DEFINITIONS

1) Lung Ultrasound findings Definitions:

- **A-PATTERN**: ultrasound pattern with a prevalence of A-lines. The pattern may have pleural sliding or not. In our article, it is always implied that the pleural sliding is preserved (unless otherwise specified).

- **B-LINES**: at least 3 of that hyperechoic comet-tail artifacts arising from the pleural line in a single window, or less than 3 but confluent or occupying more than 50% of the space of the single window.

- **CONSOLIDATION**: consolidation of the pulmonary parenchyma usually larger than the centimeter, with a "hepatization" aspect or presence of air-bronchograms.

- **SMALL SUBPLEURAL CONSOLIDATIONS**: small anechoic and avascular lesions usually of less than a one-centimeter diameter, located superficially and in contact with the pleural line, which will thus be interrupted.

- **PLEURAL LINE IRREGULARITIES**: rounded and uneven pleural line, usually thickened and with reduced pleural sliding.

- **PLEURAL EFFUSION**: presence of fluid in the pleural cavity.
Ultrasound Equipment:

- Esaote MyLabTM Alpha (Esaote S.p.A., Via Orazio Antinori, 16153 Genova, Italy) and Esaote MyLabTM 25Gold (Esaote S.p.A., Via Orazio Antinori, 16153 Genova, Italy) for Trieste;
- Esaote MyLabTM 25Gold (Esaote S.p.A., Via Orazio Antinori, 16153 Genova, Italy) and Butterfly IQ Pocket-Size ultrasound (Butterfly Network, Inc. 530 Old Whitfield Street, Guilford, CT 06437 USA) for Latisana;
- GE Healthcare Vivid IQ (General Electric Company, 5 Necco Street, Boston, MA 02210) in Verona.

Both linear and convex probes were used depending on the operator's preference.