

How do I treat Invasive Fungal Infections? Aspergillosis

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Difficulty in Diagnosis of Aspergillosis

▶ Possible disease

– *Host factors + Radiology*

▶ Proven and Probable disease

– *Mycologic Criteria*

- Culture
- Histology
- Serology (BAL Galactomannan)

▶ Treatment with systemic antifungals unless alternative etiology is identified

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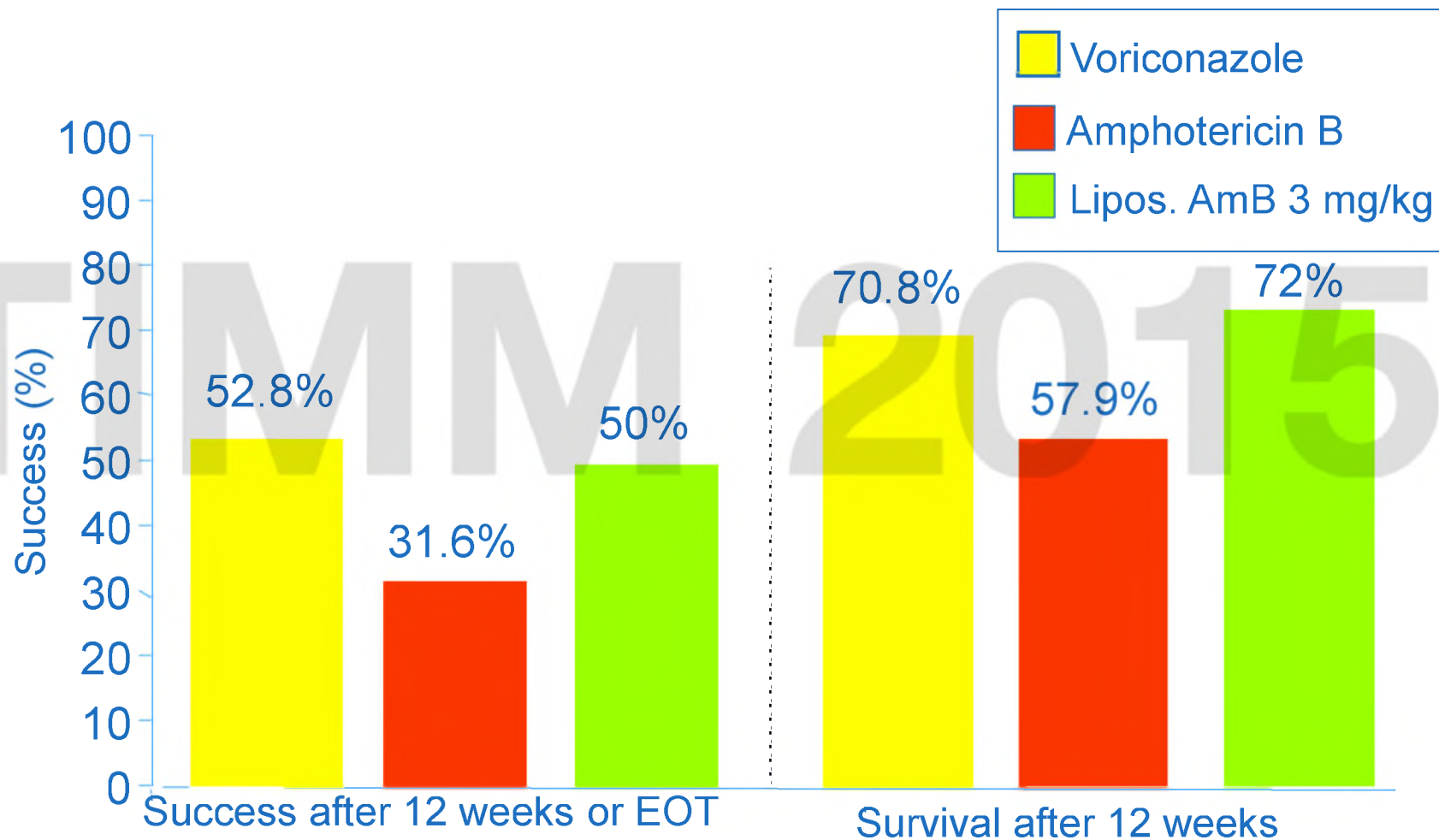
Essential to Treat Patients with Possible Disease

- ▶ Report of autopsy data from 1,017 patients with hematologic malignancies¹
 - ▶ *31% found to have IFD at autopsy*
 - ▶ *75% not diagnosed prior to death*
- ▶ Autopsy of 38 allogeneic stem cell patients²
 - ▶ *10 died with IFD*
 - ▶ 4 proven/ probable before death
 - ▶ 6 deep mycoses were missed
 - ▶ **3 with invasive aspergillosis**

What are our options for therapy?

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Invasive Aspergillosis: Results in Primary Therapy Trials



What are our new options for therapy?

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Combination?

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A randomised, double-blind study of combination antifungal therapy with voriconazole and anidulafungin versus voriconazole monotherapy for primary treatment of invasive aspergillosis

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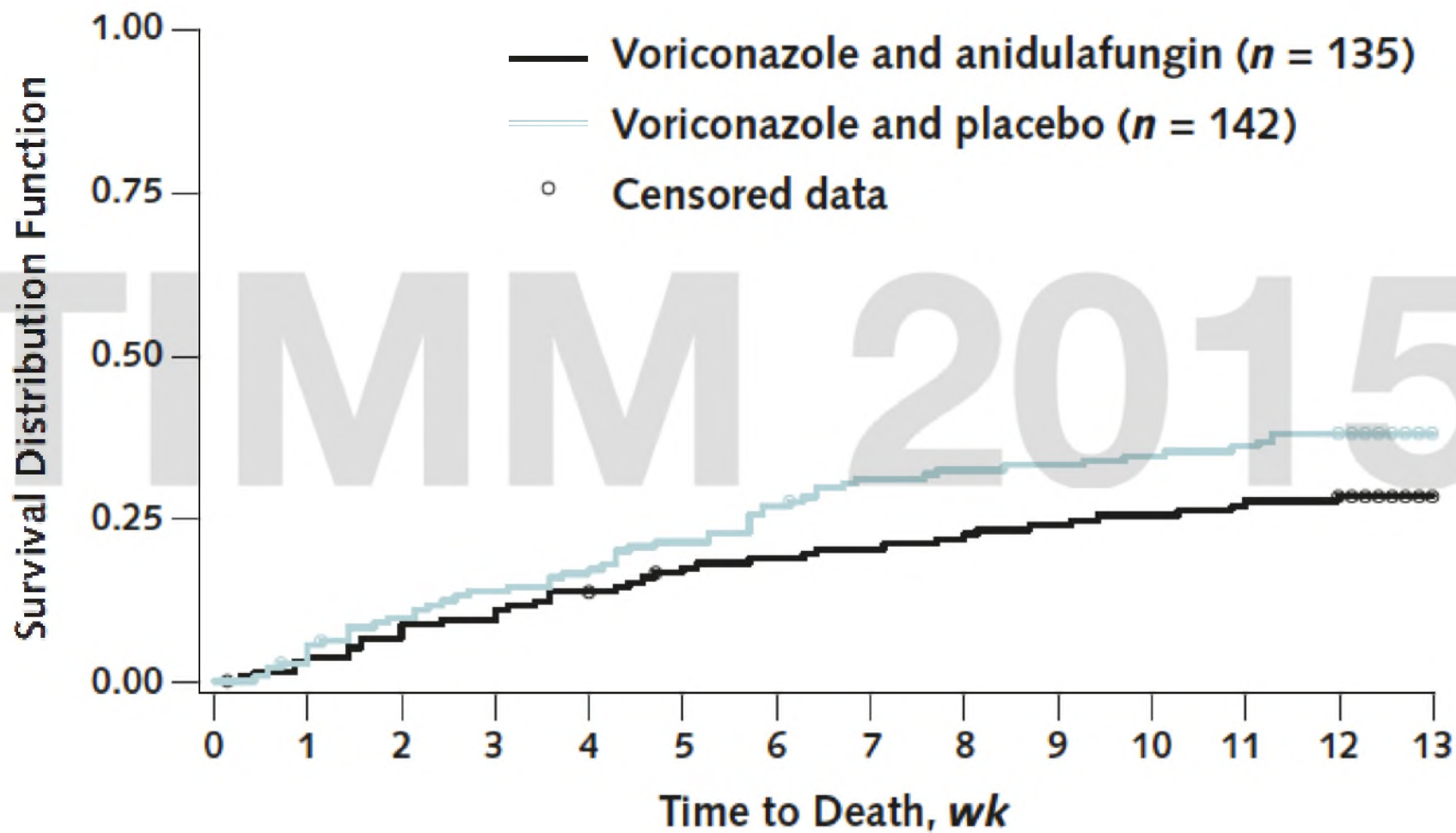
- ▶ The primary endpoint was overall survival at 6 weeks in patients with proven or probable IA confirmed by day 7 (modified intent-to-treat population, MITT).

- ▶ MITT population:

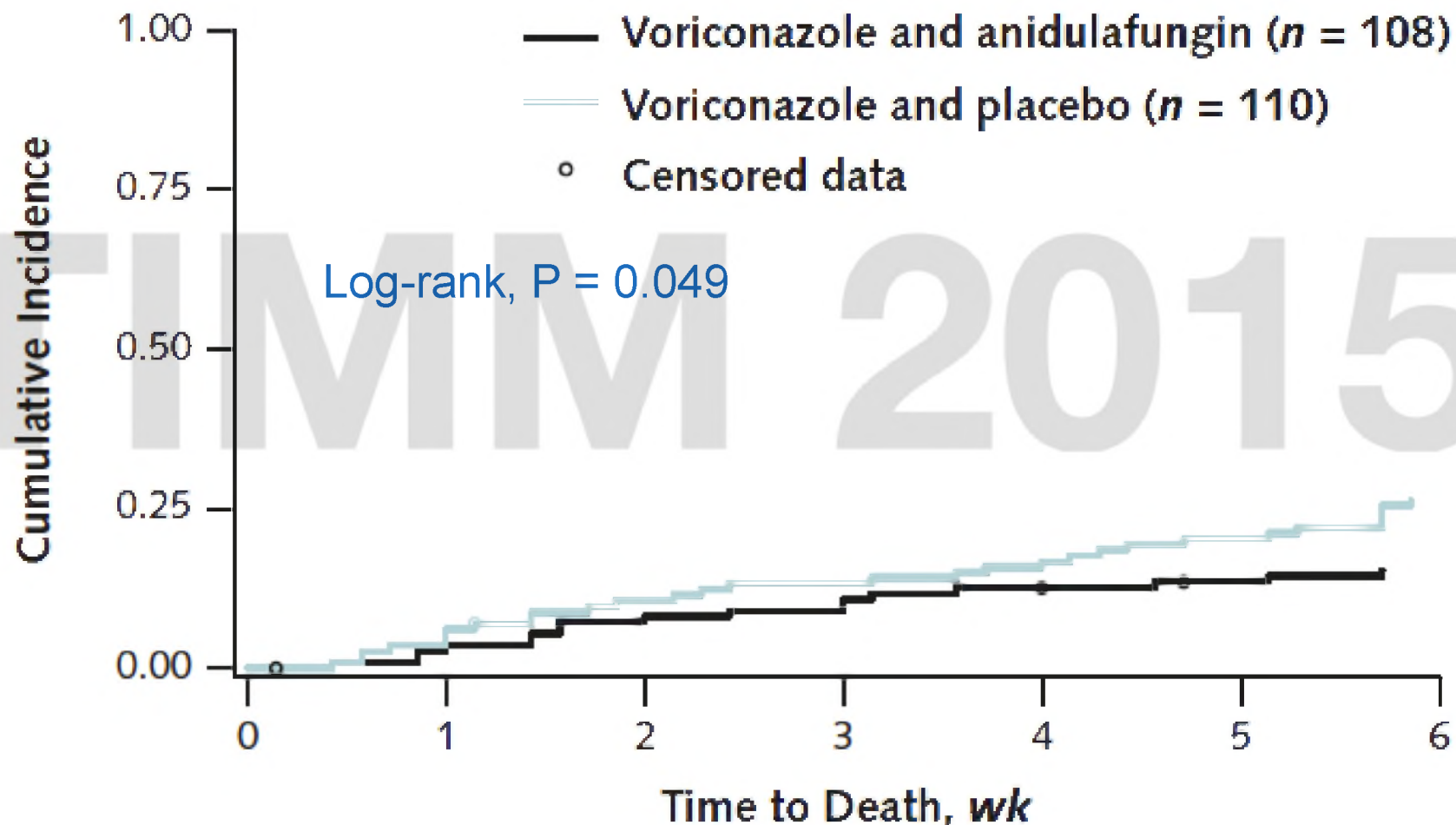
- ▶ 142 (vori) 135 (combo)

Variable	Voriconazole monotherapy	Combination therapy
Underlying diseases, non-HSCT	97	86
Acute leukaemia	2 (2)	1 (1)
Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia	19 (20)	12 (14)
Acute myeloid leukaemia	43 (44)	47 (55)
Aplastic anaemia	1 (1)	1 (1)
Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia	8 (8)	5 (6)
Chronic myeloid leukaemia	1 (1)	0
Lymphoma	13 (13)	12 (14)
Multiple myeloma	3 (3)	2 (2)
Myelodysplastic syndrome	7 (7)	2 (2)
Myeloproliferative syndrome	0	2 (2)
Non haematological	0	2 (2)
Neutropenic, ³ n (%)	86 (61)	77 (57)

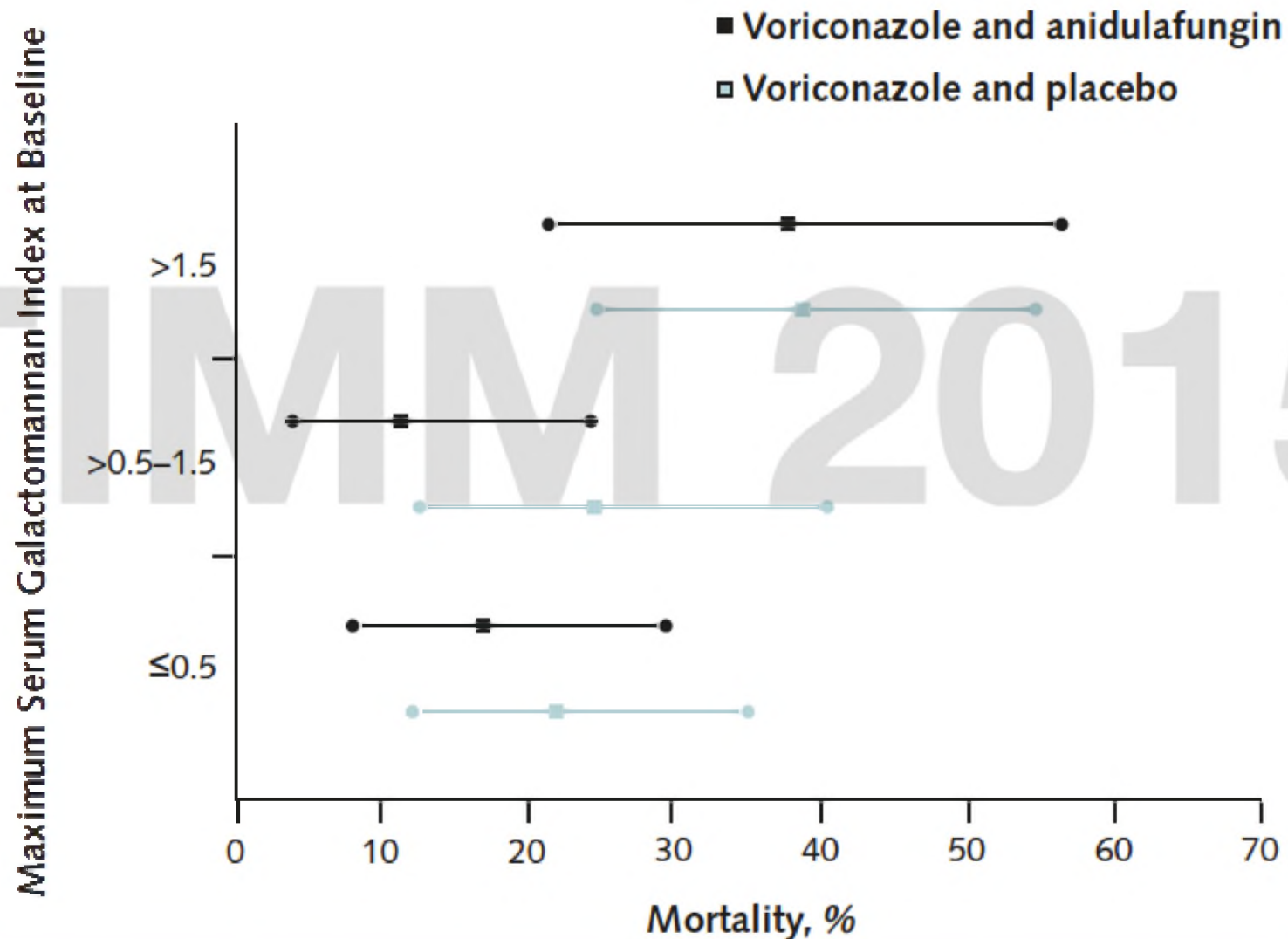
Combo-Trial: Cumulative incidence of death in the modified intention-to-treat population



Combo-Trial: Cumulative incidence of death in the mITT population with probable invasive aspergillosis based on radiographic abnormalities and positive galactomannan antigen



Combo-Trial: 6-week mortality rate by range of maximum serum galactomannan index values at baseline



Guidelines?

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Clinical Practice Guidelines



Add ons?

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G-CSF: Invasive fungal infections for prevention and treatment of infectious complications in patients with acute myelogenous leukemia

Outcomes	Illustrative comparative risks* (95% CI)	Relative effect (95% CI)	No of Participants (studies)	
Invasive fungal infection	Study population	RR 1.4 (0.9 to 2.19)	929 (4 studies)	
	62 per 1000			87 per 1000 (56 to 136)
	Moderate			53 per 1000

Granulocytes Transfusion:

Primary Outcome Success Stratified by Infection

	Total N (% Success)	Granulocytes N (% Success)	Control N (% Success)	P-Value
MITT				
Overall	97 (42%)	48 (42%)	49 (43%)	>0.99
Bacterial Infection	51 (33%)	26 (35%)	25 (32%)	>0.99
Bacteremia Only	25 (24%)	14 (29%)	11 (18%)	0.66
Tissue Bacterial Infection	26 (42%)	12 (42%)	14 (43%)	>0.99
Fungal Infection	46 (52%)	22 (50%)	24 (54%)	>0.99
Fungemia Only	11 (64%)	3 (33%)	8 (75%)	0.49
Tissue Fungal Infection	35 (49%)	19 (53%)	16 (44%)	0.74
High Risk with Invasive Mold Infection	22 (55%)	13 (54%)	9 (56%)	>0.99
Low Risk with Invasive Mold Infection	9 (44%)	4 (50%)	5 (40%)	>0.99
High Risk with other Infection	41 (27%)	17 (29%)	24 (25%)	>0.99
Low Risk with other Infection	25 (56%)	14 (43%)	11 (73%)	0.23
Mold Pulmonary/Chest	23 (57%)	13 (46%)	10 (70%)	0.40
Mold ExtraPulmonary	10 (40%)	4 (75%)	6 (17%)	0.19

Summary

- ▶ Treatment Guidelines, stressing the two main agents for first line therapy of invasive pulmonary aspergillosis
 - *Voriconazole and liposomal Amphotericin B*
- ▶ Besides targeted treatment, pre-emptive and prophylaxis seem to be valid options besides empiric therapy
- ▶ But, mortality remains high
- ▶ Improved new agents / old concepts?
 - *Combination therapy seems to be better than monotherapy if only GMI is positive (caveat: study was not powered for this statement)*
 - *Isavuconazole appears to have less toxicity compared to voriconazole*



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