

Table 1.  
Studies of pulmonary function testing in HIV-infected individuals in the cART era

Location	Study period	Author	Study type	Population and demographics	Key findings
Los Angeles, United States	2003-04	George et al. (2009)	Cross sectional Spirometry	234 HIV clinic outpatients 60% current smokers	31.5% respiratory symptoms, airflow obstruction: <b>Increasing age, smoking pack-year history, previous bacterial pneumonia and use of cART</b>
Copenhagen, Denmark	2000-07	Kristoffersen et al. (2012)	Prospective cohort study median follow up 4.4 years of spirometry and TLCO	63 patients with previous lung function testing followed up 48% current smokers	FEV1:FVC <0.7 10% at baseline, 19% at follow up. Reduced TLCO in smoking HIV-infected patients, decline during follow-up also in non-smokers
Pittsburgh, United States	2007-09	Gingo et al. (2010)	Cross sectional Spirometry pre and post bronchodilator and TLCO	167 HIV clinic outpatients 53% current smokers	64% respiratory symptoms (dyspnoea>cough) TLCO <80% predicted in 64% airflow obstruction: <b>smoking pack-year history, intravenous drug use and use of cART</b>
Baltimore, United States	2007-09	Drummond et al. (2012)	Retrospective cross sectional review of spirometry	1,077 people in inner city area with history of IVDU (303 HIV) 86% current smokers	16% FEV1:FVC<0.7, airflow obstruction: <b>Higher HIV viral load (&gt;200,000 copies/ml)</b>
Philadelphia, United States	2008-09	Hirani et al. (2011)	Cross sectional Spirometry	98 HIV clinic outpatients 55% current smokers	16% FEV1:FVC <0.7 and 14% airflow obstruction in never smokers. Association with: <b>increasing age, intravenous drug use, smoking pack-year history and previous PCP</b>
Hamilton, Canada	<2010	Cui et al. (2010)	Cross sectional Spirometry	119 HIV clinic outpatients 44% current smokers	20% abnormal spirometry 12% airway obstruction (FEV1:FVC<70%)
Baltimore, United States	2007-10	Drummond et al. (2013)	Longitudinal analysis of spirometry in AIDS Linked to the Intravenous Experience study (Median follow up 2.75 years)	1064 (316 HIV infected) 85% current smokers	No significant decline in HIV compared to non-HIV group. HIV-patients with CD4 >200 cells/ml had no difference to HIV uninfected. Decline in FEV1 and FVC associated with <b>HIV viral load &gt;75,000 copies/ml and CD4 &lt;100ml/l</b>

Table 2.  
Differential diagnosis for chronic cough and dyspnoea in HIV infected individuals

Condition	Usual CD4 count cell/mm <sup>3</sup>	Dyspnoea	Additional features	Chest radiograph
<b>Obstructive spirometry</b>				
<b>Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease</b>	Any	On exertion	Wheeze History of cigarette smoking Obstructive spirometry reduced TLCO	Hyperinflated lung fields Flattening of diaphragm Increased bronchial wall thickening Hyperlucency (if bullous change)
<b>Asthma</b>	Any	On exertion or identifiable trigger	Wheeze, history of atopy Reversible obstructive spirometry	May be normal or show features of bronchial wall thickening and hyperinflation
<b>Bronchiectasis</b>	Any	If airway obstruction	Previous respiratory infections	Increase in bronchovascular markings Ring shadows of bronchi seen 'end-on' Tram-track opacities or air fluid levels
<b>Restrictive spirometry</b>				
<b>Sarcoidosis</b>	>200 May be due to IRIS*	On exertion	Fever, arthralgia, lymphadenopathy, hepatosplenomegaly, skin nodules, uveitis, neurological or cardiac disease	Hilar lymphadenopathy +/- reticulonodular opacities
<b>Nonspecific interstitial pneumonitis (NSIP)</b>	<200 May be normal	Often remains stable over years	Fever (often prolonged)	Interstitial or alveolar infiltrates, normal in up to 50%
<b>Lymphocytic interstitial pneumonia (LIP)</b>	>350	Progressive exertional dyspnoea	Fever, weight loss, fatigue If occurs as part of DILS+ xerophthalmia and xerostomia	Reticular or nodular shadowing
<b>Cryptogenic organizing pneumonia (COP)</b>	Any	Exertional dyspnoea	Fevers, weight loss Restrictive defect on spirometry with reduced TLCO	Consolidation
<b>Hypersensitivity pneumonitis (HP)</b>	Usually >350	Acute or subacute dyspnoea depending on allergen exposure	Fever, rash, weight loss	Normal or diffuse nodules
<b>Infectious causes</b>				
<b><i>Pneumocystis jirovecii</i> pneumonia (PCP)</b>	<200 Not on cART	Progressive dyspnoea on exertion	Fever Oxygen desaturation with exercise	Normal or bilateral infiltrates
<b>Bacterial pneumonia</b>	Any Incidence increased with lower CD4	Short history of dyspnoea	Fever Chest pain	Focal consolidation May be diffuse Pleural effusion
<b>Tuberculosis</b>	Any Incidence increased with lower CD4	Not a prominent feature	Weight loss, fevers Superficial lymphadenopathy Hepatosplenomegaly	Parenchymal infiltrates +/- cavitation Hilar/mediastinal lymphadenopathy Pleural effusion
<b>Other causes</b>				
<b>Lung cancer</b>	Any	Not a prominent feature	Weight loss, anaemia History of cigarette smoking	Mass lesion Hilar/mediastinal lymphadenopathy Pleural effusion
<b>Gastro-oesophageal reflux</b>	Any	Not a feature	Dyspepsia/acid reflux	Often normal May show features of hiatus hernia or aspiration
<b>Chronic allergic rhinitis</b>	Any	Not a feature	Rhinorrhoea Nasal congestion, sneezing	Normal

\*IRIS = Immune reconstitution inflammatory syndrome

+DILS = Diffuse infiltrative lymphocytosis syndrome