

**Engel 1998**

<b>Clinical features and settings</b>	Adult patients (>14 years) with haematological malignancy admitted to hospital for chemotherapy and expected to develop neutropenia ( $ANC < 1.0 \times 10^9/L$ ) who developed fever ( $>38.5^\circ C$ or $38.0^\circ C$ in consecutive readings).
<b>Participants</b>	191 neutropenic episodes (104 with fever) developed in 97 patients. Median age was 47 years. All had haematological malignancy.
<b>Study design</b>	Prospective observational study, consecutive sample. Germany
<b>Target condition and reference standard(s)</b>	Clinically documented infection: fever with a clinical focus such as radiologically proven pneumonia but without microbial evidence for a causative organism. Unexplained fever: fever without documented microbiological cause and without clinical focus. Microbiologically documented infection: fever with a proven causative organism with or without a clinical focus.
<b>Index and comparator tests</b>	CRP (measured around the onset of fever) - median and range reported according to infection group.
<b>Follow-up</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	Use for continuous analysis of CRP versus time