

The Epidemiology, Prevention and Diagnosis of Fungal Infections in Solid Organ Transplant Recipients

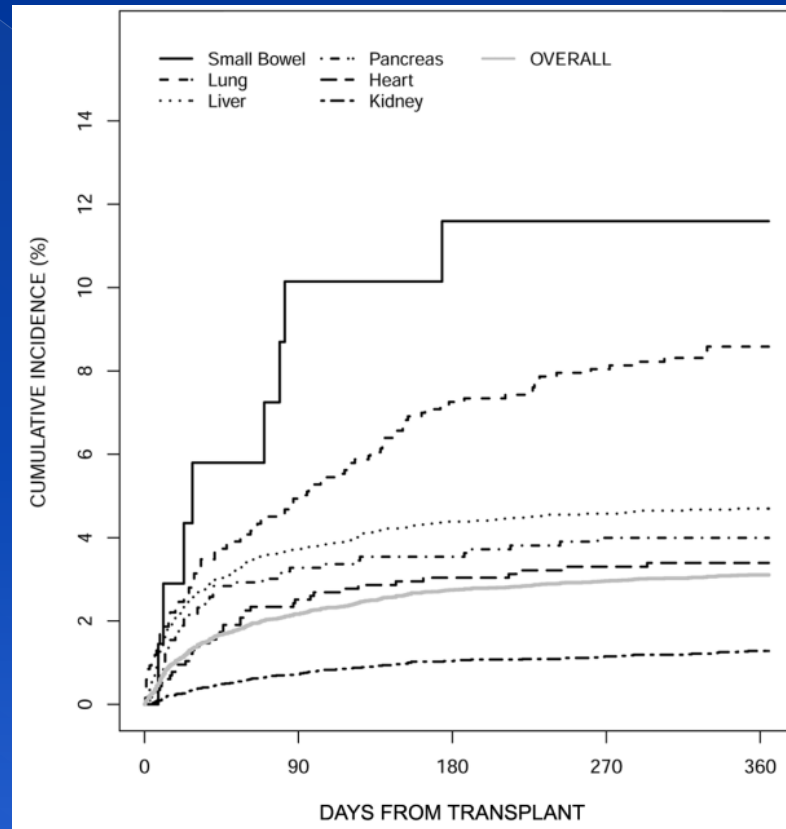
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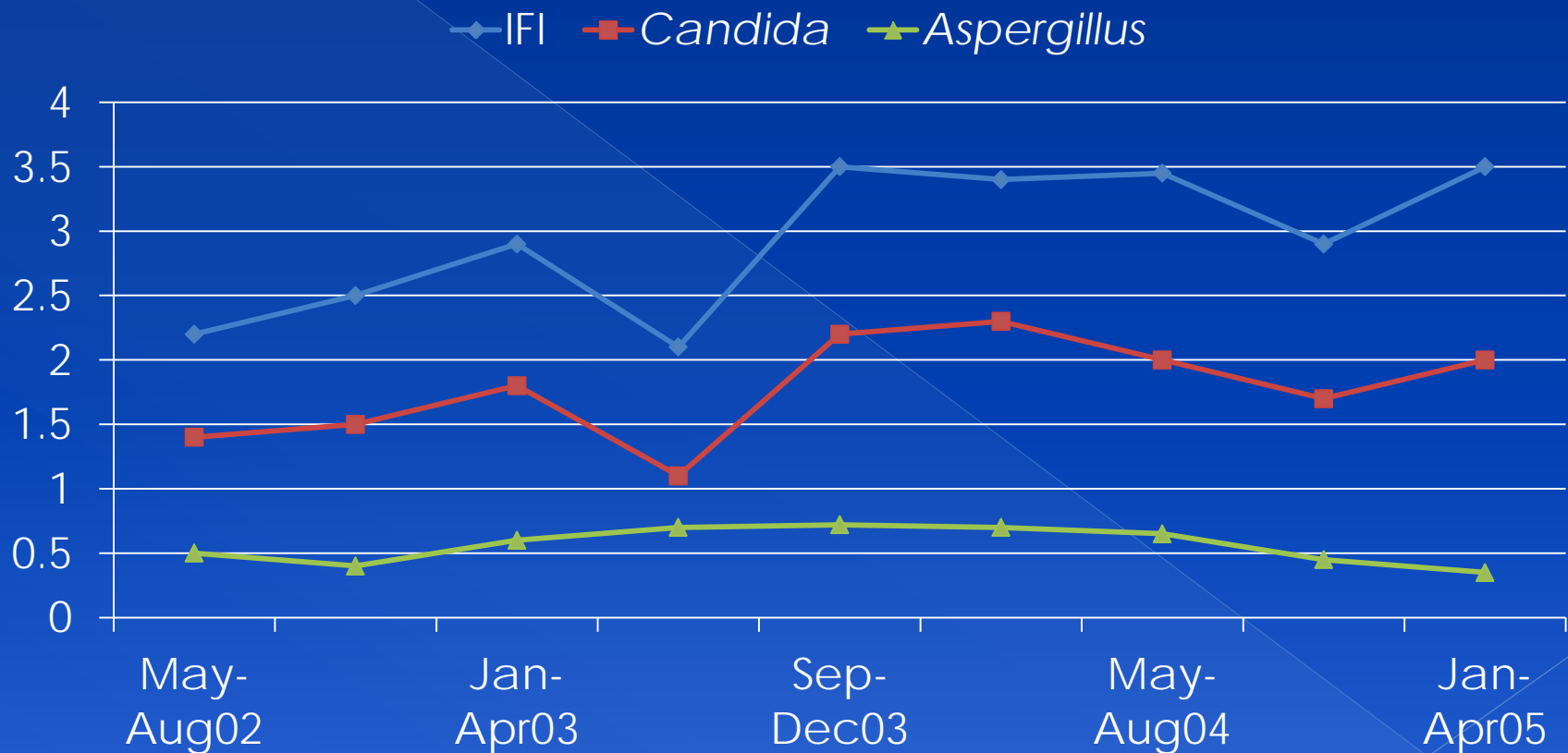
Objectives

- To understand the current epidemiology & risk factors of fungal infections in solid organ transplant (SOT) recipients
- To understand utility of currently available antifungal tests (anti mold) in solid organ transplant recipients.
- To review the role of antifungal prophylactic strategies in SOTs

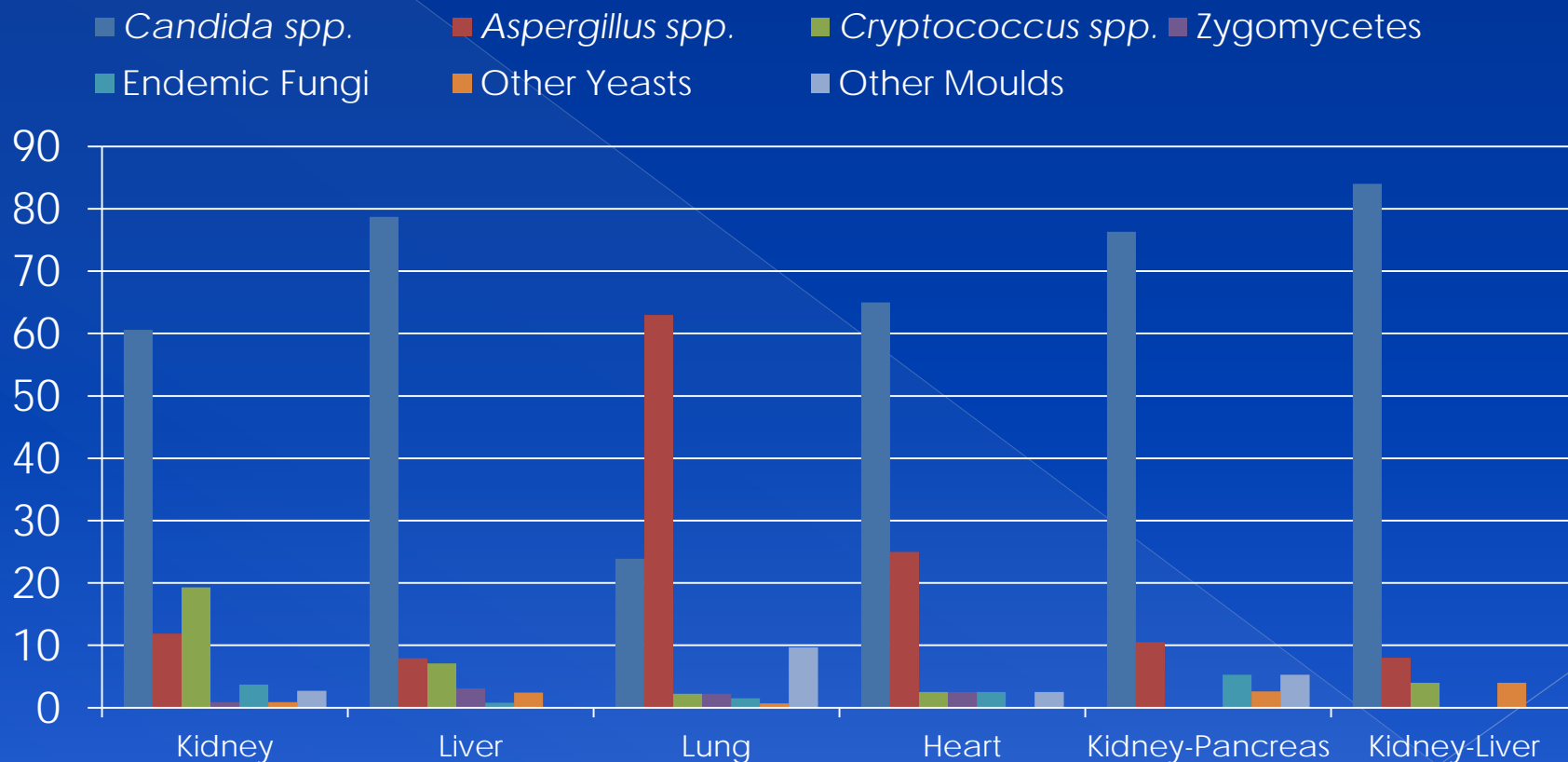
Cumulative Incidence of IFI in Solid Organ Transplantation



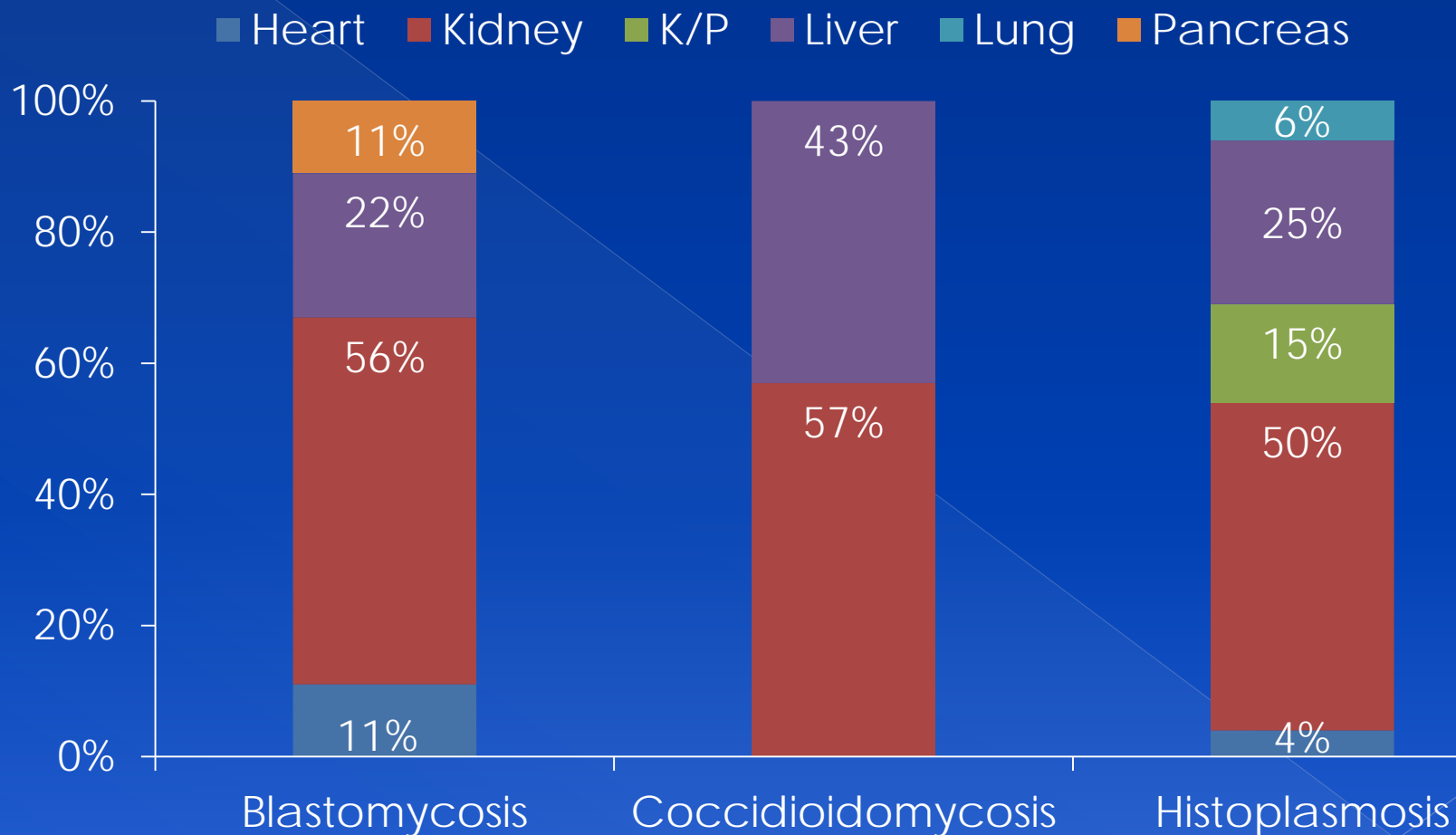
1-Year Cumulative Incidence of IFI, *Candida* & *Aspergillus* Infection



Data on Distribution of IFI in Solid Organ Transplantation



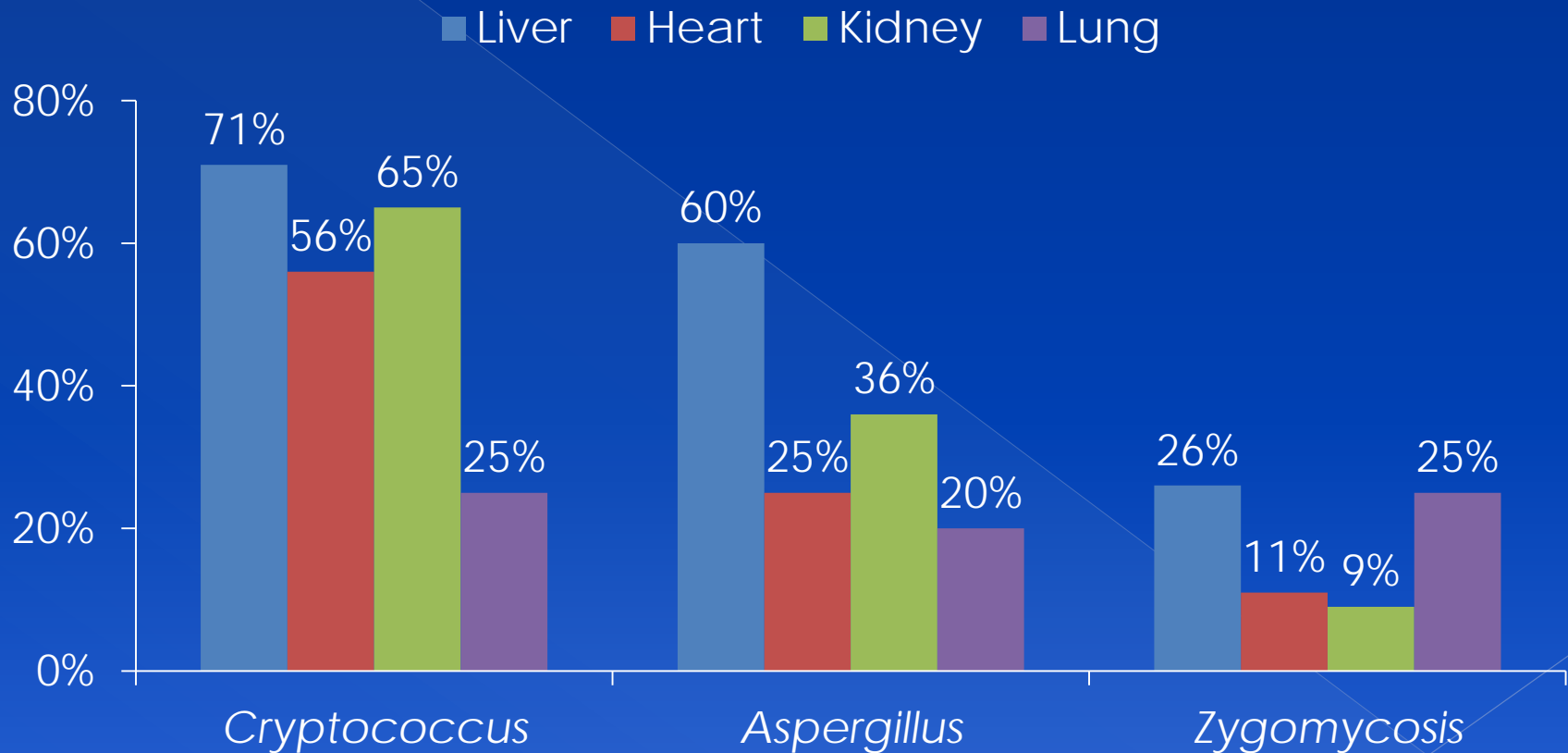
Endemic FI in SOTR



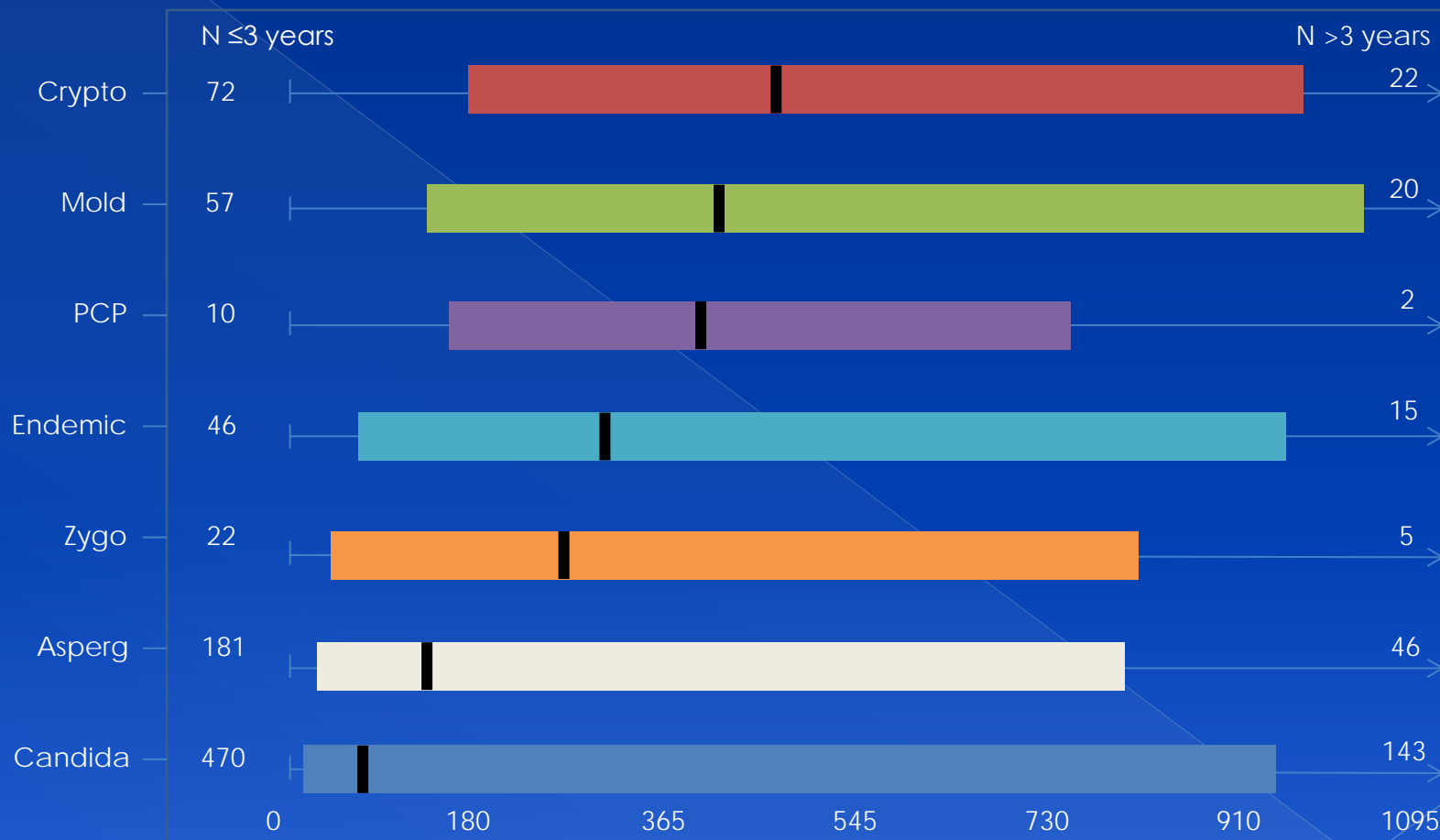
Phaeohyphomycosis

- 30 solid organ transplant (SOT) recipients.
- Median time to diagnosis post-transplant was SOT 685 days.
- Cutaneous infection was more common in SOT (23.1%).
- Overall mortality was 25% and was higher in SCT than in SOT (42% vs 10%; $P = <.001$).

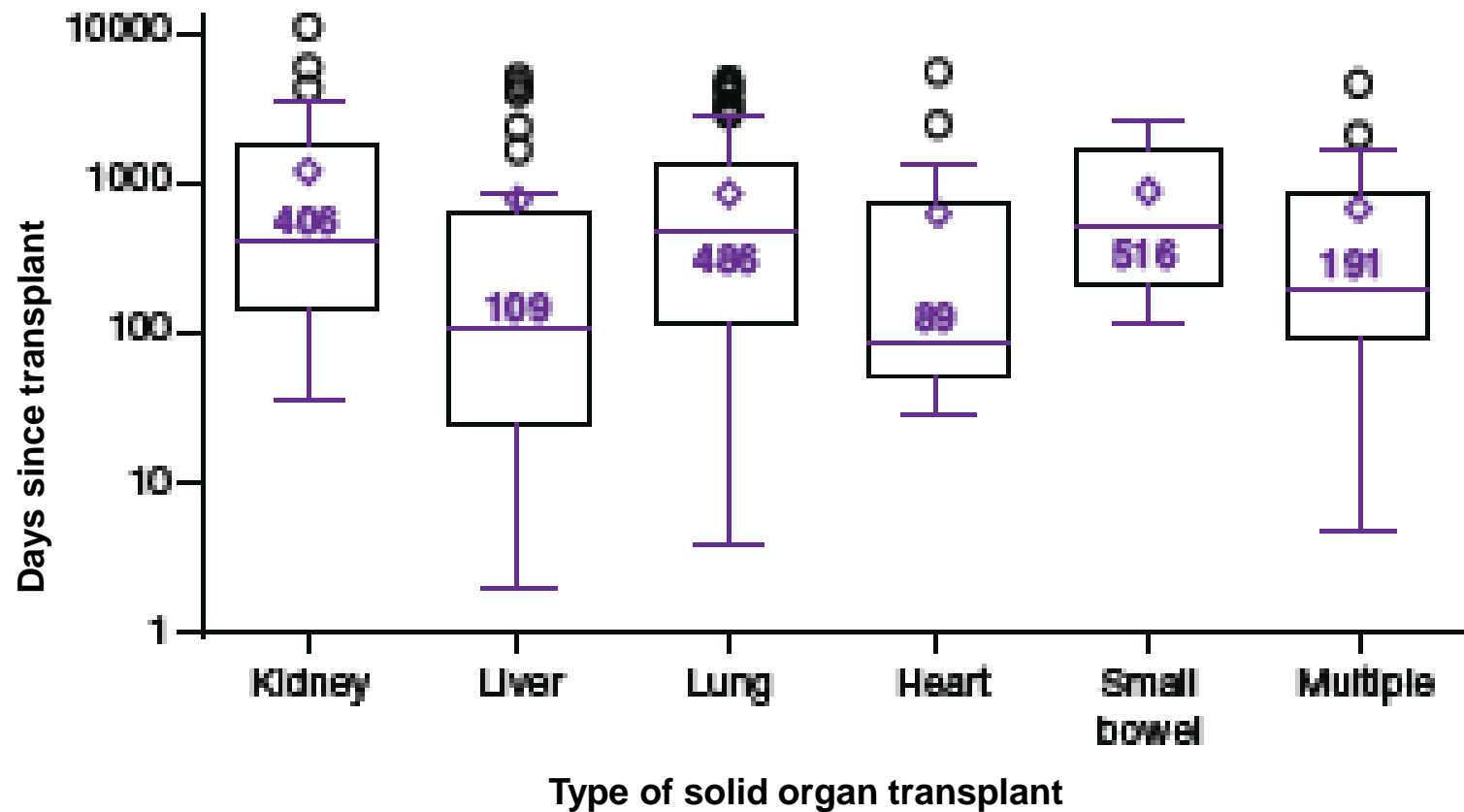
Disseminated Invasive Fungal Infection in Liver Transplantation



Timing of IFIs



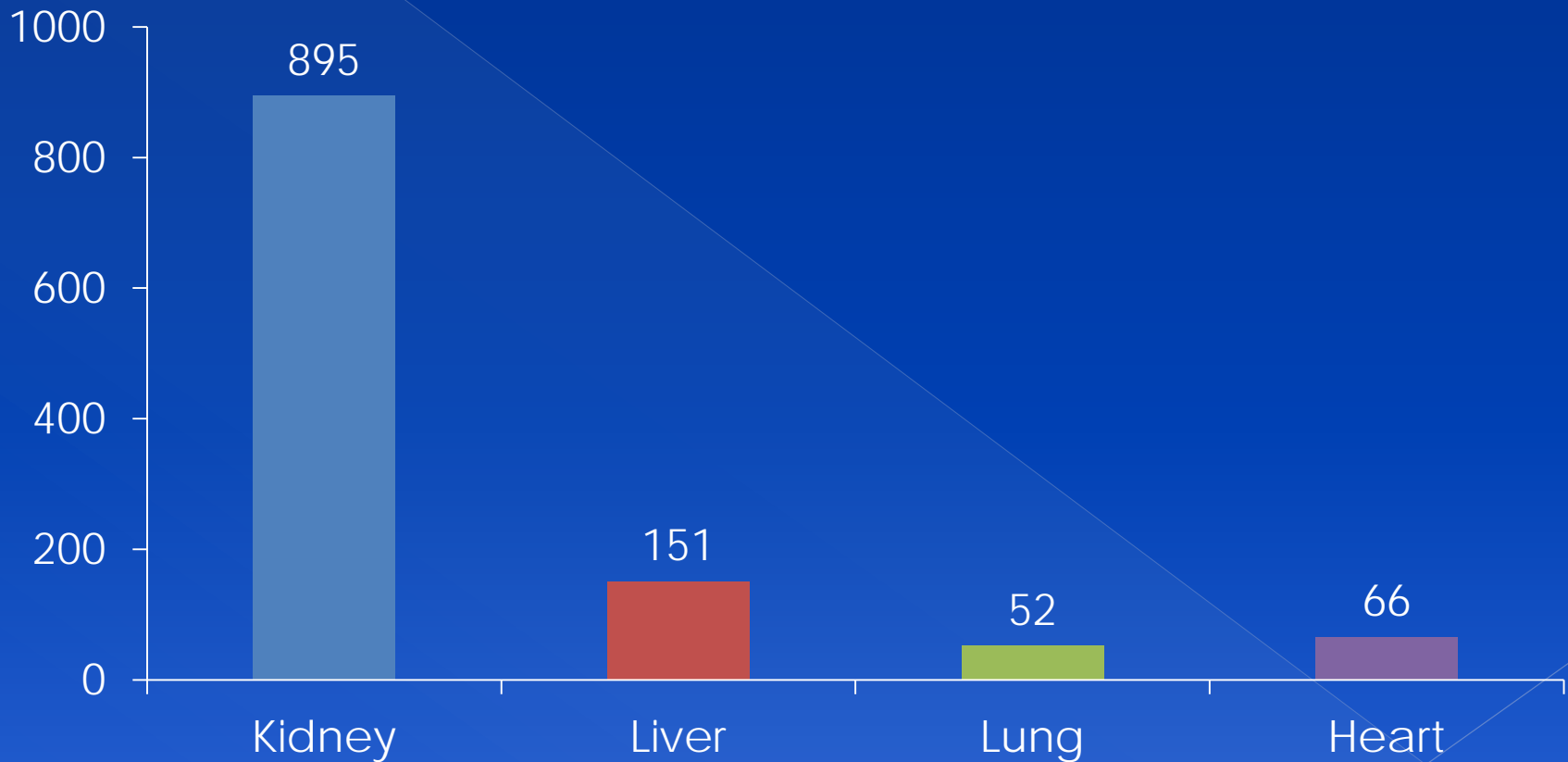
Box and Whisker Plot Indicating Time to IMI Since SOT



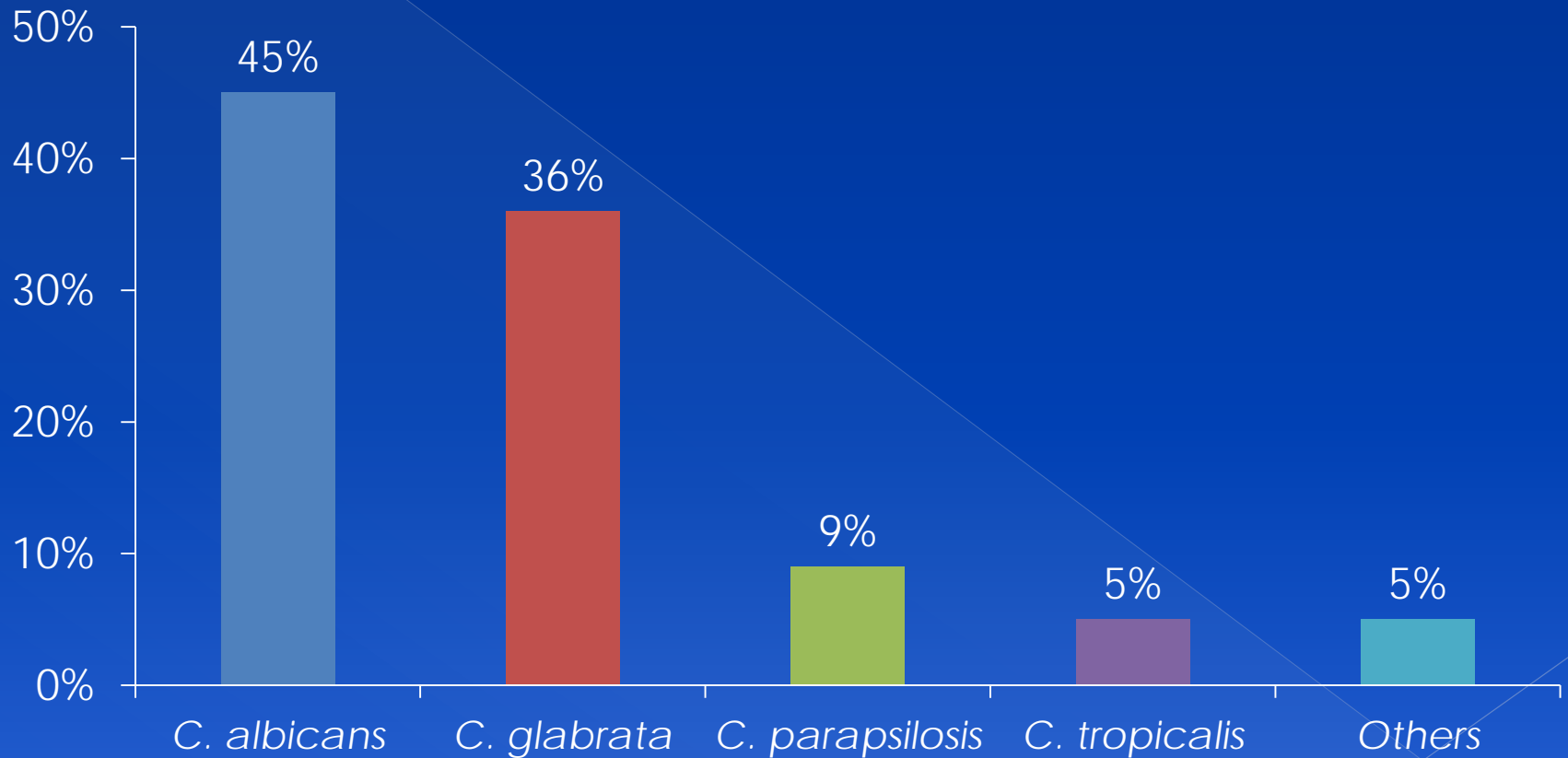
Invasive Candidiasis in Solid Organ Transplantation

- *C. albicans* was the most common species, noted in 46.3% of patients
- Patients who received prior antifungal therapy had a higher likelihood of developing *C. glabrata* or *C. krusei*
 - Majority on prophylaxis
- Mortality of 45.8% in liver transplants

Median Time to Onset to Invasive Candidiasis in SOT

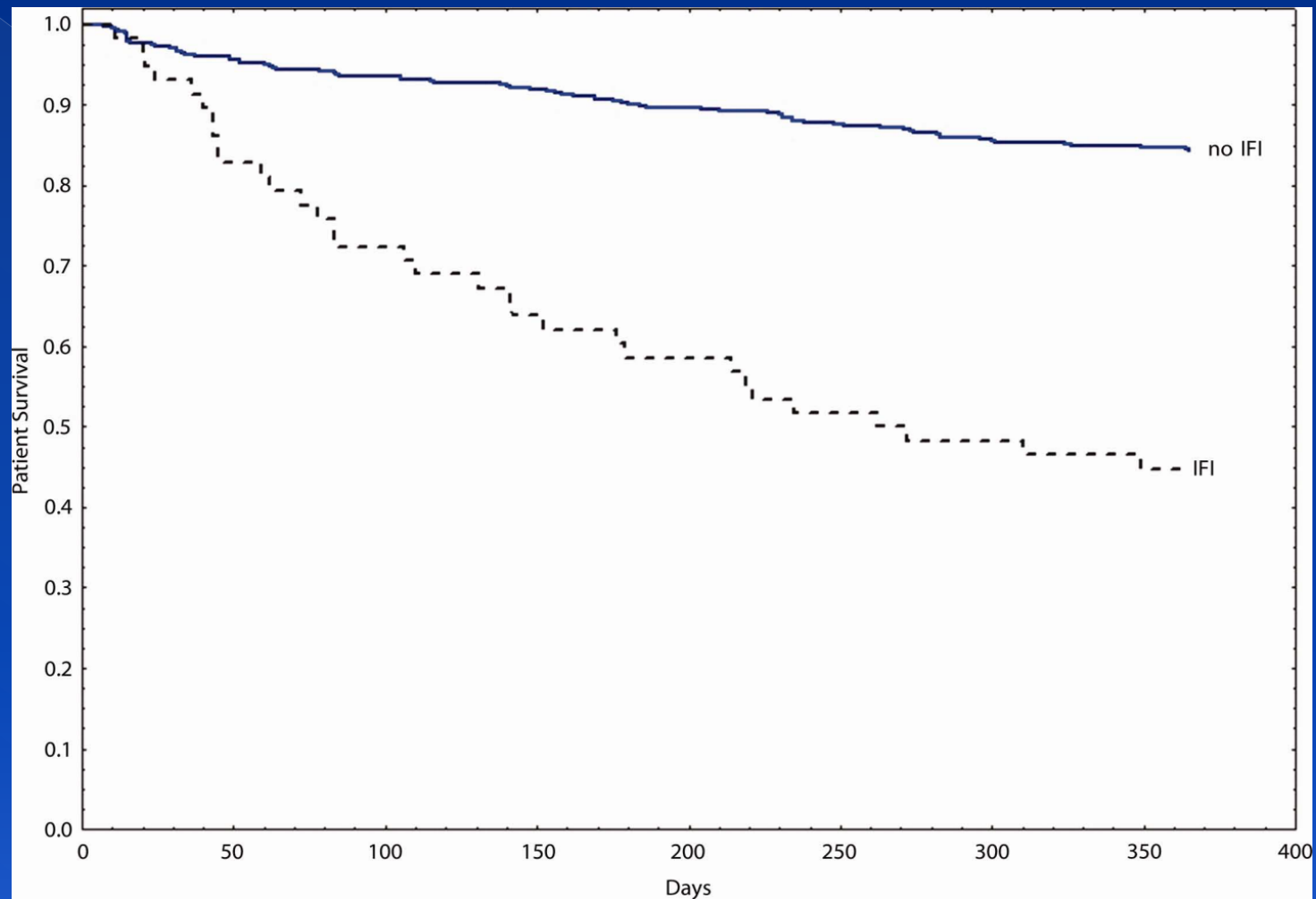


Distribution of *Candida* Species in Solid Organ Transplantation



Another Cohort Study

- The incidence of IFIs was 12%
- Non-albicans *Candida* species accounted for 55% of IFIs
 - 50% of these were *C. parapsilosis*
- Only 43% of *Candida* isolates were fluconazole-susceptible (MIC 8 I/mL)
- All *C. parapsilosis* isolates were fluconazole-resistant which coincided with a surge of these isolates during a peak period of liver transplants



Risk Factors

Risk Factors for IFI Common to All Solid Organ Transplantation

- Technical/anatomical abnormalities
 - > Skill in operative/perioperative management
 - > Vascular access devices (VADs)
 - > Drainage catheters/endotracheal tubes
- Intensity of environmental exposures
 - > Community
 - > Nosocomial
- Net state of immunosuppression
 - > CMV and other herpes viruses
 - > Treatment of rejection with steroid or monoclonal antibodies
 - > Renal failure

Prospective Study: Lower Risk (<4 %) with Only One Risk Factor

- Choledochojejunostomy anastomosis
- Retransplantation
- Intraoperative administration of ≥ 40 units of cellular blood products
- Preoperative serum creatinine ≥ 2.0 mg/dL or need for any form of dialysis within 48 h prior to orthotopic liver transplantation (OLT)
- *Candida* species isolated from surveillance culture between 48h prior until 48h post-OLT
- Return to OR within 5 days of OLT for laparotomy
- Primary graft non-function

Risk Factors for Invasive Fungal Infections

Factors	Univariate			Multivariate
	IFI (n=20)	No IFI (n=362)	P value, odds ratio (95% CI)	P value, odds ratio (95% CI)
Living donor	35% (7/20)	12% (42/362)	0.008, 4.10 (1.55-10.86)	0.04, 2.96 (1.05-8.40)
Bile leaks within 30 days posttransplant	30% (6/20)	4% (16/362)	0.004, 9.27 (3.15-27.29)	0.001, 7.13 (2.31-22.04)

Variables Associated with Fungal Infection in Living Donor Liver Transplantation

Variable	Odds ratio	95% CI	<i>P</i> value
Reoperation	6.92	1.82-26.27	0.004
Posttransplant dialysis	5.62	1.517-20.887	0.009
Bacterial infection	3.94	1.02-15.26	0.04

Univariate & Multivariate Analyses of Factors Associated with IFIs

	Univariate Analyses				
	IFI group (n=58)	Non-IFI group (n=444)	Odds ratio	P value	95% CI
Creatinine level >2 mg/mL	28/58	103/444	2.4	0.01	1.2-5.0
Fungal colonization	25/58	39/443	7.0	<0.001	3.2-15.3
Calculated MELD score >25	32/58	119/444	2.4	0.02	1.2-4.9
Postoperative factors (n/N)					
Fluconazole dosage <200 mg daily	12/56	52/426	2.8	0.03	1.1-7.4

	Multivariate Analyses		
	Odds ratio	P value	95% CI
Fungal colonization	7.8	<0.001	3.9-16.2

Risk Factors for Late Onset Invasive Aspergillosis in SOT

Variables	Multivariate analysis	
	Odds ratio (95% CI)	P value
SOT at age >50 years	2.5 (1.3-5.1)	.009
Renal failure after SOT	3.9 (1.9-7.8)	<.0001
Blood levels of Tac >15 ng/mL or CyA >500 ng/mL at month 3	2.5 (1.2-5)	.011
Use of Tac and CyA for the same patient	3.2 (1.1-9.4)	.032
>1 episode of bacterial infection	7.5 (3.2-17.4)	<.0001
Significant leukopenia (<3000 leukocytes/mm ³)	1.9 (0.9-3.7)	.056
Immunosuppression-related neoplasm	69.3 (6.4-753)	<.0001
Chronic graft rejection	5 (1.9-13)	.001

Unique Factors Contributing to Risk of Infection in Lung Transplantation

Continuous contact with pathogens

Higher state of immunosuppression

Airway colonization

Pulmonary stent

The native lung

Hypogammaglobulinemia

CARV Infection



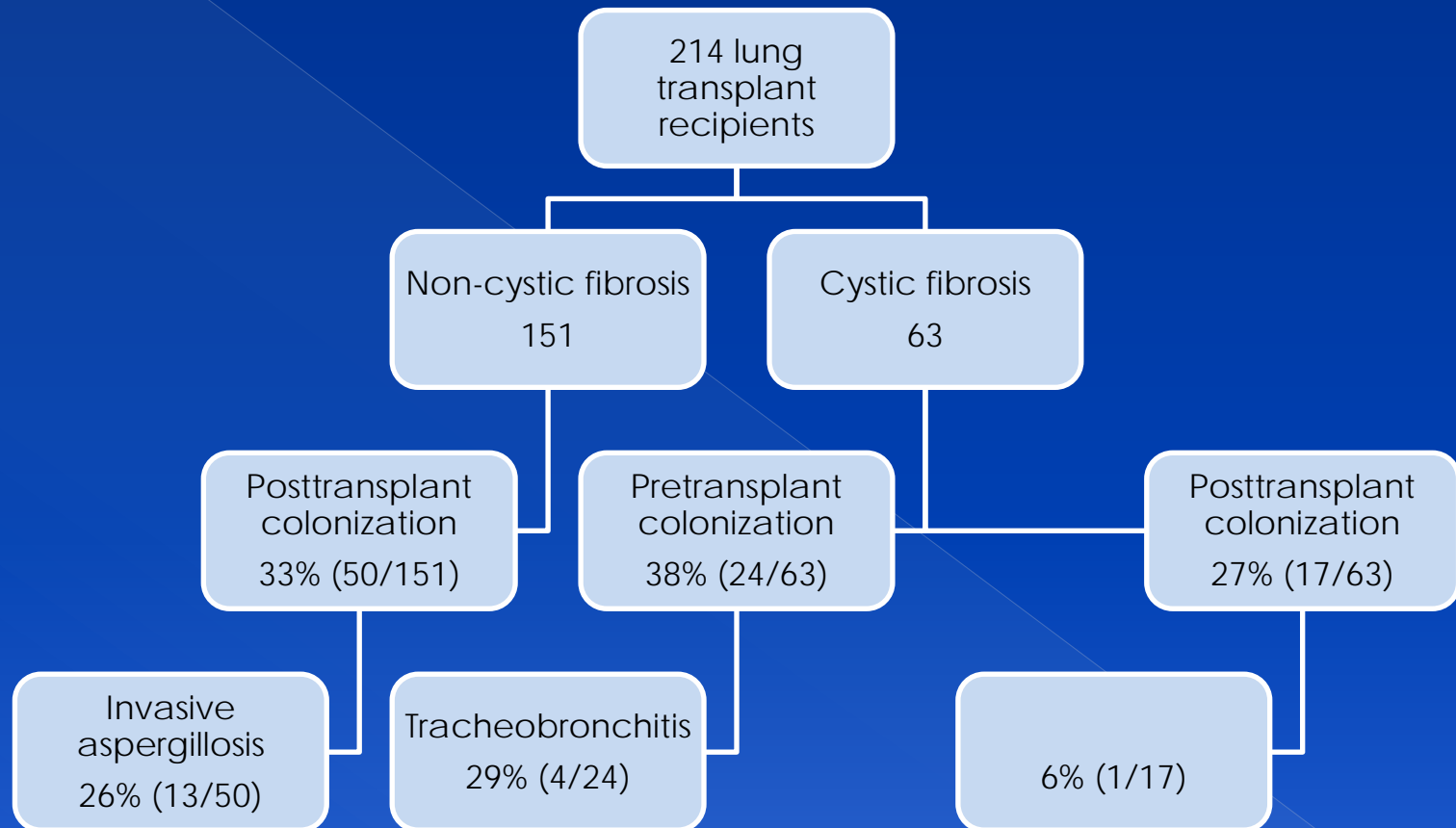
Denervation

Impaired cough reflex

Ischemic reperfusion injury

Decrease mucociliary clearance

Colonization



Risk Factors for Invasive Aspergillosis in Heart Transplant Recipients

● Heart

- Isolation of Aspergillus species in respiratory tract cultures
- Reoperation
- CMV disease
- Post-transplant hemodialysis
- Episode of IA in the program, 2 months before or after heart transplant

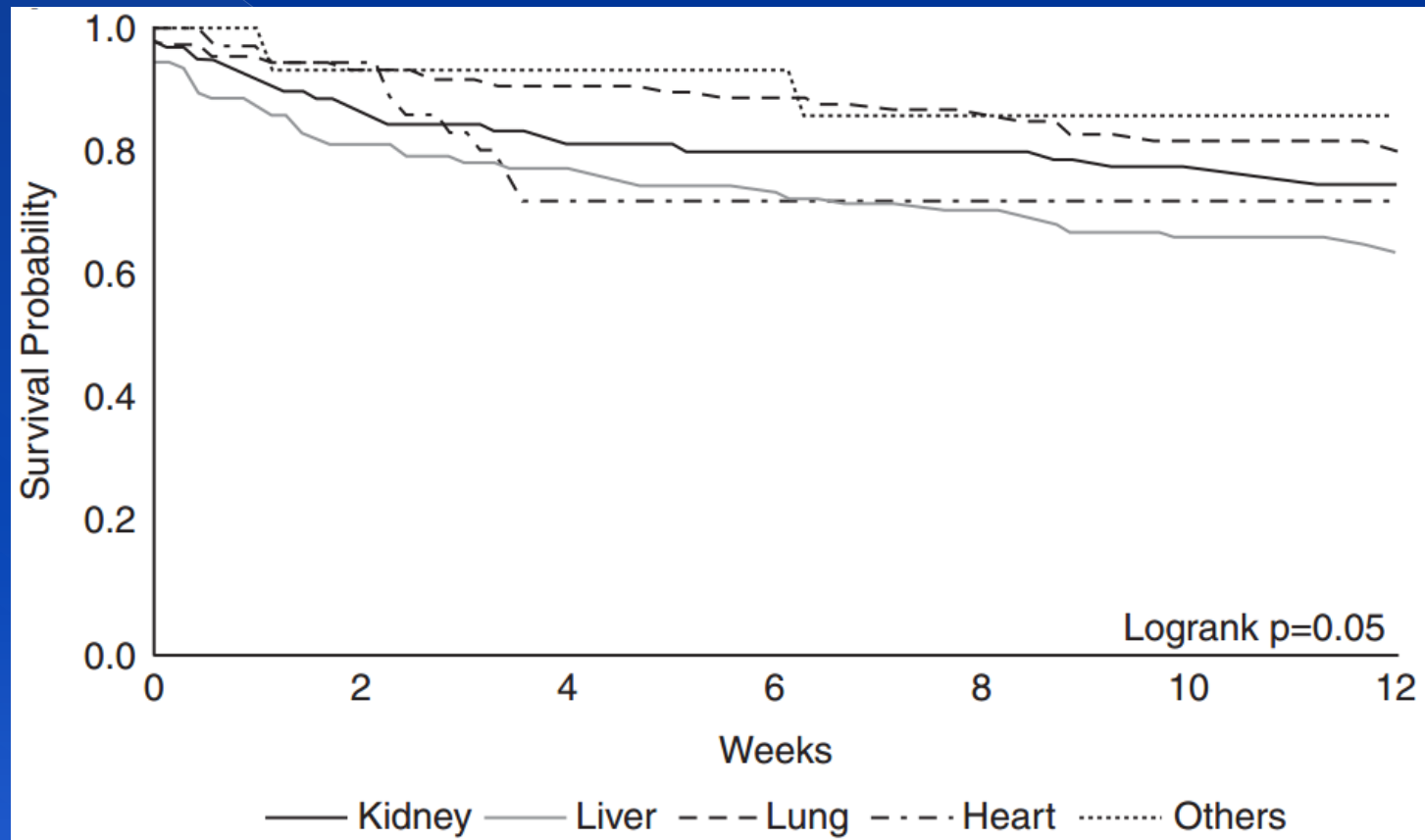
Predictors of IFI in Univariate Analysis (2004-2010)

Variable	IFI (n=6)	No IFI (n=53)	Odds ratio	95% CI	P value
Male sex	5 (83)	40 (75)	0.61	0.66-5.76	0.67
Age >55	5 (83)	20 (38)	8.24	0.89-75.79	0.06
Thymoglobulin	4 (67)	41 (82)	0.44	0.69-2.78	0.38
RRT	5 (83)	12 (23)	17.08	1.81-160.68	0.01
ECMO	4 (67)	8 (15)	11.25	1.76-72.01	0.01
VAD	0	12 (23)	---	---	---
Reoperation during week 1	4 (67)	15 (28)	5.06	0.84-30.64	0.08
<i>Aspergillus</i> species colonization	2 (33)	3 (6)	8.33	1.06-65.3	0.04
Antifungal prophylaxis	0	8 (15)	---	---	---

Severity of Fungal Disease

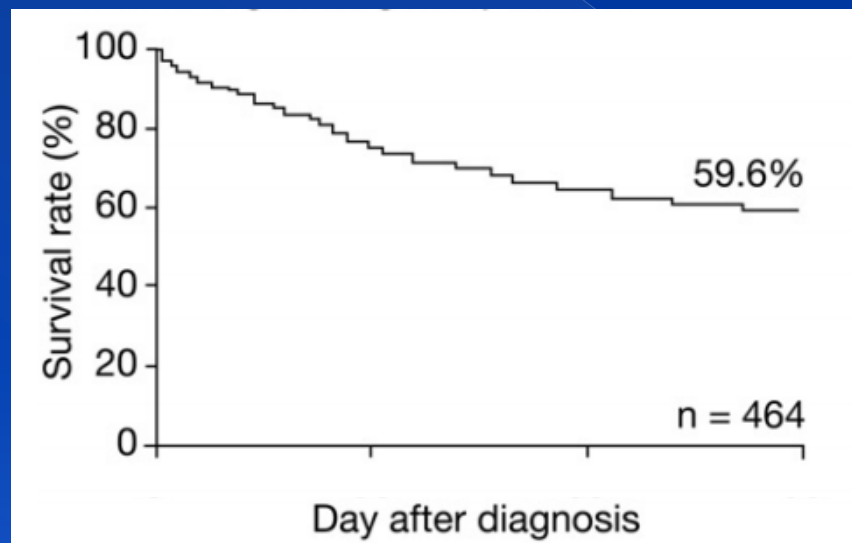
Mortality

Mortality Associated with IFI in Solid Organ Transplantation

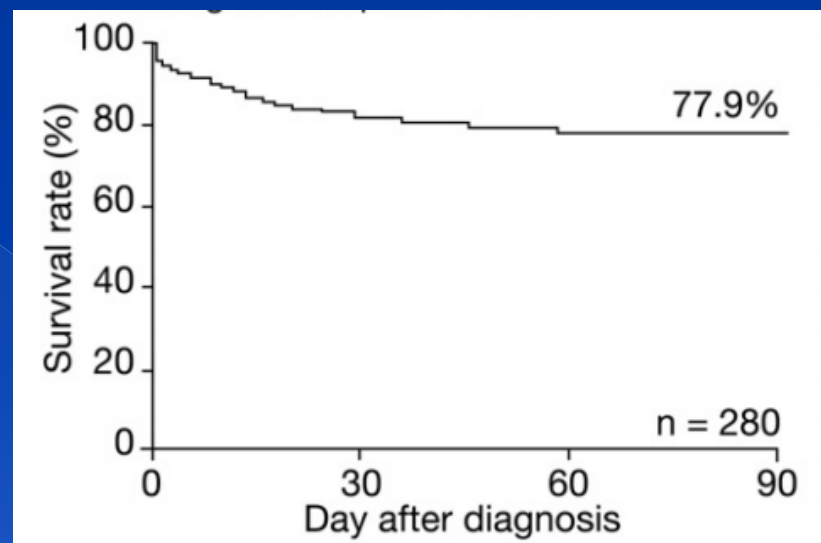


Mortality with Invasive Aspergillosis

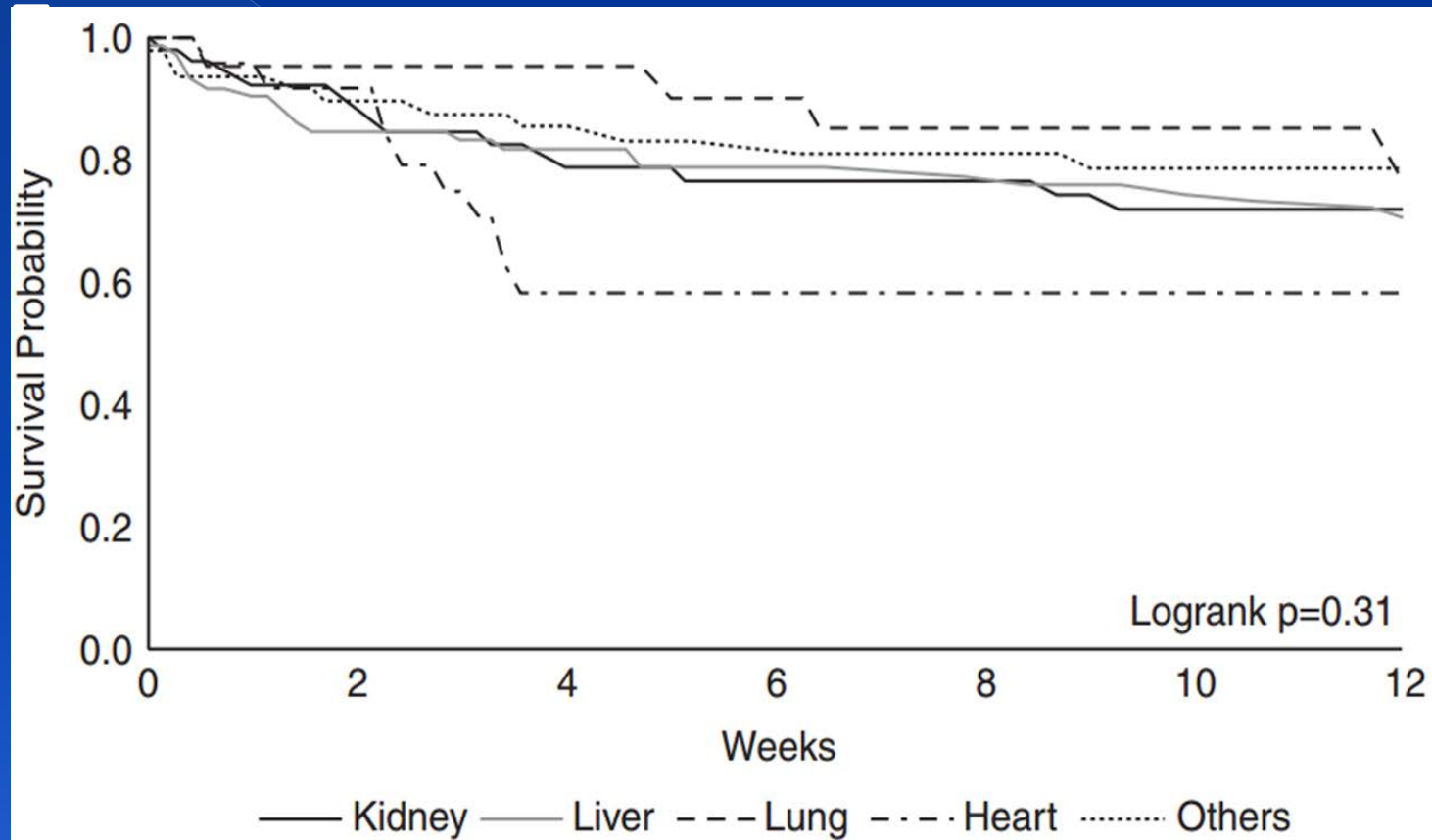
Hematologic malignancy cohort



Solid organ transplant cohort



Mortality Associated with Candidiasis in SOT



Diagnosis



Serum GM: Cut-off

- Initial controversy regarding optimal cut-off
- Cochrane Database Systematic Review
 - > 30 studies

Cut-off	Sensitivity (95%CI)	Specificity (95%CI)	No patients (No. studies)	Median prevalence	FN/FP
>0.5	0.79 (0.61-0.93)	0.82 (0.71-0.92)	901 (7)	9.9 (0.8-34)	2/17
>1.0	0.71 (0.61-0.81)	0.90 (0.87-0.94)	1744 (12)	12.4 (0.8-44)	2/9
>1.5	0.62 (0.45-0.79)	0.95 (0.92-0.98)	2600 (17)	7.4 (0.8-34)	3/5

Serum GM: Population

- Serum GM performs well in BMT and hematologic cancer pts
- Serum GM not sensitive for the diagnosis of IA in SOT

Metanalysis of 27 studies

Studies	Cases of proven IA				Cases of proven or probable IA			
	TP/(TP + FP)	Pooled sensitivity (95% CI)	TN/(TN + FP)	Pooled specificity (95% CI)	TP/(TP + FN)	Pooled sensitivity (95% CI)	TN/(TN + FP)	Pooled specificity (95% CI)
All	163/229	0.71 (0.68–0.74)	3601/4055	0.89 (0.88–0.90)	250/407	0.61 (0.59–0.63)	2839/3060	0.93 (0.92–0.94)
Studies limited to patients with hematological malignancy	106/152	0.70 (0.62–0.77)	2570/2808	0.92 (0.90–0.93)	177/304	0.58 (0.52–0.64)	2324/2457	0.95 (0.94–0.96)
Studies limited to patients undergoing BMT	49/60	0.82 (0.70–0.90)	722/843	0.86 (0.83–0.88)	32/49	0.65 (0.60–0.78)	17/26	0.65 (0.44–0.83)
Studies limited to solid-organ transplant recipients	2/9	0.22 (0.03–0.60)	180/215	0.84 (0.78–0.88)	9/22	0.41 (0.21–0.64)	210/247	0.85 (0.80–0.89)

	Organ	Incidence	Cut-off	Sensitivity	Specificity
Fortun et al. Transplant 2009	Liver (240)	5.8	OD > 0.5	55.6	93.9
Husain et al. AJT. 2004	Lung (70)	17.1	OD > 0.5	30	93
Kwak et al. JCM. 2004	Liver (154)	0.6	OD > 0.5	NA	87%

What About BAL GM?

BAL GM in SOT

Authors	Patients	Cut-off	Sens(%)	Spec(%)	PPV(%)	NPV(%)	Ref
Pasqualotto A	60 lung TX, 8 IPA	≥ 1.5	100	90.4	51.5	100	Transpl 2010 15;90(3):30
Husain S	196 lung TX, 11 IPA	≥ 0.5	81.8	95.8	50.6	99	Clin and Vacc Imm 2008:1760–1763
Husain S	116 Lung Tx ,6 IPA	≥ 0.5	66.6	98.3	57.1	98	Transpl 2007 27;83(10):1330
Luong M	137Lung tx 16 IPA	≥ 0.5	93	89	48	99	CID 2011:52
		≥ 1.0	67	97	71	96	

BAL GM: Cut-off

Studies	No. studies	Pooled SEN (95% CI)	Pooled SPE (95% CI)	Pooled PLR (95% CI)	Pooled NLR (95% CI)
Overall analyses	13	0.90 (0.79-0.96)	0.94 (0.90-0.96)	14.87 (8.89-24.90)	0.10 (0.04-0.24)
Cutoff of 0.5 for positivity	8	0.86 (0.70-0.94)	0.89 (0.85-0.92)	7.69 (5.75-10.28)	0.15 (0.07-0.35)
Cutoff of 1.0 for positivity	11	0.85 (0.72-0.93)	0.94 (0.89-0.97)	14.29 (8.33-24.50)	0.16 (0.08-0.31)
Cutoff of 1.5 for positivity	9	0.70 (0.49-0.85)	0.96 (0.93-0.98)	18.97 (10.93-32.93)	0.31 (0.17-0.57)
Cutoff of 2.0 for positivity	5	0.61 (0.38-0.80)	0.96 (0.92-0.98)	16.13 (8.07-32.25)	0.40 (0.23-0.70)

- BAL GM is superior to serum GM for IA
 - BMT and hematologic cancer patients
 - SOTs
- High rate of false positive results
- Better performance using higher cut-off value (>1.0?)

Performance of BAL PCR and GM Assays in the Diagnosis of IPA

Assay result	Performance, % (95% CI) [no. of samples]		Likelihood ratio
	Sensitivity	Specificity	
BAL PCR	100 (79-100) [16/16]	88 (79-92) [118/134]	8.4
BAL GM index ≥ 1.0	67 (38-88) [10/15]	97 (92-99) [129/133]	22.2
BAL GM index ≥ 0.5	93 (68-100) [14/15]	89 (82-93) [118/133]	8.3

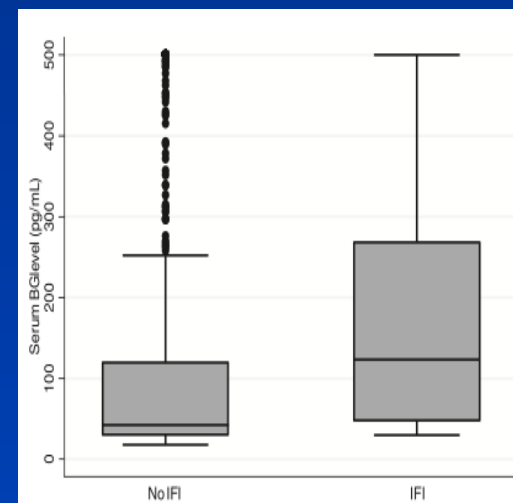
Unanswered Questions in Fungal PCR

- ◉ Diagnostic utility as compared to existing serological markers
- ◉ Cost utility
- ◉ Prognostic utility
- ◉ Role in colonization in lung transplantation
- ◉ More data in immunocompromised hosts

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BDG Assay – Clinical Validity (SOT)

- 73 lung transplant patients monitored prospectively
 - 14 IA
- FungiTell assay in serum
- Accuracy of BDG in lung transplant is marginal
 - 90% of lung transplant patients without an IFI had at least 1 positive BDG result



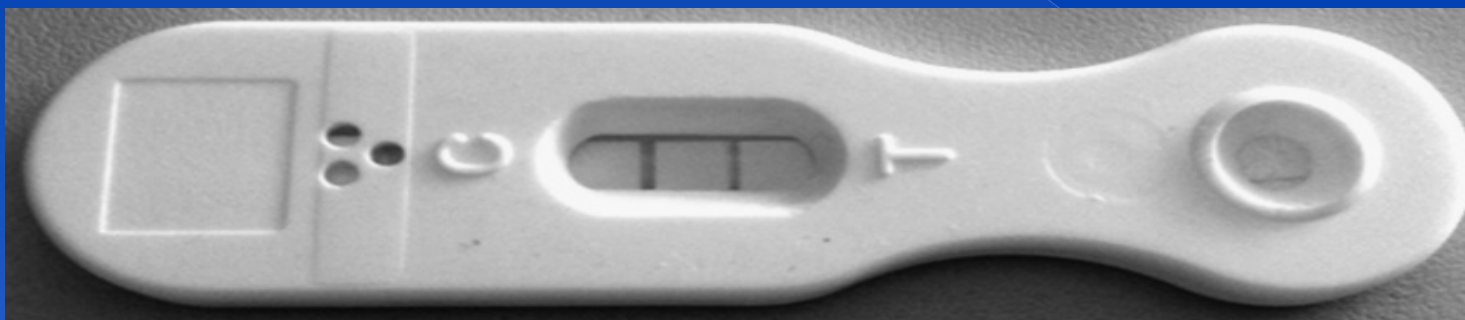
Glucan positive cutoff (pg/ml)	% (95% confidence interval)			
	Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive predictive value	Negative predictive value
60	70.7 (54.5, 83.9)	58.7 (55.1, 62.3)	8.5 (5.8, 12.0)	97.4 (95.4, 98.6)
70	63.4 (46.9, 77.9)	62.6 (59.0, 66.0)	8.4 (5.6, 12.0)	96.9 (95.0, 98.3)
80	63.4 (46.9, 77.9)	65.9 (62.4, 69.3)	9.2 (6.1, 13.1)	97.1 (95.2, 98.4)
100	58.5 (42.1, 73.7)	71.3 (67.9, 74.5)	9.9 (6.5, 14.5)	96.9 (95.1, 98.2)

Comparison of MAP and GM Assays on Serum Samples

Parameter	Test result % (95% CI) by:		P value
	MAP	GM	
Sensitivity	46.7 (28.3-65.7)	50.0 (31.3-68.7)	n.s.
Specificity	97.6 (87.4-99.9)	95.1 (83.5-99.4)	n.s.
PPV	93.3 (68.1-99.8)	88.2 (63.6-98.5)	n.s.
NPV	71.4 (57.8-82.7)	72.2 (58.4-83.5)	n.s.

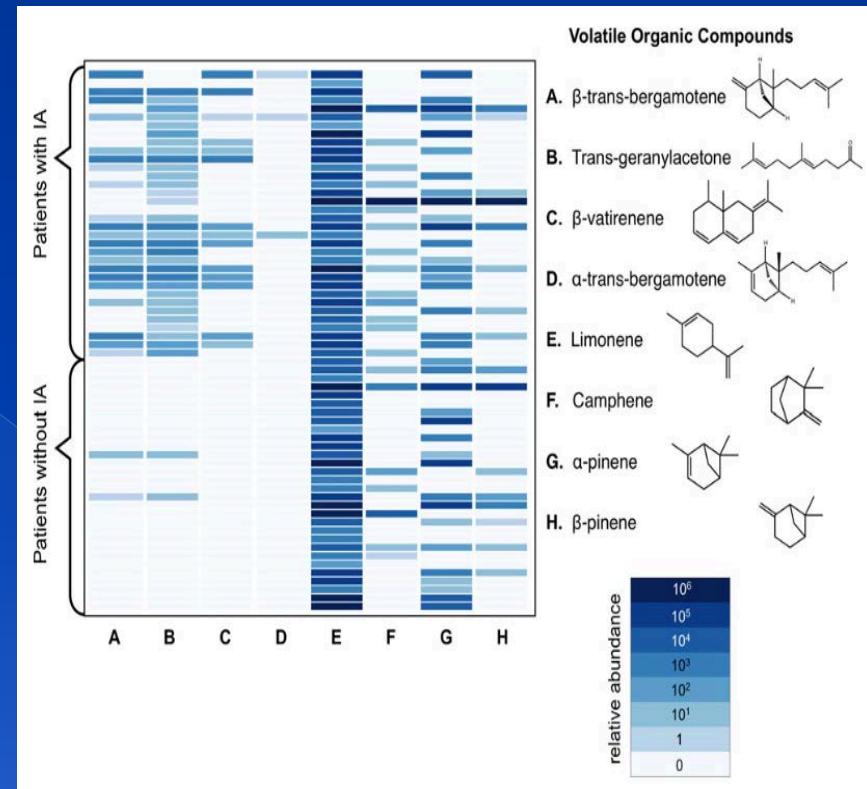
Lateral-Flow Device Test

Medical center/SOT	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV	DOR (95% CI)
Innsbruck	100 (3/3)	79 (11/14)	50 (3/6)	100 (11/11)	29 (1.2-700)
Vienna	100 (6/6)	81 (13/16)	67 (6/9)	100 (13/19)	50 (2.2-1121)
Graz	50 (1/2)	100 (6/6)	100 (1/1)	86 (6/7)	13 (0.34-505)
Overall (all 3 centers)	91 (10/11)	83 (30/36)	63 (10/16)	97 (30/31)	50 (5.4-467)
LuTx	100 (5/5)	86 (18/21)	63 (5/8)	100 (18/18)	58 (2.6-1307)



A Breath Fungal Secondary Metabolite Signature to Diagnose IA

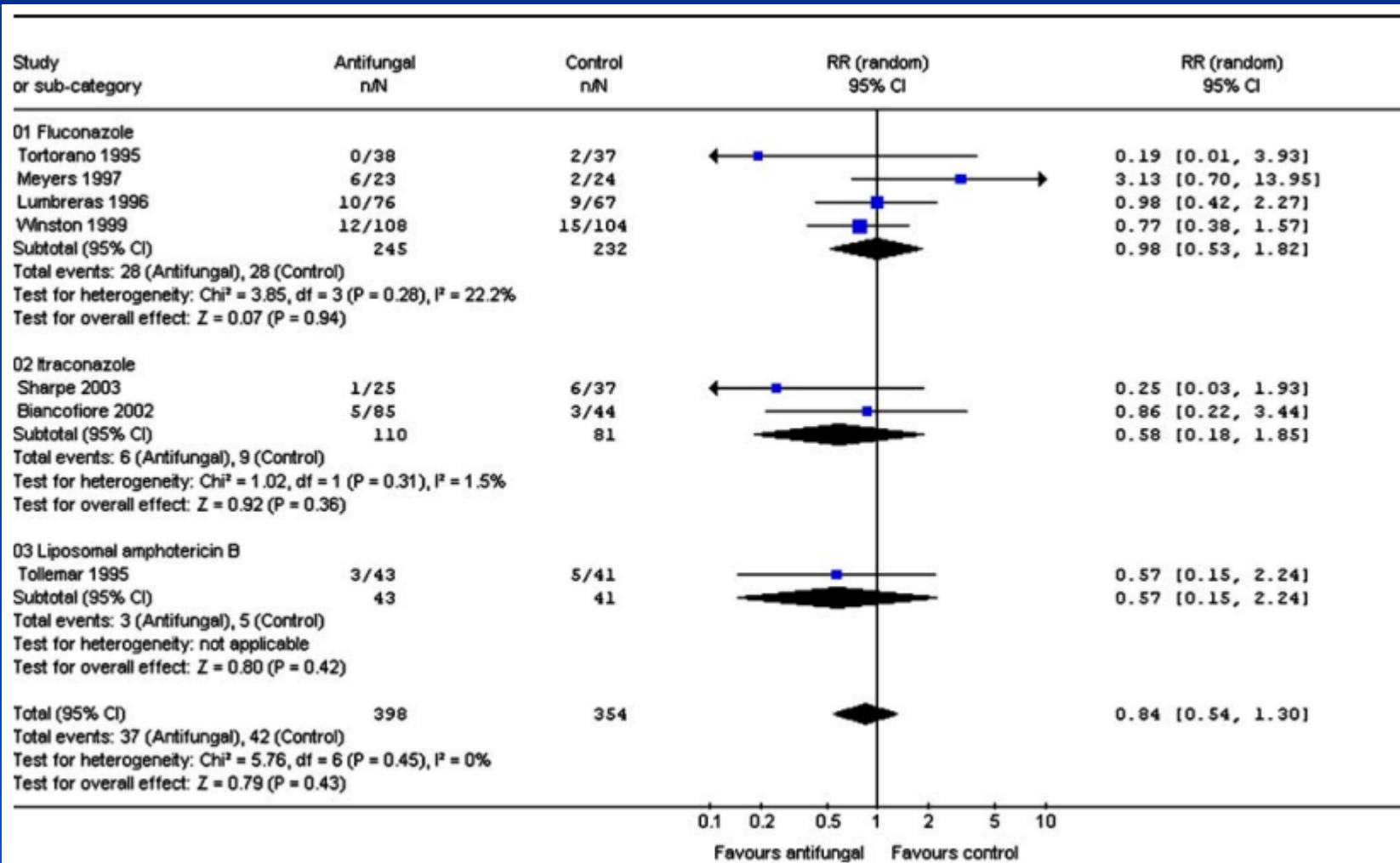
- Thermal desorption-gas chromatography/mass spectrometry to characterize the in-vitro volatile metabolite profile of *Aspergillus fumigatus*
 - Assessed volatile organic compounds (VOCs) profiles of pathogenic *Aspergillus* species in-vitro
 - Assessed whether they could identify evidence of *Aspergillus* metabolism in the breath of patients undergoing evaluation for IA
- Prospectively collected breath samples from 64 patients from 2011 to 2013
- α - and β -pinene, limonene and α - and β -trans-bergamotene
- Identified IA patients with 94% sensitivity and 93% specificity



Effectiveness of Antifungal Prophylaxis

Meta-analysis of Antifungal Prophylaxis in LTRs

Outcomes	Cruciani RR (95% CI), n=698	Playford EJ RR (9% CI), n=1052
Total fungal infection	0.31 (0.21-0.46)	0.44 (0.28-0.69)
Invasive infection	0.33 (0.18-0.59)	0.39 (0.18-0.85)
Superficial infection	0.27 (0.16-0.45)	0.25 (0.13-0.51)
Empiric treatment	0.80 (0.39-1.67)	0.95 (0.49-1.83)
Adverse events	1.38 (1.04-1.83)	1.2 (0.68-2.12)
Fungal colonization	---	0.51 (0.41-0.62)
Resistant fungal colonization	---	1.57 (0.76-3.24)
Mortality	1.06 (0.69-1.64)	0.84 (0.54-1.30)

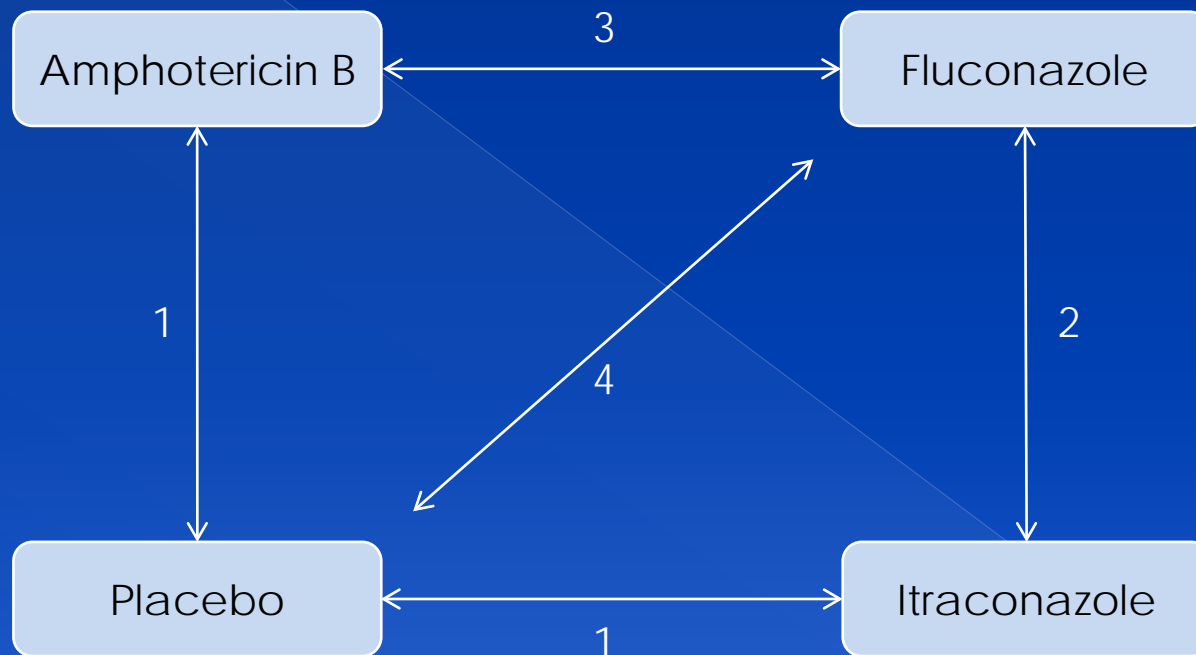


Although fewer data on prophylactic itraconazole and LAmB were available, indirect comparisons and three direct comparative trials suggested similar efficacy.

Meta-analysis Results: Systemic Prophylaxis Versus Placebo

Outcome	Patients	Studies	Odds ratio (CI)	P value	Cochran Q P value	I ² (%)
Proven IFI	745	7	0.37 (0.19-0.72)	0.003	0.44	24.5
Proven or suspected IFI	616	6	0.40 (0.25-0.66)	0.003	0.78	0
Superficial fungal infection	464	4	0.19 (0.08-0.43)	<0.0001	0.38	29.2
Fungal colonization	489	4	0.28 (0.17-0.49)	<0.0001	0.13	44.83
Adverse events	696	6	0.11 (0.48-2.55)	0.81	0.86	0
Mortality attributed to fungal infection	670	5	0.32 (0.10-0.83)	0.02	0.61	2.6
Overall mortality	752	7	0.87 (0.54-1.39)	0.55	0.46	0
<i>Aspergillus</i> IFI	755	7	0.95 (0.35-2.58)	0.92	0.80	0

Network of Trials Use in the Mixed Treatment Comparison



Bayesian Mixed Treatment Comparison: Relative Effects of Each Treatment on the Odds of IFI

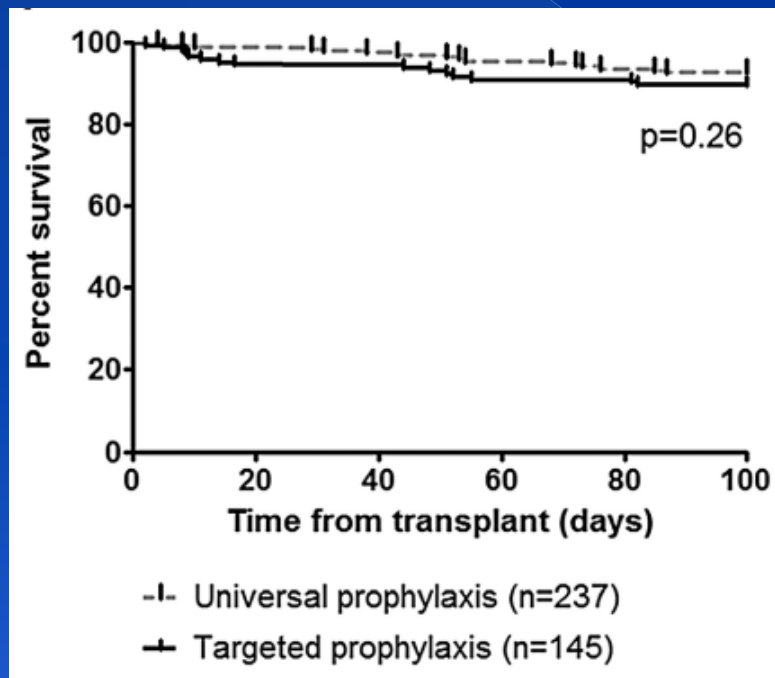
Amphotericin B	1.00 (0.32, 2.90)	0.60 (0.09, 4.15)	0.21 (0.05, 0.71)
1.00 (0.35, 3.08)	Fluconazole	0.61 (0.12, 3.02)	0.21 (0.06, 0.57)
1.67 (0.24, 11.40)	1.65 (0.33, 8.31)	Itraconazole	0.36 (0.04, 2.21)
4.70 (1.42, 20.01)	4.65 (1.75, 15.91)	2.80 (0.45, 22.27)	Placebo

Odds of IFI with Anidulafungin vs. Fluconazole in Prespecified High-risk Groups

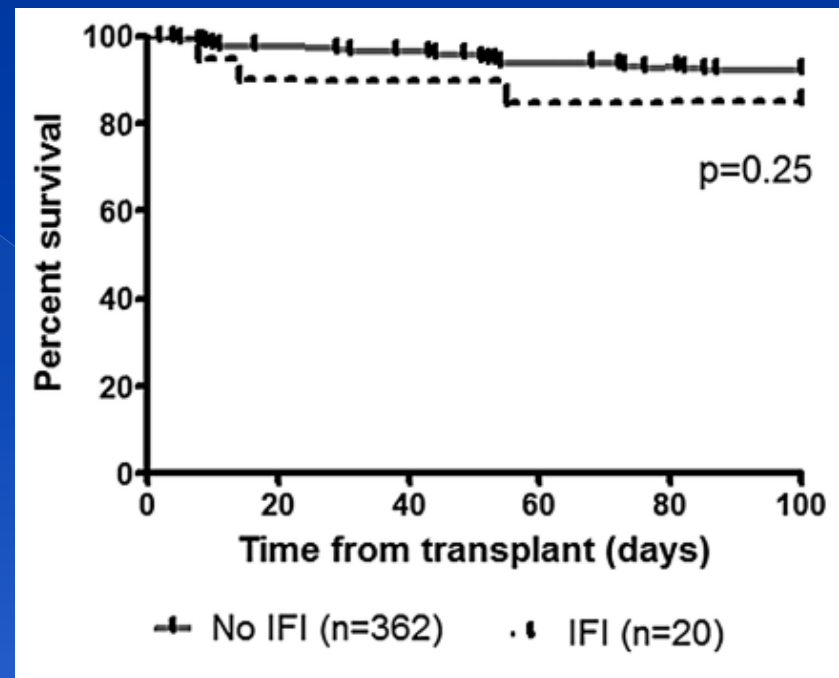
Prespecified risk group (n=number of patients)	Odds of any IFI with anidulafungin vs. fluconazole in specified risk group, OR (95% CI), P value	Odds of breakthrough IFI with anidulafungin vs. fluconazole in specified risk group, OR (95% CI), P value
MELD \geq 30 (n=146)	0.34 (0.08-1.35), 0.11	0.00 (0.00-0.70), 0.02
Renal replacement therapy (n=119)	0.45 (0.11-1.87), 0.26	0.00 (0.00-1.05), 0.056
Fulminant hepatic failure (n=5)	No IFI	No IFI
Pre-tx corticosteroids (n=6)	No IFI	No IFI
Pre-tx <i>Candida</i> colonization (n=7)	One IFI	No IFI
Pre-tx ICU stay >48 h (n=79)	0.67 (0.15-2.92), 0.59	0.00 (0.00-1.99), 0.14
Pre-tx systemic antifungal agent (n=25)	0.21 (0.02-2.70), 0.18	0.00 (0.00-0.87), 0.04
Repeat liver transplant (n=25)	1.66 (0.12-22.52), 0.70	1.66 (0.12-22.52), 0.70
Repeat abdominal surgery (n=75)	0.49 (0.80-2.88), 0.42	0.00 (0.00-1.96), 0.16
Blood loss >15 U PRBC during transplant surgery (n=142)	0.47 (0.12-1.91), 0.28	0.00 (0.00-0.85), 0.03

Survival Among LTRs

Stratified by type of antifungal prophylaxis



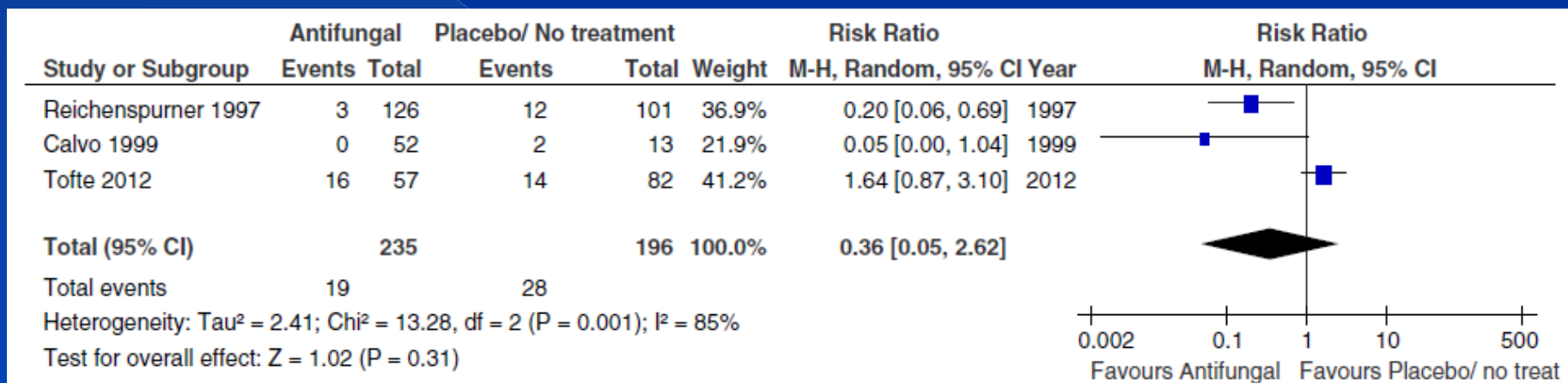
Stratified by presence or absence of IFIs



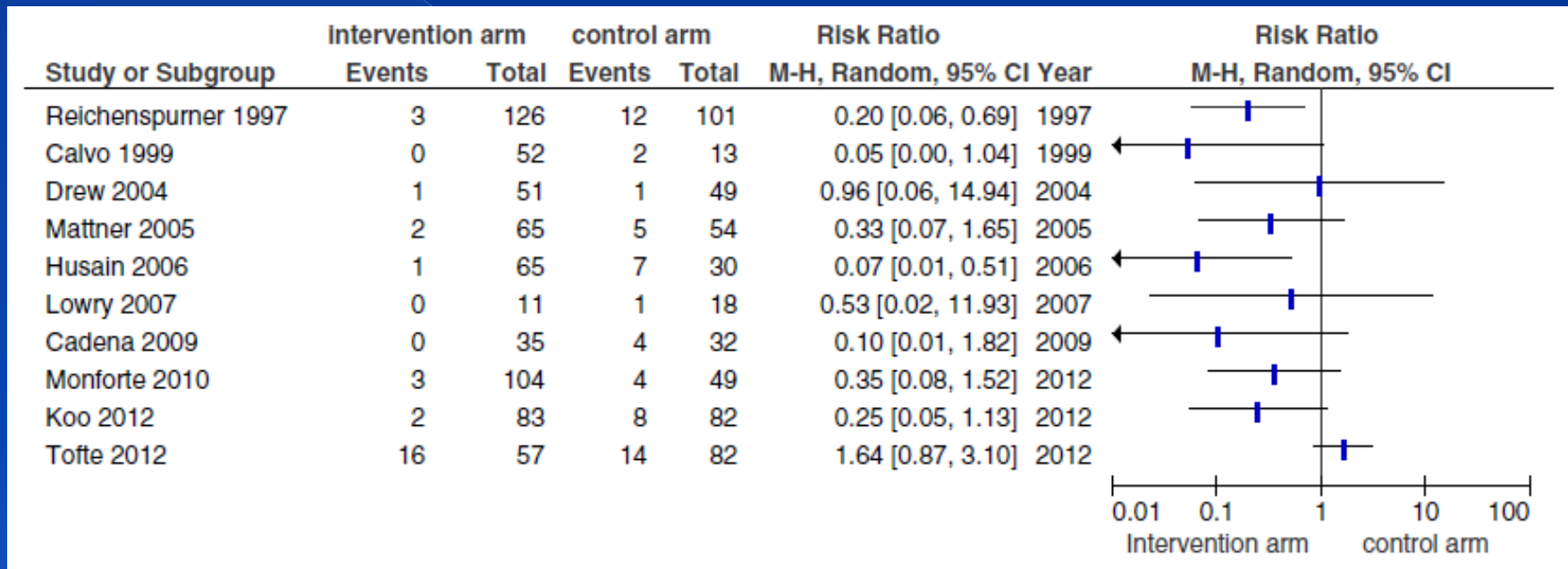
Targeted Antifungal Prophylaxis in Heart Transplant Recipients

- In a prospective cohort, 2003-10, prophylaxis with an echinocandin was administered only to patients with risk factors (13/133) and duration was personalized, starting with the risk factor (reoperation CMV, MCD infection) and was continued a median of 20 days after resolution
- Antifungal prophylaxis was prescribed only in 9.8% of recipients and effective in all but one patient who should have received a higher dose of caspofungin due to his obesity
- Despite suffering an outbreak of IA in the ICU due to an extremely high concentration of airborne spores (3 cases with no personal risk factors), there was a reduction in the incidence of IA (8.6% vs. 2.2%; $p=0.01$) and *Aspergillus*-related mortality (5.75% vs. 1.5%; $p=0.06$)

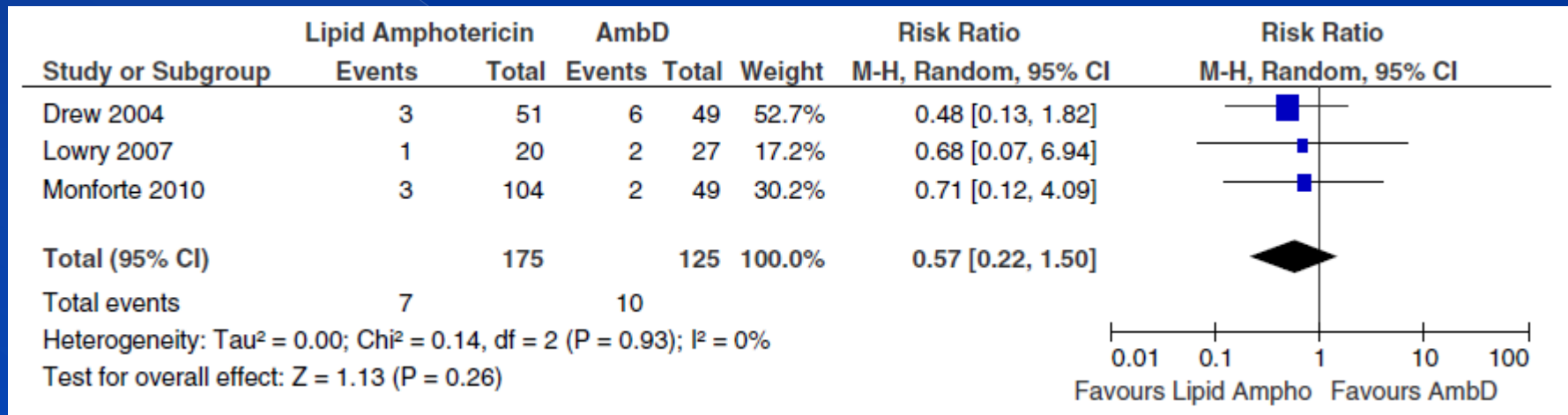
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Effect Sizes of Comparative Studies Using Various Antifungals for Preventing Invasive Aspergillosis



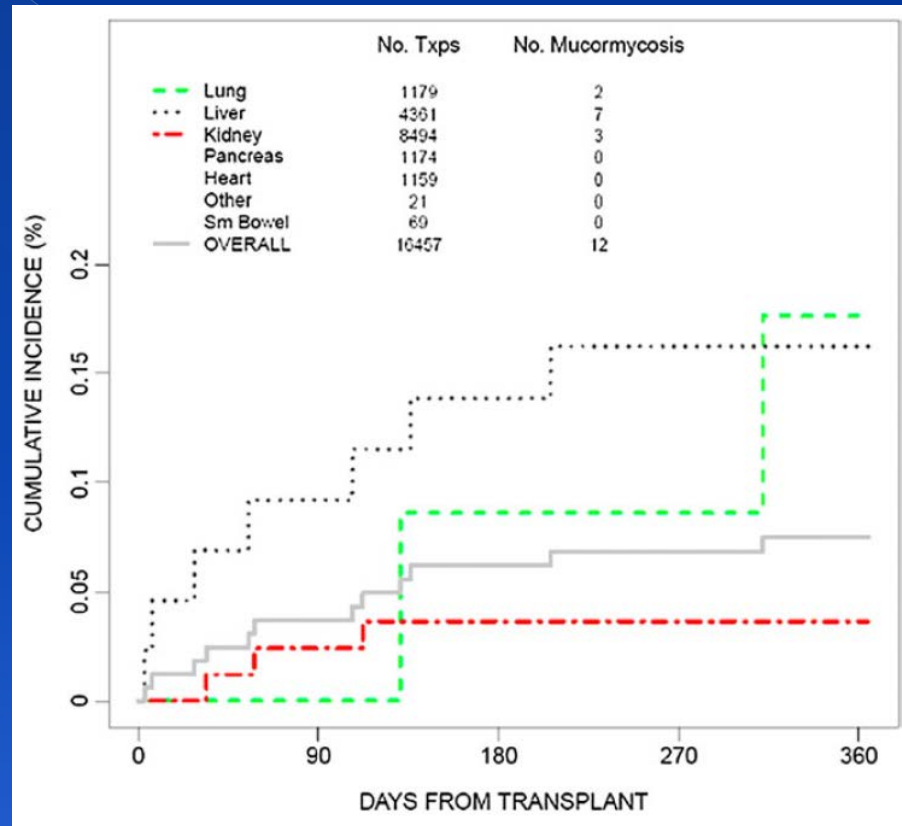
Overall Estimate of Discontinuation Rates of Different Amphotericin B Formulations in Comparative Studies



Effect of Antifungal Prophylaxis on Colonization

- No difference in the incidence of *Aspergillus* colonization with universal voriconazole and no prophylaxis (21%(12/57) vs 28%(23/28); $p=0.48$)
- The indirect comparison involving >637 patients, the incidence of *Aspergillus* colonization employing universal prophylaxis with various antifungals and no prophylaxis did not yield significant results

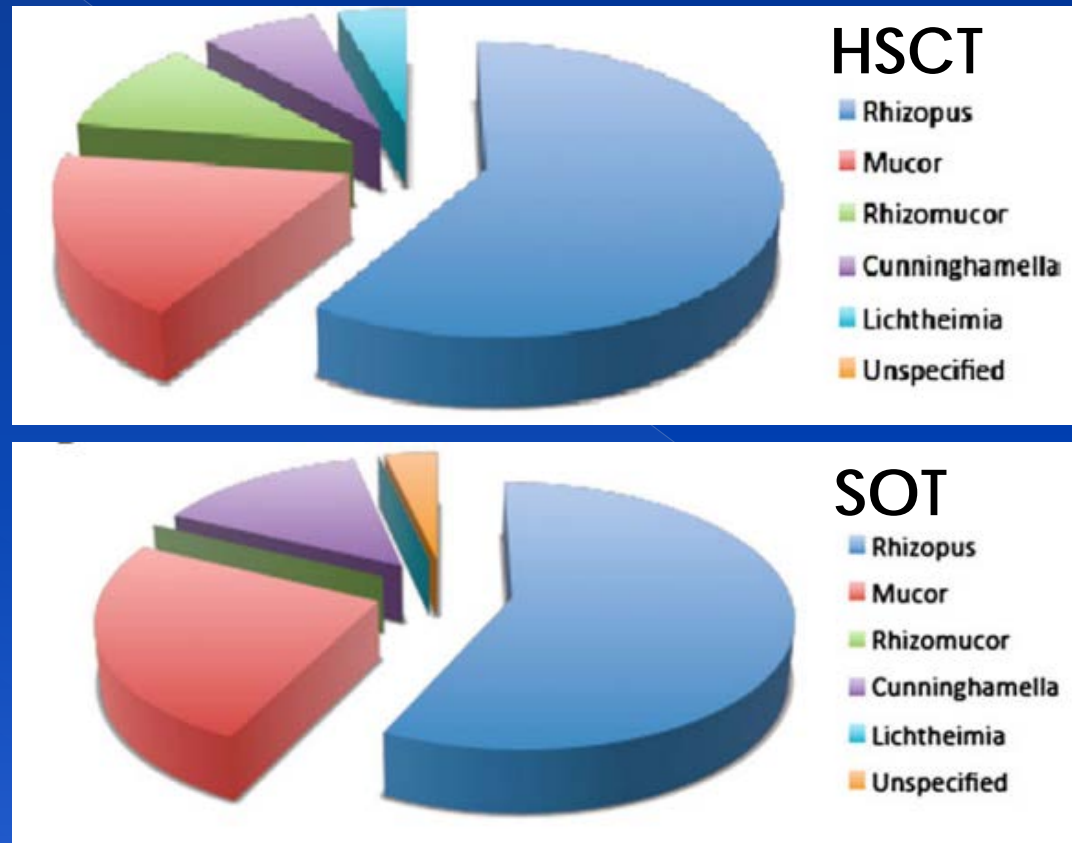
TRANSNET Study: 12-month Cumulative Incidence of Mucormycosis Among HSCT & SOTR



Mucormycosis
2% IFI TRANSNET

0.07%

TRANSNET Study: Distribution of Mucorales Among HSCT & SOTR



Clinical Manifestations in Solid Organ Transplantation

Clinical manifestation	Heart (n=18)	Lung (n=4)	Liver (n=19)	Kidney (n=75)	Total (n=116)
Rhino-sinusitis ± orbits	1 (5.5%)	1 (25%)	3 (15.8%)	15 (20%)	20 (17/2%)
Rhinocerebral	2 (11%)	0	1 (5.3%)	13 (17.3%)	16 (13.8%)
Pulmonary	7 (38.8%)	2 (50%)	0	19 (25.3%)	28 (24.1%)
Gastrointestinal	4 (22.2%)	0	2 (10.5%)	7 (9.3%)	13 (11.2%)
Cutaneous	2 (11.1%)	0	8 (42.1%)	8 (10.6%)	18 (15.5%)
Renal	0	0	0	6 (8%)	6 (5.2%)
Disseminated	2 (11.1%)	1 (25%)	5 (26.3%)	7 (9.3%)	15 (12.9%)
Median time of onset days (range)	60 days (range 6- 912)	180 days (range 30- 730)	18.5 days (range 1- 1095)	60.5 days (range 7- 2920)	60 days (range 1- 2920)

Risk Factors for Zygomycosis in Solid Organ Transplantation

- Matched case control study with 50 cases of zygomycosis

Risk factors	Odds ratio	P value
Renal failure (baseline)	3.17	0.10
Diabetes mellitus	8.11	<0.001
Prior VRC or caspofungin use	4.41	0.021
Tacrolimus	0.23	0.002

Risk Factors of Disseminated Disease

- Univariate

- *Absidia* species
- Early onset
- Liver transplant
- Prior use of antifungal agent

- Multivariate

- Early onset

Moving Target



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