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# Sheffield Infection Group

## P 159 A pilot study to investigate respiratory ill-health in people living with HIV

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## Background

Helping people living with HIV (PLWH) to maintain long-term health as they age is central to HIV care.

- Chronic lung disease (CLD) is recognised to be more common in  $PLWH^{1,2}$ . UK data on CLD prevalence and phenotype in PLWH are limited, particularly in female, non-white, never smoking groups.
- Longitudinal studies of progression are lacking.

### Aims

This is a pilot study to

- obtain preliminary data on CLD in key PLWH subgroups
- establish a simple scheme for monitoring lung health among PLWH for a future longitudinal study.

### Methods

Cross-sectional convenience sampling of PLWH in routine clinics.

- Web-based questionnaire for self-reported
  - 'Usually having' cough, wheeze or phlegm (BOLD study<sup>3</sup>)
  - Medical Research Council (mMRC) Dyspnoea scale<sup>4</sup>;
  - St Georges Respiratory Questionnaire (SQRG)<sup>5</sup>;
  - health related quality of life (EQ-5D-5L)<sup>6</sup>;
  - Smoking, inhaler use and past medical history.
- Spirometry
  - FEV<sub>1</sub> (Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 second) & FEV1/FVC (Forced Vital Capacity) z-scores derived from GLI equations.
- HIV data were collected from clinical records
- 50 HIV negative controls matched for smoking status
- Evaluation of suitability and acceptability of the measurements.

## Results

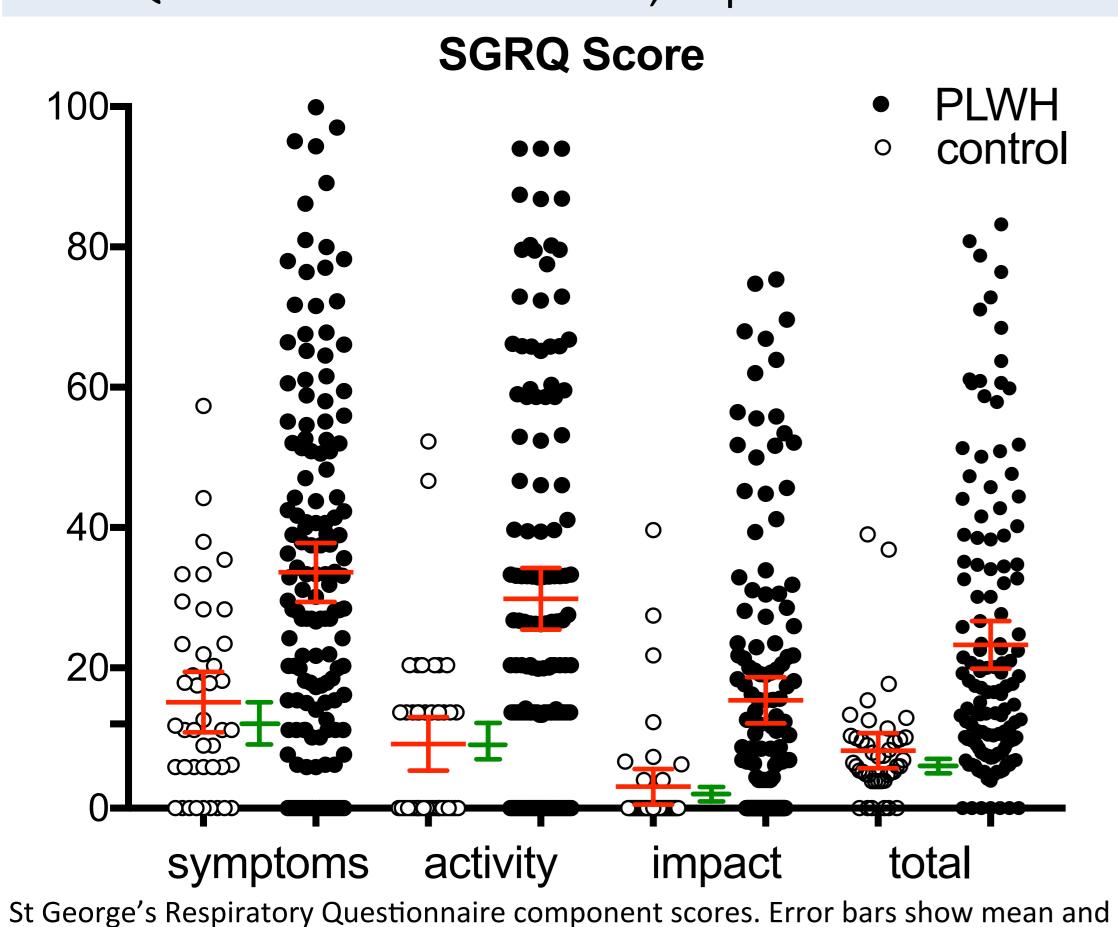
- >50% of PLWH approached were enrolled, ≤ 1 hour each
- Lack of time commonest reason for non participation

### **PLWH** Control 50 150 46 40-53 26-47 Age¶ 46 50% Female 31% White 75% 47% 44% 12% Black Asian 3% 14% Other\* 6% 22% 20% Current smoker Ex-smoker 13% 12% 68% Never Smoker 65% Passive smoker 0% 6% Solid cooking fuel in childhood 24% 45% VL undetectable 141 Nadir CD4\*§¶ 35-336 186 Current CD4<sup>9</sup>¶ 620 448-801 Past CAP/TB/CAP 49% 16% Adult asthma 15% 10% **CLD Diagnosis** 4% Inhaler use 18%

Data expressed n / % except ¶ = median / IQR \* Data missing for <10%. § cells/mm<sup>3</sup>

## **Symptoms: SGRQ**

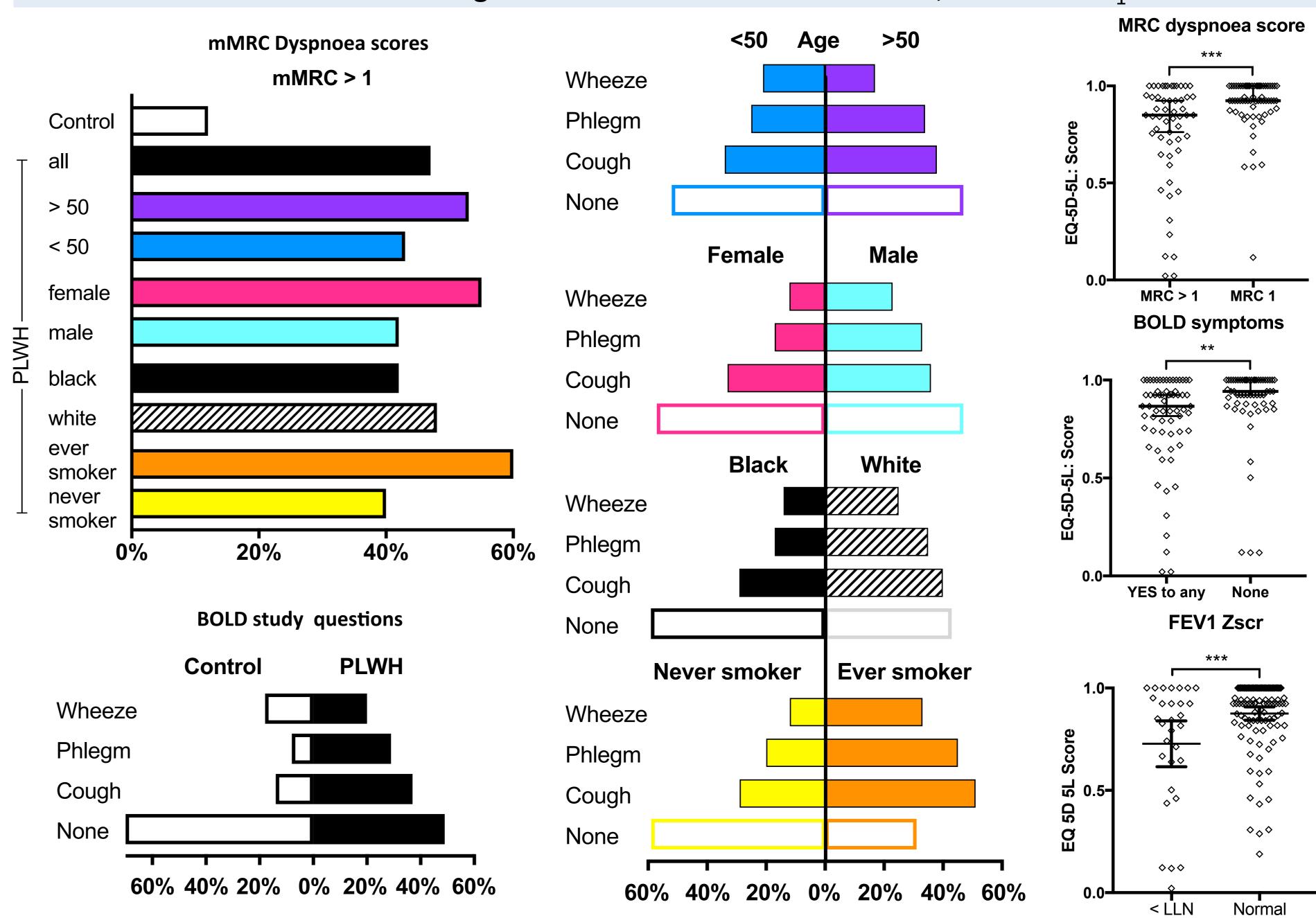
- PLWH found online survey acceptable. SGRQ needed more time and supervision than mMRC/BOLD/PMHx.
- SGRQ scores elevated in PLHW, as predicted in controls.



95% confidence interval for study groups (red) and quoted population norms (green).

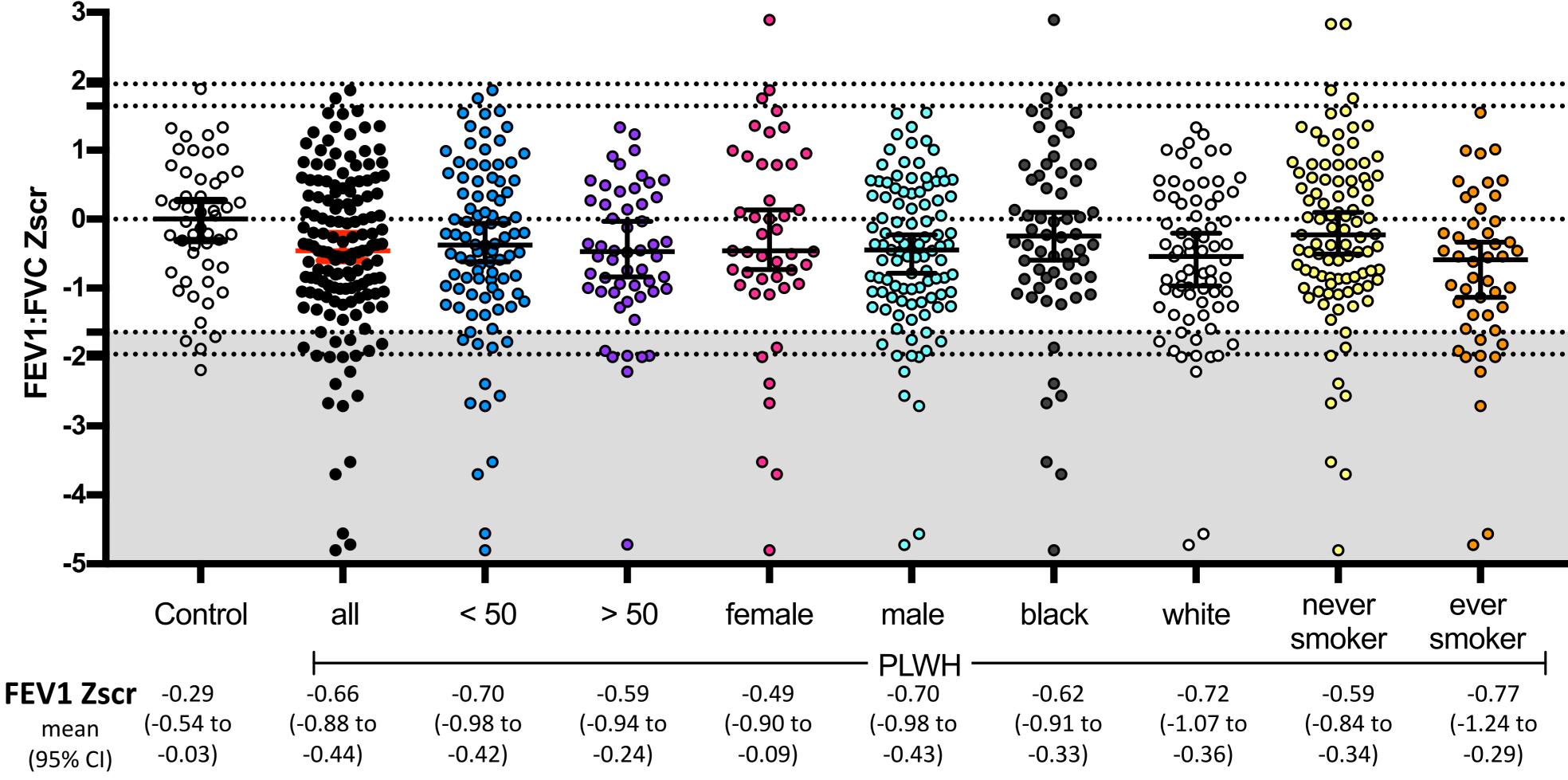
## Symptoms: mMRC, BOLD & EQ-5D-5L Health related Quality of Life

- Breathlessness (mMRC 2-5) & usual wheeze, phlegm or cough more common in all PLWH groups.
- EQ-5D-5L scores and SGRQ ratings in PLWH correlated with mMRC, BOLD & FEV₁



## Spirometry.

21 PLWH (14%) vs 2 control (4%) met GOLD criteria for COPD.



Dashed lines represent LLN at 5% (Z=±1.64) and 2.5% (Z=±1.96). Error bars show mean and 95% confidence intervals. 74% met BTS criteria

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## Conclusions

- Simple spirometry and web based symptom and smoking history can be collected in routine clinics
- Symptoms and pulmonary function tests associated with obstructive lung disease are common in this UK representative HIV service even in female, non white and never smoking subgroups.
- These symptoms have a negative impact on health related quality of life.