

Table 2 Clinical features of patients diagnosed with lung cancer in Qatar

Clinical features	No. of patients	%
Chief presenting symptom (n = 126)		
Cough	45	35.7
Haemoptysis	18	14.3
Chest pain	15	11.9
Symptoms due to distant metastasis	15	11.9
Breathlessness	12	9.5
Asymptomatic	10	7.9
Weight loss	5	4.0
Hoarseness	3	2.4
Malaise	2	1.6
Swelling in the chest	1	0.8
Associated clinical features (other than chief complaint)*		
Cough	87	69.6
Weight loss	56	44.4
Chest pain	47	37.3
Symptoms due to metastasis	44	37.0
Breathlessness	43	34.4
Malaise	33	26.2
Haemoptysis	32	25.4
Clubbing	16	12.1
Hypercalcaemia	15	11.1
Superior vena cava obstruction	11	7.9
Hoarseness	5	4.0
Site of tumour (n = 154)		
Upper lobe	76	49.4
Lower lobe	41	26.6
Main bronchus	28	18.2
Bilateral	5	3.2
Lingual	4	2.6
Stage at diagnosis (n = 162)		
I	12	7.4
IIA	2	1.2
IIB	9	5.6
IIIA	11	6.8
IIIB	24	14.8
IV	104	64.2
Method of confirming diagnosis (n = 125)		
Bronchoscopy	51	40.8
Computed tomography-guided FNA	46	36.8
Pleural biopsy	10	8.0
Surgery	8	6.4
Brain biopsy	3	2.4
Lymph node FNA	2	1.6
Thoracocentesis	2	1.6
Ultrasound-guided FNA	1	0.8
Sputum cytology	1	0.8
Mediastinoscopy	1	0.8

*Patients could have more than 1 symptom; denominators were different according to the symptom.
FNA = fine-needle aspiration.