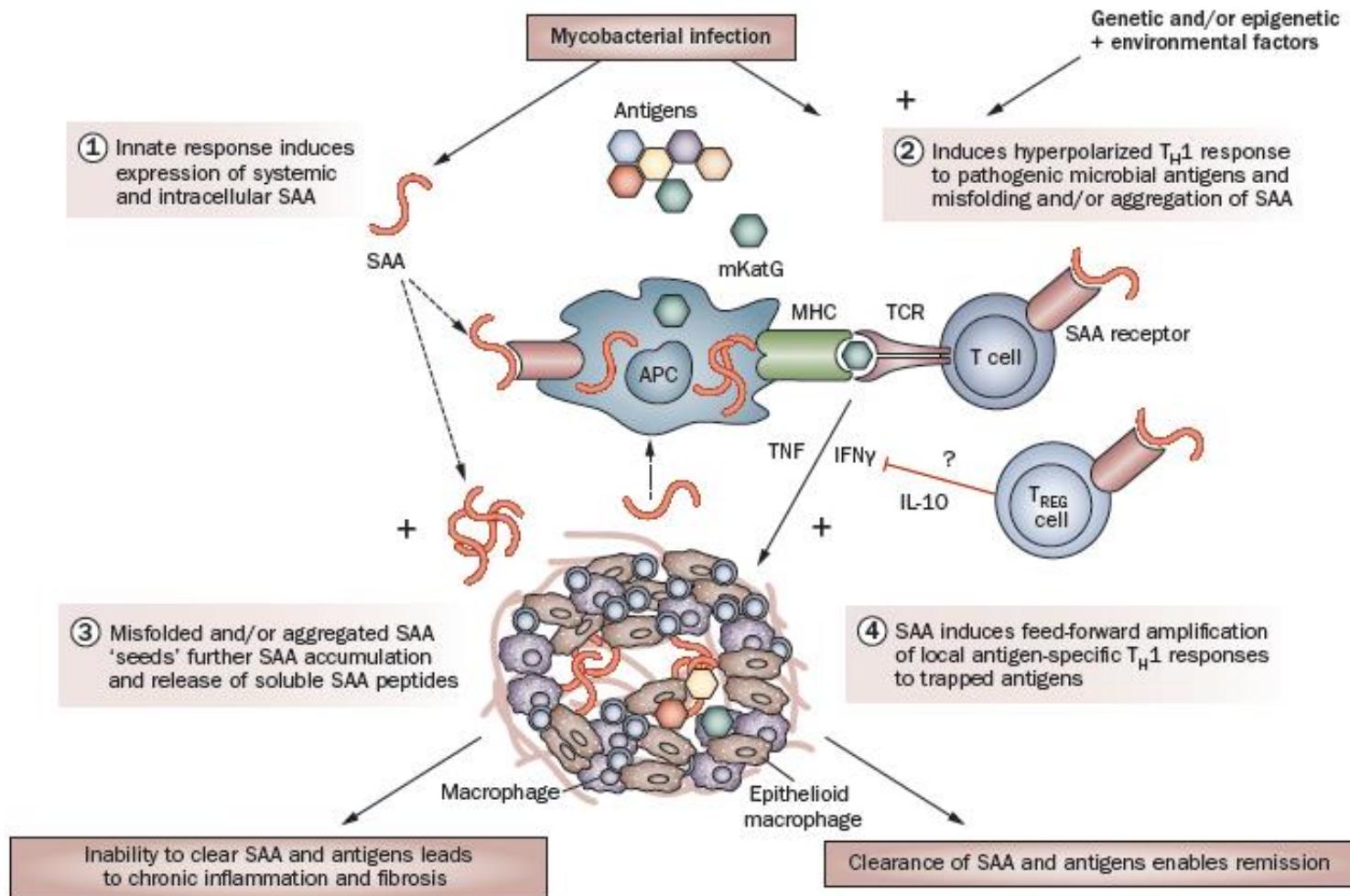


katG rat granuloma model

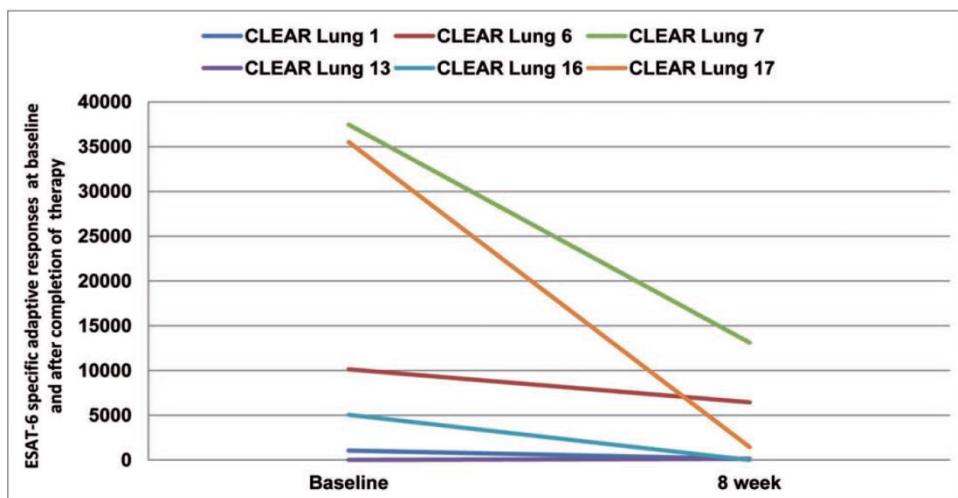
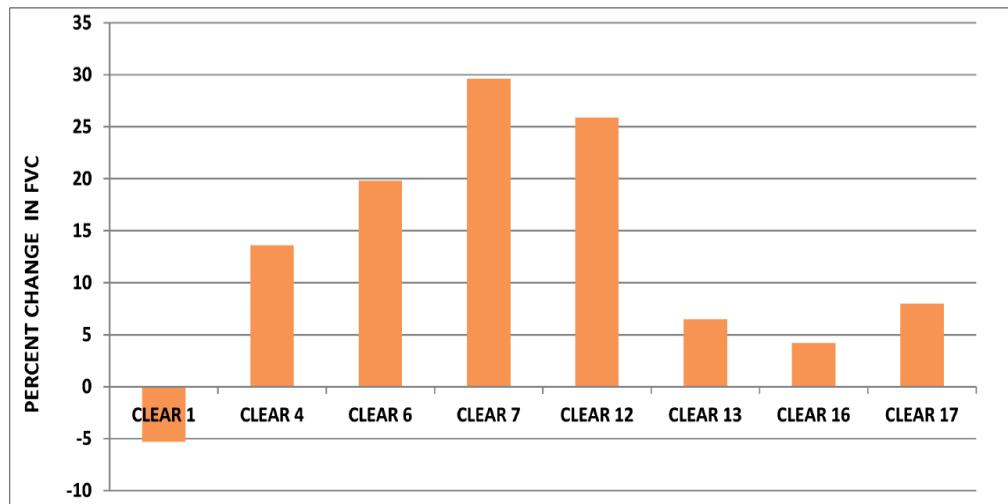
Amyloid A staining in non-sarcoidosis granulomas



Serum amyloid A hypothesis



Effects of 8 weeks of CLEAR therapy in pulmonary sarcoidosis

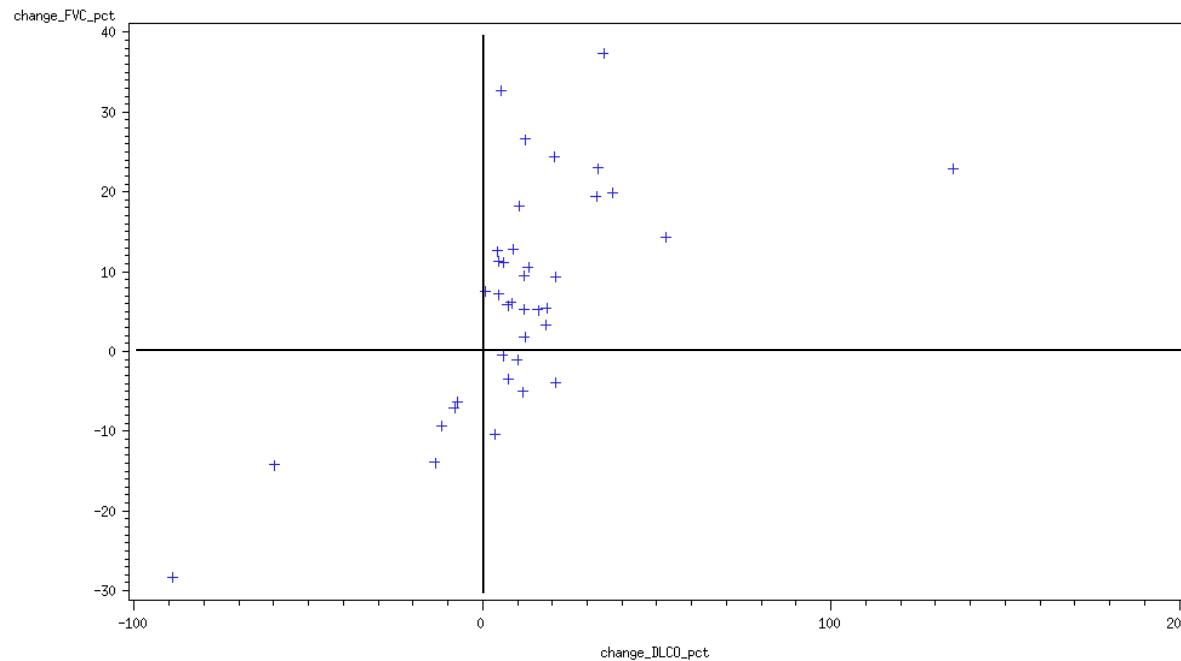


Sarcoidosis trials

Trial	Target			
CLEAR	Non-tuberculous mycobacteria	Pulmonary	FVC	138
Nicotine	T-reg	Pulmonary	CT scan	50
ACTHAR gel	Melanocortin receptors	Pulmonary	Steroid toxicity	20
Dexamethasone	GR	All	HRQOL	76
Ustekinumab/ Golimumab	p40 subunit of IL12 and IL23	Pulmonary Cutaneous	FVC Global skin	173

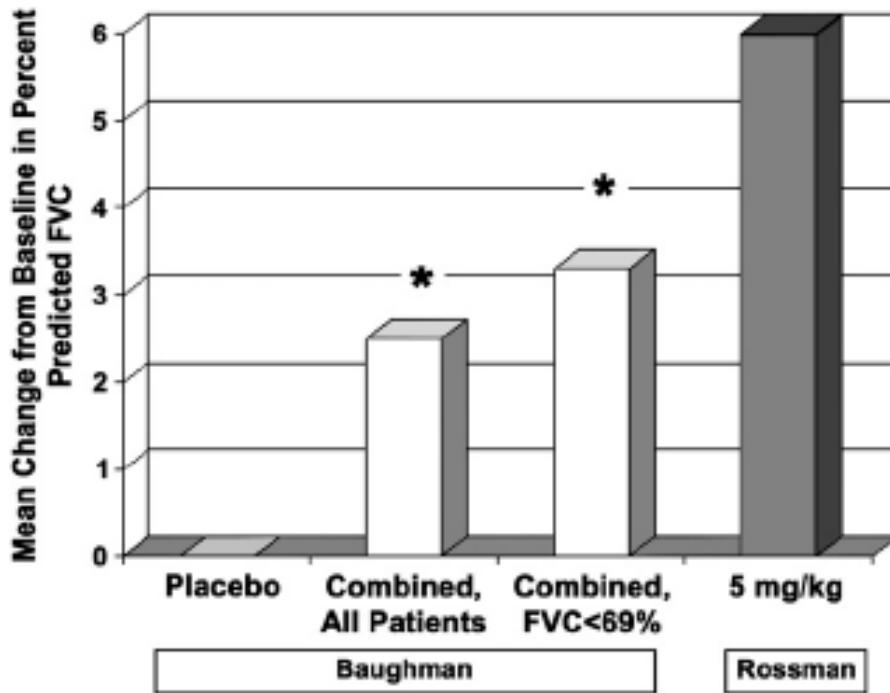
What is the magnitude of expected change in real life?

- n=53 patients treated with prednisone for 3-8 weeks
- Median FVC improvement 5.4%
- Median DLCO improvement was 10.3%
- >5% improvement of FVC was highly associated with improved MRC dyspnea and with patient global impression of benefit

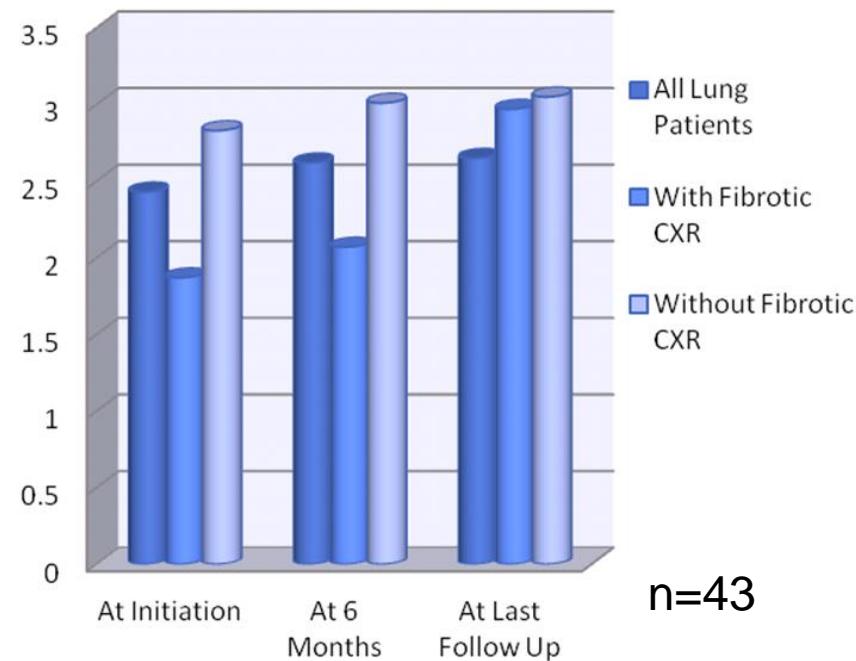


Magnitude of infliximab benefit on FVC

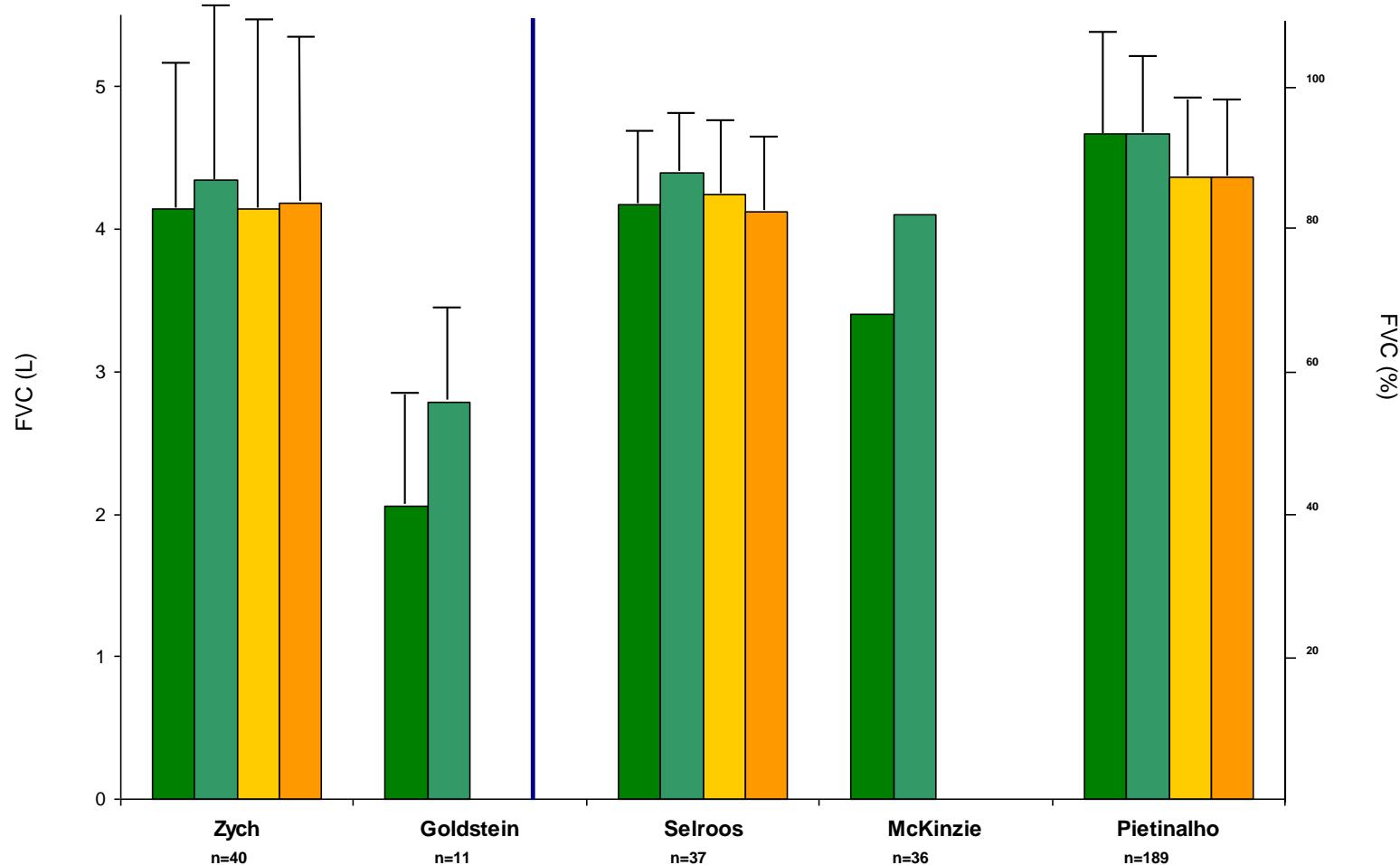
Clinical trials



Cleveland Clinic experience

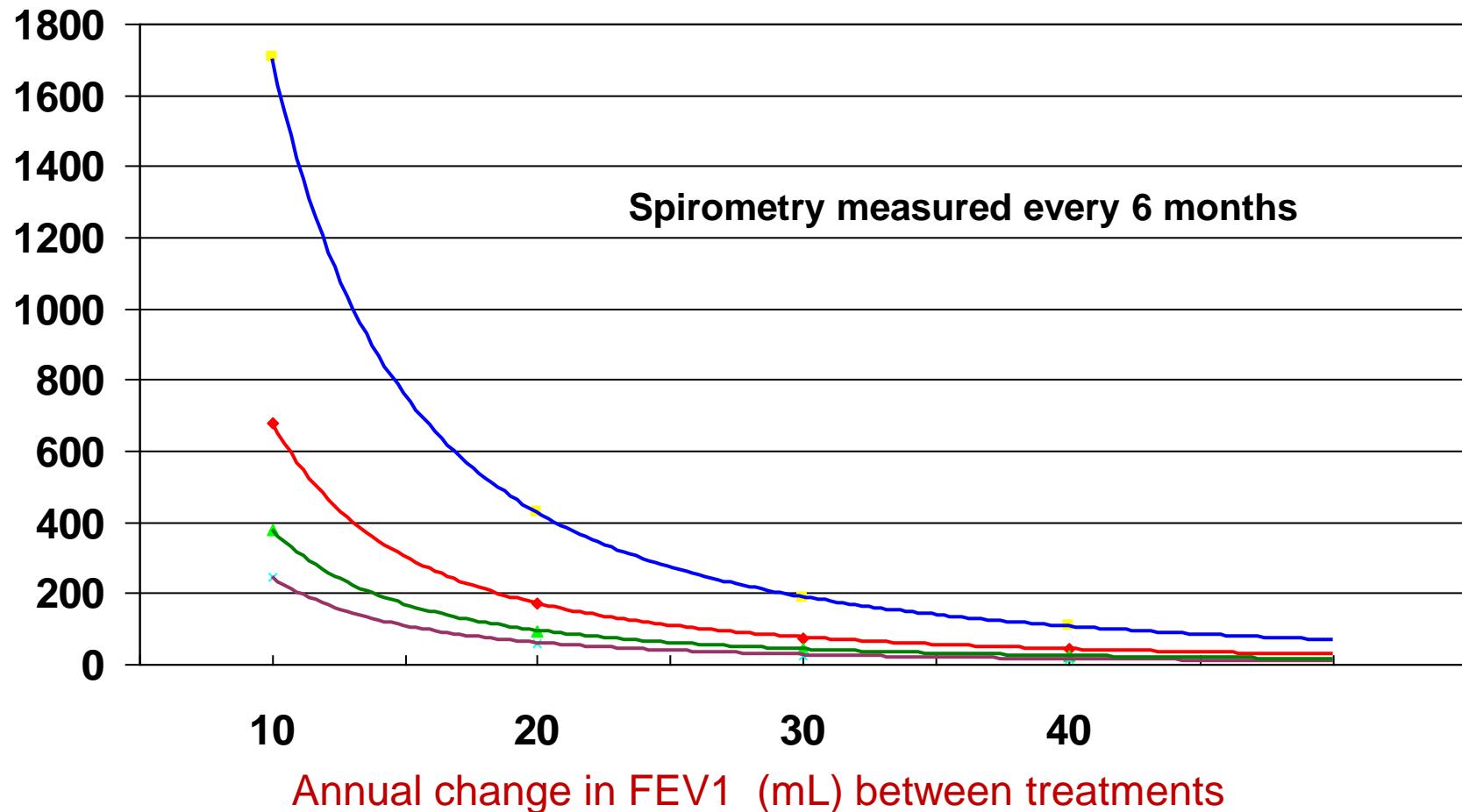


Effect on FVC with variable study design

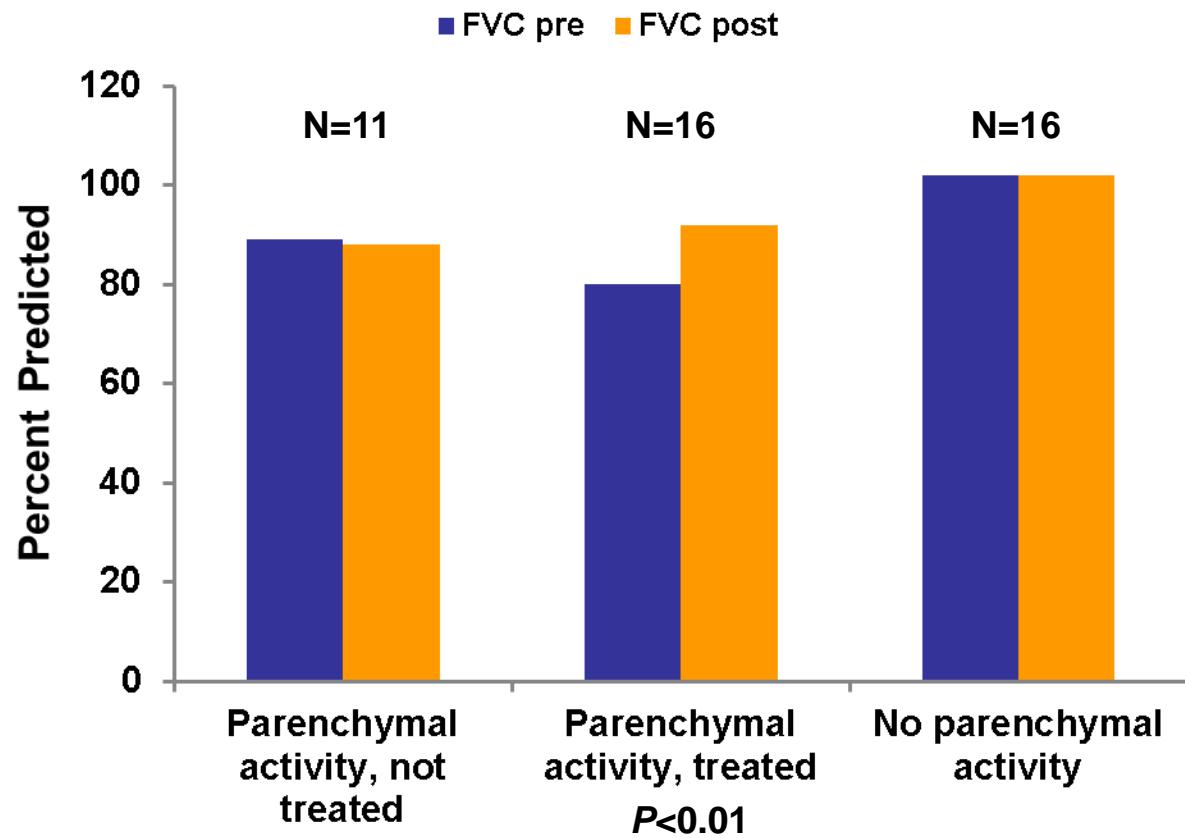


Sample size needed for various study durations in CWP

No. of subjects per arm



PET Scan Predicting Response to Therapy in Sarcoidosis: FVC Change



Clinical study considerations

- Population
 - Population likely to progress
 - Equipoise about placebo versus treatment
 - Enrich for activity
- Endpoint
 - FVC—compare placebo versus drug—two sided
 - Need for therapy escalation
 - Composite of clinical deterioration (TTCW)
 - Surrogate (biologic, PET)
 - PRO

Steroid dose in practice

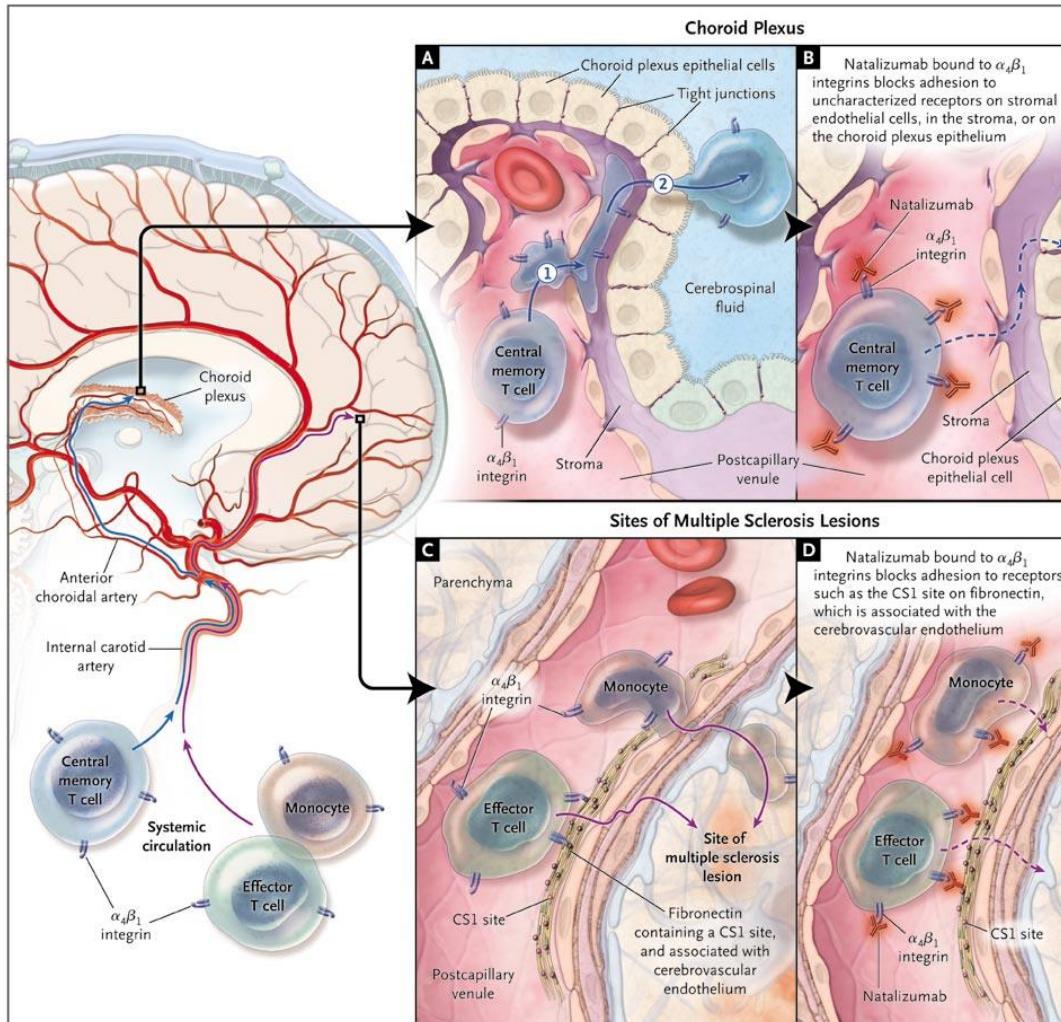
- Chronic dosing in Johns Hopkins cohort¹
 - 91% ≤ 15 mg
 - 65% ≤ 10 mg
- Infliximab trial (n=122/138)²
 - median dose 10 mg/d (2-50 mg/d)
- Golimumab/ustekinumab trial (n=131/173)²
 - median dose 10 mg/d (2-30 mg/d)

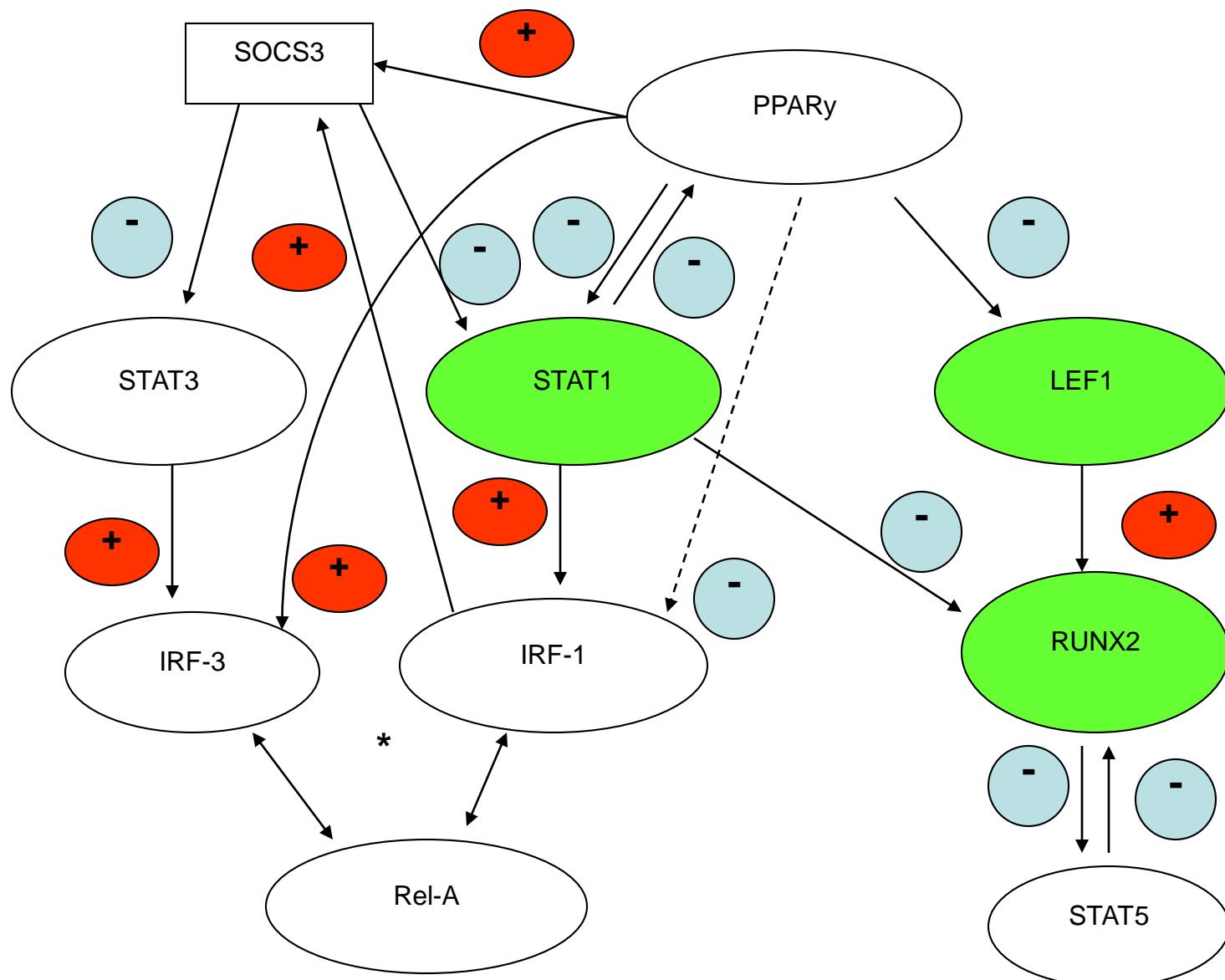
¹Johns CJ. Ann NY Acad Sci 1986

²Rosemary Watt, personal communication

Steroids are associated with impaired QOL

Lymphocyte trafficking in the CNS





Louis Siltzbach and the Kveim-Siltzbach test

Nord. Med. 1941, 9: 169-72 169 -

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Effect of sulfonamide and sulfapyridine in pulmonary tuberculosis.

The author gives some reports on the use of sulfapyridine or sulfonamide in treating patients with pulmonary tuberculosis or pleurisy. Particularly in patients, treated with sulfapyridine, the clinical course of the disease has often proved malignant and slow. The author has therefore come to the conclusion that a progress of the tubercular process in the lungs often sets in as a consequence of a sulfapyridine therapy, and that a progress of this process is to be feared, if sulfonamide is prescribed. In no case of pulmonary tuberculosis has the author found any favourable effect whatever, either of sulfapyridine or of sulfonamide.

En ny og spesifikk kutan-reaksjon ved Boecks sarcoid.

En foreløpig meddelelse.

A
A. KVEIM, Oslo.
(Fra Rikshospitalets hovedavdeling, Chef: Prof. dr. med.
N. Dalsgård.)
(Demonstrasjon i Det Medisinske Selskap i Oslo den 21.
august 1940.)

en Boecks tid har et hvert nytt tilfelle sykdom naturlig nok vært omfattet med eresse ved Rikshospitalets hovedavdeling. Og som erkjennelsen av leidelsens vesen er det ved arbeide også ved andre klinikker, underseksjonsmetoder tatt i bruk. Da fremdeles er ukjent, han man måttet eksperimentelt ut fra oppstilte arbeids-
En av disse har da vært at sykdommen sørkulos opprinnelse. Alle våre forsøk er negativt ut, såvel podning på marsvin, hens, som dyrkning på de forskjellige og forbigoar her de negative tuberkulinomstridte betydning.
den har vi då gått over til en annen otose, at sykdommen er en infeksjons-
generis, en tanke som jo Boeck selv ikke på.
k på å lage et antigen til kompliment-
Bordet-Gengou falt helt negativt ut.
Blix* var så elskverdig å hjelpe oss
ksperimentet.
i vårt utgangspunkt i det faktum at det
en eiendommelig kronisk infeksjonsyklig
lymfogranuloma inguinale (morbus
vre), hvor det er en lett sak å fremstille
antigenen av vev og puss fra en affisert
ette antigen gir som bekjent en spesifikk
jon.
Boeck's sarcoid var en spesifikk infek-
m sui generis, kunde kanskje det samme
i en glandel fra en patient med en aktiv
Boeck's sarcoid, og fremstille herav et
intrakutan applikasjon à la Frei, eller
à la Mantoux.

* Wassermannavdelingen på Statens institutten.

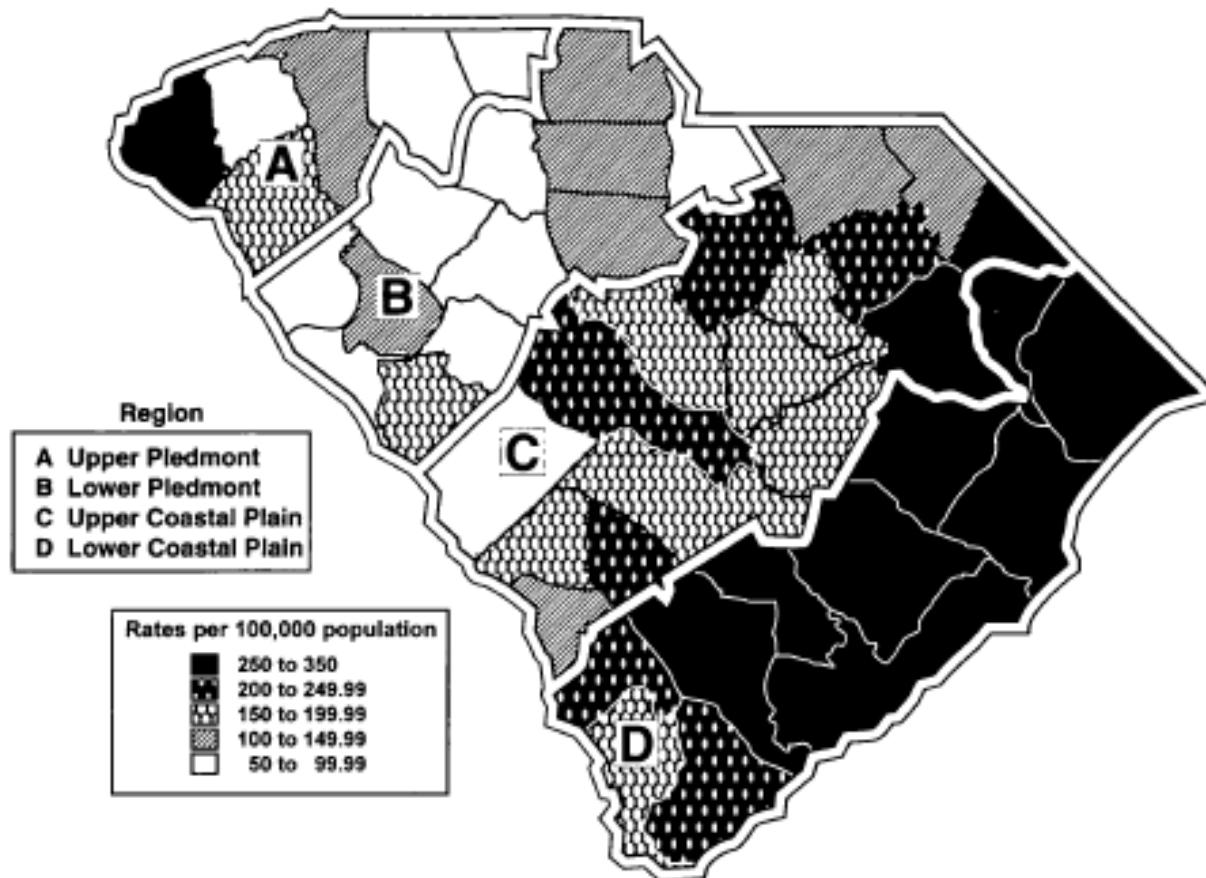


- Recapitulated granulomatous reaction after intradermal injection of spleen
- Clonal T-cell population in granulomas LN
- Insoluble and resistant to heat, acid, nucleases and proteases

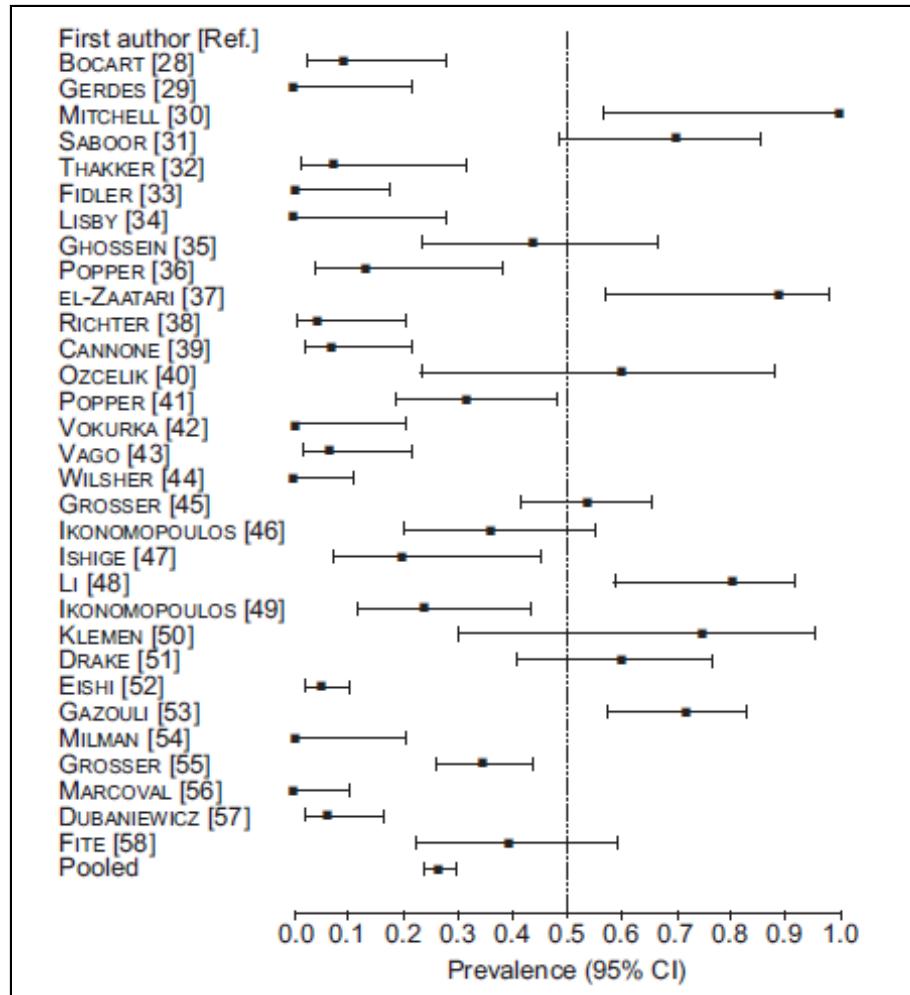
Evidence for a transmissible etiology

- Analogy with granulomatous lung diseases
- Reproducibility with Kveim reagent
- Case-clustering (nurses, Naval personnel)
- Epidemiologic data (Isle of Man)
- Transmission by transplant (heart, lung, bone marrow)

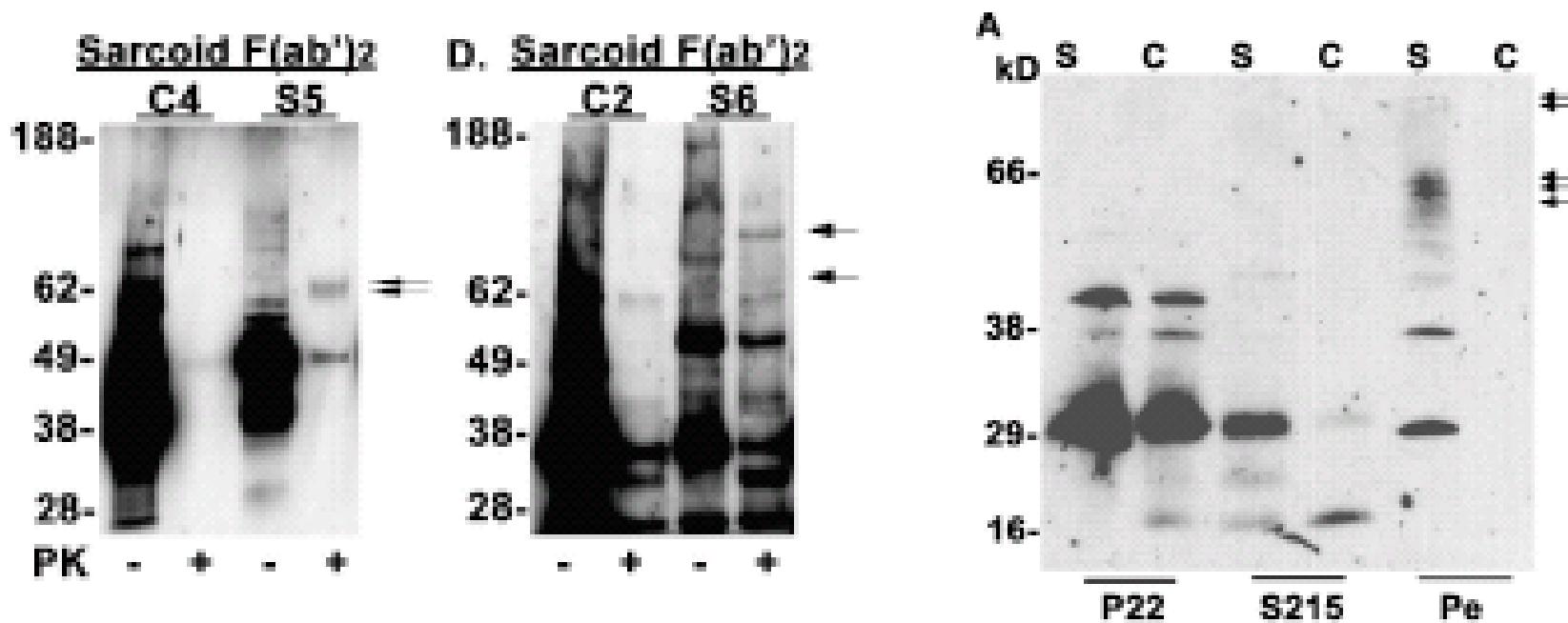
Geographic variance: hospitalization for sarcoidosis



Multiple attempts to isolate mycobacterial DNA

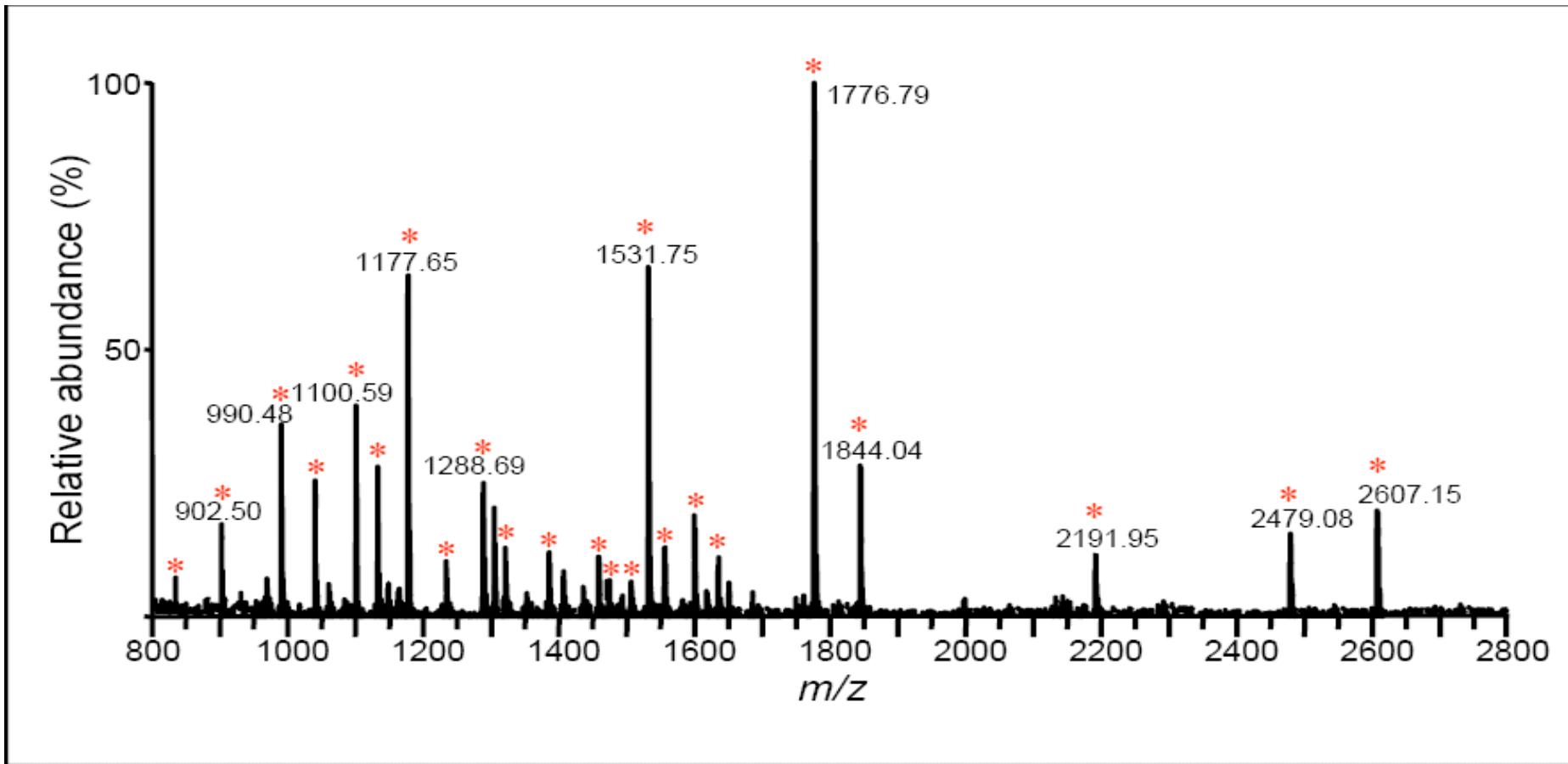


Identification of humoral immunity against sarcoidosis protein extracts



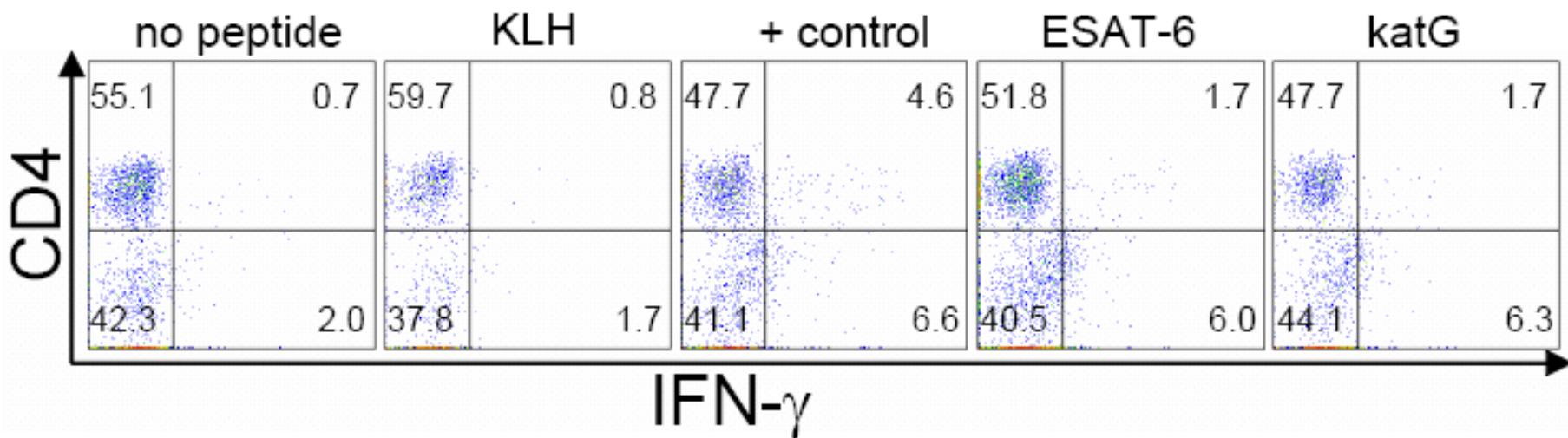
Pooled IgG from sarcoidosis patients only binds unidentified proteins in extracts of sarcoidosis tissues. The protein fraction is poorly soluble and protease resistant, consistent with known properties of the Kveim-Siltzbach reagent

Peptide signature

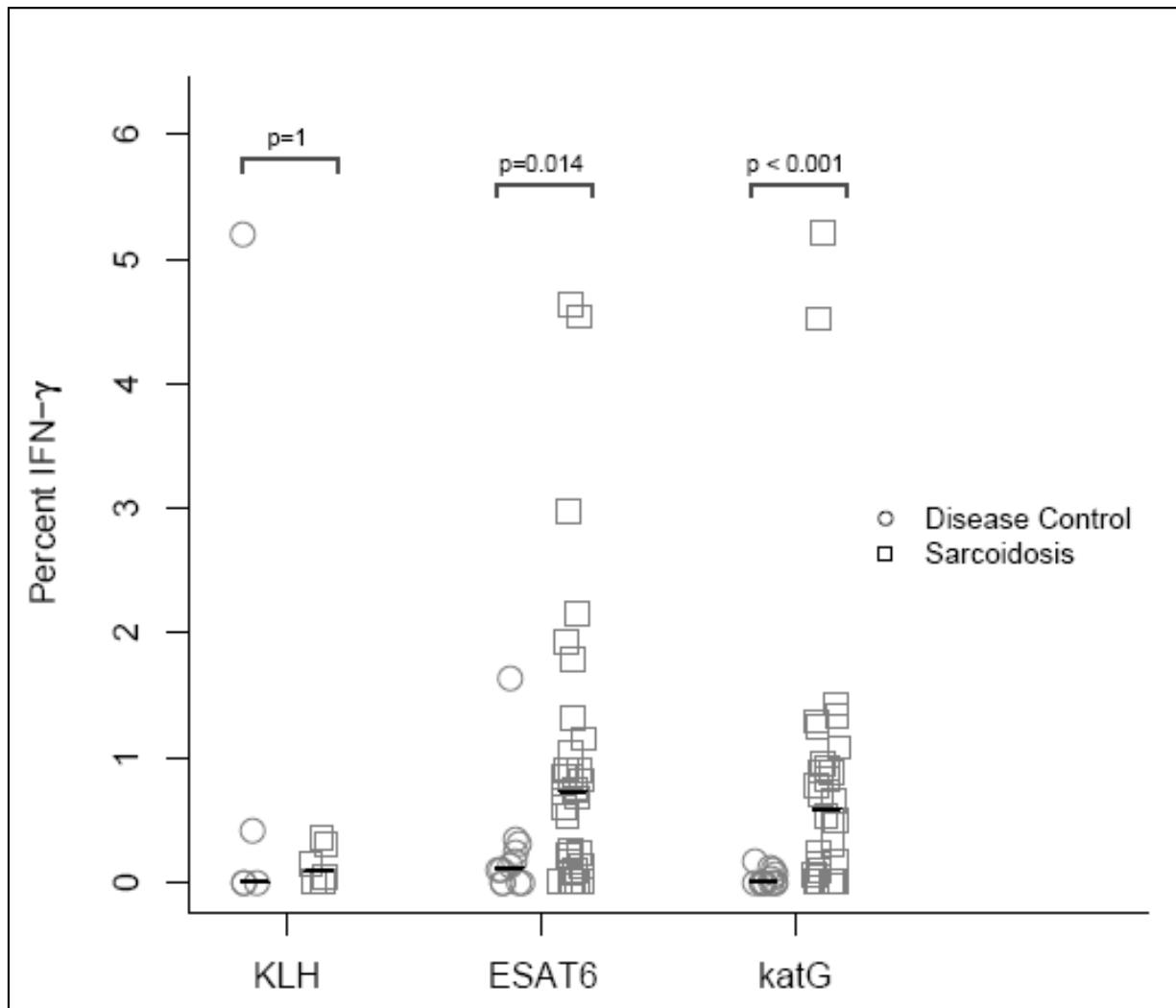


Mycobacterial catalase-peroxidase in 5/9 sarcoid tissues

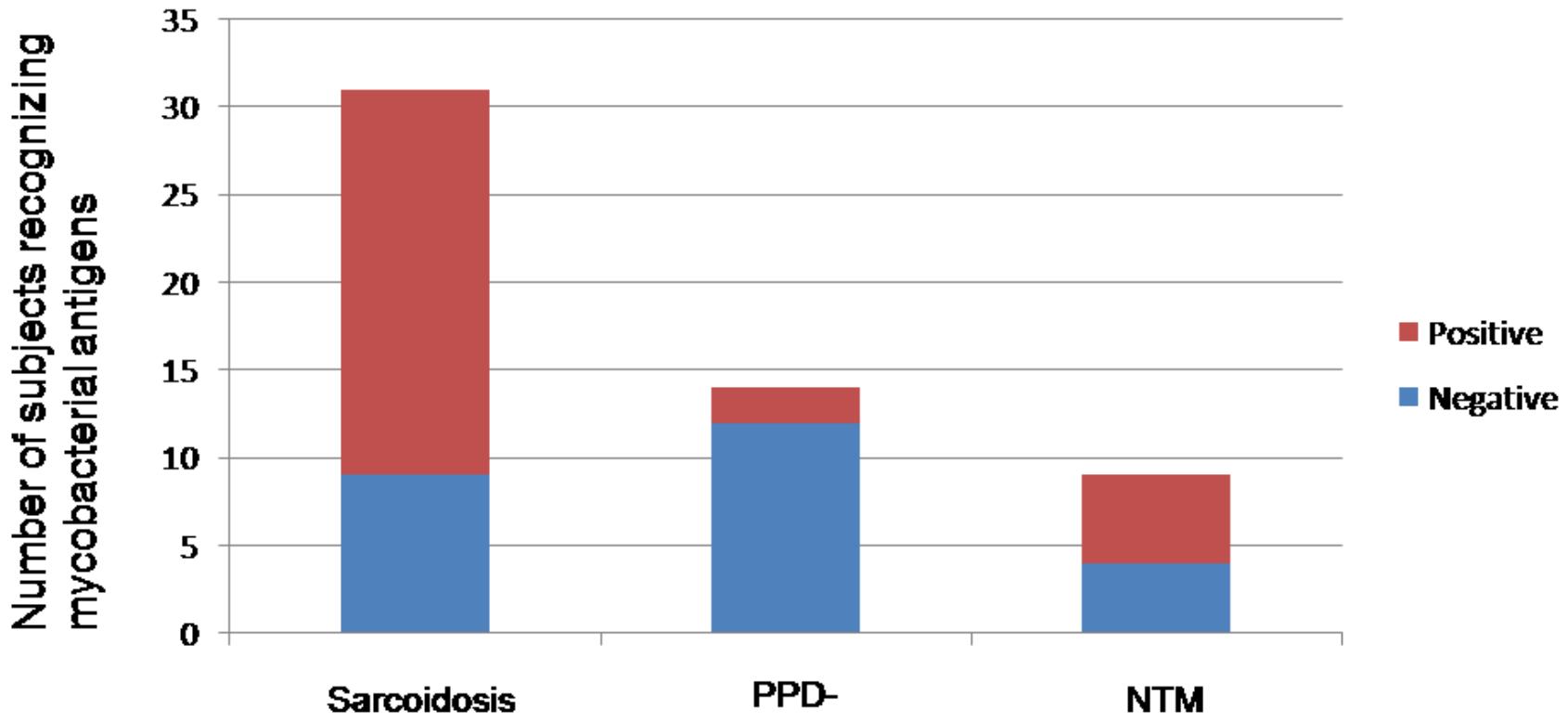
CD4 responses to mycobacterial antigens in sarcoidosis BAL cells



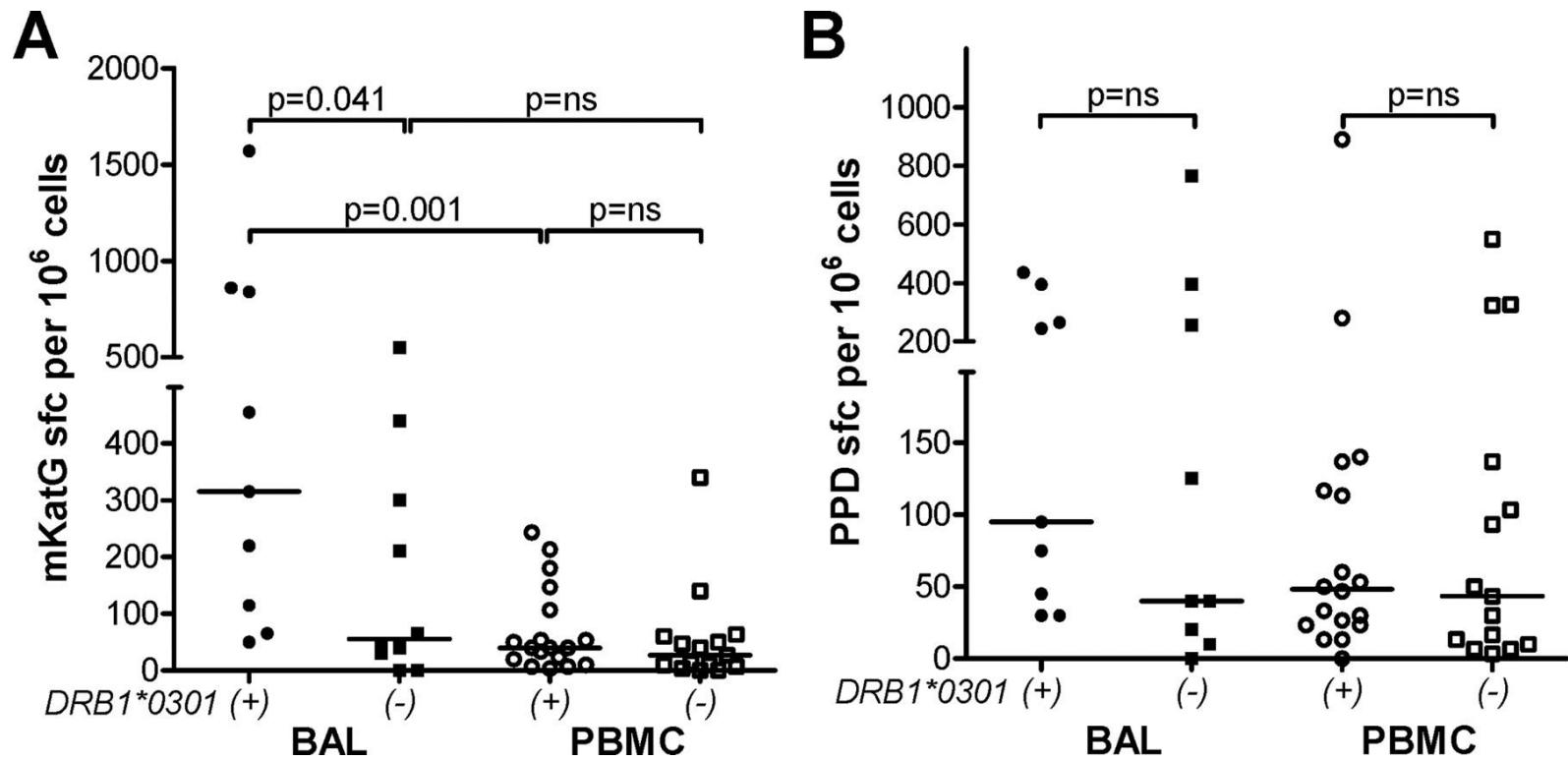
CD4+ responses in 2/3 of subjects



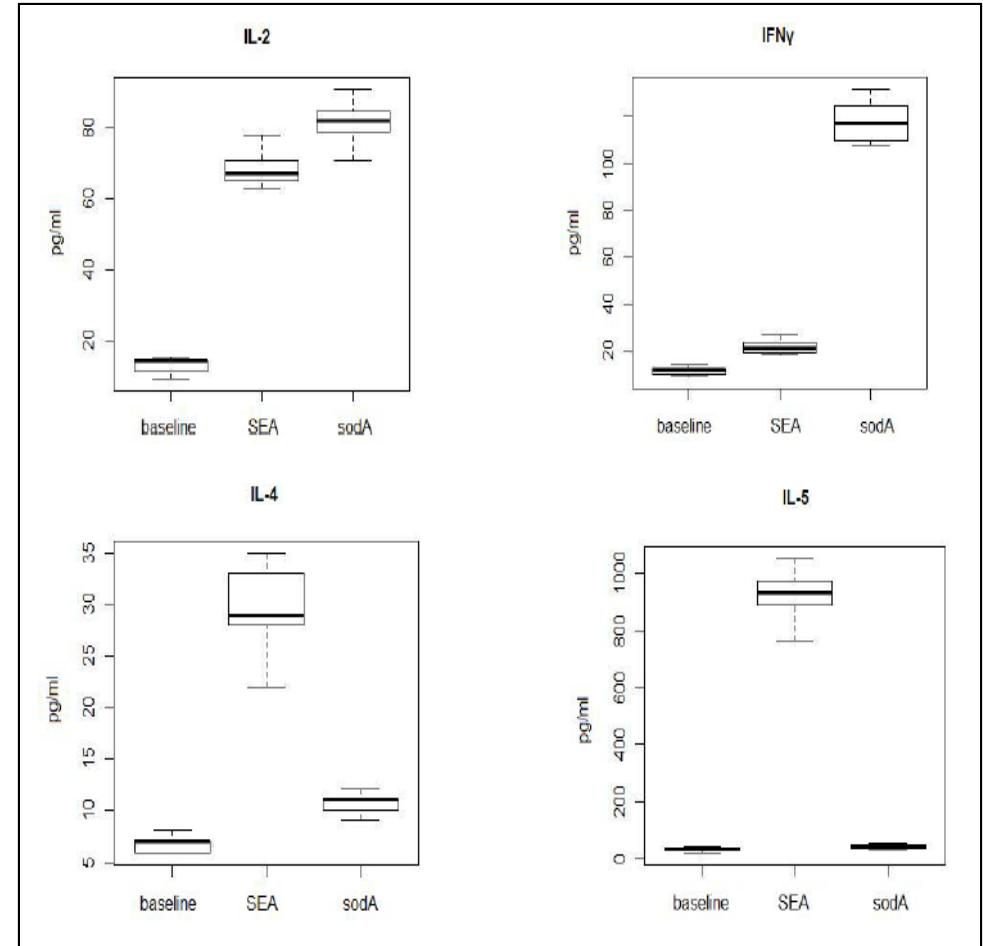
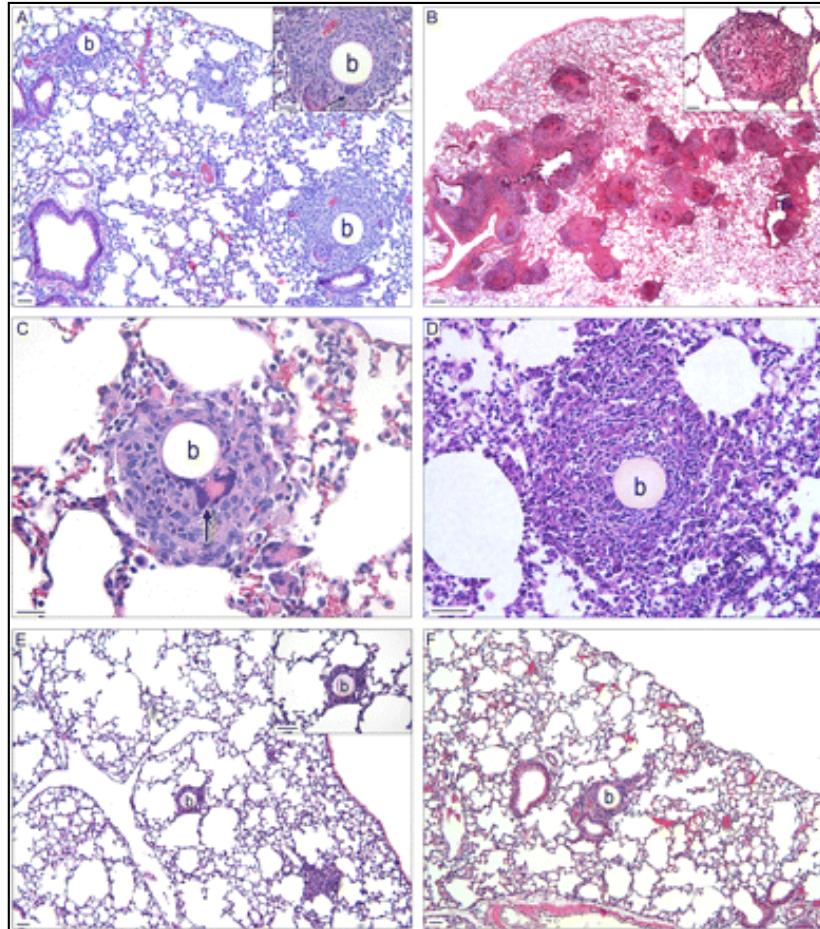
Sarcoidosis patients respond to multiple antigens



T-cell response depend on HLA type



Sarcoidosis Murine Lung Granuloma Model Using *Mycobacterium Superoxide Dismutase A Peptide*

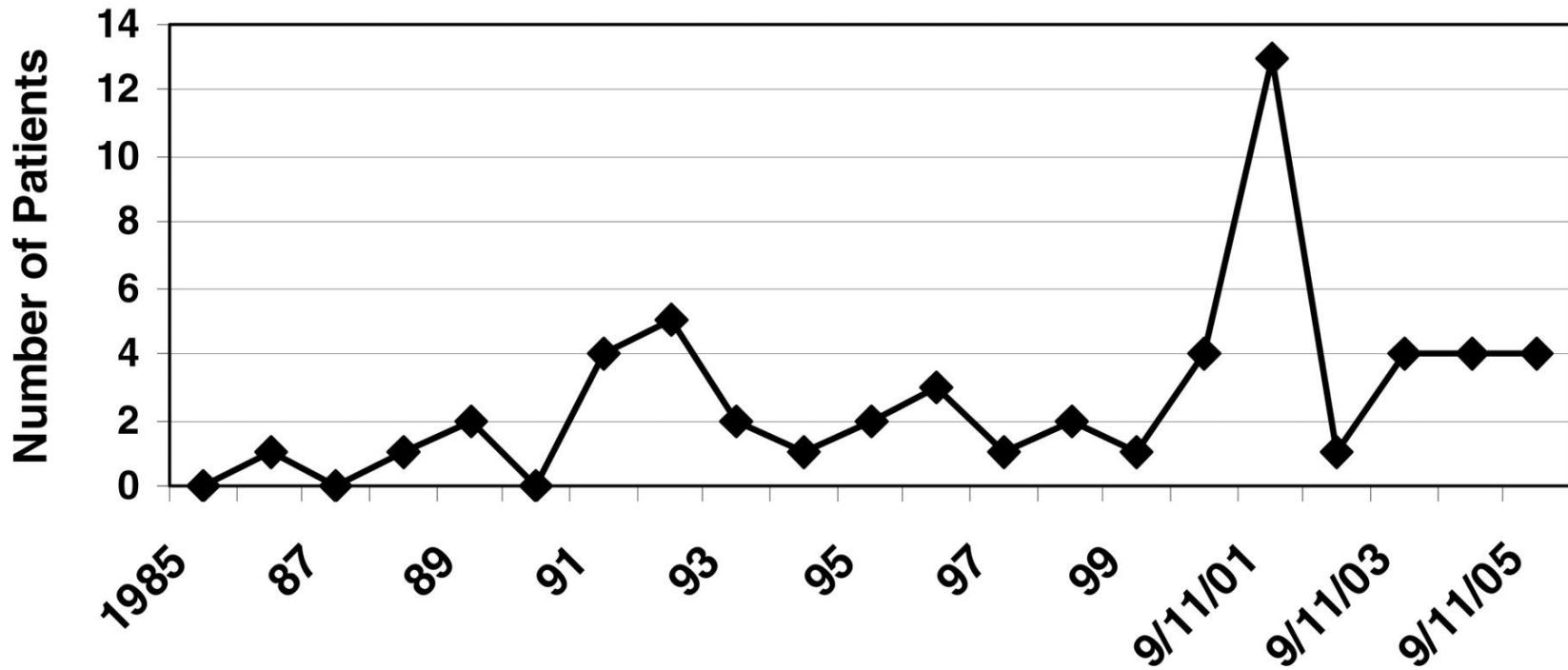


Association with rural exposures

Exposure	Exposure profile	% cases (n = 44) ^a	% controls (n = 88) ^a	Unadjusted OR with 95% CI	Adjusted OR ^b with 95% CI
Use of a coal stove	Yes	22.7	4.5		
	No	77.3	95.5	6.2 [1.7, 22.7]	3.3 [0.9, 12.8]
Use of a wood stove	Yes	63.6	27.3		
	No	34.1	72.7	4.1 [1.9, 9.0]	3.7 [1.5, 8.8]
Use of a fireplace	Yes	54.5	26.1		
	No	43.2	73.9	5.5 [2.0, 14.9]	6.8 [2.1, 21.8]
Use of or exposure to insecticides and/or herbicides other than for home extermination	Yes	31.8	17.0		
	No	68.2	83.0	2.1 [0.9, 4.7]	2.0 [0.8, 5.1]
Use of well or spring water	Yes	50.0	29.5		
	No	47.7	70.5	2.2 [1.1, 4.7]	2.4 [1.0, 5.6]
Living or working on a farm	Yes	27.3	10.2		
	No	70.5	89.8	3.4 [1.2, 9.1]	3.1 [1.1, 8.9]

Sarcoidosis-like disease in fire-fighters

"Sarcoid-like" Granulomatous Pneumonitis
FDNY: Pre & Post WTC



Photocopier use and risk of sarcoidosis

PHOTOCOPIER USE	TERTILE	(95% CONFIDENCE INTERVAL)	ODDS RATIO ¹	P VALUE
Duration of use (years)	0	1	Reference 0.234 0.010 0.012	
	1 – 7	1.37 (0.82, 2.31)		
	> 7	2.01 (1.18, 3.42)		
	Overall trend	–		
Frequency of use (times per Week)	0	1	Reference 0.746 0.003 0.003	
	1 – 3	1.10 (0.63 – 1.91)		
	> 3	2.19 (1.31 – 3.65)		
	Overall trend	–		
Duration of use (min per episode)	0	1	Reference 0.415 0.018 0.018	
	1 – 2	1.26 (0.72 – 2.20)		
	> 2	1.83 (1.11, 3.02)		
	Overall trend	–		
Total lifetime exposure (hours)	0	1	Reference 0.824 0.010 0.012	
	1 – 60	1.07 (0.61, 1.88)		
	> 60	1.98 (1.18, 3.35)		
	Overall trend	–		

¹adjusted for age, sex, method of data collection and history of clerical work

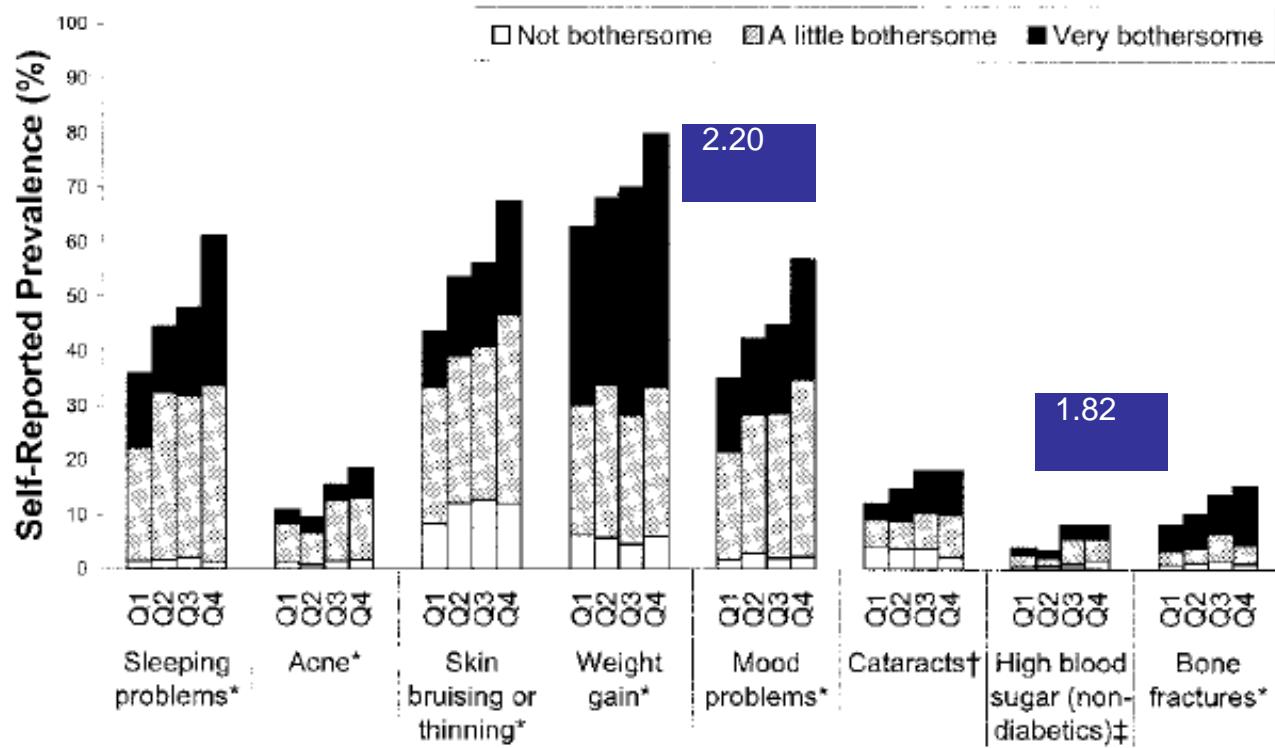
ACE versus other prognostic markers in pulmonary sarcoidosis

Risk of increasing infiltrates

Parameters	AUC	Cut-Off Level	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Discriminative Value (%)
SAA	0.444	9.3	38.5	73.3	62.8
sIL-2R	0.758	1,195	61.5	73.3	69.8
Lysozyme	0.692	11.25	76.9	66.7	69.8
ACE	0.613	17.95	76.9	50	58.1
KL-6	0.836	354	76.9	70	72.1
Total cells	0.633	1.80	76.9	56.7	62.8
AM	0.574	1.73	46.2	73.3	65.1
Ly	0.669	0.52	69.2	70	69.8
Neu	0.456	0.01	76.9	36.7	48.8
Eo	0.435	0.01	30.8	76.7	62.8

Rate of eight complications in individuals using GC > 60 days

n=2167 patients



HRQL in 114 sarcoidosis patients versus steroid dose

< 500 mg vs. > 500 mg of prednisone over the prior year

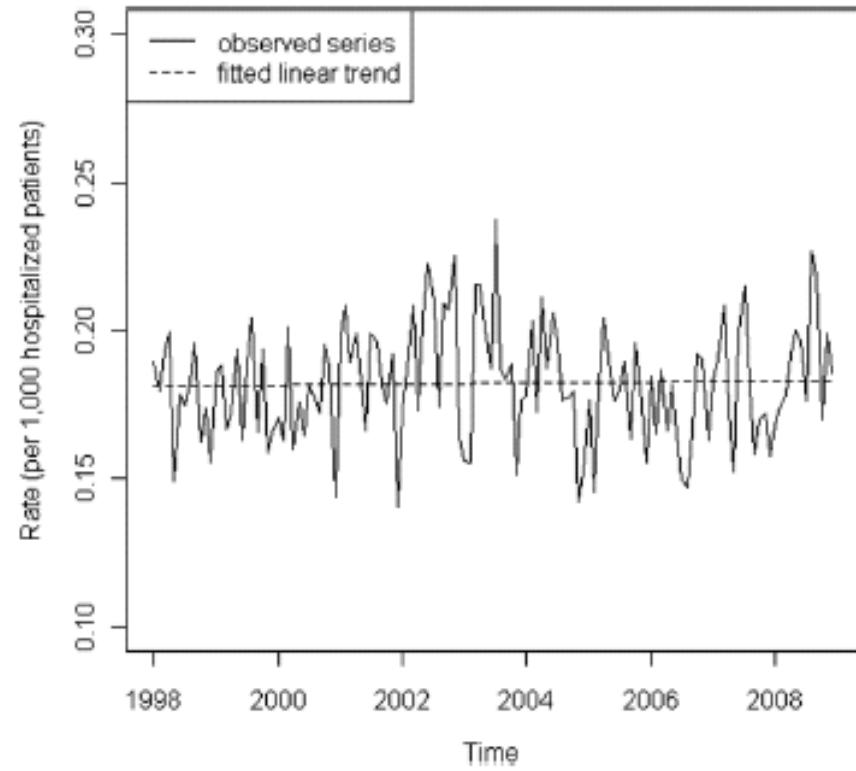
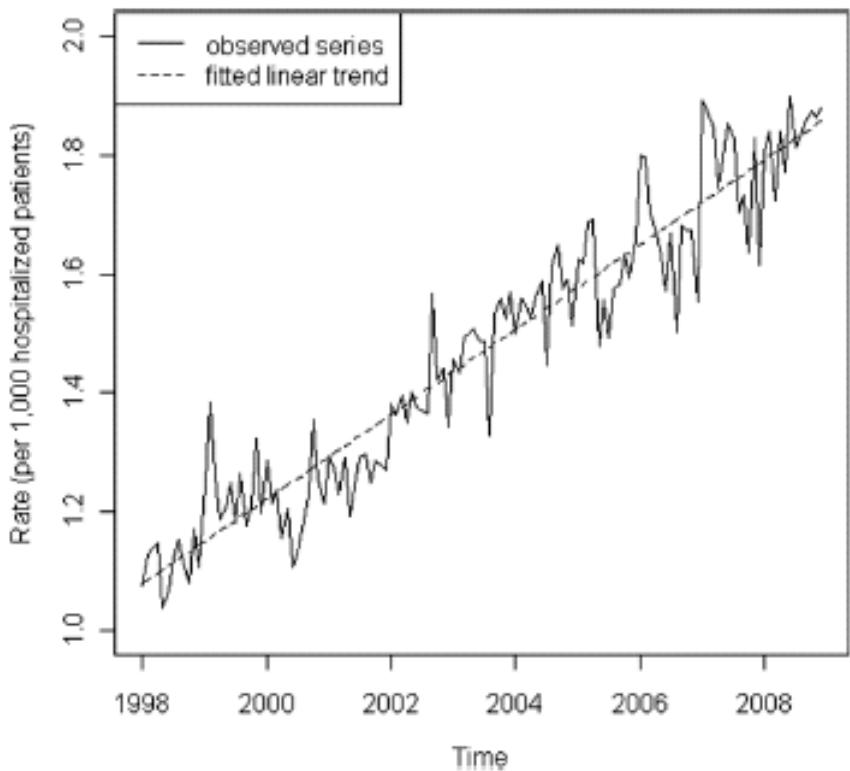
Table 3 Mean scores after propensity score matching by the two corticosteroid dose groups*.

PRO module	>500 mg prednisone/year	<=500 mg prednisone/year	Minimum important difference**	p-Value
SHQ total [+]	4.18 (0.37)	4.17 (0.33)	N/A	0.88
SHQ physical [+]	4.73 (0.70)	4.46 (0.69)	N/A	0.05
SHQ daily [+]	4.01 (0.41)	4.17 (0.48)	N/A	0.08
SHQ emotional [+]	3.79 (0.51)	3.81 (0.45)	N/A	0.35
SAT pain [-]	54.5 (10.0)	51.8 (10.1)	3.2	0.18
SAT fatigue [-]	54.8 (11.4)	48.9 (10.6)	3.1	<0.0001
SAT satisfaction [+]	46.5 (10.7)	51.5 (11.8)	3.0	0.03
SAT daily activities [+]	42.1 (7.5)	45.8 (9.5)	3.0	0.03
SAT lung [-]	45.7 (9.1)	42.7 (9.5)	2.7	0.12

Impact of higher steroid use on health care encounters

- Adjusted OR for more than 50% median (2.9 grams) CS exposure
 - Visit related to sarcoidosis 3.09 (1.99-4.80)
 - Infection visits 1.74 (1.16-2.62)
 - Visits for CV or DM 1.49 (0.96-2.32)
 - Non-sarcoidosis ED 2.19 (1.46-3.30)

Rising number of sarcoidosis hospitalizations in the US



Rising sarcoidosis mortality in the US

