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Clinical features and settings	Children and young adults (<20 years) with cancer or haematological disorders with fever (>38.5°C or >38.0°C from more than 1 hour) and neutropenia (ANC <0.5X10 ⁹ /L) admitted to a single hospital.
Participants	141 FN episodes in 69 patients (123 episodes had usable data).64/69 patients had cancer. 55% of patients had haematological cancer. Median age was 7.67 years.
Study design	Prospective observational study. Unclear whether consecutive or random sample. Germany.
Target condition and reference standard(s)	Documented infection: bacteraemia (positive blood culture) or febrile episode of five days or more (these patients were presumed to have either a serious infection or signs of clinical sepsis - without microbiologically documented infection).
Index and comparator tests	CRP (on the first day of fever): threshold 10 mg/l.
Follow-up	Blood samples were taken within 24 hours of the start of fever and then daily.
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