

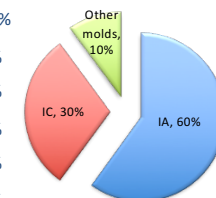
Post-HSCT Complications: Fungal Infections

Dr Ali Omrani MBBCh MSc FRCP FRCPath
King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

4th WBMT Symposium - 17 January 2017, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Incidence IFD in HO

- AML remission induction phase ≈12%
- ALL remission induction phase ≈6%
- HSCT, matched unrelated or mismatched ≈8%
- HSCT, matched related ≈6%
- Consolidation chemotherapy <5%
- Autologous HSCT <2%



Garcia-Vidal, et al. Clin Infect Dis 2008;47:1041–50.
Pagano, et al. Haematologica 2006;91:1068–75.

Kontoyiannis, et al. Clin Infect Dis 2010;50:1091–100.
Rogers et al. Br J Haem 2011;153:681–97

Strategies for Antifungal Therapy in HO

Strategy	Prophylaxis	Empiric (fever-driven)	Pre-emptive (diagnostic-driven)	Definitive
Probability of IFD	very low	low	higher	highest
Trigger for AFT	Risk factors	Clinical syndrome Persistent febrile neutropenia	Diagnostics HRCT GM PCR	Histology

Morrissey et al. Internal Med J 2014; 44:1298-1314

Maertens et al. haematologica 2012; 97: 325-327

Mold-active vs. FLU Prophylaxis in Chemotherapy or HSCT

20 RCTs, 5725 patients - hematological malignancy or HSCT

	Relative Risk	95% CI	P value
Proven/probable IFI	0.71	0.52 to 0.98	0.03
IA	0.53	0.37–0.75	0.0004
IFI-related mortality	0.67	0.47–0.96	0.03
Discontinuation due to SE	1.95	1.24–3.07	0.004
Overall mortality	1.0	0.88–1.13	0.96

Ethier et al. Br J Cancer 2012; 106:1626–1637

ECIL-3 (2009 update)

Setting	Options
Leukemia, induction chemotherapy	Posaconazole (A1) Fluconazole (C1) Itraconazole (C1) Inhaled L-AmB + fluconazole (B1)
Allogeneic HSCT recipients, initial neutropenic phase	Fluconazole (A1) Inhaled L-AmB + fluconazole (B2) Voriconazole (A1) Micafungin (C1) Itraconazole (B1) L-AmB (C1)
Allogeneic HSCT recipients, GVHD phase	Posaconazole (A1) Itraconazole (B1) Voriconazole (A1)

Maertens J, et al. Bone Marrow Transplant. 2011;46(5):709-18.

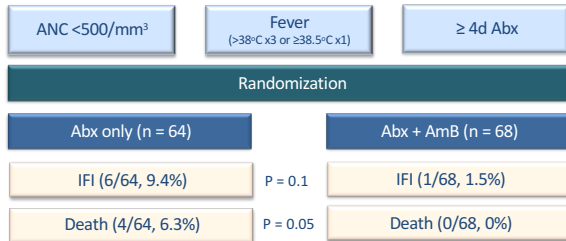
Empiric AFT for PFN

Randomization Group	N	Clinically Documented	Bacterial	Fungal	Viral-Protozoan	Shock
1. Discontinue KGC	16	2	3	1	0	6
2. Continue KGC alone	16	0	1	5	0	0
3. KGC + Amphotericin B	18	0	0	1	1	0

Table II. Infectious complications which occurred in each of the randomized groups following randomization.

Pizzo et al. Am J Med 1982; 72:101-11

Empiric AFT for PFN



EORTC IATCG. Am J Med 1989; 86:668-72

RCTs of empiric AFT for PFN

Composite end-point:

1. successful treatment of any base-line fungal infection
2. absence of any breakthrough fungal infection
3. survival for ≥7 days after the completion of therapy
4. no premature discontinuation of study therapy
5. resolution of fever during neutropenia

Empiric AFT for PFN

	Overall response	Resolution of fever	Reference
AmB	49.4%	58.1%	Walsh et al. NEJM 1999
AmBisome	50.1%	58.0%	
Voriconazole	26.0%	32.5%	Walsh et al. NEJM 2002
AmBisome	30.6%	36.5%	
Caspofungin	33.9%	41.2%	Walsh et al. NEJM 2004
AmBisome	33.7%	41.4%	

Walsh et al. N Engl J Med 1999;340:764-71
Walsh et al. N Engl J Med 2004;351:1391-402

Walsh et al. N Engl J Med 2002;346:225-34

FLU 400mg vs. AmB-d 0.5 mg/kg for Cancer Patients with PFN for ≥4 days

Satisfactory response = afebrile + no evidence of fungal infection + no termination due to lack of efficacy, drug toxicity, or death.

	AmB-d (n = 159)	FLU (n = 158)	P value
Satisfactory response	106 (67%)	107 (68%)	-
New fungal lesions	10 (6%) [5 IC, 3 IA, 2 other]	13 (8%) [8 IC, 5 IA]	-
Toxicity	128 (81%)	20 (13%)	0.001
Early termination	11 (7%)	1 (1%)	P = 0.005
Overall mortality	34 (21%)	27 (17%)	-
Fungus-related mortality	5 (3%)	7 (4%)	-

Winston et al. Am J Med 2000; 108(4):282-9

Problems with empiric AFT

- Excessive AFT
- Increased adverse effects
- Increased costs
- Poor response
- Uncertainty
- Potentially miss afebrile patients with IFD**

"Empirical antifungal therapy is instituted for the treatment of 'occult' fungal infection presenting as persistent neutropenic fever despite 4-7 days of empirical antibiotic therapy.

Approximately 22- 34% of neutropenic patients with cancer will receive an AF drug by these criteria, yet only ~4% have a demonstrated IFI"

Freifeld AG, et al. Clin Infect Dis 2011;52:e56-93

Weekly GM & PCR screening in high risk populations

Test	Sensitivity, % (95% CI)	Specificity, % (95% CI)	Positive LR (95% CI)	Negative LR (95% CI)	DOR (95% CI)	AUROC (95% CI)	PPV, % 95% CI*	NPV, % 95% CI*
PCR	84 (71-92)	76 (64-85)	3.5 (2.3-5.4)	0.21 (0.11-0.39)	17 (7-38)	0.87 (0.84-0.90)	38	96
2 PCRs	57 (40-72)	93 (87-97)	8.4 (4.2-17.1)	0.46 (0.32-0.67)	18 (7-45)	0.87 (0.84-0.90)	59	92
GM	92 (83-96)	90 (81-95)	9.3 (4.6-18.7)	0.09 (0.04-0.19)	104 (37-295)	0.96 (0.94-0.98)	61	98
2 GMs	62 (48-74)	95 (91-97)	12.1 (6.3-23.3)	0.40 (0.29-0.57)	30 (13-70)	0.94 (0.92-0.96)	67	93
GM or PCR	99 (96-100)	64 (49-77)	2.8 (1.9-4.1)	0.02 (0.01-0.06)	128 (37-442)	0.99 (0.97-0.99)	33	10
GM and PCR	68 (54-80)	98 (94-100)	43.2 (12.6-149)	0.32 (0.21-0.49)	135 (38-475)	0.93 (0.91-0.95)	68	95

Arvanitis et al. Clin Infect Dis 2015;61(8):1263-72

Guidelines

Bone Marrow Transplantation 2013;47: 945-954
© 2013 Wolters Kluwer Health | All rights reserved 0950-2688/13/000000-00

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

ECIL recommendations for the use of biological markers for the diagnosis of invasive fungal diseases in leukemic patients and hematopoietic SCT recipients

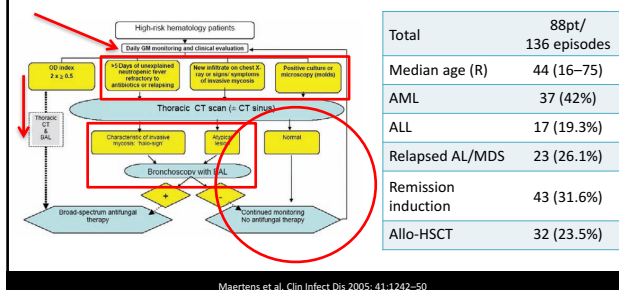
O Marchetti^{1,2}, F Lamoth^{3,4}, M Mikuska⁵, C Viscoli⁶, P Vorwies⁷ and S Bretagne^{8,9} and the European Conference on Infections in Leukemia (ECIL) Laboratory Working Groups^{*}

British Society for Medical Mycology best practice recommendations for the diagnosis of serious fungal diseases

Silke Schelenz, Rosemary A Barnes, Richard C Barton, Joanne R Clewley, Sebastian R Lacey, Christopher C Kibbi, David W Denning, on behalf of the British Society for Medical Mycology

Lancet Infect Dis 2015; 15: 461–74

GM and CT - feasibility study



GM and CT - feasibility study

- 117 episodes of neutropenic fever
- 41 episodes (35%) satisfied existing criteria for EAT
- AFT used for in only 7.7% (78% reduction)
- Early initiation of AFT 10 episodes (7.3%) that were clinically not suspected of being IFI**
- No undetected cases of IA
- 12-week survival rate for patients with IFI was 63.6%

Maertens et al. Clin Infect Dis 2005; 41:1242–50

Empirical versus Preemptive Antifungal Therapy for High-Risk, Febrile, Neutropenic Patients: A Randomized, Controlled Trial

Catherine Cordonnier,¹ Cécile Pautas,² Sébastien Maury,³ Anne Vekhoff,⁴ Hassan Farhat,⁵ Felipe Suarez,⁵ Nathalie Dhedin,⁶ Françoise Isnard,⁷ Lionel Aides,⁸ Frédérique Kuhnowski,⁹ Françoise Foulet,⁹ Mathieu Kuentz,⁹ Patrick Maisson,⁹ Stéphane Bretagne,² and Michael Schwaringer¹⁰

Clinical Infectious Diseases 2009;48:1042–51

DD-AFT vs. EAFT

- ≥ 18y
- Chemotherapy for hematological cancer or autologous HSCT
- Expected ANC<500/mm³ for ≥10d
- Excluded** allo-HSCT, suspected IFI, previous AmB toxicity, Karnofsky score <30% and HIV

Cordonnier C et al. Clin Infect Dis 2009;48:1042–1051

Baseline Characteristics

	Empiric AFT (n = 150)	DD-AFT (n = 143)
Age (mean ± SD)	52.0 13.5 y	52.1 14.1 y
AML	99 (66%)	98 (68.5%)
ALL	8 (5.3%)	
Lymphoma	39 (26.0%)	36 (25.2%)
Induction	70 (46.7%)	67 (46.9%)
Any prophylaxis	63 (42.0%)	69 (48.3%)
AmB prophylaxis	47 (31.3%)	51 (35.7%)
Neutropenic ≥10d	127/146 (87%)	124/141 (87.9%)

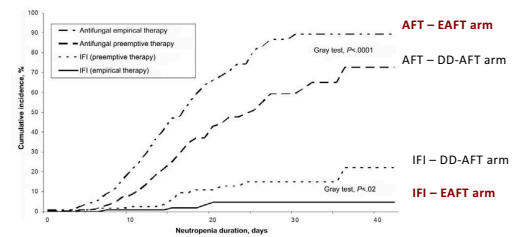
Cordonnier C et al. Clin Infect Dis 2009;48:1042–1051

Efficacy End Points in the ITT Population (n 293)

Efficacy end point	Empirical treatment arm (n = 150)	Preemptive treatment arm (n = 143)	Difference (95% CI)	P ^a
Primary				
Alive at study completion	146 (97.3)	136 (95.1)	-2.2 (-5.9 to 1.4)	.31
Secondary				
IFI	4 (2.7)	13 (9.1)	-6.4 (-10.9 to -1.9)	<.02
Baseline IFI due to				
Aspergillus species	2	6	...	
Candida species	0	3	...	
Breakthrough IFI due to				
Aspergillus species	2	2	...	
Candida species	0	2	...	
IFI-related mortality	0 (0)	3 (2.1)	-2.1 (-4.1 to 0.0)	.11
Duration of temperature >38°C, ^b days	13 (5-21)	12 (5-20)	...	NS
Median (IQR)	1-42	1-59	...	
Range				

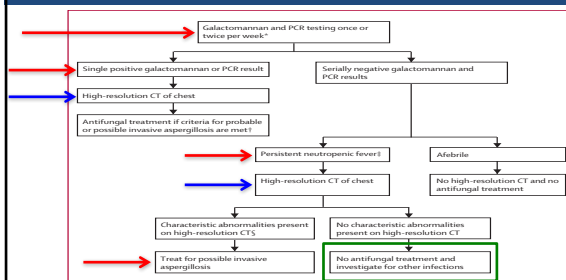
Cordonnier C et al. Clin Infect Dis 2009;48:1042-1051

Cumulative incidence of AFT and IFI during neutropenia



Cordonnier C et al. Clin Infect Dis 2009;48:1042-1051

GM + PCR DDT vs Empiric AFT



Morrissey et al. Lancet Infect Dis 2013; 13: 519-28

Baseline Characteristics

	Empiric AFT (n = 122)	DD-AFT (n = 118)
Age (median (IQR))	49 (36-57)	48 (35-54)
Allo-HSCT	92 (75%)	99 (84%)
AML	53 (43%)	46 (39%)
HLA-matched, unrelated	31 (25%)	26 (22%)
HLA-mismatch, related	4 (3%)	8 (7%)
Graft, Peripheral blood	82 (67%)	80 (68%)
ITR prophylaxis	41 (34%)	46 (39%)
VOR/POS Prophylaxis	13 (11%)	16 (13%)
FLU prophylaxis	33 (27%)	34 (29%)

Morrissey et al. Lancet Infect Dis 2013; 13: 519-28

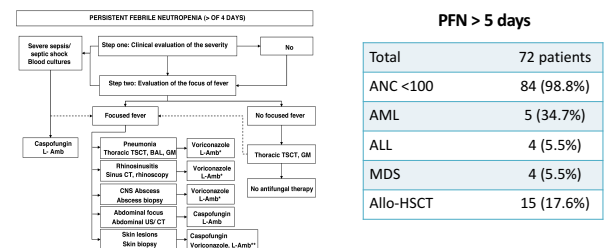
GM + PCR DDT vs FDT

	Standard diagnosis group (n=122)	Biomarker diagnosis group (n=118)	% difference between groups (95% CI)	p value
Received empirical treatment with antifungal drugs	39 (32%)	18 (15%)	17% (4 to 26)	0.002
Mortality				
All-cause	18 (15%)	12 (10%)	5% (-4 to 14)	0.31
Invasive aspergillosis-related	6 (5%)	3 (3%)	2% (-2.5 to 7.3)	0.5
Other invasive fungal disease-related ^a	0	2 (2%)	...	0.24
Incidence of invasive aspergillosis				
Proven	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	...	1.0
Probable	0	16 (14%)	-14% (-20 to -7)	<0.0001
Possible	0	6 (5%)	-5% (-9 to -1)	0.013

Fever was absent in 55% of probable and possible IA in the biomarker group

Morrissey et al. Lancet Infect Dis 2013; 13: 519-28

DD-AFT in Seville



PFN > 5 days

Total	72 patients
ANC <100	84 (98.8%)
AML	5 (34.7%)
ALL	4 (5.5%)
MDS	4 (5.5%)
Allo-HSCT	15 (17.6%)

Aguilar-Guisado M et al. Haematologica 2012;97(3):464-71

DD-AFT in Seville

Final diagnosis of PFN episodes	Antifungal therapy N. (%)	No antifungal therapy N. (%)
Infection	43 (82.7)	25 (75.7)
Invasive fungal infection	22 (42.3)	0
Proven IFI	3 (5.8)	0
Probable IFI	9 (17.3)	0
Possible IFI	10 (19.2)	0
Non-fungal infection	21 (40.4)	25 (75.7)
Not infection	9 (17.3)	7 (21.2)
Tumor fever	5 (9.6)	5 (15.1)
Drug fever	2 (3.8)	2 (6.1)
Pulmonary thromboembolism	1 (1.9)	0
GVHD ^a	1 (1.9)	0
Unknown fever	0	1 (3)
TOTAL	52 (100)	33 (100)
IFI high-risk episodes ^d	26 (50)	9 (27.3)
Non IFI high-risk episodes	26 (50)	24 (72.7)

Aguilar-Guisado M et al. Haematologica 2012;97(3):464-71

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Meta-Analysis and Cost Comparison of Empirical versus Pre-Emptive Antifungal Strategies in Hematologic Malignancy Patients with High-Risk Febrile Neutropenia

Monica Fung^{1,2,3,4,5}, Jane Kim⁶, Francisco M. Marty^{3,4,5}, Michael Schwaringer^{7,8}, Sophie Kofo

1 Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Department of Internal Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America, **2** Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America, **3** Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Management, Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America, **4** Brigham and Women's Hospital, Division of Infectious Diseases, Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America, **5** Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America, **6** Translational Health Economics Network, Paris, France, **7** Decision Sciences in Infectious Disease: Prevention, Control, and Care, INSERM, IAME, Paris, France, **8** Université Paris Diderot, IAME, Paris, France

Fung M, et al. PLoS ONE 2015; 10(11): e0140930

DD vs FD AFT studies in HO

Study	Design	Population	Intervention	Comparison	Outcome	Effect Size
Morrissey 2013 [31]	Retrospective cohort	HO patients with febrile neutropenia	Empirical antifungal therapy	Pre-emptive antifungal therapy	Overall mortality	RR 0.86 (0.27-2.76)
Cordonnier 2009 [25]	Retrospective cohort	HO patients with febrile neutropenia	Empirical antifungal therapy	Pre-emptive antifungal therapy	Overall mortality	RR 1.84 (0.55-6.6)
Hebart 2009 [26]	Retrospective cohort	HO patients with febrile neutropenia	Empirical antifungal therapy	Pre-emptive antifungal therapy	Overall mortality	RR 0.99 (0.56-1.76)
Blennow 2010 [34]	Retrospective cohort	HO patients with febrile neutropenia	Empirical antifungal therapy	Pre-emptive antifungal therapy	Overall mortality	RR 0.62 (0.11-3.39)
Tan 2011 [35]	Retrospective cohort	HO patients with febrile neutropenia	Empirical antifungal therapy	Pre-emptive antifungal therapy	Overall mortality	RR 0.09 (0.01-1.79)
Aguilar-Guisado 2010 [28]	Retrospective cohort	HO patients with febrile neutropenia	Empirical antifungal therapy	Pre-emptive antifungal therapy	Overall mortality	RR 0.09 (0.01-1.79)
Oshima 2007 [33]	Retrospective cohort	HO patients with febrile neutropenia	Empirical antifungal therapy	Pre-emptive antifungal therapy	Overall mortality	RR 0.0 (0.0-0.0)
Girmenia 2010 [32]	Retrospective cohort	HO patients with febrile neutropenia	Empirical antifungal therapy	Pre-emptive antifungal therapy	Overall mortality	RR 0.0 (0.0-0.0)
Maertens 2005 [37]	Retrospective cohort	HO patients with febrile neutropenia	Empirical antifungal therapy	Pre-emptive antifungal therapy	Overall mortality	RR 0.22 (0.11-0.43)
M-H RR (95%CI)						0.72 (0.63-0.81)
D-L RR (95%CI)						0.48 (0.27-0.85)
Heterogeneity						I² = 93.4%

Fung M, et al. PLoS ONE 2015; 10(11): e0140930

IFD-related outcomes in FD vs DD AFT in high-risk neutropenic patients

Study	IFD Detection		IFD-related Mortality		Overall Mortality	
	RR (95%CI)	Empiric (%)	RR (95%CI)	Empiric (%)	RR (95%CI)	Empiric (%)
Morrissey 2013 [31]	4.76 (1.87-12.19)	4.1 (5/12)	0.86 (0.27-2.76)	4.2 (5/118)	1.55 (0.66-3.65)	6.6 (8/22)
Cordonnier 2009 [25]	3.41 (1.14-10.21)	2.7 (4/15)	7.34 (0.38-143.80)	0.0 (0/143)	1.84 (0.55-6.14)	2.7 (4/50)
Hebart 2009 [26]	0.99 (0.52-1.91)	8.1 (7/20)	0.82 (0.36-1.87)	4.5 (10/20)	0.99 (0.64-1.55)	16.4 (4/20)
Blennow 2010 [34]	0.62 (0.11-3.39)	0.0 (0/8)	0.0 (0/8)	7.7 (1/13)	—	—
Tan 2011 [35]	0.09 (0.01-1.79)	11.5 (3/26)	0.0 (0/40)	7.4 (2/27)	0.16 (0.04-0.71)	30.7 (6/26)
Aguilar-Guisado 2010 [28]	0.09 (0.01-1.79)	11.5 (3/26)	0.0 (0/40)	7.4 (2/27)	0.16 (0.04-0.71)	30.7 (6/26)
Oshima 2007 [33]	—	0.0 (0/13)	—	0.0 (0/13)	—	—
Girmenia 2010 [32]	—	0.0 (0/13)	—	0.0 (0/13)	—	—
Maertens 2005 [37]	—	0.0 (0/13)	—	0.0 (0/13)	—	—
M-H RR (95%CI)	1.70 (1.12-2.57)		0.85 (0.45-1.62)		0.92 (0.70-1.20)	
D-L RR (95%CI)	1.47 (0.55-3.95)		0.82 (0.36-1.87)		0.95 (0.46-1.99)	
Heterogeneity	Q = 13.90 (df = 4), p = 0.01		Q = 3.62 (df = 3), p = 0.31		Q = 7.88 (df = 3), p = 0.05	
	I² = 71.3%		I² = 17.0%		I² = 61.9%	

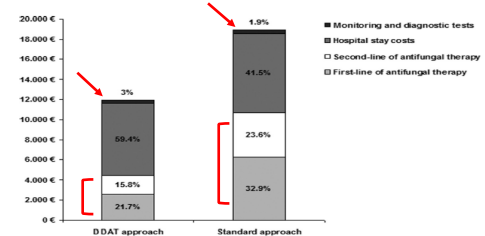
Fung M, et al. PLoS ONE 2015; 10(11): e0140930

FD-AFT vs. DD-AFT in high-risk neutropenic patients

Study	RR (95%CI)	Antifungal Use		Antifungal Duration (mean)		p
		Empiric (%)	Pre-emptive (%)	Empiric (%)	Pre-emptive (%)	
Morrissey 2013 [31]	0.48 (0.29-0.79)	30.3 (36/122)	23.7 (18/118)	—	—	<0.01
Cordonnier 2009 [25]	0.64 (0.50-0.81)	61.3 (92/150)	39.2 (56/143)	7.0 days	4.5 days	
Hebart 2009 [26]	1.56 (1.25-1.93)	36.7 (76/207)	57.1 (112/196)	84.2% (64/76) <30 days	79.5% (89/112) <30 days	
Blennow 2010 [34]	—	—	—	—	—	
Tan 2011 [35]	0.76 (0.38-1.51)	44.0 (1/25)	33.3 (9/27)	—	—	NS
Aguilar-Guisado 2010 [28]	—	—	—	—	—	
Oshima 2007 [33]	0.08 (0.03-0.19)	100.0 (9/9)	6.7 (4/60)	—	—	
Girmenia 2010 [32]	0.57 (0.42-0.77)	52.8 (84/220)	30.1 (48/220)	—	—	
Maertens 2005 [37]	0.22 (0.11-0.43)	35.0 (4/117)	7.7 (9/117)	—	—	
M-H RR (95%CI)	0.72 (0.63-0.81)					
D-L RR (95%CI)	0.48 (0.27-0.85)					
Heterogeneity	Q = 91.01 (df = 6), p < 0.01					
	I² = 93.4%					

Fung M, et al. PLoS ONE 2015; 10(11): e0140930

Cost-effectiveness



Martin-Pena et al. AAC 2013; 57:4664-72

IDSA Guidelines 2010: Neutropenic Fever

- **AFT may be withheld in patients who remain febrile >4-7 days if:**
 - Clinically stable
 - No clinical or chest and sinus CT signs of fungal infection
 - Negative serological assay results for evidence of IFI, and
 - No positive cultures for fungi from any body site

Freifeld AG et al. Clin Infect Dis 2011;52(4):e56-e93

INTERNAL MEDICINE JOURNAL

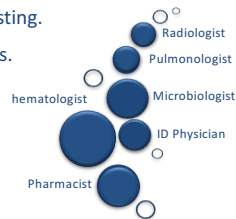
Internal Medicine Journal 44 (2014)

Consensus guidelines for the use of empiric and diagnostic-driven antifungal treatment strategies in haematological malignancy, 2014

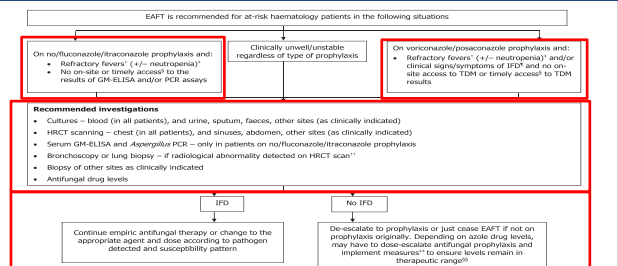
C. O. Morrissey,^{1,2} N. M. Gilroy,^{3,4} N. Macesic,⁵ P. Walker,^{6,7} M. Ananda-Rajah,^{1,8} M. May,⁹ C. H. Heath,^{10,11} A. Grigg,^{12,13} P. G. Bardy,^{14,15,16} J. Kwan,¹⁷ S. W. Kirsas,¹⁸ M. Slavin,^{19,20,21} T. Gottlieb²² and S. Chen^{23,24}

Essentials

- Ready access to GM ± PCR testing.
- Ready access to HRCT + reports.
- The team
 - Interest
 - Expertise
 - Availability

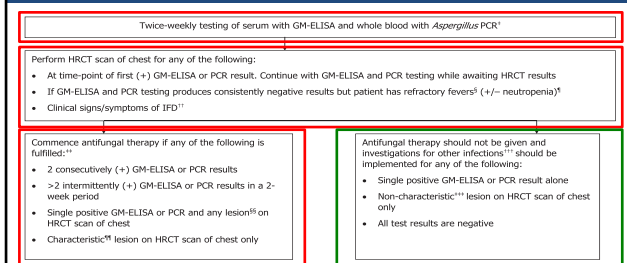


Setting 1: No Access to GM/PCR



Morrissey et al. Internal Medicine Journal 2014; 44: 1298-1314

Setting 2: Access to GM/PCR



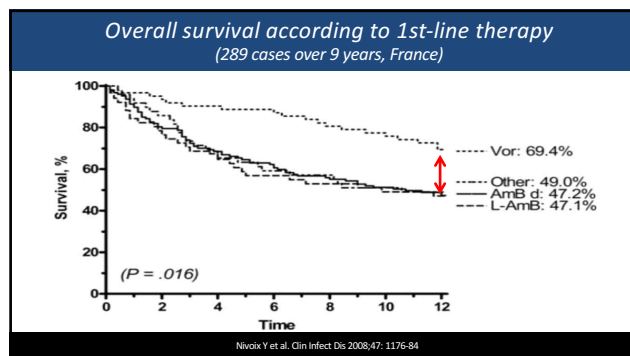
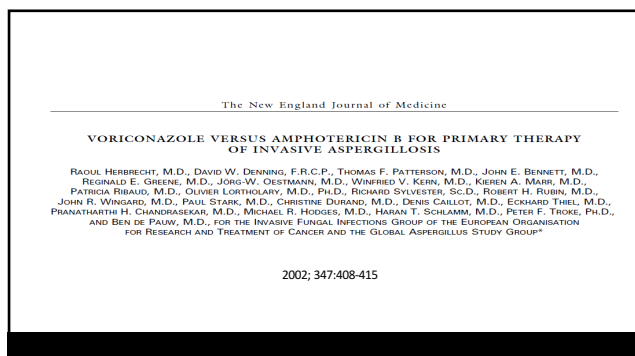
Morrissey et al. Internal Medicine Journal 2014; 44: 1298-1314

IDSA 2016 Guidelines: Candidemia in Neutropenic Patients

	SoR	QoE
Echinocandin as initial therapy	Strong	Moderate
L-AmB is an <u>effective but less attractive alternative because of the potential for toxicity</u>	Strong	Moderate
Fluconazole is an alternative for <u>non-critically ill patients and no prior azole exposure</u>	Weak	Low
Voriconazole can be used in situations in which additional mold coverage is desired	Weak	Low

SoR, strength of recommendation; QoE, quality of evidence; L-AmB, liposomal amphotericin

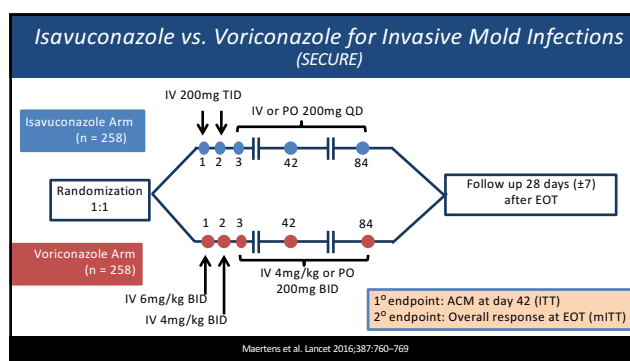
Pappas et al. Clin Infect Dis 2016; 62(4):e1-e50



IA salvage therapy

- Lipid formulations of Amphotericin B
- Caspofungin
- Posaconazole
- Micafungin
- Combinations

Limper et al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2011; 183:96-128



Conclusion

- Antifungal prophylaxis strategy should be tailored to risk of IFI in specific patient groups
- Empiric (fever-driven) AFT is associated with:
 - unnecessary AFT,
 - increased toxicity,
 - inflated costs, and
 - risk of missing IFI

Conclusion

- Diagnostic-driven strategies are associated with:
 - improved diagnosis of IA,
 - reduced unnecessary AFT, and
 - NO increased mortality.

Conclusion

- Voriconazole is the primary treatment of choice for IA
- Isavuconazole is a promising new azole for IMI
- Combination antifungal therapy only in carefully selected patients with IA



Thank you