Inclusion & Exclusion Criteria for Chronic Pancreatitis Cases

To be included as chronic pancreatitis cases for this study, subject must have had a definitive diagnosis of chronic pancreatitis, satisfying criteria (i) or (ii) listed below:

 Definitive imaging findings characteristic of chronic pancreatitis on CT/MRCP or ERCP as follows:

Characteristic CT/MRI findings in chronic pancreatitis

	Mild (II)	Moderate (III)	Marked (IV)
CT/MRI scan	≥2 of the following: enlarged main duct (2–4 mm), gland enlargement, heterogenous parenchyma, small cavities (<10 mm), irregular ducts, focal AP, increased echogenicity of main duct wall, irregular head/body contour	Cannot distinguish from mild	Moderate changes plus ≥1 of the following: large cavities (>10 mm), gland enlargement, intraductal filling defects/calculi duct obstruction, stricture or gross irregularity

Adapted from the practice guidelines of the American Pancreatic Association

Characteristic ERCP findings in chronic pancreatitis

- a) Stones in pancreatic ducts
- b) Multiple or numerous calcifications distributed in the entire pancreas
- c) Irregular dilatation of the MPD and irregular dilatation of pancreatic duct branches of variable intensity with scattered distribution throughout the entire pancreas on the ERCP
- d) Irregular dilatation of the MPD and branches proximal to complete or incomplete obstruction of the MPD (with pancreatic stones or protein plugs) on the ERCP

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Definitive histological findings characteristic of chronic pancreatitis Definitive Histological Findings

<u>L</u>oss of exocrine parenchyma with irregular fibrosis. The fibrosis is distributed chiefly in the interlobular spaces showing nodular pattern of lobules called "cirrhosis"

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