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# Candida & the anti-fungals; an ICU perspective

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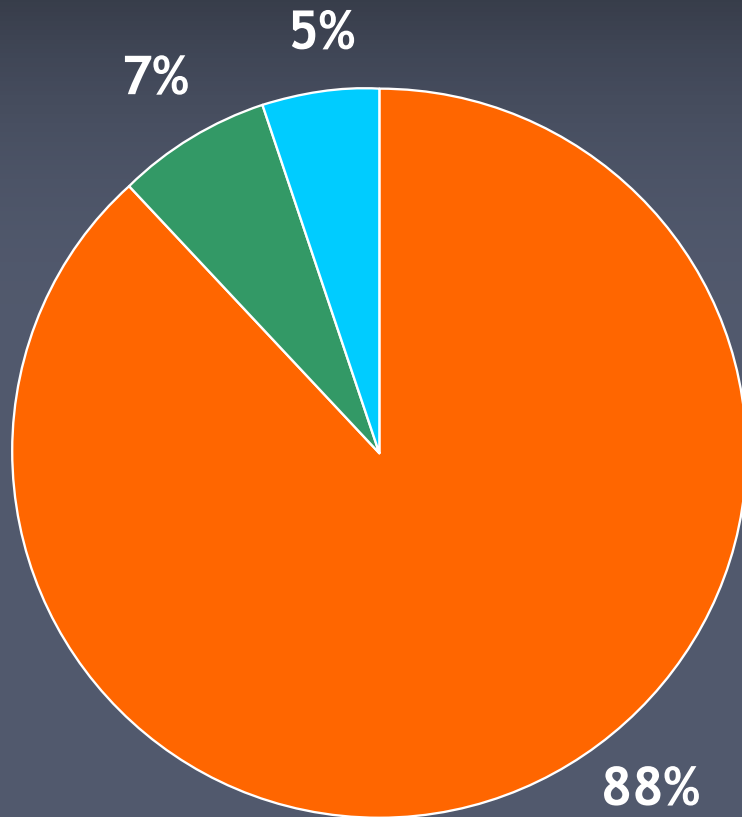


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# *Candida* is the predominant fungal pathogen in the ICU setting: EPIC II



■ *Candida* ■ *Aspergillus* ■ Others

## Global Surveillance Study

- 13,796 adults in 1,265 ICUs in 75 countries
- *Candida* responsible for 88% of 963 fungal infections
- 89% in Europe (n=633) & 85% elsewhere (n=330)

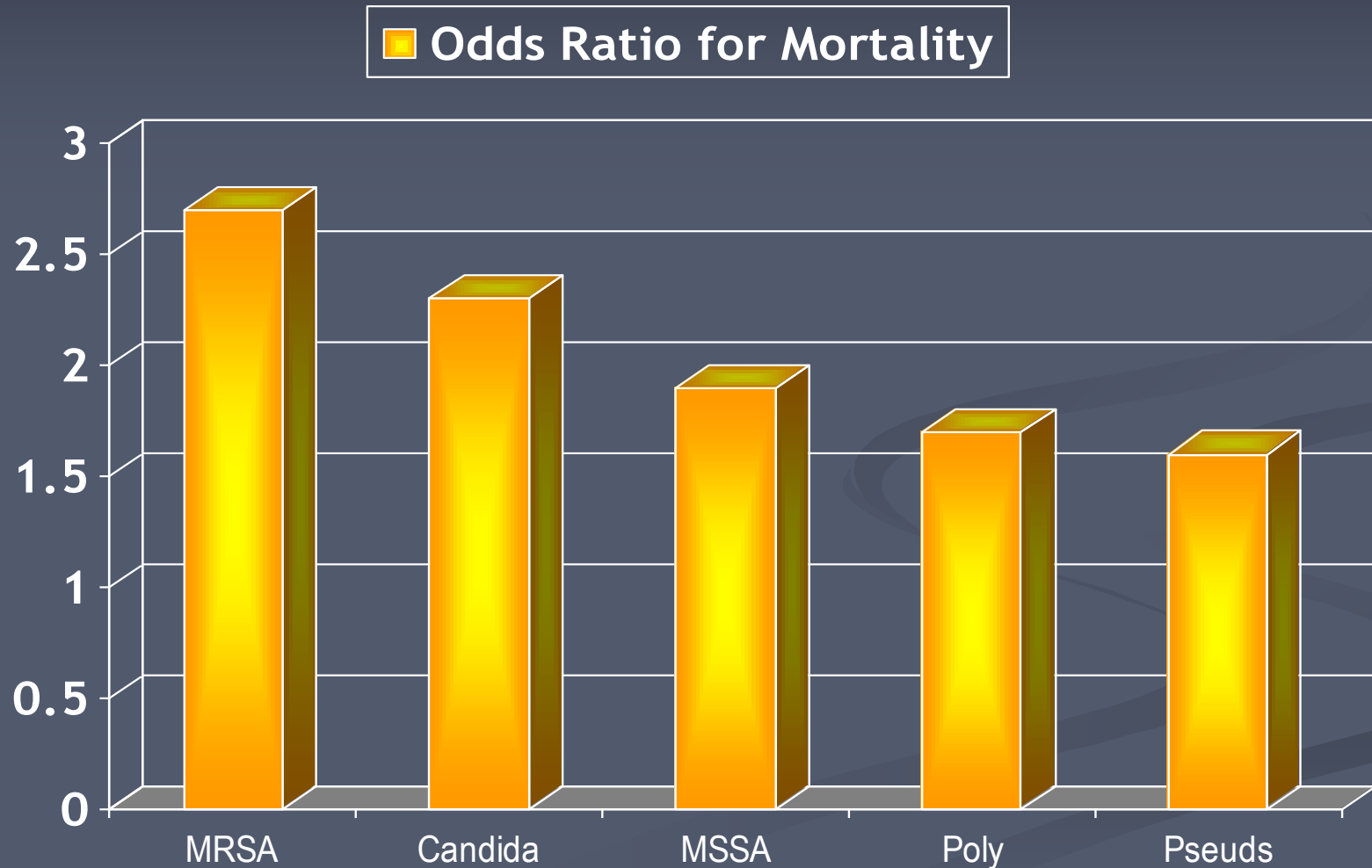
# *Candida* blood stream infections in the ICU

## Global Surveillance Study: EPIC II

- 99 patients with Candidaemia
- Prevalence of 6.9/1,000 ICU patients
- 70% *Candida Albicans*
- **Mortality of 43%** (vs. 25% for gram +ve, & 29% gram -ve BSI)
- Fluconazole was the most frequent therapy given (in 2007)

# Healthcare-associated BSI: A distinct entity?

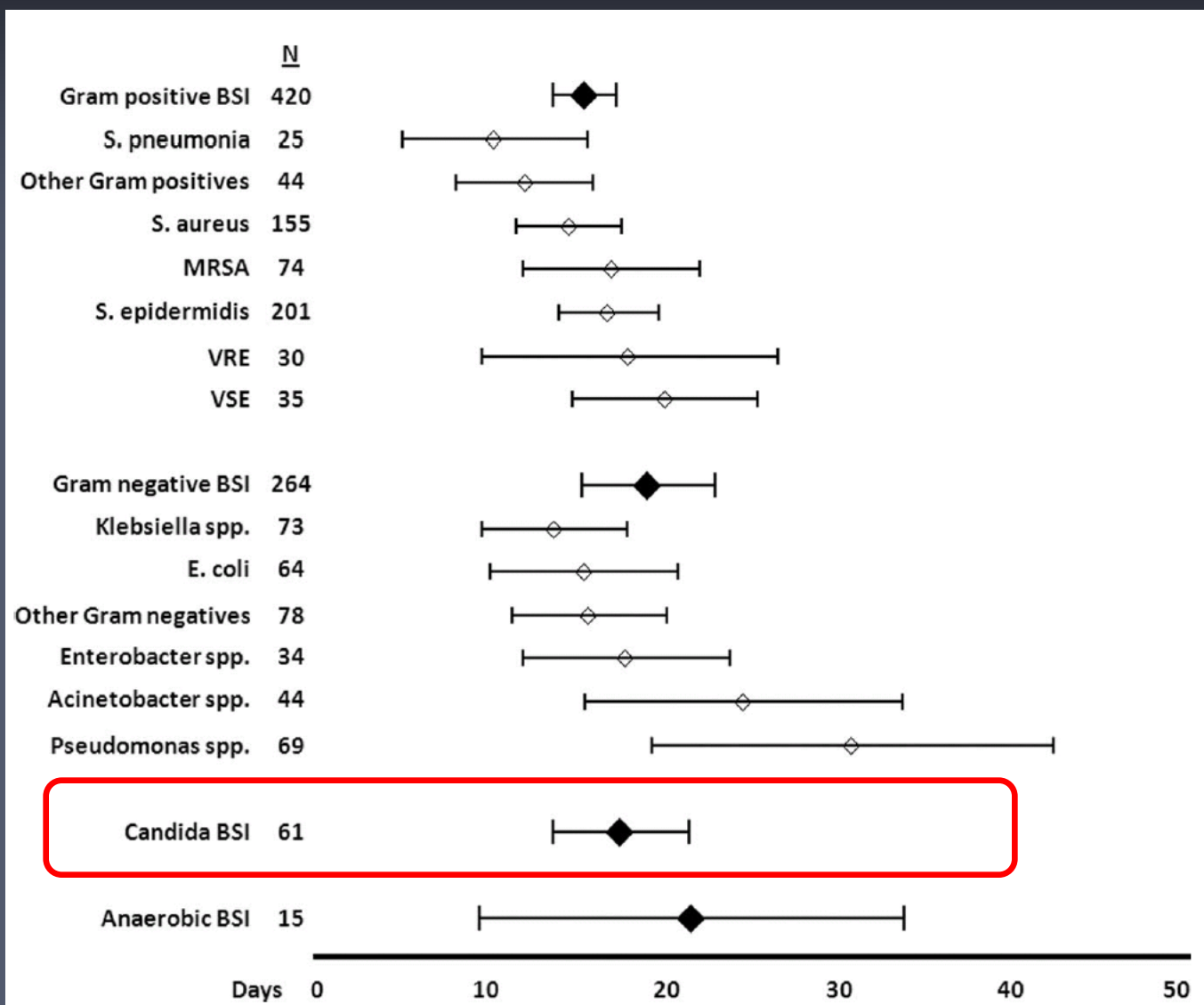
Multivariate logistic regression analysis of 6,697 patients



***Question 1: In patients who have a Candidaemia BSI, when does it typically occur in relation to 'time from admission'?***

1. Early (within the first 7 days of ICU admission)
2. Late (after 14 days or more)
3. Somewhere in the middle (7-14 days)
4. No different to other Blood Stream Infections
5. I don't know...

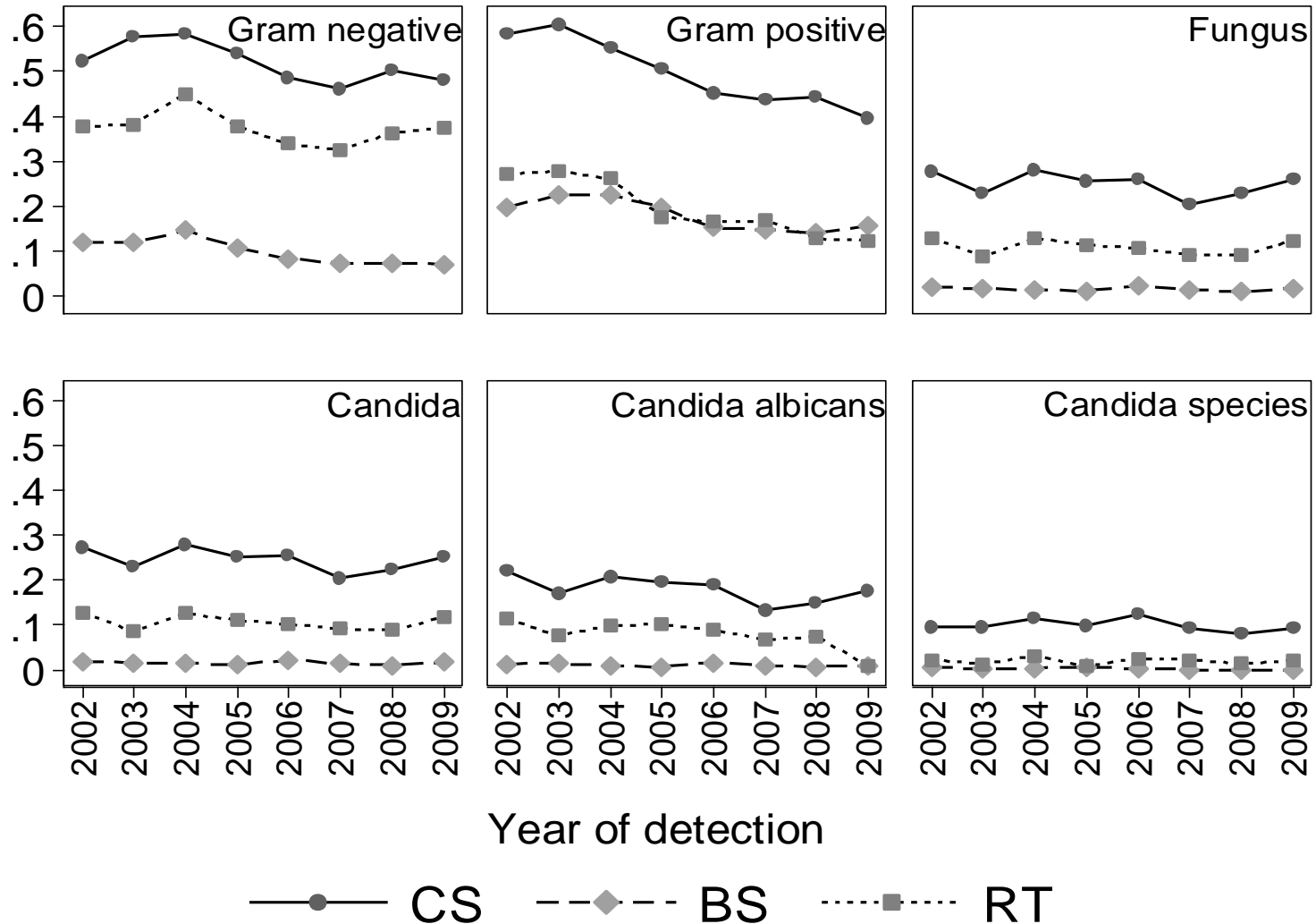
# Candida blood stream infections in the ICU: EPIC II



## *Question 2: In my ICU, Fungal infections are...*

1. Decreasing in frequency
2. Staying about the same
3. Increasing in frequency
4. To be honest, I don't know...

# *Candida as a proportion of other infections...*



# *Candida species in epidemiological surveys*

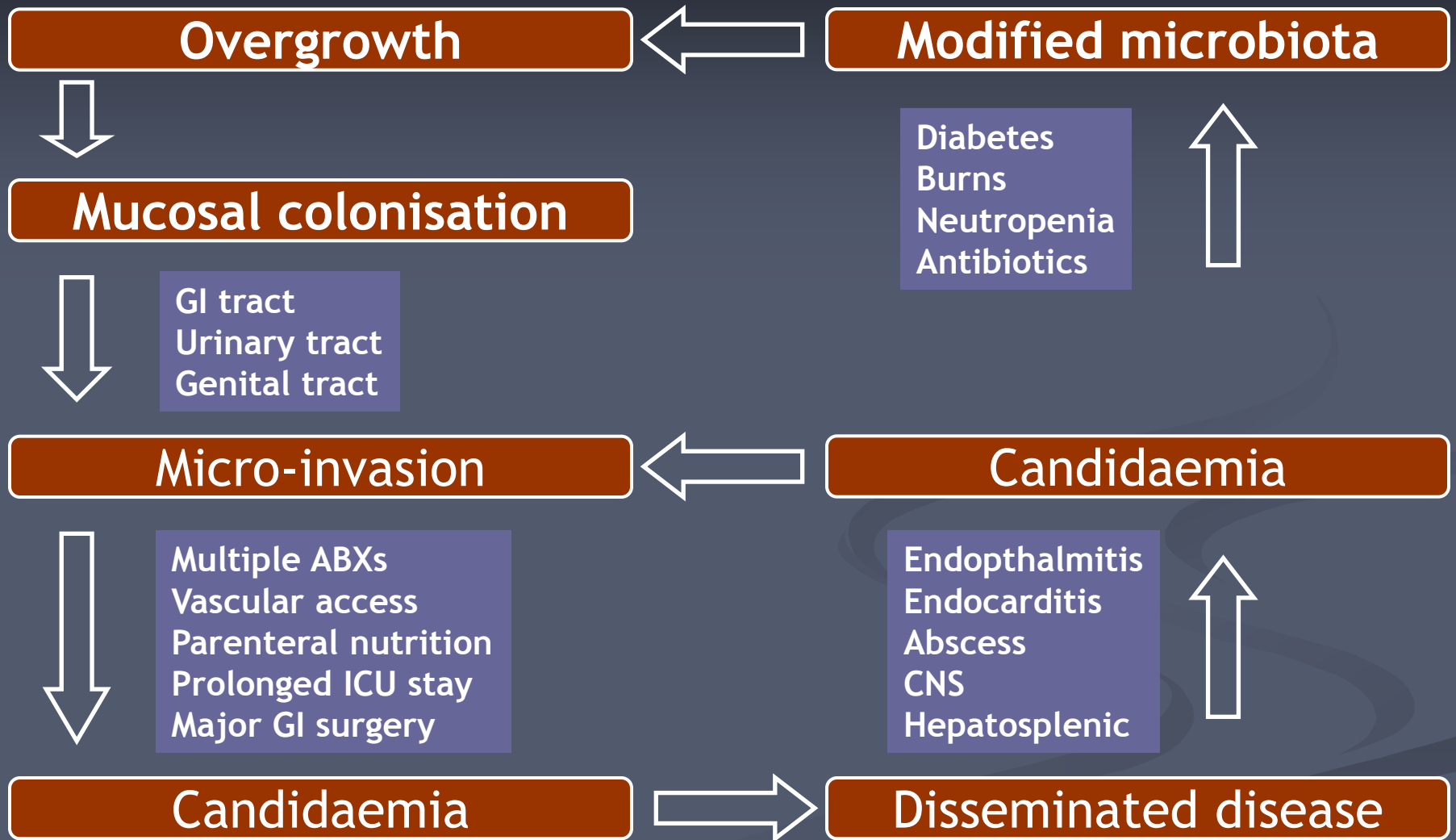
Author	Period of observation	Study	Region	No. of strains	<i>Candida albicans</i>	<i>Candida tropicalis</i>	<i>Candida parapsilosis</i>	<i>Candida glabrata</i>	<i>Candida krusei</i>
Pfaller et al. [10]	2008-2009	SENTRY	Worldwide	2'085	48%	11%	17%	18%	2%
			Europe	750	55%	7%	14%	16%	3%
			North America	936	43%	11%	17%	24%	2%
			Latin America	348	44%	17%	26%	5%	1%
			Asia	51	57%	12%	14%	14%	2%
Marra et al. [11]	2007-2010	SCOPE	Brazil	137	34%	15%	24%	10%	2%
Arendrup et al. [9]	2004-2007		Denmark	2901	57%	5%	4%	21%	4%
Horn et al. [12]	2004-2008	PATH	North America	2019	46%	8%	16%	26%	3%
Leroy et al. [7]	2005-2006	AmarCand	France ICU	305	57%	5%	8%	17%	5%
Talarmin et al. [13]	2004		France West	193	55%	5%	13%	19%	4%
Bougnoux et al. [14]	2001-2002		Paris ICU	57	54%	9%	14%	17%	4%
Marchetti et al. [2]	1991-2000	FUNGINOS	Switzerland	1137	64%	9%	1%	15%	2%
Sandven et al. [15]	1991-2003		Norway Nationwide	1393	70%	7%	6%	13%	1%
Pfaller et al. [16]	1997-2005	ARTEMIS	Mondial **	55'229	71%	5%	5%	10%	2%
Tortorano et al. [8]	1997-1999	ECMM	Europe	2089	52%	7%	13%	13%	2%

# *Risk factors for Invasive Candidiasis*

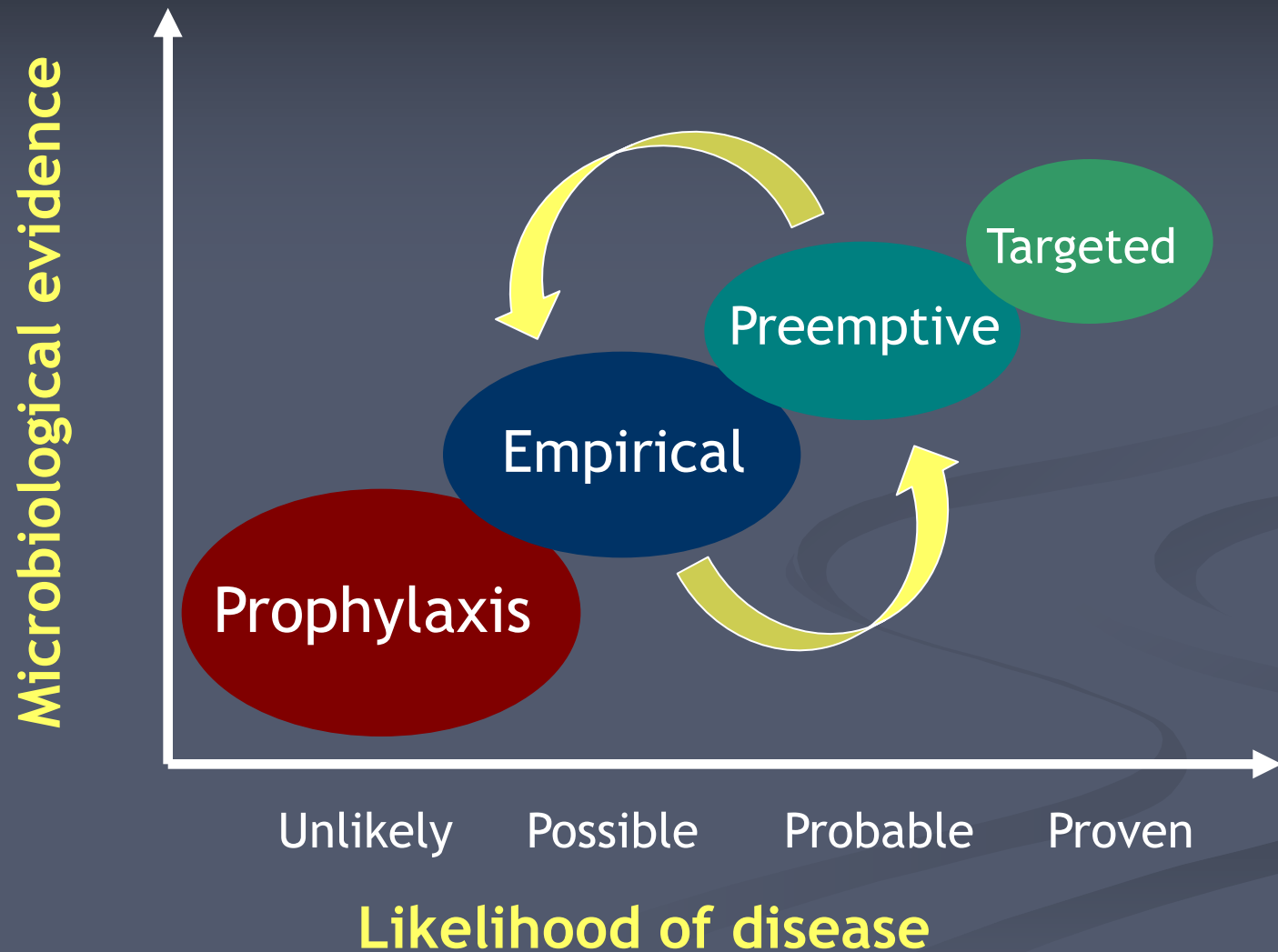
- Colonisation of several body sites
- Broad-spectrum antibiotics
- Neutropaenia
- Burns (>50%)
- Major abdominal surgery
- Surgery of the urinary tract in the presence of candiduria
- Parenteral nutrition
- AKI
- APACHE >20
- **CVC in place**
- Diabetes
- Prolonged ICU stay

*Potentially modifiable risk factors in yellow*

# *Risk factors for Invasive Disease*



# Approaches to antifungal therapy



# Assessing the risk of Invasive Candidiasis

## At-risk patients

### Predictive rules

- $\geq 4^{\text{th}}$  day of ICU
- Sepsis + CVC + MV + 1 of:
  - TPN or AKI or Major Surgery or Steroids

### Candida Score

- Surgery @ ICU adm
- TPN
- Severe sepsis
- Candida colonisation
- $>2.5$  points

### Colonisation Index

- Number of sites/number screened
- 2x weekly
- $>0.5$  or  $\geq 0.4$  corrected

## Start empirical antifungal treatment

Patients Tx: 10-15%  
Candidiasis  
captured: 60-75%

Patients Tx: 15-20%  
Candidiasis  
captured: 75-80%

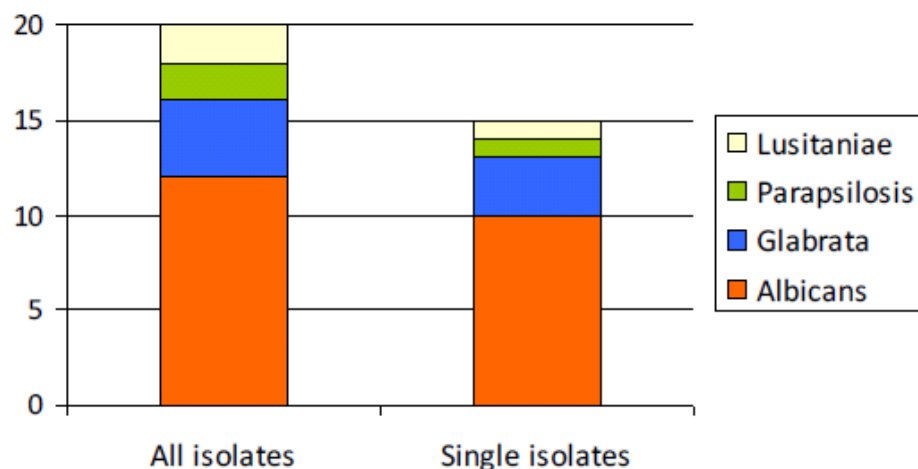
Patients Tx: 10-15%  
Candidiasis  
captured: 85-90%

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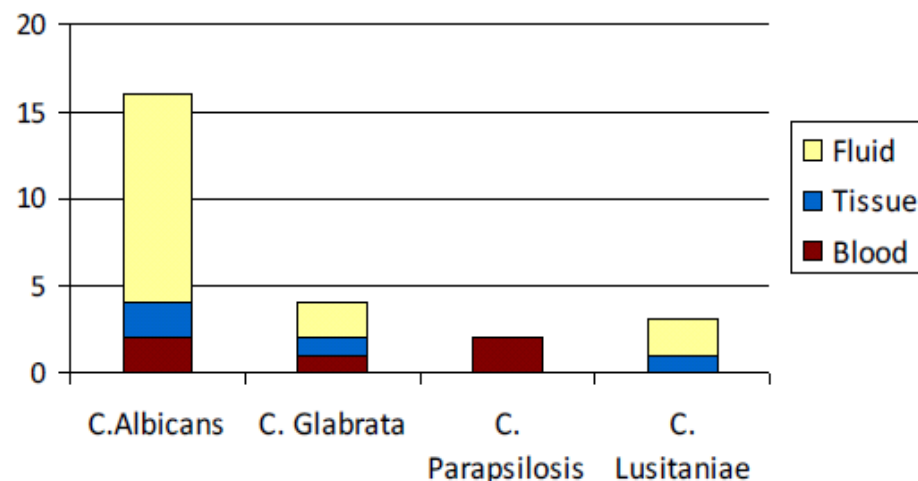
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# Prediction of invasive candidal infection in critically ill patients with severe acute pancreatitis

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No. of Candida species isolated

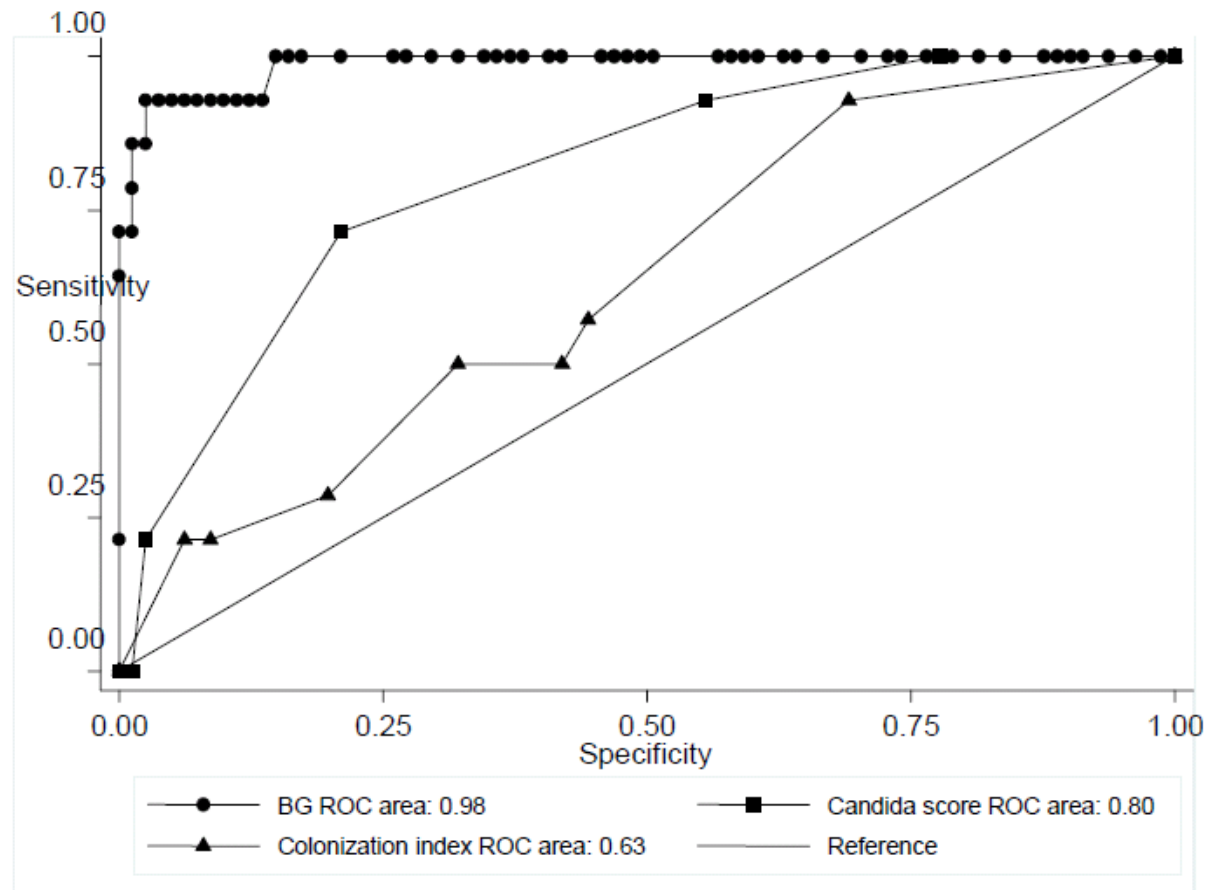


Species in infected patients

## *Comparison of the various scoring systems*

	Modified Invasive Candidiasis Score	Candida Score	Candida Colonisation Index
Sensitivity (95% CI)	0.61 (0.36-0.83)	0.23 (0.1-0.42)	0.67 (0.41-87)
Specificity (95% CI)	0.49 (0.38-0.61)	0.85 (0.74-0.92)	0.79 (0.68-0.88)
AUC ROC (95% CI)	0.59 (0.49-0.69)	0.62 (0.52-0.71)	0.79 (0.69-0.87)

# Biomarkers vs. Risk Scores



**Figure 3 ROC AUC curves of BG, CS, and colonization index for proven IC cases.** [The AUC of BG was significantly higher than those of CS ( $P < 0.001$ ) and colonization index ( $P < 0.001$ ), please edit this sentence as a footnote].

# Biomarkers vs. Risk Scores

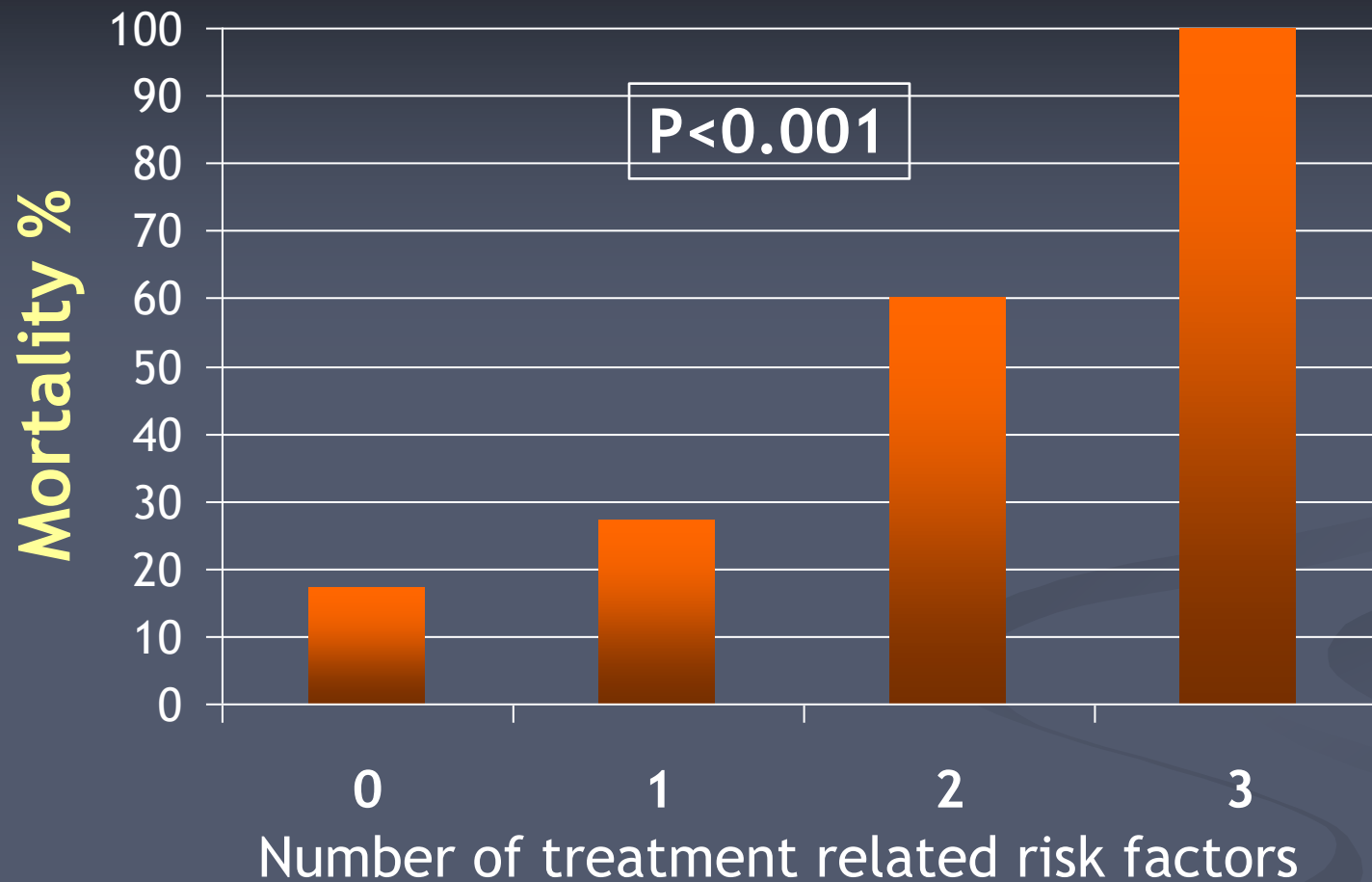
	Assessment	No Candida colonisation (n=61)	Candida colonisation (n=84)	Invasive Candidiasis (n=31)	P value
Candida score	Max.	2	3	4	0.001
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2	4	5	0.001
1→3-β-D-glucan (pg/ml)	Max.	9	45	54	0.11
	1 <sup>st</sup>	52	66	268	0.003
C-reactive Protein (mg/L)	Max.	201	207	172	0.91
	1 <sup>st</sup>	248	241	283	0.41
Procalcitonin (ng/ml)	Max.	0.89	0.58	1.11	0.59
	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.25	0.59	3.33	0.18

All median values

# Treatment related risk factors for Mortality

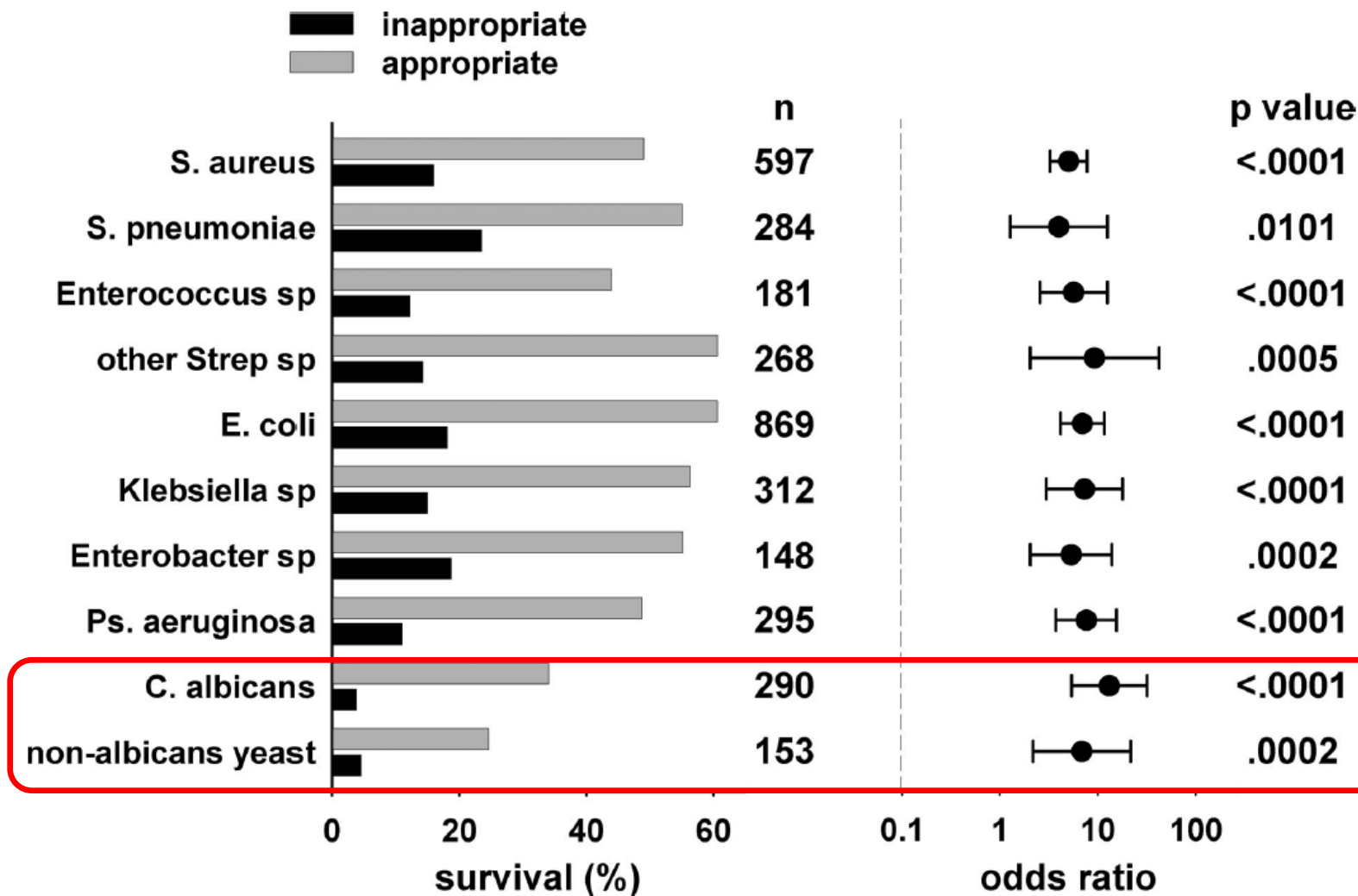
	All Hospital	
	Lived (n = 173)	Expired (n = 72)
Mechanical ventilation, n (%)		
MV days prior to + culture <sup>a</sup>		
Prior antibiotics, n (%)	151 (87.3)	61 (84.7)
Prior antifungal, n (%)	26 (15.0)	14 (19.4)
Central vein catheter, n (%)	155 (89.6)	62 (86.1)
TPN, n (%)	38 (22.0)	10 (13.9)
Foley catheter, n (%)	97 (56.1)	46 (63.9)
Surgical drain, n (%)	39 (22.5)	10 (13.9)
Corticosteroids, n (%)	42 (24.3)	26 (36.1)
Vasopressor, n <sup>b</sup> (%)	14 (8.1)	26 (36.1)
CVC removed, n (%)	140 (90.3)	36 (58.1)
Treatment within 24 hrs, n (%)	25 (14.5)	12 (16.7)
Treatment within 48 hrs, n (%)	111 (64.2)	34 (47.2)
Inadequate initial fluconazole dosing, n (%)	21 (12.1)	20 (27.8)

# Treatment related risk factors for Mortality



- Retention of CVC
- Inadequate initial fluconazole dosing
- Therapy delayed beyond 48 hours

# Treatment related risk factors for Mortality: inappropriate antimicrobial therapy



***Question 4: Which statement is most accurate about my institution?***

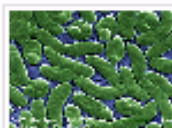
1. We struggle to get 50% of patients with septic shock to receive antimicrobials within 1 hour
2. We are better than 50% but still less than 75%
3. I think/know we are better than 75%
4. We're not too bad with antibacterials, but there can be significant delays with Antifungals for patients with Candidaemia

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## Candida: New Rapid Blood Test Could Cut Mortality

Ricki Lewis, PhD

Apr 25, 2013



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[Empiric Antifungal Therapy for  
Candidiasis in Premies](#)

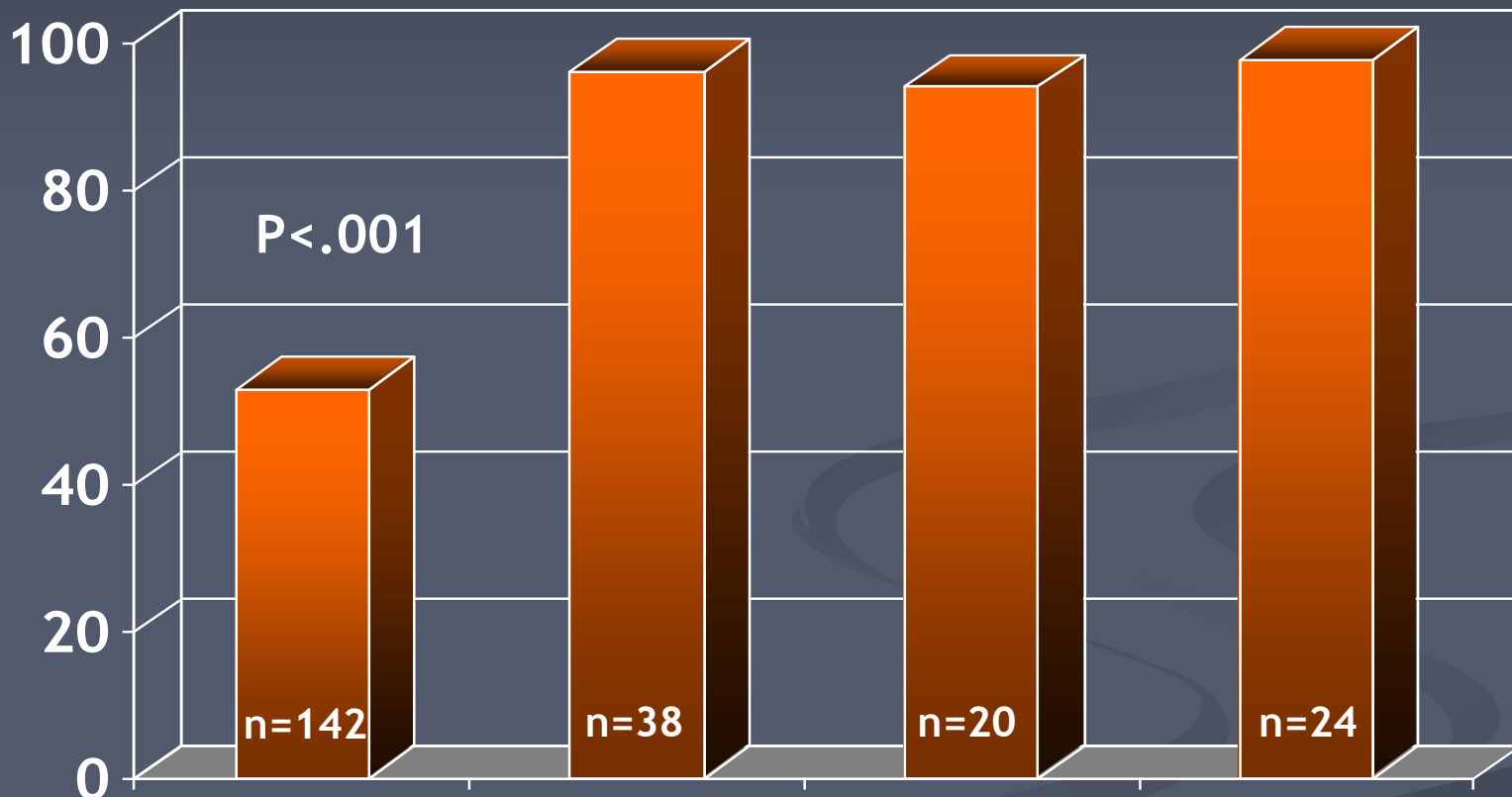
[American Thoracic Society Issues  
Guidelines on Treating Pulmonary  
Fungal Infections](#)

A new, rapid test for *Candida* infections of the bloodstream may cut mortality from 40% to 11%, according to a [report published](#) in the April 24 issue of *Science Translational Medicine*.

Lori A. Neely, PhD, from T2 Biosystems in Lexington, Massachusetts, and colleagues teamed polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and nanotechnology with T2 magnetic resonance (T2MR) technology to create an assay that

# Delay in initiation of antifungal therapy

■ % Hospital Mortality



Tx within 24 hrs  
Adequate  
source control

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# Delay in initiation of antifungal therapy

**Table 2. Infection and Treatment-Related Characteristics**

	Lived (n = 69)	Died (n = 155)	P value
Infection source, n (%)			
Vascular catheter-associated	37 (53.6)	86 (55.5)	.796
Respiratory	11 (15.9)	24 (15.5)	.931
Urinary	11 (15.9)	21 (13.5)	.636
Gastrointestinal	8 (11.6)	19 (12.3)	.888
Central nervous system	1 (1.4)	0 (0.0)	.308
or skin structure	7 (10.1)	14 (9.0)	.792
Surgical site	0 (0.0)	2 (1.3)	1.000
Cardiac	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1.000
Other	1 (1.4)	5 (3.2)	.669
Candida species, n (%) <sup>a</sup>			
<i>C. albicans</i>	34 (49.3)	86 (55.5)	.390
<i>C. glabrata</i>	21 (30.4)	34 (21.9)	.172
<i>C. parapsilosis</i>	10 (14.5)	18 (11.6)	.547
<i>C. tropicalis</i>	4 (5.8)	10 (6.5)	1.000
<i>C. krusei</i>	1 (1.4)	5 (3.2)	.669
Other species	2 (2.9)	3 (1.9)	.645

# Delay in initiation of antifungal therapy

	Lived (n = 69)	Died (n = 155)	P value
Prior antibiotics, n (%):	45 (65.2)	112 (72.3)	.288
Initial antifungal agent, n (%)			
Echinocandin	53 (76.8)	76 (49.0)	<.001
Fluconazole/voriconazole	13 (18.8)	25 (16.1)	...
Amphotericin	3 (4.3)	13 (8.4)	...
None	0 (0.0)	41 (26.5)	...
Treatment within 12 h, n (%) <sup>b</sup>	31 (44.9)	65 (41.9)	.676
Treatment within 24 h, n (%) <sup>b</sup>	68 (98.6)	112 (72.3)	<.001
Drotrecogin alfa (activated), n (%)	1 (1.4)	1 (0.6)	.522
Corticosteroids, n (%):	12 (17.4)	42 (27.1)	.117
GCSF, n (%)	2 (2.9)	19 (12.3)	.026
Source control required, (n (%)) <sup>c</sup>	49 (71.0)	97 (62.6)	.221
Inadequate source control, n (%) <sup>d</sup>	1 (1.4)	61 (39.4)	<.001
Mechanical ventilation, n (%)	34 (49.3)	143 (92.3)	<.001
Red blood cell transfusion, n (%)	28 (40.6)	123 (79.4)	<.001
Total crystalloid solution (L) <sup>b</sup>	4.3 ± 1.3	4.9 ± 1.5	.010

# *The cost of delayed therapy*

## Hospital resource utilization & cost of treatment of candidaemia

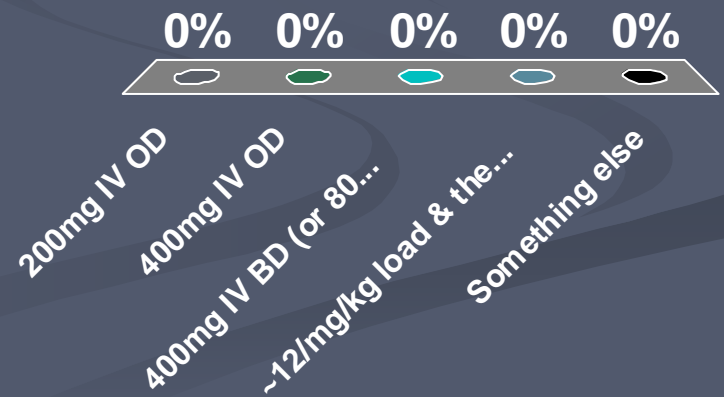
- 167 Adults with Candidaemia
- Culture confirmed BSI with *Candida* within 14 days of admission
- Appropriate = according to IDSA Guideline & 'in-vitro sens'
- Post-culture stay was shorter with appropriate therapy (mean 7 vs. 10 days  $p = 0.037$ )
- Costs were also lower: ~\$16,000 vs. ~\$33,000 ( $p < 0.001$ )

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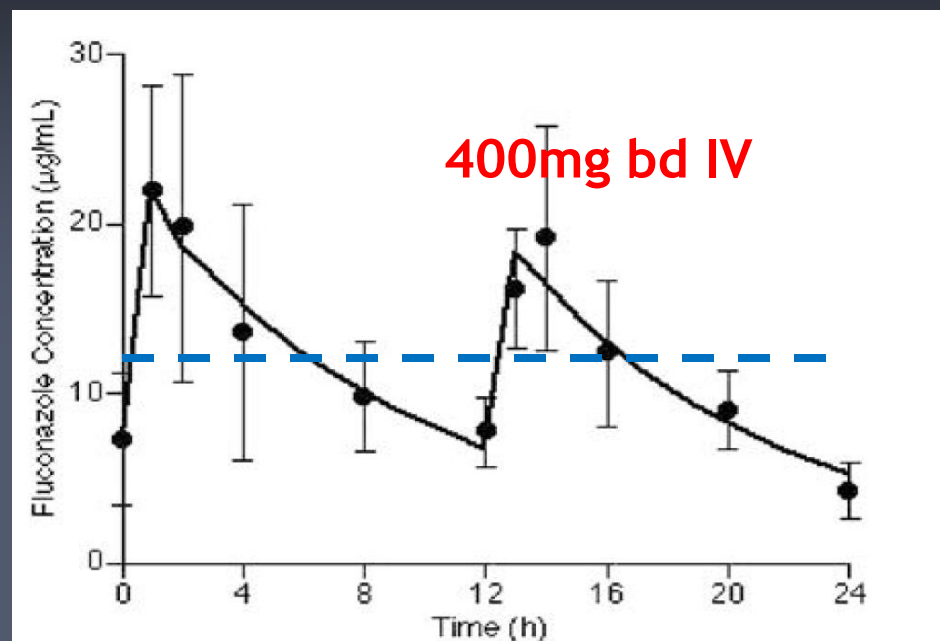
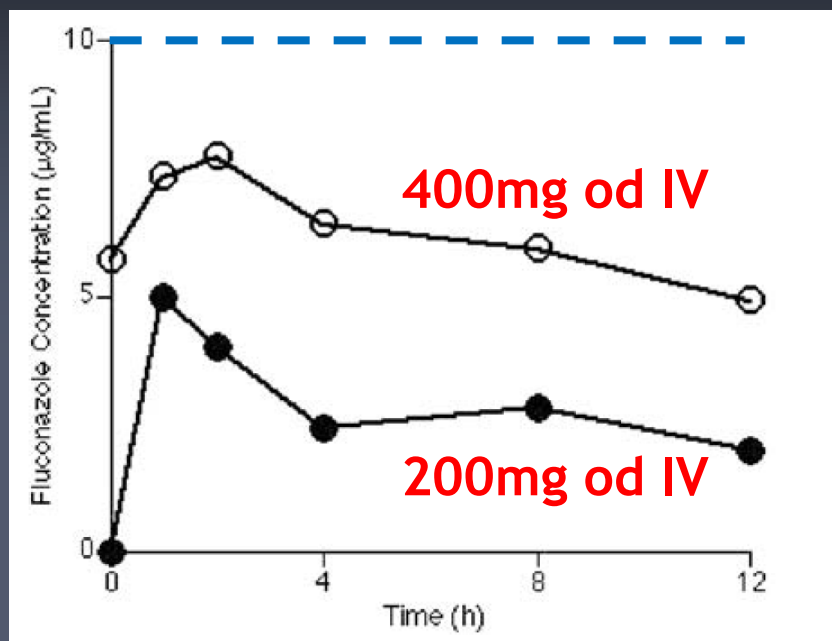
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5. Something else

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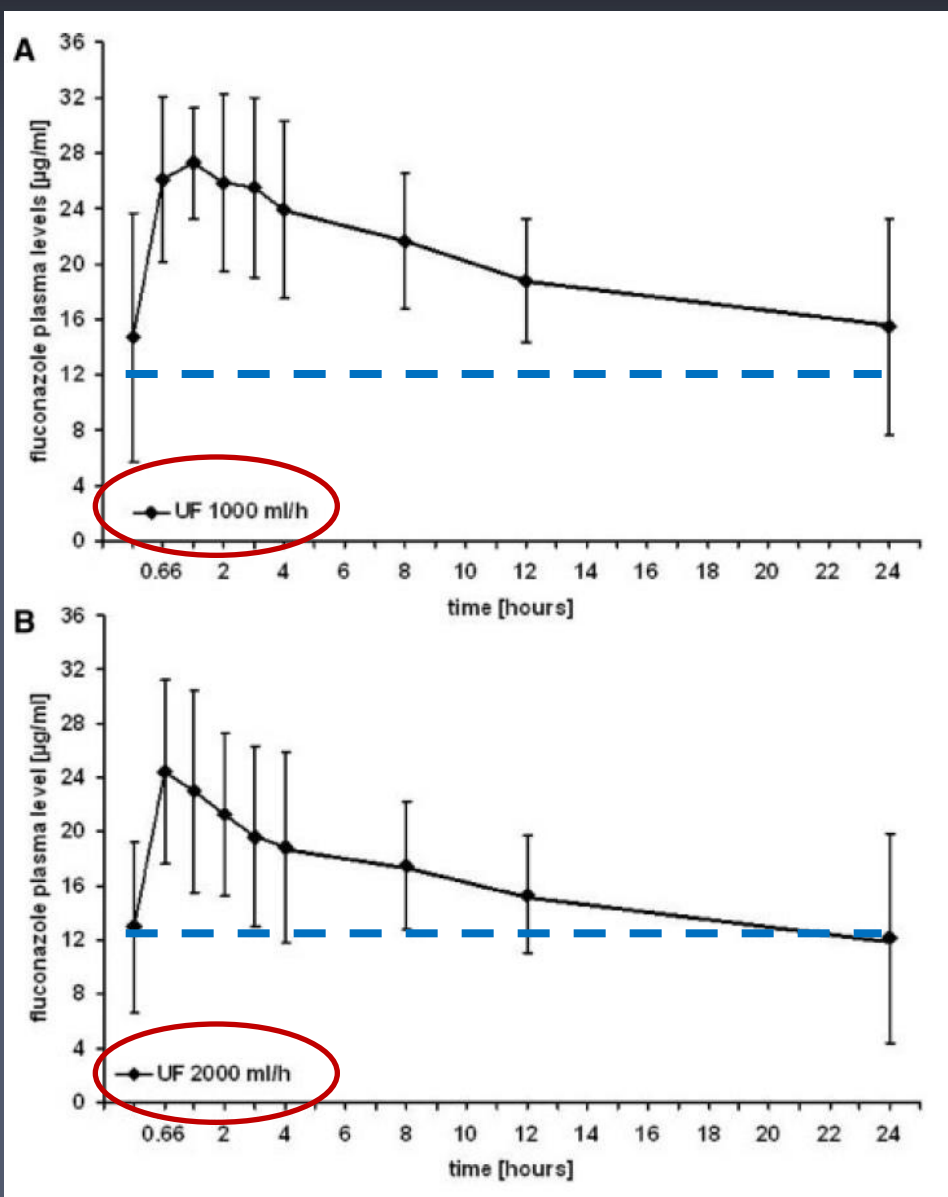


# Fluconazole dosing with RRT



- Variable doses of fluconazole in 4 CVVHDF treated patients
- MIC for fluconazole is considered 6 µmol/ml
- 'Estimated correct dose could be as high as 500-600mg 12 hourly...'

# Fluconazole dosing with RRT



- 9 CVVHF treated patients
- Fluconazole 800mg IV od
- CVVHF at 1L or 2L/hour (1/3<sup>rd</sup> predilution)

# Anidulafungin versus Fluconazole for Invasive Candidiasis

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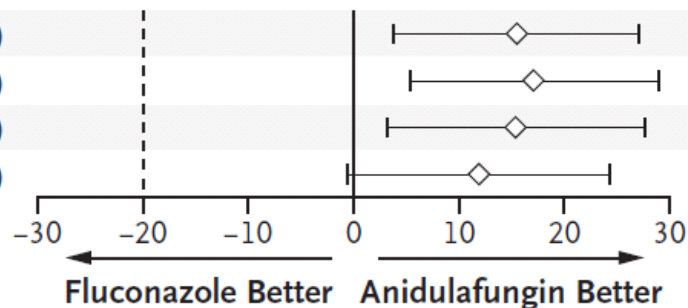
## End Point

## Global Success

## Absolute Percent Difference between Treatments (95% CI)

Fluconazole Group (N=118)  
Anidulafungin Group (N=127)  
no. (%)

End of intravenous therapy	71 (60.2)	96 (75.6)	15.4 (3.9 to 27.0)
End of all therapy	67 (56.8)	94 (74.0)	17.2 (5.5 to 29.0)
2-Week follow-up	58 (49.2)	82 (64.6)	15.4 (3.1 to 27.7)
6-Week follow-up	52 (44.1)	71 (55.9)	11.8 (-0.6 to 24.3)



# Response according to different species

**Table 3.** Microbiologic and Global Responses at the End of Intravenous Therapy in the Modified Intention-to-Treat Population.\*

Candida Pathogen	Successful Microbiologic Response			Successful Global Response†		
	Anidulafungin Group	Fluconazole Group	P Value	Anidulafungin Group	Fluconazole Group	P Value
	no. of isolates/total no. (%)			no. of patients/total no. (%)		
<i>Candida albicans</i>	77/81 (95)	57/70 (81)	0.01	60/74 (81)	38/61 (62)	0.02
<i>C. glabrata</i>	15/20 (75)	18/30 (60)	0.37	9/16 (56)	11/22 (50)	0.75
<i>C. parapsilosis</i>	9/13 (69)	14/16 (88)	0.36	7/11 (64)	10/12 (83)	0.37
<i>C. tropicalis</i>	13/15 (87)	7/11 (64)	0.35	13/14 (93)	4/8 (50)	0.04
Other candida species	5/6 (83)	3/3 (100)	1.00	3/4 (75)	2/3 (67)	1.00
All candida species	119/135 (88)	99/130 (76)	0.02	92/119 (77)	65/106 (61)	0.01

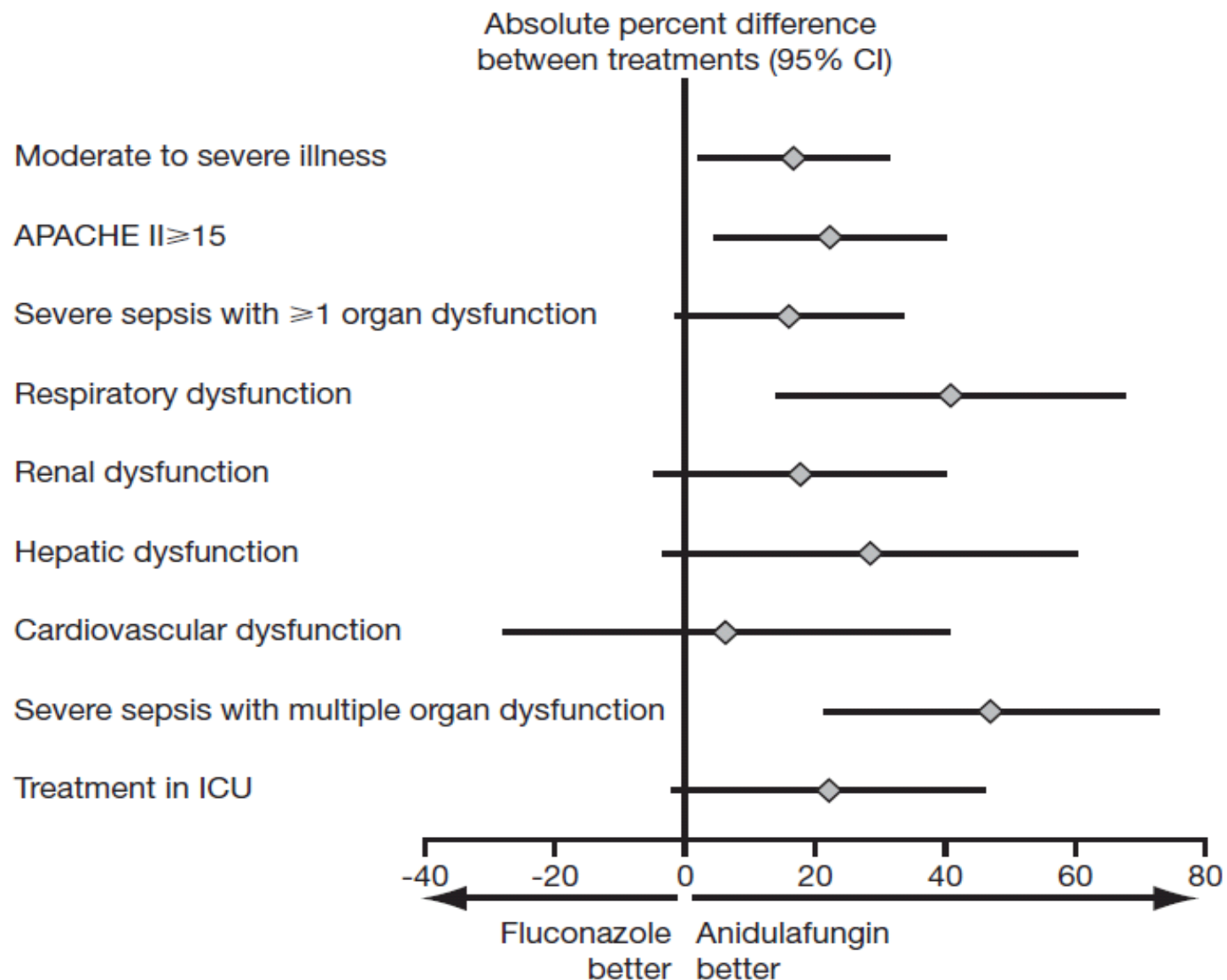
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# Anidulafungin compared with fluconazole in severely ill patients with candidemia and other forms of invasive candidiasis: Support for the 2009 IDSA treatment guidelines for candidiasis

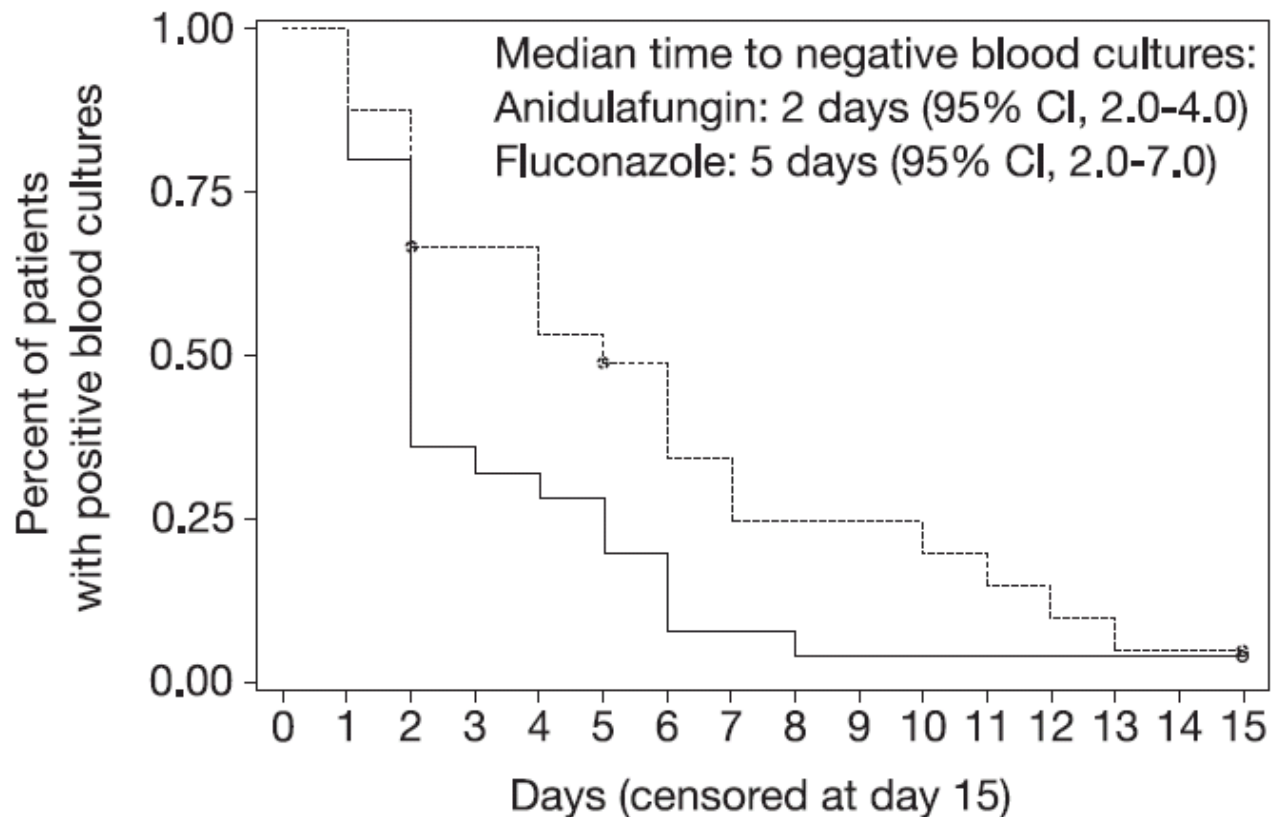
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- Re-analysis of the Reboli (NEJM paper)
- Focus on patients who were critically ill
- 163/245 (66.5%) - severe sepsis or APACHE >15



**Figure 1** Difference in global response at end of treatment among severely ill patients and the various subpopulations.

# Time to negative blood cultures: Static vs. Cidal



No. at risk:

Days	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
Anidulafungin	25	20	8	5	2	1	1	1
Fluconazole	24	21	15	10	5	5	3	1

# 2012 ESCMID Recommendations on fever- & diagnosis-driven therapy of candidaemia & invasive candidiasis

Population & Intention	Intervention	SoR & QoE
ICU patients with fever despite ABXs & APACHE >16; to resolve fever	Flucon 800mg od	D-1
ICU patients with persistent fever but with no micro evidence; to reduce mortality	Fluconazole or echinocandin	C-2
ICU patients with <i>Candida</i> from respiratory secretions	Any antifungal	D-2
Any patient with <i>Candida</i> isolated from a blood culture	Antifungal treatment	A-2

A-D: Strength of the Recommendation  
1-3: Quality of the Evidence

# 2012 ESCMID Guidelines for *Candida* diseases in non-neutropaenic adults

Confirmed infection:  
Candida from blood culture

*Strongly recommended:*

Echinocandins (A-1)

- Anidulafungin
- Micafungin
- Caspofungin

*Moderately recommended:*

Liposomal ampho (B-1)

Voriconazole (B-1)

*Marginally recommended:*

Fluconazole (C-1)

Ampho B (C-2)

*NOT recommended:*

Itraconazole

Posaconazole

A-D: Strength of the Recommendation  
1-3: Quality of the Evidence

# 2012 ESCMID Recommendations on antifungal prophylaxis in ICU patients

Population & Intention	Intervention	SoR & QoE	Note
Recent Abdo surgery AND with perforation; to prevent intra-abdominal candida infection	Flucon 400mg od	B-1	n=43
	Caspo 70/50mg od	C-2	n=19
ICU Surgical patients with LOS >3 days; to prevent invasive candidiasis/candidaemia	Flucon 400mg od	C-1	n=260
	Flucon 100mg od	C-1	n=204
Ventilated, LOS >3 days, CVC +/- TPN or RRT or pancreatitis or steroids; to prevent invasive candidiasis/candidaemia	Caspo 50mg od	C-2	n=186
Surgical ICU patients	Ketocon 200mg od	D-1	n=57
ICU patients with risk factors; to prevent invasive candidiasis/candidaemia	Itracon 400mg od	D-1	n=147

Fluconazole



Caspofungin



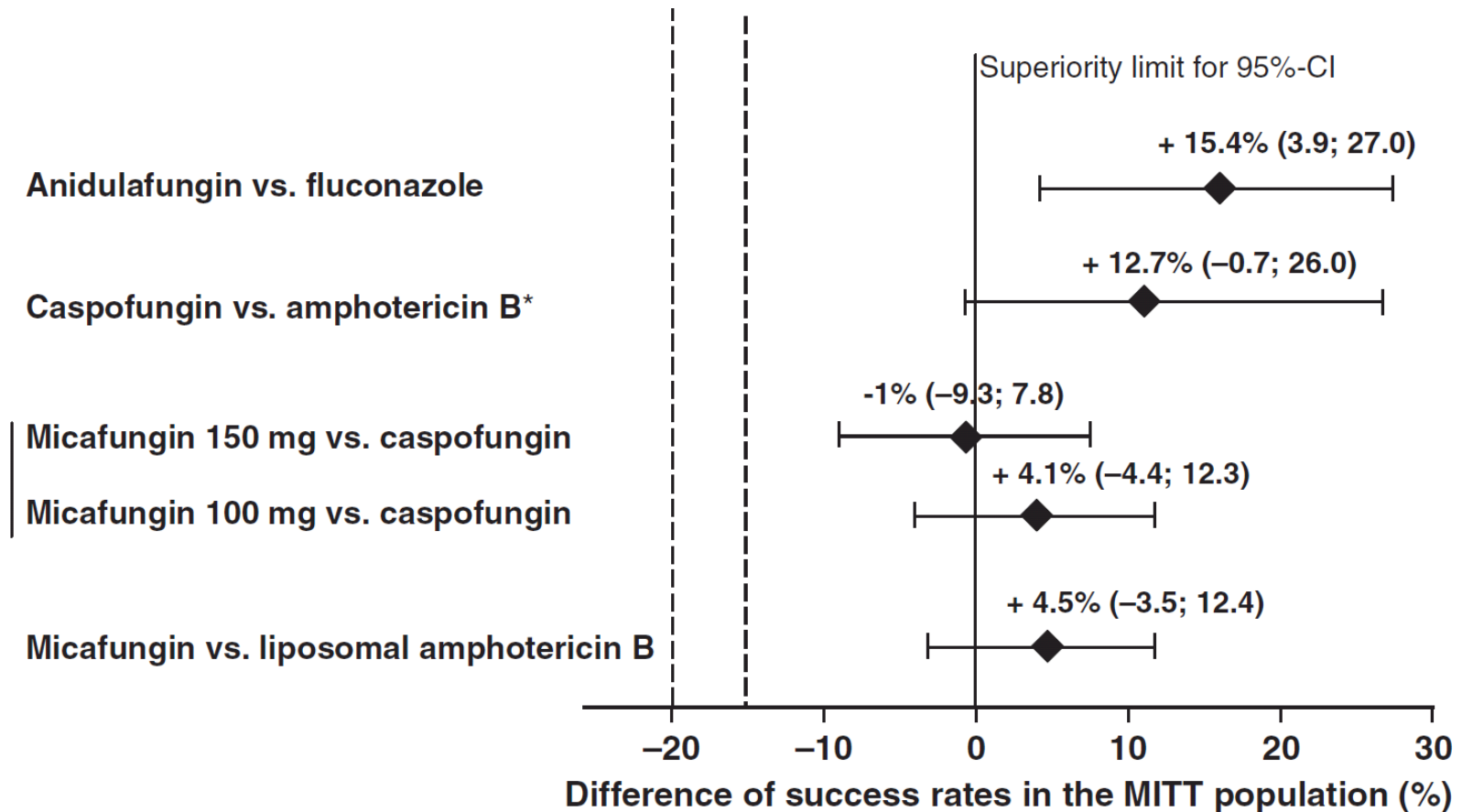
Micafungin



Anidulafungin



# The Echinocandin trials



◆ Therapeutic difference in the MITT population (I—I 95%-CI)

\* 95.6%-CI for caspofungin vs. amphotericin B

\*\* -15% for trials for micafungin, -20% for other trials

# The Echinocandins

	Anidulafungin	Caspofungin	Micafungin
Number of papers	>50	>140	>60
Clinical experience	++	+++	++
Interactions	+++	++	+++
Biofilm activity	+++	+++	+++
<i>In vitro</i> activity	+++	+++	+++
Neutropaenic data	ND	+++	+++
Dose in RRT	No change	No change	No change
Disseminated candidiasis	+	+	ND
Dose in liver disease	No change	Reduce	No change
Price (£/\$)	Anidula < Mica < Caspo		

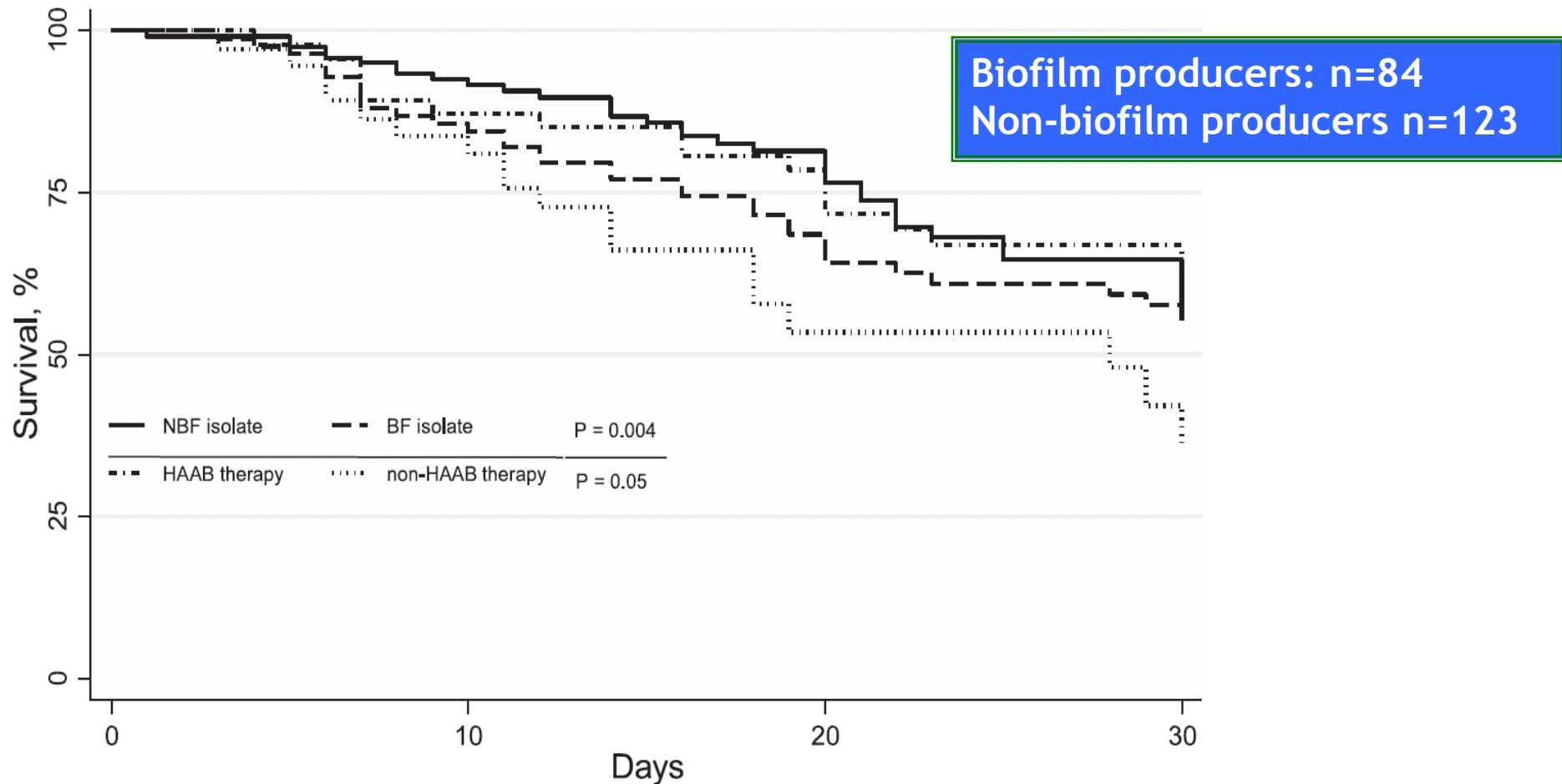
ND = No data

Based on PubMed search, data sheets & BNF

***Question 6: A patient with a tunneled Hickman line develops a candidaemia, & has severe sepsis thought secondary to the line. What is the correct line management?***

1. It depends whether the Candida species is a biofilm producer
2. The line should **always** be removed; recovery cannot occur if the line is left in place
3. The line only needs to be removed if the patient deteriorates & develops shock
4. The line does not need to be removed if the patient is treated with an Echinocandin

# Candidaemia outcomes: biofilm vs. non-biofilm producers



**Figure 1. Survival among patients with *Candida* bloodstream infection (CBSI) at 30 days.** Patients were grouped according to the biofilm-forming (BF) or non-biofilm-forming (NBF) *Candida* isolate (for all CBSIs), and according to receiving of highly active anti-biofilm (HAAB) or non-HAAB antifungal therapy (for BF CBSIs only). P-values for statistically significant differences between the groups are shown.  
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# Conclusions

- Mortality from *Candida* infections in the critically ill remains high
- Outcome is likely to be significantly improved with:
  - Earlier recognition with scoring systems & biomarkers
  - Earlier antifungal therapy & source control
  - More appropriate dosing
  - Earlier use of Echinocandins in the more severe patients