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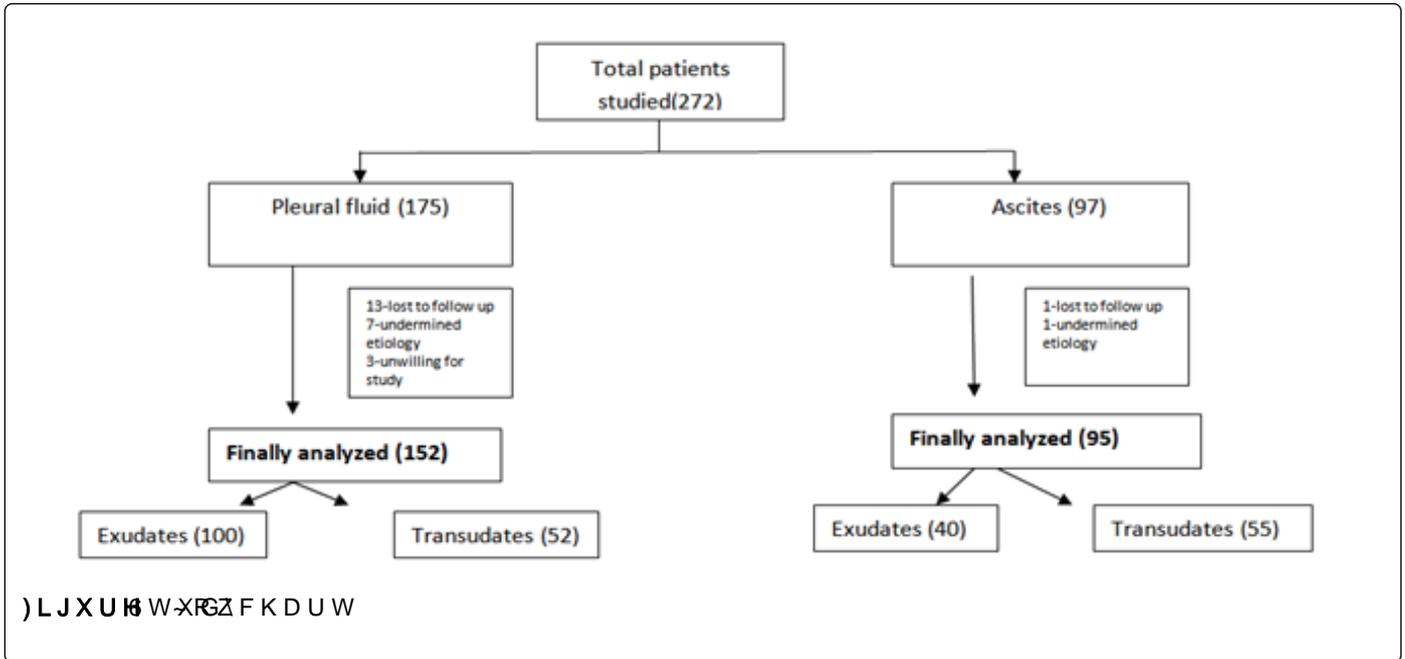
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7DEOH 2: CRITERIA FOR PLEURAL/PERICARDIAL EFFUSIONS

Parameter	Cut off for inflammatory	Cut off for Non inflammatory	References
Fluid protein	>3 g/dl	<3 g/dl	[1-4]
Fluid protein/serum protein ratio	>0.5	<0.5	[4-6]
Fluid protein-serum protein gradient	<3.1 g/dl	>3.1 g/dl	[4,7]
Fluid albumin-serum albumin grad	<1.2 g/dl	>1.2 g/dl	[4,6]
Absolute Fluid LDH	>200 U/L	<200 U/L	[6,8-10]
Fluid LDH/Serum LDH ratio	>0.6	<0.6	[4]
Fluid glucose	<60 mg/dl	>60 mg/dl	[11,12]
Fluid cholesterol	>45 mg/dl	<45 mg/dl	[4,8,12]
Cytology	Total leucocyte count >425 cells/ cumm	Total leucocyte count <425 cells/ cumm	[13]

Table 2: Criteria for pleural/pericardial effusions.









