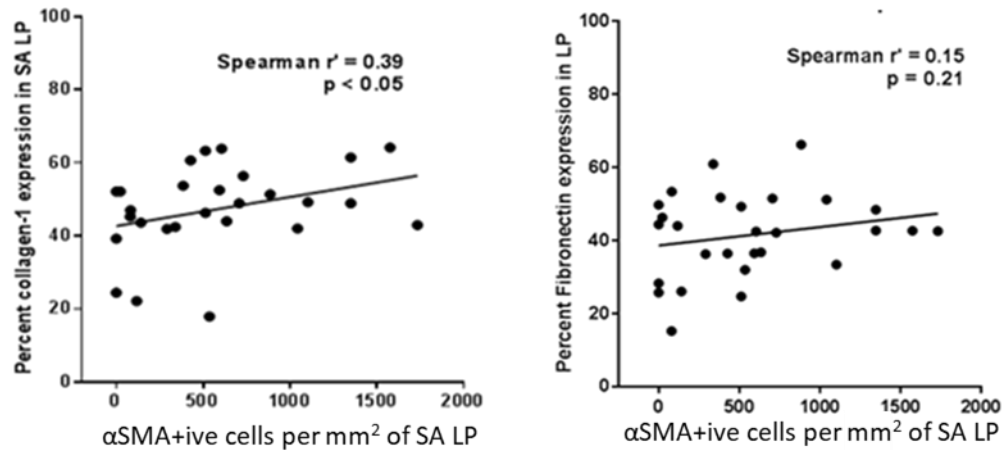


Supplement data and figure

Correlation of α SMA+ive cells to percent ECM changes

On evaluating the clinical groups, we found significant positive correlation between the number of α SMA+ive cells in LP with percent expression of collagen-1, but, not with fibronectin in the LP region (Supplementary Figure1 a, b)

Supplementary figure 1



Supplementary figure legend: Correlation analysis between airway α SMA+ive cell population in LP area and percent collagen-1 and fibronectin expression in LP (Figure 1 a, b) for all three clinical group (NLFS, COPD-CS, and COPD-ES).