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### SYNDROME OF COMBINED PULMONARY FIBROSIS AND EMPHYSEMA

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## Systematic Review Methodology

The search strategy was published previously and the search was updated on December 1, 2021 (tables E1 and E2) (1). We searched MEDLINE and EMBASE databases for all original research articles published in English between January 1, 2000 and December 1, 2021, which included patients with evidence of both pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema in any distribution. Studies were limited to this time period based on the contemporary definition of IPF published in the 2000 clinical practice guidelines (2), except for the historical perspective and for pathogenetic considerations, for which no limit was set to the publication time. All forms of original research were included (e.g., randomized control trials and observational studies), however case series required at least 10 patients to be included. Search strategies were created in consultation with an academic librarian and the protocol was registered in PROSPERO (3). Screening was performed independently by two reviewers and studies were excluded based on pre-determined criteria: if the study was not original research, not CPFE-related, had a sample size < 10, non-English, or involved non-human subjects. Disagreements were resolved by consensus after assessment by a third reviewer. The search of 15,095 citations resulted a total of 72 eligible full-text publications. Summaries of relevant manuscripts were provided to the subcommittees responsible for drafting each main section of the taskforce document. The search focused on identifying studies to answer the research statement's clinical research questions; however, studies that were excluded in the search were used to support the historical and pathogenesis content.

## Historical perspective

In 1948, Mallory et al described a 27-year old woman with pathologically confirmed IPF and emphysema, with “crepitant rales” on lung auscultation, finger clubbing, enlargement of the right ventricle and the main pulmonary artery on chest radiograph, and *cor pulmonale* at autopsy (4). This was the first published report of right heart failure due to CPFE. In the discussion, Dr Sprague commented: “*I have been impressed with what we call IPF and emphysema, with absolutely normal chest films*”. The same year, Robbins reported IPF and emphysema on chest radiography (5) with fibrosis interspersed with emphysema, described as thin-walled bullae or blebs.

In 1966, Tourniaire et al reported four CPFE patients with pulmonary hypertension (PH) confirmed by right heart catheterization, highlighting severe reduction in gas transfer, hypoxemia and the coexistence of paraseptal emphysema and perilobular fibrosis at autopsy (6).

In 1982, Niewoehner and Hoidal hypothesized, based on experimental results, that pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema represent divergent responses to a common injury (e.g., cigarette smoking) and may share some pathways (7).

In 1990, Wiggins et al reported eight patients with IPF characterized by concurrent smoking-related emphysema and a unique pulmonary function phenotype, consisting of preservation of lung volumes (median forced vital capacity (FVC) 99%, range 68-131%) and severe reduction in gas transfer (median DLco 32%, range 9-35%), ascribed to the combined impact of the two disease processes (8). This observation was supported by subsequent case reports (9, 10). In 1988, in a post-mortem study of patients with end-stage pulmonary fibrosis, traction bronchiectasis was absent or mild in three patients with CPFE, attributed to a reduction in elastic recoil due to emphysema (11).

In 1991, Schwartz et al reported that smokers with IPF have increased residual volume and more impaired gas exchange, with a reduced likelihood of physiologic correlates of airflow obstruction (12).

In 1993, Strickland et al evaluated false positive diagnoses of pulmonary embolism in IPF, and found that areas with normal ventilation but absent perfusion on ventilation-perfusion scintigraphy were associated with honeycombing or, less frequently, bullous emphysematous change on HRCT (13). The

latter finding was believed to reflect traction on small airways due to interstitial fibrosis, preventing the small airway collapse typical of smoking related emphysema and resulting in preserved ventilation in areas of bullous destruction (with a corresponding overall increase in measured lung volumes).

In 1997, Wells et al (14) described that the presence of emphysema in patients with IPF was associated with higher lung volumes, lower DLco, and decreased gas exchange after adjusting for the extent of fibrosis on CT. Doherty et al reported preserved lung volumes in past or current smokers with IPF (10). In 2003, Wells et al (15) developed a formula (the “composite physiologic index”, CPI) that correlated strongly with the extent of fibrosis on HRCT, whilst excluding the functional consequences of emphysema, and predicted mortality more accurately than DLco and other pulmonary function variables. The CPI was also applicable to other idiopathic fibrotic disorders (such as fibrotic non-specific interstitial pneumonia).

In 2005, Cottin et al reported a retrospective analysis of 61 patients with emphysema, predominantly in the upper zones, and fibrotic ILD, predominantly in the lower zones (16). The characteristic pulmonary function phenotype described by Wiggins et al was confirmed as a defining feature of CPFE. PH was diagnosed at presentation in 54% of patients and was a malignant prognostic determinant. The authors proposed CPFE as a discrete entity, arguing that “it deserves the terminology of syndrome as a result of the association of symptoms and clinical manifestations, each with a probability of being present increased by the presence of the other” (17). The description of morphologic abnormalities consistent with pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema, in association with generalized lung inflammation, in a mouse model of TNF-alpha overexpression (18), supported the view that coexistence of IPF and emphysema may be more than just coincidental with a common pathogenetic linkage to smoking (19).

In 2008, Kawabata et al described the pathological entity of airspace enlargement with fibrosis (20), a frequent finding in CPFE. Similar findings applicable to CPFE were described by other groups, including respiratory bronchiolitis-associated interstitial lung disease with fibrosis (21), respiratory bronchiolitis with fibrosis (22), and smoking-related interstitial fibrosis (23, 24).



More recently, several series cited later in this document have contributed to a more complete description of CPFE, and etiological factors other than tobacco smoking have been identified.

## Pathogenesis and putative mechanisms

The pathogenetic mechanisms leading to the coexistence of emphysema with IPF and other fILDs remain unclear. Likewise, it is uncertain whether IPF and non-IPF/ILD are causally linked with emphysema or are coincidental disorders that share some mechanisms. Specifically, it is not known whether pulmonary emphysema develops first, followed by the subsequent development of pulmonary fibrosis (here, CPFE may represent two aging-associated diseases running independently), or if emphysema and fibrosis develop concurrently (potentially with shared mechanisms from the outset). Given its aggressive natural course, it is probable as suggested by some series (16) that pulmonary fibrosis (especially of the UIP type) develops after emphysema, although it might be preceded by interstitial lung abnormalities (25).

### Clustering of pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema

Emphysema on HRCT is approximately five-fold more prevalent than expected in both IPF and RA-ILD compared to smokers without pulmonary fibrosis after adjustment for age, sex and the pack-year smoking history (26). In both IPF and RA-ILD, as well as in systemic sclerosis-associated ILD, the pack-year smoking history associated with the presence of emphysema was lower than reported in large cohorts of smokers (26-28). Emphysema is strikingly more prevalent in patients with nonspecific interstitial pneumonia than in healthy smokers (29). Thus, it appears that all four fILDs cluster with the presence of emphysema, raising the possibility of a shared predilection triggered by smoking in a subset of patients with ILD.

### Gene variants

Gene variants common to IPF and COPD include some that are associated with an increased risk for one entity but are protective against the other (30-32). However, gene variants affecting telomere biology have been linked to familial and sporadic IPF, familial COPD and CPFE (33-36). Importantly, abnormal shortening of telomeres is found in both IPF and COPD (37, 38), and experimental models provoking telomere dysfunction can result in either pulmonary fibrosis or emphysema (39, 40).

## Gene expression and interactome

Analysis of the lung transcriptome in IPF, COPD (with different extensions of emphysema), and normal lungs identified 214 shared genes and some convergent disease-associated alterations in gene expression and splicing (41). Several biologic processes were identified, including up-regulation of the p53/hypoxia pathway in both IPF and emphysema. A more recent study designed to recognize overlapping molecular network modules between COPD and IPF revealed an overlapping module consisting of 19 genes and several concordant pathways, including extracellular matrix remodeling and mitogen-activated protein kinase (42).

One study that explored gene expression in the same CPFE lungs suggested that the genes upregulated in fibrotic lesions are functionally different from those overexpressed in the emphysematous lesions (43). The genes upregulated in fibrotic lesions were related to the immune system, cytoskeleton, and cellular adhesion, while the set of genes upregulated in the emphysematous lesions were associated with cell membrane structures, vascular growth and biology, and lung development.

## Environmental exposures, smoking, and epigenomic reprogramming

IPF and emphysema are strongly associated with cigarette-smoking related alveolar insult (44-47), which can provoke epigenetic modifications, including changes in DNA methylation and histone modifications (48, 49). Such mechanisms may mediate how cigarette smoke may modulate the expression of some genes in response to various stimuli.

## Telomere dysfunction and the accelerated aging processes

Patients with a variety of ILDs have abnormal telomere shortening (50-52), with several mutations affecting genes related to telomere biology in both familial and sporadic ILD (53-55). Exaggerated telomere shortening, cell senescence, mitochondrial dysfunction, and other aging-associated processes are found in progenitor and resident cells in both IPF and COPD (56-63). These concurrent processes may contribute to the coexistence of different lung injury patterns in the same lung. Overall, data available suggest that some genetic predilections are separate for the two processes of pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema, but are overlaid by predilections that are common to the two processes.

## Mechanical forces

Severe fibrosis may provoke “traction emphysema” or “alveolo-ectasis” by excessive mechanical forces, similar to the genesis of traction bronchiectasis and bronchiolectasis (64). This may contribute to the development of emphysema in patients with fILD, particularly paraseptal emphysema, that has a stronger association than centrilobular emphysema with both fILD severity and a HRCT pattern of UIP (65, 66). Supporting bidirectionality, the risk of honeycombing progression in patients with probable UIP and emphysema is higher than in those without emphysema, suggesting that emphysema might also contribute to the progression of UIP lesions (67).

## Lung development and lung function trajectories

Along with exposure to smoking, abnormal lung development before or after birth can contribute to emphysema in adulthood (68, 69). There is evidence in COPD, mostly in patients with emphysema, that lung function trajectories vary throughout the course of disease. It is conceivable, although not supported by evidence, that a combination of environmental and genetic risk factors can alter the lung function trajectory, with a propensity to develop both emphysema and fILD. Further research is needed to understand the abnormal mechanisms early in life that can predispose to development of emphysema and/or fibrosis, and their impact on subsequent lung function trajectories.

## Enzymatic activity

Exaggerated enzymatic activity of matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) is present in COPD, IPF, and non-IPF ILD (70-87). There is an increased number of neutrophils in the airways and alveolar walls of patients with COPD, with marked upregulation of MMP-8 and MMP-9 (71, 72). Alveolar macrophages and pneumocytes overexpress MMP-1 and MMP-2, consistently upregulated in the lung epithelium of IPF patients, with a potential role in lung remodeling and the activation of biological mediators (70, 76, 79, 80). MMP-1 and MMP-8 are also increased in RA-ILD (80, 81). MMP-7, the most upregulated MMP in IPF and also overexpressed in non-IPF ILD (78, 82, 83, 87, 88), is associated with centrilobular and paraseptal emphysema in COPD (89). MMP-28 (epilysin) promotes chronic lung inflammation and emphysema in mice exposed to cigarette smoke, and is up-regulated in

COPD and in the alveolar epithelium of patients with IPF (74-76). Fibrocytes, an important source of MMPs, migrate to fibrotic tissue and also to the airways of patients with COPD (90-93). Finally, elastolytic activity, usually increased in COPD, is also detected in IPF through the increase of desmosine/isodesmosine in plasma and BAL (94-97). Moreover, neutrophil elastase has a profibrotic effect promoting fibroblast activation (98).

## Experimental models

CPFE has been revealed in several experimental models including transgenic mice overexpressing platelet derived growth factor or tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (18, 99, 100). Interestingly, surfactant protein-C-deficient 129/Sv mice develop severe emphysema and fibrosis, which worsens with age and is associated with increased macrophage MMP-2 and MMP-9 activity (100).

Overall, numerous studies show that many pathways and mechanisms are shared between fibrosis and emphysema.

## Visual scoring of emphysema

Scoring of CT scans for the presence of emphysema can be performed by quantifying emphysema at six CT levels (101) or by quantifying emphysema on a lobar basis (102). The six levels to be assessed include: the level of the aortic arch; 1 cm below the carina; at the pulmonary venous confluence; equidistant between the third and the fifth levels; 2 cm above the right hemidiaphragm; and 1 cm below the right hemidiaphragm (101). However, these six levels were primarily chosen for the purpose of scoring of fibrosis and have been weighted towards the lower zones of the lungs where fibrosis is most common. They may therefore underappreciate apical emphysema, which may be better captured by lobar scoring, as it gives equal weighting to the upper and lower lobes (101). When using lobar scoring, the lingula is considered a sixth lobe, which commences at the level of the lingula bronchus origin. Emphysema mixed with fibrosis, most typically seen in the lower lobes, should be considered in the emphysema volume and not separately.

When using either scoring system, the minimal score assigned when emphysema is present in a lobe is 5%. Therefore, a single small focus of emphysema in a lobe or at a single lung level should score 5%. When emphysematous lesions appear dotted throughout a lobe or lung level (Figure 9), estimating a percentage of emphysema for the lobe can be challenging. A technique that may help here is to visually aggregate all the emphysematous foci within the lobe/level together and estimate what fraction of the total lobar/level volume the cumulative emphysematous lung comprises, i.e. estimate whether the emphysema comprises a half, a third, a quarter or a fifth of a lobe/level. If less than this, determine whether it comprises 15%, 10% or just 5% of the lobe/level volume. Once emphysema has been scored in each of the six lobes/levels, sum the percentages of emphysema and divide by 6 to derive the total percentage of emphysema in the patients lungs.

## Supplementary tables

**Table E1.** Search strategies for systematic review using MEDLINE.

<b>Ovid MEDLINE(R) In-Process &amp; Other Non-Indexed Citations and Ovid MEDLINE(R) &lt;1946 to Present&gt;</b>		
<b>#</b>	<b>Searches</b>	<b>Results</b>
1	exp pulmonary fibrosis/ or idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis/	21543
2	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis.mp.	8430
3	pulmonary fibrosis.mp.	28381
4	exp Lung Diseases, Interstitial/	57669
5	interstitial pneumon*.mp.	9633
6	interstitial lung disease*.mp	9955
7	parenchymal lung disease*.mp.	669
8	or/1-7	85563
9	Pulmonary Emphysema/	15678
10	emphysema/	7013
11	lung diseases, obstructive/ or bronchitis, chronic/ or pulmonary disease, chronic obstructive/	57111
12	emphysema*.mp.	35220
13	(chronic* adj3 bronchiti*).mp.	11375
14	(obstruc* adj3 (pulmonary or lung* or airway* or airflow* or bronch* or respirat*)).mp.	114265
15	COPD.mp.	44159
16	COAD.mp.	339
17	COBD.mp.	20
18	or/9-17	153569
19	8 and 18	6091
20	limit 19 to humans	5344

21	limit 20 to yr="2000-Current"	2816
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**Table E2.** Search strategies for systematic review using EMBASE.

Embase <1974 to Present>		
#	Searches	Results
1	exp lung fibrosis/	67150
2	fibrosing alveolitis/	22590
3	idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.mp.	14025
4	pulmonary fibrosis.mp.	28126
5	fibrosing alveolitis.mp.	23037
6	lung fibrosis.mp.	34923
7	exp interstitial lung disease/	74250
8	interstitial pneumon*.mp.	20268
9	interstitial lung disease*.mp.	25418
10	parenchymal lung disease*.mp.	1186
11	or/1-10	117845
12	lung emphysema/	13252
13	emphysema/	16971
14	chronic obstructive lung disease/	125329
15	emphysema*.mp.	44536
16	chronic obstructive lung disease.mp.	126175
17	(obstruc* adj2 (pulmonary or lung* or airway* or airflow* or respirat*)).mp.	187767
18	COPD.mp.	84140
19	COAD.mp.	465
20	COBD.mp.	23
21	or/12-20	233939
22	11 and 21	12089
23	limit 22 to human	10730
24	limit 23 to yr="2000-Current"	8486

**Table E3.** Description of imaging features of CPFE with its two principal components, emphysema and fibrosis, as reported in literature.

Condition	Categories	Main characteristics	References
<b>Emphysema</b>	<i>HRCT subtype</i>	Centrilobular: 4-50% Paraseptal: 2-55% Panlobular: 15% Mixed: 10-94%  - Paraseptal predominant in CPFE and centrilobular in emphysema alone  - Paraseptal more common in CPFE-UIP and centrilobular in CPFE-non-UIP	(103-110)
	<i>Distribution</i>	Upper predominant: 62-74% Lower predominant: 14% diffuse: 19-79% unilateral: 5%	(105, 108, 111, 112)
	<i>Extent</i>	<b>Semi-quantitative HRCT:</b> - emphysema extent: 7-20%  (trace emphysema in 29% cases / >10% in 8% cases; <15% in 68% cases vs $\geq 15\%$ in 32% cases) - Upper >> Lower: 14% vs 5%  - Emphysema extent greater in CPFE-UIP compared to CPFE-non-UIP	(27, 109, 110, 112-118)
		<b>Quantitative HRCT:</b> - Emphysema extent: 8-13%  - %LAA lower or equal in CPFE vs emphysema alone  - %LAA and destructed lung area increase more over 5 years than in CPFE vs emphysema alone	(107, 108, 119, 120)
<b>Fibrosis</b>	<i>HRCT pattern</i>	UIP: 13-81% Possible UIP: 25% NSIP-like: 4-34% Unclassifiable: 47%  - A complex pattern with predominant reticular opacities in 15% cases  - presence of <i>honeycombing</i> similar among groups with different ILD subtypes	(16, 104, 106, 109, 110, 113, 114, 121-123)
	<i>Distribution</i>	Basal predominant: 100%	(108, 111)

	<i>Extent</i>	<b>Semi-quantitative HRCT:</b> - fibrosis extent: 1-42% - fibrosis score in CPFE lower or equal to IPF alone - fibrosis score higher in CPFE-UIP than in CPFE-non-UIP (12 vs 9%) - fibrosis score similar across groups with different emphysema extent - ILD extent is not associated with the extent or location of emphysema - <i>Follow-up</i> : increase in <i>GGO</i> extent at follow-up greater than in IPF - <i>Coarseness scores</i> in both IPF and RA-ILD are associated with fibrosis extent and presence of emphysema; coarseness of fibrosis is greater in IPF compared to non-IPF ILD - <i>Reticulation, honeycombing</i> , and fibrosis extent similar between smoking-related interstitial fibrosis, UIP alone and CPFE-UIP groups	(26, 27, 109, 110, 112, 113, 115, 116, 118, 123-126)
		<b>Quantitative HRCT:</b> - fibrosis score: 1.4% - mean change in HAA% similar to fibrosis alone groups	(107, 119)
<b>Additional features</b>	<i>Cysts</i>	- CPFE >>> IPF - Thick-walled large cysts in 58% cases (considered to correspond to airspace enlargement with fibrosis [AEF], no in IPF	(111, 127, 128)
	<i>Vascular</i>	- Cross-sectional area of small pulmonary vessels <5mm <sup>2</sup> greater than in COPD patients	(120)
	<i>Lung cancer</i>	- Located in subpleural regions, around fibrotic more than emphysematous areas	(129-131)

\*quantitative HRCT analysis performed on low-dose HRCT scans.

Abbreviations: GGO: ground-glass opacity; %HAA: high attenuation area; %LAA: low attenuation area; IPF: idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis; NSIP: nonspecific interstitial pneumonia; RA-ILD: rheumatoid arthritis associated ILD; UIP: usual interstitial pneumonia.

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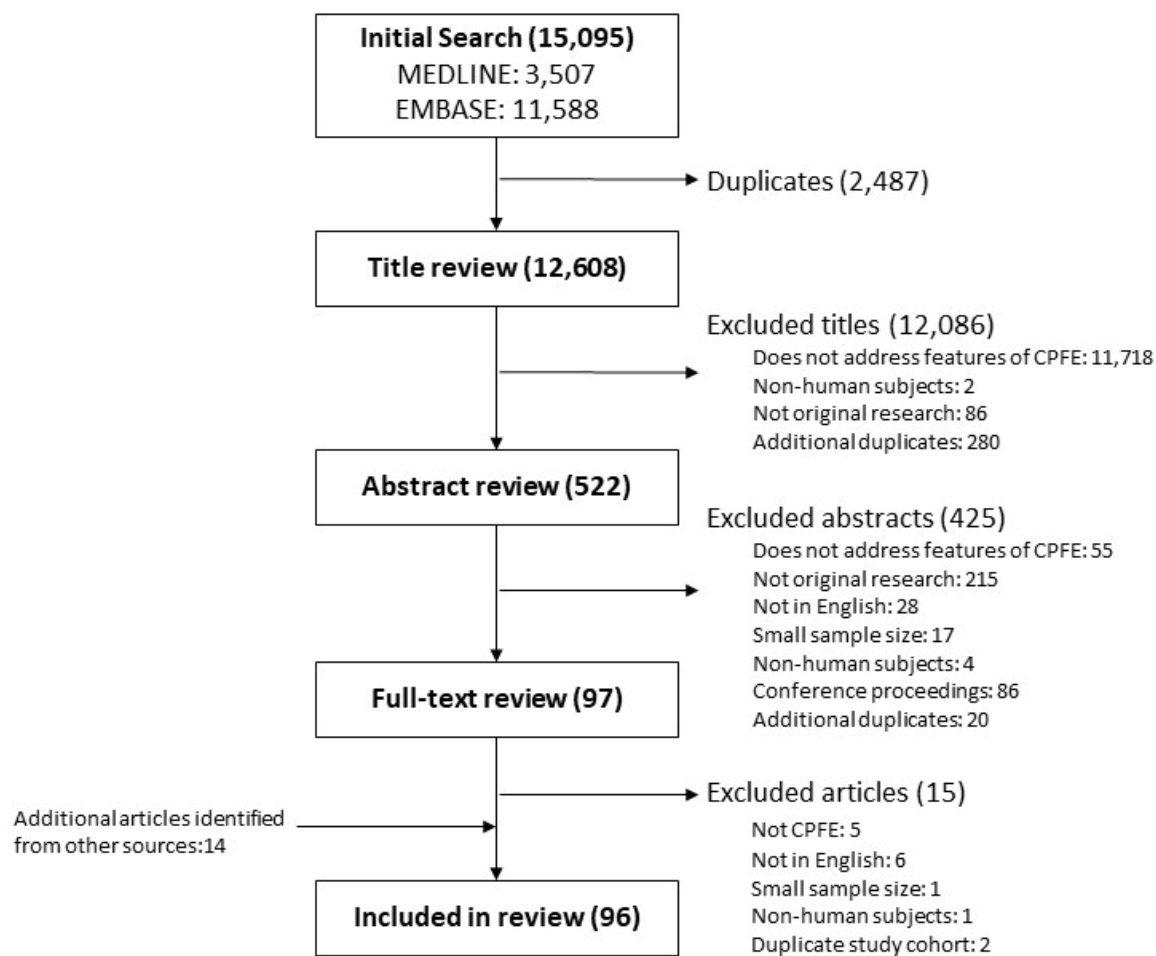
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## Supplementary figures

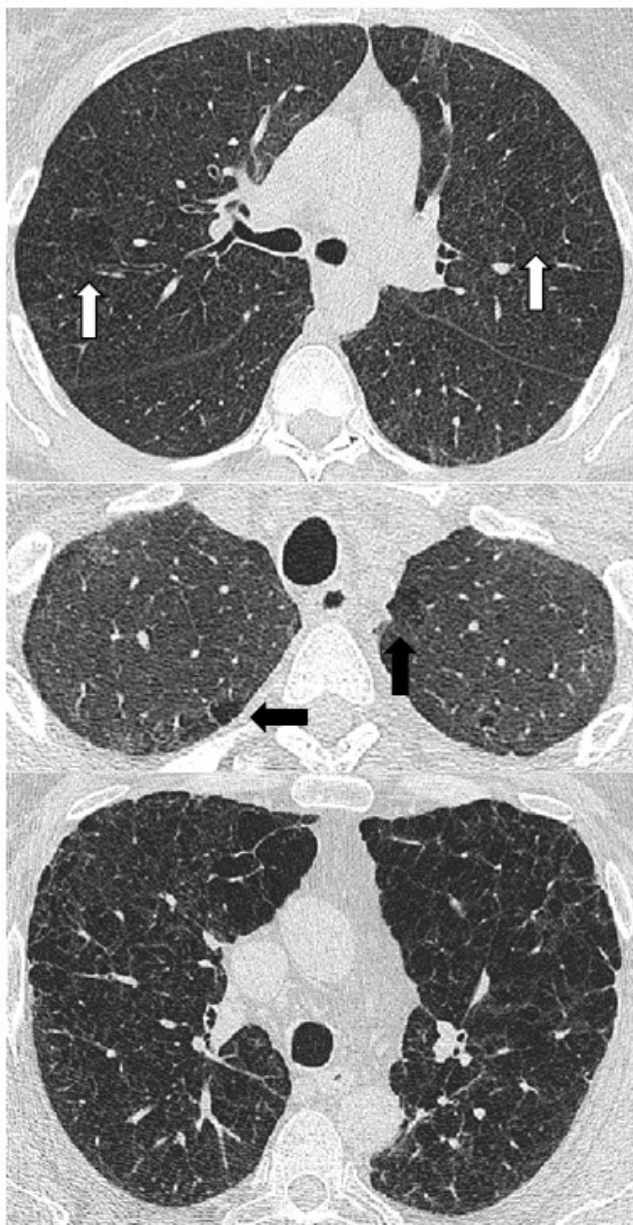
**Figure E1.** Systematic review search results.

Articles were excluded if the study was not original research, not combined pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema-related, had a sample size < 10, was non-English, or involved non-human subjects (from reference (3)). The 14 additional articles were identified by reviewing reference lists of eligible full-text manuscripts. CPFE = combined pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema.



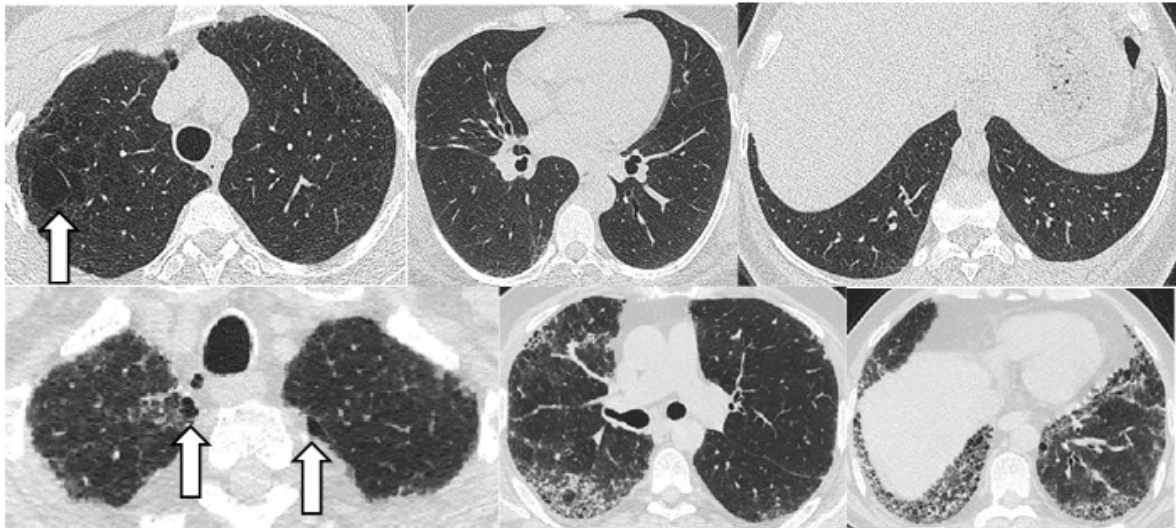
**Figure E2.** Emphysematous lesions in patients with lung fibrosis who have never smoked.

Upper panel: an axial CT image in a 48-year-old female patient diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis-related interstitial lung disease demonstrates subtle diffuse low attenuation bilaterally (arrows). Middle panel: in a 34-year-old male patient diagnosed with scleroderma, focal areas of low attenuation are evident bilaterally (arrows). Lower panel: a 49-year-old male patient diagnosed with hypersensitivity pneumonitis demonstrates widespread coalescent low attenuation bilaterally in keeping with emphysema-like parenchymal destruction.



**Figure E3.** Minimal extent of pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema on CT imaging.

Patient A (upper panel) has extensive emphysema in the upper lobes (arrow) and minimal fibrosis evidenced by reticulation and traction bronchiectasis in the middles and lower zones. Patient B (lower panel) has minimal paraseptal emphysema in the lung apices (arrows) but extensive fibrosis evidenced throughout the middle and lower zones. Determining minimal thresholds of emphysema and fibrosis that would qualify a patient for consideration within the combined pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema (CPFE) phenotype remains a challenge that needs to be addressed.



**Figure E4.** Challenges in quantifying the fibrosis extent on HRCT.

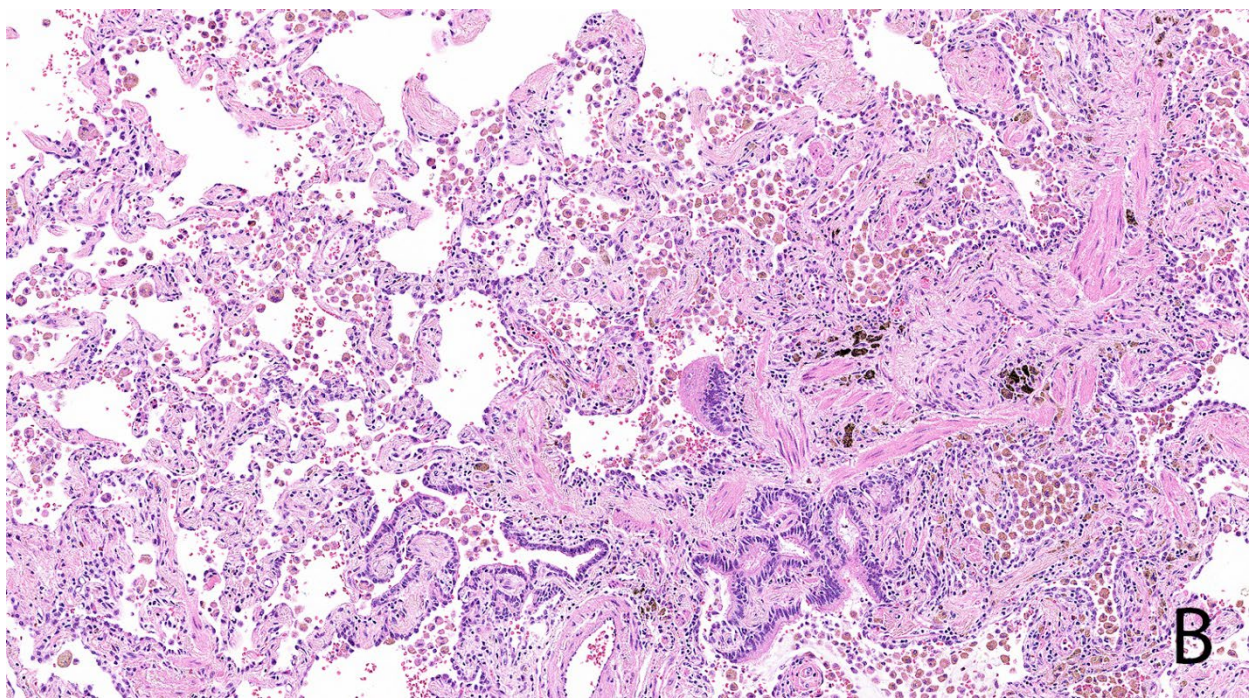
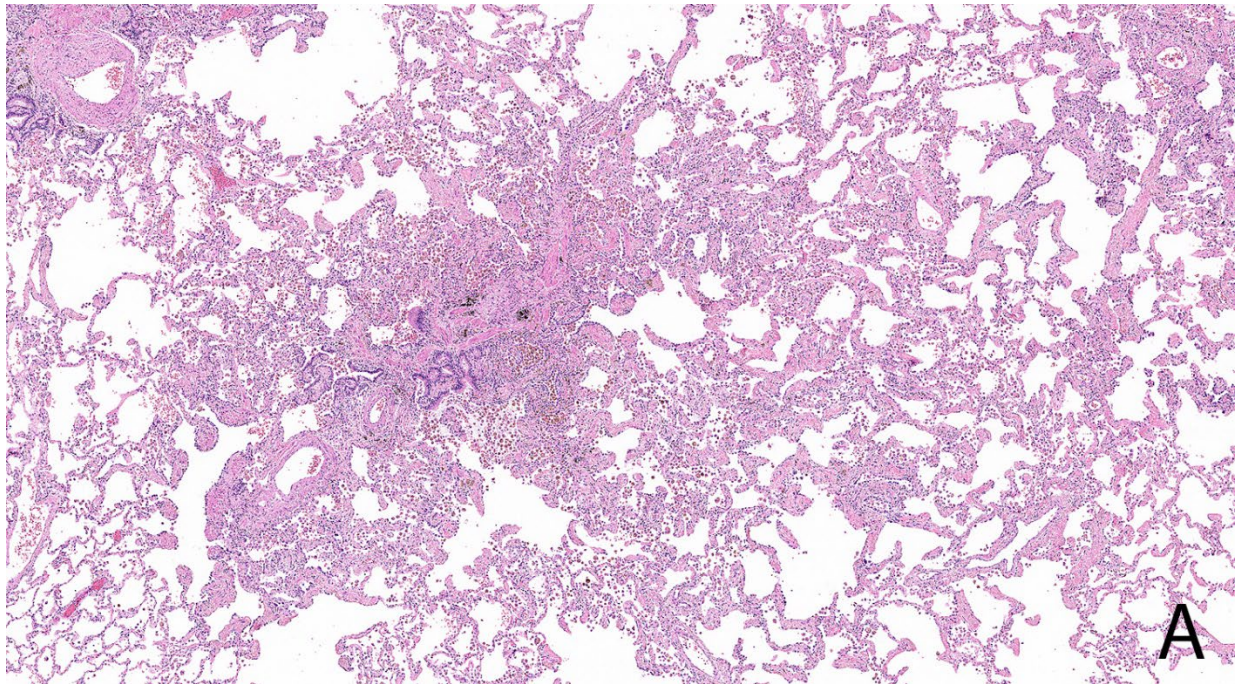
Challenges in quantifying the fibrosis extent on HRCT. Quantifying fibrosis extent in patients with combined pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema (CPFE) requires clear definitions on parenchymal patterns that should be considered as contributing to the total extent of fibrosis. In patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (upper panel), ground glass opacity when intermixed with reticular lines and traction bronchiectasis (arrows) usually represents fine fibrosis where the individual components of the fibrosis are beyond the resolution of CT imaging. In patients with hypersensitivity pneumonitis or connective tissue-related interstitial lung disease however, ground glass opacity might represent transient inflammation rather than fibrosis. In such cases, ground glass opacity should probably not be included within the quantified volume of fibrotic lung parenchyma. When ground glass opacity lies distant to regions of fibrosis i.e. away from areas of reticulation and traction bronchiectasis (lower panel, arrows), even in patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, an inflammatory insult complicating the disease process should be considered. Complications may include infection, aspiration, pulmonary oedema or an acute exacerbation of interstitial disease. Here again, the ground glass opacity should not be considered as part of the fibrotic lung volume.





**Figure E5.** Respiratory bronchiolitis (RB) and smoking-related interstitial fibrosis (SRIF) in a patient with ILD.

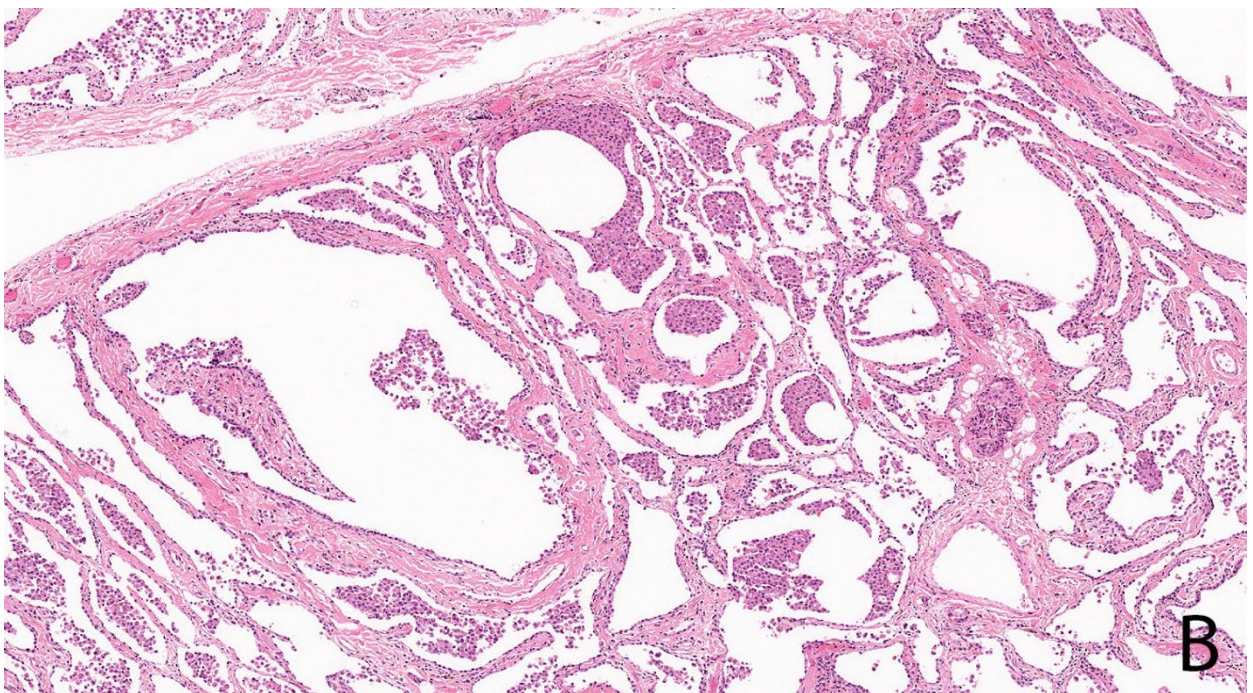
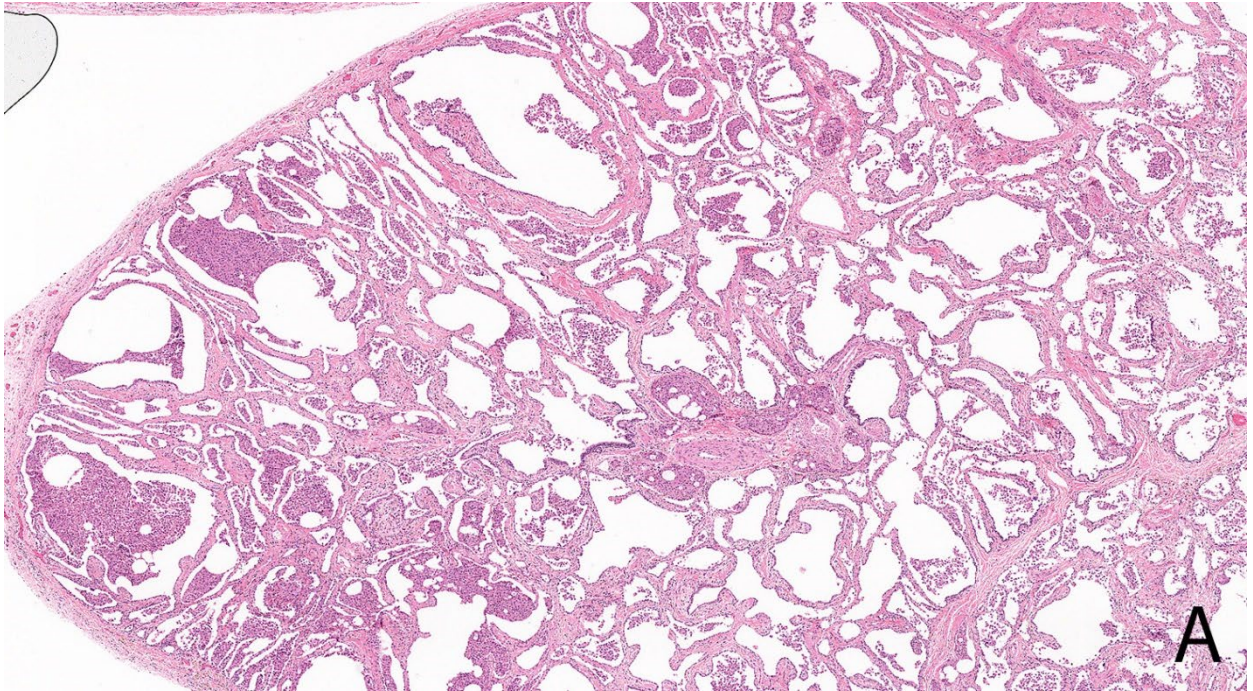
A. Low magnification photomicrograph showing RB characterized by intraluminal lightly pigmented macrophages with associated SRIF that expands peribronchiolar alveolar septa. B. Higher magnification photomicrograph showing expansion of peribronchiolar interstitium by mild non-distorting fibrosis that contiguously extends into peribronchiolar alveolar septa. Hematoxylin and eosin stain.





**Figure E6.** Smoking-related interstitial fibrosis (SRIF) and extensive respiratory bronchiolitis (RB) resembling desquamative interstitial pneumonia (DIP).

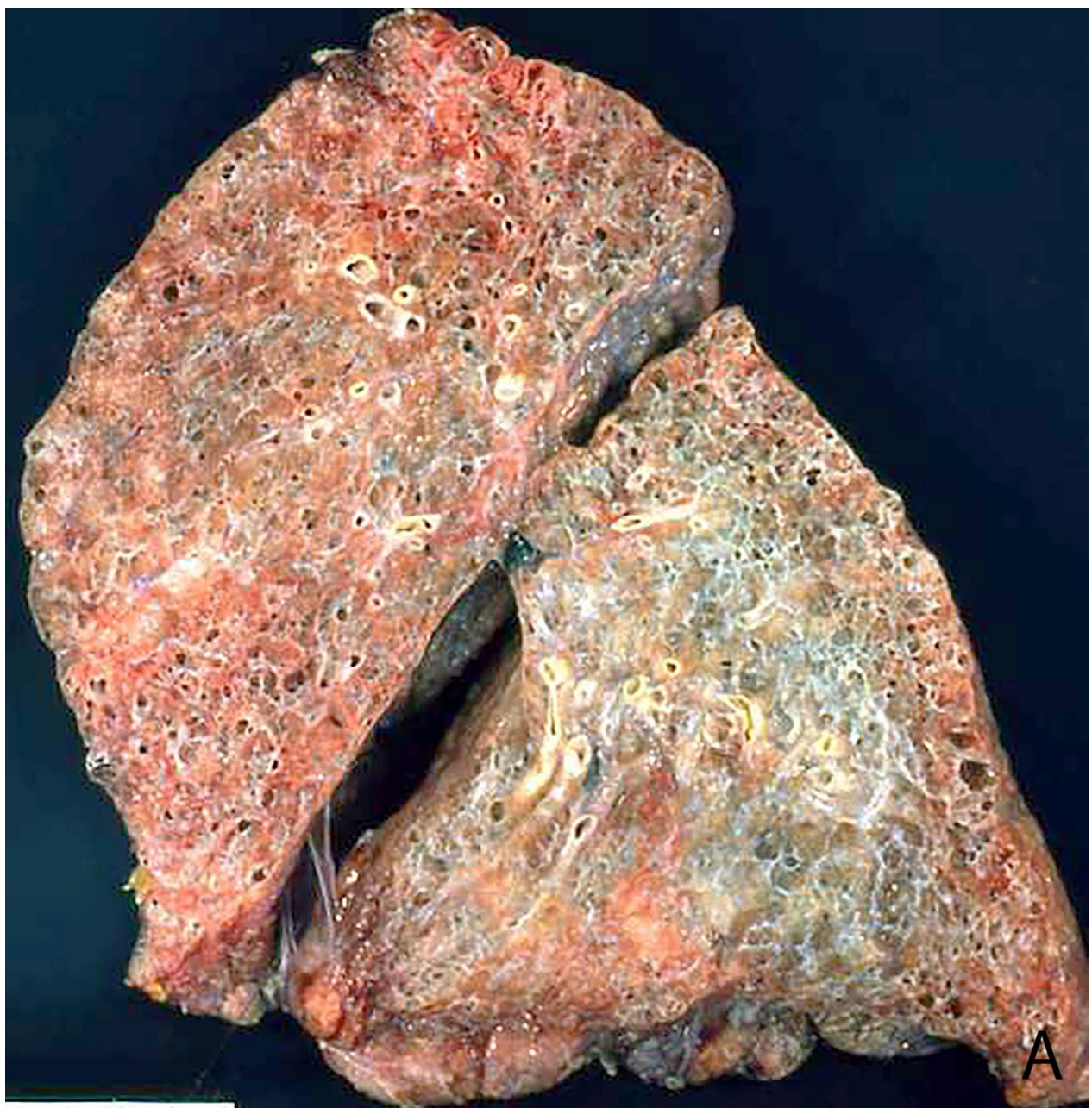
A. Low magnification photomicrograph showing an area in which SRIF is more diffuse and uniform in its distribution. Alveolar septa are expanded by paucicellular collagen deposition with preservation of lung architecture. Alveolar spaces show prominent clusters of pigmented macrophages (RB) resulting in a pattern closely resembling DIP. B. Higher magnification view demonstrates the densely eosinophilic collagen and pigmented alveolar macrophages typical of SRIF and RB, respectively. Hematoxylin and eosin stain.



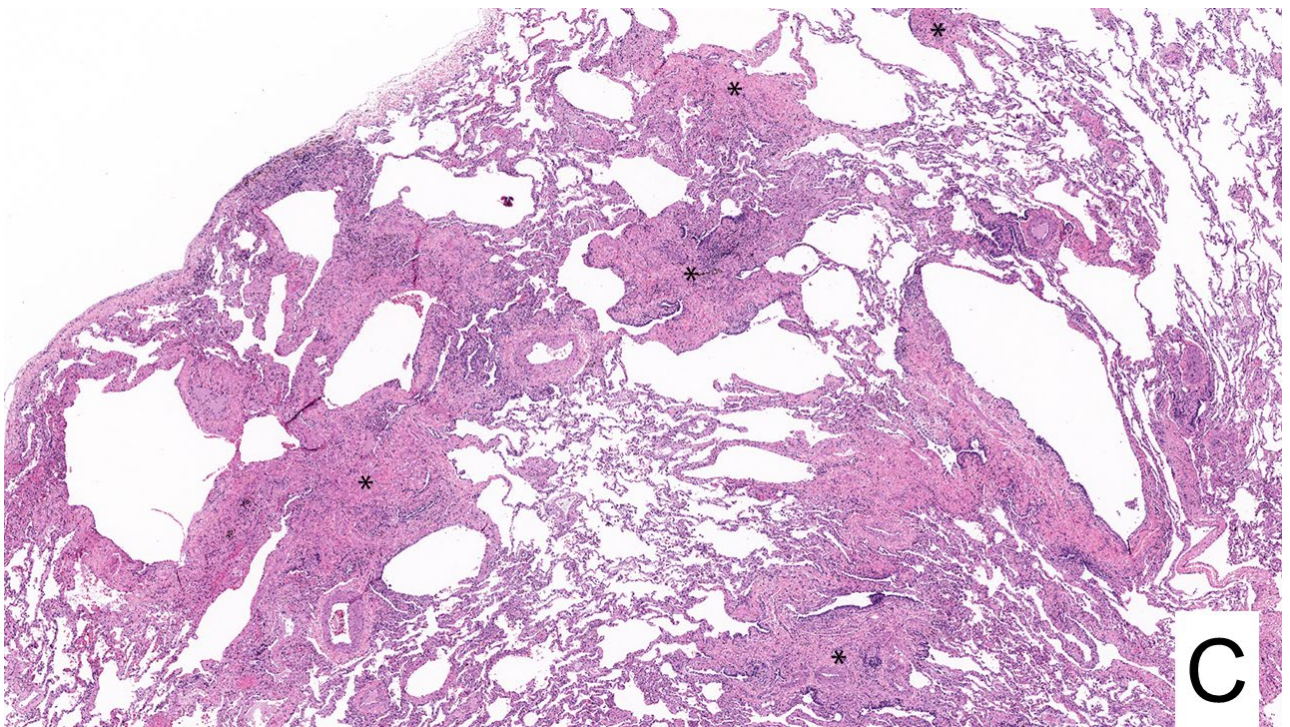
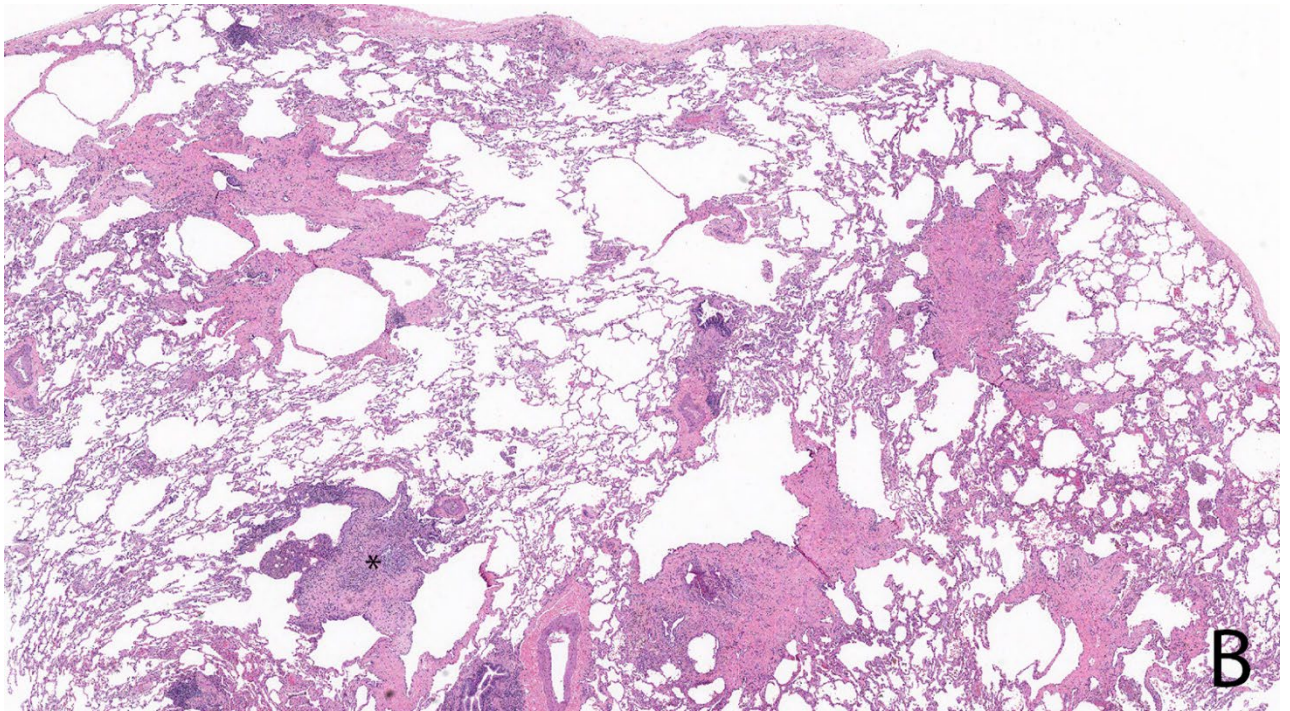


**Figure E7.** Advanced Langerhans cell histiocytosis (LCH) mimicking combined pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema (CPFE).

A. Photograph showing the cut surface of a formalin fixed lung explant from a patient with advanced LCH. Cystic change preferentially affects the upper lobe in a distribution resembling centriacinar emphysema. B. Low magnification photomicrograph of surgical lung biopsy showing combination of predominantly fibrotic LCH and characteristic pattern of associated paracicatricial airspace enlargement (“scar emphysema”). The paracicatricial airspace enlargement comprises cystic airspaces adjacent to bronchiolocentric stellate scars that mark the sites of previously cellular lesions. Only a single lesion in this field contains residual islands of Langerhans cells (\*). C. Higher magnification photomicrograph from same biopsy showing fibrotic LCH with associated airspace enlargement mimicking centriacinar emphysema with fibrosis. Stellated nodules (\*) with associated airspace enlargement are key to separating fibrotic LCH from other patterns of fibrosis. Note that nodule on left includes fibrosis extending to visceral pleura forming thick-walled cysts resembling those seen in SRIF (see Figure 12). Hematoxylin and eosin stain.



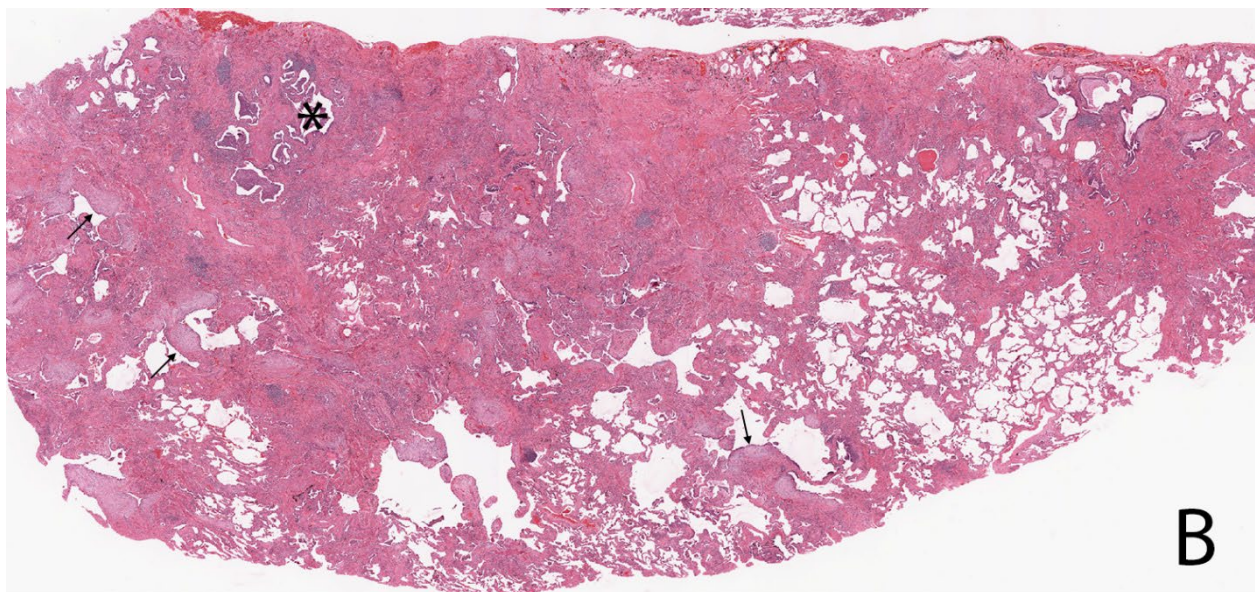
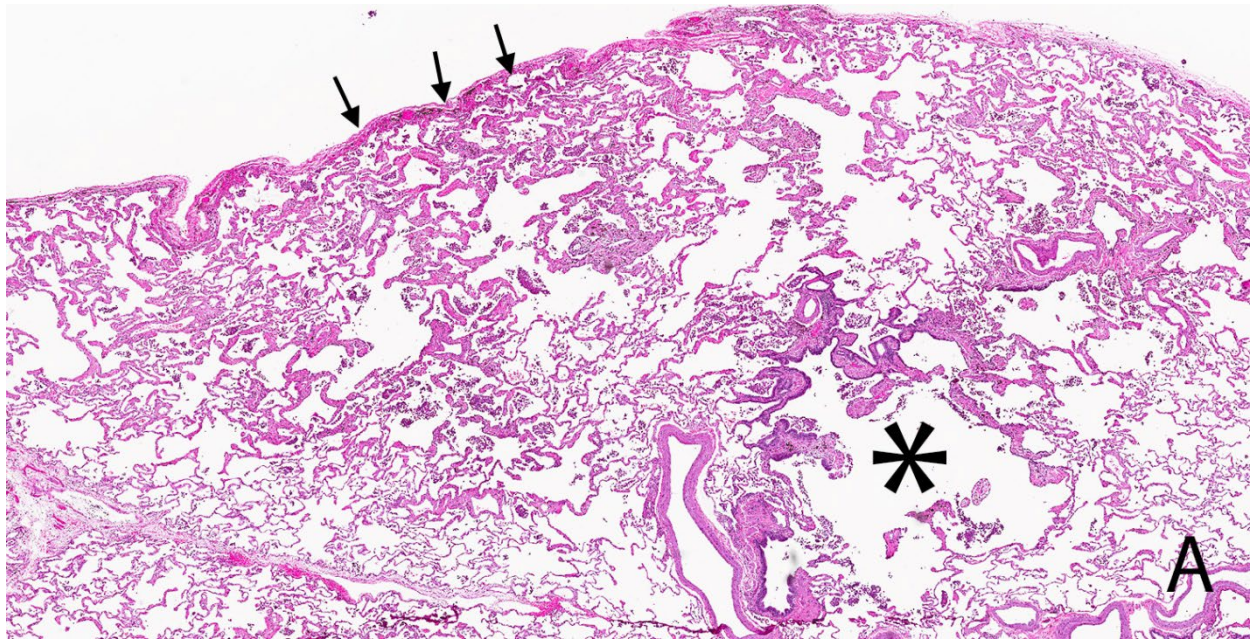






**Figure E8.** Comparison of smoking related interstitial fibrosis (SRIF) and usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP).

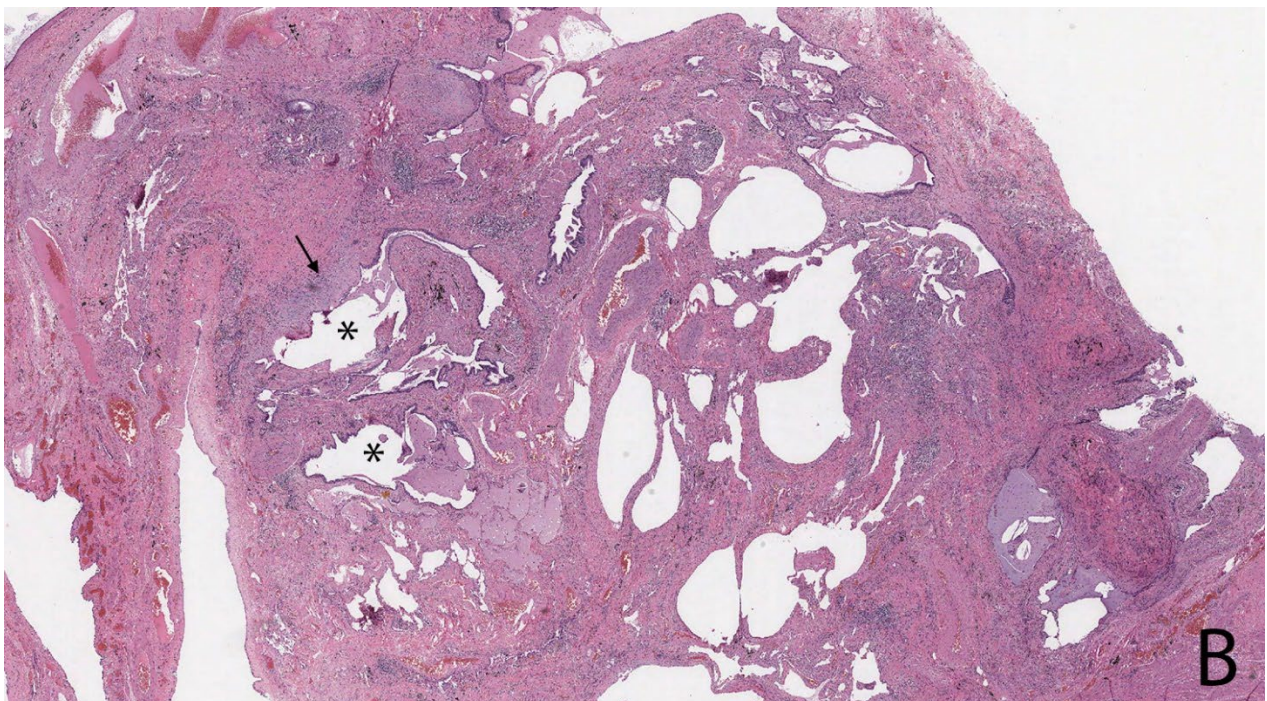
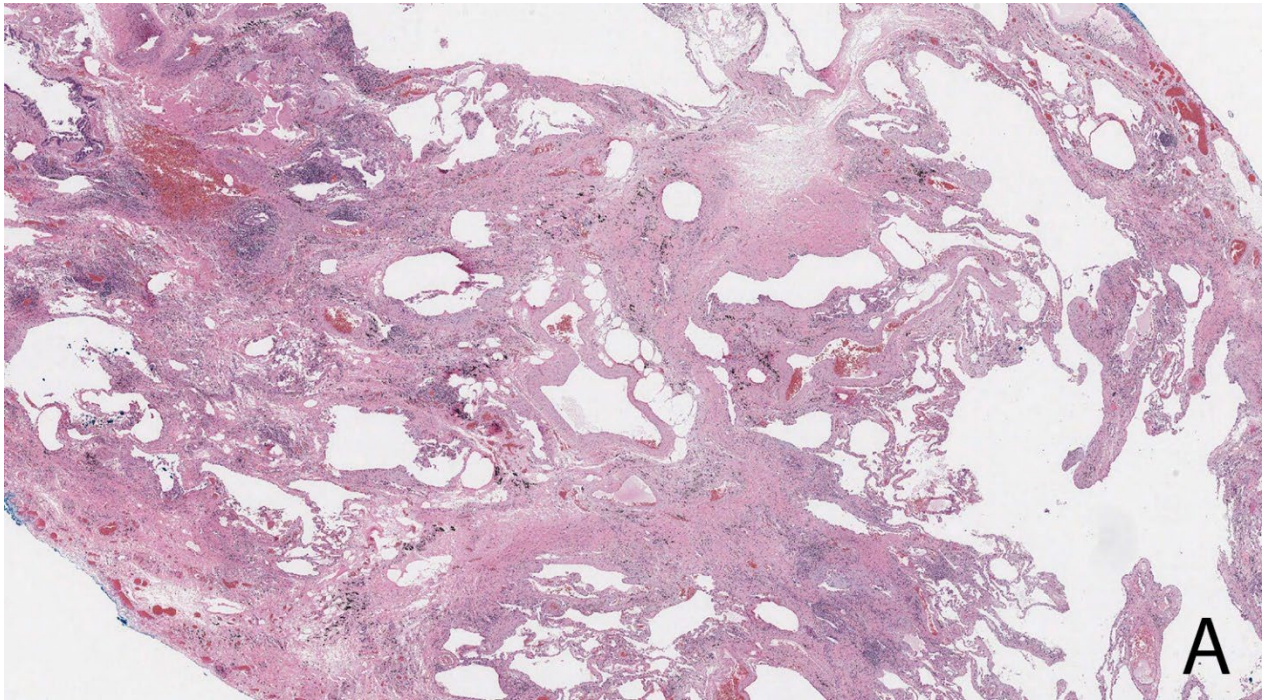
A. Low magnification photomicrograph showing SRIF in surgical lung biopsy. There is mild expansion of subpleural alveolar septa by paucicellular densely eosinophilic collagen deposition (arrows) without tissue distorting scars or honeycomb change. There is similarly paucicellular fibrosis involving peribronchiolar interstitium (\*) in a distribution that overlaps with descriptions of AEF. B. Low magnification photomicrograph showing a UIP pattern in which the fibrosis is more advanced with a characteristic “patchwork” distribution, predilection for peripheral subpleural parenchyma, and associated scarring and honeycomb change (\*). Hematoxylin and eosin stain.



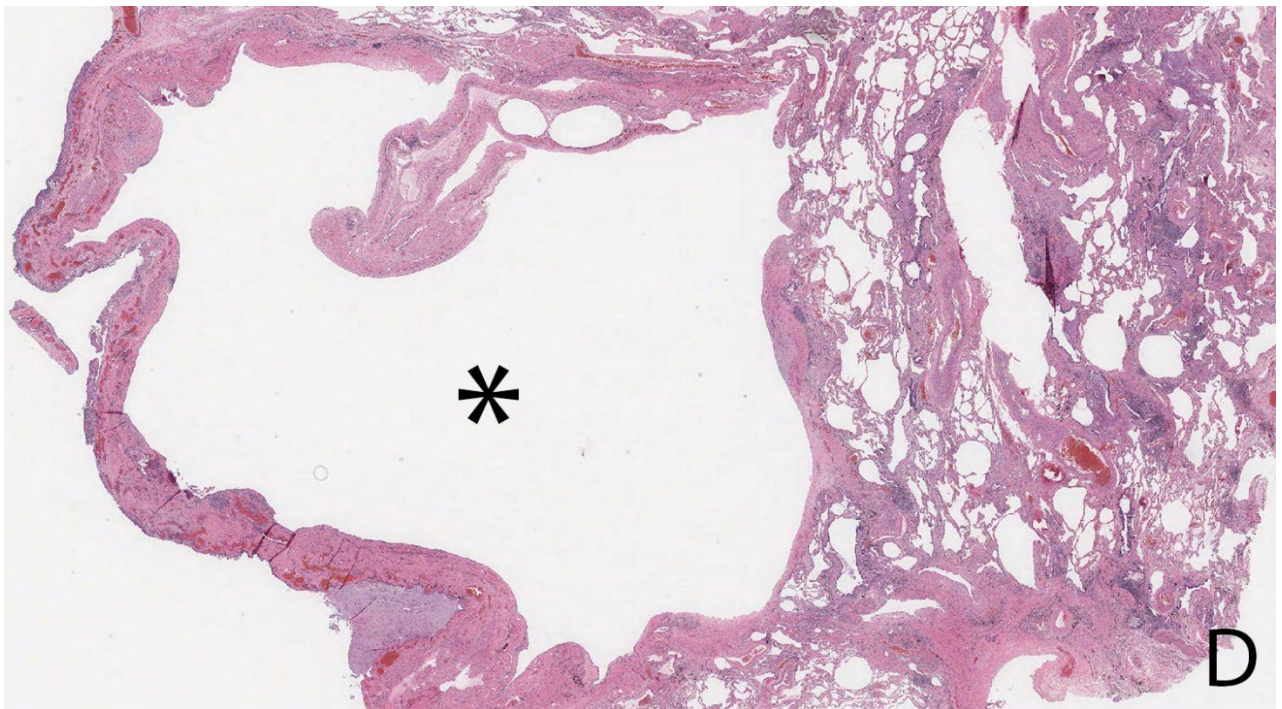
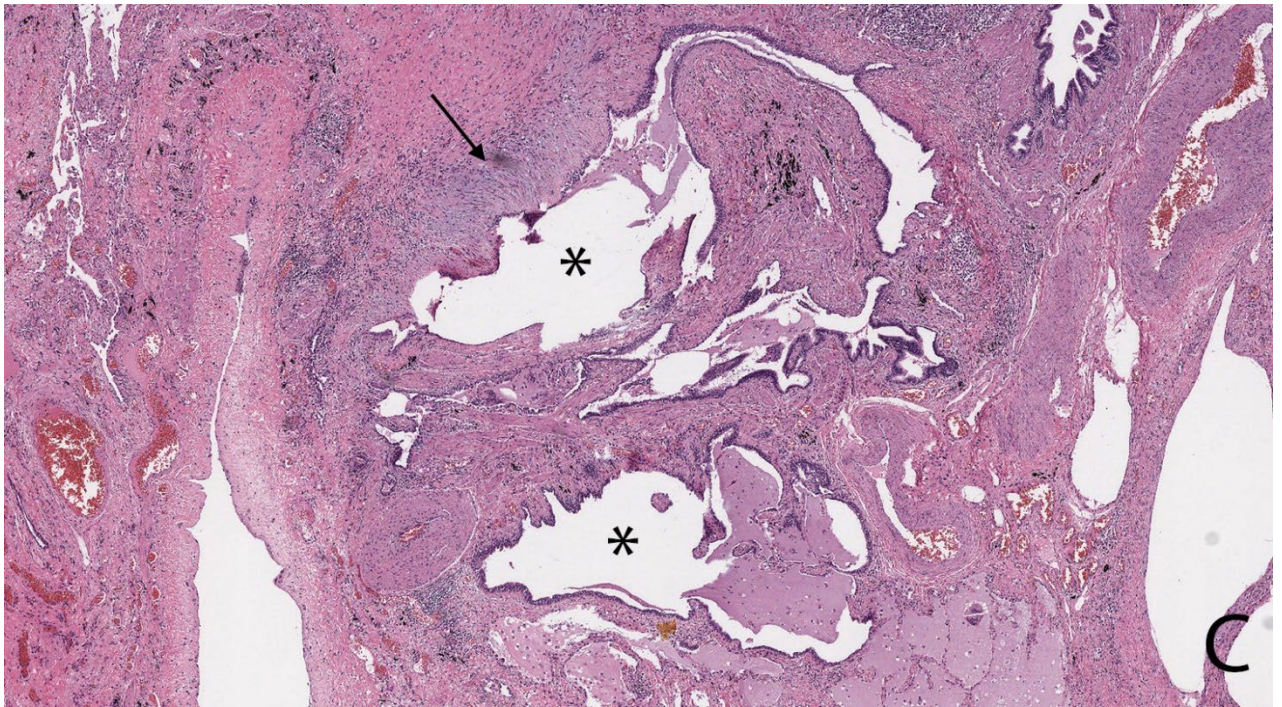


**Figure E9.** Usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP) and emphysema in a patient with combined pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema (CPFE).

A. Low magnification photomicrograph of surgical lung biopsy showing patchy fibrosis and emphysema in a heavy smoker with a history of COPD and progressive ILD who presented with pneumothorax. B. Low magnification photomicrograph of surgical lung biopsy from same patient showing patchy fibrosis that includes honeycomb change (\*) and fibroblast foci (arrow) characteristic of UIP. C. Higher magnification view of same field showing honeycomb change (\*) and fibroblast focus (arrow). D. CPFE in this patient complicated by paraseptal emphysema and pleural blebs (\*) which accounted for pneumothorax risk. Hematoxylin and eosin stain.







**Figure E10.** Definition and thresholds used to define CPFE.

A threshold of “0” indicates studies that defined the presence of the abnormality based on patients having any amount of that abnormality.

