

# Actualités sur l'aspergillose broncho-pulmonaire allergique

Les menaces de la colonisation aspergillaire

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# Déclaration d'intérêts

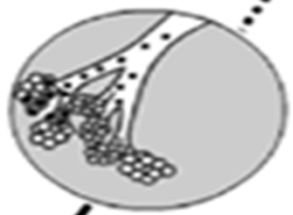
SUBVENTION ET AVANTAGES À TITRE COLLECTIF	RÉMUNÉRATION ET AVANTAGES À TITRE PERSONNEL
Pfizer Gilead MSD Astellas SOS Oxygène-ISIS-CF Sante-Elivie-Vivisol Sandoz AstraZeneca	Pfizer Gilead MSD Basilea Pulmatrix SOS Oxygene

Conidia are inhaled, evading upper respiratory defenses



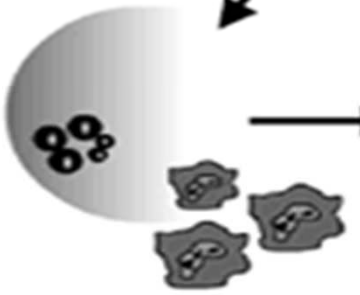
- **Champignon thermotolérant** se développant aussi bien dans l'environnement et dans le corps et donc associés à des manifestations allergiques
- Adulte inhale environ **100 conidies d' *A. fumigatus* par jour**
- **2,5µm** lui permet de gagner les alvéoles (vs 18 à 68µm *Alternaria*)

Conidia reach distal aveolar space and attach (?) to damaged epithelium



~~Viable hyphal fragments disseminate to distal sites~~

Conidia swell in alveoli and begin to germinate



Hyphae spread through lung parenchyma and blood vessels causing hemorrhage and necrosis



- **Chez les prédisposés ABPA les conidies germent en hyphes dans les voies respiratoires et s'accumulent dans le mucus sans dissémination**
- **relargage de protéases et dommage épithélium avec inflammation prédominante à éosinophilie**

**Blocked by macrophages**

**Blocked by neutrophils**

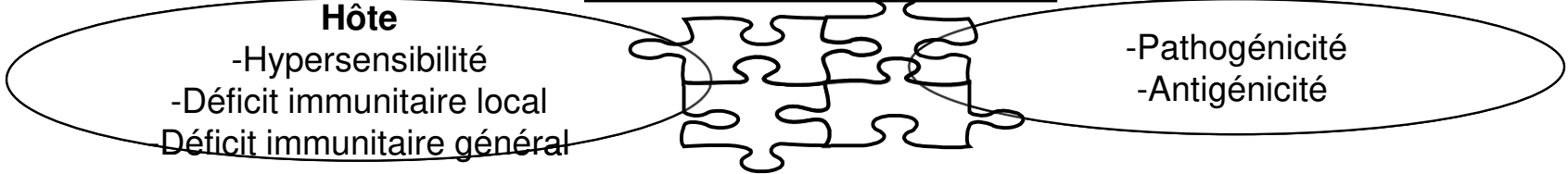
**Blocked by neutrophils**

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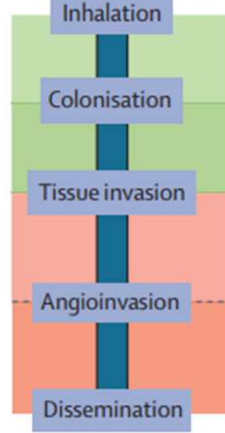
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# Colonisation



Aspergillus infection



## Hypersensibilité

## Défense normale

## Immunodépression modérée

## Immunodépression sévère

Élimination

Cavité préexistante

Dénutrition  
Corticoïdes, IS  
Alcool  
Tabac  
Diabète

-Neutropénie  
-ACSH  
-Corticoïdes  $\geq 0.3$  mg/kg/j  
pred > 3 sem  
-IS (T)  $\geq 90$  jours :Ciclo, anti TNF, anti CD52, anal. nucléosidiques  
-Déficits immunitaires congénitaux-

Asthme, ABPA, PHS

Aspergillome simple

APCC

APCN

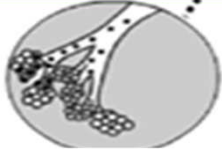
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continuum

Inhalation de spores

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Colonisation



**HYPERSENSIBILITÉ  
PATHOGÉNITÉ**

**Persistance d'une colonisation  
aspergillaire**

**Hôte**  
**Biais de réponse immunitaire adaptative de type Th2**  
**Prédispositions génétiques** (HLA DR2- HLA DR5)  
**Sd hyper-IgE – déficit immunitaire en neutrophile**  
Déficit immunitaire local ou général  
Genetic defect impliquant cytokine IL-4, IL-5, IL-13

**Asthme, colonisation, AS, SASF, ABPA**



# Maladies broncho- pulmonaires liées à l'*Aspergillus*

## Manifestations infectieuses

- Colonisation aspergillaire
- Bronchite aspergillaire
- Aspergillome simple
- Aspergillose Pulmonaire Chronique Cavitaire (APCC)
- Aspergillose Pulmonaire Chronique Fibrosante (APCF)
- Aspergillose Pulmonaire Chronique Nécrosante (APCN)
- La forme invasive du non neutropénique

## Manifestations d'hypersensibilité

- Aspergillose broncho-pulmonaire allergique
- Asthme avec sensibilisation aspergillaire (AS)
- Asthme sévère avec hypersensibilisation fongique (SAFS)



Comorbidité d'hypersensibilité à *Aspergillus*

Denning D et al, Eur Respir J, 2016  
Patterson TF et al, CID, 2016

Formes de chevauchement





## Link between *Aspergillus* airway Colonization/Sensitization/Infection and

- COPD exacerbations
- Asthma severity and exacerbations
- Bronchiectasis and COPD
- CF patients
- Worse lung in TB
- Wu et al 2021/ Tiew et al...2021
- Rapeport et al 2020, Agbetile et al 2012...
- Everearts et al....2017
- Baxter et al 2013; Al Shakirchi et al 2021 ....
- Dhooria et al...2017



# Isolation of filamentous fungi from sputum in asthma is associated with reduced post-bronchodilator FEV<sub>1</sub>

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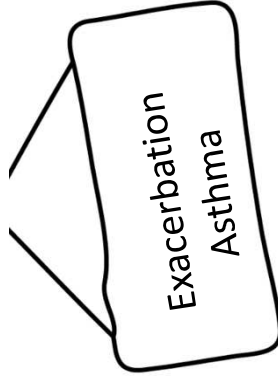


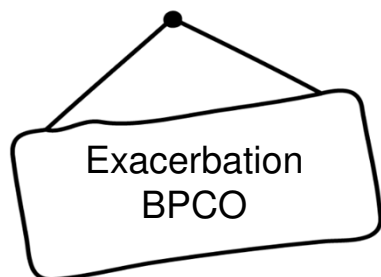
Table 1. Demographic data

	Asthma patients (n = 126)		P-value	Healthy controls (n = 18)*	Comparing three groups P-value
	No fungi cultured (n = 58)	Any fungi (n = 68)			
Age in years (range)	55 (21–84)	58 (24–83)	0.23	40 (21–67)	< 0.001
Smoking history (pack years) <sup>†</sup>	0 (0–4)	0 (0–10)	0.51	0 (0–3)	0.44
Gender (male)	41%	53%	0.20	50%	0.42
Serum total IgE kU/L <sup>‡</sup>	159 (43–494)	207 (89–718)	0.08	31 (9–50)	< 0.001
Atopic <sup>§</sup>	55%	61%	0.57	17%	0.01
Age of asthma onset, years <sup>†</sup>	34 (9.5–47.25)	25 (5.25–46)	0.65	-	-
Duration of asthma, years <sup>†</sup>	22 (10.75–42.5)	23 (7–41.75)	0.89	-	-
FEV <sub>1</sub> % of predicted, post-bronchodilator	82.8 (24.8) <sup>  </sup>	70.8 (25.4) <sup>  </sup>	< 0.01	111.6 (11.0) <sup>¶</sup>	< 0.001
Volume change post-bronchodilator, (mL) <sup>¶</sup>	100 (50–250)	50 (0–150)	0.01	-	-
Fungal sensitization, (any)	38%	56%	0.08	6%	< 0.01
● <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> (positive/n)	17/58	35/68	0.02	0/18	-
● <i>Penicillium chrysogenum</i>	5/36	17/48	0.04	0/12	-
● <i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	3/31	8/41	0.30	0/12	-
● <i>Alternaria alternata</i>	6/39	11/58	0.80	1/8	-
● <i>Cladosporium herbarum</i>	7/38	13/57	0.80	0/8	-
GINA treatment					
GINA 5	38%	44%	0.58	-	-
GINA 4	55%	51%		-	-
Inhaled corticosteroid dose (µg) <sup>  </sup>	1600 (800–2000)	2000 (1600–2000)	0.04	-	-
Number with bronchiectasis, n (%)	17 (35)	32 (51)	0.06	-	-
Total cell count × 10 <sup>3</sup> mg of sputum <sup>‡</sup>	3.151	3.451	0.91	-	-
Sputum neutrophil (%) <sup>‡</sup> (95% CI)	58.09 (48.8–69.2)	51.65 (42.5–62.8)	0.47	-	-
Sputum eosinophil (%) <sup>‡</sup> (95% CI)	2.52 (1.5–4.2)	2.09 (1.4–3.2)	0.61	-	-



**Respiratory *Aspergillus* Colonization Was Associated With Relapse of Acute Exacerbation in Patients With Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: Analysis of Data From A Retrospective Cohort Study**

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Patients With *Aspergillus* Colonization Were at a High Risk of Relapse of AECOPD



**TABLE 4 |** Prognosis of hospitalized COPD patients with or without *Aspergillus* colonization.

	<b>Patients with <i>Aspergillus</i> colonization (n = 26)</b>	<b>Controls (n = 72)</b>	<b>P-value</b>
Length of hospital stay (days)	12 (7,22)	13 (10,15)	0.759
ICU admission	2 (7.7)	9 (12.5)	0.722
Hospitalization expense (RMB)	17,290 (12,601, 23,049)	17,110 (13,204, 21,348)	0.728
Mortality during hospitalization	1 (3.8)	1 (1.4)	0.462
Recurrent exacerbations within 90 days	5 (19.2)	3 (4.2)	0.029
Recurrent exacerbations within 180 days	6 (23.1)	3 (4.2)	0.010
Recurrent exacerbations within 1 year	9 (34.6)	39 (54.2)	0.087
Mortality within 1 year	3 (11.5)	0 (0)	0.017

Data are presented as medians (1st quartile, 3rd quartile) or absolute numbers (%) as appropriate. COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; ICU, intensive care unit.

# The role of antifungals in the management of patients with severe asthma

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**Table 1** Criteria for diagnosis of fungal allergic airways diseases associated with severe asthma and their complications

Disease entity	Clinical criteria	Immunologic	Mycologic	Complications
Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis (ABPA)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Asthma or cystic fibrosis<sup>a</sup></li> <li>2. Fleeting or fixed pulmonary opacities on chest radiograph</li> <li>3. Peripheral eosinophil count &gt; 500 cells/<math>\mu</math>L</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Type I <i>Aspergillus</i> skin test positive (immediate cutaneous hypersensitivity reaction to Af) or elevated IgE levels against <i>A. fumigatus</i>,</li> <li>2. Elevated total IgE levels more than 1000 IU/mL (unless all other criteria is met, then total IgE levels can be less than 1000 IU/mL)</li> <li>3. Elevated <i>Aspergillus</i> IgG or precipitating antibodies</li> </ol>	None	Bronchiectasis Hyper-attenuated mucous Asthma exacerbations ABPA exacerbations Bronchiectasis exacerbations Fixed airways obstruction Chronic pulmonary aspergillosis Focal pleural based fibrosis areas
Allergic fungal airways disease (AFAD) or Airways Mycosis	Asthma with sensitization and/or inflammation and tissue damage including radiological abnormalities and fixed airways obstruction	Positive immediate skin test (SPT) and fungal specific IgE	Documented (PCR or culture) or presumed	Bronchial wall thickening Bronchiectasis Fixed airways obstruction
Severe asthma with fungal sensitisation (SAFS)	Severe asthma	Positive immediate skin test (SPT) and specific IgE to <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> , <i>Alternaria alternata</i> , <i>Cladosporium herbarum</i> , <i>Penicillium chrysogenum</i> , <i>Candida albicans</i> , <i>Trichophyton mentagrophytes</i> , or <i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	None	Asthma exacerbations Bronchial wall thickening Fixed airways obstruction Chronic pulmonary aspergillosis
<i>Aspergillus</i> bronchitis <sup>#</sup>	Non-immunocompromised Major symptoms of cough, breathlessness and sputum production Bronchiectasis common	May have a raised <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> IgG	Culture or PCR positive for <i>Aspergillus</i> on at least 2 occasions separated in time (to exclude colonisation)	

<sup>#</sup> These entities are not mutually exclusive

<sup>a</sup> Rare cases are described in patients without either of these conditions. <sup>#</sup> may also be caused by other fungi including *Candida albicans* and *Scedosporium* spp. Reference [5, 6, 84]

# Allergic Bronchopulmonary Aspergillosis

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- **Prévalence in adult asthma**

AS 26%

ABPA 13%

- **Global burden 4,8 million/ 193 million asthma pop**

**Table 1**

**Studies in the last decade describing the prevalence of *Aspergillus* sensitization (AS) and allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis (ABPA) in adults with bronchial asthma**

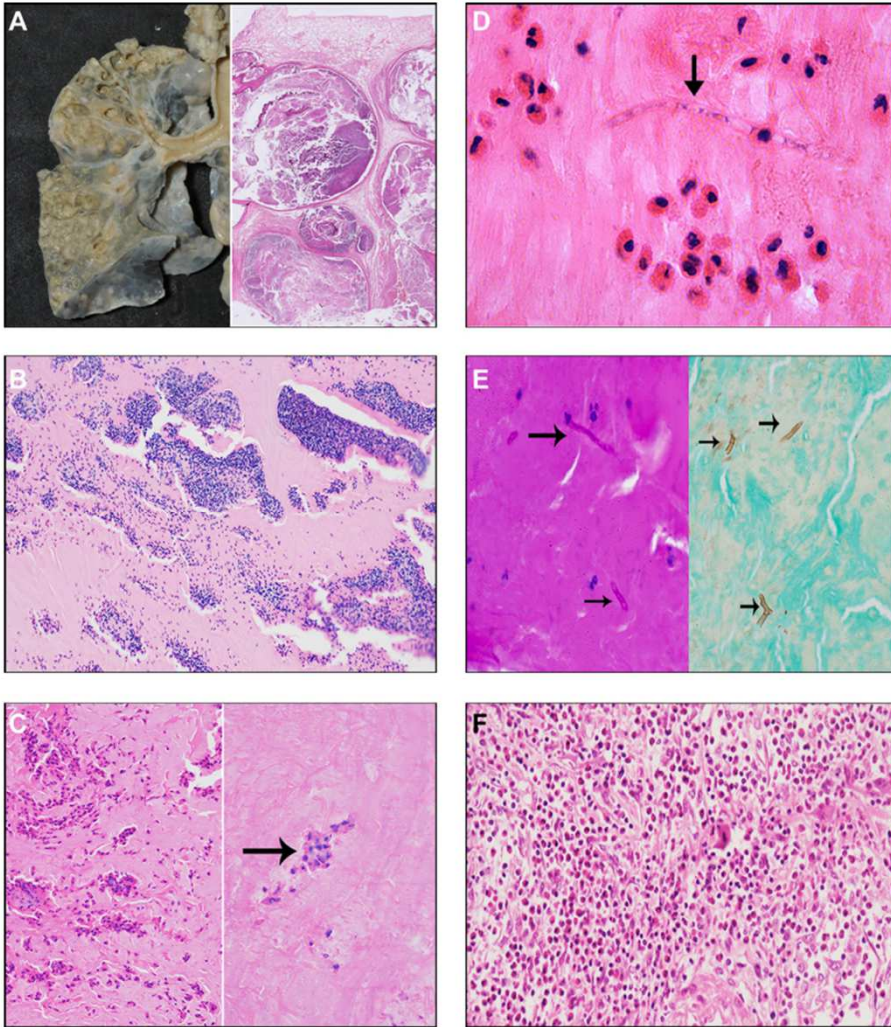
Author (year)	Type of Study	Country	Prevalence of AS, n/N	Prevalence of ABPA, n/N (%)
Ma et al, <sup>17</sup> 2011	Prospective	China	11/200 (5.5%)	5/200 (2.5%)
Agin et al, <sup>19</sup> 2012	Prospective	Iran	42/201 (20.9%)	-
Mathur et al, <sup>20</sup> 2016	Prospective	India	27/300 (9%)	8/296 (2.7%)
Kozlova et al, <sup>21</sup> 2017	Prospective	Russia	50/140 (36%)	5/140 (3.6%)
Nath et al, <sup>22</sup> 2017	Prospective	India	135/350 (35.1%)	76/350 (21.7%)
Kalaiyarsan et al, <sup>23</sup> 2018	Prospective	India	13/70 (18.6%)	9/70 (12.9%)
Al-Saleh et al, <sup>24</sup> 2019	Prospective	Bahrain	19/119 (15.9%)	12/119 (10.1%)
Bhankhur et al, <sup>25</sup> 2019	Prospective	India	-	35/50 (70%)
Mahdi et al, <sup>26</sup> 2019	Prospective	Pakistan	77/150 (51.3%)	19/150 (12.6%)
Savio et al, <sup>27</sup> 2019	Prospective	India	122/205 (59.6%)	-
Mortezaee et al, <sup>28</sup> 2020	Prospective	Iran	27/200 (13.5%)	-
Rajagopal et al, <sup>29</sup> 2020	Prospective	India	20/57 (35.1%)	-
Sharma et al, <sup>30</sup> 2020	Prospective	India	30/100 (30%)	5/100 (5%)
Zia-ul-Haq et al, <sup>31</sup> 2020	Prospective	Pakistan	-	20/100 (20%)

\*Includes fungi other than *A. fumigatus*.



# PATHOLOGY : Mais qui se cache derrière l'ABPA?

## Séries postmortem



Les caractéristiques histologiques de l'ABPA :

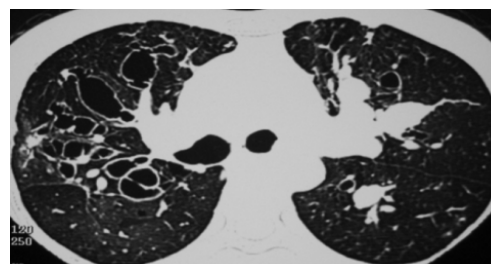
- Impactions mucoïdes
- Pneumonie à éosinophile
- Granulomatose bronchocentrique
- Bronchiectasies
- Bronchiolite (exsudative)
- Bronchiolite oblitérante
- Fibrose

# Developments in the diagnosis and treatment of allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis

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**Table 1.** Comparison of the ABPA Working Group criteria (2013) and the newly proposed criteria

ABPA working group criteria	Newly proposed criteria
<b>A. Predisposing conditions</b>	<b>A. Predisposing conditions</b>
Bronchial asthma, cystic fibrosis	Bronchial asthma, cystic fibrosis, <u>chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, post-tuberculous fibrocavitary disease</u>
<b>B. Essential criteria (both must be met)</b>	<b>B. Essential criteria (both must be met)</b>
i. Serum <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> -specific IgE levels >0.35 kUA/L or positive type I <i>Aspergillus</i> skin test	i. Serum <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> -specific IgE levels >0.35 kUA/L <sup>‡</sup>
ii. Elevated serum total IgE levels >1000 IU/mL*	ii. Elevated serum total IgE levels >1000 IU/mL*
<b>Additional criteria (at least two of three)</b>	<b>Additional criteria (at least two of three)</b>
i. Presence of precipitating (or IgG) antibodies against <i>A. fumigatus</i> in serum	i. Serum <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> -specific IgG levels >27 mg <sub>A</sub> /L
ii. Thoracic imaging findings consistent with ABPA <sup>†</sup>	ii. Thoracic imaging findings consistent with ABPA <sup>†</sup>
iii. Peripheral blood eosinophil count >500 cells/μL (may be historical)	iii. Peripheral blood eosinophil count >500 cells/μL (may be historical)

500 IU/mL  
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kUA: kilounit of antibody; mg<sub>A</sub>: milligram of antibody

\*An IgE value <1000 IU/mL may be acceptable, if all other criteria are met (especially if the serum *Aspergillus fumigatus*-specific IgG levels >27 mg<sub>A</sub>/L)

<sup>†</sup>Features on HRCT chest and/or chest radiograph consistent with ABPA include transient abnormalities (i.e. nodules, consolidation, mucoid impaction, hyperattenuating mucus, fleeting opacities, toothpaste/gloved finger opacities, tram-track opacities) or permanent (i.e. parallel lines, ring shadows, bronchiectasis and pleuropulmonary fibrosis).

<sup>‡</sup>A positive type I *Aspergillus* skin test may be considered as a criterion in the place of serum *Aspergillus fumigatus*-specific IgE levels only if the latter test is not available



# New clinical diagnostic criteria for allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis/mycosis and its validation



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**TABLE I. Clinical diagnostic criteria for ABPM in patients without cystic fibrosis**

1. Current or previous history of asthma or asthmatic symptoms
2. Peripheral blood eosinophilia ( $\geq 500$  cells/mm<sup>3</sup>)
3. Elevated total serum IgE levels ( $\geq 17$  IU/mL)
4. Immediate cutaneous hypersensitivity or specific IgE for filamentous fungi
5. Presence of precipitins or specific IgG for filamentous fungi
6. Filamentous fungal growth in sputum cultures or bronchial lavage fluid
7. Presence of fungal hyphae in bronchial mucus plugs
8. Central bronchiectasis on CT
9. Presence of mucus plugs in central bronchi, based on CT/bronchoscopy or mucus plug expectoration history
10. High attenuation mucus in the bronchi on CT

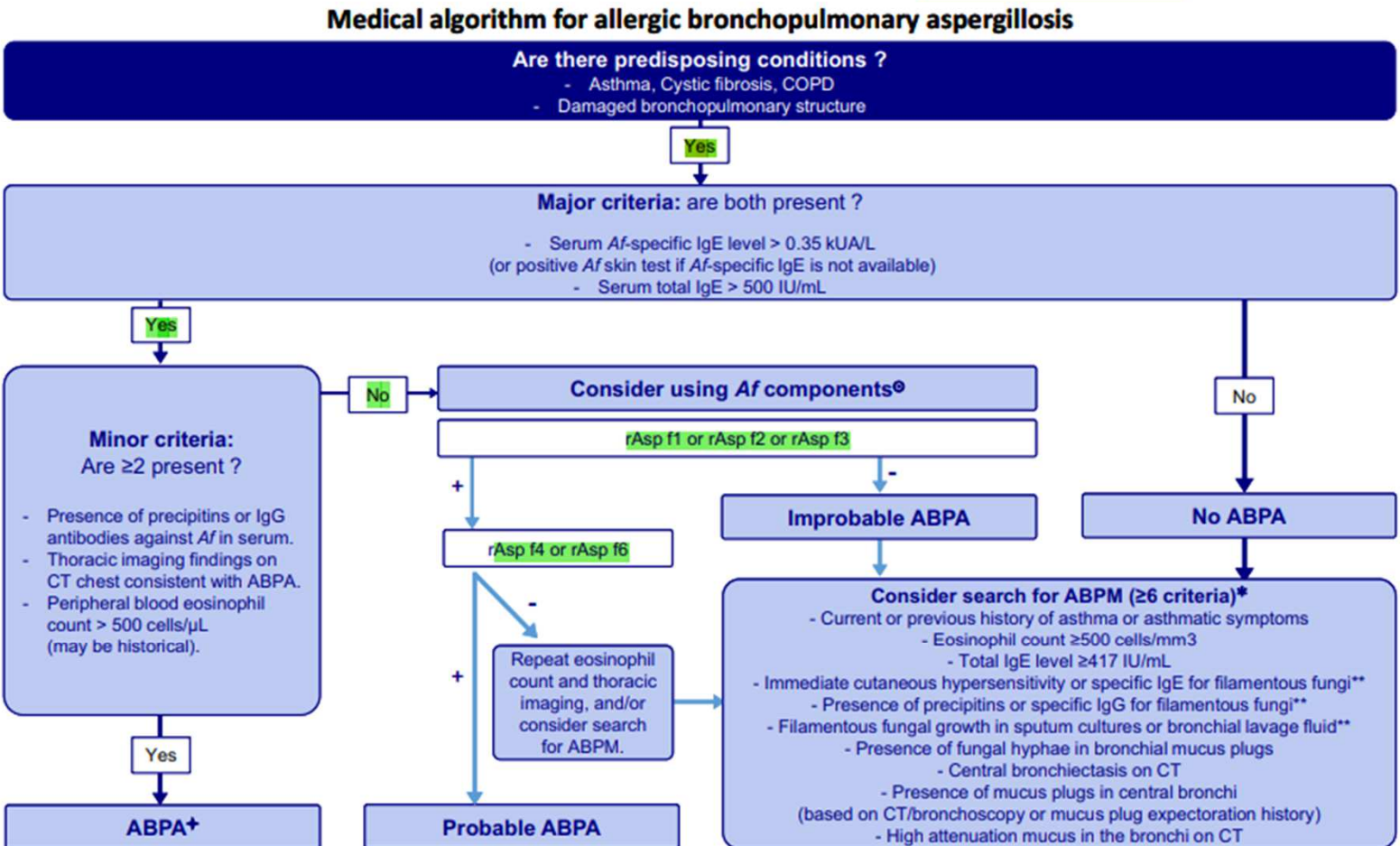
Filamentous fungi in criteria 4 to 6 should be identical.

Patients that meet 6 or more of these criteria are diagnosed with ABPM.

## Key messages

- New diagnostic criteria, consisting of 10 components, for ABPM in patients without cystic fibrosis are proposed and validated.
- The new criteria showed high sensitivity and specificity for ABPM, which improved on the previous criteria proposed by Rosenberg and Patterson and by ISHAM.
- The new criteria are useful both for *Aspergillus* and non-*Aspergillus* ABPM.

Medical algorithm: *Aspergillus fumigatus* components in the diagnosis of allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis



Af: *Aspergillus fumigatus*; ABPA: allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis; ABPM: allergic bronchopulmonary mycosis; COPD: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; CT: computed tomography  
 + : positivity for at least one rAsp; - : negativity for all/both rAsp; \*\*Filamentous fungi should be identical.  
 \*Adapted from Agarwal et al. « Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis: review of literature and proposal of new diagnostic and classification criteria. » *Clin Exp Allergy* (2013), revised by Saxena et al. « Which are the optimal criteria for the diagnosis of allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis? A latent class analysis. » *J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract* (2021).  
 ⓄAdapted from Muthu et al. « Utility of recombinant *Aspergillus fumigatus* antigens in the diagnosis of allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis: A systematic review and diagnostic test accuracy meta-analysis. » *Clin Exp Allergy*. (2018).  
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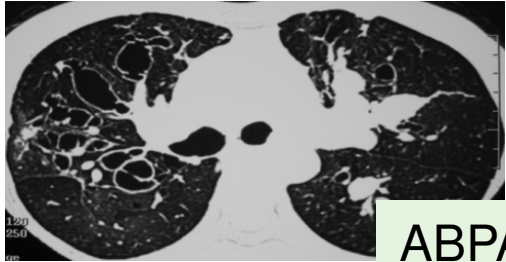
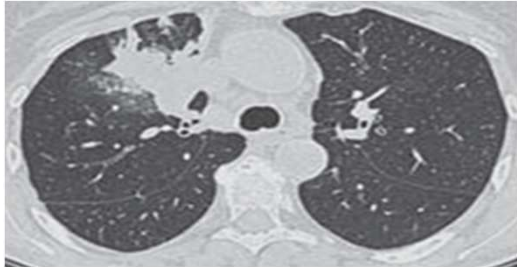
# Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis: review of literature and proposal of new diagnostic and classification criteria

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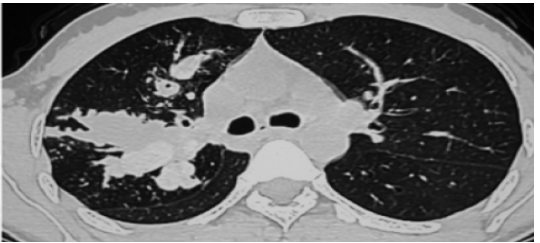
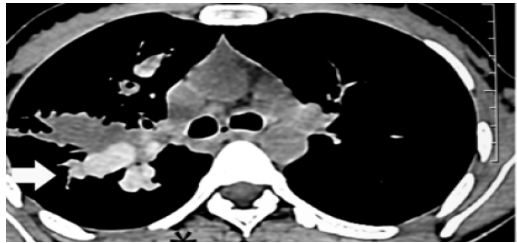
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**Table 6:** Newly proposed radiological classification of ABPA based on computed tomographic (CT) chest findings

Classification	Features
ABPA-S (Serological ABPA)	All the diagnostic features of ABPA (Table 4) but no abnormality resulting from ABPA on HRCT chest*
ABPA-B (ABPA with bronchiectasis)	All the diagnostic features of ABPA including bronchiectasis on HRCT chest
ABPA-HAM (ABPA with high-attenuation mucus)	All the diagnostic features of ABPA including presence of high-attenuation mucus
ABPA-CPF (ABPA with chronic pleuropulmonary fibrosis)	ABPA with at least two to three other radiologic features such as pulmonary fibrosis, parenchymal scarring, fibro-cavitary lesions, aspergilloma and pleural thickening without presence of mucoid impaction or high-attenuation mucus



ABPA CB



ABPA HAM

**Table 3**

**Clinical staging of allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis (ABPA) in patients with asthma**

Stage	Definition	Features
0	Asymptomatic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No previous diagnosis of ABPA</li> <li>• Controlled asthma (according to locally prevalent guidelines)</li> <li>• Fulfilling the diagnostic criteria of ABPA (Table 2)</li> </ul>
1	Acute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No previous diagnosis of ABPA</li> <li>• Clinical presentation consistent with ABPA</li> <li>• Conforming to the diagnostic criteria of ABPA</li> </ul>
1a	With mucoïd impaction	Mucoïd impaction observed on chest imaging
1b	Without mucoïd impaction	Absence of mucoïd impaction on chest imaging
2	Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Either clinical or radiological improvement AND</li> <li>• Decline in IgE by &gt;25% of baseline (at 8 wk)</li> </ul>
3	Exacerbation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Either clinical or radiological worsening AND</li> <li>• Increase in IgE by ≥50% from the “new baseline” established during response/remission</li> </ul>
4	Remission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustained clinicoradiological improvement AND</li> <li>• IgE levels persisting at or below the “new baseline” (or increase by &lt;50%) for ≥6 mo off treatment</li> </ul>
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# Objectifs ET axes thérapeutiques - ABPA

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- Diminution de la prolifération mycélienne
  - Traitement azolé
- Désobstruction** des voies aériennes
  - Drainage quotidien et endoscopie sur collapsus
- Traitement des **surinfections** bactériennes
- Eradication de l'*Aspergillus* de l'**environnement**
- Traitement d'**entretien LAmB nébulisé**
- Anticorps monoclonaux humanisés**

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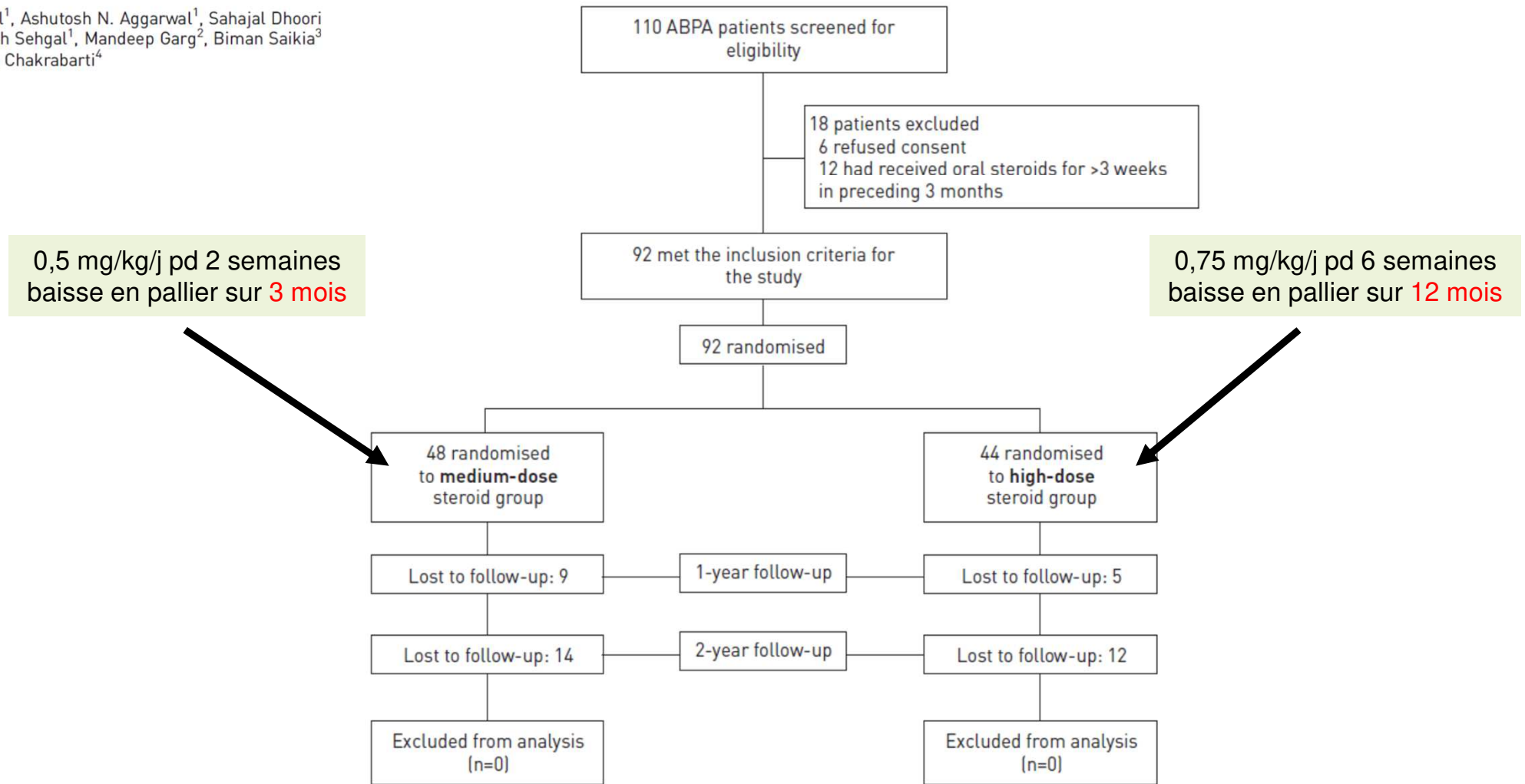
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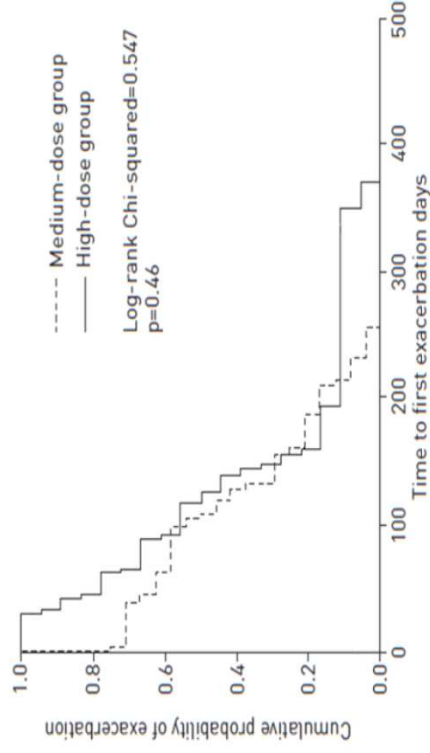


FIGURE 2 Time to first exacerbation in patients receiving high-dose versus medium-dose glucocorticoids. Time to first exacerbation was similar in the two groups.

TABLE 2 Study outcomes

	High-dose steroid group	Medium-dose steroid group	p-value
<b>Subjects n</b>	44	48	
<b>Primary outcomes</b>			
Subjects with exacerbations after 1 year of treatment	18 [40.9; 27.7–55.6]	24 [50; 36.4–63.6]	0.592
Subjects with glucocorticoid-dependent ABPA after 2 years of treatment	5 [11.4; 4.9–23.9]	7 [14.6; 7.3–27.2]	0.882
<b>Secondary outcomes</b>			
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Percentage decline in IgE after 6 weeks of treatment	43.8 [36.8–50.9]	11.8 [–8.1–31.7]	0.025
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Difference in FVC after 6 weeks of treatment L	0.37 [0.19–0.54]	0.37 [0.26–0.49]	0.725
Time to first exacerbation after stopping therapy days	132 [84–180]	100 [65–136]	0.262
Total amount of glucocorticoid mg	4011 [3620–4401]	1694 [1578–1810]	0.0001
<b>Glucocorticoid-related adverse reactions</b>			
Cushingoid habitus	35 [79.6; 65.5–88.9]	14 [29.2; 18.2–43.2]	0.0001
Hypertension	1 [2.3; 0.4–11.8]	0	
Hyperglycaemia	1 [2.3; 0.4–11.8]	0	
Hypertrichosis	5 [11.4; 4.9–23.9]	0	
Acne	16 [36.4; 23.8–51.1]	10 [20.8; 11.7–34.3]	0.098
Striae	8 [18.2; 9.5–31.9]	1 [2.1; 0.4–10.9]	0.025
Weight gain (>10% of baseline)	24 [54.6; 40.1–68.3]	8 [16.7; 8.7–29.6]	0.0001
Mood changes	4 [9.1; 3.6–21.2]	2 [4.2; 1.2–13.9]	0.594

All data are presented as n [%; 95% CI] or mean [95% CI], unless otherwise stated. All outcomes are based on an intention-to-treat analysis. ABPA: allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis; FEV<sub>1</sub>: forced expiratory volume in 1 s; FVC: forced vital capacity.



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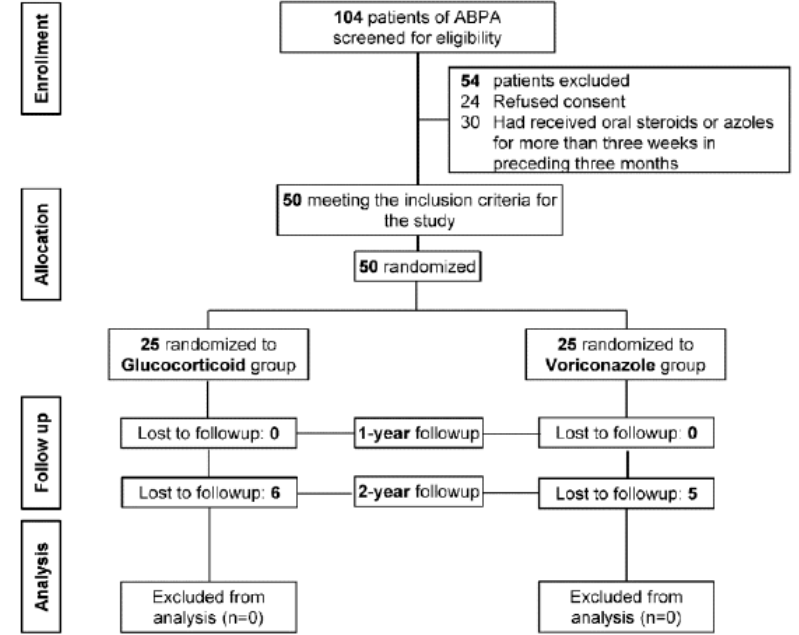
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	Prednisolone group (n=25)	Voriconazole group (n=25)	Estimate difference (95% CI)	P value
<b>Primary outcomes</b>				
Subjects with composite response				
After 6 weeks of treatment	25 (100%)	24 (96.0%)	0.04 (-0.10 – 0.20)	0.31
After 3 months of treatment	25 (100%)	24 (96.0%)	0.04 (-0.10 – 0.20)	0.31
Number of subjects experiencing exacerbation				
After 12 months of treatment	2 (8.0%)	3 (12.0%)	0.04 (-0.23 – 0.15)	0.64
After 24 months of treatment	3 (12.0%)	5 (20.0%)	0.08 (-0.29 – 0.13)	0.44
<b>Other outcomes</b>				
Percentage decline in IgE after 6 weeks of treatment	47.9 (37.3-58.4)	45.4 (36.4-54.4)	2.48 (-11.04 – 16.00)	0.66
Time to first exacerbation	339 (85-593)	248 (73-424)	91 (12 – 170)	0.30
Difference in FEV1 (mL) after 6 weeks of treatment	271 (191-350)	370 (205-536)	-99 (-269 – 71)	0.69
Difference in FVC (mL) after 6 weeks of treatment	312 (234-389)	395 (262-528)	-83 (-229 – 63)	0.67
Change in score after 6 weeks of treatment	-25.1 (-17.9 to -32.3)	-22.7 (-14.2 to -31.3)	2.4 (-8.3 – 13.1)	0.99
Total number of ABPA exacerbations	0.24 (0.02-0.46)	0.52 (0.23-0.81)	-0.28 (-0.63 – 0.07)	0.12
Total number of asthma exacerbations	0.36 (0.13-0.59)	0.48 (0.27-0.69)	-0.99 (-0.43 – 0.19)	0.32
<b>Adverse reactions</b>				
Cushingoid habitus	11 (44.0%)	0	0.44 (0.22 – 0.63)	0.0001
Hypertension	0	0	-	-
Hyperglycemia	0	0	-	-
Hypertrichosis	2 (8.0%)	0	0.08 (-0.07 – 0.25)	0.49
Acne	2 (8.0%)	0	0.08 (-0.07 – 0.25)	0.49
Striae	1 (4.0%)	0	0.04 (-0.10 – 0.20)	0.99
Weight gain (%) at six weeks	6.9 (3.7 to 10.3)	0.74 (-1.4 to 2.9)	6.23 (2.14 – 10.05)	0.002
Weight gain >5%	13 (52%)	6 (24%)	0.28 (0.01 – 0.50)	0.04
Mood changes	0	0	-	-
Fatigue	0	0	-	-
Visual disturbance	0	3 (12.0%)	-0.12 (-0.30 – 0.04)	0.24
Skin rash	0	3 (12.0%)	-0.12 (-0.30 – 0.04)	0.24
Liver function test abnormalities	0	8 (32.0%)	-0.32 (-0.52 – -0.12)	0.004
Nausea	0	2 (8.0%)	-0.08 (-0.25 – 0.07)	0.49
Discontinuation of study drug	0	0	-	-
Any adverse effect	29	22	-	-

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TABLE 2 ] Outcomes of Study Subjects Treated With Prednisolone or Itraconazole (N = 131)

Outcome	Prednisolone Group (n = 63)	Itraconazole Group (n = 68)	Estimated Difference (95% CI)	P Value
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Subjects with response following 6 wk of treatment <sup>a</sup>	63 (100%)	60 (88.2%)	-11.8 (-21.5 to -3.7)	.007
Subjects with response following 3 mo of treatment	63 (100%)	60 (100%)	0 (-0.06 to 0.06)	...
Complete remission following 3 mo of stopping treatment	60 (95.2%)	59 (98.3%)	-0.03 (-0.05 to 0.12)	.39
Complete remission following 6 mo of stopping treatment	58 (92.1%)	59 (98.3%)	0.05 (-0.05 to 0.14)	.13
Percentage decline in IgE following 6 wk of treatment (n = 123)	54.5 (48.9-60.1)	51.8 (42.9-60.8)	-2.7 (-7.6 to 13.4)	.87
Percentage decline in IgE following 3 mo of treatment (n = 123)	66.9 (62.0-71.8)	65.6 (59.1-72.1)	-1.3 (-6.7 to 9.3)	.80
No. of subjects experiencing exacerbation following 1 y of treatment (n = 123)	6 (9.5%)	7 (11.7%)	-2.1 (-13.8 to 9.2)	.93
No. of subjects experiencing exacerbation following 2 y of treatment (n = 123)	14 (22.2%)	17 (28.3%)	-6.1 (-21.3 to 9.2)	.44
<b>Secondary outcomes</b>				
Time to first exacerbation (n = 123)	437 (307-567)	442 (369-521)	8 (-76 to 61)	.91
Difference in FEV <sub>1</sub> following 6 wk of treatment (n = 123)	0.33 (0.26-0.41)	0.30 (0.22-0.37)	0.03 (-0.07 to 0.13)	.20
Difference in FVC following 6 wk of treatment (n = 123)	0.37 (0.19-0.54)	0.37 (0.26-0.49)	0.08 (-0.06 to 0.22)	.42
Subjects with exacerbation following 6 mo of treatment	6 (9.5%)	6 (10.0%)	0.01 (-0.11 to 0.12)	.93
Total No. of ABPA exacerbations	0.57 (0.32-0.82)	0.83 (0.48-1.18)	-0.26 (-0.69 to 0.17)	.32
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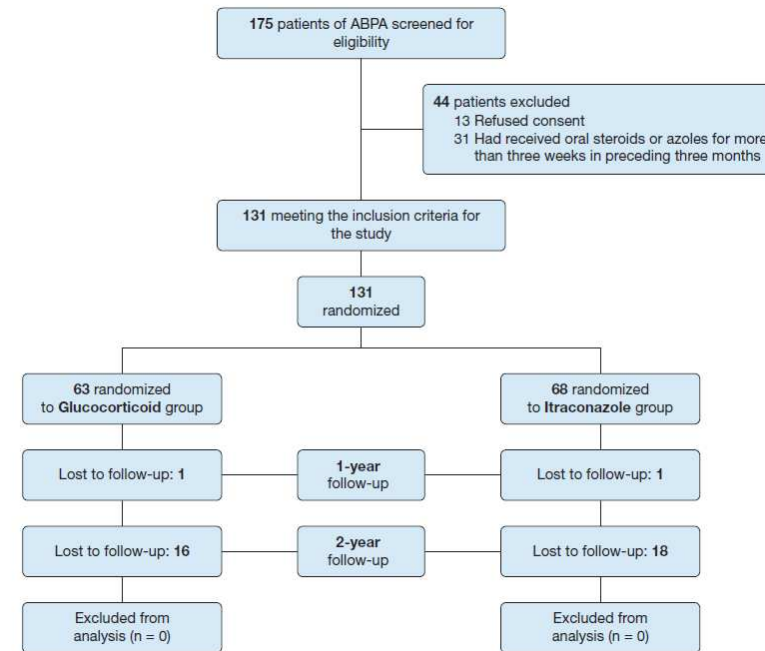


Figure 1 – CONSORT diagram demonstrating the flow of participants in the study. ABPA = allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis.

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Discontinuation of study drug	0	0	...	...
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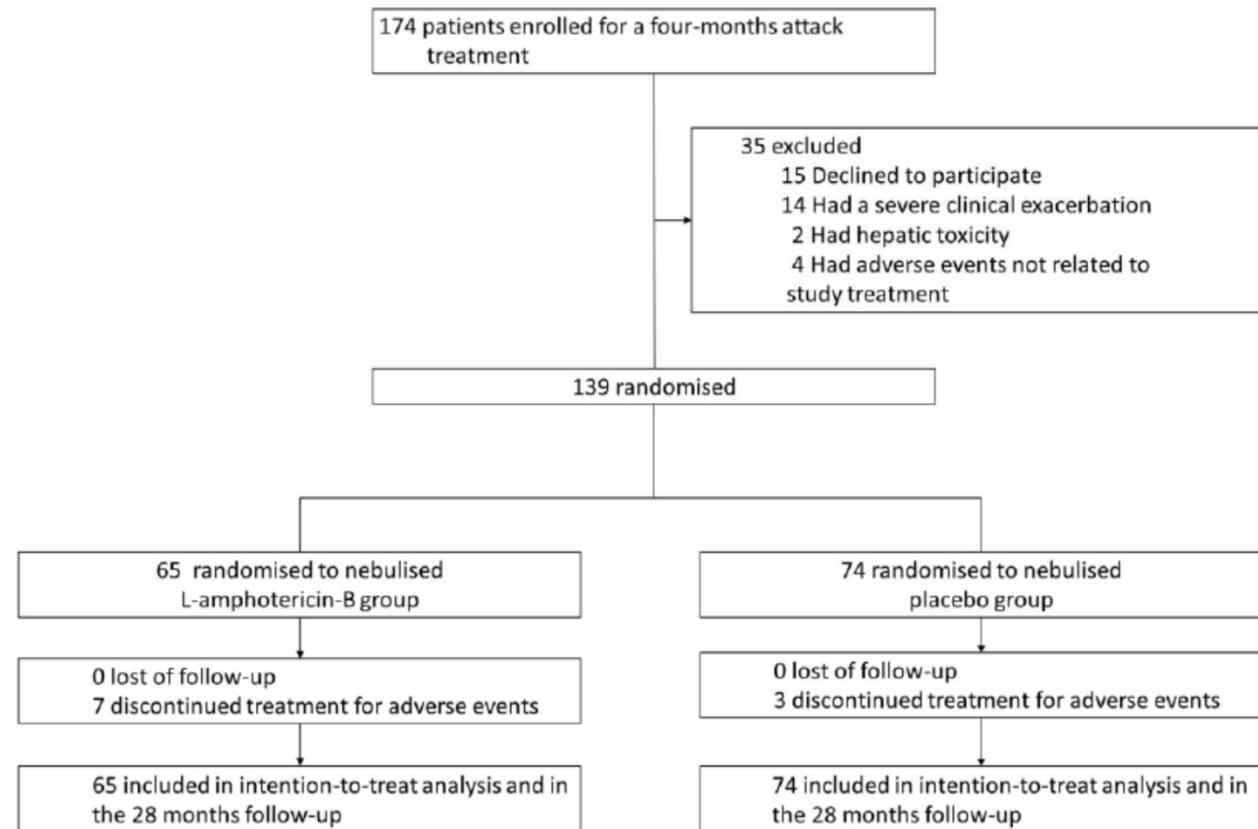
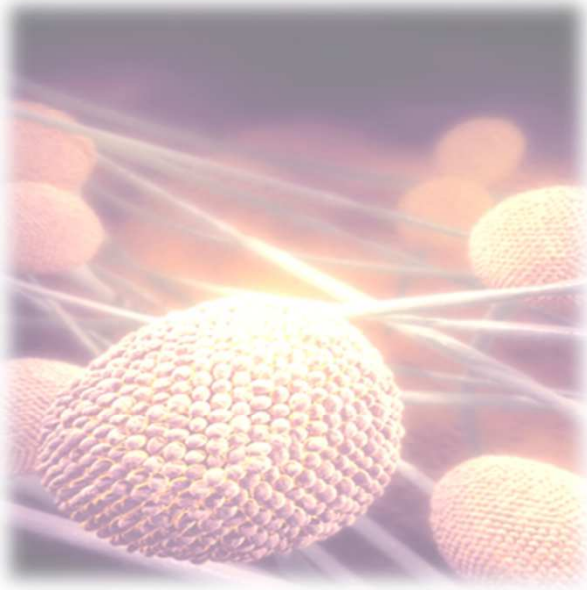




TABLE 2 Primary and secondary outcomes according to treatment group.

	Nebulised L-amphotericin-B (N = 65)	Nebulised placebo (N = 74)	p value	Odds ratio or Rate Ratio (95% CI)
<b>Primary outcome</b>				
First severe clinical exacerbation at 24 months	33 (50.8)	38 (51.3)	0.95	0.98 (0.50-1.90)
<b>Secondary outcomes</b>				
First severe clinical exacerbation at 6 months (end of maintenance therapy)	9 (13.8)	20 (27.0)	0.06	0.43 (0.18-1.04)
First severe clinical exacerbation at 12 months	20 (30.8)	32 (43%)	0.13	0.58 (0.29-1.17)
Interval between randomisation and exacerbation at 24 months (days)	337 (168-476)	177 (64-288)	0.004	
Number of severe clinical exacerbations at 24 months	45	64	0.25	0.80 (0.55-1.17)
Number of severe clinical exacerbation per patient at 24 months	0.7	0.9	0.28	
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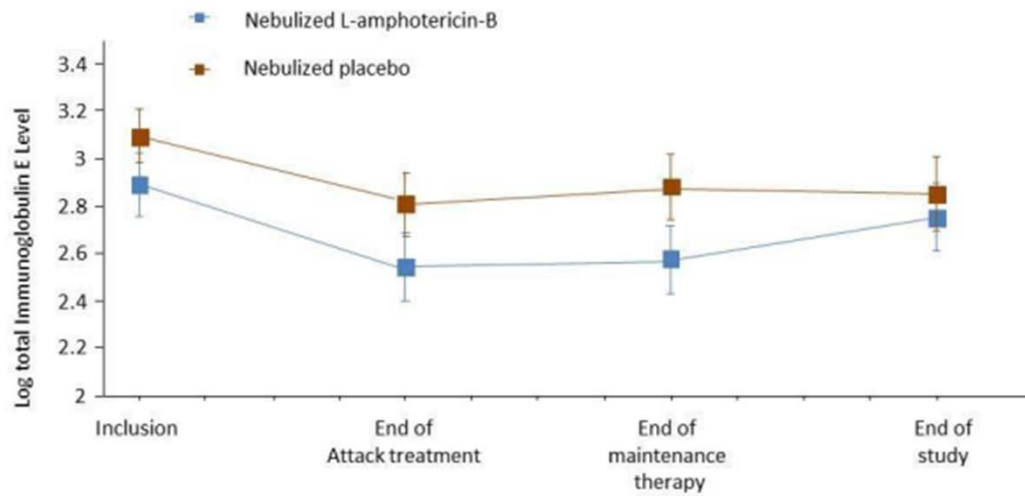


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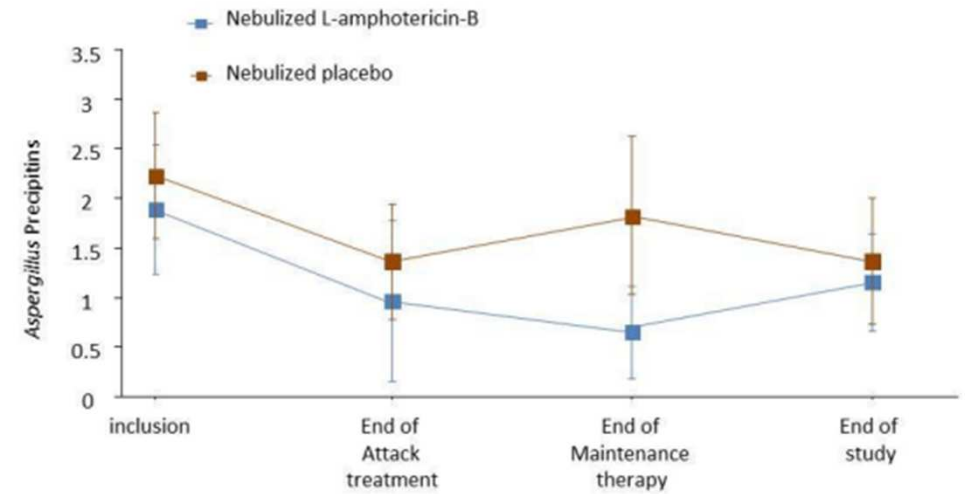




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Cough	20 (30.7)	11 (14.9)	0.02	
Nausea	9 (13.8)	13 (17.6)	0.57	
Vomiting	2 (3.1)	4 (5.4)	0.69	
Headache	12 (18.5)	18 (24.3)	0.42	
Reasons for maintenance therapy discontinuation				0.19
Decision of patient (not related to an adverse event)	4 (6.1)	1 (1.3)		
Hypersensitivity syndrome	2 (3.1)	0 (0.0)		
Persistent cough	0 (0.0)	1 (1.3)		
Severe clinical exacerbation	1 (1.5)	1 (1.3)		

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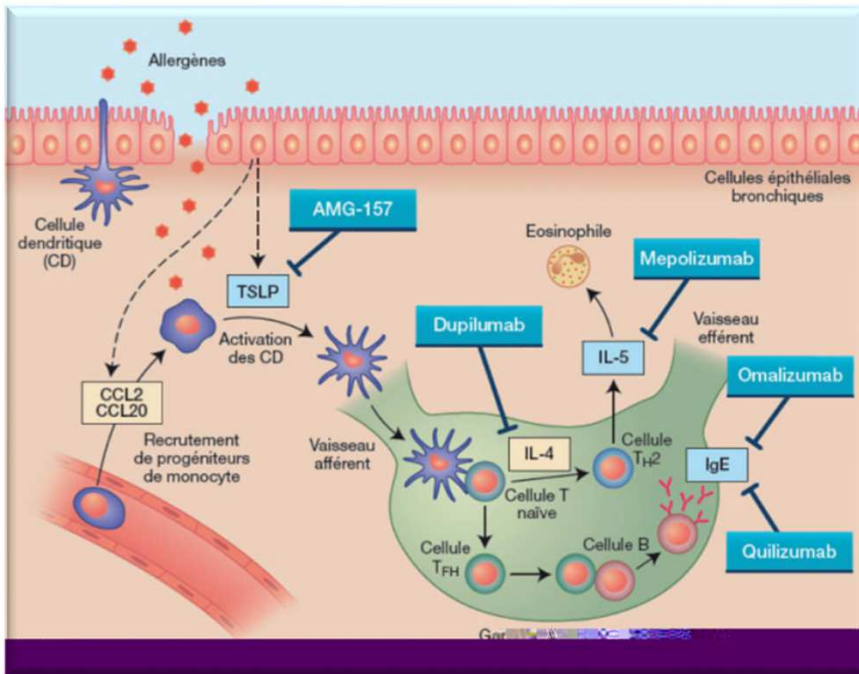
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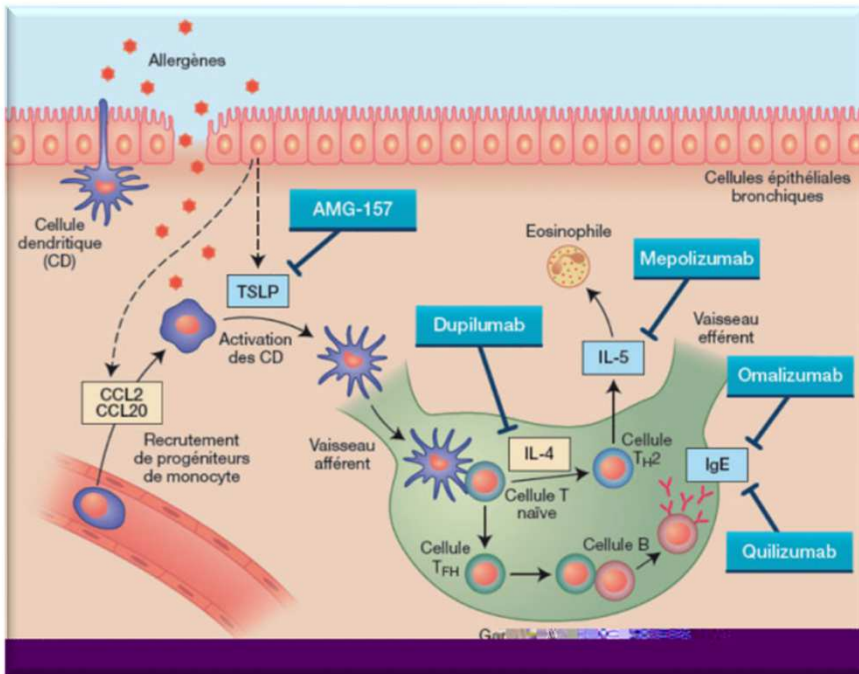


Au cours de l'ABPA, l'inhalation de spores est suivie du développement d'hyphes aspergillaires avec induction d'une réponse lymphocytaire T (**Th2** CD4+) et de la production d'anticorps (IgE médiée [type I] et IgG médiée [type III])

❖ les Th2 libèrent des cytokines dont :

- ❖ IL6 stimulent la croissance des plasmocytes sécréteurs d'AC
- ❖ IL4 qui augmentent la sécrétion d'AC de type IgE qui induisent la libération d'histamine par les mastocytes
- ❖ IL5 qui stimule la croissance des éosinophiles
- ❖ IL10 qui réprime la réponse des macrophages

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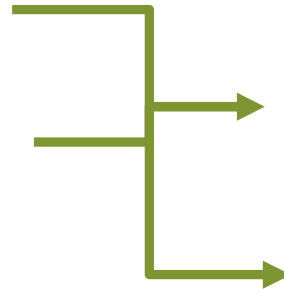
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- ❑ Une éosinophilie marquée dans le sang et le LBA suggère que **des bénéfices cliniques peuvent résulter d'un traitement par mépolizumab ou benralizumab**

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**Omalizumab** : No study has described the use of omalizumab in acute-stage ABPA.

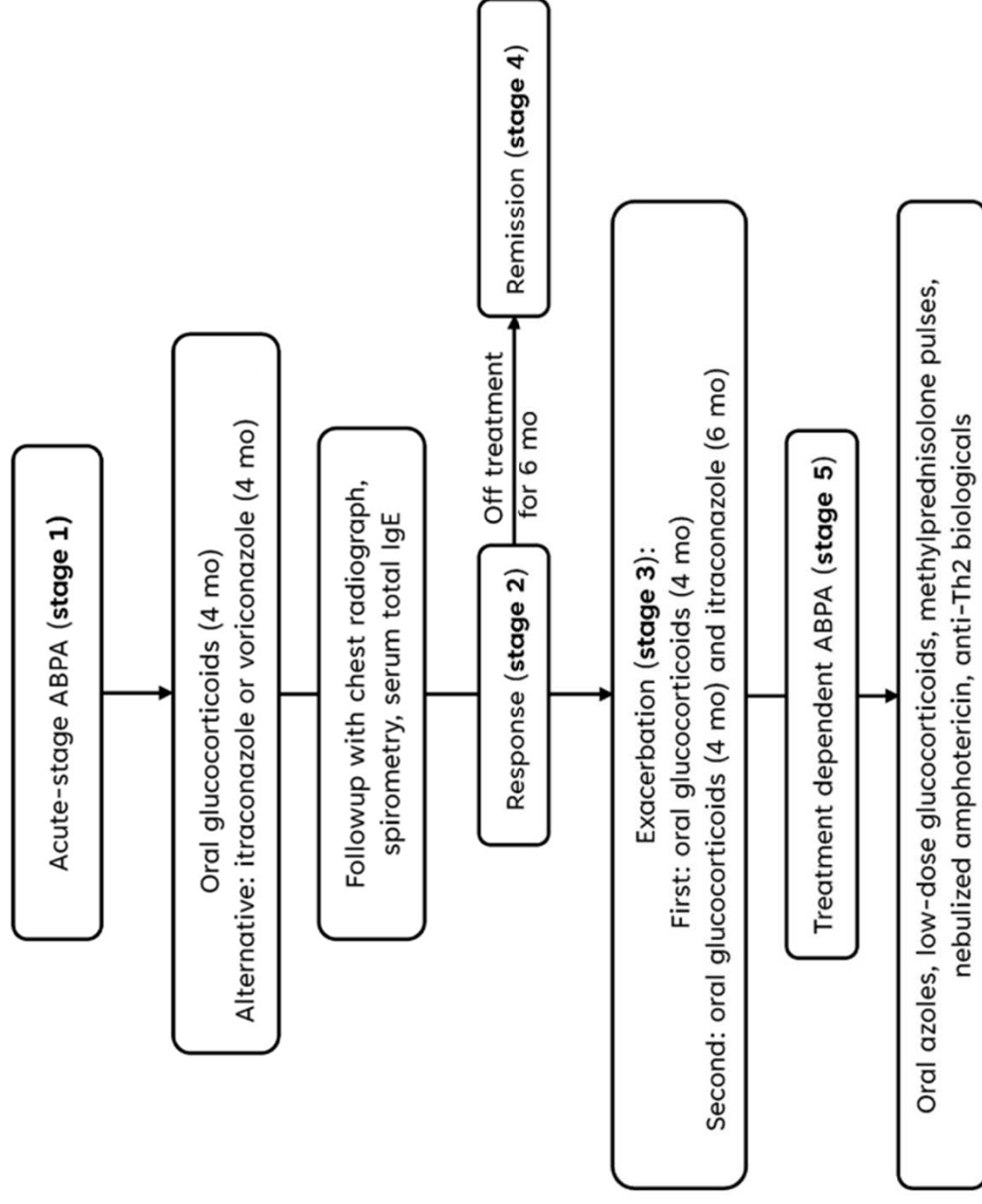
The current use of omalizumab is reserved for treatment-refractory ABPA or those who are intolerant to first-line treatment

Anecdotal reports and case series suggest the usefulness of therapies targeting IL-5

**Due to lack of RCTs, anti-Th2 therapies should be reserved in patients with treatment-refractory ABPA, uncontrolled asthma despite glucocorticoids, and patients encountering adverse effects with or having contraindications to glucocorticoids and antifungal triazoles.**

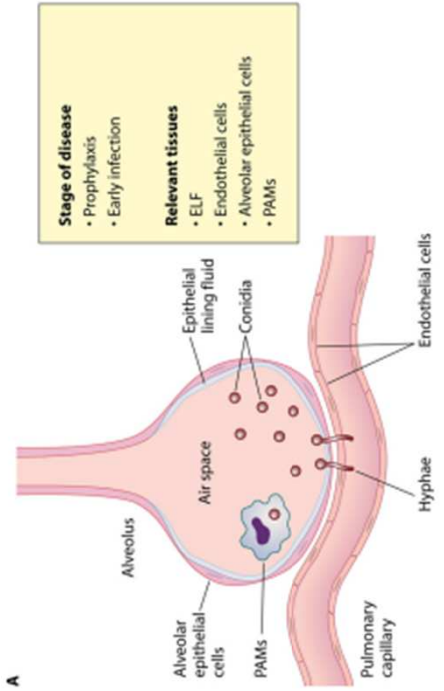
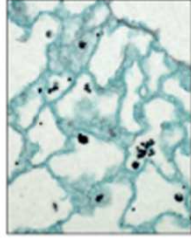
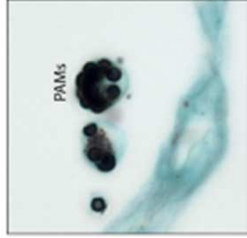
Ongoing RCTs evaluating mepolizumab, dupilumab, and benralizumab will clarify the role of these agents in ABPA.





**Fig. 6.** Treatment algorithm for the management of allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis (ABPA) based on the current evidence.

# Tissue Penetration of Antifungal Agents



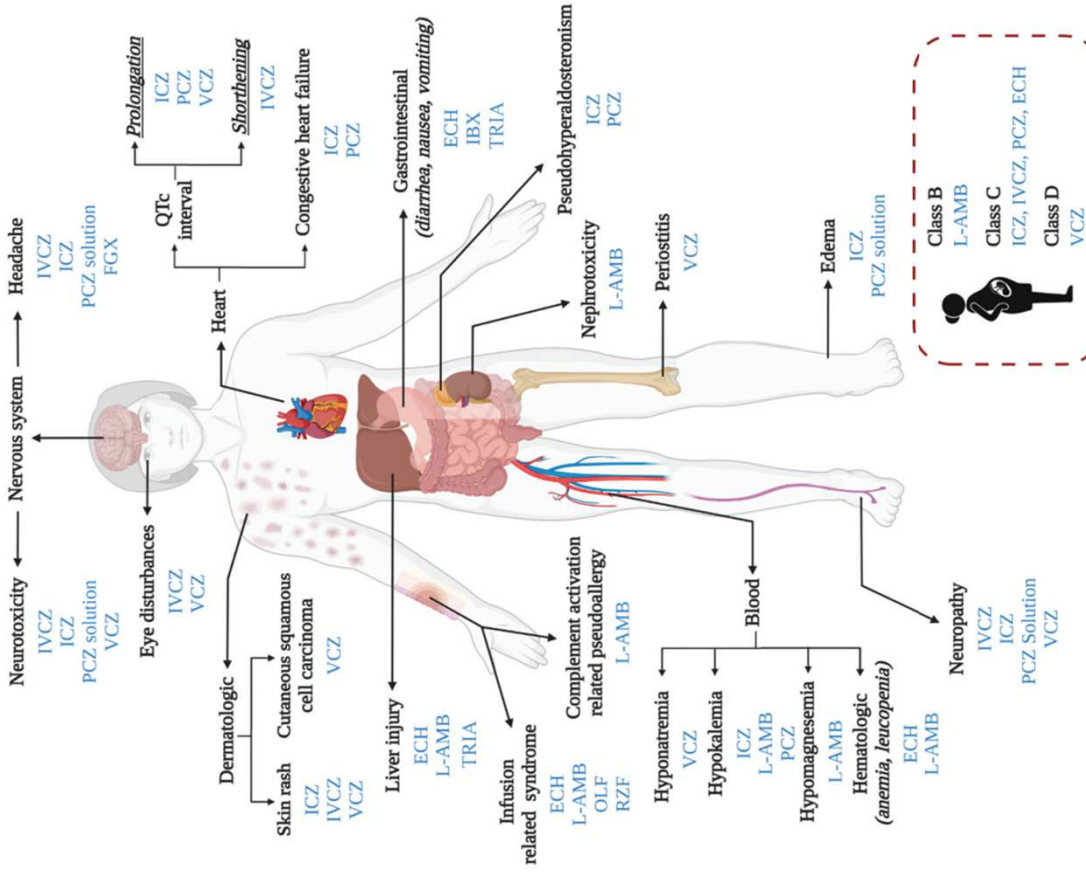
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Antifungal Agent	Fluconazole	Itraconazole	Voriconazole	Posaconazole	AmBd	ABLC	L-AMB	5-FC	Anidulafungin	Caspofungin	Micafungin
Heart											
Pericardial fluid	X										
Liver	X	X	X		X	X	X				
Pancreas	X					X					X*
Kidney	X	X	X		X	X	X				
Bone											
Tissue	X	X	X								
Synovial fluid	X	X	X								
Prostate											
Tissue	X	X	X								
Fluid	X	X	X								
Brain											
Tissue	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CSF	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lung											
Tissue	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alveolar cells		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ELF	O	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Spleen	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Muscle	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Reference	(67, 70, 72, 120, 137, 200-203, 205, 219, 237, 238)	(25, 56, 73, 74, 120, 121, 140, 220, 221, 238-242)	(58, 80, 81, 83, 114, 142, 153, 154, 208, 224, 243, 252, 253)	(57, 59, 85-89, 223, 244)	(37, 52, 53, 91, 115, 123, 148, 151, 156, 210, 245-247, 249)	(90, 92, 117, 125, 147, 155, 210, 246, 249)	(34, 53, 60, 90, 125, 147, 155, 210, 248, 249)	(91, 96, 115, 116, 151, 156, 174, 250)	(58, 100, 102, 175, 251)	(44, 103, 105, 113, 126, 130, 149)	(61, 62, 106-108, 127, 150, 252)

# Pharmacological management of antifungal agents in pulmonary aspergillosis: an updated review

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**Figure 2.** Summary of the main adverse effects of antifungals.

Figure legends. ECH: echinocandins; FGX: fosmanogepix; IBX: ibrexafungerp; ICZ: itraconazole; IVCZ: isavuconazole; L-AMB: liposomal amphotericin B; OLF: olorofim; PCZ: posaconazole; RZF: rezafungin; TRIA: triazoles; VCZ: voriconazole. Pregnancy risk was defined according to US FDA (131).



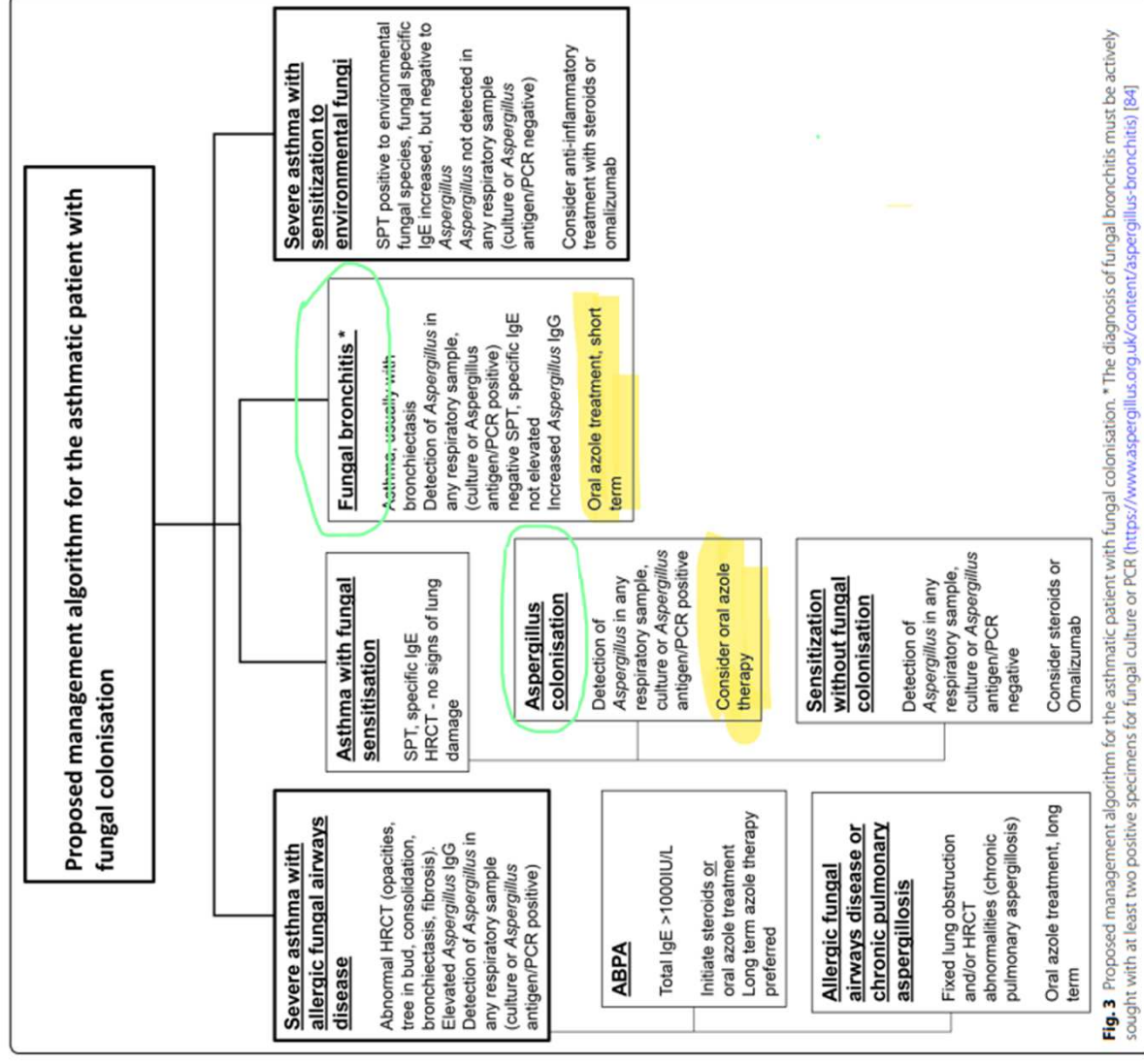
# The role of antifungals in the management of patients with severe asthma

W. Garth Rapeport<sup>1\*</sup>, Kazuhiro Ito<sup>1,2</sup> and David W. Denning<sup>3</sup>

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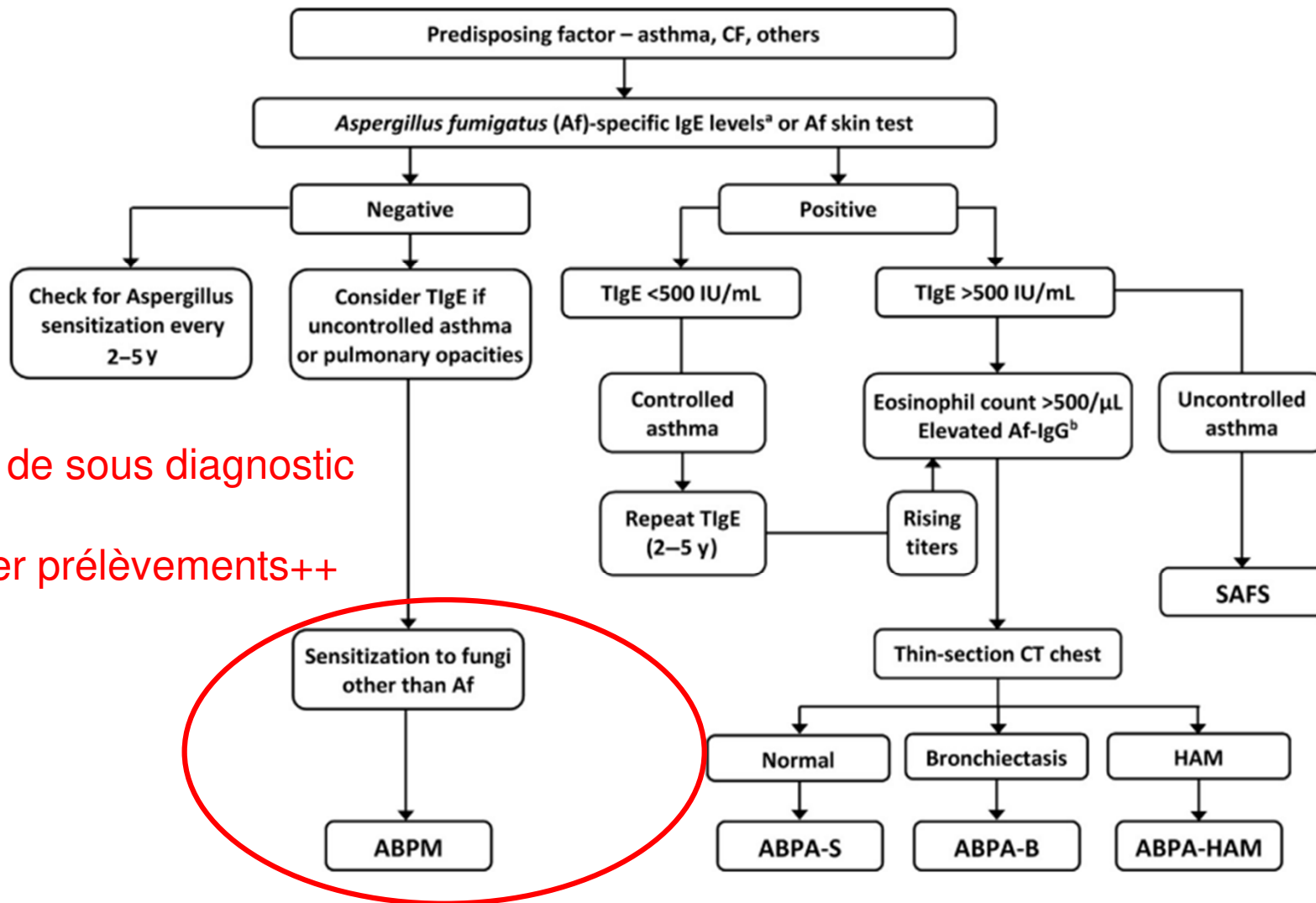
35]. Persistent *Aspergillus* colonisation of the airways has been linked to adverse clinical outcomes which include higher rates of radiological abnormalities, lower post-bronchodilator FEV<sub>1</sub>, and significantly less reversibility to short acting bronchodilators in patients with a positive sputum fungal culture [8, 34–37]. A heavy burden

ion. Currently, the risk benefit relationship for antifungal therapy must be balanced by the need for prolonged therapy, systemic adverse effects, liability to drug interactions and concern over the emergence of resistance. The title and concern over the emergence of resistance. The recognition that the persistent presence of *Aspergillus* in the respiratory tract is associated with adverse outcomes enables the targeting of the sub-population most likely to benefit from antifungal treatment.

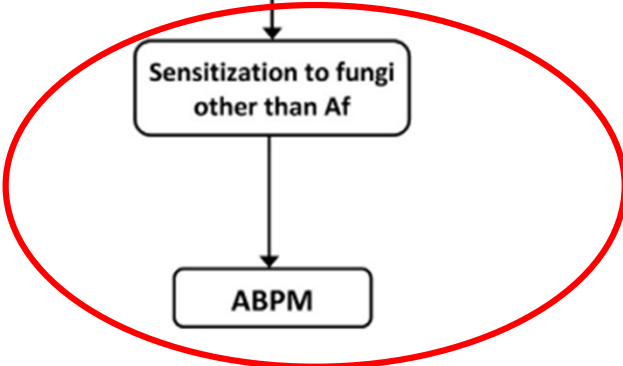


**Fig. 3** Proposed management algorithm for the asthmatic patient with fungal colonisation. \* The diagnosis of fungal bronchitis must be actively sought with at least two positive specimens for fungal culture or PCR (<https://www.aspergillus.org.uk/content/aspergillus-bronchitis>) [84]





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