

EI-Maghraby 2007

Clinical features and settings	Children with haematological cancer fever ($>38.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ or $>38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ on 2 occasions during 6 hours) and neutropenia ($\text{ANC} < 0.5 \times 10^9/\text{L}$), who received chemotherapy at a single institution between 2004 to 2005
Participants	85 FN episodes in 76 children. Mean age was 7.8 years for those with fever of unknown origin and 6.8 years for those with documented infection. All had haematological malignancy. There was a documented infection in 59/85 FN episodes.
Study design	Prospective observational study. Unclear whether consecutive or random sample. Egypt
Target condition and reference standard(s)	Documented infection: positive blood cultures and/or documented clinical sepsis and/or local infection.
Index and comparator tests	CRP, threshold 90 mg/l (normal value defined as $<6\text{mg/l}$)
Follow-up	Tests were done within the first 24 hours of admission. All patients were followed until day 8 from admission or until discharge from hospital, whichever was the longest.
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