



Emerging Clinical Associations With Aspergillosis

COPD and Aspergillosis

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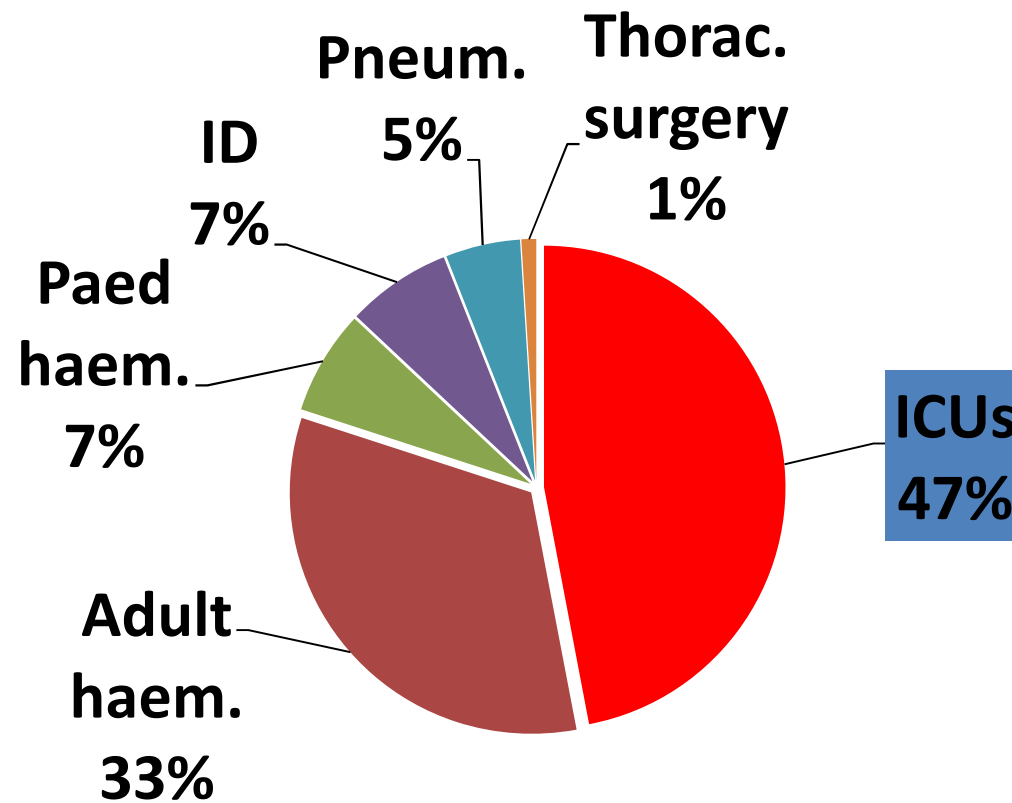
Gilead, MSD

ISSUES TO HIGHLIGHT

- 1. The changing epidemiology of IA and its incidence in patients with COPD**
- 2. Air–Patient relationship**
- 3. Diagnosis of IA in non-neutropenic patients**
- 4. Treatment and antifungal resistance**

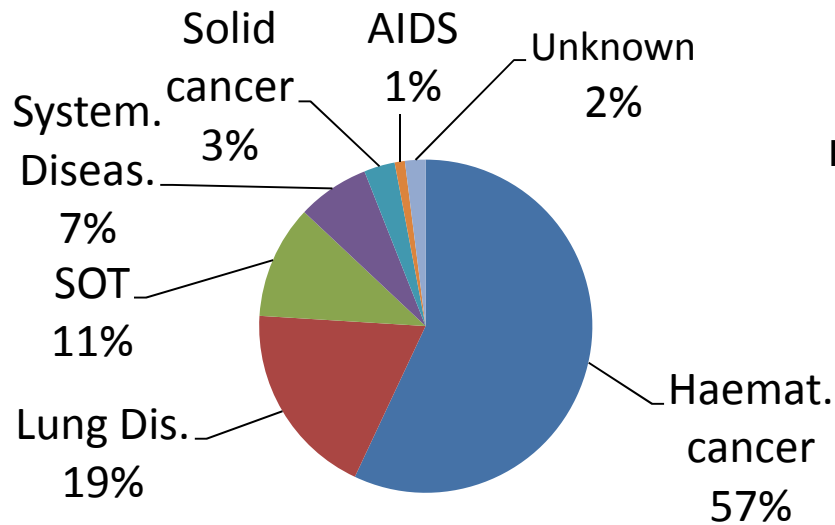
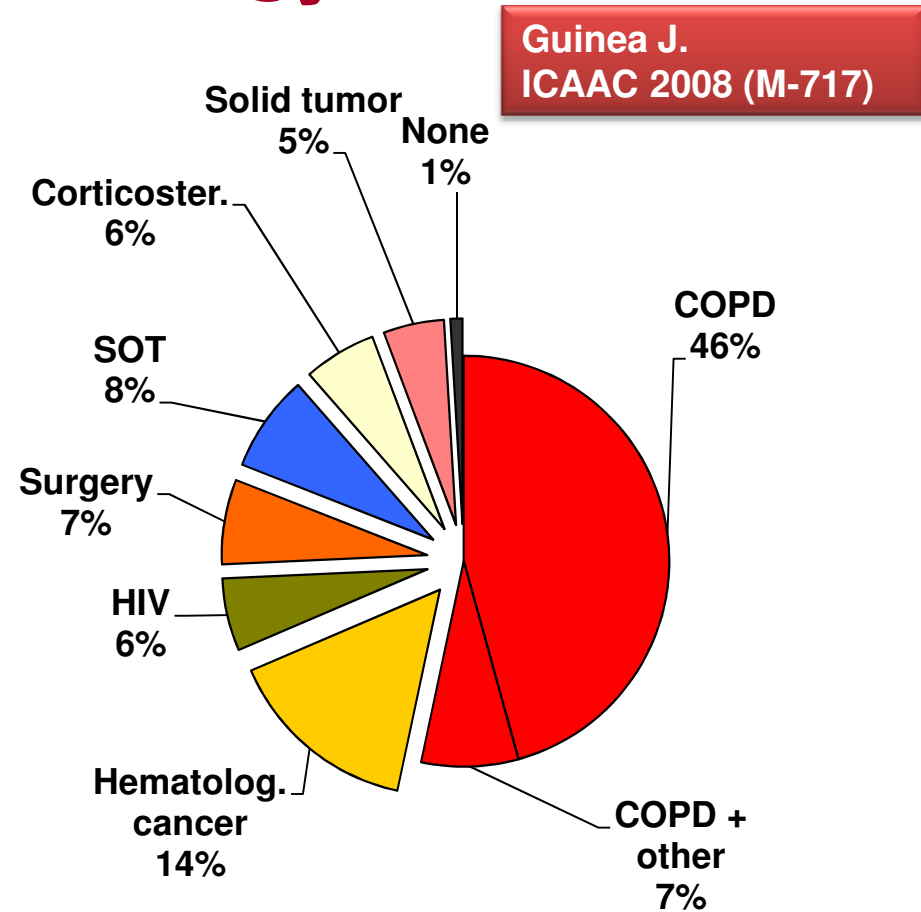
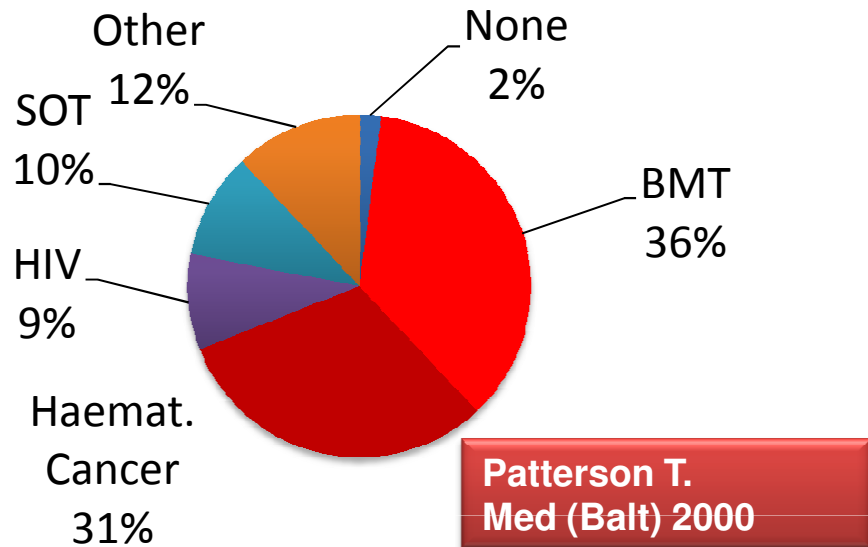
Changing epidemiology of invasive aspergillosis

Aspergillosis: epidemiology



Cornillet. CID 2006

Aspergillosis: epidemiology



Aspergillosis and COPD

- Alterations in lung architecture
- Use of corticosteroids
- Frequent hospital admissions (antibiotics)
- Malnutrition
- Other comorbidity (diabetes, alcoholism)

Aspergillosis and COPD

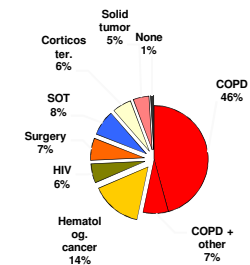
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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Pulmonary aspergillosis in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: incidence, risk factors, and outcome

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Retrospective

2000–2007

Patients with COPD and *Aspergillus* in LRT

53 probable IPA cases (GOLD III and IV)

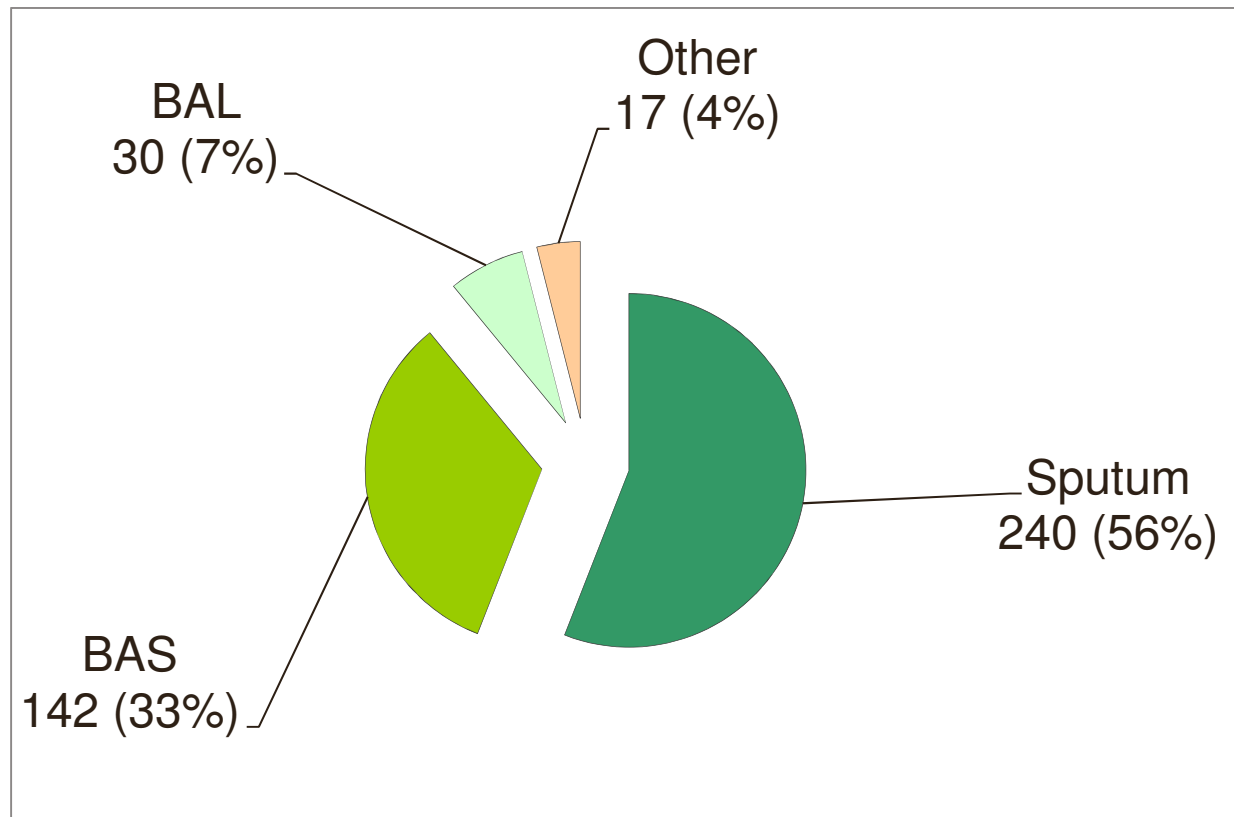
Classification of patients using Bulpa criteria

Guinea J. CMI 2010

Bulpa P. Eur Respir J 2007

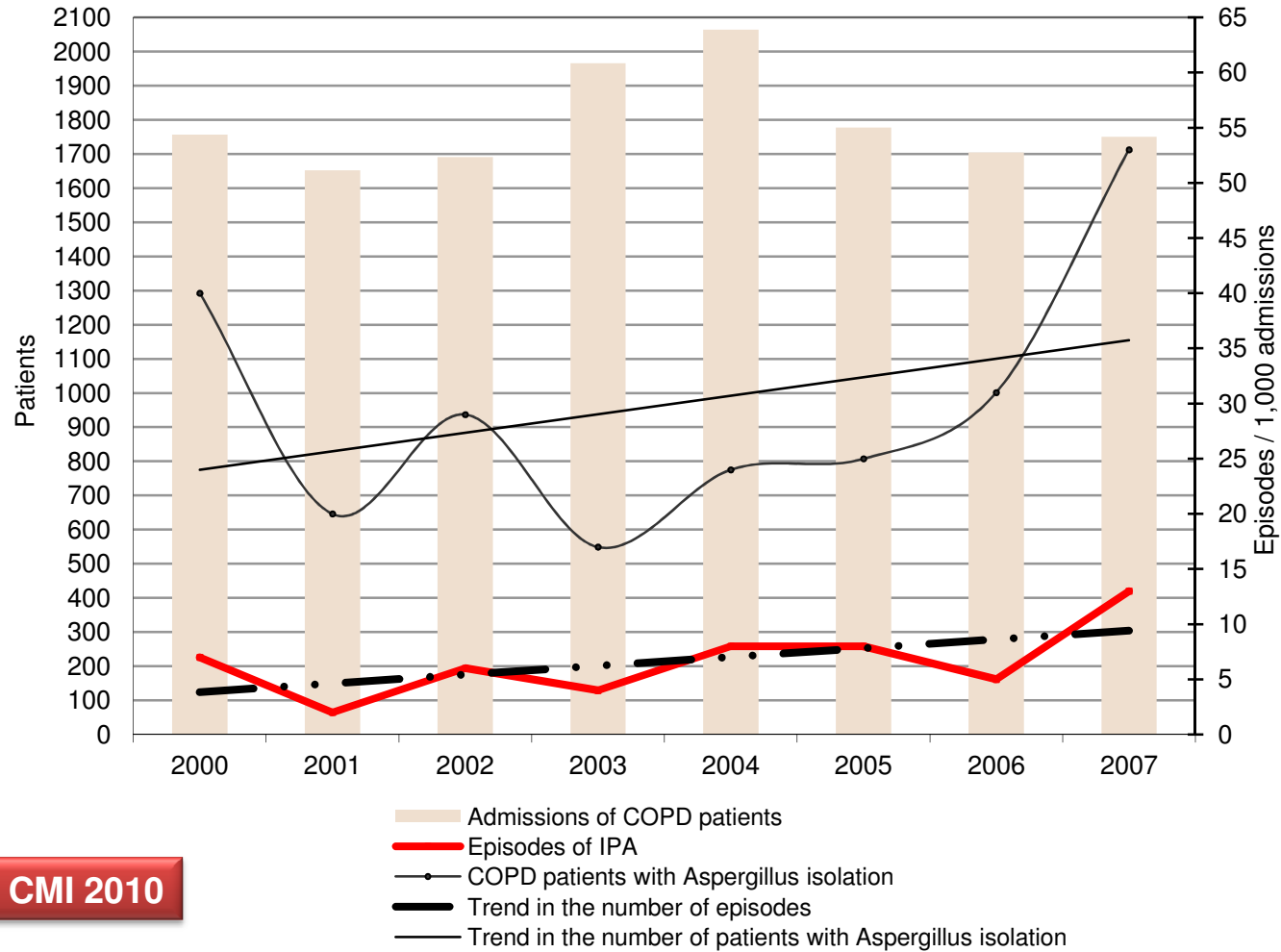
Aspergillosis and COPD

429 LRT samples



Aspergillosis and COPD: incidence

1,827 COPD admissions/year



Guinea J. CMI 2010

Aspergillosis and COPD: incidence

239 patients *Aspergillus* isolation

53 (22%) invasive aspergillosis

50% all cases of invasive aspergillosis

Aspergillosis and COPD: incidence

Study period	Number of patients			Predisposing conditions	Reference
	Postmortems performed	Cases of IA	Identified in postmortem		
1992	No data	6	5	COPD and asthma	Rodrigues Am J Med 1992
1980-1998	1043	107	75	Haematological	Hori J Hosp Infect 02
1999	222	6	6	ICU (COPD, others)	Dimopoulos J Chemother 03
2003-2006	38	10	3	Haematological	Sinko Transp Infect Dis 07
2004-2005	289	7	7	ICU (no data)	Maris Virchows Arch 06
1984-2002	1630	83	73	AIDS	Antinori Am J Clin Path 09
2004-2005	67	42	16	COPD, other non-haematol	Garbino CMI 11
1989-2008	No data	81	7	Lung disease, haematol, other	Graf BMC Infect Dis 11
1982-2007	866	No data	8	COPD and other	Tejerina Crit Care Med 11

Aspergillosis and COPD: incidence

Incidence (cases/1,000 COPD hospital admissions)	
3.1	Muquim A. Can Respir J 2005
3.6	Guinea J. CMI 2010

Aspergillosis and COPD: risk factors

Aspergillus in LRT samples of patients with COPD



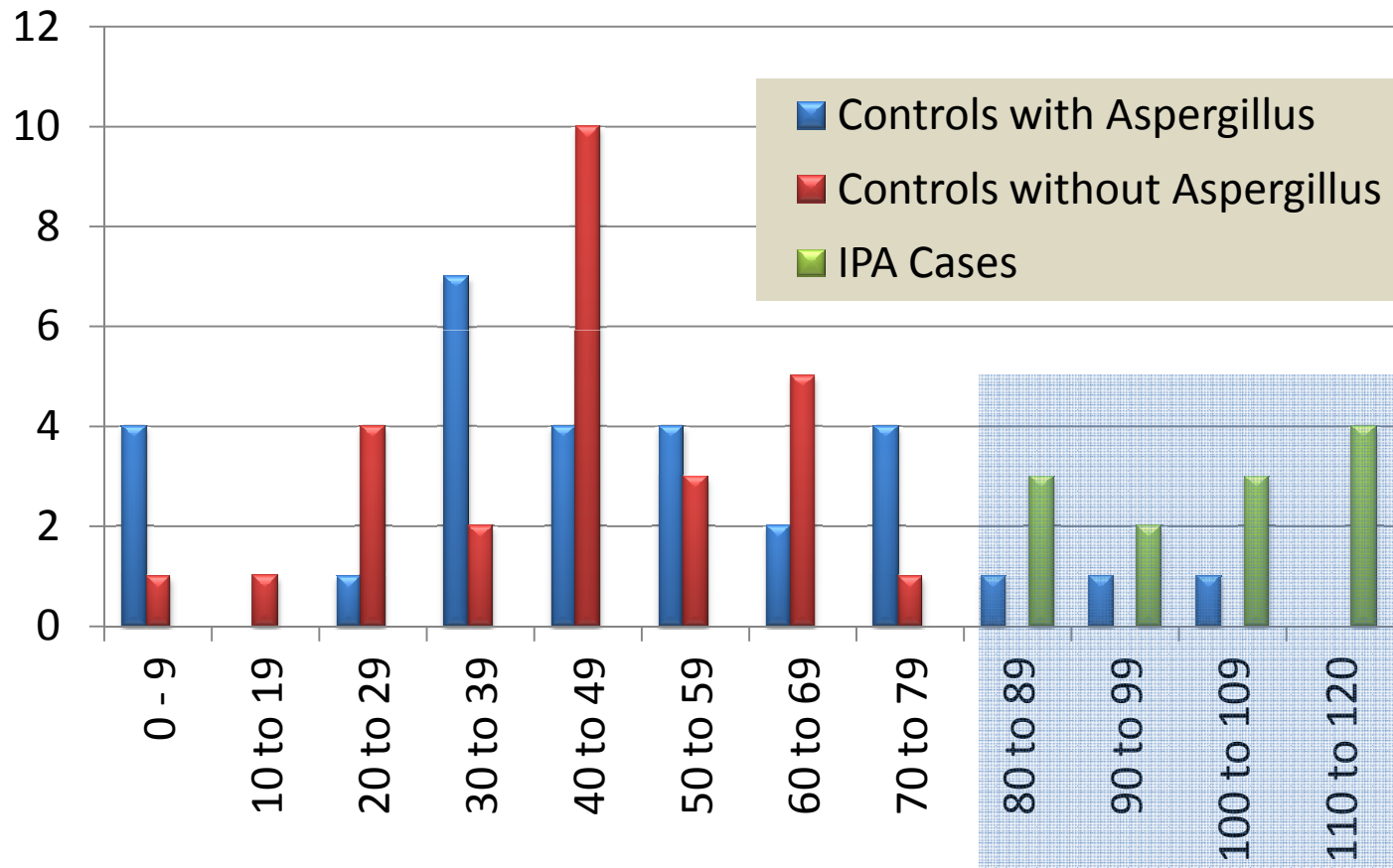
Aspergillosis and COPD: risk factors

Which variables can predict IPA?

	OR
ICU admission	2.4
Heart insufficiency	2.1
>700 mg prednisone	
3 months prior to admission	3
during the admission	4.6
Antibiotics in the 3 months prior to admission	2.6

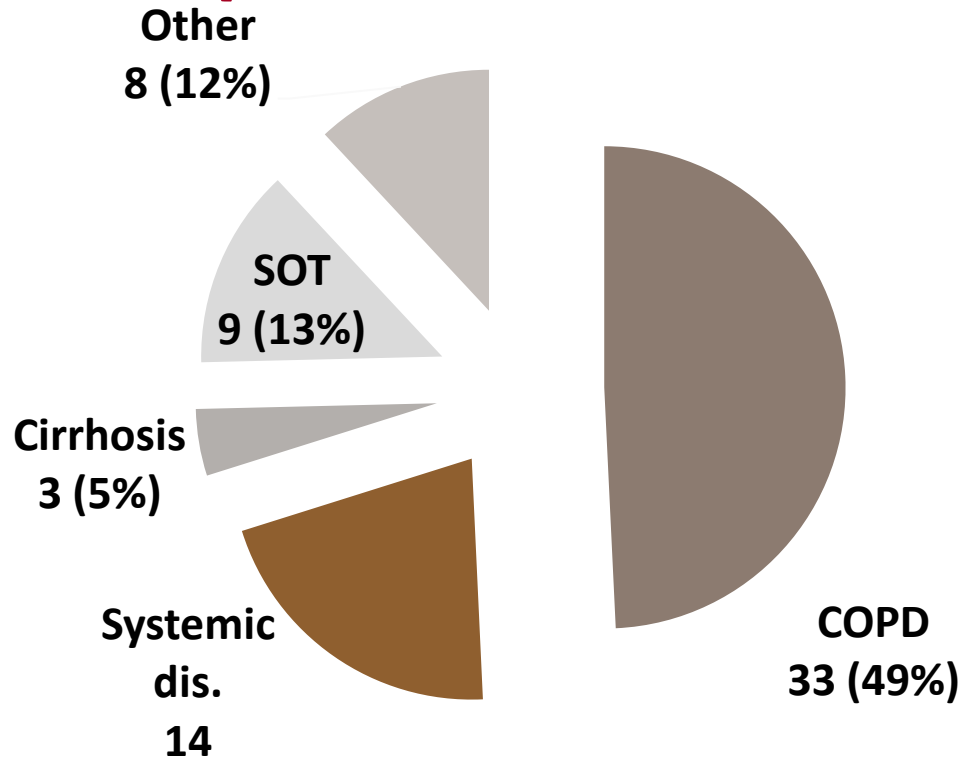
Aspergillosis and COPD: risk factors

Which doses of corticosteroids?



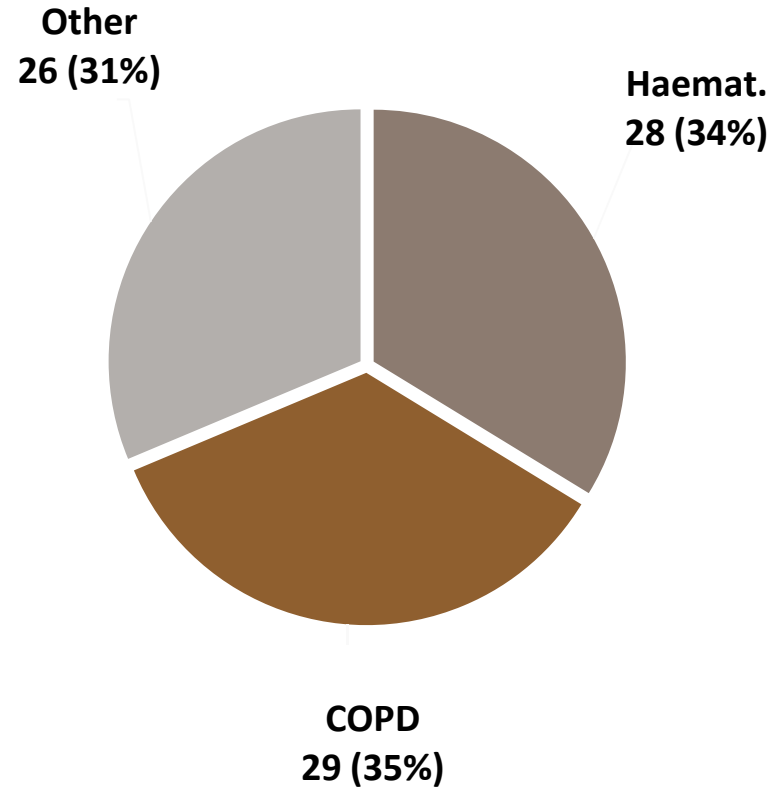
Muquim A. Can Respir J 2005

Aspergillosis and COPD: risk factors



94% received corticosteroids

Meersseman W. AJRCCM 2004



Vandewoude K. Crit Care 2006

Aspergillosis and COPD: outcome

Patients with COPD	Corticosteroids	Mortality	Comments
24	21	100%	ICU
16	16	100%	ICU
13	13	100%	Doses ↑ hospital admission
53	49	72.7%	Not all in ICU (55%)
56	49	95%	Not all in ICU

Rello J. CID 1998

Bulpa P. Intensive Care Med 2001

Ader F. CMI 2005

Guinea J. CMI 2010

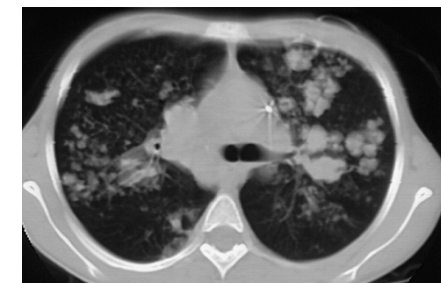
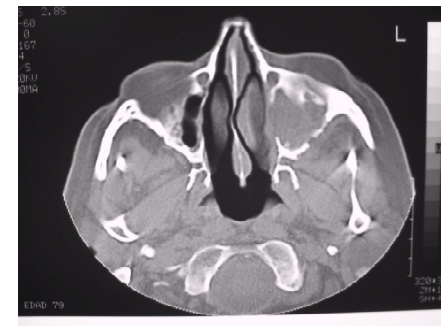
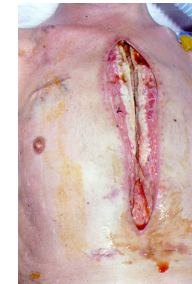
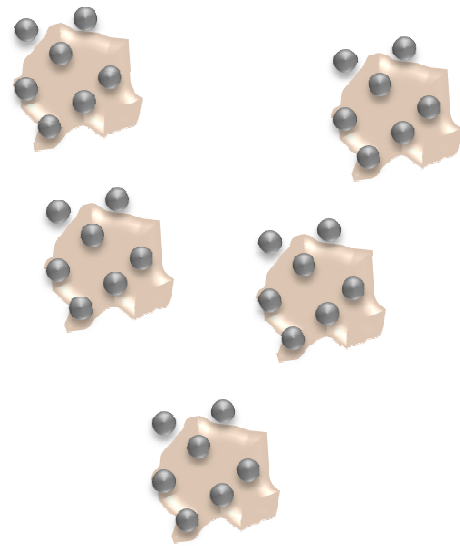
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Air–Patient Relationship

BIOAEROSOLS

PATIENTS

**OUTDOOR/
HOSPITAL AIR**



Air–Patient Relationship

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Molecular Epidemiology of *Aspergillus fumigatus*: an In-Depth Genotypic Analysis of Isolates Involved in an Outbreak of Invasive Aspergillosis[▽]

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MAJOR ARTICLE

Outbreak of Invasive Aspergillosis After Major Heart Surgery Caused by Spores in the Air of the Intensive Care Unit

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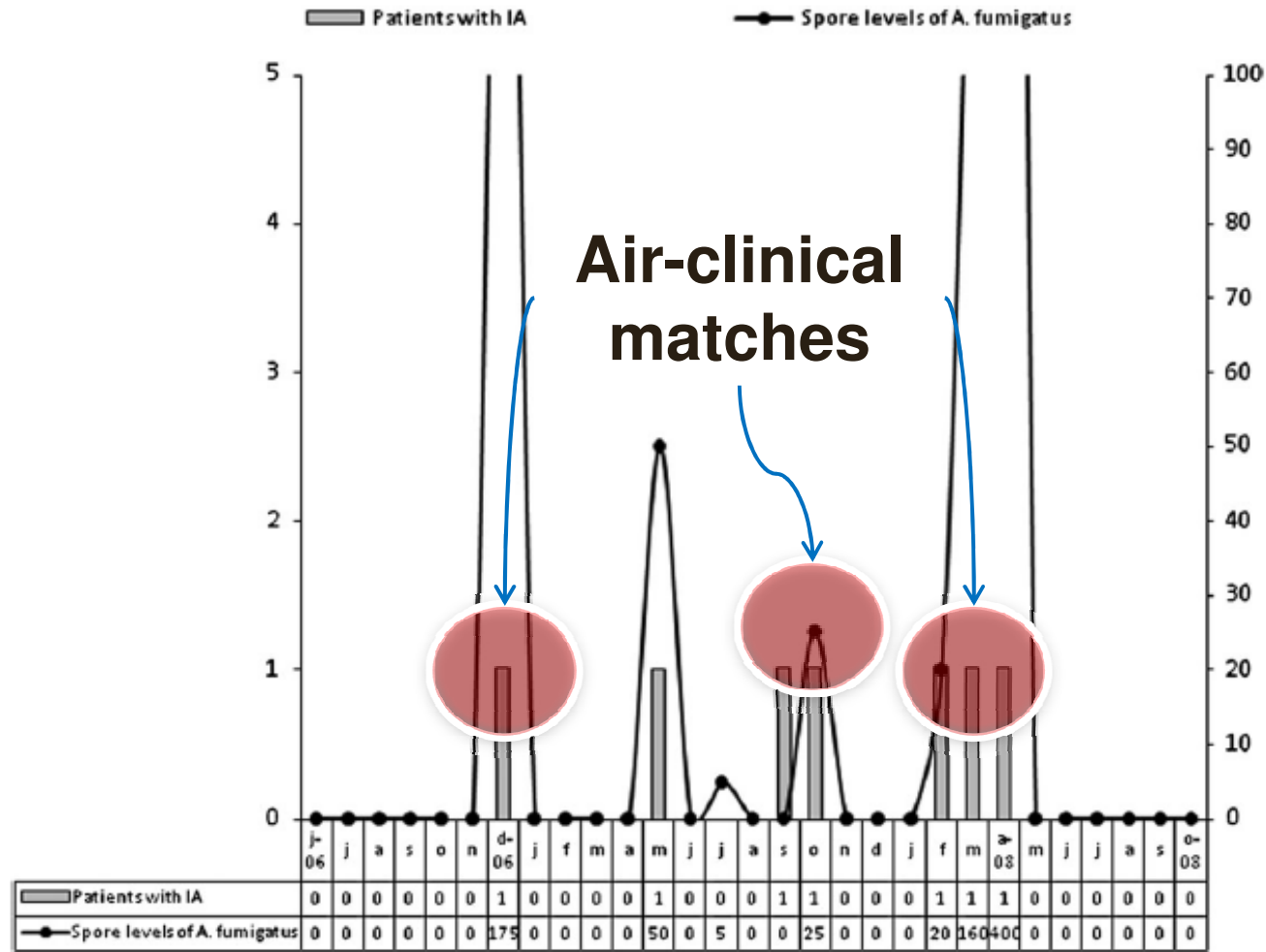
Air–Patient Relationship

- 10 patients with proven IA (n=2), probable IA (n=4), and colonized (n=4) by *A. fumigatus*
- Not severely immunocompromised (two with COPD)
- Environmental control in the air of the unit
- Clinical (n=108) and environmental (n=59) isolates
- Molecular genotyping (STRAf)

Air–Patient Relationship

	Date	Diagnosis
1	December 06	Mediastinitis
2	May 07	IPA
3	September 07	IPA
4	October 07	IPA
5	February 08	IPA
6	March 08	IPA
7	April 08	Mediastinitis and IPA

Air-Patient Relationship



Pelaez T. CID 2012

Guinea J. J Clin Microbiol 2011

**Basis of microbiological
diagnosis of invasive
aspergillosis in non-
neutropenic patients**

Diagnosis of Invasive Aspergillosis

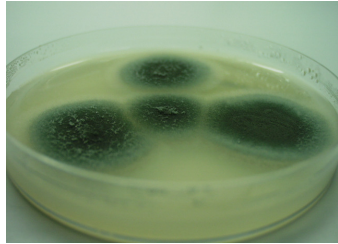
Limitations of the diagnosis

1. Low index of suspicion (delay)
2. Diagnostic tools with limitations

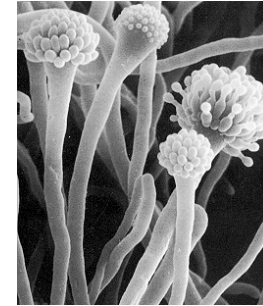
Diagnosis based on the combination of

- Compatible clinical signs
- Histopathology findings
- Radiological findings
- Microbiological findings

Diagnosis of IA: culture



Slow



Moderate sensitivity:

- 50-60% in patients with invasive aspergillosis
- Late stages of the infection

Levi SJ. Sem Respir Infect 1992

Tarrand. Am J Clin Pathol 2003

Rickerts V. CID 2007

Moderate PPV:

- 55.5% in ICU
- 22% in COPD
- 12% in non-selected patients

Perfect J. CID 2001

Garnacho J. Crit Care 2005

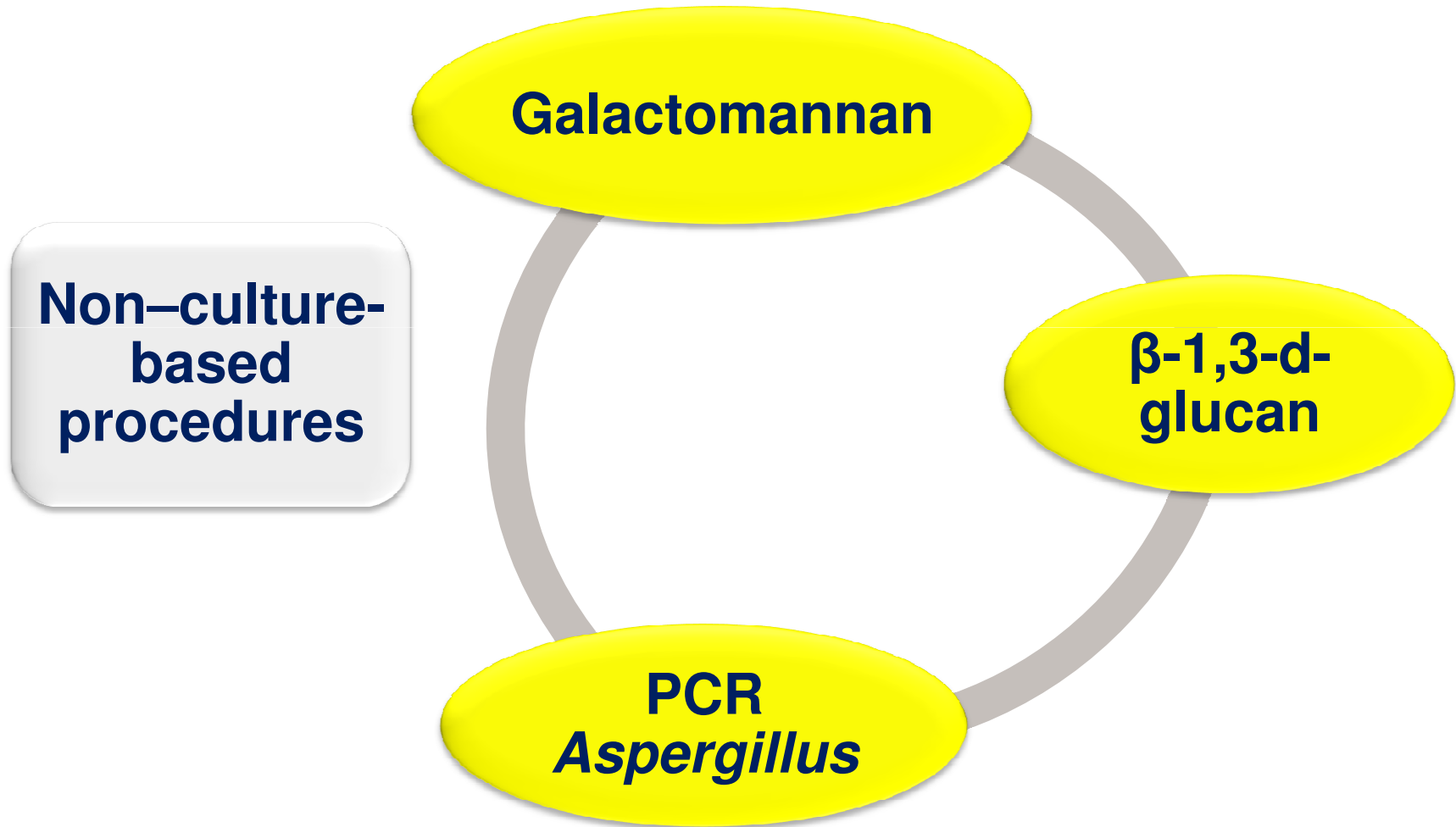
Bouza. J Clin Microbiol 2005

Guinea J. CMI 2010

Diagnosis of IA: culture

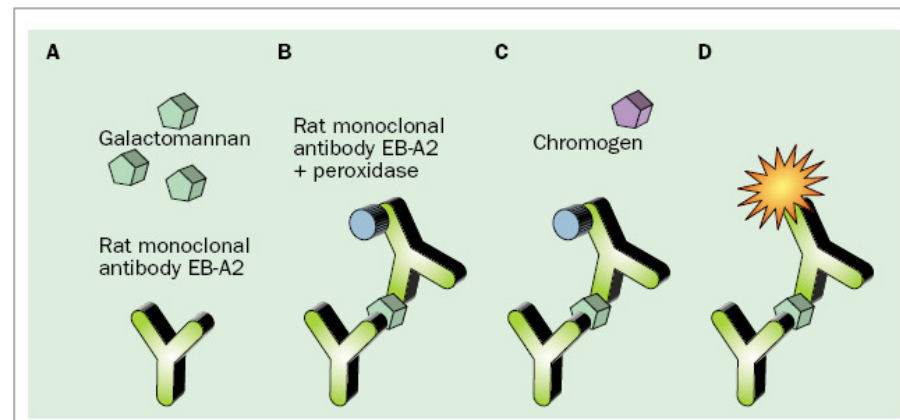
- Patient with severe COPD receiving steroids
- Patient with pneumonia not responding to antibiotics
- New pulmonary infiltrates
- Positive culture
- Efforts to diagnose and start antifungal treatment

Diagnosis of IA: other procedures



Diagnosis of IA: galactomannan

- Polysaccharide component of the fungal wall
- Initiation of fungal growth
- Platelia *Aspergillus*® (Bio-Rad)



- Basically assayed on serum samples

Diagnosis of IA: galactomannan

- Meta-analysis of 27 studies (↑ heterogeneity)
- Differences in cut-off chosen to define positivity

	Sensitivity	Specificity
Proven	0.71	0.89
Proven and probable	0.61	0.93
SOT	41	85



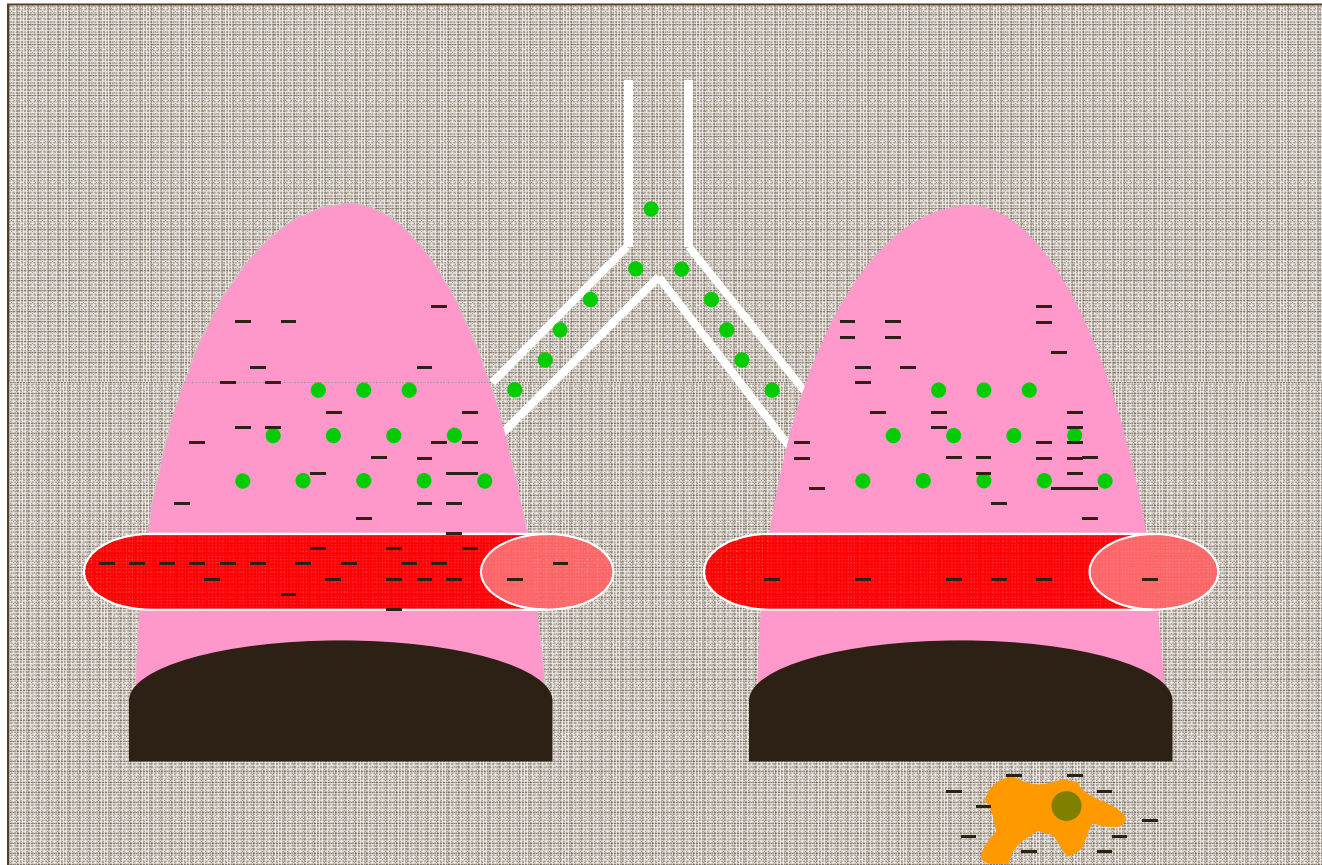
Sensitivity varies with the underlying disease

Diagnosis of IA: galactomannan

Serum determination

	Sensitivity	Specificity	
≥ 0.5	60%	92.3%	Guinea J. Med Mycol 2008
≥ 1	40%	100%	Guinea J. CMI 2010
≥ 1	53%		Meersseman W. AJRCCM 2004
≥ 0.5	58%	88%	He H. Med Mycol 2010
≥ 0.5	46%	83.3%	He H. Crit Care 2011

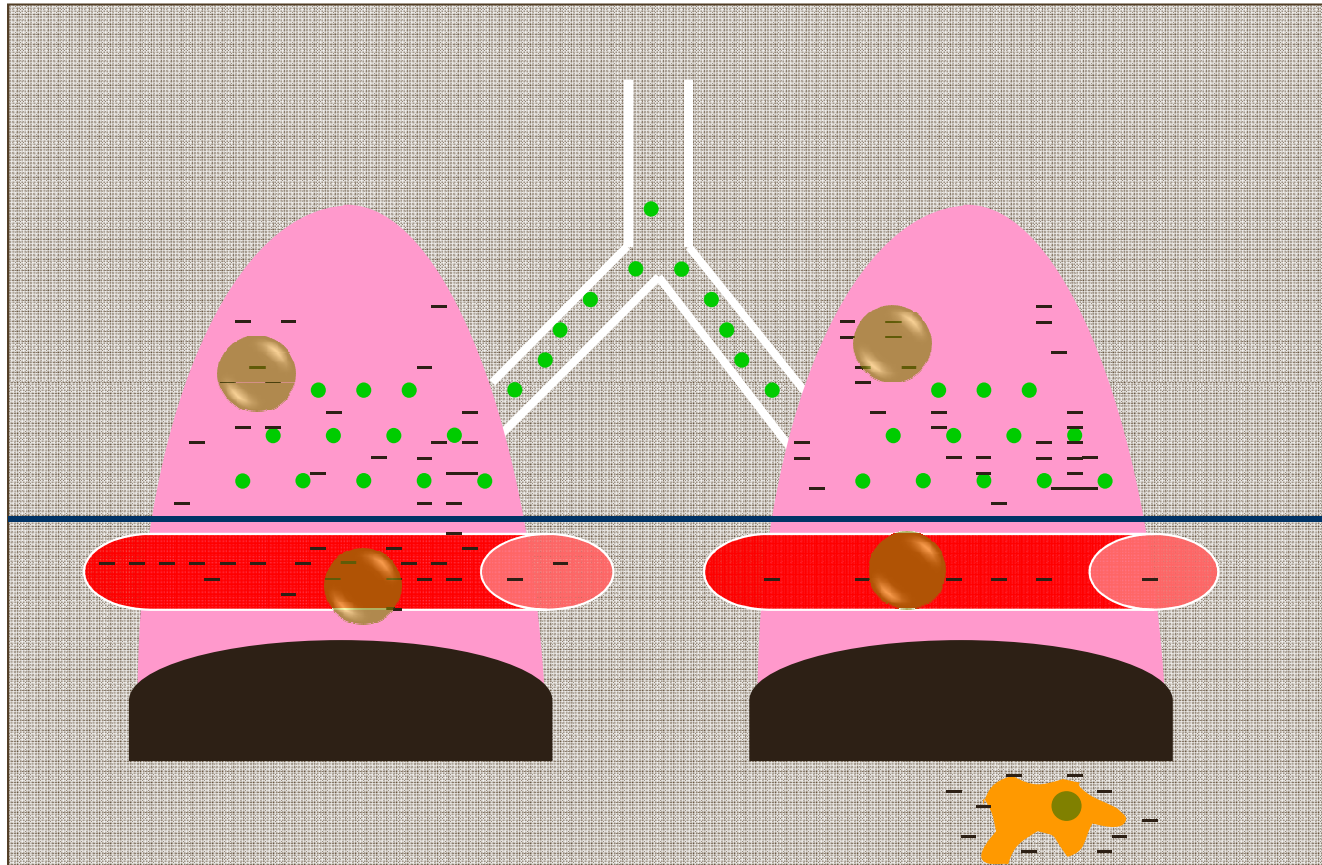
Diagnosis of IA: galactomannan



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NON-NEUTROPENIC

Diagnosis of IA: galactomannan

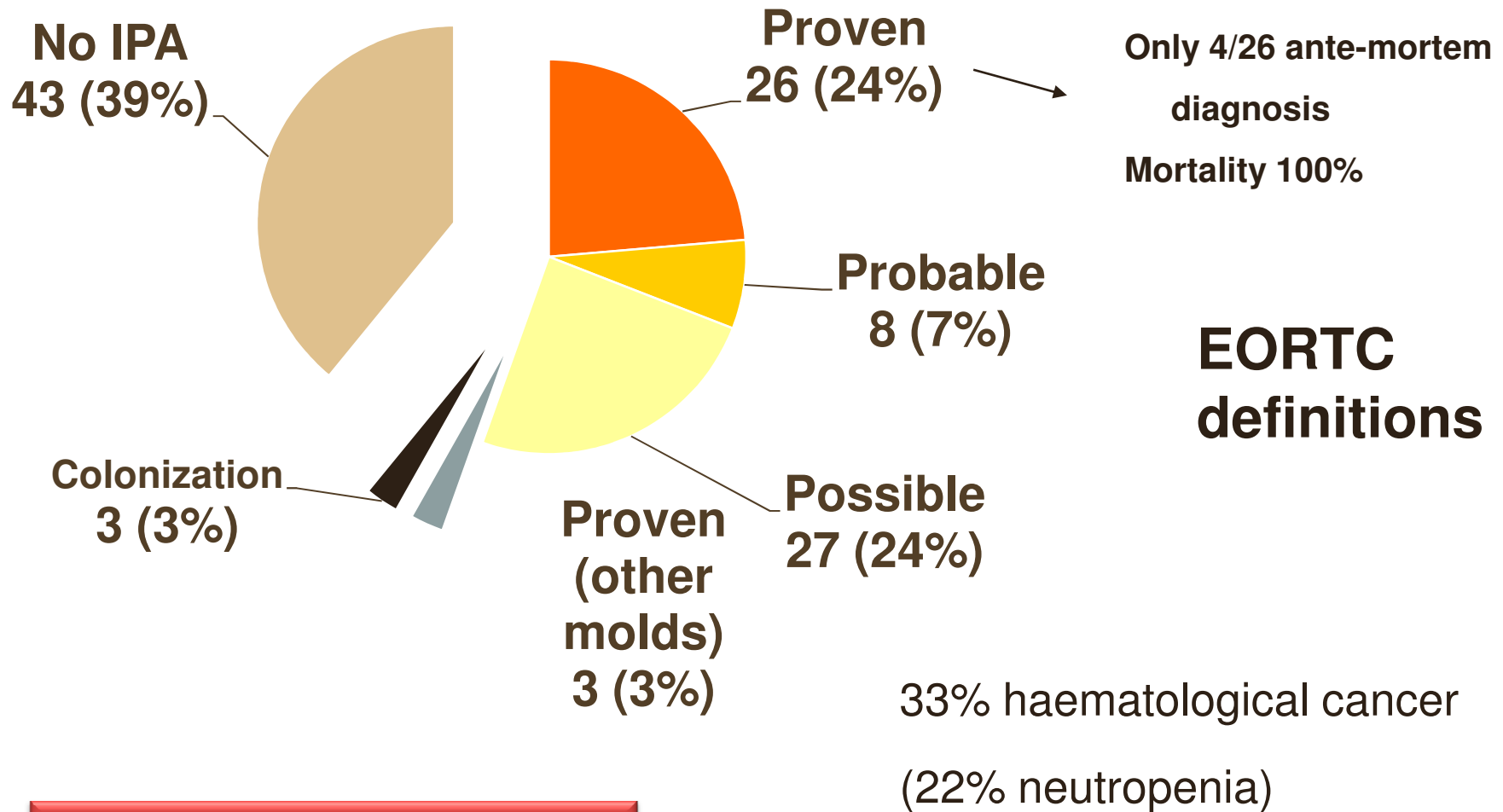


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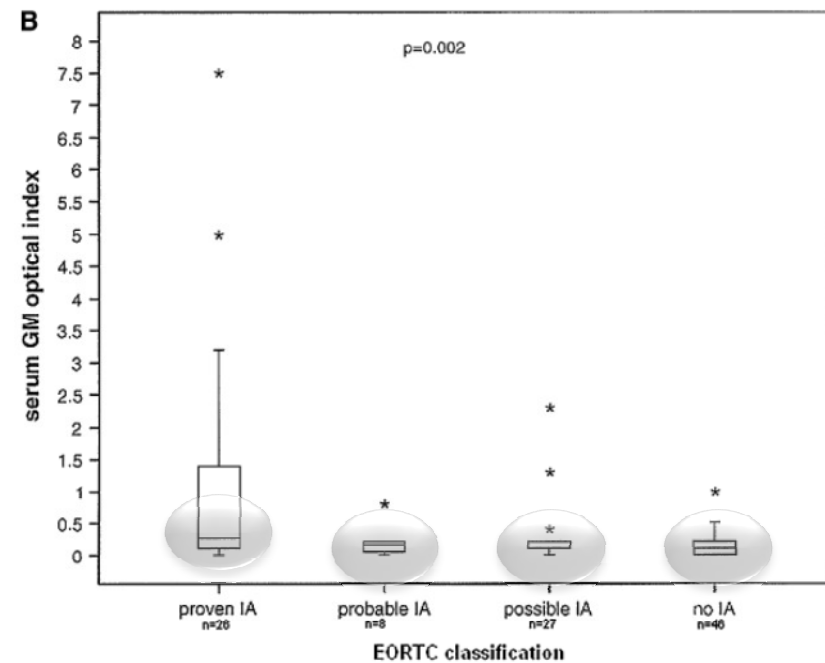
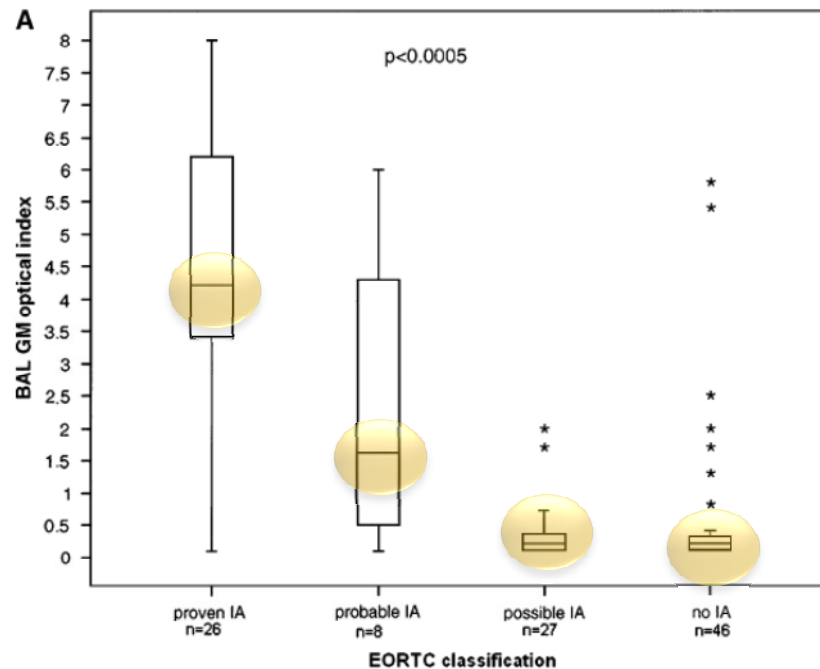
Diagnosis of IA: galactomannan

1109 patients admitted → 110 patients included



Diagnosis of IA: galactomannan

- Mean: BAL day +6 admission to the ICU
- 156 BAL samples (GM + >0.5)



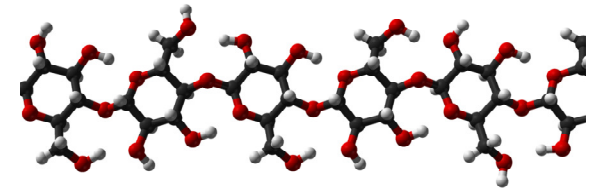
Diagnosis of IA: galactomannan

	S (proven)	Sp
Culture	58%	-
GM serum	42%	96%
GM BAL	88%	87%

9/26 no
antifungal
therapy

Diagnosis of IA: β -1,3-d-glucan

- **Panfungal biomarker**
- **Serum detection**
- **No data on COPD patients**



~~Cryptococcosis
Mucormycosis~~

S	Sp		
79%	87.7%	Meta-analysis	Karageorgopoulos CID 2011
76%	85%	Meta-analysis	Lu Y Internal Med 2011
80%	82%	IFI	Onishi A JCM 2012
77%		Invasive aspergillosis	Karageorgopoulos CID 2011

**Antifungal of choice for
treatment of invasive
aspergillosis in patients with
COPD**

Aspergillosis and COPD: treatment

- Poor clinical response with amphotericin B
- Voriconazole for primary treatment (A-I)
- IV 6 mg/kg/12 h for 1 day, followed by 4 mg/kg/12 h
- Few COPD patients in the clinical trials
- PK/PD considerations (serum levels):
 - Poly-medication (ICU)
 - Difficult interpretation
 - Azole resistance (Netherlands and UK)

Herbretch. NEJM 2002

Verweij. NEJM 2007

Walsh T. CID 2008

Howard. EID 2009

- **COPD is emerging as a cause of IA**
- **Incidence is unknown but it is probably underestimated**
- **Corticosteroids as a risk factor**
- **Difficulty obtaining a diagnosis of IA**
- **Optimal treatment should be defined**
- **Problems of azole resistance**

