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Clinical features and settings	Adult haematological cancer inpatients with fever (>38.3°C or >38°C for at least an hour) and neutropenia (ANC <0.5 X 10 ⁹ /L or expected to fall to this value), treated at a single hospital between 2004 and 2006.
Participants	52 FN episodes in 52 patients. All had haematological cancer. 26/52 (50%) had severe infection. Mean age was 40.8 years for those with severe infection and 40.0 years for those without.
Study design	Observational study, consecutive sample (unclear whether prospective). Brazil
Target condition and reference standard(s)	Severe infection: defined as fever plus documented infection (using CDC criteria) or clinical signs of sepsis.
Index and comparator tests	Tests were done before the initiation of empirical antibiotic therapy CRP, thresholds used: 21.3, 40.0, 72.0, 140.0, 173.0 and 214.50 mg/L.
Follow-up	Patients were followed up until clinical resolution (death or discharge from hospital)
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