



**Table 3:** Nelson management protocol for non-calcified pulmonary nodules in the different screening rounds.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
NODCAT 1	Negative test Annual CT	Negative test CT in year 4	Negative test CT in year 6	Negative test End of screening
NODCAT 2	Negative test Annual CT	Indeterminate test CT after 1 year	Indeterminate test CT after 1 year	Indeterminate test End of screening
NODCAT 3	Indeterminate test 3 months follow-up CT	Indeterminate test CT after 6–8 weeks	Indeterminate test CT after 6–8 weeks	Indeterminate test CT after 6–8 weeks
NODCAT 4	Positive test Refer to pulmonologist for work-up and diagnosis	Positive test Refer to pulmonologist for work-up and diagnosis	Positive test Refer to pulmonologist for work-up and diagnosis	Positive test Refer to pulmonologist for work-up and diagnosis
GROWCAT A	Negative test CT in year 2	Negative test CT in year 4	Negative test CT in year 6	Negative test End of screening
GROWCAT B	Negative test CT in year 2	Indeterminate test CT after 1 year	Indeterminate test CT after 1 year	Indeterminate test CT after 1 year
GROWCAT C	Positive test Refer to pulmonologist for work-up and diagnosis	Positive test Refer to pulmonologist for work-up and diagnosis	Positive test Refer to pulmonologist for work-up and diagnosis	Positive test Refer to pulmonologist for work-up and diagnosis

Zhao Y et al. *Cancer Imaging* 2011 Oct 3, 11.

these CT examinations can be performed anywhere. Reading of these CT examinations should be done following the same procedure and using the same software. Unfortunately for the moment there is no consensus about this. There are also many other open questions: who will lead this project? who will be screened? who will read these examinations? first

reader? second reader? consensus reading? who is responsible for the follow-up of the patients? And maybe the most important question: who will pay for it?

#### Competing Interests

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