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# **New Perspectives for Antigen Detection in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Invasive Fungal Infections**

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# Candida

# Aspergillus

**Inappropriate Initial Therapy of Candidemia  
With Septic Shock :  
Drop in Survival from 25 - 35% to < 5% !**

*Kumar et al., Chest, 2009; 136: 1237-48*

80-90%

HOSPITAL / ICU

10-20%

30-60%

NEUTROPENIA /  
TRANSPLANTATION

30-60%



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# The Next Step ?

Clinical Risk Profile  
Cultures : Blood, BAL,  
Colonization, ...

+

Detection of  
Fungal Components



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# *Candida*



**MANNAN + ANTI-MANNAN**



# Mannan / Anti-Mannan

- **Grading of evidence and recommendation, 3<sup>rd</sup> European Conference on Infections in Leukemia (ECIL-3) 2009**

*Mikulska et al., Crit Care, 2010; 14: R222*

*ECIL, Bone Marrow Transplantation, 2012; 47: 846-54*

- **Combination Mannan and Anti-Mannan : BII**
  - **Candidemia : CII**
  - **Hepatosplenic Candidiasis : BIII**
- **Not included in 2008 EORTC-MSG diagnostic criteria**
  - **... and in ICU PTS WITH NON-FUNGEMIC CANDIDIASIS ?**

# *Aspergillus*



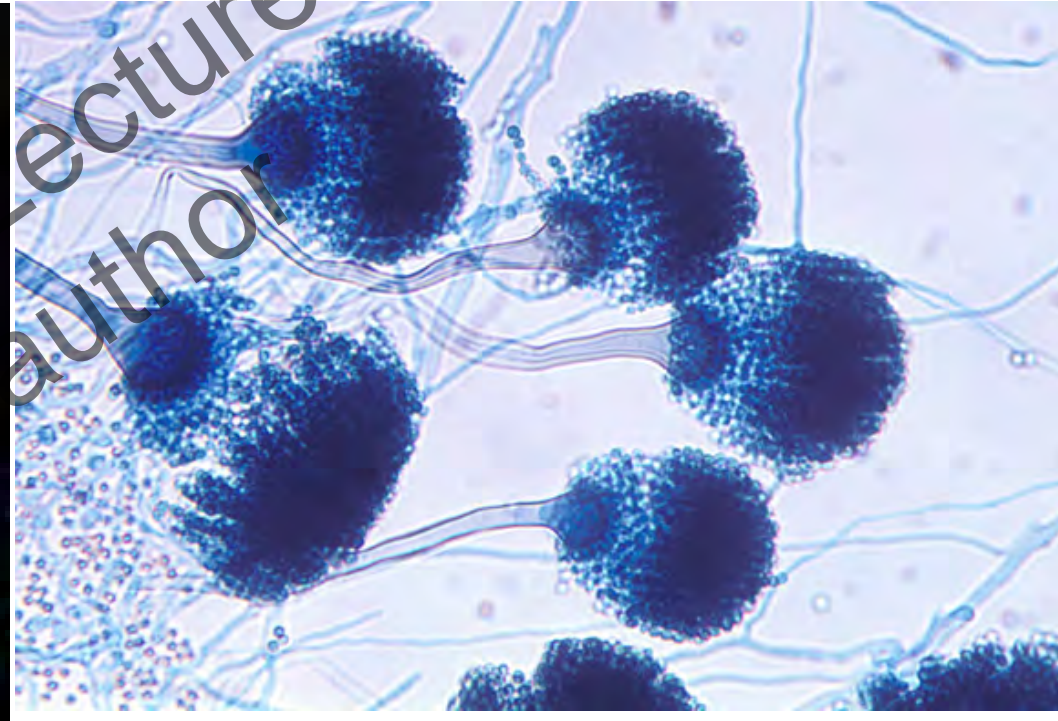
## ***GALACTOMANNAN***

# Galactomannan

- **BLOOD : solid data set for cut-off > 0.5 Index**
  - Different detection in neutropenic vs. non-neutropenic patients
  - Ongoing antifungal therapy : ↓ sensitivity, delayed positivity
  - False-positives : piperacillin/tazobactam, food, ....
  - Follow-up of therapy : galactomannan ↓ if response / ↑ if failure
- **BAL : promising for cut-off > 0.5 Index, in both neutropenic and ICU patients**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> European Conference on Infections in Leukemia (ECIL) 2009 : grading of evidence and recommendation All**
- **Included in 2008 EORTC-MSG diagnostic criteria**

# *Candida*

# *Aspergillus*



## 1,3-BETA-D-GLUCAN



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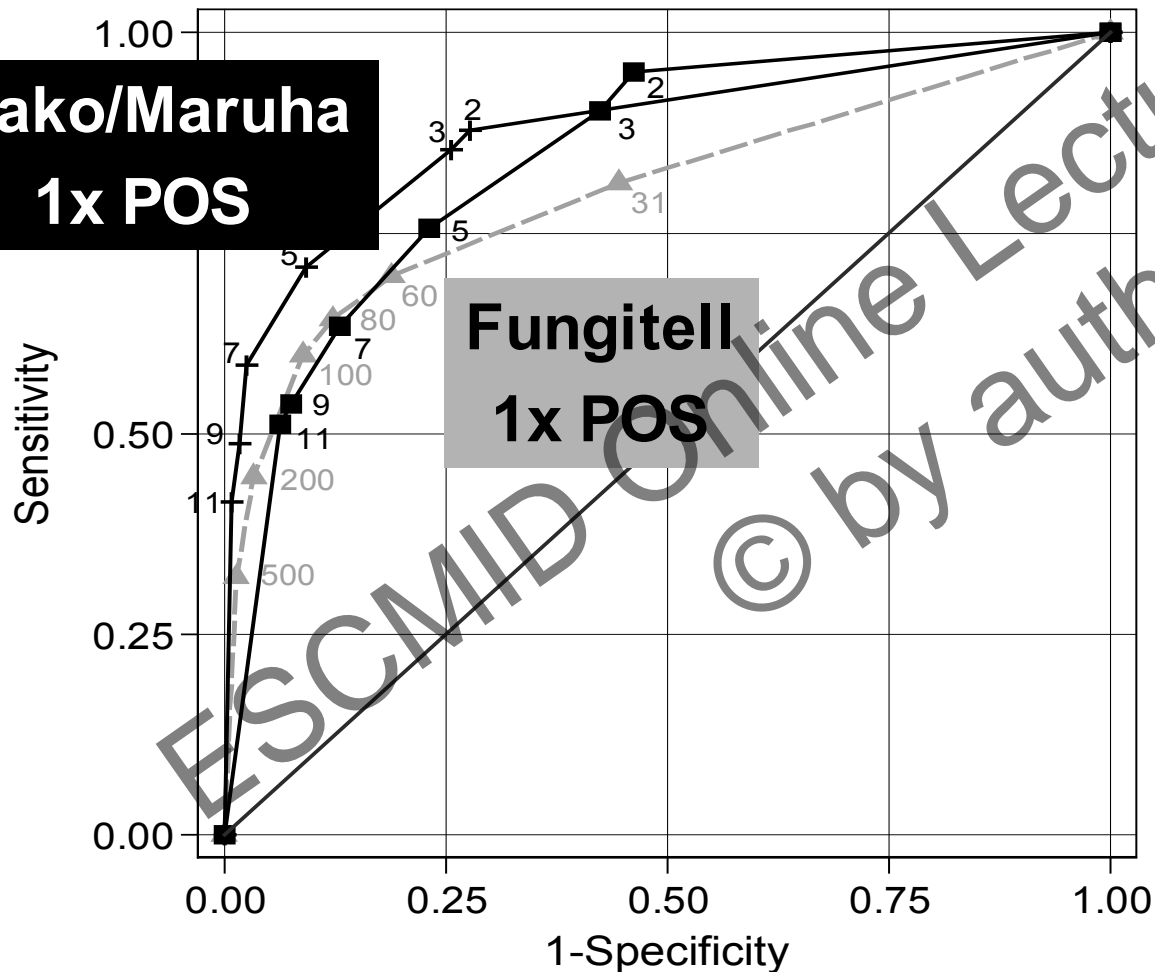
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- **Beta-D-glucan assays**
- **Hematological patients : the ECIL meta-analysis**
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# ECIL Meta-Analysis of Beta-Glucan Antigenemia for Diagnosis of IFI in High-Quality Hemato-Oncological Cohort Studies

Lamoth, Cruciani, Mengoli, et al. for ECIL, *Clin Infect Dis*, 2012, 54 (5): 633-43



**Fungitell® (ACC, USA)**

**1x ≥ 80 pg/ml :**

**DOR 16.3, PPV 60%, NPV 90%**

**2x ≥ 80 pg/ml :**

**DOR 111.8, PPV 90%, NPV 90%**

- ▲— Fungitell 1 criterion A ROC area: 0.8002
- Wako/Maruha criterion A ROC area: 0.8448
- +— Wako/Maruha criterion B ROC area: 0.8782
- Reference



# Comments

- Meta-analysis of high-quality cohorts of HEM pts from the 3<sup>rd</sup> European Conference on Infections in Leukemia, ECIL-3
  - Prospective monitoring in IFI cases and controls with identical risk profiles : performance close to real life
  - 2 positive values : higher diagnostic accuracy / PPV / NPV ... BUT, SENSITIVITY 50-80% : needs to be combined with clinical, radiological, and microbiological assessment
- Similar performance of North-American and Japanese beta-D-glucan assays ... so far, Japanese assays not available in Europe or North-America

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# Early diagnosis of candidemia in intensive care unit patients with sepsis: a prospective comparison of (1→3)- $\beta$ -D-glucan assay, *Candida* score, and colonization index

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# METHODS

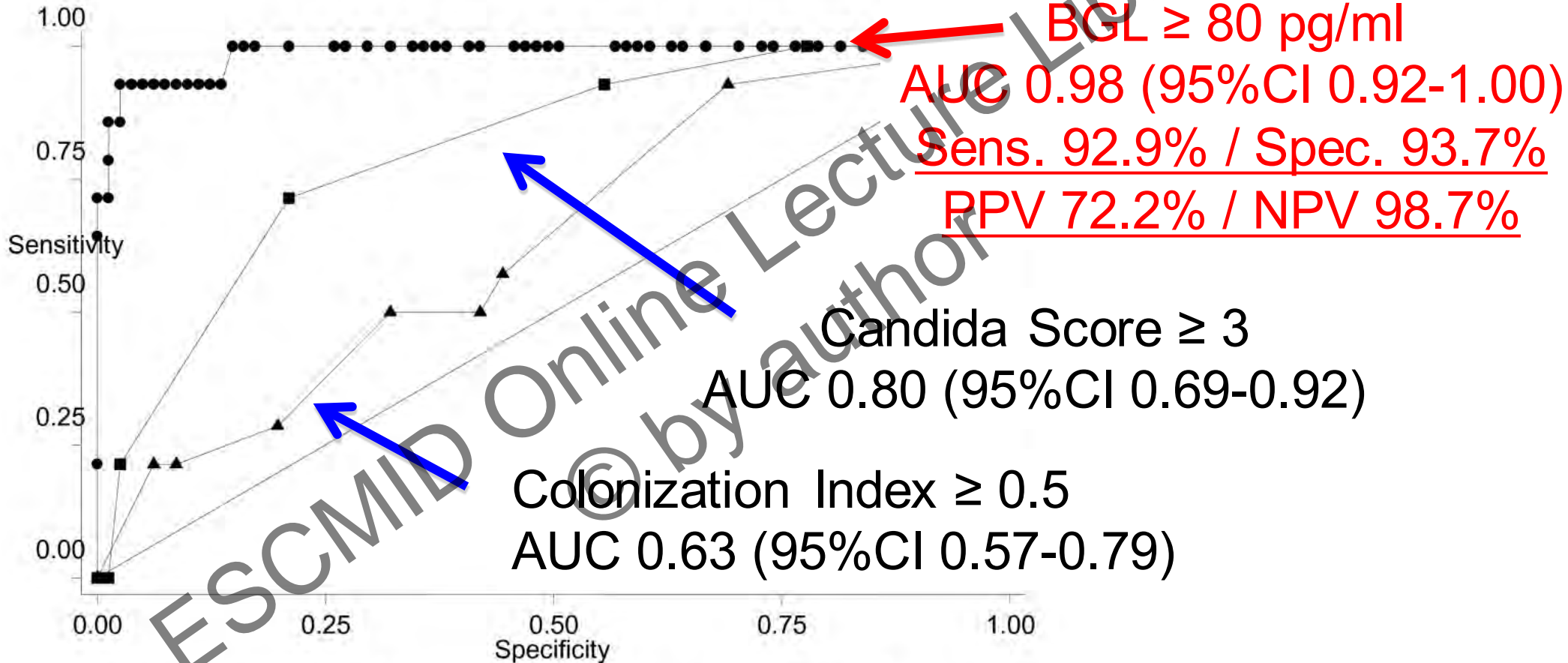
- Inclusion criteria (ALL fulfilled) :
  - Medical ICU admission with sepsis
  - Not neutropenic / No IFI at baseline
  - ICU stay > 5 days
- Diagnostic assessment at inclusion :
  - Blood cultures
  - Beta-glucan ( $\geq 80$  pg/ml)
  - Candida score ( $\geq 3$ )
  - Colonization index ( $\geq 0.5$ )

95 patients included, 16 IFI :

13 candidemias, 1 *Candida* mediastinitis,

1 lung aspergillosis, 1 lung fusariosis

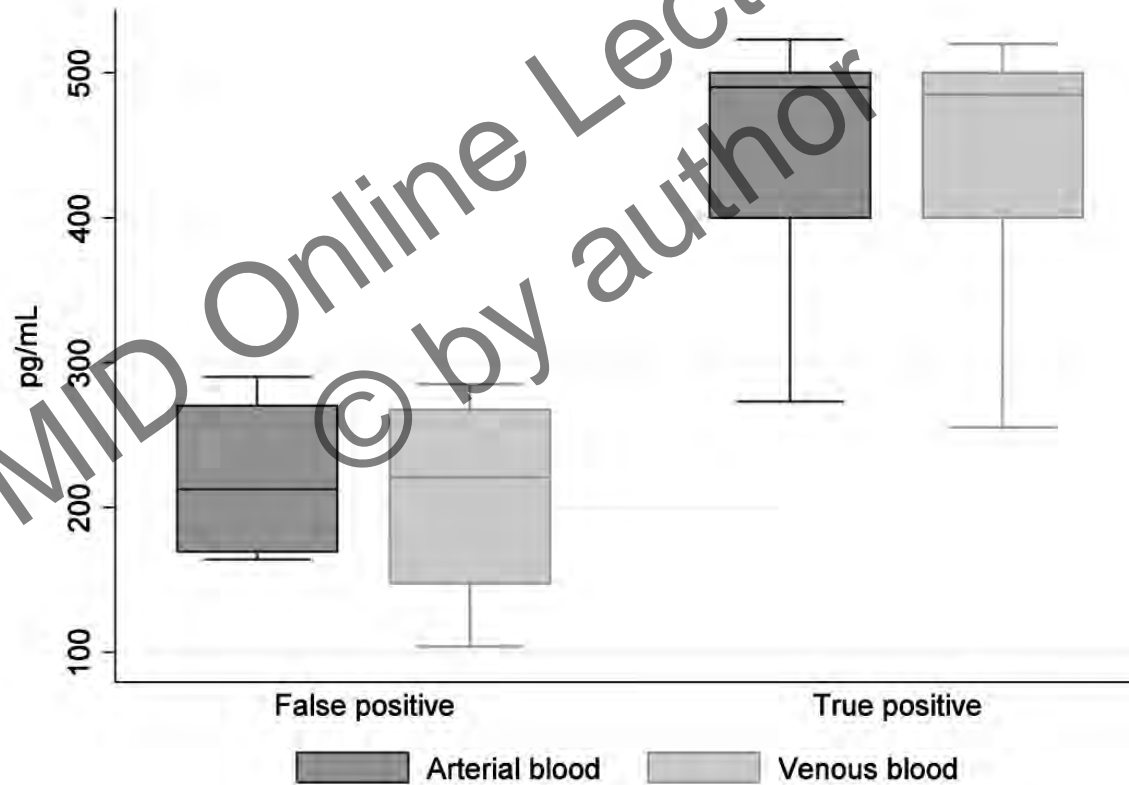
# ROC CURVES



Positive BGL results

1-3 days before positive blood cultures

# BGL IN BLOOD FROM ARTERIAL CATHETER VS. PERIPHERAL VENIPUNCTURE



# Comments

- Single BGL  $\geq 80$  pg/ml at onset of sepsis in medical patients with ICU stay  $> 5$  days
  - Accurate for EARLY diagnosis of candidemia
  - **Practical : simple patients' selection and one single blood sample (catheter = venipuncture) !**



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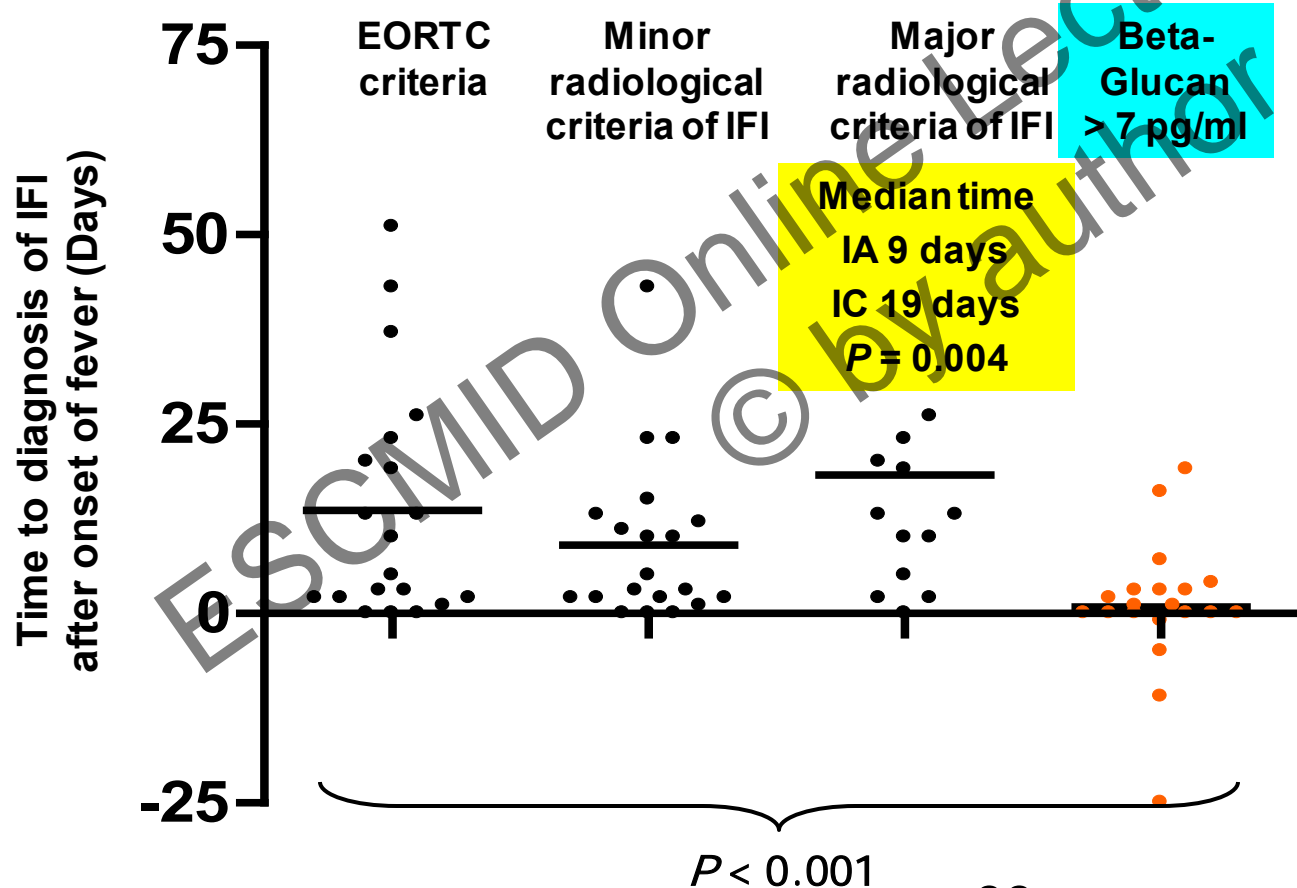
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# Hematological Patients : Time Interval Between Onset of Neutropenic Fever as First Sign of IFI and Diagnosis

Senn et al., Clin Infect Dis, 2008; 46: 878-85



Empirical antifungal therapy (before beta-glucan results) : median 1.5 days (range 0-10) after onset of fever



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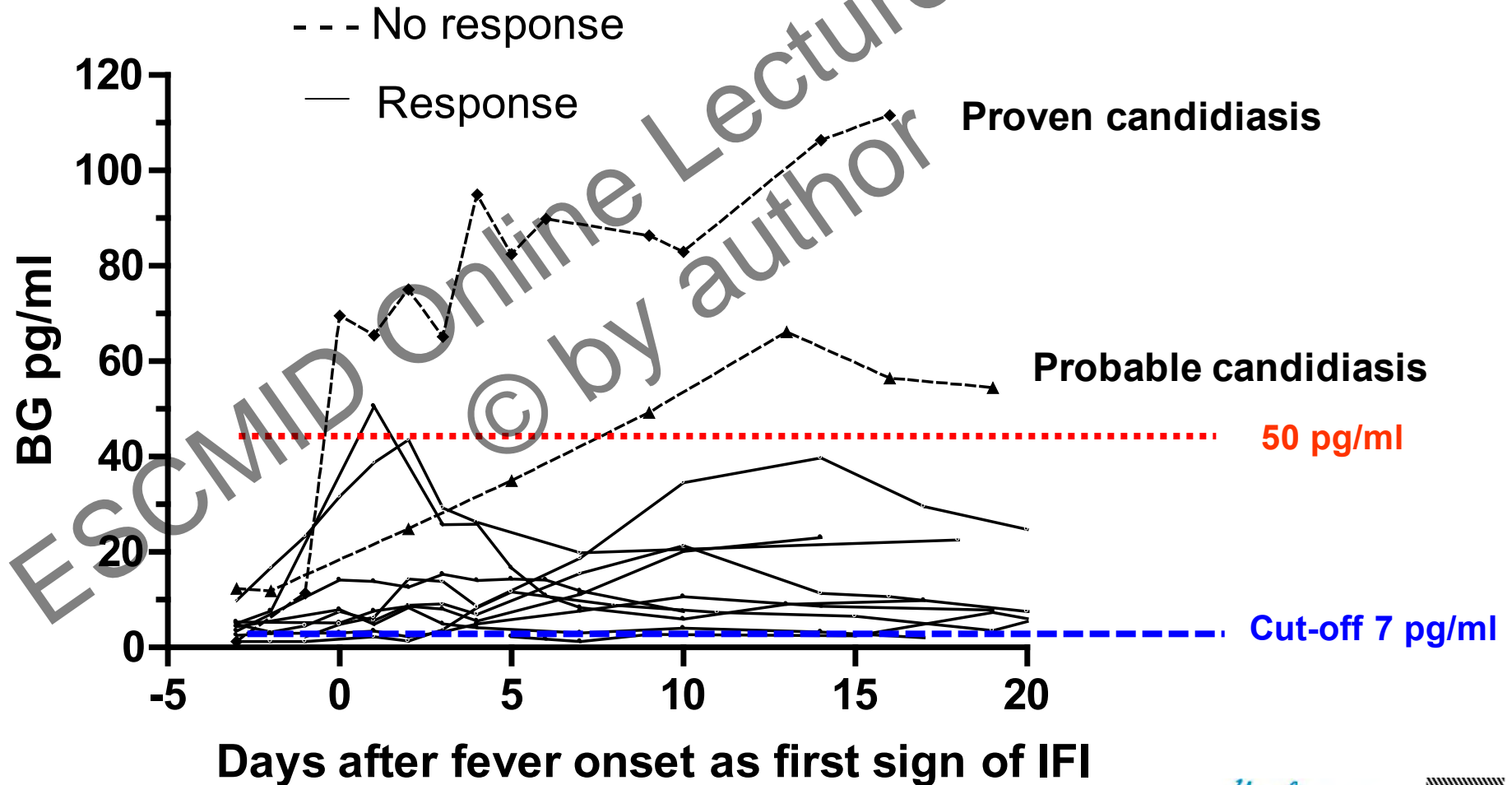
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# Kinetics of Beta-Glucan in Hematological Patients Responding or not Responding to Antifungal Therapy

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# Comments

- Beta-D-glucan
  - Early diagnosis of IFI in HEM pts
  - Value may reflect both severity of infection and clinical outcome
  - In follow-up it remains positive at low levels despite response to antifungal therapy ....
  - Similar observations in the FUNGINOS cohort of high-risk surgical ICU patients with non-fungemic intra-abdominal candidiasis

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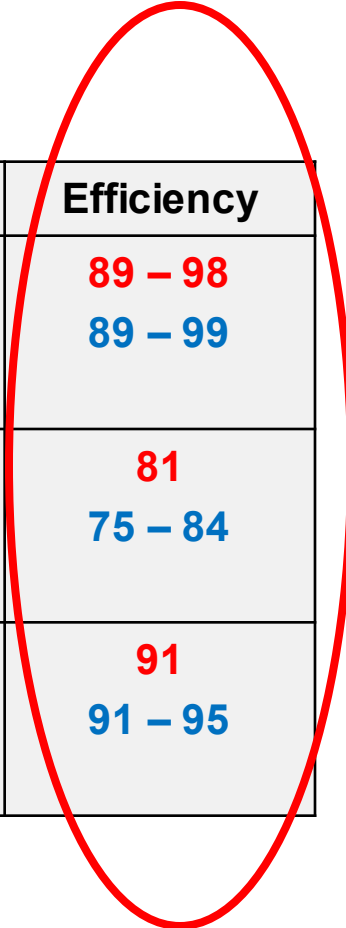
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**Proven + probable invasive candidiasis (IC) /**  
**Proven + probable invasive aspergillosis (IA)**

BG Assay	Cut-off	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV	Efficiency
Fungitell	60-120 pg/ml (1-3 values)	67 – 83 25 – 88	90 – 100 90 – 100	63 – 100 70 – 100	96 – 98 96 – 99	89 – 98 89 – 99
Fungitec-G	20-40 pg/ml (1 value)	50 63 – 100	83 76 – 83	21 16 – 19	95 96 – 100	81 75 – 84
Wako / Maruha	7-11 pg/ml (2 values)	59 45 – 60	96 96 – 99	67 64 – 83	94 95	91 91 – 95



# Beta-Glucan Antigenemia (Fungitell® - U.S.A.) for Diagnosis of Candidemia / Invasive Candidiasis Due to Different *Candida* Species

*Ostrosky-Zeichner et al., Clin Infect Dis, 2005; 41: 654-9*

6 Hospitals, United States

1 SINGLE SAMPLE/patient within 72h after  
documentation of candidiasis

	Beta-Glucan > 60 pg/ml
<i>C. albicans</i>	30/36 (83%)
<i>C. glabrata</i>	21/26 (81%)
<i>C. tropicalis</i>	10/11 (91%)
<i>C. parapsilosis</i>	13/18 (72%)
<i>C. krusei</i>	3/3 (100%)

# Beta-D-Glucan in Other IFI

## *Pneumocystis jirovecii*

- HIV pts. : sensitivity 87-100%, specificity 65-100%
- Useful if BAL not feasible (or neg. BAL & high clinical suspicion)
- Hematological patients and SOT ?

## Other fungi : FEW – NO data

- *Histoplasma* : sensitivity ~ 90%, specificity 70%
- *Cryptococcus* : LOWER levels than in other fungi ...
- *Zygomycetes* : LOWER levels than in other fungi ...
- Other molds : ?



# Comments

- Beta-D-glucan as MULTIPLEX fungal biomarker
  - Equivalent in aspergillosis and candidiasis
  - Useful in *Pneumocystis jirovecii*
  - In other fungi LOW levels or lacking data

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# Beta-Glucan in 2013

- HEMATOLOGICAL PATIENTS : Aspergillus + Candida
  - ECIL (*BMT, 2012; 47: 846-54*) :  
Monitoring in acute leukemia / allo-HSCT (NNT 5-20) : BII
  - Microbiological criterion in 2008 EORTC-MSG classification
  - For preemptive therapy ?
- ICU PATIENTS : Candida >> Aspergillus
  - Sepsis : may anticipate detection of candidemia
  - Recurrent perforation/leakage : early detection of non-fungemic intra-abdominal candidiasis (NNT 3)
- Pneumocystis jirovecii in HIV pts ... and in non-HIV ?
- BAL ? Children ?
- BUT ... costs + complex (real time results ?), contaminations (Ig, dialysis, gauzes, ...) : looking for automated assays + central labs



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