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Table 2 Characteristics of the 209 coal miners in 1990*

| | Value |
|---|-----------------|
| Age (years, (m \pm SD)) | 42.6 \pm 3.5 |
| Smoking habits, n (%) | |
| Non-smokers | 49 (23.4) |
| Ex-smokers | 47 (22.5) |
| Current smokers | 113 (54.1) |
| Pack-years (m \pm SD) | 12.7 \pm 11.0 |
| Current coal dust exposure (based on job description), n (%) | |
| Retired miners (no exposure) | 8 (3.8) |
| Active low exposed miners | 103 (49.3) |
| Active high exposed miners | 98 (46.9) |
| Cumulative coal dust exposure (active and retired miners), (mg/m ³ x year, (m \pm SD)) | 52.5 \pm 40.3 |
| Geographical origin | |
| France | 141 (67.5) |
| Other European countries | 64 (30.6) |
| North Africa | 4 (1.9) |
| Computed tomography scan micronodule score, (m \pm SD) | 1.44 \pm 1.96 |
| Chest x ray grade, n (%) | |
| 0/0 | 139 (66.5) |
| 0/1 | 48 (23.0) |
| 1/0 | 22 (10.5) |
| CT scan micronodule score in 1994, (m \pm SD) | 2.04 \pm 2.67 |
| Chest x ray grade in 1994, n (%) | |
| 0/0 | 150 (71.8) |
| 0/1 | 32 (15.3) |
| 1/0 | 19 (9.1) |
| 1/1 or more (pneumoconiotic) | 8 (3.8) |
| Chest x ray grade in 1999, n (%) | |
| 0/0 | 134 (66.7) |
| 0/1 | 17 (8.5) |
| 1/0 | 22 (10.9) |
| 1/1 or more | 28 (13.9) |

*Unless otherwise stated.