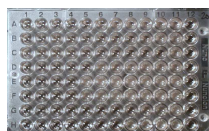




Invasive mykoser hos børn Epidemiologi & Diagnostik



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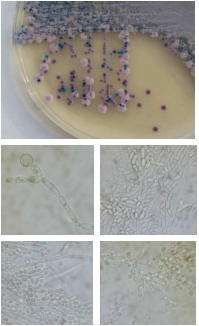
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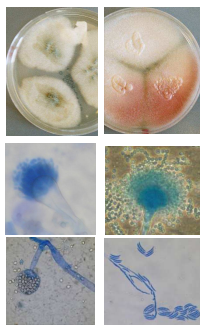
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- *Saccharomyces*
- *Malassezia*
- *Trichosporon*
- *Cryptococcus*



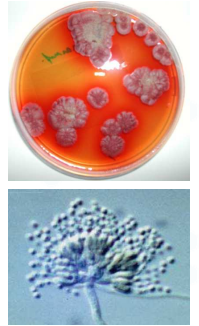
Moulds

- *Aspergillus*
- *Fusarium*
- *Scedosporium*
- *Mucor, Rhizopus..*



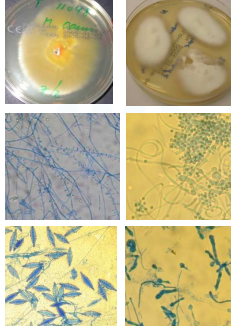
Dimorphic fungi



- *Histoplasma*
- *Coccidioides*
- *P. marneffeii*
- *Sporotrix schenkii*



Dermatophytes

- *Trichophyton*
- *Microsporum*
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Normal flora

Mucositis,
Pityriasis

Invasive infection

Haematogenous diss.

Crypt.: pneumonia & meningitis

Ubiquitous

Inhalation/inoculation

Lung-infection

Sinuses etc.

Fusarium: fungaemia

Endemic

Inhalation



Lung-infection

Dissemination

Sporotrix: skin

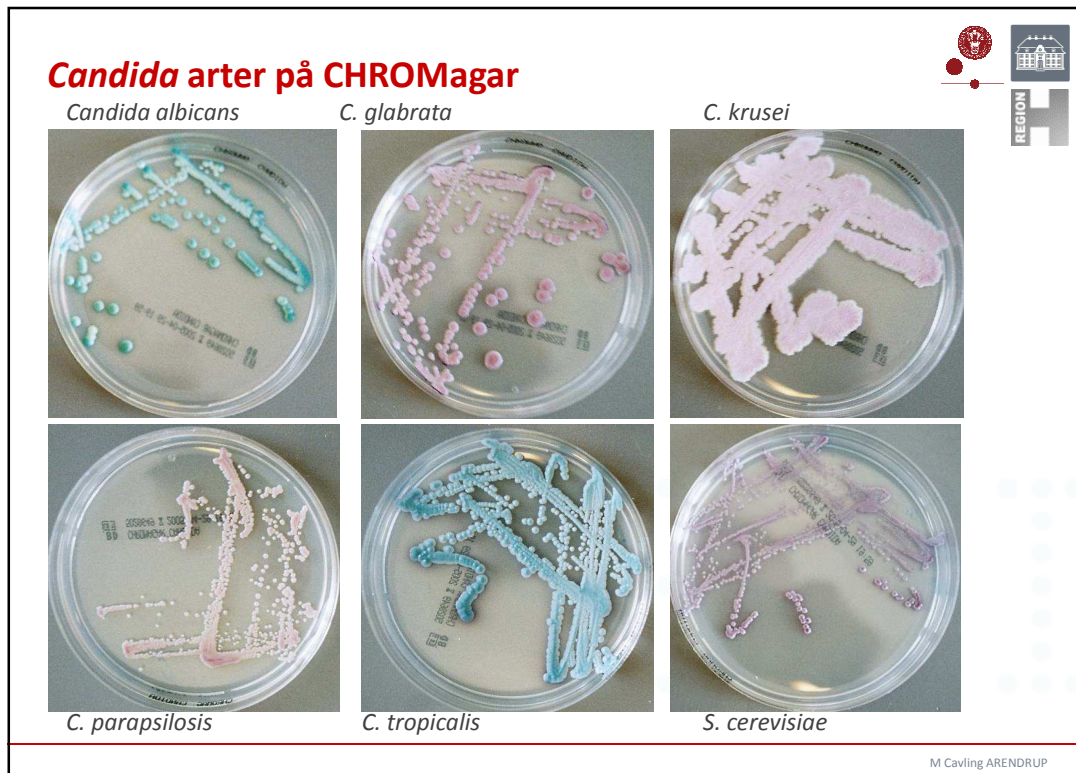
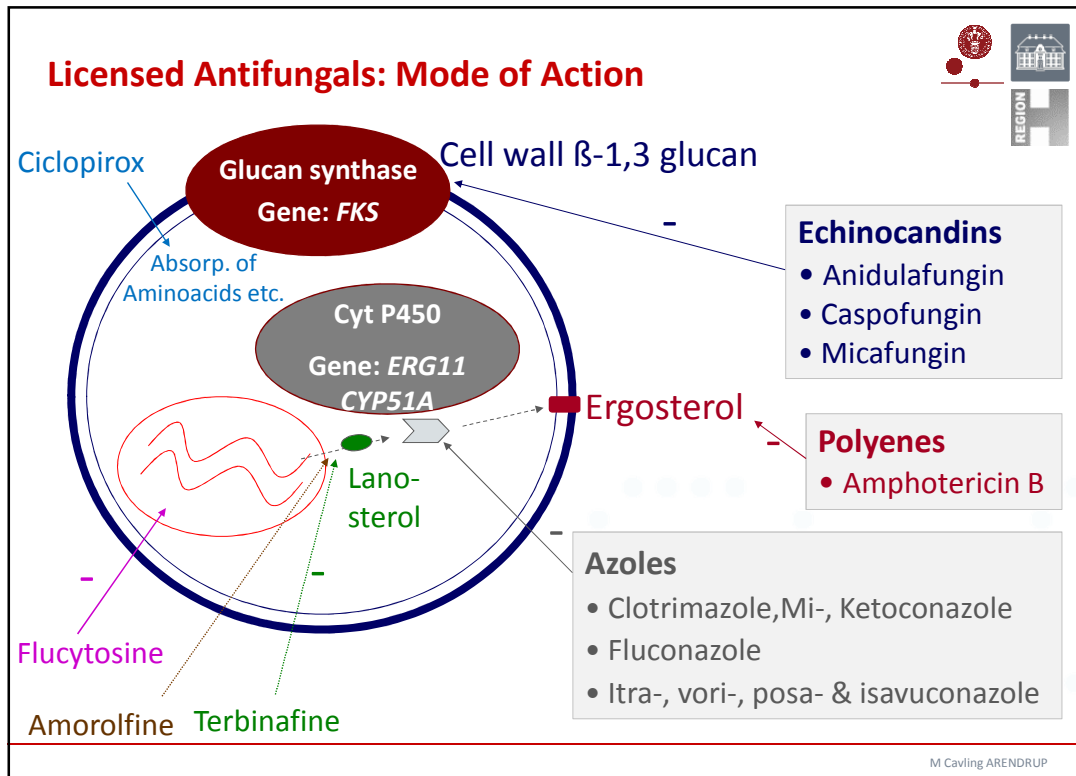
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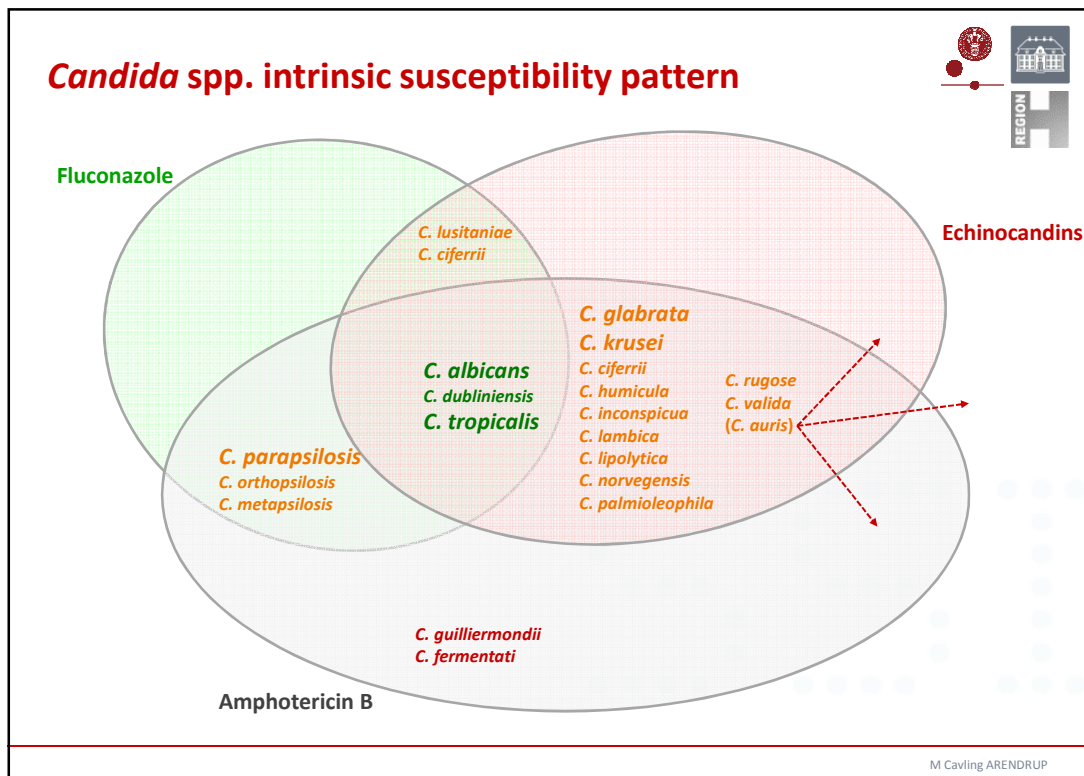
Nails, inguina, scalp

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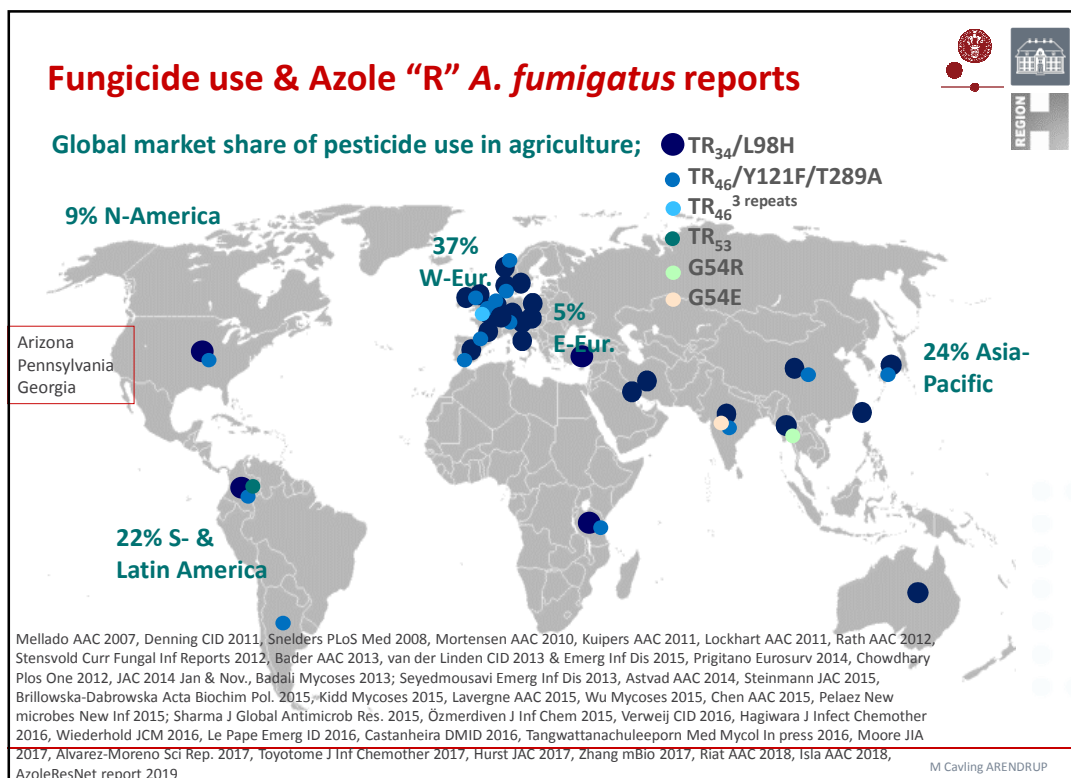




Moulds: intrinsic susceptibility pattern

	Aspergillus				Aspergillus Cidal?	Fusarium	Zygomycetes
	<i>fumigatus</i>	<i>terreus</i>	<i>flavus</i>	<i>niger</i>			
Amph. B	+	-	-	+	+	(+)	(+)
Anidula	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Caspo	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Mica	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Fluco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Itra	+	+	+	+/-	-	-	-
Posa	+	+	+	+	?	+/-	+/-
Isavu	+	+	+	+	?	+/-	+/-
Vori	+	+	+	+	+	+/-	-
5-FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Candidaemia: Population Based Paediatric studies



Neonates versus non-neonates

- ↑ ICU
- ↑ pre-maturity
- ↓ Surgery
- ↑ mortality

	Neonates				Non-neonates			
	ICU %	Pre-maturity %	Surgery %	Mortality %	ICU %	Malignancies %	Surgery %	Mortality %
 Benedict, 2018	99	78	9	16	48-83	2-15	20-38	11-13
 Blyth, 2009	94	94	19	22	13	31	21	10.1
 Santolaya, 2014	79	53	29	40	34	25	40	28
 Sutcu, 2016	*	*	*	*	63	*	59	22.2

*missing

Data from the four large studies of paediatric candidaemia patients

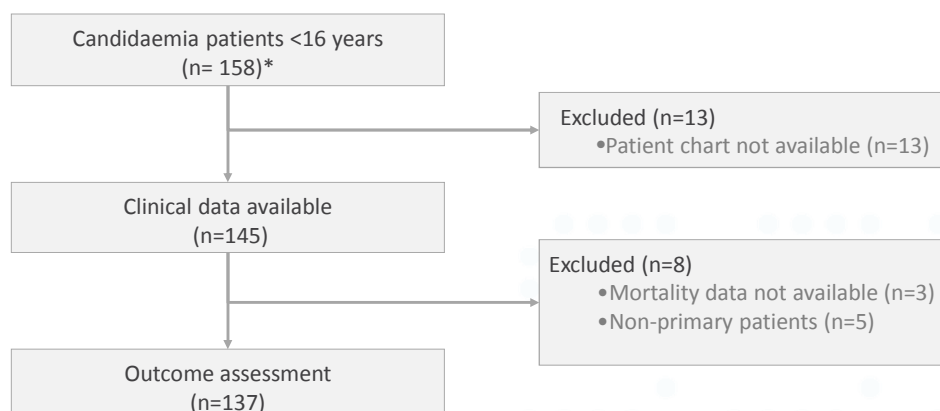
Benedict J Ped Inf Dis Soc 2018, Blyth Pediatrics 2009, Sutcu Am J Infect Control 2016

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Paediatric candidaemia: Nationwide study DK 2004-14



- Flow chart, included patients
 - identified via nationwide surveillance programme

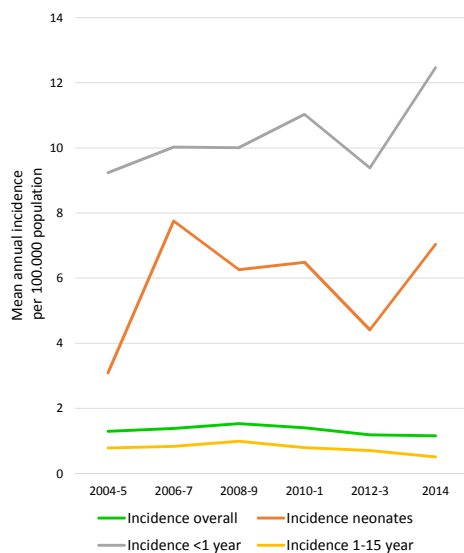


*153 patients with 158 episodes of candidaemia

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Candidaemia incidence: DK paediatric patients



- Low birth weight (<2500 g):
103.8/100.000 LBW births
- Very low birth weight (<1500 g):
442.0/100.000 VLBW births

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Paediatric candidaemia: Predisposing Host factors



	Total (145)	Neonates (35)	Toddlers * (60)	Older children (53)
Male sex	57%	60%	60%	53%
Prior hospital contact	68%	32%	73%	88%
BC drawn from internal catheter	66%	33%	71%	81%
LOS before BCC, median(IQR) (days)	13 (4-23.5)	11 (7-18)	17 (5-32)	12 (2-23)
CRP at BCC, median (IQR)	58 (19-123)	36 (18-73)	52 (13-135)	72 (30-160)
Temperature at BCC, median (IQR)	39 (38-39)	37 (37-39)	39 (38-40)	39 (38-39)
Intensive care unit	38%	51%	43%	22%
Colonised with <i>Candida</i>	67%	82%	57%	68%
Bacteraemia	26%	37%	20%	24%
Sepsis	39%	60%	38%	25%

*1m – 2y of age

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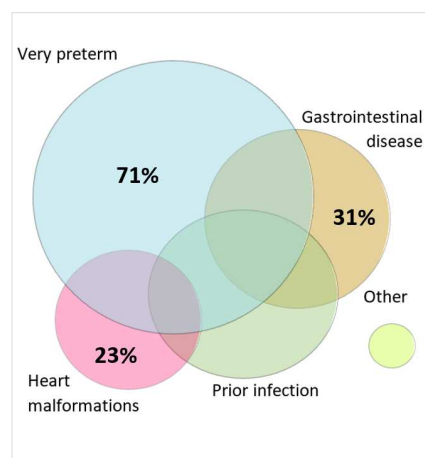
	Total (145)	Neonates (35)	Toddlers (60)	Older children (53)
Antibiotic, %(n)	80%	77%	82%	80%
Chemotherapy, %(n)	29%	0	33%	45%
Corticosteroid, %(n)	24%	0	30%	35%
CVC, %(n)	83%	68%	88%	89%
Surgery, %(n)	30%	26%	44%	18%
TPN, %(n)	37%	60%	26%	32%
Mechanical ventilation, %(n)	30%	60%	30%	10%

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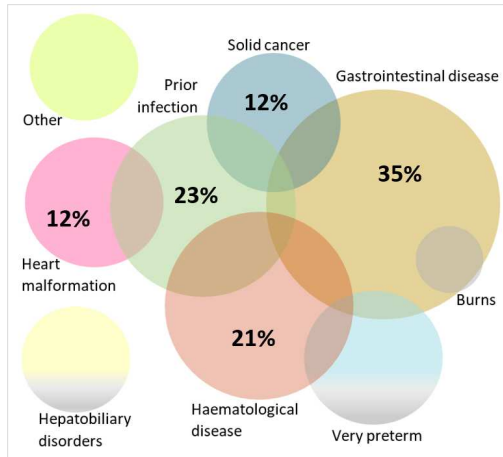
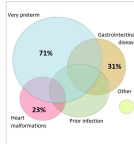
Underlying diseases among neonates



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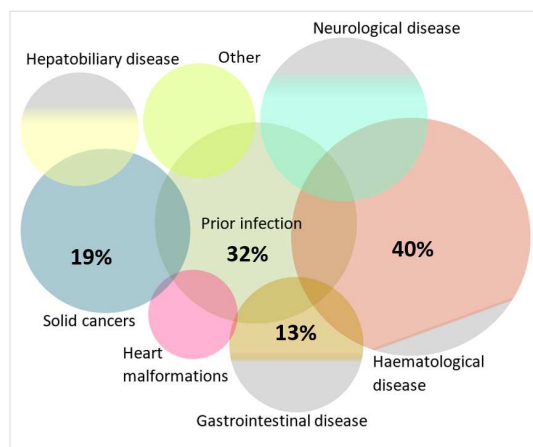
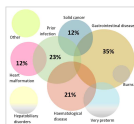
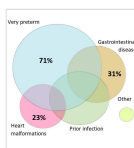
Underlying diseases among infants (1m-2y)



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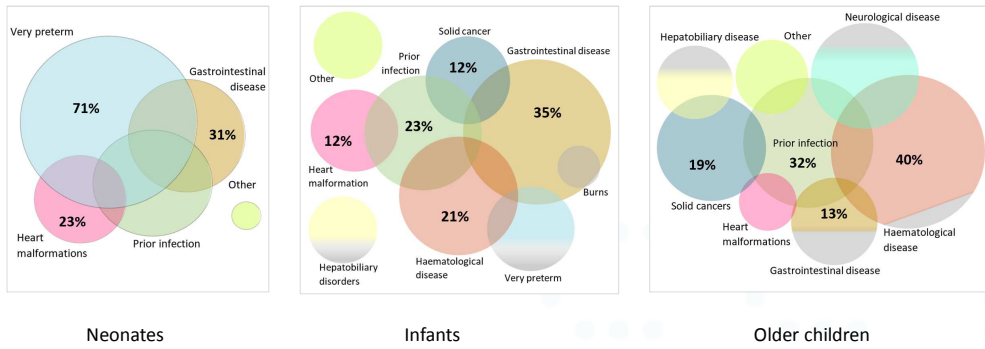
Underlying diseases among older children (3-15y)



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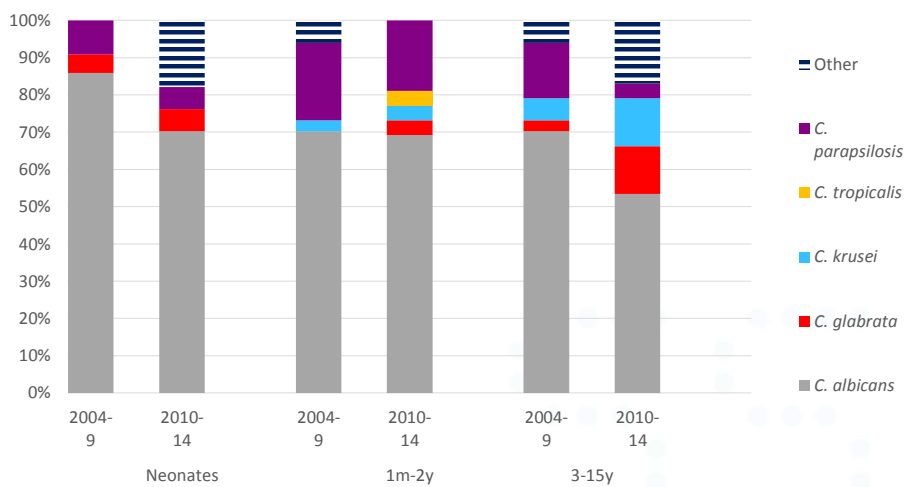
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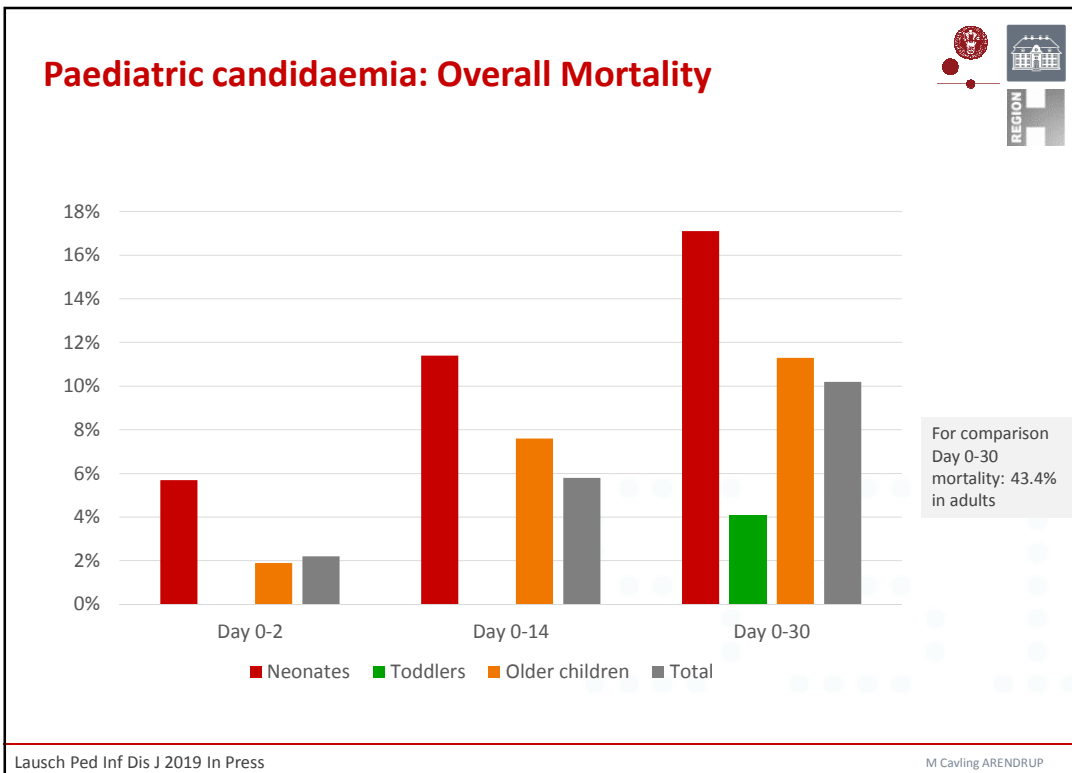
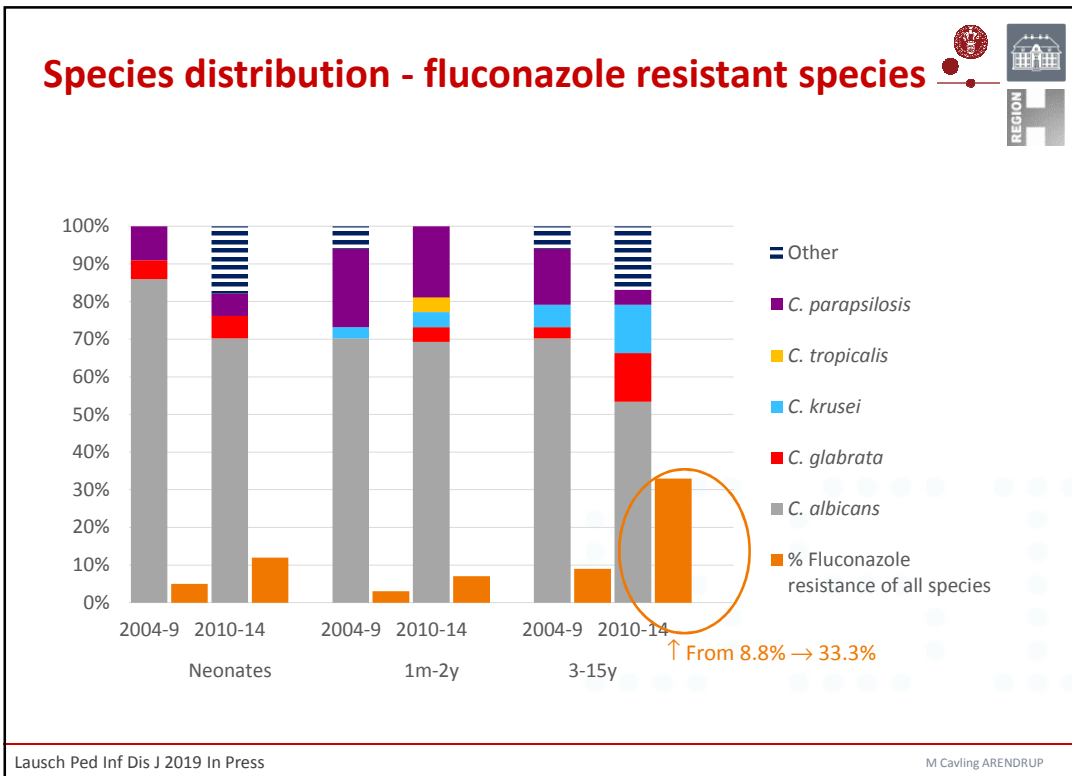
Underlying diseases by age group



→ Multi-morbidity (≥2) in 43.5% of patients

Species distribution by age group and time period





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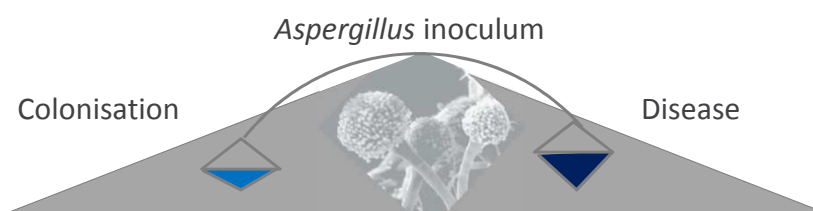
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Aspergillus: Host interaction & spectrum of disease



Normal Host	Overreacting immune system	Impaired (lung) tissue architecture	Compromised immune system
Transient colonisation	ABPA Sinusitis Asthma w fungal sensitisation	TB Sarcoidosis COPD CF Aspergilloma Chronic forms of aspergillosis	Haematological disease HSCT, GVHD Wegener's granulomatosis etc Steroids Influenza... Semi → acute invasive aspergillosis

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Paediatric Invasive pulmonary aspergillosis



- ❖ Retrospective study (2004- 2013)
 - Tertiary care children's hospital in New York City
- ❖ Methods: Searches
 - Microbiology
 - *Aspergillus* cultures and S- *Aspergillus* galactomannan results
 - Excl.: CF sputum *Aspergillus*, Skin without evidence, external ear canal; and ABPA.
 - Dept Inf Prev Control surveillance records
 - Pathology & Radiology, string searches
 - %aspergil%
 - Histopath specifically
 - septated hyphae, hyaline hyphae, septated hyaline hyphae, acute angle branching, forty-five degree branching, vascular invasion, angioinvasion, local invasion, *Aspergillus*, aspergillosis, consistent with *Aspergillus*, and consistent with aspergillosis.
 - Radiology specifically
 - nodule, halo, cavity, consistent with *Aspergillus*, consistent with aspergillosis, and air-crescent sign

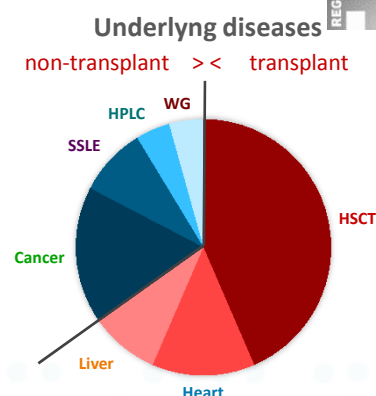
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Paediatric Invasive pulmonary aspergillosis

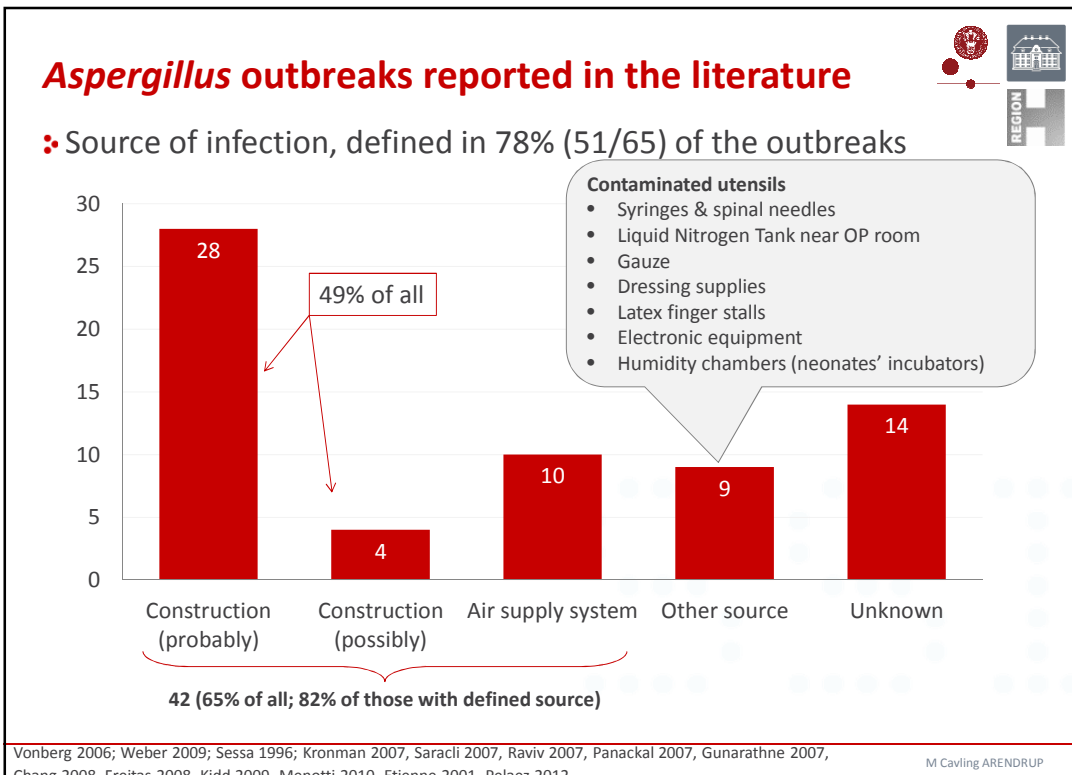
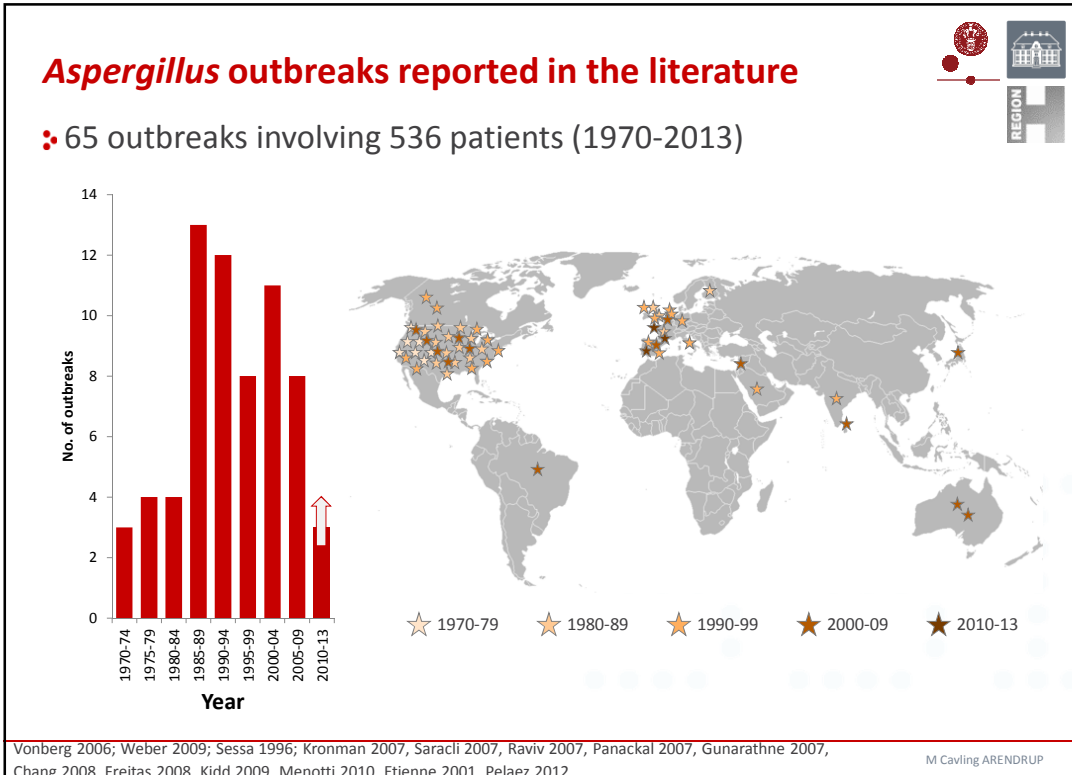


- ❖ 22 children met IA criteria
 - 5 (23%) only identified by string searches.
- ❖ Clinical characteristics
 - 13 (59%) were ♀
 - Mean age 11.2 years (0.6-18 years)
 - Underlying diseases
 - 14 (63.6%) transplants
 - 9 (41%) hematopoietic stem cell transplant
 - 2 (9%) cardiac transplant
 - 2 (9%) liver transplant
 - 1 (4.5%) hematopoietic stem cell transplant & cardiac transplant
 - 8 (36%) immunosuppressive treatment for
 - cancer (n = 4)
 - severe systemic lupus erythematosus (n = 2)
 - hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (n = 1)
 - Wegener granulomatosis (n = 1).



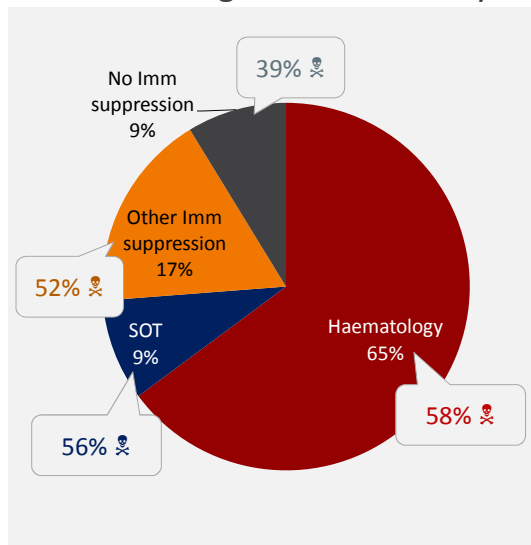
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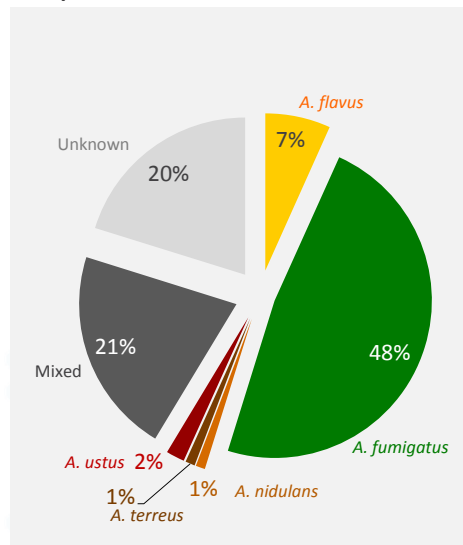


Aspergillus outbreaks reported in the literature

❖ Patient categories & mortality



❖ Species distribution



Vonberg 2006; Weber 2009; Sessa 1996; Kronman 2007, Saracli 2007, Raviv 2007, Panackal 2007, Gunarathne 2007, Chang 2008, Freitas 2008, Kidd 2009, Menotti 2010, Etienne 2001, Pelaez 2012

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Paediatric Mucormycosis Multicentre study Italy 2009-16

❖ 15 proven mucormycosis

- male/female: 8/7;
- median age 14.1 years
- range 7.7-18.6 years

❖ Underlying malignancy

- 12 acute leukaemia/ lymphoma
- 3 allo stem cell transplantation
- 13/15 steroid
- 10/15 prolonged neutropenia

❖ Site of infection

- 14/15 Paranasal sinus combined with
 - 9 orbital involvement
 - 8 CNS
 - 4 lung
 - 1 thyroid gland & kidney

❖ Fungal species

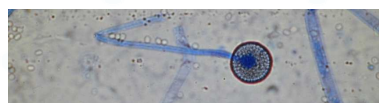
- *Rhizopus oryzae* 4,
- *Lichtheimia corymbifera* 3
- *Mucor spp.* 8.

❖ Therapy

- 15/15 AmBisome (3-10 mg/kg),
- 14/15 surgical debridement
- 11/15 maintenance treatment
 - 9 posaconazole
 - 2 isavuconazole

❖ Outcome

- 8/15 (53.3%) died, after 3-6 months



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European Diagnostics Guidelines



ESCMID* guideline for the diagnosis and management of *Candida* diseases 2012: diagnostic procedures

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ECIL-3 classical diagnostic procedures for the diagnosis of invasive fungal diseases in patients with leukaemia

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Diagnosis and management of *Aspergillus* diseases: executive summary of the 2017 ESCMID-ECMM-ERS guideline

A Ullmann et al



Cuenca-Estrella et al CMI 2012, www.escmid.org, Arendrup et al BMT 2012, Ullmann CMI 2018

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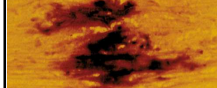
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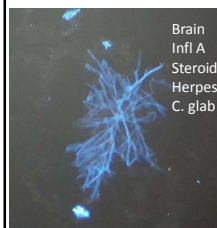
Blanchophor: Recent real life Examples



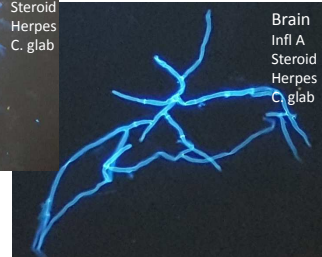
Sputum wet smear



Sputum blanchophor



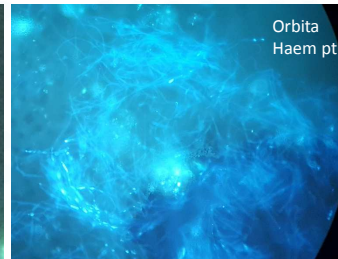
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Liver absces
Haem pt



Orbita
Haem pt

Specimen	Laboratory	Microscopy	Culture
Brain biopsy	Routine lab	Negative	+ mould
	Ref lab	Septate dichotomic branching hyphae	<i>A. fumigatus</i> *
Liver abscess	Routine lab	Negative	No fungi
	Ref lab	Pauci-septate hyphae	<i>Lichtheimia ramosa</i> *
Orbita-tissue	Routine lab	Negative	No fungi
	Ref lab	Septate and pauciseptate hyphae	<i>Circinella Muscae</i> , <i>Acremonium pinkertoniae</i> , <i>Fusarium</i> *
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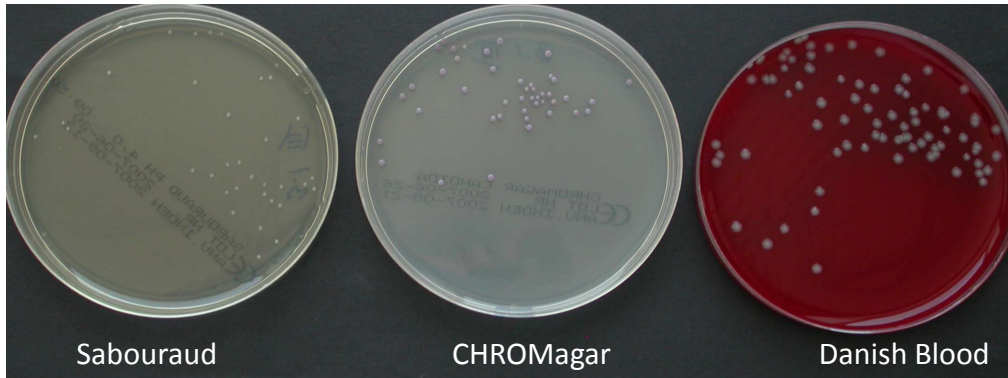
* Confirmed by direct PCR

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Selective vs blood agar



C. glabrata + *S. maltophilia*, 2 days of incubation



Mortensen, Fernandez, Chryssanthou, Gaustad, Sandven, Arendrup, NRMM report 2007

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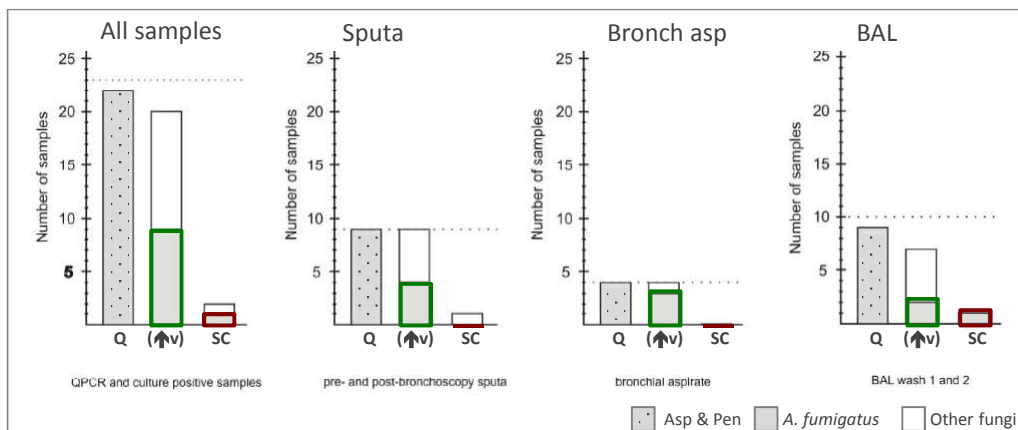
Aspergillus culture: Volume matters



5 aspergillus patients (ABPA 2; Bronchitis 2, prev IPA 1)

- 4 pre-bronchoscopy sputa
- 4 bronchial aspirates
- 10 BAL
- 5 post-bronchoscopy sputa

23 samples;
 Q-PCR >> ↑ volume culture >> standard culture
 (Q) (↑v) (SC)



Fraczek Mycoses 2014

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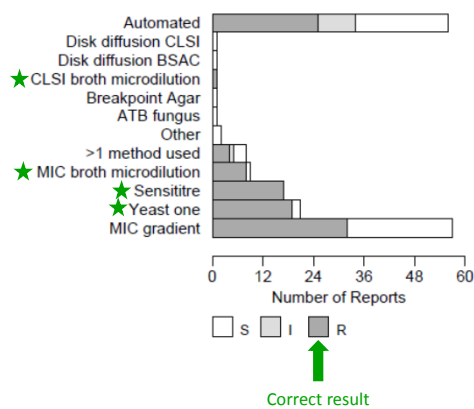
Routine testing not always sensitive in detecting R



UK NEQUAS AFST performance for a resistant *C. albicans* isolate

Fluconazole - specimen 2938

Intended result : resistant



	S	I	R	% concordance
All	62	10	124	63.3
DK	1	0	2	66.7

37% errors
32% very major errors!!

Despite the fact that:
EQA typically overestimate performance
Many laboratories don't participate

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Antigen tests: Spectrum and prevalence of target diseases



	Estimate: invasive inf. (n)		Antigen tests				
	DK*	Cancer/Tx*	β-D-glucan	Galactom.	AspLFD	Mannan	<i>Cryptococcus</i>
Mould							
<i>Aspergillus</i>	294	38	✓	✓	✓		
<i>Fusarium</i>	≤ 2	≤ 2	✓	(✓**)			
<i>Scedosporium</i>	≤ 1	≤ 1	✓				
<i>Mucorales</i>	1 (≤5)	1 (≤5)					
Yeast							
<i>Candida</i>	527 + 176	174 (120)	✓			✓	
<i>Cryptococcus</i>	2 (≤2)	0 (≤1)					✓
<i>Trichosporon</i>	≤1	≤1	✓	(✓**)			(✓)
Neither or							
<i>Pneumocystis</i>	82	38	✓				

*Mortensen Mycoses 2015, adapted/elaborated by MC Arendrup

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Surrogate markers- Pro et Cons

	Pro	Con
Asp GM	Detects <i>Aspergillus</i> <i>Fusarium, Trichosporon</i> <i>P. marneffe</i> Voriconazole 1 st line for all Index correlates w outcome BAL, Biopsies, CSF, sterile fluids	↓ Sensitivity mould active treatment non-neutropenic population few samples Other IFI not detected Susceptibility not provided
AspLFD	Detects: "growing" <i>Aspergillus</i> Point of care format	As above for Asp GM Weak bands difficult to read, not quantitative
β-D-glucan	Almost pan-fungal	Asp → voriconazole PCP → Bactrim <i>Candida</i> → echinocandin Crypto/zygomycetes not detected ↑ Many contamination sources ↑ Cost
Mannan Ag+Ab	Specific for <i>Candida</i> Echinocandin 1 st line for all Hepatosplenic candidiasis CSF	Less well studied/documentated ↓ Sensitivity <i>C. parapsilosis</i> & <i>C. krusei</i> ↑ False positivity if heavily colonised? Other IFI not detected

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ECIL-3: Min. Lab-criteria for haem pts

Technique	Minimum criteria
Direct Microscopy	Optical brighteners and fluorescent microscopy
Culture	Fungal agar should be used for primary culture; Sufficient volume Prolonged incubation where appropriate Species identification ≤ 2 days for <i>Candida</i> ≤ 3 days for <i>A. fumigatus</i>
Susceptibility testing:	Reference methodology (CLSI or EUCAST) for all licensed antifungals ≤ 1 week
Indirect tests	<i>Aspergillus</i> galactomannan Ag <i>Cryptococcus</i> Antigen <i>Candida</i> mannan Ag and antimannan antibody B-D-Glucan PCR

Depending on local epidemiology and clinical presentation

+ recommendations regarding availability for bronchoscopy, imaging and histopath

Arendrup, ECIL-3 guidelines, BMT 2012

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PCRs available in DK



- ❖ T2Candida (at RH)
 - 5 (9) most common *Candida* spp.
 - grouped by susceptibility pattern

- ❖ AsperGenius (Kit, available at Skejby))

Species multiplex PCR

A. fumigatus
A. terreus
Aspergillus sp.
 Internal Amplification Control (IAC)

Resistance multiplex

L98H
 Tandem repeat 34
 T289A
 Y121F

} Panazole "R"
 TR₃₄L98H

} Voriconazole "R"
 TR₄₆/Y121F/T289A

- ❖ SSI
 - Asp PCR incl. species ID and environmental resistance markers
 - validated against AsperGenius & extended w more species
 - *Mucorales* specific PCR
 - *Fusarium* PCR
 - *Candida* PCR
 - ITS – pan fungal PCR
 - Microbiome (pan bacterial and eucaryotic PCR)

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Candida PCR: Specification of the T2Candida test



- ❖ Specific detection of
 - *C. albicans* & *C. tropicalis*
 - *C. glabrata* & *C. krusei*
 - *C. parapsilosis*

	Amphotericin B	Echinocandins	Fluconazole
	S	S	S
	S	S	I/R
	S	I/R	S

- ❖ ... and
 - *S. cerevisiae* & *C. braccarensis*,
 - genetically related to *C. glabrata*
 - susceptibility ~ *C. glabrata*
 - *C. glabrata*/*C. krusei* channel
 - *C. orthopsilosis* & *C. metapsilosis*
 - previously *C. parapsilosis* Group II and Group III
 - susceptibility ~ *C. parapsilosis*
 - *C. parapsilosis* channel

These species
 accounted for
91.7%
 Candidaemia
 isolates in DK 2014-15
 (838/914 in total)
 Or
 90.8% of fungaemia
 isolates

- ❖ No other among 80 species tested, were positive when tested at concentrations ≤ 100 CFU/mL

Sens 91.1% Spec 99.4%

Mylonakis CID 2015

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Diagnostic A; B; C... !!



A. Ensure the relevant samples before starting AF TX

- **Invasive yeast:**
 - BC incl. Fungal medium improves sensitivity for BACTEC & BacT/ALERT
 - T2Candida
 - *Candida* mannan and anti-mannan
 - Focal symptoms → specific samples (CSF, fluids, urine, aspirates... swabs)
 - Colonisation samples
 - Susceptibility testing of significant findings (reliable method) - Particularly in AF exposed patients!!
- **Invasive mould:**
 - Resp samples (BAL >> Tracheal secretions >> sputum)
 - Susceptibility testing for all *A. fumigatus* cultures (even in azole naïve patients)
 - Asp GM: serum, Note lower sensitivity in non-neutropenic patients and patients on mould active TX
 - Asp GM BAL - <0.5 almost rules disease out; ≥ 3 almost rules disease in
 - Asp PCR BAL – allows speciation and detection of resistance
 - Mucorales PCR when clinical indication
 - Asp AB - relevant in chronic cases. Obs high level / rising titres and imaging
 - Imaging - CT >> X-ray
- **CNS:** Include *Cryptococcus* Ag testing

Combined testing ↑
performance

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Diagnostic A; B; C... !!



B. Notify your lab that you are looking for fungal infection!

- Optical brighteners for direct microscopy
- Fungal stains for tissue sections
- Selective agar for primary plating (Chromogenic agar (or Sab))
- Appropriate inoculum size
- Prolonged incubation
- Specific mould PCRs

↑ sensitivity



c. Follow up:

- Metastatic foci (endophthalmitis; spondylitis, hepatosplenic candidiasis, endocarditis...)
- Repeat airway samples culture/PCR incl. susceptibility (co-infection S & R moulds)
- TDM for mould active azoles and 5FC
 - Until stable therapeutic level, and if changes in co-medication, compliance issues, toxicity or failure
- Antigen titres when pos initially
 - Asp GM may turn neg. before inf is cured
 - *Cryptococcus* and *Candida* mannan Ag titres often pos for a long time
- Other (imaging etc)

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