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# Air pollution and poverty: a deadly combination in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis?

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**Socioeconomic level influences co-exposure throughout life, and by the time IPF appears, social conditions and environmental exposures have already been at work for many years**

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To the Editor:

Disparities in respiratory health can be partly explained by environmental exposure (in particular to air pollution) and socioeconomic inequalities [1]. Although idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) is a rare disease, there has been growing interest over the last years in the role of air pollution in its incidence and natural history.