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Clinical features and settings	Adult patients (>16 years) with haematological cancer, fever (> 38.3°C or > 38°C for at least an hour) and neutropenia (<0.5 X10 ⁹ /L or predicted to fall to this value). Study period was 2001 to 2002
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Evidence review: prevention and management of neutropenic sepsis in cancer patients

Participants	45 episodes in 36 patients. All had haematological cancer, median age was 48 years. 9/45 had bacteraemia. 15/45 episodes were classed as severe.
Study design	Observational study (unclear whether prospective or whether consecutive/random sample). Turkey.
Target condition and reference standard(s)	Severe sepsis: defined as fever of more than 7 days, or with shock, or complex infection. Reference standard was clinical follow up.
Index and comparator tests	Blood samples were obtained on the first day of fever (after admission?) CRP: threshold 6 mg/L Procalcitonin: threshold 0.5 ng/mL
Follow-up	
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