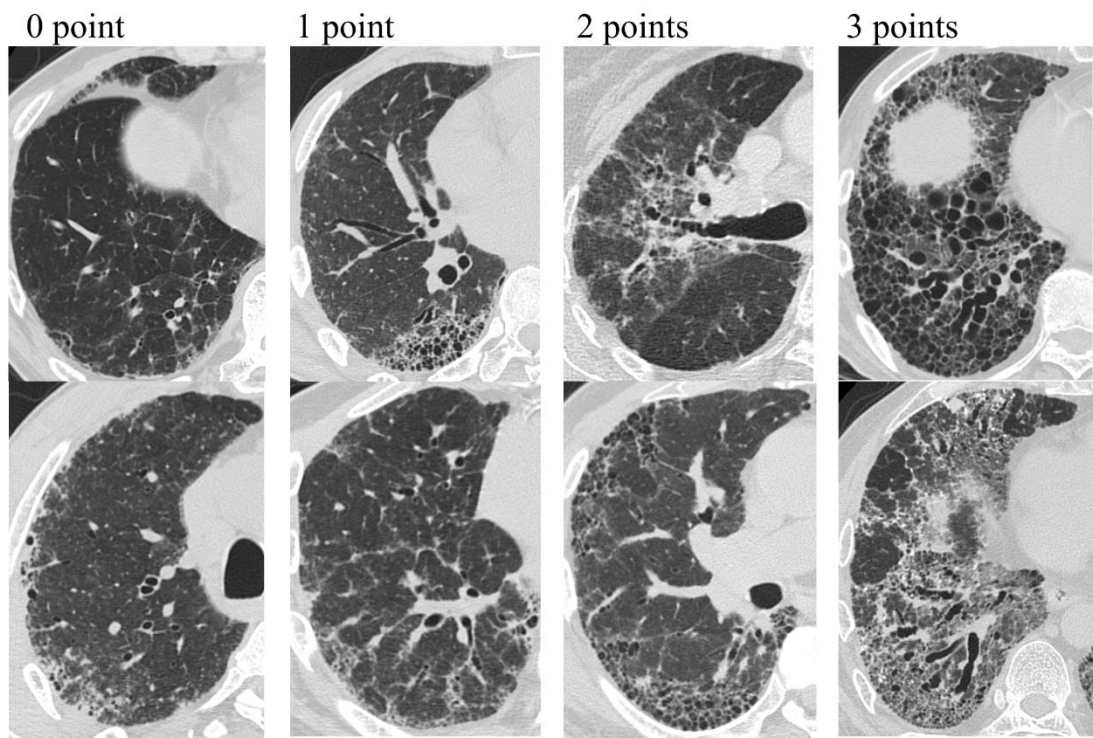


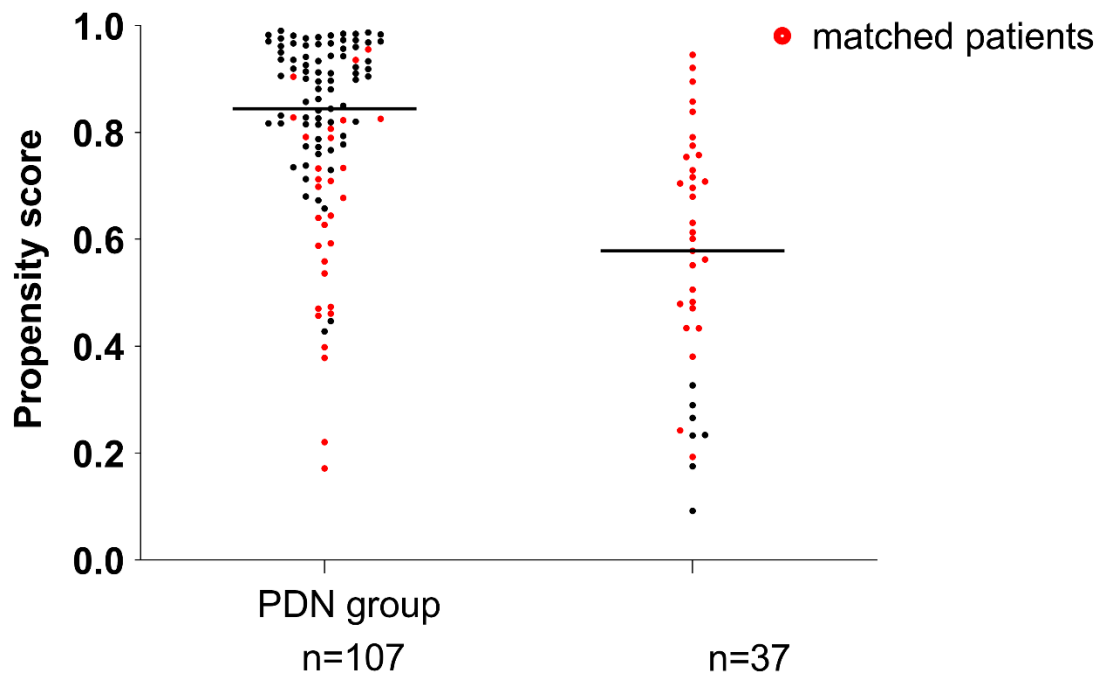
**Supplementary appendix**

**Figure S1- Semiquantitative scoring for traction bronchiectasis used in this study.**



0 point = absent, 1 point = minor (single scattered changes), 2 points = moderate (larger single changes or several minor changes), 3 points = severe (uniform or substantial changes).

**Figure S2- A dot plot of the distribution of propensity scores in the PDN group and the non-PDN group.**



The middle horizontal line represents the mean. Matched patients are highlighted in red dots.

PDN: prednisolone.

**Table S1- Summary of the semiquantitative scoring system for HRCT findings.**

Findings (Total score)	Score for each of 8 areas
Ground-glass attenuation (0-40)	0 = Absent 1 = Ground-glass attenuation involving <5% of the area (minimal, but not normal) 2 = Ground-glass attenuation involving 5-<25% of the area 3 = Ground-glass attenuation involving 25-<50% of the area 4 = Ground-glass attenuation involving 50-<75% of the area 5 = Ground-glass attenuation involving >75% of the area
Consolidation (0-40)	0 = Absent 1 = Consolidation involving <5% of the area (minimal, but not normal) 2 = Consolidation involving 5-<25% of the area 3 = Consolidation involving 25-<50% of the area 4 = Consolidation involving 50-<75% of the area 5 = Consolidation involving >75% of the area
Reticulation (0-40)	0 = Absent 1 = Reticulation involving <5% of the area (minimal, but not normal) 2 = Reticulation involving 5-<25% of the area 3 = Reticulation involving 25-<50% of the area 4 = Reticulation involving 50-<75% of the area 5 = Reticulation involving >75% of the area
Honeycombing (0-40)	0 = Absent 1 = Interlobular septal thickening; no discrete honeycombing 2 = Honeycombing (with or without septal thickening) involving <25% of the area 3 = Honeycombing (with or without septal thickening) involving 25-<50% of the area 4 = Honeycombing (with or without septal thickening) involving 50-<75% of the area 5 = Honeycombing (with or without septal thickening) involving >75% of the area
Traction bronchiectasis (0-24)	0 = Absent 1 = Mild (Single scattered changes) 2 = Moderate (Larger single changes or several minor changes) 3 = Severe (Uniform or substantial changes)