# Study of bronchoalveolar lavage cytology after oral prednisone treatment in COPD exacerbations

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# **Abstract**

COPD patients were chosen according to the "Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease" (GOLD) that defines chronic obstructive pulmonary disease "COPD" as a preventable and treatable disease with some significant extra pulmonary effects that may contribute to the severity in individual patients. Its pulmonary component is characterized by airflow limitation that is not fully reversible. The airflow limitation is usually progressive and associated with an abnormal inflammatory response of the lung to noxious particles or gases"

All patients were subjected to full history taking, careful general and local examination, routine laboratory investigations, chest x ray, arterial blood gas (ABG). bronchalveolar lavage cytology.

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# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

**ABG** Arterial Blood Gases

**ACTH** Adrenocorticotropic Hormone

α**1-***AT* Alpha -1- Anti Trypsine

**ATS** American Thoracic Society

**ASM** Air way Smooth Muscle

**BAL** Broncho Alveolar Lavage

BALF Broncho Alveolar Lavage FluidBDP Beclo Methasone Diprpionate

**BUD** Budesonide

**COPD** Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

**CRH** Cortico Tropic Releasing Hormone

**CSs** Corticosteroids

**DPI** Dry Powder Inhaler

**ECG** Electro Cardio Gram

ECP Eosinophilic Catinic Protein
EGF Epidermal Growth Factor

**ERS** European Respiratory Society

**FEV1** Forced Expiratory Volume In First Second

FVC Forced Vital Capacity
FP Fluticasone Propionate

**GC-SF** Granulocytes Colony Stimulating Factor

GM-CSF Granulocytes Macrophage Colony Stimulating Factor GOLD Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease

Ics Inhaled Corticosteroids

IL Interleukins

**LABAs** Long Acting Beta Agonist

LVRS	Lung Volume Reduction Surgery
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MDI Metered Dose InhalerMF Mometasone Furonat

MIP Macrophage Inflammatory Proteins

MMP Matrix Metalo Proteins

NE Neutrophil Elastase NF-B Nuclear Factor B

NICE National Institute for heath and Excellence
NIPPV Non Invasive Positive Pressure Ventilation

PaO2 Partial arterial pressure of Oxygen

PaCO2 Partial arterial pressure of Carbon dioxide

**PDE-4** Phospho Di Esterase 4

**RF** Respiratory Failure

TGF-B Transforming Growth Factor BTNF-α Tumor necrosis factor alpha

*V/Q* Ventilation Perfusion Ratio

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# AIM OF THE WORK

Study the effect of oral prednisone on differential cell count of bronchoalveolar lavage cytology in patients with COPD exacerbations.



# Chapter I: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

# INTRODUCTION

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (**COPD**) is a major public health problem. This disease is currently the fourth leading cause of chronic morbidity and mortality in united states and it is projected to rank fifth in 2020 in burden of disease caused world wide. (*Lopez. et al; 2006*)

Patients with *COPD* frequently have **exacerbations**, which are an important cause of morbidity, mortality, and health care cost (*Hurst*, 2004). Although many patients are ultimately admitted, a substantial percentage is treated as outpatient.

(Aaron. et al., 2003).

In addition to antibiotics, bronchodilators, and oxygen there is strong evidence that *systemic corticosteroids* are effective in management of *COPD* exacerbations concerning improvement in lung function parameters, symptom scores, reduction in the risk of treatment failure and the length of hospital stay. (*Maltais. et al; 2002*)

# CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE <u>DEFINITION:</u>

Celli and colleagues update defined *COPD* as "a preventable and treatable disease state characterized by airflow limitation that is not fully reversible. The airflow limitation is usually progressive

and associated with an abnormal inflammatory response of the lungs to noxious particles or gases, primarily caused by cigarette smoking. Although COPD affects the lungs, it also produces significant systemic consequences" (*Celli et al.*, 2007).

According to the *Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD)* definition "*COPD* is a preventable and treatable disease with some significant extrapulmonary effects that may contribute to the severity in individual patients. Its pulmonary component is characterized by airflow limitation that is not fully reversible. The airflow limitation is usually progressive and associated with an abnormal inflammatory response of the lung to noxious particles or gases" (*Lopez. et al;* 2006)

### **EPIDEMIOLOGY:**

- *COPD* prevalence, morbidity, and mortality vary across countries and across different groups within countries but, in general, are directly related to the prevalence of tobacco smoking, although in many countries, air pollution resulting from the burning of wood and other biomass fuels has also been identified as a *COPD* risk factor.
- The prevalence and burden of *COPD* are projected to increase in the coming decades due to continued exposure to *COPD* risk factors and the changing age structure of the worlde population.

• *COPD* is a costly disease with both direct costs (value of health care resources devoted to diagnosis and medical management) and indirect costs (monetary consequences of disability, missed work, premature mortality, and caregiver or family costs resulting from the illness). *(Tirimann PR; 1996)* 

### **RISK FACTORS:**

- Worldwide, cigarette smoking is the most commonly encountered risk factor for *COPD*.
- The genetic risk factor that is best documented is a severe hereditary *deficiency of alpha-1 antitrypsin*. It provides a model for how other genetic risk factors are thought to contribute to *COPD*.
- Of the many inhalational exposures that may be encountered over a lifetime, only tobacco smoke and occupational dusts and chemicals (vapors, irritants, and fumes) are known to cause *COPD* on their own.
- Indoor air pollution, especially from burning biomass fuels in confined spaces, is associated with increased risk for *COPD* in developing countries, especially among women. (*Celli BR et al*; 2005)