

# Diagnostik von Pilzinfektionen - offene Fragen und Kontroversen

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## GLOBAL CATASTROPHE: HOW 150 PEOPLE DIE EVERY HOUR FROM FUNGAL INFECTION WHILE THE WORLD TURNS A BLIND EYE

Neglected by policy makers and most international health agencies, the launch of Global Action Fund for Fungal Infections (**GAFFI**), an **international organisation set to highlight the plight of 300 million people worldwide will begin to reverse the unnecessary trend in death and suffering.**

Fungal infections kill at least 1,350,000 patients with or following AIDS, cancer, TB and asthma as well as causing untold misery and blindness to tens of millions more worldwide. Yet its symptoms are mostly hidden and occur as a consequence of other health problems. Diagnostic tests are not available to millions to worldwide, and they need to be.

Emerging Problems in Infectious Diseases

Estimated burden of fungal infections in Kenya

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Estimated burden of fungal infections in Germany

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The burden of fungal disease in Spain

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Burden of serious fungal infections in Spain

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An estimate of the burden of serious fungal diseases in Greece

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The burden of serious fungal diseases in Russia

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Fungal Diseases in Israel

**Table 1** Burden of fungal diseases in Germany according the selected underlying diseases.

	Number of infections per underlying disorder per year					Total burden	Rate/100K <sup>2</sup>
	Unknown	HIV/AIDS	Respiratory	Cancer/Tx	ICU		
Fungal skin diseases	6 721 000	n.a. <sup>1</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6 721 000	8347
Oral candidosis	n.a.	15 600	n.a.	97 965	n.a.	113 565	141
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Histoplasmosis	5	10	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	15	0.02
Fungal keratitis	32	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	32	0.04
Total burden estimated						9 610 789	

**Invasive Aspergillose N = ca. 4280**

**Candidämien N = ca. 3700**

**Candida Peritonitis N = ca. 3700**

# Revised Definitions of Invasive Fungal Disease from the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer/Invasive Fungal Infections Cooperative Group and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Mycoses Study Group (EORTC/MSG) Consensus Group

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# EORTC/MSG - Definitionen

## "Proven Invasive Fungal Infections/Disease"

Gesichert = proven

Histologisch: invasives Wachstum

oder

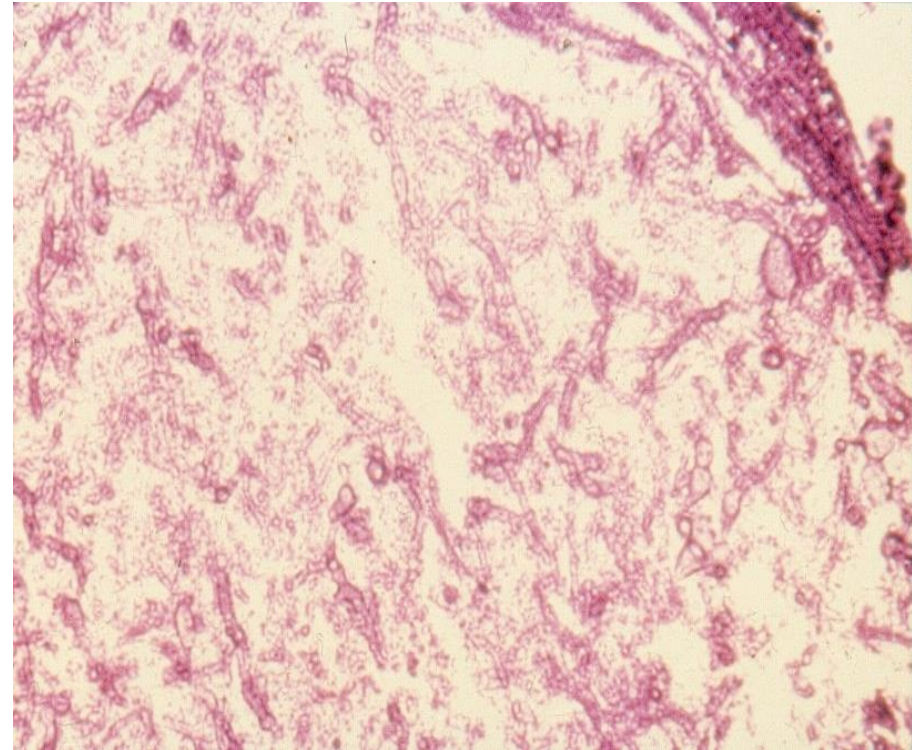
kultueller Nachweis aus primär sterilem Material

Wahrscheinlich = probable

Risikofaktor + Klinik + Mikrobiologie

Möglich = possible

Risikofaktor + Klinik oder Mikrobiologie



**Histopathologie ist der „Goldstandard“**



# Anwendung EORTC/MSG Kriterien

Table 1. Patterns of invasive fungal disease in practice, based on 2008 EORTC-MSG criteria.

	A		B		C				D	E
	-	-	I	II	III	IV	-			
Radiological signs and clinical symptoms	No	Persistent febrile neutropenia	No	Clinical (any new infiltrate not fulfilling the EORTC/MSG criteria)			Radiological signs on CT (dense, well-circumscribed lesions(s) with or without a halo sign, air-crescent sign, or cavity)	Not considered necessary		
Mycology results	Negative	Negative	Positive biomarker or microscopy or culture	Negative	Positive biomarker or microscopy or culture	Negative	Positive biomarker or microscopy or culture	Positive tissue or specimen from a sterile site		
Clinical evidence of IFD	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Mycological evidence of IFI	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
Final diagnosis	Unclassified					Possible IMD	Probable IMD	Proven IMD		
Management	Prophylaxis	Empirical therapy	Diagnostic-driven (pre-emptive) therapy				Targeted therapy			

# Indications and outcomes of antifungal therapy in French patients with haematological conditions or recipients of haematopoietic stem cell transplantation

**Methods**: observational prospective study, children/adults with haematological conditions or HSCT were recruited upon start of non-prophylactic systemic AF treatment in 37 French haematological facilities (2007 -2008). I

FD episodes were classified according to the 2008 EORTC/MSG criteria.

**Results**: 419 patients (298 adults and 121 children): 88% haematological malignancies, 28% HSCT recipients and 68% neutropenic.

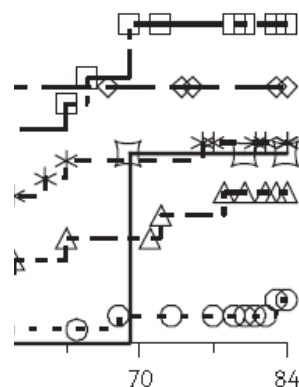
**423 IFD episodes: 21% mycologically documented (59% probable /proven aspergillosis, 32% proven candidiasis and 9% probable/proven other IFD), 20% classified as possible IFD.**



# fungual therapy in critical conditions or stem cell transplantation

**Table 3.** Species identified by day 7 of antifungal treatment ( $n=48$  patients with proven IFD)

Species	$n$ (%)
<b>Yeasts</b>	
<i>Candida albicans</i>	14 (29)
<i>Candida glabrata</i>	5 (10)
<i>Candida krusei</i>	4 (8)
<i>Candida parapsilosis</i>	3 (6)
<i>Candida kefyr</i>	2 (4)
<i>Candida guilliermondii</i>	1 (2)
<i>Candida lambica</i>	1 (2)
<i>Candida tropicalis</i>	1 (2)
<i>Candida</i> spp.	1 (2)
<i>Candida albicans</i> and <i>Candida glabrata</i>	1 (2)
<i>Candida albicans</i> and <i>Candida parapsilosis</i>	1 (2)
<i>Candida albicans</i> , <i>Candida glabrata</i> and <i>Candida zeylanoides</i>	1 (2)
<i>Rhodotorula mucilaginosa</i>	1 (2)
unidentified yeast <sup>a</sup>	2 (4)
<b>Moulds</b>	
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	3 (6)
<i>Aspergillus flavus</i>	1 (2)
<i>Fusarium solani</i>	1 (2)
<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	2 (4)
<i>Mucor</i> spp.	2 (4)
unidentified mould <sup>a</sup>	1 (2)



al therapy according to classification at day 7 ( $n=419$ )

**n aspergillosis, 15% for proven  
; for possible IFD, 3% for febrile**

<sup>a</sup>Diagnosis by microscopy on biopsy material, no culture growth.

# Leitlinie "Diagnostik von Mykosen" der AG Infektionen der DGHO (AGIHO)

General recommendations	Strength
<b>The highest level of evidence for the presence of IFI should be obtained before initiating systemic antifungal therapy</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Most signs and symptoms related to IFI are unspecific and require further diagnostic procedures</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>A combination of various methods with regular screenings is mandatory for early diagnosis of IFD, as well as for monitoring response to antifungal treatment</b>	<b>A</b>

# Structure of the ESCMID/ ECMM Recommendations

## Guideline Methodology - Two Independent Evaluations

1. Strength of Recommendation = SoR
2. Quality of Evidence = QoE

→ Allows strong recommendations in the absence of highest quality of evidence.

Population	Intention	Intervention	SoR	QoE	Reference	Comment
Patient with fever	Diagnose fungaemia	Take blood cultures	A	II	Acme WJFD 2002	

# Parachute use to prevent death and major trauma related to gravitational challenge: systematic review of randomised controlled trials

thebmj

**Objectives** To determine whether parachutes are effective in preventing major trauma related to gravitational challenge.

**Design** Systematic review of randomised controlled trials.

**Data sources:** Medline, Web of Science, Embase, and the Cochrane Library databases; appropriate internet sites and citation lists.

**Study selection:** Studies showing the effects of using a parachute during free fall.

**Main outcome measure** Death or major trauma, defined as an injury severity score > 15.

**Results** We were unable to identify any randomised controlled trials of parachute intervention.

**Conclusions** As with many interventions intended to prevent ill health, the effectiveness of parachutes has not been subjected to rigorous evaluation by using randomised controlled trials. Advocates of evidence based medicine have criticised the adoption of interventions evaluated by using only observational data. We think that everyone might benefit if the most radical protagonists of evidence based medicine organised and participated in a double blind, randomised, placebo controlled, crossover trial of the parachute.

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**Analysis And Comment** » Controversy

## Parachute approach to evidence based medicine

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*Waiting for the results of randomised trials of public health interventions can cost hundreds of lives, especially in poor countries with great need and potential to benefit. If the science is good, we should act before the trials are done*

In 2003 Smith and Pell published an entertaining but profound article titled: "Parachute use to prevent death and major trauma due to gravitational challenge."<sup>1</sup> They used the lack of randomised controlled trials in testing parachutes to show that situations still exist where such trials are unnecessary. We argue that the parachute approach, where policies are set based on good science but without randomised trials, is often more suitable in resource poor settings. We use the examples of oral rehydration therapy, male circumcision to prevent HIV infection, and misoprostol for postpartum haemorrhage to show how an overemphasis on randomised controlled trials in poor settings poses important ethical and logistic problems and may incur avoidable deaths.

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# Diagnostik von Mykosen AGIHO - Leitlinie 2018

## Was hat sich seit 2012 geändert?

- Mikroskopie
- Kultur (Erregernamen, Namensänderungen)
  - **Resistenztestung** von *Aspergillus* spp. und Resistenzentwicklung gegen Azole (u.a. molekulare Resistenztestung)
- Antigen - / Antikörper
  - Daten zur **kombinierten Diagnostik/Screening der IA mit Galactomannan + PCR +/-β-D-Glucan**
  - **Neue Testsysteme** (LFD = „laminar flow device“)
- **Molekulare Diagnostik**
  - Mehr Daten zur molekularen Diagnostik (neue Verfahren, z.B. „microarrays“)
  - **Kommerzielle PCR-Teste** eingeführt

# Diagnostik von Mykosen

## AGIHO - Leitlinie 2016

- Bildgebung
  - **Dünnschicht-CT Thorax statt HR-CT**
  - „reversed halo sign“ bei Zygomykosen
- Endoskopie
- Gewebediagnostik
- Allgemeine Vorgehensweisen
  - „integrated pathways“
  - „clinical driven“ vs. „diagnostic driven“
- **Diagnostischer Algorithmus unter Antimykotika-Prophylaxe**

# Histopathologie Goldstandard?

## Challenges and Pitfalls of Morphologic Identification of Fungal Infections in Histologic and Cytologic Specimens

A Ten-Year Retrospective Review at a Single Institution

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- Of the 47 of 338 positive mold and yeast cultures with concurrent surgical pathology evaluation without known history of a fungal infection,
- 37 (79%) were correctly identified based on morphologic features in histologic and/or cytologic specimens.
- The 10 discrepant diagnoses (21%) included misidentification of septate and nonseptate hyphal organisms and yeast forms.
- Errors resulted from morphologic mimics, use of inappropriate terminology, and incomplete knowledge in mycology. The accuracy did not correlate with preceding antifungal therapy or use of special stains and was not operator-dependent.



# Histopathologie Goldstandard?

## Diagnostic Accuracy of Histopathologic and Cytopathologic Examination of *Aspergillus* Species

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*Diagnostic accuracy was defined as the percentage of cases with culture proven *Aspergillus spp* divided by the number of cases diagnosed as *Aspergillus spp* on HCE that had growth on fungal culture.*

*90 surgical/cytology cases with concurrent fungal culture were reviewed, 58 of which grew a fungal organism. Of these, 45 grew an *Aspergillus spp*, whereas 13 grew an organism other than *Aspergillus spp*, including *Scedosporium*, *Fusarium*, and *Paecilomyces spp* and unidentified species (*Trichosporon loubieri*), resulting in a diagnostic accuracy of 78%.*

**The low diagnostic accuracy indicates that several fungal organisms can morphologically mimic *Aspergillus spp* and can only be distinguished by fungal culture and DNA sequencing.**

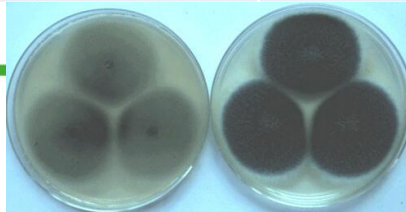
Wie nennen wir die  
Erreger ?

# Nomenklatur von Pilzen

## Aspergillus Spezies

Teleomorph = geschlechtliche (perfekte) Vermehrung	Anamorph = ungeschlechtliche (imperfekte) Vermehrung
Eurotium amstelodami	Aspergillus glaucus
Emericella nidulans	Aspergillus nidulans
Fennellia terrei	Aspergillus terreus
Hemicarpaceles clavati	Aspergillus clavatus
Neosartorya fumigata	Aspergillus fumigatus
Neosartorya fischeri	Aspergillus fischerianus
Petromyces flavi	Aspergillus flavus
Petromyces nigri	Aspergillus niger

**= no sex!**



# Taxonomy of medically important fungi in the molecular era

Traditionally, fungi have been allowed to carry multiple names that describe different asexual and sexual morphological stages. This duplicated name system is because these phases can propagate independently and thus the shared identity is not always obvious. At the molecular level the two stages are identical, and therefore this system is becoming increasingly impractical. For this reason Article 59 regulating dual naming in fungi in the Code of Botanical Nomenclature is being amended.

This amendment has a potentially profound effect on clinical mycology, because with this fundamental change all established fungal names and many disease names are jeopardised. Additionally, many well known, clinically important species, such as *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *Coccidioides immitis*, *Exophiala jeanselmei*, and *Sporothrix schenckii*, have been found to consist of several molecular siblings. This molecular diversity leads to an enormous increase in the number of clinically relevant fungi and to changes of

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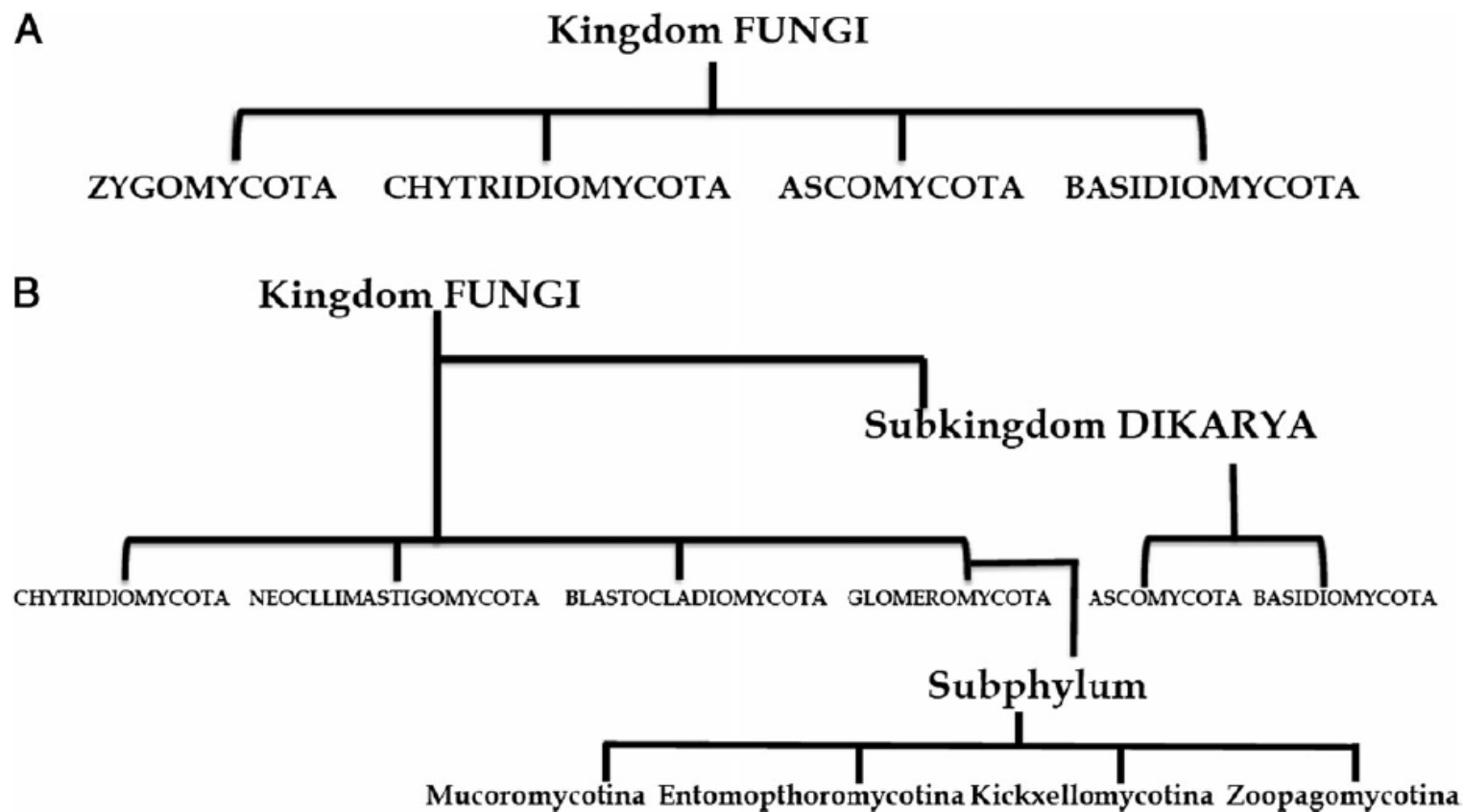
## *Aspergillus alabamensis*, a New Clinically Relevant Species in the Section *Terrei*<sup>∇</sup>

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Robert A. Archer,<sup>7</sup> and the ISHAM Working Group on *A. terreus*

**Most members of this new cryptic species were recovered as colonizing isolates from immunocompetent patient populations, had decreased in vitro susceptibilities to the antifungal drug amphotericin B, and were morphologically similar to but genetically distinct from *Aspergillus terreus* isolates...**

Kommt man ohne die  
molekulare Diagnostik und  
Erregeridentifizierung  
heute noch aus?

# Taxonomy of Fungi Causing Mucormycosis and Entomophthoromycosis (Zygomycosis) and Nomenclature of the Disease: Molecular Mycologic Perspectives



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**Figure 1.** Old (A) and a proposed new (B) classification schemes of the kingdom Fungi.

# Der „molekulare“ Spucktest!

## High-frequency Triazole Resistance Found In Nonculturable *Aspergillus fumigatus* from Lungs of Patients with Chronic Fungal Disease

David W. Denning,<sup>1,2,3</sup> Steven P. ...  
Jaclyn Smith,<sup>2</sup> Ahmed Buei

**Methods.** Using an assessed respiratory fun positive, culture negative polymorphisms (SNPs) a

**Results.** *Aspergillus* DNA or microscopy confirmed IP 42 (71.4%) patients with culture-negative, PCR-positive. we detected repeat [TR] and M220) within the drug target CYP51A in 55.1% of samples. with ABPA and 12 of 24 (50%) with CPA had resistance markers present, some without prior triazole treatment, and in most despite adequate plasma drug concentrations around the time of sampling.

**Six of 8 (75%) of those with ABPA and 12 of 24 (50%) with CPA had resistance markers present, some without prior triazole treatment...**



# und in Deutschland?



## *cyp51A*-Based Mechanisms of *Aspergillus fumigatus* Azole Drug Resistance Present in Clinical Samples from Germany

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Mycobacteri...

...From a total of 527 samples, 17 (3.2%) showed elevated MIC<sub>0</sub> values ...for at least one of the three substances (itraconazole, voriconazole, and posaconazole) tested. The **highest prevalence of resistant isolates was observed in cystic fibrosis patients (5.2%)**. Among resistant isolates, the TR/L98H mutation in *cyp51A* was the most prevalent, but isolates with the G54W and M220I substitutions and the novel F219C substitution were also found...

# In Zukunft „fungal sequencing“?

## Performance of Targeted Fungal Sequencing for Culture-Independent Diagnosis of Invasive Fungal Disease

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**Methods:** Between January 2008

consisting of fresh and

sterile body fluids

results (n = 11)

microscopic

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ribosomal r

**Result**

known diagnosis

In patients with suspected IFD, the diagnostic yield of fungal sequencing was 62.9% (73/116) overall and 71.3% (57/80) in patients classified with proven IFD (EORTC/MSG criteria).

Samples obtained by open biopsy had a significantly higher diagnostic yield (71.5%) compared with core-needle biopsy (50%) and fine needle aspiration...

# Die Realität in der Hämatologie:

„integrated pathways“?

„clinical driven“ vs. „diagnostic driven“

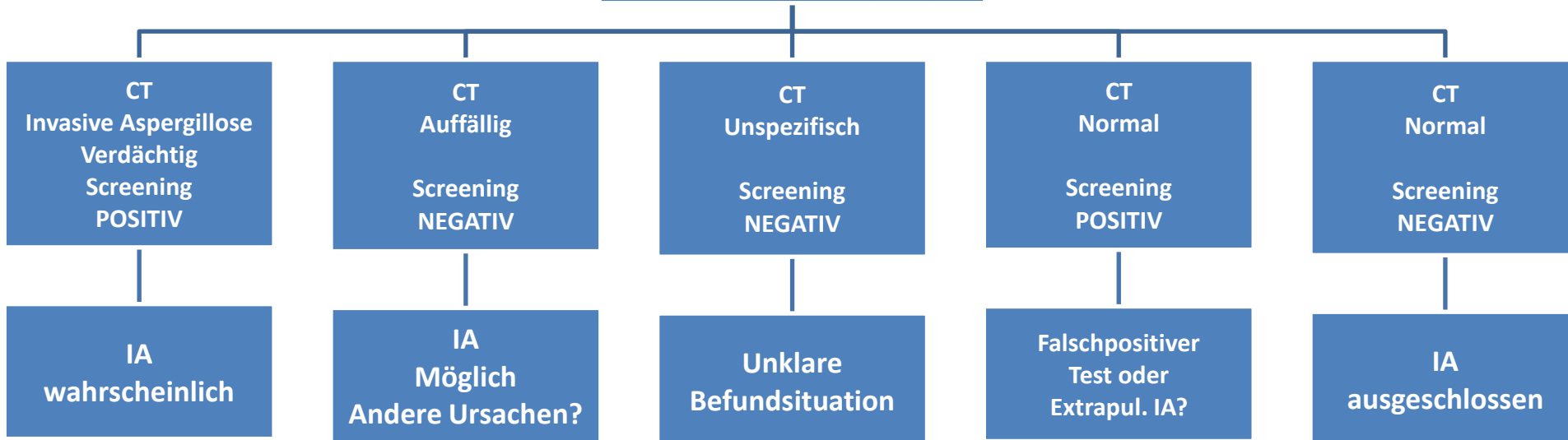
Diagnostischer Algorithmus unter

Antimykotika-Prophylaxe

# Algorithmus zur "diagnostic driven" Behandlung der invasiven Aspergillose

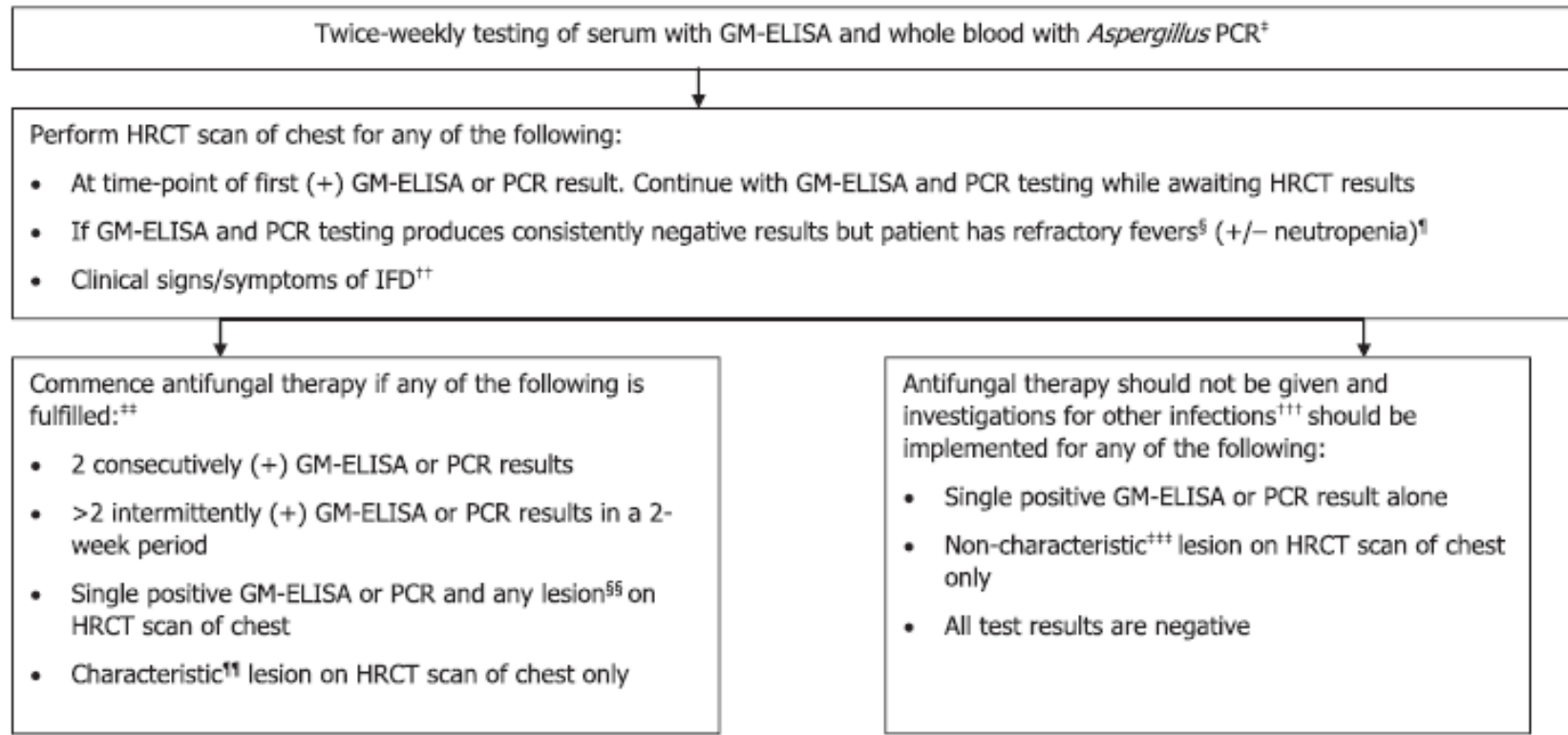
Diagnostisch gesteuerte Therapie  
-screening-Test \*  
-CT kurzfristig mögl.  
-Broncho kurzfristig mögl.

\* etabliert und Ergebnisse am gleichen/nächsten Tag verfügbar  
z.B. BAL; Calcoflour, GM, PCR, Biopsie etc.

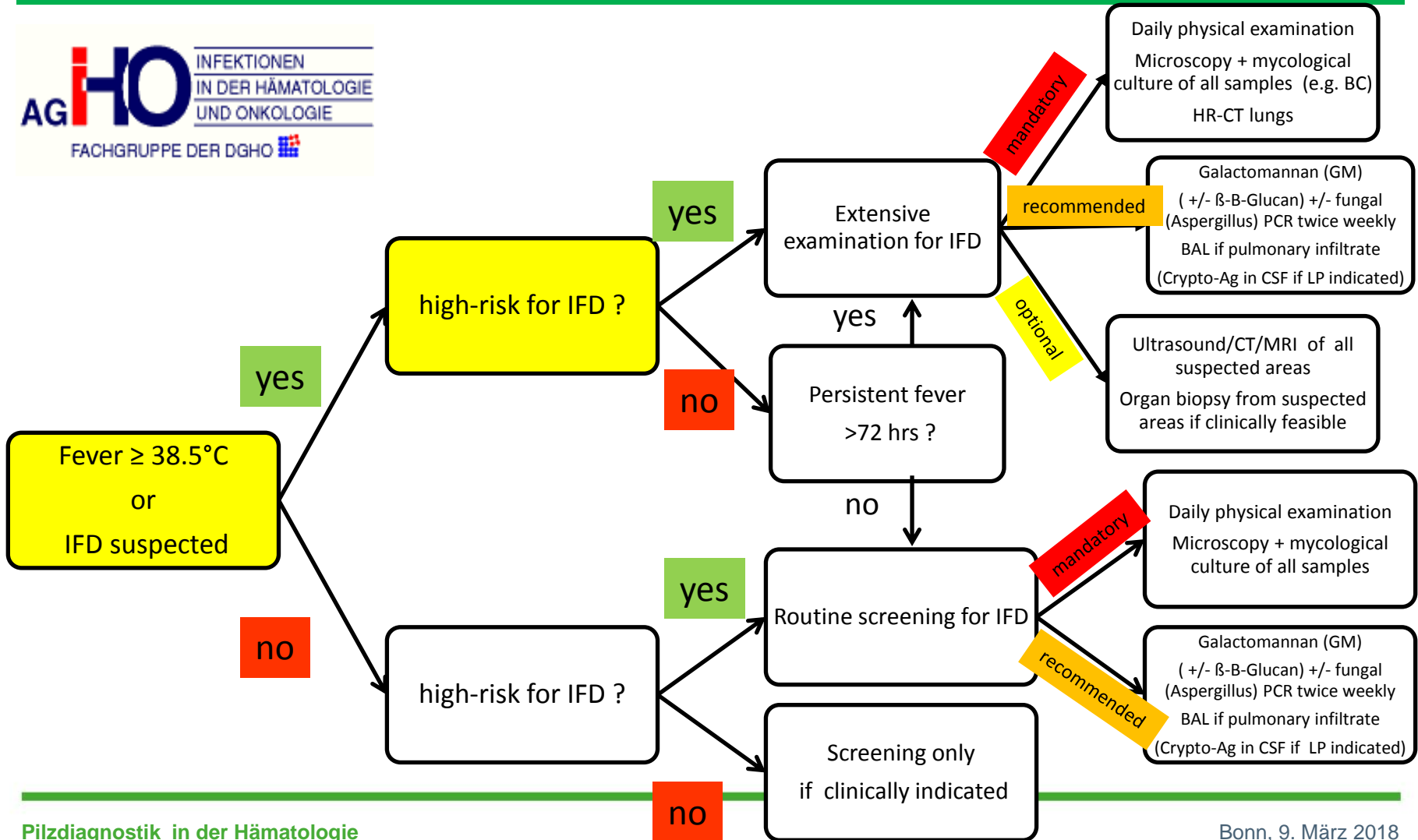


## Consensus guidelines for the use of empiric and diagnostic-driven antifungal treatment strategies in haematological malignancy, 2014

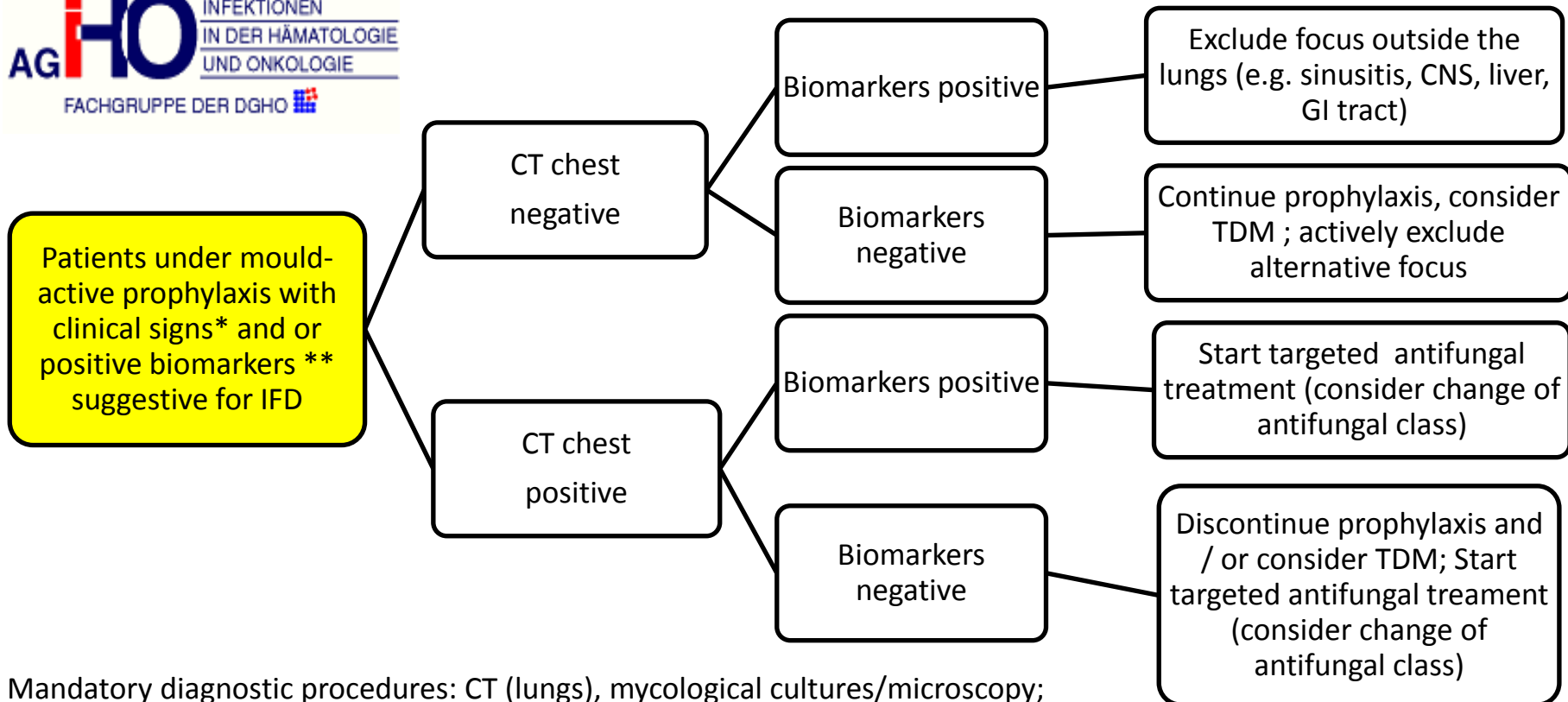
### Surveillance-driven diagnostic antifungal treatment strategy



# Overview on diagnostic procedures recommended in patients at risk for IFD before, during or after granulocytopenia (<500 cells/ $\mu$ L) with or without fever



# Diagnostic algorithm for IFD in high-risk patients under mould active prophylaxis



Mandatory diagnostic procedures: CT (lungs), mycological cultures/microscopy;

\* clinical signs suggestive for IFD (e.g. lung infiltrate, brain abscess, liver/spleen lesions)

\*\*Biomarkers (e.g. GM,  $\beta$ -d-Glucan, PCR)

# Zusammenfassung

- „laufende“ Veränderung von Erregernamen macht den Biologen glücklich, aber nicht den Kliniker!
- „aggressive Diagnostik“ (Biopsie) ist für die Wahl und Dauer der antimykotischen Therapie wichtig!
- Erregerdiagnostik geht nicht mehr ohne molekularbiologische Methoden!
- Diagnostisch/therapeutische Algorithmen haben insbes. bei Schimmelpilzmykosen eine hohe Bedeutung („diagnostic-driven „ bzw. „pre-emptive therapy“ - aufgrund von Mängeln div. diagnostischer Methoden)!



