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**summary**

* According to Table A, the best correlation of LAV was obtained when -970 HUwas used.
* According to Tables B and C, *K* = 4 was selected when LAV and HC were combined.
* According to Table D, the optimal parameters of CSA were as follows: threshold of CT attenuation, −730 HU; range of circularity, 0.9–1.0; size of vessel area, 5–10 mm2.
* Tables E and F show AIC results of all the model predicting FEV1 and FEV1/FVC, respectively.

**Table A.**

Pearson’s correlation coefficients between LAV and FEV1 at different thresholds. Abbreviations: FEV1, forced expiratory volume in one second; LAV, percentage of low-attenuation volume in lungs

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| Variables | correlation with FEV1  |
| LAV at -910 HU | -0.285  |
| LAV at -930 HU | -0.397  |
| LAV at -950 HU | -0.482  |
| LAV at -970 HU | -0.505  |
| LAV at -990 HU | -0.453  |
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**Table B.**

Pearson’s correlation coefficients between HC and FEV1 at different *K*. Abbreviations: FEV1, forced expiratory volume in one second; HC, heterogeneity of CT attenuation in emphysema; *K*, number of Gaussian distribution when calculating HC.

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| Variables | correlation with FEV1  |
| HC (*K* = 2) | -0.330  |
| HC (*K* = 3) | -0.248  |
| HC (*K* = 4) | -0.277  |
| HC (*K* = 5) | -0.300  |
| HC (*K* = 6) | -0.299 |
| HC (*K* = 7) | -0.321 |
| HC (*K* = 8) | -0.288 |
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**Table C.**

Results of the linear model between FEV1 and the COPD quantification. Note: Log transformation was applied to LAV and HC. Abbreviations: FEV1, forced expiratory volume in one second; AIC, Akaike information criterion value; LAV, percentage of low-attenuation volume in the lungs; HC, heterogeneity of CT attenuation in emphysema.

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| Model index | Predictor variable | AIC of model |
| 1 | LAV, HC (*K* = 2) | 793.5 |
| 2 | LAV, HC (*K* = 3) | 792.7 |
| 3 | LAV, HC (*K* = 4) | 785.2 |
| 4 | LAV, HC (*K* = 5) | 786.6 |
| 5 | LAV, HC (*K* = 6) | 786.5 |
| 6 | LAV, HC (*K* = 7) | 785.4 |
| 7 | LAV, HC (*K* = 8) | 785.8 |
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**Table D.**

Pearson’s correlation coefficients between CSA and FEV1 at different parameters. Abbreviations: FEV1, forced expiratory volume in one second; CSA, percentage of cross-sectional area for small pulmonary vessels

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| CT threshold (HU) | size (mm2) | circularity | correlation with FEV1 |
| -700 | 1–5 | 0.9–1.0 | 0.080  |
| -700 | 5–10 | 0.9–1.0 | 0.333  |
| -710 | 1–5 | 0.9–1.0 | 0.053  |
| -710 | 5–10 | 0.9–1.0 | 0.339  |
| -720 | 1–5 | 0.9–1.0 | 0.097  |
| -720 | 5–10 | 0.9–1.0 | 0.331  |
| -730 | 1–5 | 0.9–1.0 | 0.102  |
| -730 | 5–10 | 0.9–1.0 | 0.384  |
| -740 | 1–5 | 0.9–1.0 | 0.173  |
| -740 | 5–10 | 0.9–1.0 | 0.352  |
| -750 | 1–5 | 0.9–1.0 | 0.170  |
| -750 | 5–10 | 0.9–1.0 | 0.328  |

**Table E.**

AIC results of all the model predicting FEV1. Note: Log transformation was applied to values of predictor variables. Abbreviations: AIC, Akaike information criterion value; CSA, percentage of cross-sectional area for small pulmonary vessels; FEV1, forced expiratory volume in one second; HC, heterogeneity of CT attenuation in emphysema; LAV, percentage of low-attenuation volume in the lungs; WA, percentage of wall area.

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| Predictor Variables | AIC |
| No variables | 816.4994 |
| WA | 814.8721 |
| CSA | 798.6065 |
| CSA, WA | 794.6993 |
| HC | 805.7492 |
| HC, WA | 805.448 |
| HC, CSA | 785.9628 |
| HC, CSA, WA | 783.7316 |
| LAV | 794.7768 |
| LAV, WA | 792.941 |
| LAV, CSA | 787.914 |
| LAV, CSA, WA | 784.4465 |
| LAV, HC | 785.229 |
| LAV, HC, WA | 784.6579 |
| LAV, HC, CSA | 776.6248 |
| LAV, HC, CSA, WA | 774.6361 |

**Table F.**

AIC results of all the model predicting FEV1/FVC. Note: Log transformation was applied to values of predictor variables. Abbreviations: AIC, Akaike information criterion value; CSA, percentage of cross-sectional area for small pulmonary vessels; FEV1/FVC, ratio of forced expiratory volume in one second to forced vital capacity; HC, heterogeneity of CT attenuation in emphysema; LAV, percentage of low-attenuation volume in the lungs; WA, percentage of wall area.

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| Predictor Variables | AIC |
| No variables | 731.7293 |
| WA | 731.8826 |
| CSA | 724.1578 |
| CSA, WA | 723.5119 |
| HC | 728.2123 |
| HC, WA | 729.0801 |
| HC, CSA | 720.6262 |
| HC, CSA, WA | 720.844 |
| LAV | 680.4444 |
| LAV, WA | 680.2614 |
| LAV, CSA | 682.1676 |
| LAV, CSA, WA | 681.8259 |
| LAV, HC | 678.2212 |
| LAV, HC, WA | 678.71 |
| LAV, HC, CSA | 679.8926 |
| LAV, HC, CSA, WA | 680.2443 |