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correlation) (r > .45, p < .05) (positive
(r = .84, p = .0001).
FEV1, FVC, MMEF, DLCO (r > .44, p < .01)

FEV1, FVC, MMEF, DLCO (p < 0.01), RV, TLC (p < 0.05)

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 (residual volume: RV), (total lung capacity: TLC),
 (diffusing capacity of the lungs for carbon monoxide: DLCO)
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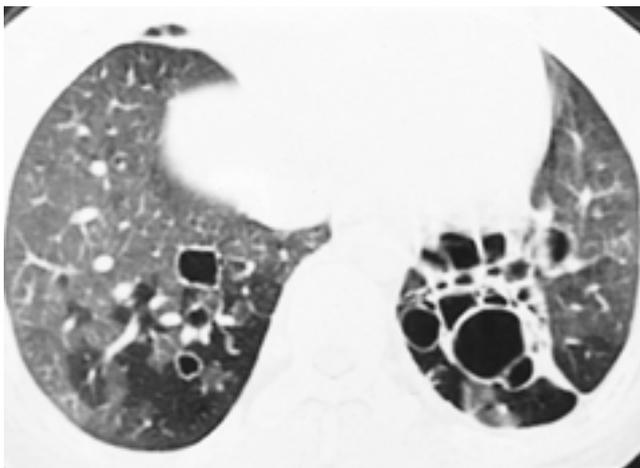


Fig. 1. A 45-year-old woman who had bronchiectasis (severity score 3) with low attenuation area of mosaic pattern (air-trapping) in the posterior basal segment of both lower lobes. Pulmonary segment supplied by dilated bronchi show geographically decreased parenchymal attenuation and decreased vessel size due to air-trapping.

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Table 1. Correlation between Severity/Extent of Bronchiectasis and Extent of Low Attenuation. (by Pearson Correlation)

	Correlation coefficient(r)	p value
Severity of bronchiectasis		
Extent of bronchiectasis	0.2832	0.0594
Extent of low attenuation	0.4604	0.0357
Extent of bronchiectasis		
Extent of low attenuation	0.8375	0.0001

(positive correlation) ($r > .45, p < .05$)

($r = .28, p > .05$)

($r = .84, p = .0001$) (Fig. 2, Table 1).

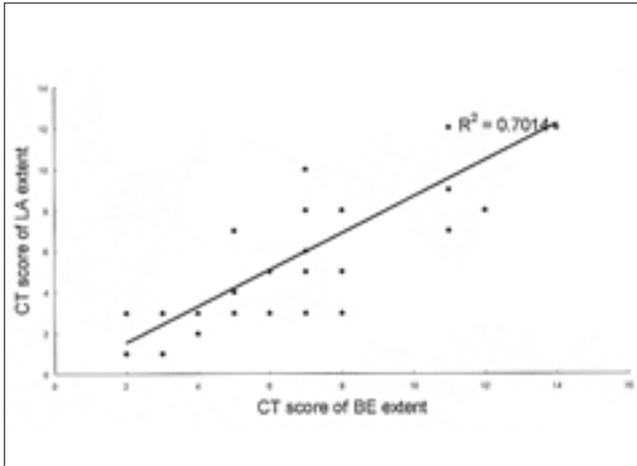


Fig. 2. Linear regression reveals strong positive correlation between the CT score of bronchiectasis (BE) extent and CT score of low attenuation (LA) extent.

FVC, DLCO, FEV1, FVC, MMEF, RV, TLC, DLCO, FEV1, FVC, MMEF, DLCO (Table 2).

FEV1, FVC, MMEF, DLCO ($p < .01$), RV, TLC ($p < .05$)

(Table 3).

RV, TLC, FEV1, FVC, FEV1/FVC, MMEF, DLCO, DLCO/VA

FVC, MMEF, DLCO (Table 4).

Table 2. Correlation between CT Scores and Pulmonary Function Test

	Bronchiectasis severity		Bronchiectasis extent		Low attenuation extent	
	Correlation coefficient(r)	Significance (p)	Correlation coefficient(r)	Significance (p)	Correlation coefficient(r)	Significance (p)
FEV1	-0.2640	0.0797	-0.5925	0.0001	-0.5610	0.0001
FVC	-0.4783	0.0009	-0.7785	0.0001	-0.6838	0.0001
FEV1/ FVC	0.1672	0.2724	-0.1268	0.4065	-0.1515	0.3207
MMEF	-0.2336	0.1225	-0.4732	0.0010	0.4481	0.0020
RV	0.3781	0.0104	0.5928	0.0001	0.3658	0.0135
TLC	0.2832	0.0594	0.4959	0.0005	0.2208	0.1451
DLCO	-0.5271	0.0283	-0.5698	0.0001	-0.5791	0.0001
DLCO/ VA	-0.1802	0.2361	0.0546	0.7215	-0.0807	0.5983

Table 3. Statistical Significance between Type of Bronchiectasis in PFT

	Type of Bronchiectasis		Significance(p)
	Cylindric(%)	Cystic(%)	
FEV1	69.4 ± 27.3	49.6 ± 11.9	0.0023
FVC	87.1 ± 17.7	68.5 ± 12.8	0.0002
FEV1/FVC	58.2 ± 17.7	56.2 ± 12.9	0.6530
MMEF	42.4 ± 22.5	21.6 ± 11.5	0.0001
RV	195.1 ± 147.1	394.0 ± 327.9	0.0141
TLC	132.1 ± 46.1	193.8 ± 105.9	0.0176
DLCO	93.4 ± 22.4	76.5 ± 16.4	0.0057
DLCO/VA	111.2 ± 21.5	118.8 ± 29.2	0.3371

(): Percentage predicted(mean ± SD)

Table 4. Correlation between CT Score of Low Attenuation in Each Type of Bronchiectasis and Pulmonary Function Test

	Low Attneuation Extent			
	Cylindrical type		Cystic type	
	Correlation coefficient(r)	Significance (p)	Correlation coefficient(r)	Significance (p)
FEV1	-0.6905	0.0005	-0.2680	0.2055
FVC	-0.6306	0.0022	-0.6472	0.0006
FEV1/FVC	-0.5853	0.0053	-0.3133	0.1361
MMEF	0.6265	0.0024	0.4063	0.0488
RV	0.1254	0.5881	0.3299	0.2254
TLC	0.0613	0.7919	0.1253	0.5596
DLCO	-0.6338	0.0020	-0.4053	0.0494
DLCO/VA	-0.5466	0.0103	-0.0728	0.7354

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Areas of Decreased Parenchymal Attenuation Associated with Bronchiectasis: Correlation between Severity and Extent of Bronchiectasis on HRCT with Pulmonary Function Test¹

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Purpose: To determine the correlation between areas of decreased parenchymal attenuation seen in cases of bronchiectasis, and the severity and extent of the condition, as revealed by HRCT and the pulmonary function test (PFT).

Materials and Methods: The findings of forty-five patients with bronchiectasis who had undergone PFT and HRCT were retrospectively analysed. CT scores were calculated according to the severity and extent of the condition, and areas of low attenuation, and the correlation coefficients between these were determined. Bronchiectasis was classified as either cylindrical or cystic, and using Student's t test, the statistical significance of the results of the PFT were determined.

Results: The severity and extent of bronchiectasis correlated with the extent of areas of low attenuation ($r > .45$, $p < .05$), with especially significant correlation between the extent of these areas and the extent of the condition ($r = .84$, $p = .0001$). Correlation was greater in cases involving the cylindrical variety than the cystic. The extent of low attenuation areas correlated with FEV1, FVC, MMEF, and DLCO ($r > .44$, $p < .01$). The functional parameters of the PFT which help differentiate between cylindrical and cystic bronchiectasis are FEV1, FVC, MMEF, DLCO ($p < .01$), RV, and TLC ($p < .05$).

Conclusion: In patients with bronchiectasis, the extent of the condition correlated closely with the extent of low attenuation, and the latter, especially in cases of cylindrical bronchiectasis, showed significant correlation with the extent of abnormalities revealed by the pulmonary function test.

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