

Aspergillus : les différentes formes

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Aspergillus et Mucoviscidose

Pathogènes conventionnels	Pathogènes émergents
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Stenotrophomonas maltophilia
Staphylococcus aureus	Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)
Haemophilus influenzae	Achromobacter spp
Burkholderia cepacia complex	Streptococcus milleri/anginosus group
	Aspergillus fumigatus
	Mycobacterium abscessus

Evaluation of the risk of fungal colonisation/infection in patients with cystic fibrosis:
an international prospective study comparing the performances of mycological
culture media - MycoFong International Project (mfip)

Acronym : « mfip »

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Fig. 1: Map of the participating centers

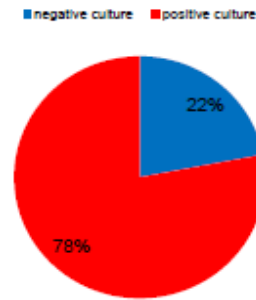


Fig 2: Positive or negative culture

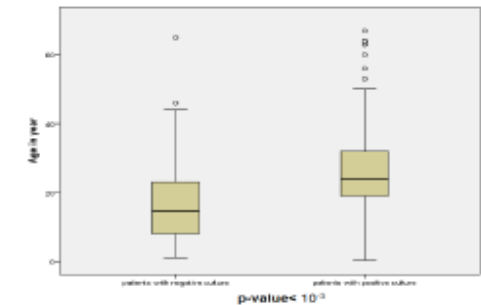


Fig.3: Mean age of CF patient (n=452) with and without positive culture

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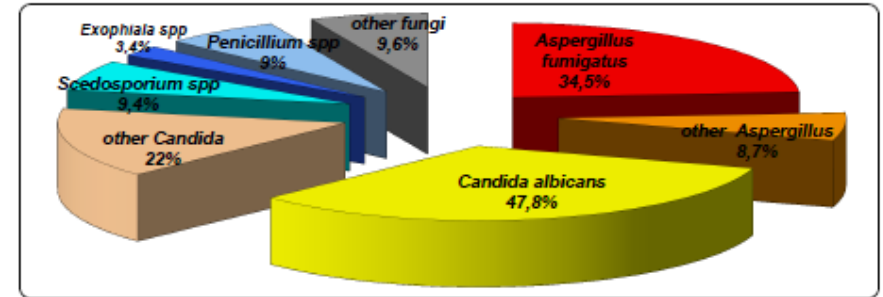


Fig.4: Frequency of fungal species isolated (n=680)

Cohort Study of Airway Mycobiome in Adult Cystic Fibrosis Patients: Differences in Community Structure between Fungi and Bacteria Reveal Predominance of Transient Fungal Elements

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TABLE 1 Prevalence of major fungal OTUs identified by their ITS sequences in 72 CF sputum samples from 56 patients

Phylum	Class ^a (no. of incidences)	Major species	% Positive samples	
<i>Ascomycota</i>	<i>Saccharomycetes</i> (101)	<i>Candida albicans</i>	44.4	
		<i>Candida dubliniensis</i>	23.6	
		<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	19.4	
		<i>Candida parapsilosis</i>	13.8	
		<i>Candida glabrata</i>	12.5	
		<i>Candida tropicalis</i>	4.1	
		<i>Cyberlindnera jadinii</i>	4.1	
		<i>Candida sake</i>	2.7	
		<i>Dothideomycetes</i> (24)	<i>Cladosporium cladosporioides</i>	11.1
		<i>Cladosporium herbarum</i>	9.7	
		<i>Lewia infectoria</i>	2.7	
		<i>Eurotiomycetes</i> (9)	<i>Exophiala dermatitidis</i> ^b	4.1
			<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> ^b	2.7
	<i>Sordariomycetes</i> (5)	<i>Scedosporium apiospermum</i> ^b	4.1	
	<i>Leotiomycetes</i> (3)	<i>Blumeria graminis</i>	2.7	
<i>Basidiomycota</i>	<i>Pucciniomycetes</i> (12)	<i>Sporobolomyces roseus</i>	11.1	
		<i>Sporobolomyces ruberrimus</i>	5.5	
	<i>Microbotryomycetes</i> (3)	<i>Rhodotorula glutinis</i>	2.7	

^a Table includes only fungal OTUs detected more than once. Fungal OTUs are grouped according to taxonomic classification and ranked according to number of positive samples. The absolute number of detected incidences for each class is given in parentheses (considering all detected OTUs, including unique species). The following classes of *Basidiomycetes* were represented by unique OTUs only and are therefore not considered in this table: *Agaricomycetes*, *Tremellomycetes*, *Exobasidiomycetes*.

^b Emerging or acknowledged pathogenic species for CF patients.

Cystic Fibrosis Lung Microbiome: Opportunities to Reconsider Management of Airway Infection

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Review

What is the clinical significance of filamentous fungi positive sputum cultures in patients with cystic fibrosis? ☆

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Aspergillus spp. colonisation

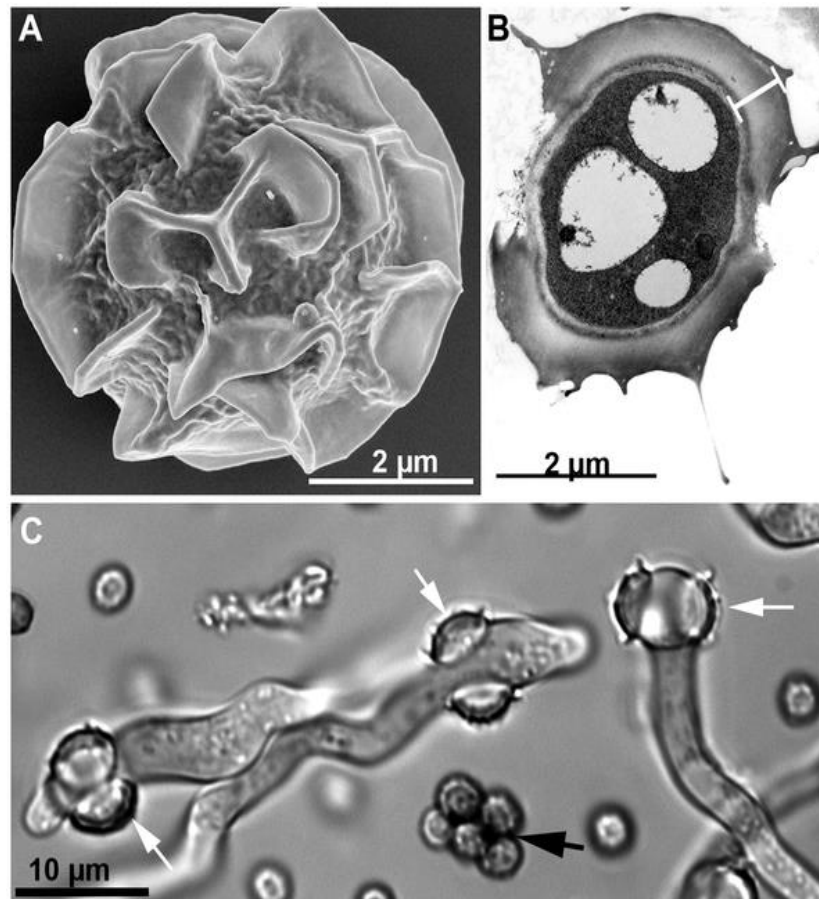
- Isolation of *Aspergillus* spp. from 50% or more sputum samples over six months to one year
- No deterioration in lung function
- No increase in respiratory symptoms like cough

Aspergillus spp. infection

- Isolation of *Aspergillus* spp. from 50% or more sputum samples over six months to one year
- Decline in lung function parameters
- Respiratory exacerbation with (increased) cough
- *Aspergillus* spp. the only organism isolated from repeated sputum samples
- No, or incomplete response to a two to four week course of appropriate broad spectrum antibiotics

Figure 1. *Aspergillus fumigatus* ascospores.

Infection



Sensibilisation

Kwon-Chung KJ, Sugui JA (2013) *Aspergillus fumigatus*—What Makes the Species a Ubiquitous Human Fungal Pathogen?. *PLoS Pathog* 9(12): e1003743. doi:10.1371/journal.ppat.1003743

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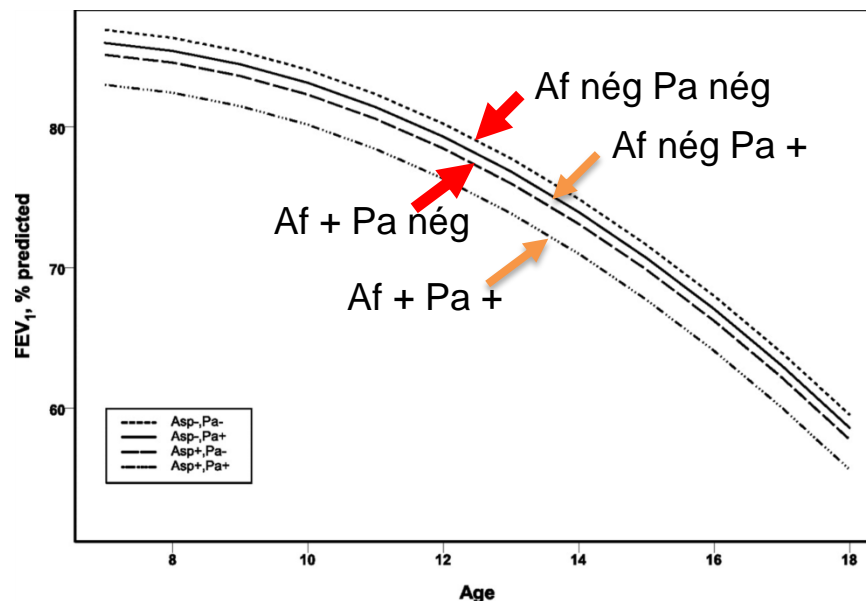


Figure Legend:

Decline in FEV₁ % predicted over time for the *Aspergillus fumigatus* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* interaction (baseline FEV₁ of 85% predicted and starting age of 7 years). Asp=*Aspergillus fumigatus*; Pa=*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

Conséquences de la colonisation à *Aspergillus* et de la sensibilisation à *Aspergillus* chez adultes avec mucoviscidose

Table 4—Lung Function and Antibiotics Days With Colonization

Characteristic	All Patients (N = 55)	Candida Colonization			Aspergillus Colonization		
		Yes (n = 38)	No (n = 17)	P Value ^a	Yes (n = 33)	No (n = 22)	P Value ^a
2-y IV antibiotics days	42 (14-96)	67 (16-108)	29 (9-80)	.17	38 (15-93)	42 (14-96)	.70
2-y change FEV ₁ % predicted	3.0 (3.0-8.0)	2.5 (0.0-11.3)	3.0 (1.5-6.0)	.90	3.0 (1.0-10.0)	2.0 (0.0-6.5)	.41
2-y change FVC % predicted	2.0 (2.0-8.0)	2.0 (2.0-9.0)	3.0 (0.0-5.5)	.37	3.0 (0.0-8.5)	2.0 (0.0-5.0)	.87

Data are presented as median (interquartile range).

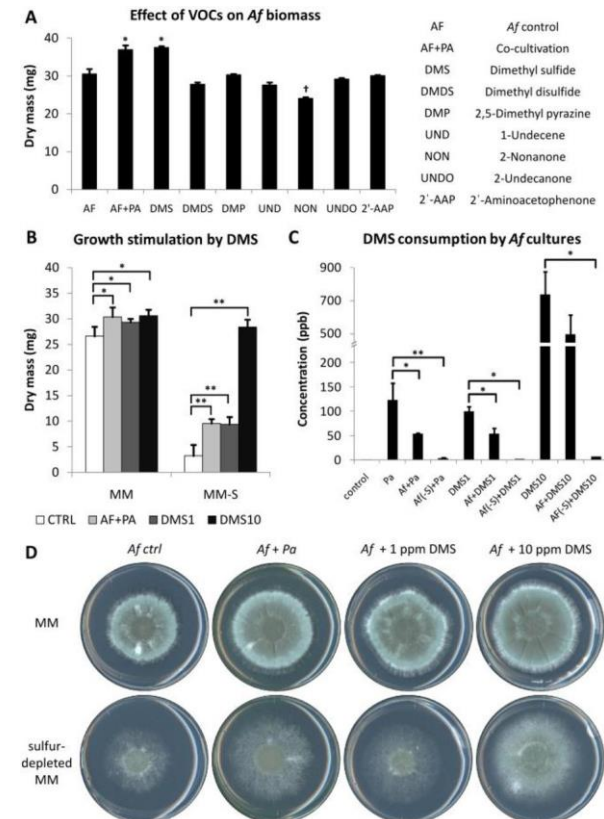
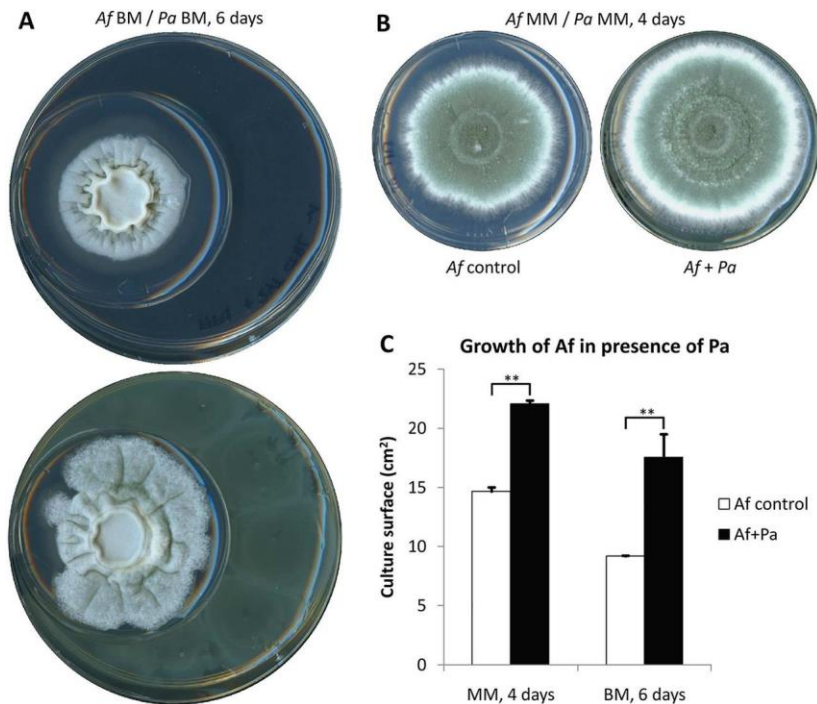
^aP values were calculated using Mann-Whitney U tests.

Table 5—Lung Function and Antibiotics Days With Sensitization

Characteristic	All Patients (N = 55)	Candida Sensitization			Aspergillus Sensitization		
		Yes (n = 9)	No (n = 46)	P Value ^a	Yes (n = 33)	No (n = 22)	P Value ^a
Baseline FEV ₁ % predicted	58 (37-75)	50 (34-76)	61 (40-76)	.408	50 (35-72)	62 (41-79)	.196
Baseline FVC % predicted	75 (59-89)	65 (56-80)	77 (59-88)	.224	70 (57-87)	76 (61-91)	.555
2-y change FEV ₁ % predicted	3.0 (3.0-8.0)	2.0 (2.0-10.5)	3.0 (1.0-8.8)	.517	4.0 (3.0-12.0)	2.0 (2.0-6.0)	.027 ^b
2-y change FVC % predicted	2.0 (2.0-8.0)	2.0 (2.0-6.5)	3.0 (0.0-8.8)	.366	3.5 (1.5-9.0)	2.0 (2.0-6.5)	.086
2-y change in FEV ₁ , mL	100 (50-300)	100 (0-350)	100 (50-300)	.638	175 (100-462)	100 (0-175)	.019 ^b
2-y change in FVC, mL	100 (0-350)	50 (0-320)	100 (0-300)	.468	187 (100-425)	50 (0-295)	.028 ^b
2-y IV antibiotics days	42 (14-96)	38 (15-89)	49 (23-104)	.567	63 (25-109)	34 (14-93)	.034 ^b

Growth characteristics of *A. fumigatus* in a plate-in-plate (PIP) coculture assay.

Effects of VOCs on the growth of *A. fumigatus*.



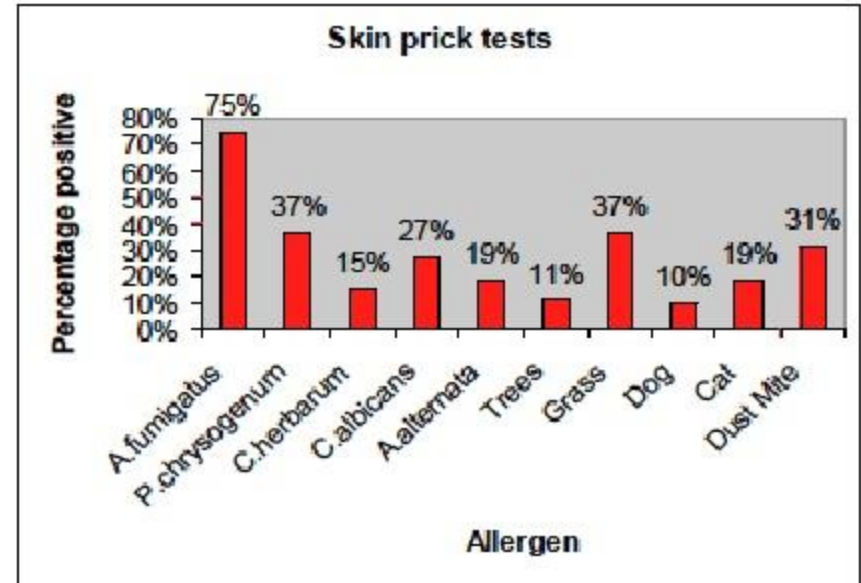
Benoit Briard et al. mBio 2016; doi:10.1128/mBio.00219-16



Fungal allergy - SPTs

- Atopie à *Aspergillus* la plus fréquente : 75%
- 52% ont plus d'un test positif vis-à-vis de champignons
- Patients ayant une atopie aux allergènes communs sont plus susceptibles d'être sensibilisés aux allergènes fongiques

Manchester UK CF center 54 adultes



C Baxter, ISHAM 2009

Quelle est l'étendue du problème ?

References	Country (total n.o. of patients)	<i>A. fumigatus</i> positive patients (%)	ABPA positive patients (%)
Nelson <i>et al.</i> [6]	USA (46)	21/37 (56.7)	5 (10.8)
Laufer <i>et al.</i> [7]	USA (100)	5/55 (9)	10 (10)
Bauernfeind <i>et al.</i> [8]	Germany (102)	6 (5.9)	Not specified
Simmonds <i>et al.</i> [9]	UK (137)	Not specified	8 (5.8)
Marchant <i>et al.</i> [10]	UK (160)	Not specified	11 (6.8)
Mroueh and Spock [11]	USA (236)	60 (25.4)	15 (6.4)
Becker <i>et al.</i> [12]	USA (49)	8 (16)	1 (1.9)
Milla <i>et al.</i> [13]	USA (212)	45 (21.2)	Not specified
Hutcheson <i>et al.</i> [14]	USA (118)	Not specified	6 (5.1)
Cimon <i>et al.</i> [15]	France (210)	45 (21.4)	2 (0.95)
Cimon <i>et al.</i> [16]	France (128)	59 (46.1)	5 (3.9)
Skov <i>et al.</i> [17]	Denmark (238)	61 (25.6)	26 (10.9)
Bakare <i>et al.</i> [18]	Germany (94)	43 (45.7)	Not specified
Taccetti <i>et al.</i> [19]	Italy (3089)	Not specified	191 (6.18)
Skov <i>et al.</i> [20]	Australia (270)	22 in 1998 (7.4) 52 in 2002 (18.8)	13 (4.7)
Valenza <i>et al.</i> [21]	Germany (60)	35 (58.3)	Not specified

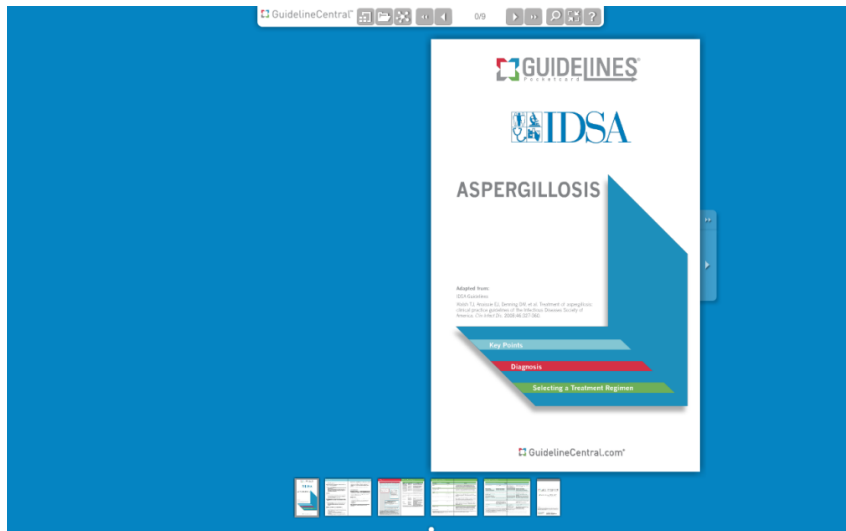
Fungal species	Prevalence rate (%)	
	Transversal study [15] (210 patients)	Longitudinal study [41] (128 patients)
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	21.4	46.1
<i>Scedosporium apiospermum</i>	3.3	8.6
<i>Aspergillus terreus</i>	1.9	6.2

Pihet M et al, Med Myc 2009;47:387

Aspergilloses : recommandations



UPDATE IN
PROGRESS*



- Aspergillus
- Share this Guideline
- Published: Clinical Infectious Diseases ; 2008 ; 46 : 327 -360
- "Treatment of Aspergillosis"
- Aspergillus species have emerged as an important cause of life-threatening infections in immunocompromised patients. This expanding population is composed of patients with prolonged neutropenia, advanced HIV infection, and inherited immunodeficiency and patients who have undergone allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) and/or lung transplantation. This document constitutes the guidelines of the Infectious Diseases Society of America for treatment of aspergillosis and replaces the practice guidelines for Aspergillus published in 2000. Link to full text guideline
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- *Projected Publication, Spring 2016
- - See more at: <http://www.idsociety.org/Organism/#sthash.mPIQIQx0.dpuf>

Aspergilloses pulmonaires

Editorial



TASK FORCE REPORT
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Chronic pulmonary aspergillosis: rationale and clinical guidelines for diagnosis and management

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Chronic pulmonary aspergillosis: help is on the way

Chronic pulmonary aspergillosis (CPA) is an oft overlooked threat to life in patients with respiratory disease. It is an umbrella term that includes simple aspergilloma (presence of a fungal ball in a single lung cavity), chronic cavity pulmonary aspergillosis (the most common variant that presents with formation of lung cavities with or without an aspergilloma or nodules), and chronic fibrosing pulmonary aspergillosis (the advanced disease state with chronic scarring of the lungs).

CPA affects about 3 million people worldwide, and almost always presents in people with underlying pulmonary disease such as tuberculosis, bullous disease in COPD, and sarcoidosis. As such, early symptoms of the infection are frequently missed. If left untreated, 80% of people with the infection will die within 5 years. Yet despite this, the best diagnostic technique remains undefined and there is no approved treatment specifically listed for CPA by the European Medicine's Agency.

On Dec 23, 2015, the European Respiratory Society and the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases released the world's first clinical guidelines for diagnosis and management of CPA, with the aim of increasing recognition of the disease and improving early detection. The guidelines stipulate that diagnosis of CPA requires imaging confirmation of at least one cavity, with or without a fungal ball or nodule (with features present for at least 3 months), direct evidence of *Aspergillus* infection or an immunological response to *Aspergillus* spp, and absence of an alternative diagnosis.

Treatment aims for CPA are the resolution of patient symptoms (primarily haemoptysis) and prevention of disease progression and further fibrosis. For simple aspergilloma, the gold standard treatment is surgical resection, ideally with video-assisted thoracic surgery. In chronic cavity pulmonary aspergillosis, a surgical approach is more complex because of the multicavity nature of the disease, but resection should still be considered in patients with life-threatening haemoptysis. Standard treatment for patients with chronic cavity pulmonary aspergillosis should be prescription of an oral triazole (eg, itraconazole or voriconazole), which are successful in preventing haemoptysis, stabilising disease, and are well tolerated by patients. However, treatment response is often slow (minimum 4-6 months) and relapse is common in patients who discontinue treatment.

Patients showing no response within 6 months should be deemed treatment failures and should progress to the second-line approach of intravenous antifungal treatment (eg, amphotericin B). A final treatment option, when others have failed, is local cavity therapy, where an antifungal drug is surgically installed in an aspergilloma cavity via an endobronchial catheter.

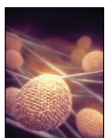
Although these recommendations are hugely valuable to treating physicians, they are based on low-quality evidence from cohort studies—only two phase 2 trials have been published so far. Stronger evidence from high-quality randomised controlled trials of antifungals, with standardised criteria to define treatment response, are urgently needed to guide future practice.

All patients with CPA require long-term surveillance because relapse is common and cure is rare. As with use of many long-term drugs, azole resistance threatens treatment progress. The meagre discovery pipeline at present emphasises an urgent need for identification of new classes of antifungals. Additionally, vigilant management of comorbidities such as COPD is essential as some chronic lung disorder drugs such as inhaled corticosteroids confer an independent risk of aspergillosis lung infection.

One important area not expounded on by the guidelines is the critical burden of CPA in the developing world, more than a third of cases are in patients with tuberculosis. There is an urgent unmet need for low-cost diagnostics, as an alternative to CT scanning, and for the development of effective screening techniques to identify people most at risk of infection, such as those living with tuberculosis. Furthermore, with restricted access to drugs, physicians in resource-limited areas are forced to consider surgery in cases that are better suited to medical treatment. The Global Action Fund for Fungal Infections' application for itraconazole to be added to WHO's essential medicines list failed, meaning that many vulnerable people remain without access to life-saving diagnostics and antifungal drugs.

We hope these guidelines will serve as a catalyst to publicise the heavy burden of CPA across all global economic regions, and to encourage research to fill current knowledge gaps so we can effectively combat this indiscriminate and resilient infection.

■ [The Lancet Respiratory Medicine](#)

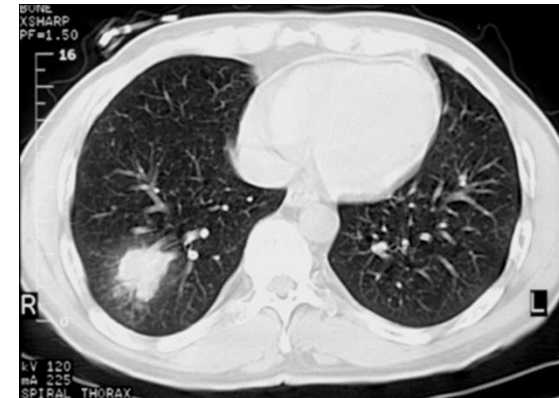
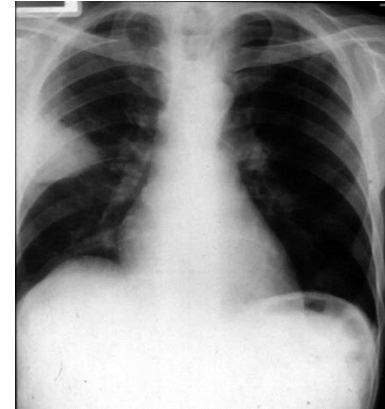


For the guidelines see <http://www.ersjournals.com/erres/47/1/45>
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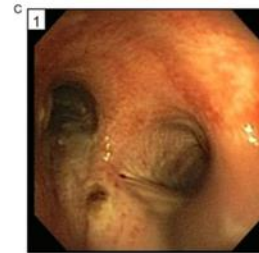
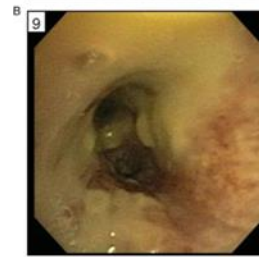
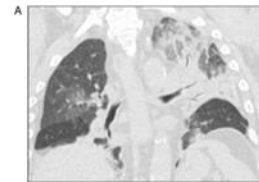
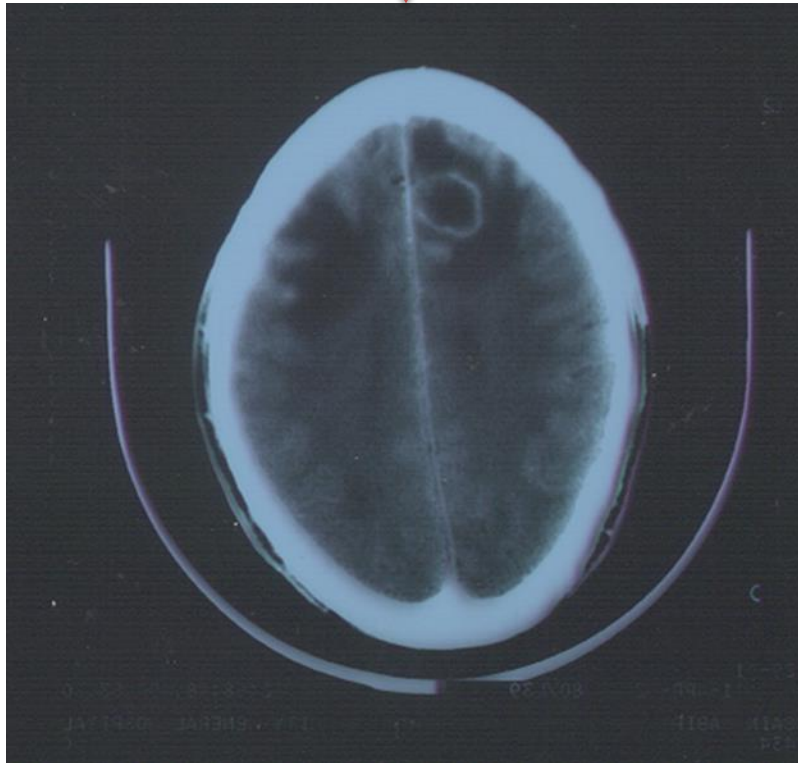
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Aspergilloses pulmonaires aiguës

- Invasion du tissu pulmonaire par des hyphes (histologie)
- Évolution rapide : quelques jours à quelques semaines
- circonstances favorables
 - ✓ Neutropénie > 10 jours
 - ✓ Allogreffe cellules souches hématopoïétiques
 - ✓ Agents anti-Ly T, inhibiteurs calcineurine et TNF α
 - ✓ **Transplantation d'organe solide : poumon; cœur-poumons**
 - ✓ **SIDA, BPCO, diabète, cirrhose**
 - ✓ **Corticothérapie > 3 semaines**
 - ✓ **séjour en USIR**
 - ✓ **Exposition aérique massive**



Aspergilloses pulmonaires aiguës



Trachéo-bronchite invasive

Ulcérée
Pseudo-membraneuse
Obstructive

Atélectasie

Neutropénie
Transplantation pulmonaire

BPCO
VIH
USIR

Aspergilloses pulmonaires chroniques

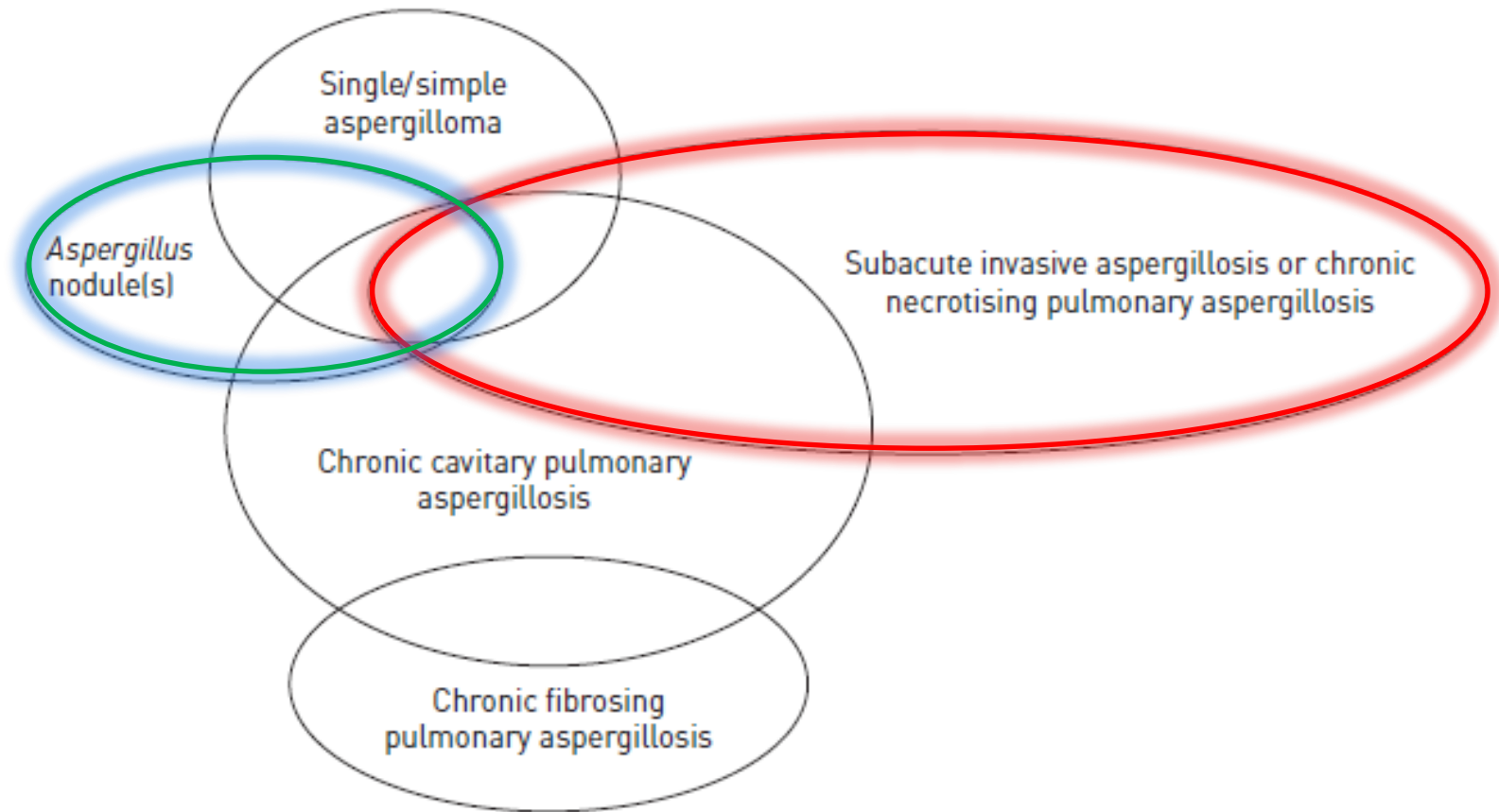


FIGURE 1 A schematic to illustrate the different forms of chronic pulmonary aspergillosis, in particular the overlap that is often seen.

Aspergilloses pulmonaires chroniques

Aspergillome simple

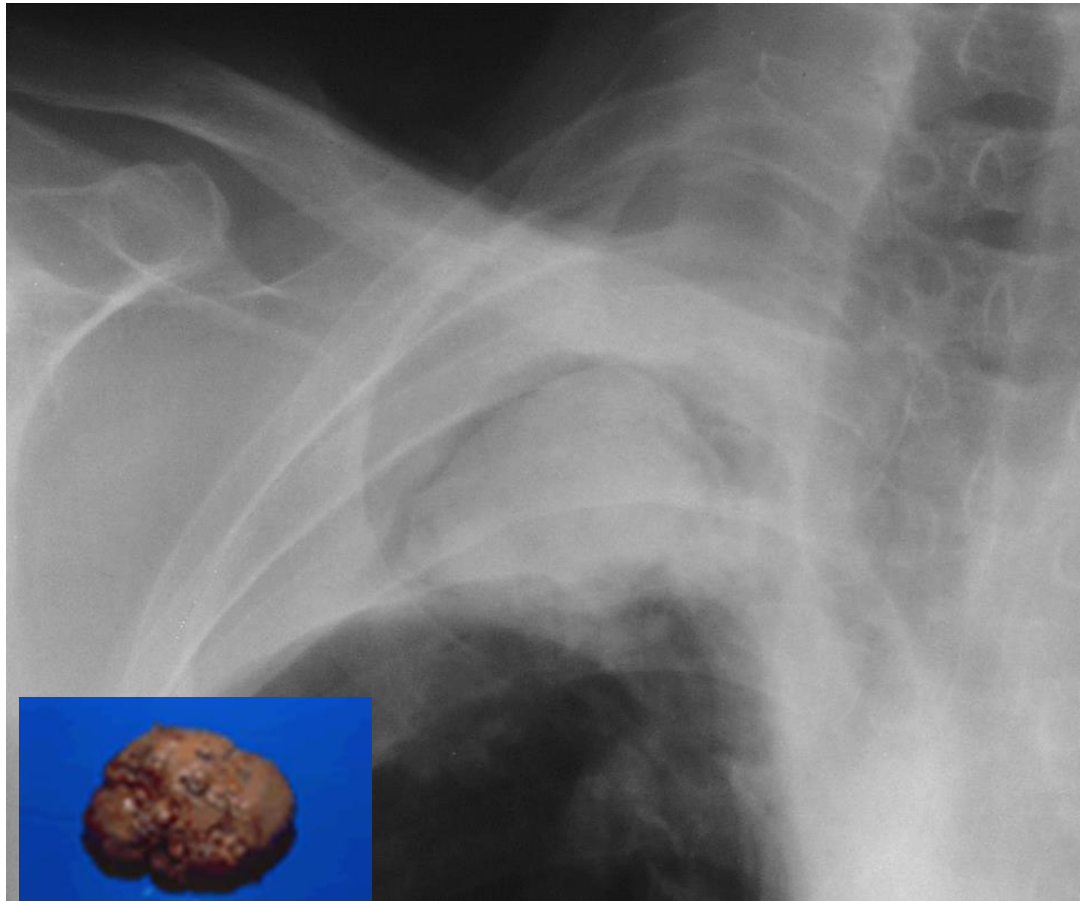
Cavité unique contenant une truffe aspergillaire

Sérologie ou prélèvement confirmant la présence d'aspergillus spp.

Patient immuno-compétent

Symptômes absents ou minimes

Absence de progression radiologiques sur trois mois au moins



Aspergilloses pulmonaires chroniques

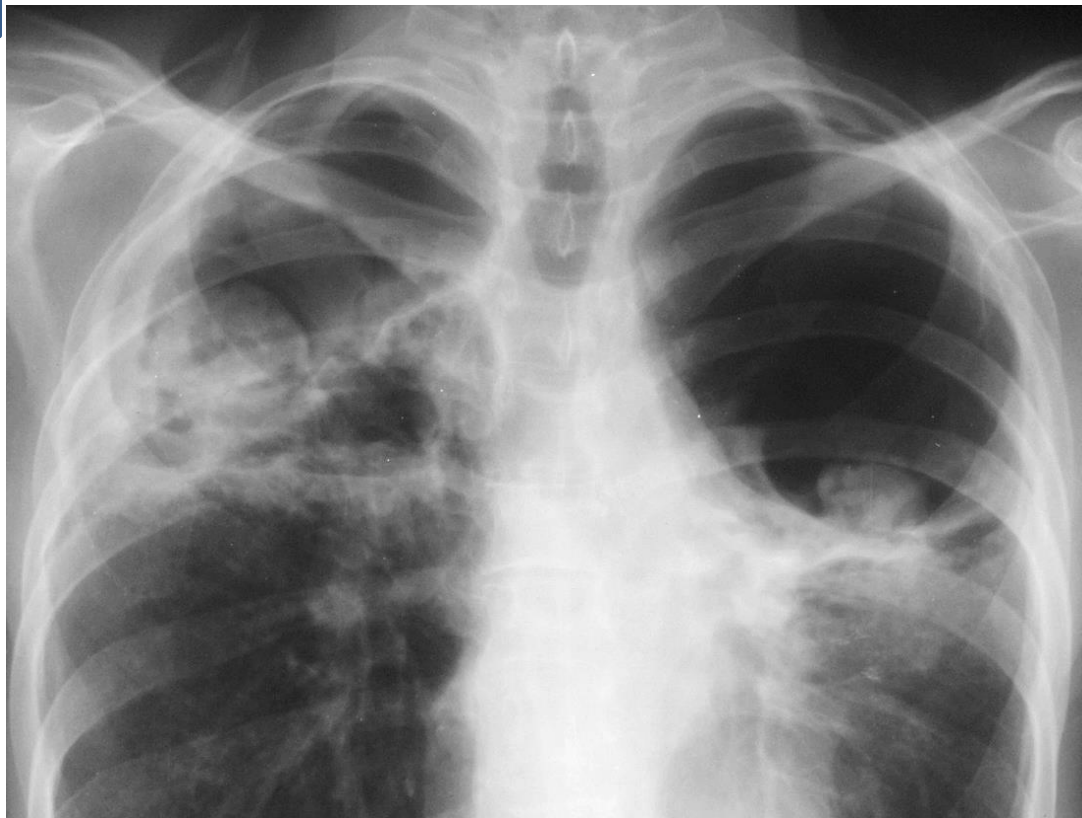
Aspergillose pulmonaire chronique cavitaire

Une ou plusieurs cavités à parois fines ou épaisses pouvant contenir un ou plusieurs aspergillomes ou du matériel séquestré

Preuve sérologique ou microbiologique de la présence d'*Aspergillus* spp.

Présence de signes cliniques respiratoires et/ou généraux

Progression sur trois mois ou plus : cavités, infiltrat, fibrose



Aspergilloses pulmonaires chroniques

Aspergillose pulmonaire chronique fibrosante

Destruction fibreuse sévère d'au moins deux lobes compliquant une APCC avec perte fonctionnelle majeure.

Opacité entourée ou non de cavités

La destruction d'un seul lobe reste une APCC



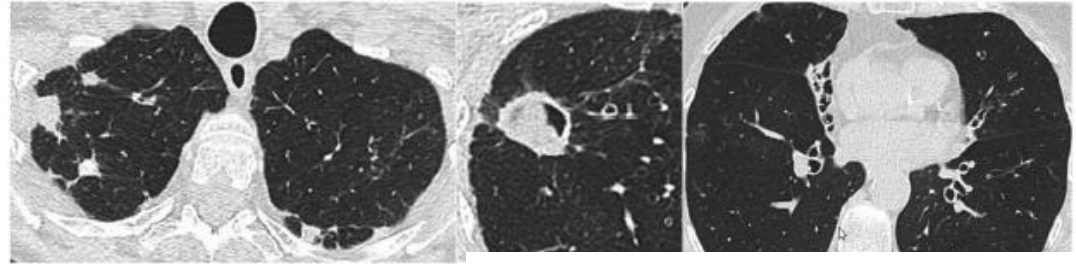
Aspergilloses pulmonaires chroniques

Nodule aspergillaire

Un ou plusieurs nodules
avec ou sans cavitation

Forme atypique
d'aspergillose chronique

Absence d'invasion
tissulaire



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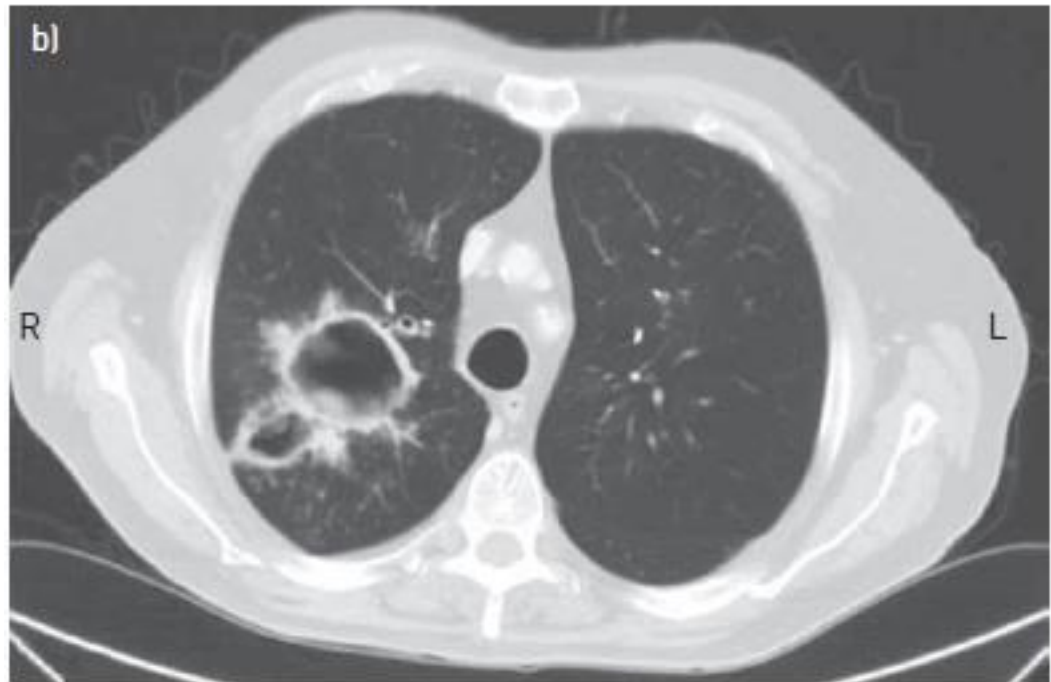
Aspergilloses pulmonaires chroniques

Aspergillose invasive subaiguë

Aspergillose semi-invasive
Évoluant sur 1 à 3 mois

Cavitation, nodules,
condensation avec abcès
Invasion tissulaire par des
hyphes

Signes biologiques
compatibles avec une forme
invasive (galactomanne
positif)



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Aspergilloses pulmonaires

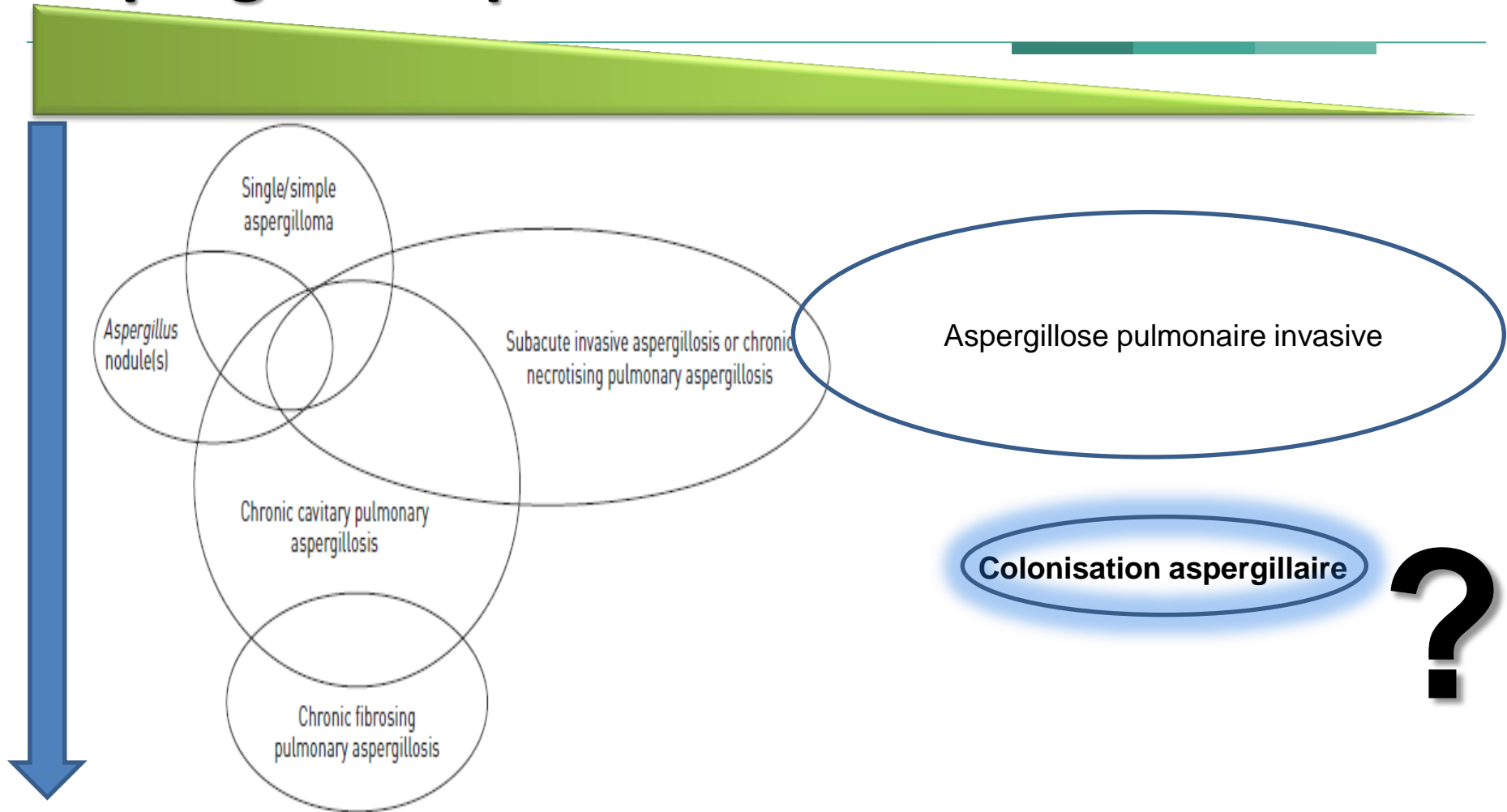
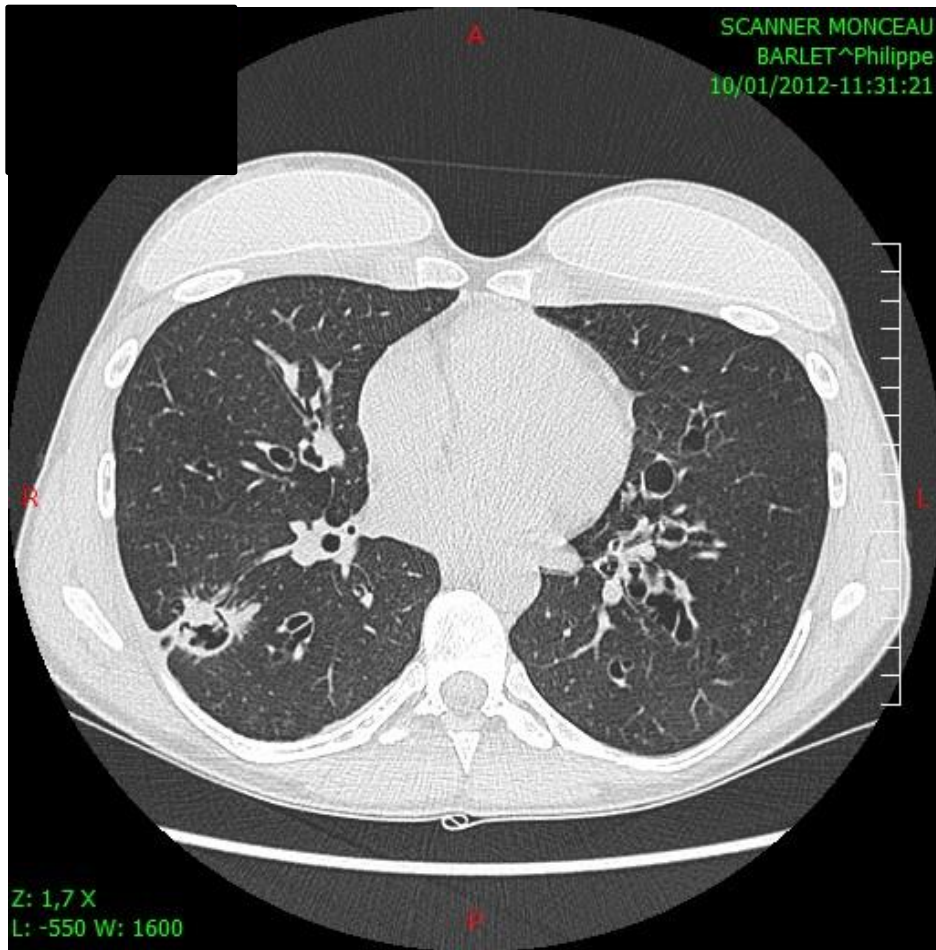


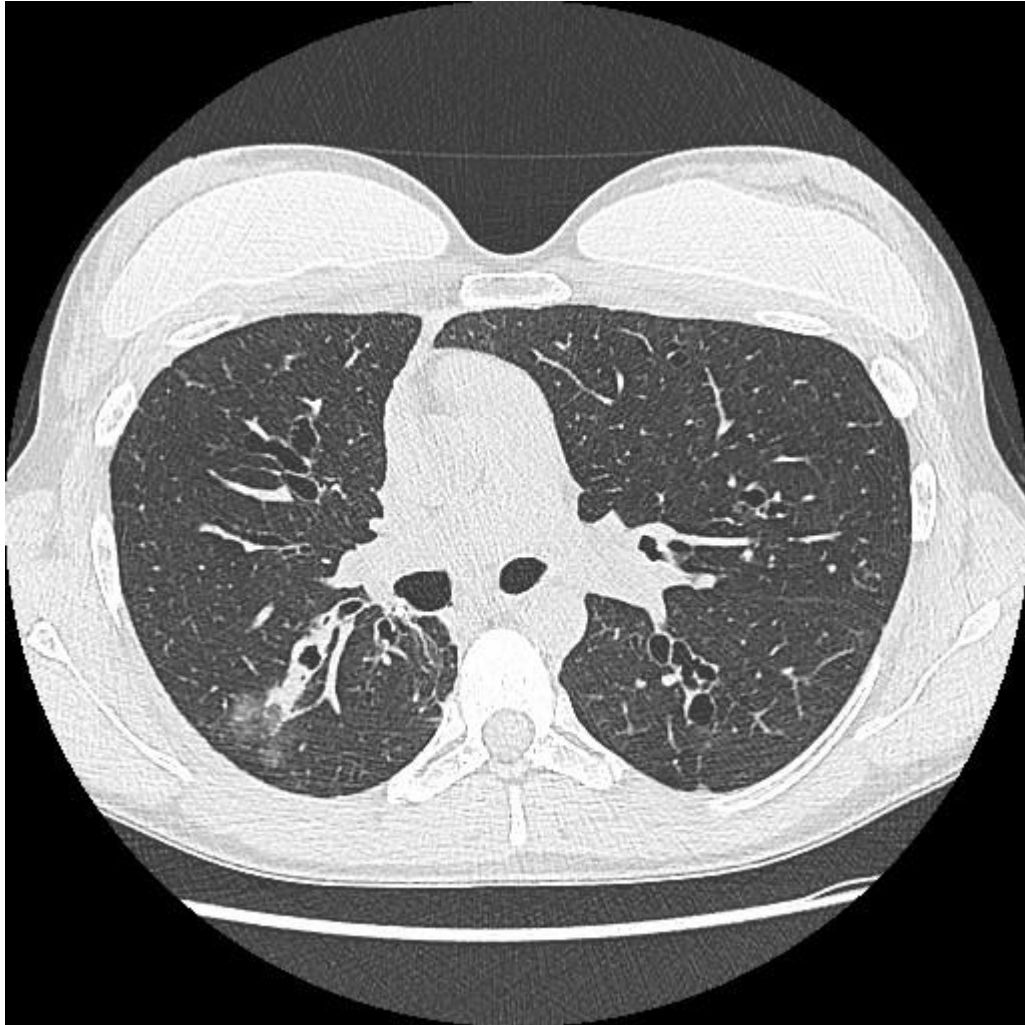
FIGURE 1 A schematic to illustrate the different forms of chronic pulmonary aspergillosis, in particular the overlap that is often seen.

Aspergillus et Hypersensibilité

- Asthme aspergillaire
- Asthme sévère associé à une sensibilisation fongique
- Aspergillose broncho-pulmonaire allergique
- Alvéolite allergique extrinsèque







Critères ABPA : Patterson - Rosenberg

Major Criteria « ARTEPICS »	Minor criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asthma - Roentgenographic fleeting pulmonary opacities - Skin test positive for <i>Aspergillus</i> (HS type I) - Eosinophilia - Precipitating antibodies (IgG) in serum - IgE in serum > 1.000 IU/mL - Central bronchiectasis - Serums <i>A. fumigatus</i>-specific IgG and IgE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Aspergillus</i> in sputum - Expectoration of brownish black mucus plugs - Skin reaction type III to <i>Aspergillus</i> antigen

New diagnostic criteria for ABPA

- Predisposing conditions
 - Bronchial asthma, cystic fibrosis
- Obligatory criteria (both should be present)
 - Type I *Af* skin test positive or elevated *Af* IgE (>0.35 kUA/L)
 - Elevated total IgE levels (>1000 IU/mL)*
- Other criteria (at least two of three)
 - Presence of *Af* precipitating (or IgG) antibodies in serum
 - Radiographic pulmonary opacities consistent with ABPA†
 - Total eosinophil count >500 cells/ μ L in steroid naïve patients (may be historical)

*If the patient meets all other criteria, an IgE value < 1000 IU/mL may be acceptable

†Chest radiographic features consistent with ABPA may be transient or permanent

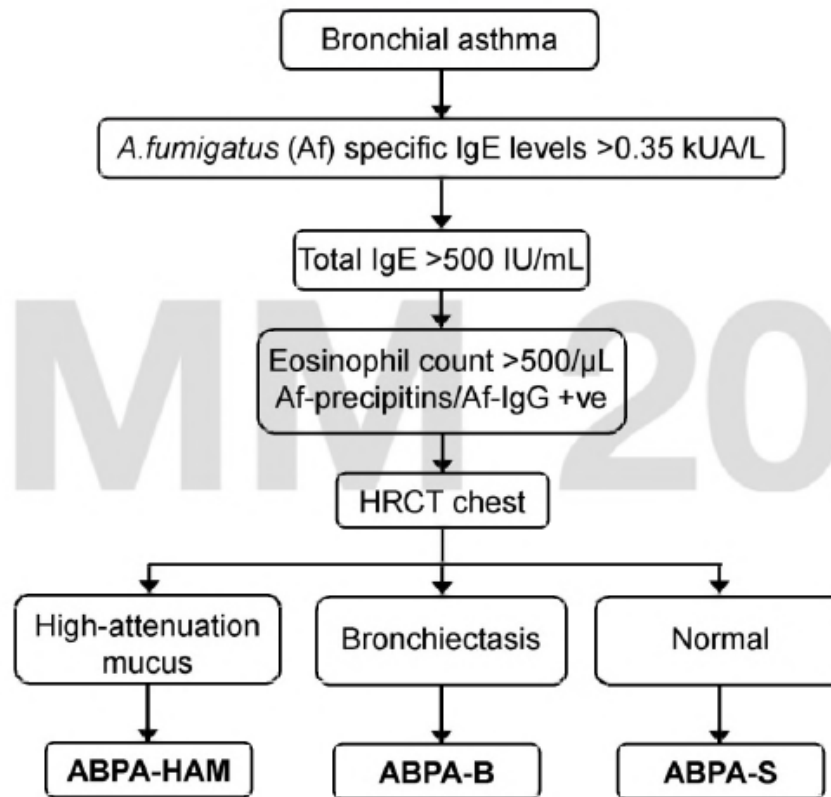
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Critères de l'ABPA au cours de la mucoviscidose

Critères classiques	Critères minimaux
Détérioration aiguë ou subaiguë et déclin de VEMS sans autre cause	Détérioration aiguë ou subaiguë et déclin de VEMS sans autre cause
IgE > 1000 IU/ml	IgE > 500 UI/L
Réactivité cutanée immédiate prick test Ou IgE spécifiques anti-aspergillaires	Réactivité cutanée immédiate prick test Ou IgE spécifiques anti-aspergillaires
Précipitines à A.fumigatus Ou IgG anti-A.fumigatus	Précipitines à A fumigatus Ou IgG anti-A fumigatus Ou Infiltrat pulmonaire nouveau ou récent
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Screening protocol at Chest Clinic



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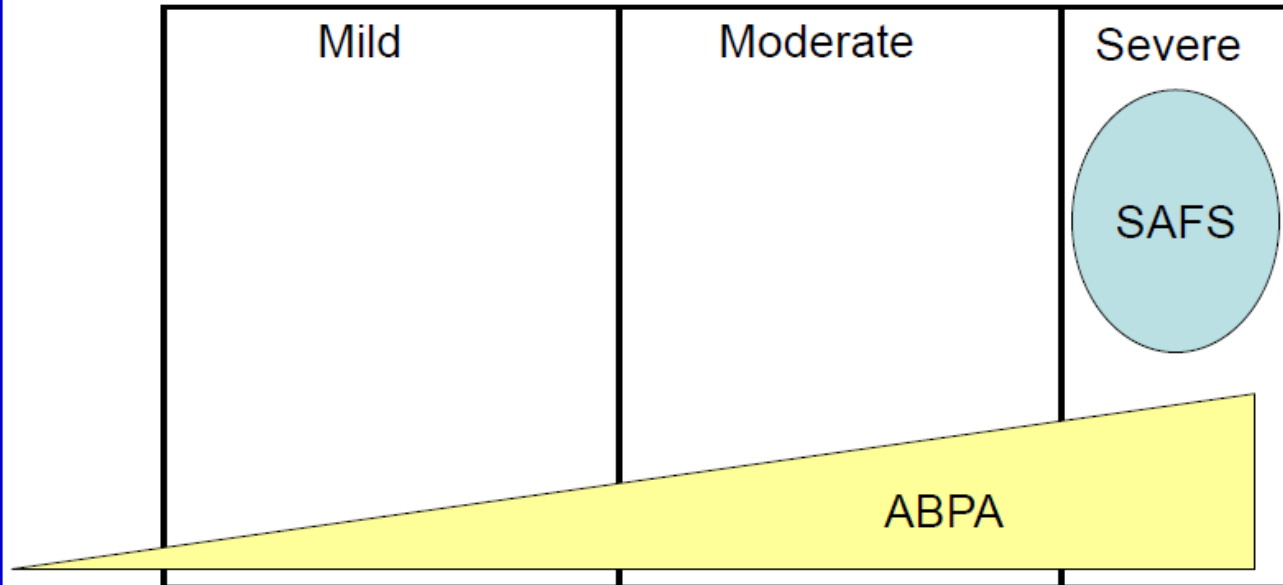
TABLE 4] Diagnosing ABPA

Diagnostic Criteria	Historically Included	Recent Modifications Highlight
Predisposing condition	Asthma	Cystic fibrosis
Demonstration of fungal sensitization	Sensitization to <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> Positive <i>Aspergillus</i> skin test or elevated IgE levels against <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	Sensitization can be to a variety of <i>Aspergillus</i> species or <u>other fungal organisms</u> Intradermal testing is more sensitive than skin prick The combination of serum <i>Aspergillus</i> IgE and skin testing is most sensitive
Elevated total serum IgE	Levels >1,000 IU/mL	<u>Levels may be lower</u> for patients on corticosteroids or in a less active phase of disease
Positive <i>Aspergillus</i> -specific serologies	Elevated serum <i>Aspergillus</i> IgE and positive precipitins	Quantitative <i>Aspergillus</i> IgG titers often replace precipitins testing
Radiographic changes	Opacities from mucous plugging Central bronchiectasis	High attenuation mucous plugging is pathognomonic <u>Not all patients have bronchiectasis</u> , particularly early in disease

See Table 1 for expansion of abbreviation.

ABPA, SAFS and asthma

All asthmatics



Bronchite aspergillaire

Table 2. Underlying pulmonary disease, comorbid conditions, and mannose binding lectin levels in patients with *Aspergillus* bronchitis

Underlying diseases	Number affected (%)
Pulmonary disease	<i>n</i> = 17
COPD ^a	6 (35)
Asthma ^a	4 (23)
Bronchiectasis ^b	12/14 (86)
Mucus impaction ^b	2 (12)
Lung cancer	1 (6)
Oral corticosteroids >10 mg/day	3 (18%)
Oral corticosteroids <10 mg/day	3 (18%)
Infliximab	1 (6%)
Inhaled corticosteroids	12 (70%)
Breast cancer radiotherapy	2 (12%)
Hyperthyroidism	2 (12%)
Gamma-IFN production low	1 (6%)
Alpha1 antitrypsin deficiency	1 (6%)
Type II diabetes mellitus	1 (6%)
Hypogammaglobulinemia	1 (6%)
Fibromyalgia	1 (6%)
Irritable bowel syndrome	1 (6%)
No comorbidity	2 (12%)
Mannose binding lectin levels (mg/L)	<i>N</i> = 16
>1 (normal)	7 (44%)
>0.5–<1 (possibly low)	3 (18%)
>0.1–<0.5 (low)	4 (24%)
<0.1 (undetectable)	2 (12%)

^aCOPD and asthma noted if severe and long established, otherwise probably underestimated.

^bBronchiectasis and mucus impaction as determined by HRCT.

COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; IFN, interferon.

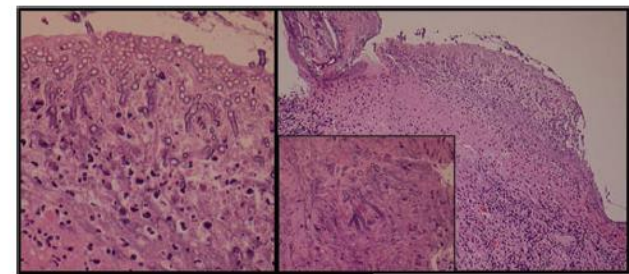


Figure 2. Transbronchial biopsy of patient 2 stained with H&E showing focal squamous metaplasia in the superficial layers of the bronchial epithelium (left panel). An area of ulceration covered by granulation tissue, with a superficial layer of fungal hyphae is seen from 12–3:00 o'clock. Deeper in the biopsy there is a chronic inflammatory cell infiltrate without eosinophilia. The inset shows septate branching hyphae typical of *Aspergillus* superficially within bronchial tissue.

Catégorisation

TABLE II. Average values of latent class variables for 130 triazole-naïve patients

	Class 1 (n = 49)	Class 2 (n = 23)	Class 3 (n = 19)	Class 4 (n = 39)
Average class probability	0.981	0.996	0.921	0.992
Median sIgG (mg/L) (SD)	36 (20)	112 (132)	47 (24)	98 (29)
Median sIgE (kUa/L) (SD)	0 (0.6)	13.2 (19.0)	5.2 (3.9)	0 (1.0)
Median tIgE (kUI/L) (SD)	28 (28)	690 (1230)	170 (98)	35 (157)
Mean RT-PCR C_t value ($38 - C_t$)* \pm SD	2.6 ± 3.3	8.2 ± 4.0	3.7 ± 3.3	7.1 ± 4.0
Probability of positive PCR	0.497	1.000	0.778	1.000
Mean GM index \pm SD	0.161 ± 0.19	2.544 ± 2.04	0.135 ± 0.17	2.960 ± 2.11
Probability of positive GM	0.004	0.946	0.000	1.000

sIgG, Specific *Aspergillus* IgG; tIgE, total IgE.

*The RT-PCR C_t limit of blank is 38. To facilitate comparisons between GM and RT-PCR, the actual C_t value is shown as $38 - C_t$ and so higher numbers reflect increasing *Aspergillus* DNA concentrations.

Af négatif
38%

ABPA
18%

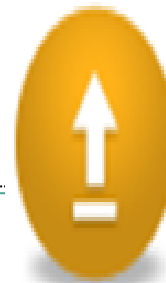
Af Allergie
15%

Af bronchitis
30%

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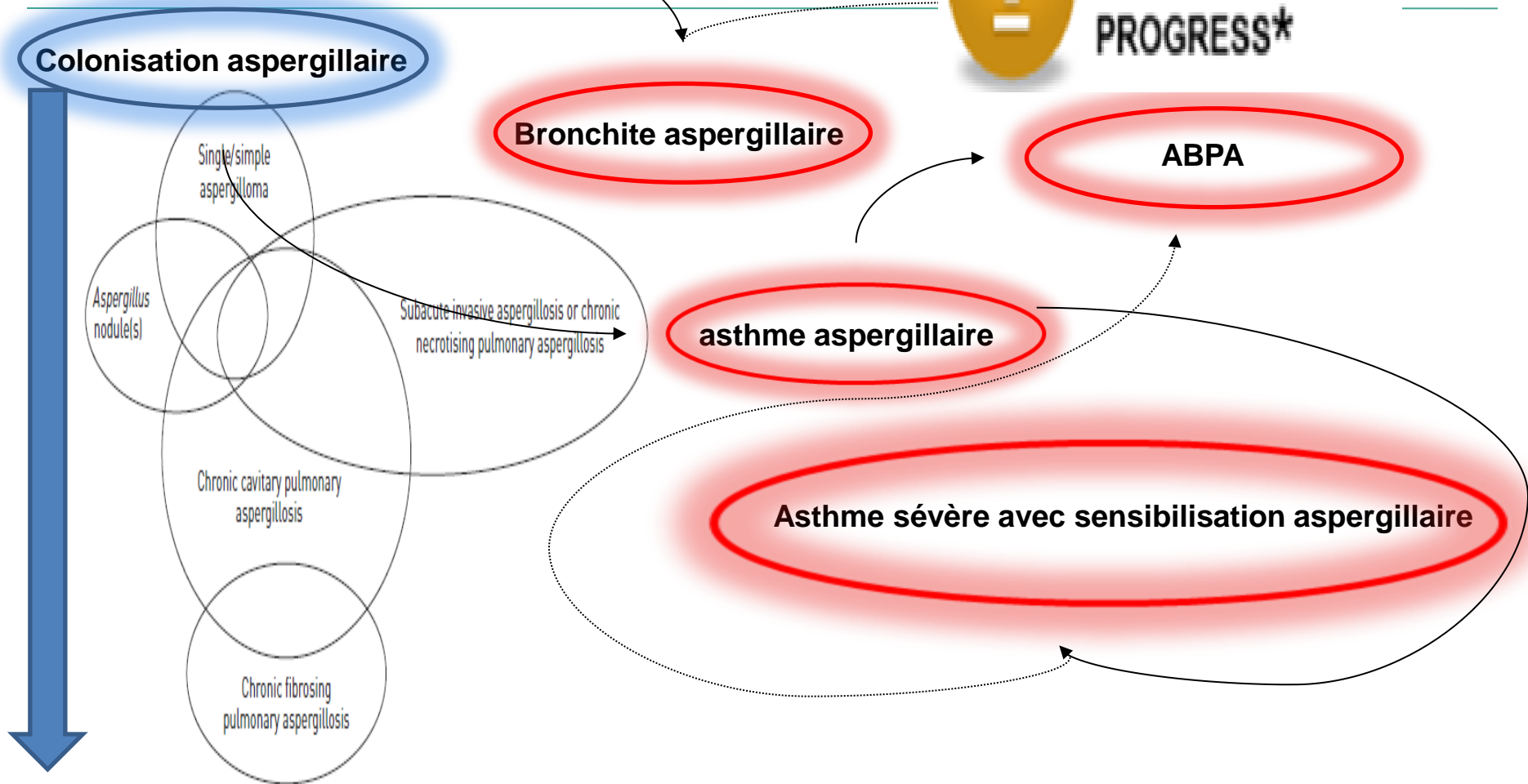
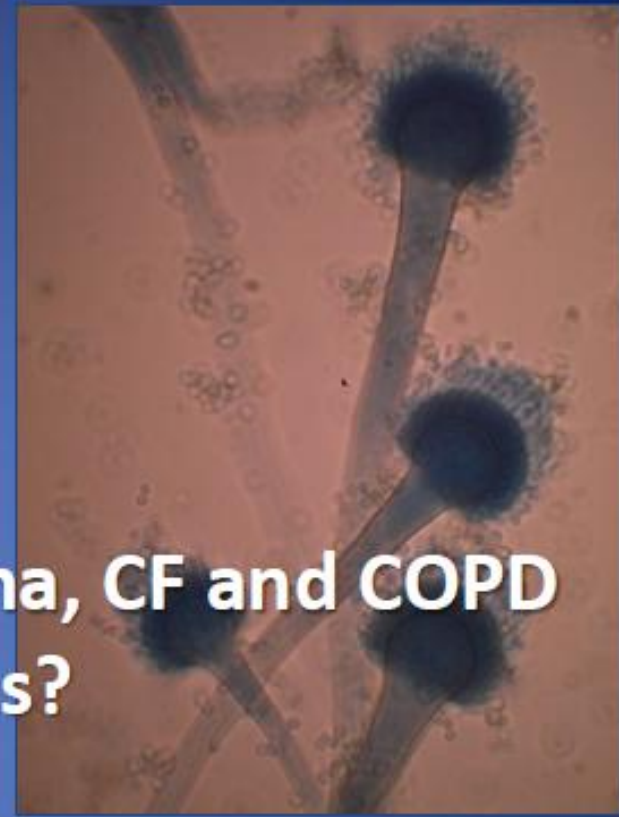


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Culture and sensitisation in asthma, CF and COPD – what does it tell us?



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