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Clinical features and settings	Children with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia, with fever (>38.5°C or >38°C over 6 hours) and neutropenia (ANC <0.5X10 ⁹ /l)
Participants	94 FN episodes in 20 children. All had haemological malignancy. Mean age was 5.8 years.
Study design	Observational study (unclear whether prospective or consecutive/random sample). Italy.
Target condition and reference standard(s)	Documented infection: defined as microbiologically documented infection or clinically documented infection.
Index and comparator tests	CRP, threshold 5 mg/ml
Follow-up	Blood samples were collected on admission and then daily for 7 days.
Notes	The quoted threshold 5mg/ml equates to 5000mg/l (extremely high!). For the analysis I assumed the threshold was 5mg/dl or 50mg/l.