

# Recent biotherapies and infections

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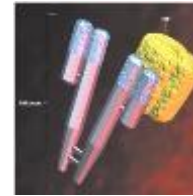


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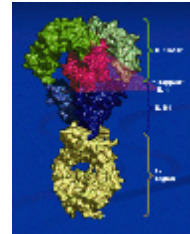
# Glossary of biologics

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- Monoclonal antibodies *--mab*



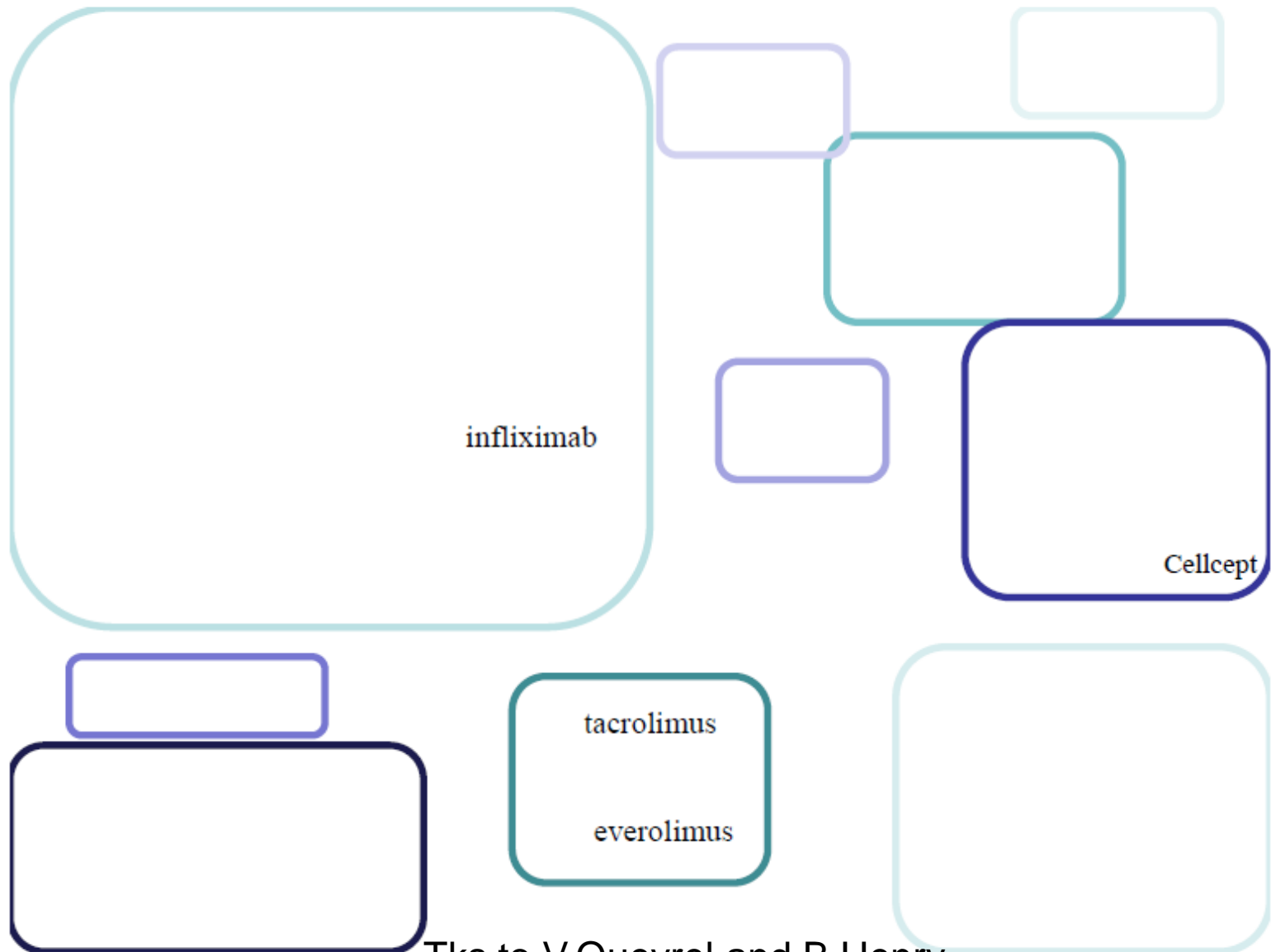
- Fusion proteins: *--cept*



- Receptor analogs proteins: *--ra*



# At biotherapy onset: « 1 mab, 1 cept, 2 mus ! »



Tks to V. Queyrel and B Henry

# And then...

## Anticorps monoclonaux

efalizumab      ibrutumomab      rituximab  
certolizumab    incirumab    sevikumab  
                  bapineuzumab      mapatumumab  
pascolizumab      stamulumab      Belimumab  
  alemtusumab  
            Nebacumab      efungumab      votumumab  
                  besilesomab      abagovomab      trastusumab  
biciromab  
                                  enlimomab      ibrutinomab  
bevacizumab      denosumab      infliximab  
            adalimumab      ertumaxomab  
            capromab      urtoxazumab      natalizumab  
Denosumab      abciximab      basiliximab

## Inh R EDT

Bosentan  
Sixtasentan  
Ambrisantan

## Inh Angiogénèse

pegaptanib  
bevasiranib

## Anti Tiroline kinaseK

gefitinib      erlotinib  
imatinib      canertinib  
mubritinib      sunitinib

## Recepteurs et antogoniste

Anakinra      alefacept      niloncept  
  belatacept  
mirococept      etanercept  
            pifarcept      abatacept  
  alvircept  
            briobacept      Cellcept

## Inh Protéasome

bortezomib  
carfilzomib

## Immunosupresseur

napirimus  
tacrolimus  
guserimus  
sirolimus  
everolimus  
temsirolimus

## F Hémato stimulant

daniplestim      mirimostim  
regramostim      Figrastim  
ecogramostim  
            lenograstim  
sagramostim

## Facteurs de croissance

telbermin      tasonermin  
                  sonermin  
dibotermin      becaplermin  
                  murodermin  
ersofermin      mecasermin  
                  cetermin

# Biologics targeting soluble immune effector molecules

- **Pro-inflammatory cytokines**

- **TNF- $\alpha$**                       infliximab, adalimumab, golimumab, certolizumab pegol, etanercept
- **IFN- $\gamma$**                         fontolizumab

- **Interleukins and their corresponding receptors**

- **IL-1 $\beta$**                             canakinumab, anakinra, rilonacept, gevokizumab
- **IL-5**                              mepolizumab, reslizumab
- **IL-6**                              tocilizumab, siltuxumab, olamkicept
- **IL-12/23**                        ustekinumab
- **IL-17A**                         secukinumab, ixekizumab, brodalumab

- **Immunoglobulins**

- **IgE**                                omalizumab

- **Complement factors**

- **C5**                                eculizumab

# Biologics targeting cell surface receptors and antigens

## • Growth factor receptors

- ErbB2/HER2 trastuzumab, pertuzumab
- EGFR cetuximab, panitumumab
- VEGFR ramucirumab

## • Inhibitory coreceptors (immune checkpoints)

- CTLA-4 ipilimumab, tremelimumab
- PD-1/PD-L1 nivolumab, pembrolizumab, atezolizumab

## • Cell-adhesion molecules

- $\alpha 4$  integrins natalizumab, vedolizumab
- CD11a efalizumab

## • Chemokine receptors

- CCR4 mogalizumab

## • Lymphoid and myeloid cells surface antigens

- CD19 blinatumomab, inebilizumab, combotox
- CD20 rituximab,  $^{131}\text{I}$ -tositumomab, ocrelizumab, ofatumumab, veltuzumab, ocrelizumab, obinutuzumab, ocaratmomab,
- CD22 epratuzumab, inotuzumab ozogamicin, moxetumomab pasidotox, combotox
- CD28 abatacept
- CD30 brentuximab vedotin
- CD33 gemtuzumab ozogamicin
- CD38 daratumumab, isatuxumab
- CD40 lucatumumab, dacetuzumab
- CD52 alemtuzumab SLAMF7 elotuzumab

# Biologics targeting intracellular signalling pathways

- **Cell-surface receptor-associated tyrosine kinases**

- **VEGF receptor** sorafenib, sunitinib, axitinib, pazopanib, regorafenib, cabozantinib
- **ErbB receptor** erlotinib, gefitinib, afatinib, osimertinib, lapatinib, neratinib
- **Bruton's TK** ibrutinib, acalabrutinib

- **Signalling pathway-associated tyrosine kinases**

- **BCR-ABL** imatinib, dasatinib, nilotinib, bosutinib, ponatinib
- **BRAF/MEK** vemurafenib, dabrafenib, trametinib, cobimetinib, selumetinib, encorafenib
- **Bruton's TK** **ibrutinib**, acalabrutinib
- **PI3K** idelalisib, buparlisib, rigosertib, duvelisib
- **Janus kinases** **tofacitinib**, **ruxolitinib**, **baricitinib**

- **Other signalling pathway-associated molecules**

- **mTOR** everolimus, temsirolimus



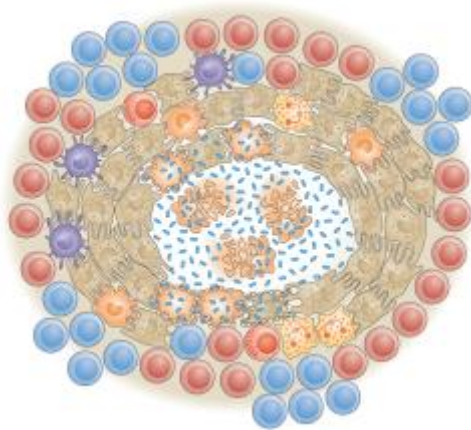
# Infectious risk of biologics depends on...

- Mechanism of action: the presumable impact on immune response...
- Structure of the drug
- What has been evidenced during experimental infections/primary immunodeficiencies
- Epidemiology of pathogens

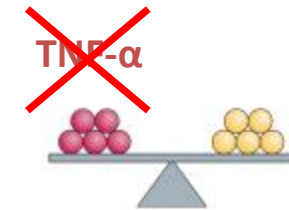
# Impact on immune response

## Infliximab

Monoclonal antibody targeting TNF- $\alpha$



Tuberculous granuloma



Balance between pro-inflammatory and anti-inflammatory mediators



Resolved granuloma

# Structure of the drug

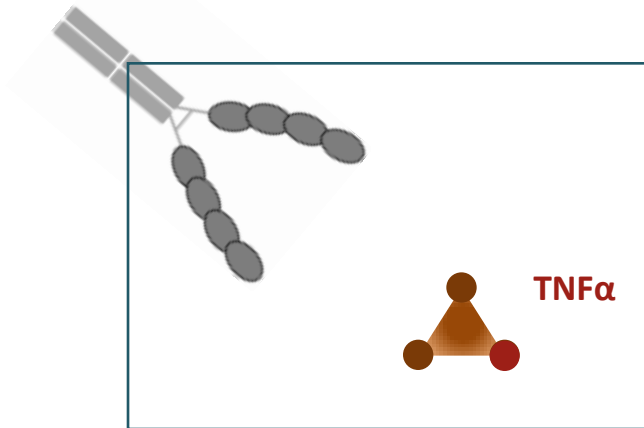
## Etanercept

Dimeric soluble form of TNF- $\alpha$  receptor linked to hinge and Fc portions of IgG1

Rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, juvenile arthritis, spondylitis, psoriasis

Embrel<sup>®</sup>

50 mg twice weekly for 12 weeks



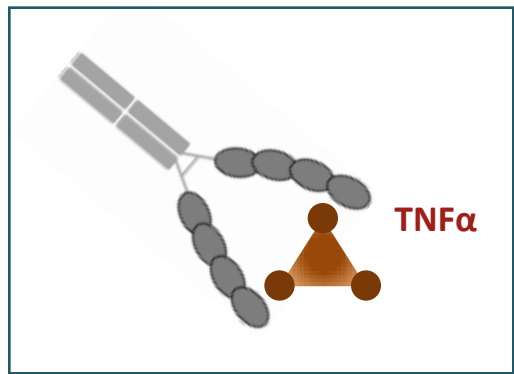
51-kDa homotrimer allowing simultaneous binding to 3 receptor molecules

**one receptor-binding site remains free**

**1:1 stoichiometric complexes**

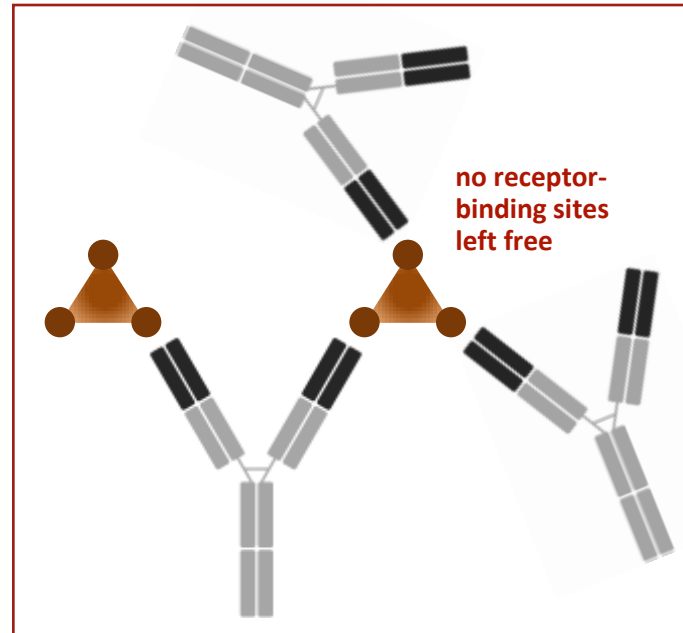
# Structure of the drug

## Etanercept versus anti-TNF $\alpha$ mAbs



1:1 stoichiometric complexes

lower infection risk  
with etanercept



3:1 stable complexes

# Structure of the drug

## *Anti-CD20 monoclonal antibodies*

### First generation

Rituximab

<sup>90</sup>Y-ibritumomab

murine or chimeric antibodies

### Second generation

Ofatumumab

Ocrelizumab

Veltuzumab

<sup>131</sup>I-tositumomab

humanized or fully human antibodies  
with reduced immunogenicity

### Third generation

Obinutuzumab

Ocaratuzumab

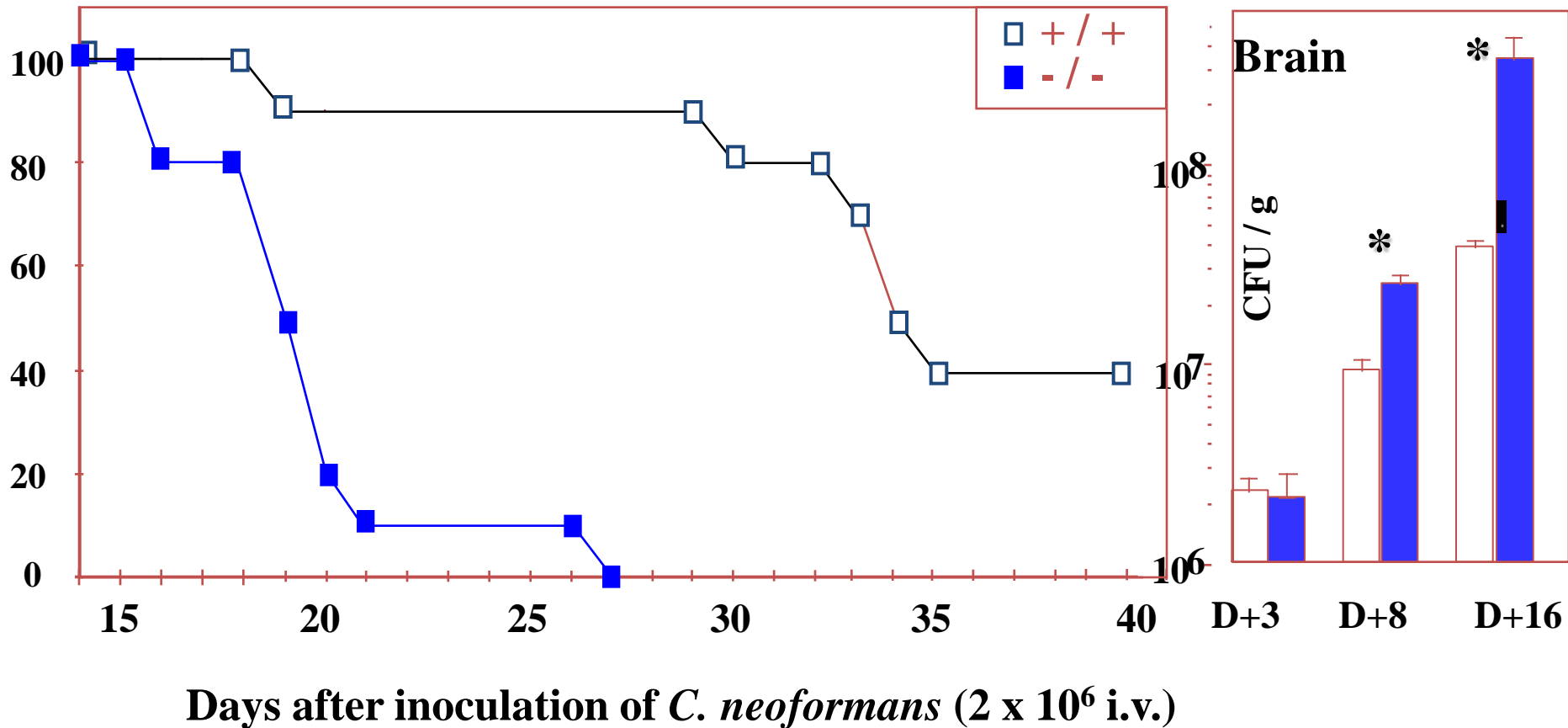
antibodies with an engineered Fc  
region to boost CDC and ADCC



Increasing B-cell depletion  
Increasing potential for HGG

# What has been evidenced during experimental infections

## Cryptococcosis more severe in KO TNF- $\alpha$ /Lt- $\alpha$ mice



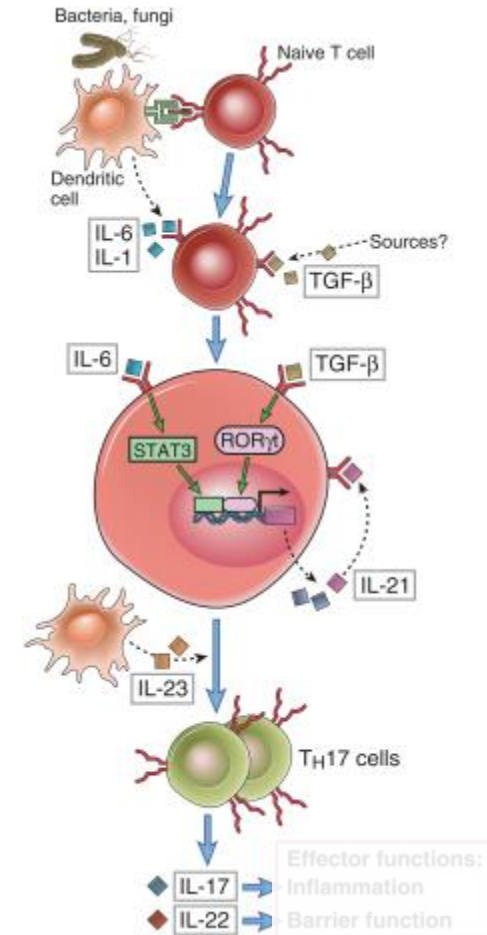
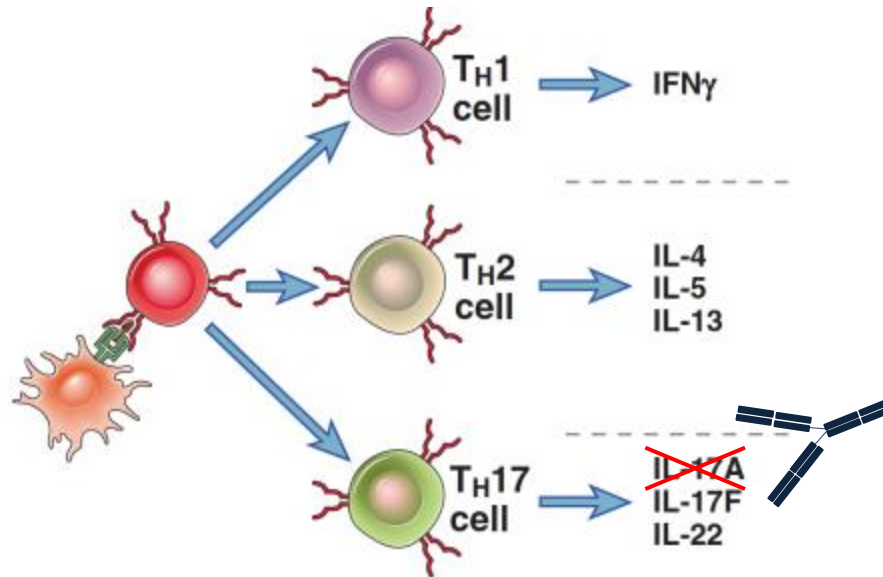
# What has been evidenced during primary immune deficiencies

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Plaque psoriasis, ankylosing spondylitis and psoriatic arthritis

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## Chronic mucocutaneous candidiasis

Inherited deficiencies in the IL-17 pathway



Saunte et al. *Br J Dermatol* 2016;45:345-56.  
Huppler, et al. *Curr Opin Allergy Clin Immunol* 2012;12:616-22.



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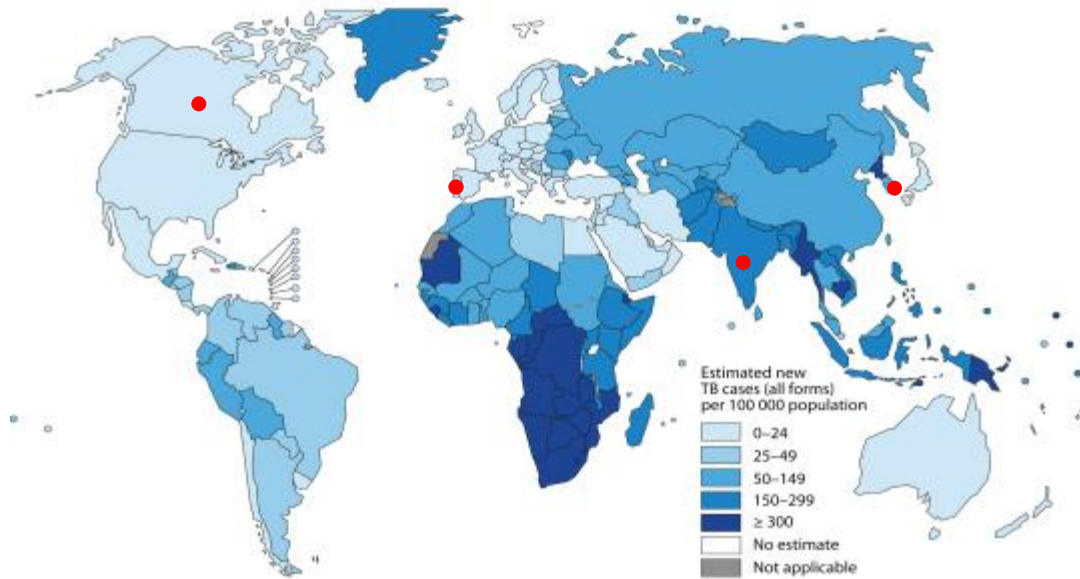
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	Total no. patients included	Mild to moderate <i>Candida</i> infection (%)						Severe <i>Candida</i> infections (%)	Overall (%)
		Vulvovaginal /genital	Oral	Skin	Esophageal	Nail	Unknown infection site		
Secukinumab	4,277	7 (0.2%)	15 (0.4%)	2 (0.05%)	2 (0.05%)	0 (0%)	56 (1.3%)	1 (0.02%)	83 (2.1%)
Brodalumab	4,431	0 (0%)	7 (0.2%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.02%)	0 (0%)	169 (3.8%)	0 (0%)	177 (4.0%)
Ixekizumab	4,113	40 (1.0%)	63 (1.5%)	20 (0.5%)	2 (0.05%)	1 (0.025%)	9 (0.2%)	0 (0%)	135 (3.3%)
Etanercept	1,065	4 (0.4%)	1 (0.1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (0.4%)	0 (0%)	9 (0.8%)
Ustekinumab	613	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	14 (2.3%)	0 (0%)	14 (2.3%)
Placebo	2,323	3 (0.1%)	2 (0.09%)	1 (0.04%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.04%)	0 (0%)	7 (0.3%)

# Epidemiology of pathogens

## TNF $\alpha$ blockers

Tuberculosis incidence rates in the overall population



### Canada

2.19 x 1,000 patient-years

### Portugal

13.3 x 1,000 patient-years

### South Korea

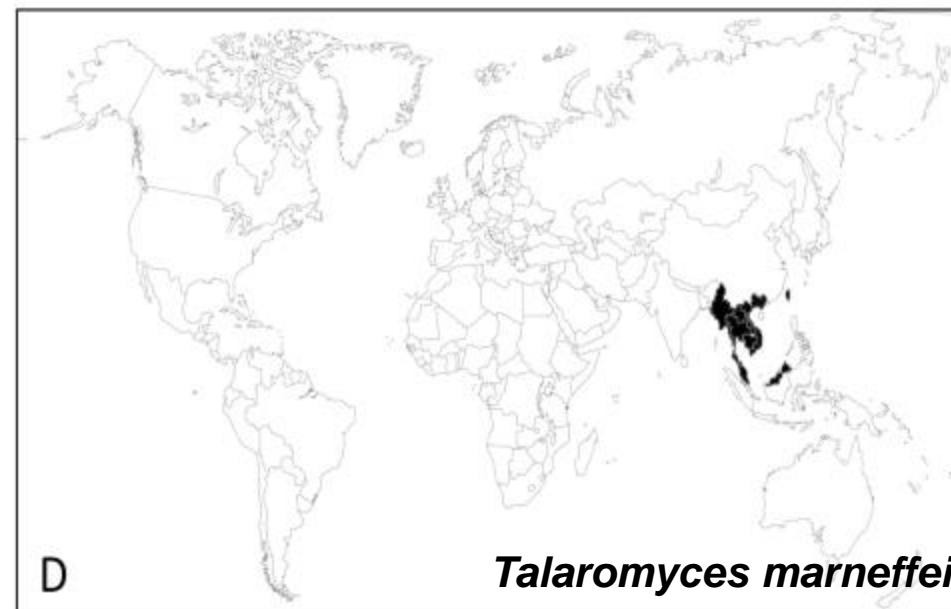
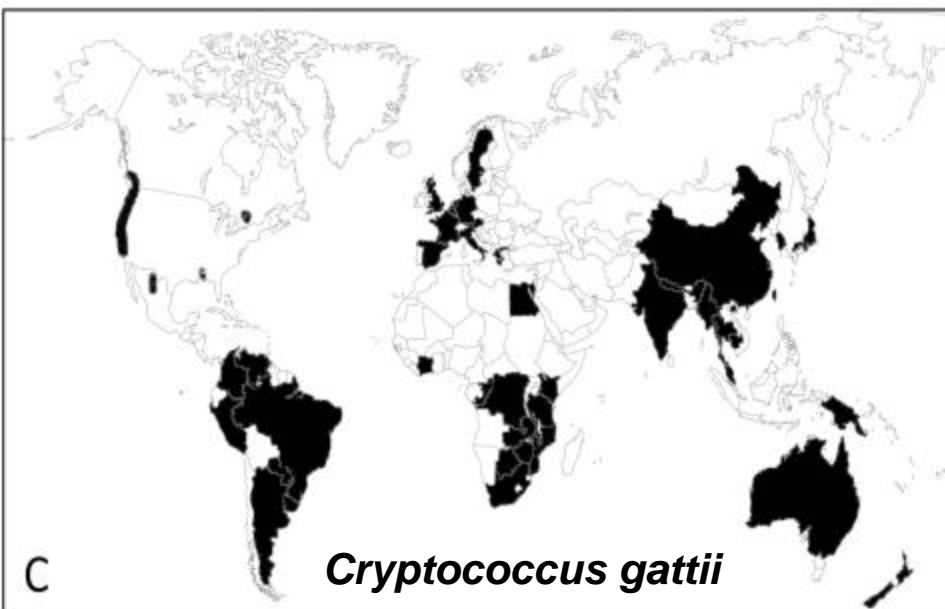
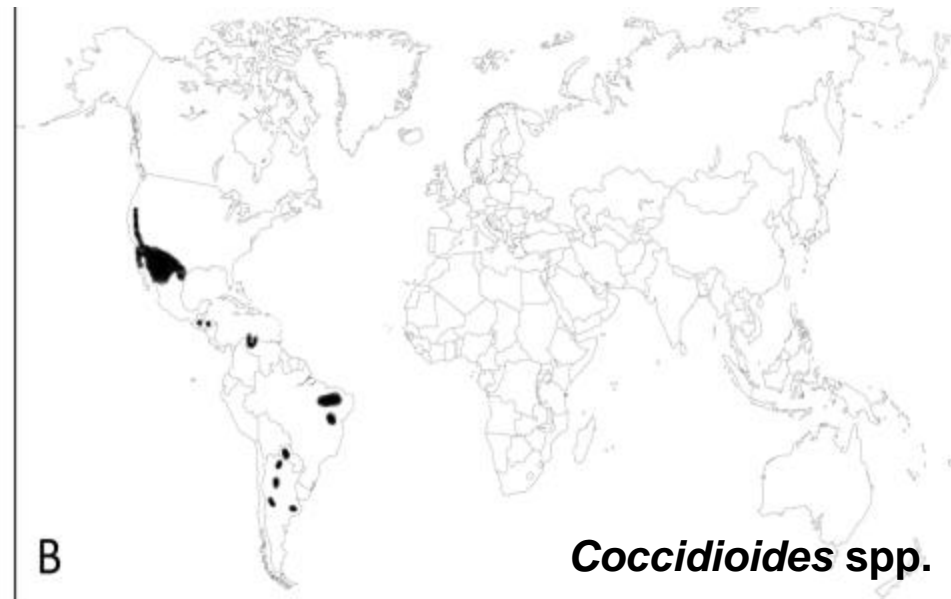
19.9 x 1,000 patient-years

### India

8.8% of treated patients

# RA patients receiving biologics and worldwide fungal risk

Lortholary O *et al.* CID 2013



# Biotherapy in rheumatoid arthritis

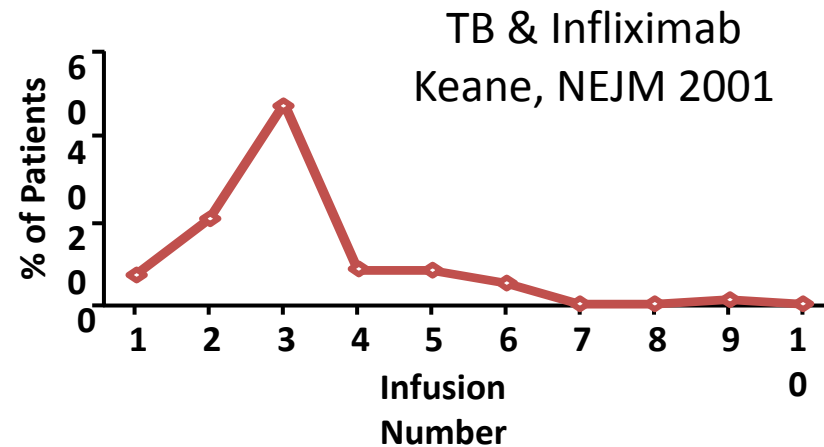
- **Biological (targeted) therapies**

- Improved quality of life
- Increased the risk of infection by 1.7
- Increased serious infections [Ramiro ARD 2017] and hospitalizations
- Mostly during first year
- Serious infections: leading global cause of death

- **Particular concern:**

- Severe bacterial infections
- Mycobacterial / Fungal infections
- Zoster / HBV replication
- Travel-associated infections

- **Definition of OI** [Winthrop, ARD 2015]



# Biologics-related infections and RA: not so easy to decipher !

Infections are increased in RA patients

High rate of co-morbidities in patients (diabetes, etc.)

Immunosuppressant use associated with disease severity  
(confounding by indication)

Pts receive multiple immunosuppressant (impact of steroids?)

How do we best to determine risk of individual drug?

**Randomized clinical trials** are not typically powered to detect adverse events such as rare infections

For registration

Relatively low number of highly selected patients with a limited exposure to the tested drug

## **Registries**

- Heterogenous but real life patients
- Bigger sample size for detecting a rare event

# Infectious complications may not be observed during pivotal studies

## Infliximab

Monoclonal antibody targeting TNF- $\alpha$

IBD, rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, spondylitis, psoriasis

Remicade<sup>®</sup> 3-5 mg/Kg at weeks 0, 2 and 6

Randomised double-blind comparison of chimeric monoclonal antibody to tumour necrosis factor  $\alpha$  (cA2) versus placebo in rheumatoid arthritis

THE LANCET

**No reports on the occurrence of tuberculosis in patients treated with infliximab**

The New England Journal of Medicine

INFLIXIMAB AND METHOTREXATE IN THE TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

The New England Journal of Medicine

INFLIXIMAB FOR THE TREATMENT OF FISTULAS IN PATIENTS WITH CROHN'S DISEASE

Elliot et al. *Lancet* 1994;344:1105-10.  
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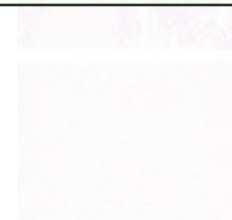
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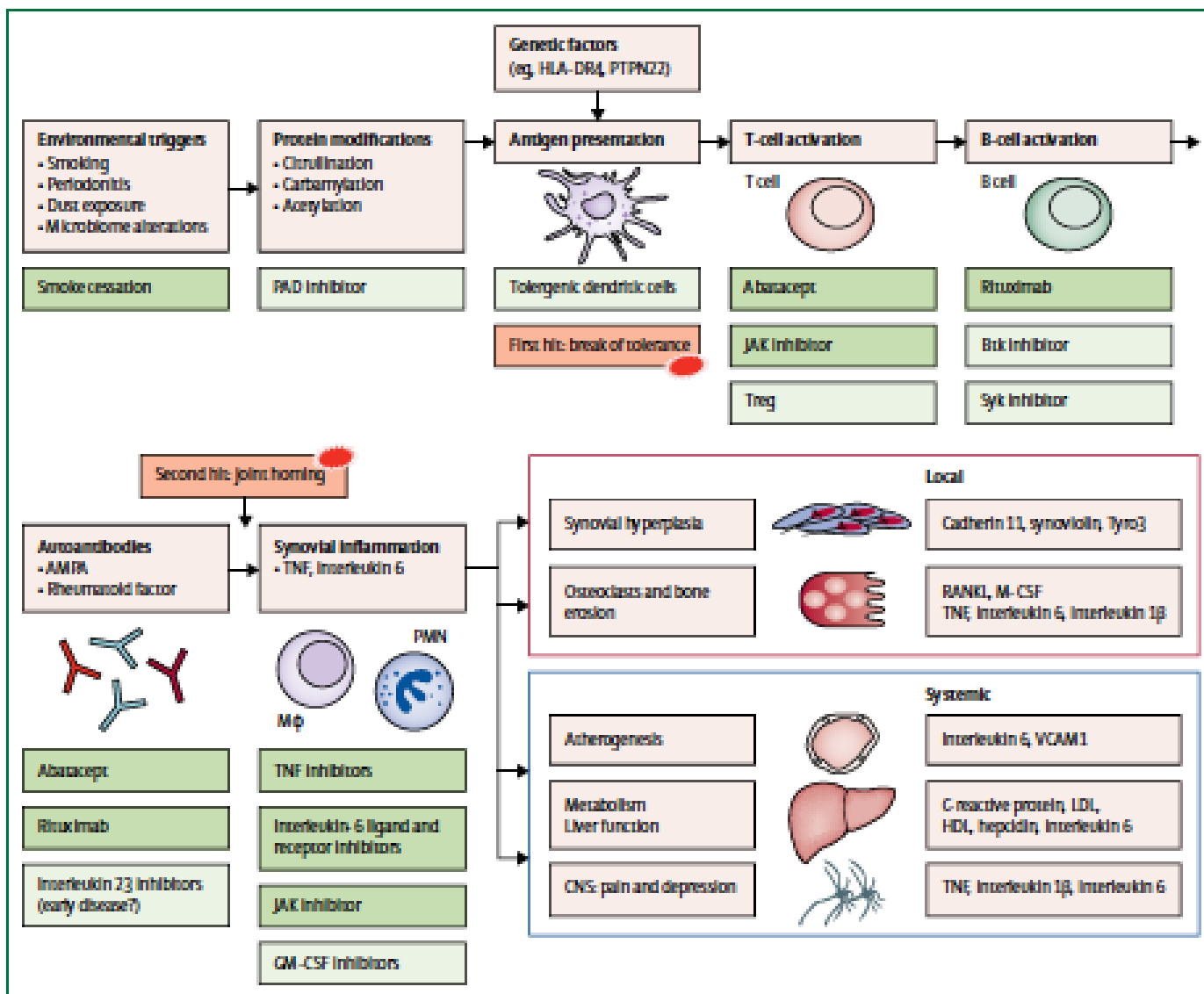
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Data from the FDA's Adverse Events Reporting System (spontaneous AE reporting program)



Keane et al. *N Engl J Med* 2001;345:1098-104.

# Current and future therapeutic approaches in RA



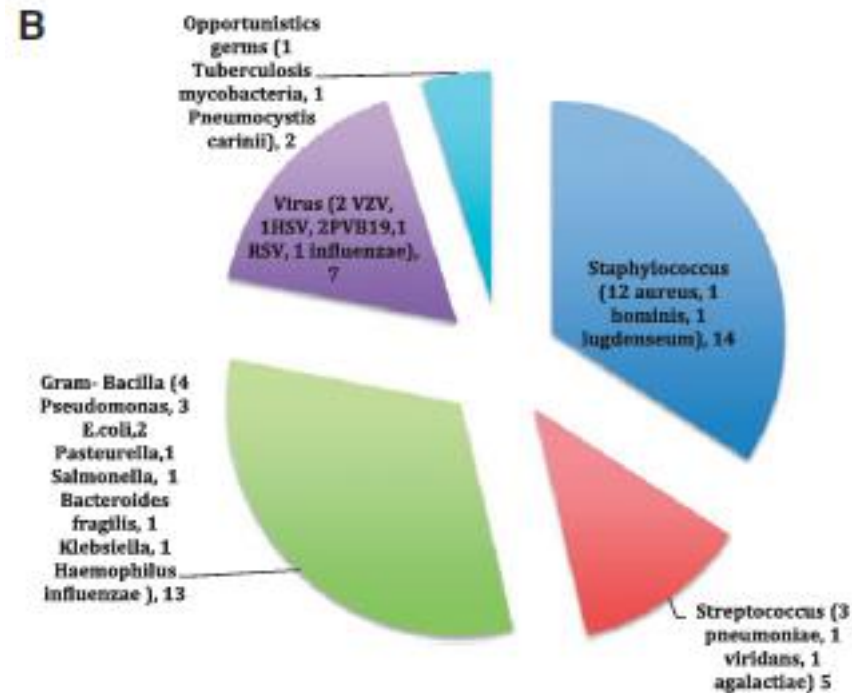
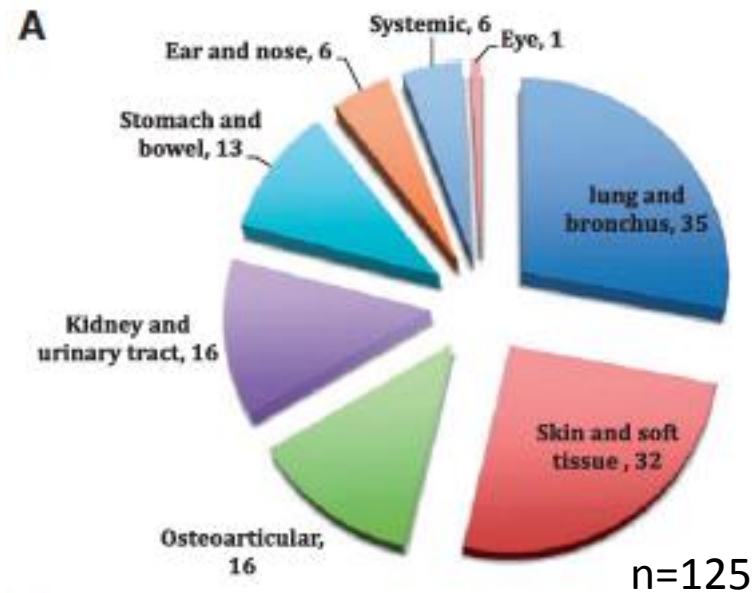


Original article

**Risk factors of serious infections in patients with rheumatoid arthritis treated with tocilizumab in the French Registry REGATE**

Jacques Morel<sup>1</sup>, Arnaud Constantin<sup>2</sup>, Gabriel Baron<sup>3</sup>, Emmanuelle Dernis<sup>4</sup>, René Marc Flipo<sup>5</sup>, Stéphanie Rist<sup>6</sup>, Bernard Combe<sup>1</sup>, Jacques Eric Gottenberg<sup>7</sup>, Thierry Schaevebeke<sup>8</sup>, Martin Soubrier<sup>9</sup>, Olivier Vittecoq<sup>10</sup>, Maxime Dougados<sup>11</sup>, Alain Saraux<sup>12</sup>, Xavier Mariette<sup>13</sup>, Philippe Ravaud<sup>3</sup> and Jean Sibilia<sup>7</sup>

1491 pts, TCZ mean duration 12.8 mo



Risk factors at baseline	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	P-value
Age, per 10years	1.14 (0.99, 1.32)	0.064
Disease duration, per 6 months	1.07 (0.96, 1.19)	0.21
APCA positive	0.56 (0.36, 0.88)	0.012
Initial ANC >5.0G/l	1.94 (1.32, 2.85)	0.001
DMARDS combination, n (%)		
None	1	
MTX alone	1.14 (0.76, 1.71)	0.53
LEF alone	2.18 (1.22, 3.88)	0.009
Other	0.84 (0.33, 2.14)	0.72

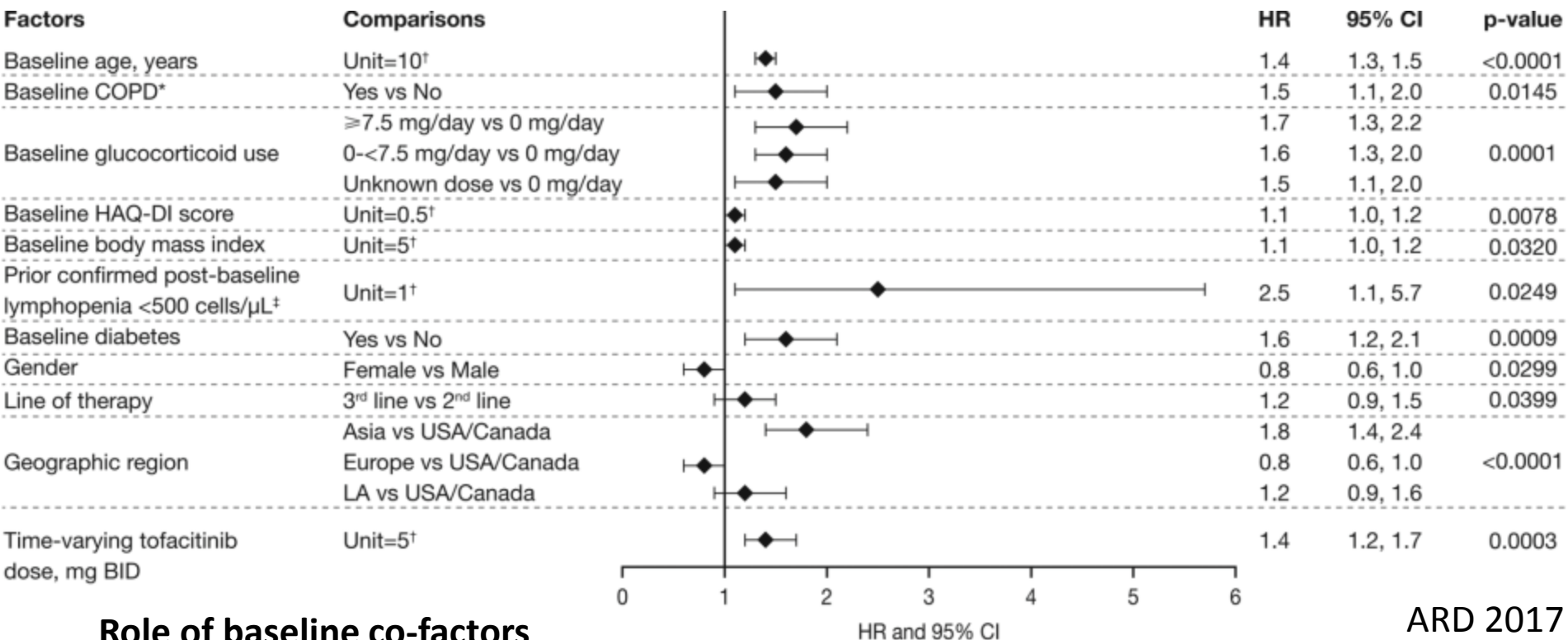
Incidence 4.7/100 pt-years (4.1 Abatacept, 5 Rituximab, 3-6 anti-TNF)

n=41

# Long-term safety of tofacitinib for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis up to 8.5 years: integrated analysis of data from the global clinical trials

Stanley B Cohen,<sup>1</sup> Yoshiya Tanaka,<sup>2</sup> Xavier Mariette,<sup>3</sup> Jeffrey R Curtis,<sup>4</sup>  
 Eun Bong Lee,<sup>5</sup> Peter Nash,<sup>6</sup> Kevin L Winthrop,<sup>7</sup> Christina Charles-Schoeman,<sup>8</sup>  
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 Lisy Wang,<sup>11</sup> Richard Riese,<sup>11</sup> Jürgen Wollenhaupt<sup>12</sup>

**Phase I to III up to March 2015; 6194 pts, 3.4 yrs**  
**IR serious infections 2.7 (2.5-3); Herpes zoster 3.9 (3.6-4.2); 92% monodermatome**  
**IR OI 0.3, tuberculosis 0.2; no significant increase overtime**



# Steroids increase the infectious risk in RA

40,933 eligible RA pts, 53 yrs, 77.4% women

	No GC	Very low dose GC <sup>a</sup> (≤5.0 mg)	Low-dose GC (≤7.5 mg)	High-dose GC (>7.5 mg)	Very high dose GC <sup>b</sup> (>20.0 mg)
<b>All ages</b>					
Total patient-years	23,654.2	4375.4	4603.1	1211.6	45.0
IR per 100 patient-years (95% CI)	3.9 (3.63–4.13)	6.4 (5.65–7.17)	6.4 (5.68–7.16)	13.3 (11.32–15.51)	24.5 (12.21–43.76)
<b>Ages &lt;65 years</b>					
Total patient-years	20,085.2	3463.1	3634.0	995.2	35.8
IR per 100 patient-years (95% CI)	3.2 (2.91–3.40)	4.7 (4.04–5.52)	4.7 (4.00–5.44)	11.7 (9.63–13.98)	22.3 (9.64–43.98)
<b>Ages ≥65 years</b>					
Total patient-years	3,569.0	912.3	969.1	216.4	9.1
IR per 100 patient-years (95% CI)	8.0 (7.06–8.94)	12.6 (10.41–15.13)	12.8 (10.64–15.26)	20.8 (15.17–27.83)	32.9 (6.77–95.99)

**Risks of smoking and benefits of smoking cessation on hospitalisations for cardiovascular events and respiratory infection in patients with rheumatoid arthritis: a retrospective cohort study using the Clinical Practice Research Datalink**

Rebecca M Joseph,<sup>1,2</sup> Mohammad Movahedi,<sup>2</sup> William G Dixon,<sup>2,3,4</sup> Deborah PM Symmons<sup>2,4</sup>

# Look for infectious sources: exogenous !

**UK primary care electronic health records/hospital inpatient data**

**5677 RA pts, median age 61 years**

**RA patients should stop smoking !**

**Table 6** Cox regression analysis for time to first hospitalised respiratory tract infection after rheumatoid arthritis diagnosis

	<b>Unadjusted, HR (95% CI)</b>	<b>Age-adjusted and sex-adjusted, HR (95% CI)</b>	<b>Fully adjusted*, HR (95% CI)</b>
<b>Smoking status</b>			
Current vs never	1.62 (1.28 to 2.06)	2.18 (1.71 to 2.78)	1.78 (1.38 to 2.29)
Current vs former	0.79 (0.64 to 0.97)	1.34 (1.09 to 1.67)	1.29 (1.04 to 1.61)
Former vs never	2.06 (1.69 to 2.52)	1.62 (1.32 to 1.99)	1.38 (1.12 to 1.7)
<b>Smoking cessation</b>			
Per year since cessation, light smoker	0.92 (0.84 to 1.01)	0.86 (0.78 to 0.94)	0.84 (0.76 to 0.92)
Per year since cessation, heavy smoker	0.91 (0.82 to 1)	0.83 (0.75 to 0.92)	0.83 (0.75 to 0.92)
Heavy vs light smoker†	1.43 (0.9 to 2.27)	1.95 (1.21 to 3.14)	1.37 (0.82 to 2.26)
Interaction‡	0.98 (0.9 to 1.08)	0.96 (0.88 to 1.06)	0.99 (0.9 to 1.09)

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VIEWPOINTS



# Call for Action: Invasive Fungal Infections Associated With Ibrutinib and Other Small Molecule Kinase Inhibitors Targeting Immune Signaling Pathways

**Georgios Chamilos,<sup>1,2</sup> Michail S. Lionakis,<sup>3</sup> and Dimitrios P. Kontoyiannis<sup>4</sup>**

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# One fungus may hide another

Mrs C., 52 years-old

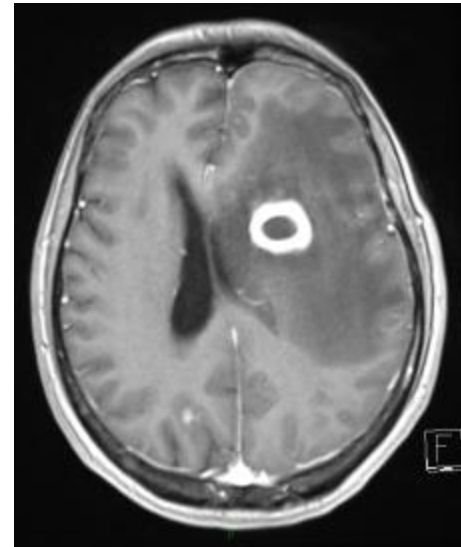
- Medical history :

**Chronic lymphocytic leukemia diagnosed in 2014 :**

- First line treatment (anemia, lymphocyte doubling time) :  
Fludarabine, Cyclophosphamide and Rituximab 5 cycles from  
March to June 2015
  - Second line treatment (fever, swelling of lymph nodes, neutropenia  
0,6G/L): **Ibrutinib** started in September 2017
- Active smoking, several episodes of undocumented pneumonia in 2014-2015



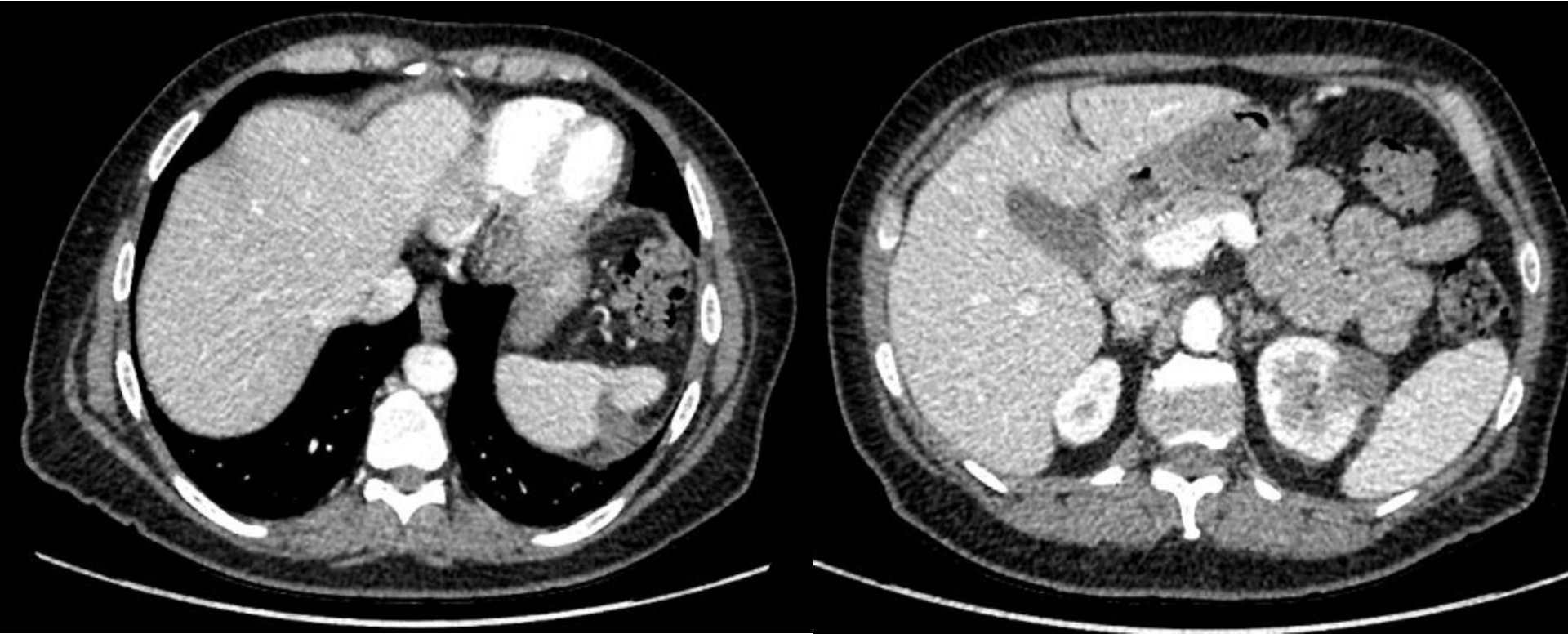
- In February 2018, after 5 months of Ibrutinib : deterioration of general status with fever. Fluctuating neutropenia around 0,6G/L
- On March 18, 2017 : presented to hospital for two weeks history of confusion, behavior disorders, aggressiveness. No focal neurologic signs.
- Fever 38.3°C
- At that time, neutrophils = 0.6G/L
- Cerebral MRI was performed



- Mycological cultures were positive for *Aspergillus fumigatus* with negative direct examination.
- Serum galactomannan was negative.
- (1,3)-beta-d-glucan titers = 84 pg/mL.
- *Aspergillus fumigatus* PCR in serum was negative but not performed in cerebral tissue.
- **MICs (EUCAST method):**
  - Voriconazole 0.19mg/L
  - Isavuconazole 0.25mg/L
  - Posaconazole 0.094mg/L
  - Itraconazole 0.36mg/L
  - Caspofungin 0.094mg/L



**Sinus and thoracic CT scans were normal.**  
**Systematic abdominal scan :**

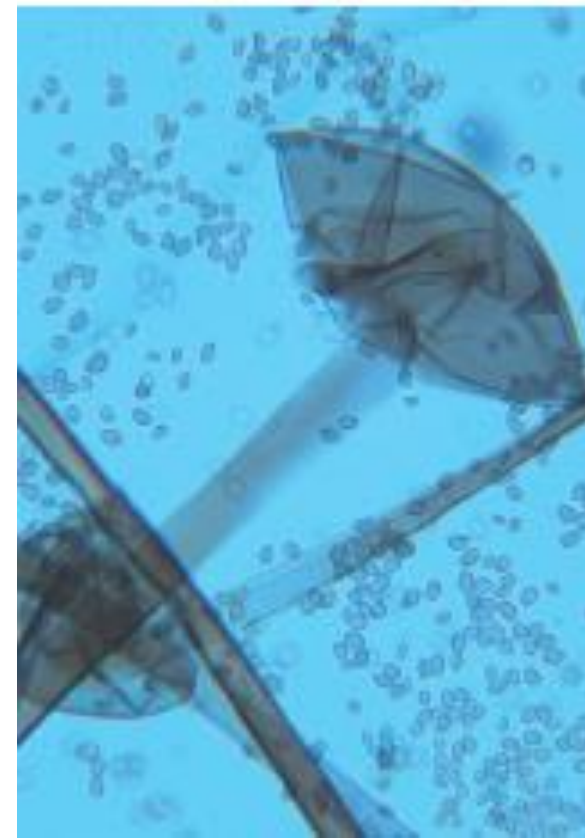


Two lesions consistent with abscesses

- Lesion of the spleen
- Lesion of the upper pole of the left kidney

- CT guided biopsy of the kidney lesion :
  - Ischemic necrosis
  - Non-septate broad hyphae

Diagnosis ?



**Invasive mucormycosis** confirmed by Mucorales fungal PCR which identified *Lichtheimia* spp.  
*Aspergillus fumigatus* PCR was negative

New drugs

ways

# Invasive Aspergillosis Related To Ibrutinib Therapy For CLL and other fungal infections

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## Early-onset invasive infections in patients

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## Leukemia presenting with central nervous system, ocular, and subcutaneous abscesses

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## Fungal infections in patients receiving ibrutinib for chronic lymphocytic leukemia

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## Cerebral aspergillosis: An emerging opportunistic infection in patients receiving ibrutinib for chronic lymphocytic leukemia

Aspergillose cérébrale : une infection opportuniste émergente pour leucémie

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## A case of ibrutinib-associated myocardial infarction in patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia

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## Invasive aspergillosis with pulmonary and central nervous system involvement during ibrutinib therapy for relapsed chronic lymphocytic leukaemia: case report

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### LYMPHOID NEOPLASIA

## Early-onset invasive aspergillosis and other fungal infections in patients treated with ibrutinib

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### Characteristics of invasive fungal infection

Isolated microorganism	
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	16
<i>Aspergillus nidulans</i>	1
Zygomycetes ( <i>Lichtheimia corymbifera</i> )	1
<i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i>	3
<i>Pneumocystis jirovecii</i>	1
Outcome	
Alive at last follow-up	16
Death	17
Because of IFI	9
Because of CLL	5
Other causes	3

### Type of infection

IA	27
Category	
Proven	17
Probable	9
Possible	1
Localization	
Pulmonary	15
Pulmonary + CNS	10
CNS + muscle abscess	1
Sinus	1
Cryptococcosis	4
<i>Pneumocystis pneumonia</i>	1
Mucormycosis	1

Major concern : high rate of CNS involvement in aspergillosis (11 of 27)

The first 6 months after starting Ibrutinib : 85%

Additional risk factor : anti-cancer chemotherapy within the last 6 months, neutropenia, corticosteroid use. But not always...

# Données récentes

Etude rétrospective MSKCC

378 patients traités par ibrutinib

Cancer	Patients, No. (%)
Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	165 (44)
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	213 (56)
Mantle cell lymphoma	61 (16)
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	52 (13)
Waldenström macroglobulinemia	34 (9)
Follicular lymphoma	23 (6)
Marginal zone lymphoma	15 (4)
Primary central nervous system lymphoma	14 (4)
Other <sup>a</sup>	14 (4)

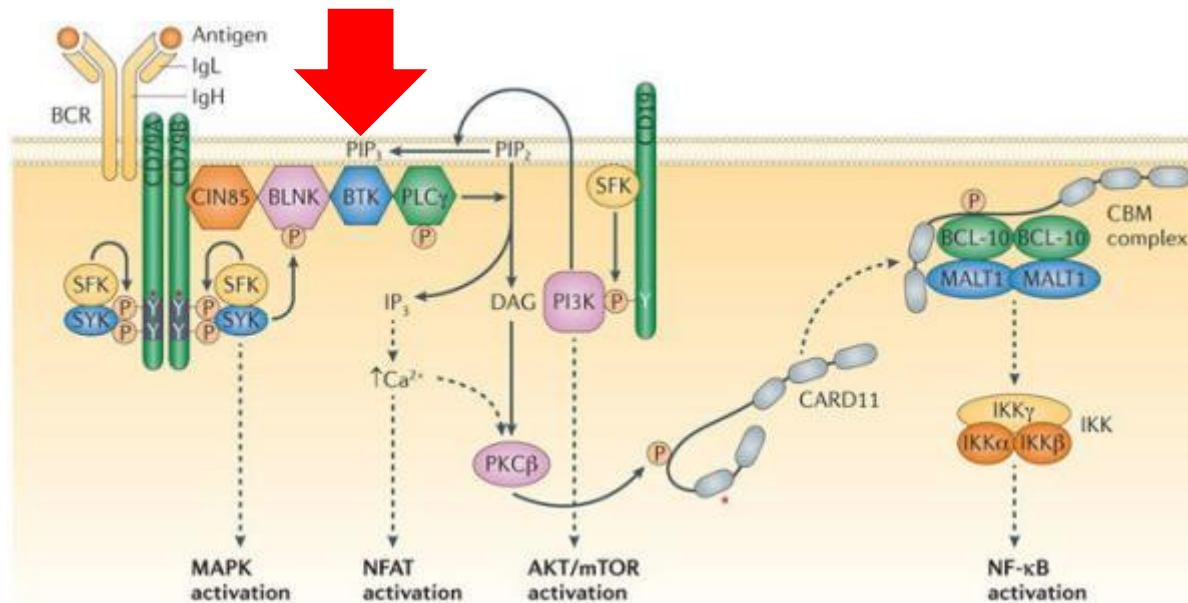
<sup>a</sup>Other cancers included multiple myeloma (5 patients), mycosis fungoides (4 patients), primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma (2 patients), and anaplastic large cell,  $\gamma\delta$  T-cell, and enteropathy-associated T-cell lymphoma (1 patient each).

- Médiane survenue : 136 jours
- IFI = 16 patients (37,2 %)
  - AI probable/prouvée : 8
  - Pneumocystose : 3
  - Cryptococcose : 3
  - Fongémie *C. albicans* : 1
- FDR : corticoïdes

Infections sévères chez 43 patients (11,4 %)

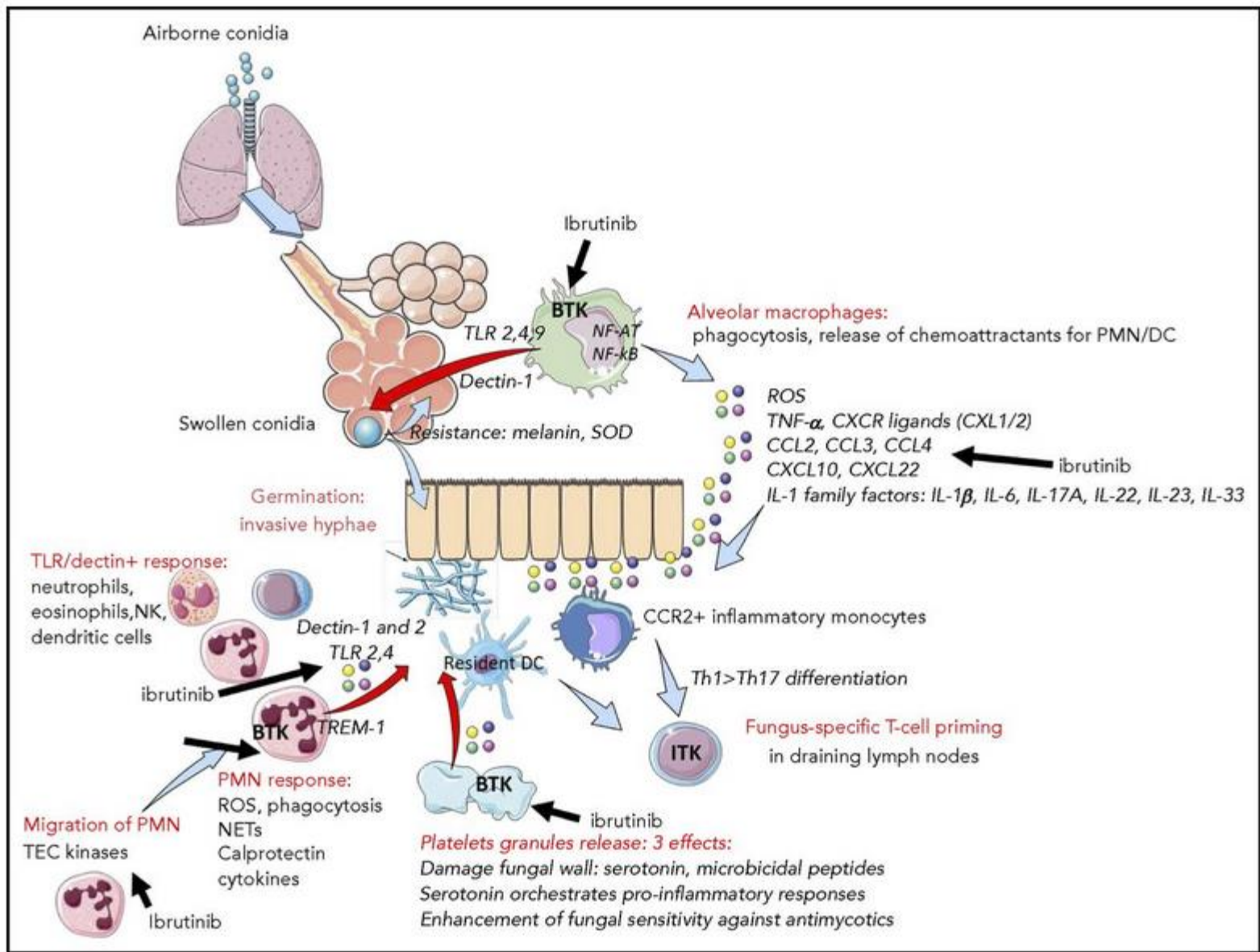


# BTK : rôle central signalisation du BCR



1952 : Colonel Ogden Bruton: publication de la première description d'un déficit immunitaire primitif. Agammaglobulinemia. *Pediatrics*, 1952;9:722–728

1993 : Mise en évidence de mutations de BTK dans l'hypogammaglobulinémie liée à l'X (XLA)



**Table 4. Full List of FDA-Approved SMKIs and Relative Risk for Development of IFIs\***

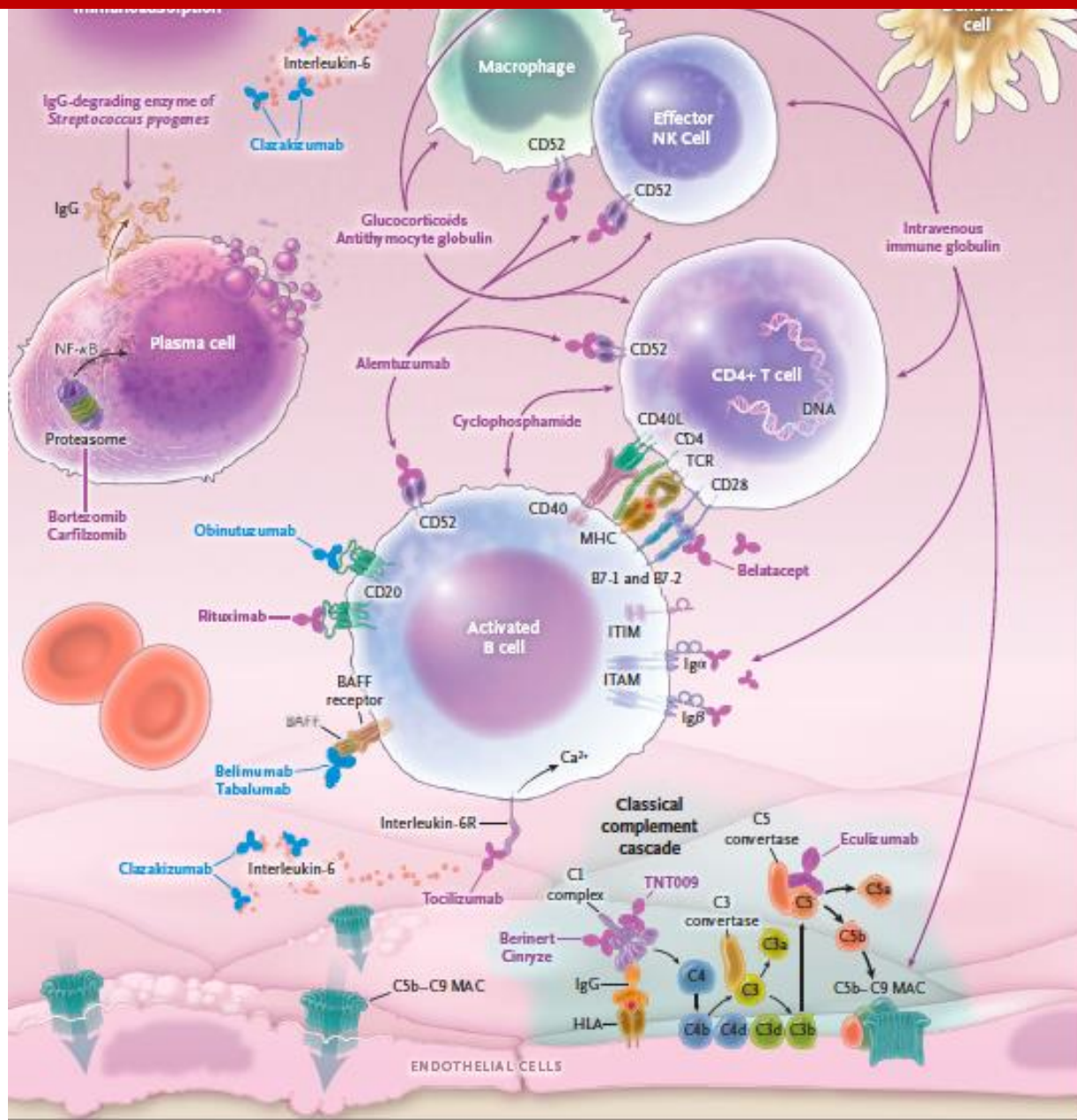
Compound (Trade Name; Manufacturer)	Mode of Action	Targets	Indication	Year of Approval	Comments
Imatinib (Gleevec; Novartis)	TKI	BCR-abl, Kit, PDGFR	Ph <sup>+</sup> CML or ALL, aggressive systemic mastocytosis, CEL, DFSP, HES, GIST, MDS/MPD	2001	No evidence of OI
Gefitinib (Iressa; AstraZeneca)	TKI	EGFR	NSCLC	2003–2005, 2015	No evidence of infection
Erlotinib (Tarceva; OSI Pharmaceuticals)	TKI	EGFR	NSCLC, pancreatic cancer	2004	No evidence of OI; minimal risk for infection
Sorafenib (Nexavar; Bayer)	Dual TKIs	B/C-Raf, B-Raf (V600E), Kit, Flt3, RET, VEGFR1/2/3, PDGFRβ	Hepatocellular carcinoma, RCC, DTC	2005	No evidence of infection
Sunitinib (Sutent; Pfizer)	Multiple TKIs	PDGFRα/β, VEGFR1/2/3, Kit, Flt3, CSF-1R, RET	RCC, GIST, PNET	2006	Postmarketing reports of severe bacterial infections (sepsis, UTI, SSTI, respiratory); no evidence of OI
Dasatinib (Sprycel; Bristol-Myers Squibb)	TKI	BCR-Abl, Src, Lck, Yes, Fyn, Kit, EphA2, PDGFRβ	Ph <sup>+</sup> CML, ALL	2006	<b>Bacterial infections, including sepsis, pneumonia, several cases of PJP pos-</b>

Infections opportunistes surviennent avec traitements ciblant des voies de signalisation impliquées dans la réponse immunitaire :  
Lck, Fyn, BTK, PI3K, JAK/STAT

Crizotinib (Xalkori; Pfizer)	Multiple TKIs	ALK, c-Met (HGFR), ROS, MST1R	ALK-positive NSCLC (2011), ROS-1-positive NSCLC (2016)	2011, 2016	URTIs, no evidence of OI
Ruxolitinib (Jakafi; Incyte)	TKI	JAK1/2	Myelofibrosis, PV	2011	<b>Warning box: serious bacterial (UTI), mycobacterial, fungal, viral (VZV, PML) infections</b>
Axitinib (Inlyta; Pfizer)	TKI	VEGFR1/2/3, PDGFRβ	RCC	2012	No evidence of infection
Bosutinib (Bosulif; Wyeth)	TKI	BCR-Abl, Src, Lyn, Hck	CML	2012	Respiratory tract infections; no evidence of OI
Regorafenib (Stivarga; Bayer)	Multiple TKIs	VEGFR1/2/3, BCR-Abl, B-Raf, B-Raf (V600E), Kit, PDGFRα/β, RET, FGFR1/2, Tie2, Eph2A	CRC	2012	No evidence of OI
Tofacitinib (Xeljanz; Pfizer)	TKI	JAK 1/3	Rheumatoid arthritis	2012	<b>Warning box: serious infections, including significant risk for OIs; significant risk for disseminated tuberculosis and IFIs, including cryptococcosis, PJP, Candida esophagitis; disseminated VZV; CMV</b>
Cabozantinib (Cometriq; Cabometyx; Exelixis)	TKI	RET, Met, VEGFR1/2/3, Kit, TrkB, Flt3, Axl, Tie2	Metastatic medullary thyroid cancer, advanced RCC	2012, 2016	No evidence of OI; sepsis reported

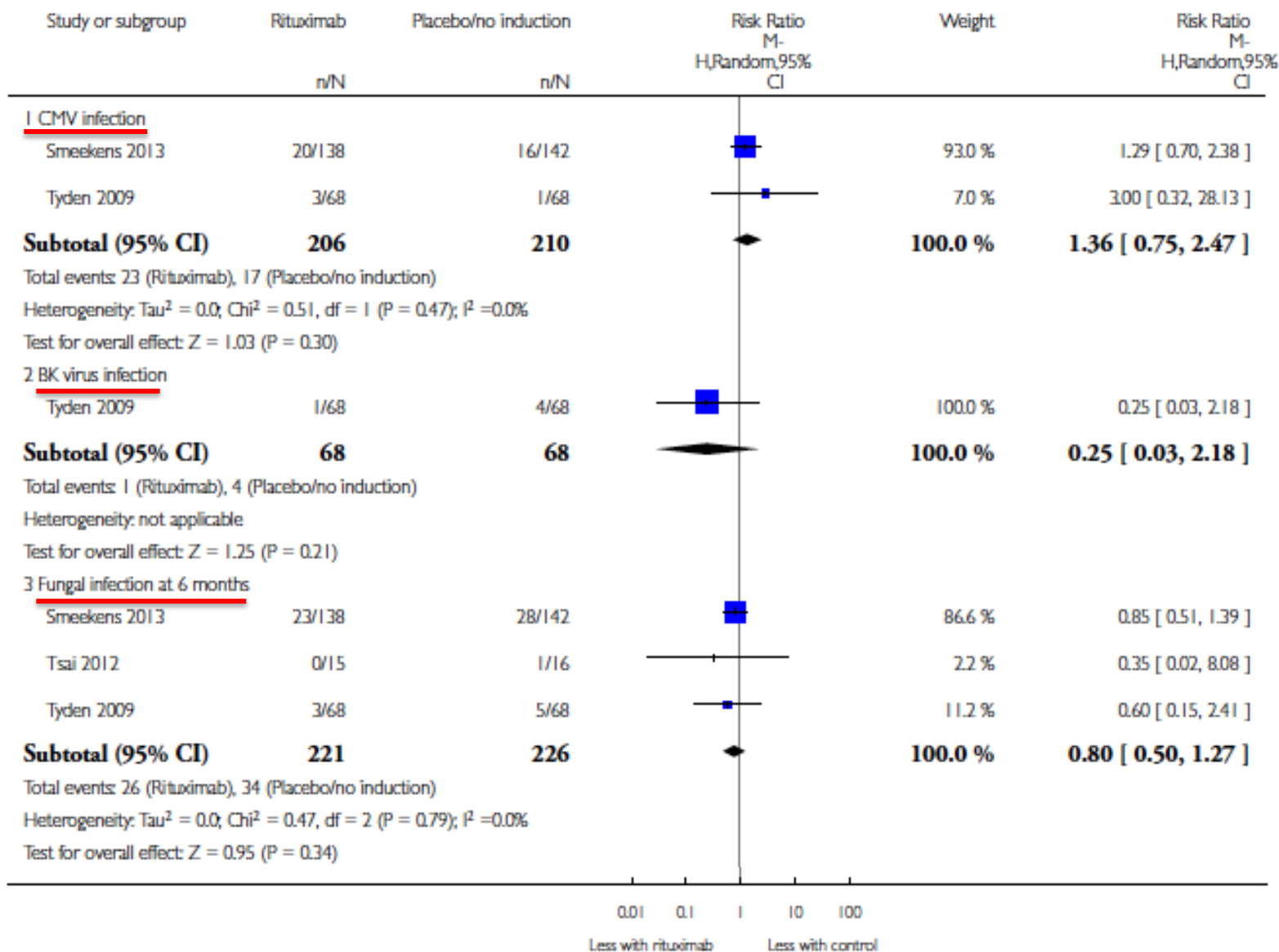


# « Non Conventional » induction therapy agents during kidney transplantation



Loupy,  
NEJM 2018

# Rituximab alone does not increase the infection rate



# Rituximab Rituximab + ATG

## High rate of infection-induced mortality

### **Infection-induced mortality (p=0.0007):**

- Patients who received rituximab: 9.09%
- Patients who did not receive rituximab: 1.55%

### Predictive factors for infection-induced mortality

	Odds ratio	IC <sub>50%</sub> (ranges)	p
Recipient age	1.05	1.01–1.09	0.01
Diabetes mellitus	1.22	0.3–4.8	NS
Combined rituximab and RATG use	5.6	1.8–17.5	0.003
Cyclosporin A versus tacrolimus	3.23	0.87–12.02	NS
MPA use	0.47	0.15–1.47	NS
Bacterial infections	3.2	1.2–8.3	0.02
Fungal complications	3.32	1.07–10.3	0.04
Graft loss	0.98	0.25–3.95	NS

# Belatacept (short focus)

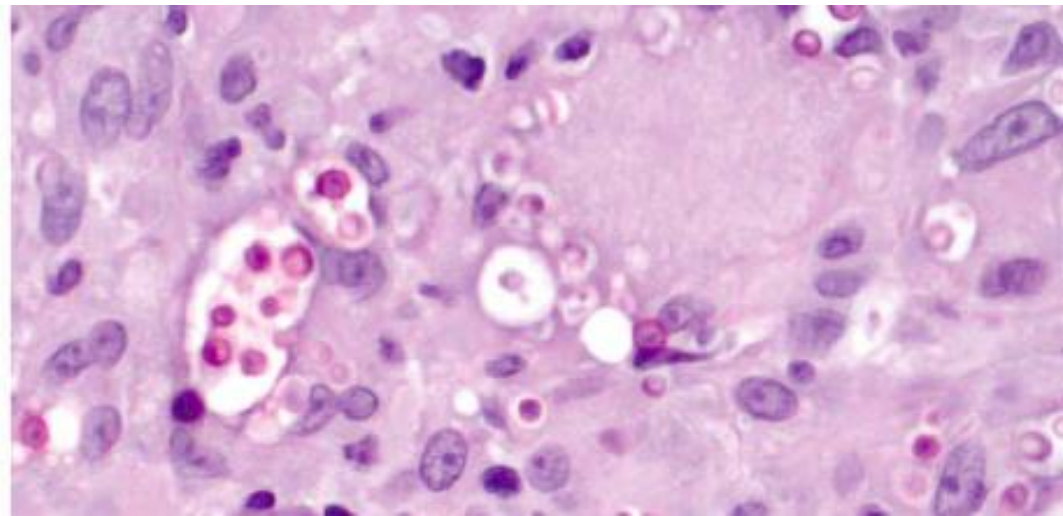
- **Increased risk of viral infection:**
  - CMV
  - Polyoma viruses: PML...
  - EBV: PTLD
- **Increased risk of fungal infections** (Grinyo, AJKD, 2010)
- **Increase risk of tuberculosis** (Viana, AJT 2019)

Parameters	Total	CNI/AZA	CNI/MPA	CNI/mTORi	Belatacept/MPA	Others
Patients at risk, n	11 453	6041	3915	807	34	656
Follow-up, days	1732 (745-3141)	1893 (831-3351)	1461 (617-2677)	2126 (968-3569)	3077 (2042-3077)	1642 (573-2946)
Time to TB diagnosis, mo	18.8 (7.3-58.6)	15 (7-550)	18.3 (6.5-47.7)	31.4 (10.2-59.7)	12.5 (5.0-60.1)	61.9 (47.7-70.3)
Patients with TB, n	152	57	63	23	5	4
Cumulative incidence, %	1.32	0.94	1.60	2.85	14.7	0.60
Incidence density	235	156	326	450	2233	130
Relative risk, HR (95% CI)		Reference	1.62 (1.13-2.34)	2.45 (1.49-4.02)	<b>13.14 (5.27-32.79)</b>	1.54 (0.76-3.09)

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## DISSEMINATED CRYPTOCOCCOSIS IN A PATIENT WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS TREATED WITH FINGOLIMOD

Neurology 85 September 15, 2015



- 50-year old man with MS
- No DMT for 3 years and previously IFN
- Fingolimod 0.5 for 3 years 1/2
- Lymphopenia : 500/mm<sup>3</sup>; no monocytopenia
- Initially afebrile, headache with no nuchal rigidity
- Disseminated cryptococcosis (CSF/skin and ...?)
- Serum CrAg: 1/128

# Cryptococcosis and fingolimod

(Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015)

## Cryptococcal meningitis : 9 cases

- Median age : 51 yrs;
- Fingolimod 21 to 52 months, median 36 months
- No history of HIV, SOT, malignancy, sarcoidosis or cirrhosis
- Chronic or recent use of steroids 4/9 patients
- Prior Isuppr: natalizumab 8y, 1 azathioprine, none (notified) 5
- Lymphocytes usual values found during fingolimod with CD4 26 to 66/mm<sup>3</sup> in 5/9 notified
- Eight cured, one death

**Seven other cases :** 2 pulmonary (1 asymptomatic nodule with granuloma) and 5 cutaneous infections (3 isolated)



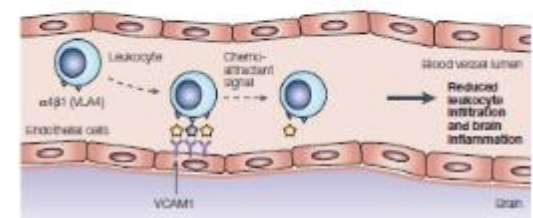
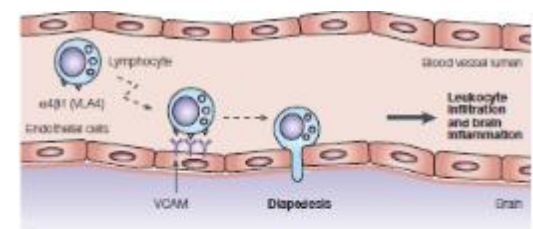
# Cryptococcal meningitis in a multiple sclerosis patient taking natalizumab

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- 49 years-old man with MS
- Glatiramer acetate + IFN
- 2 years natalizumab
- Cryptococcal meningitis: ATF + natalizumab withdrawal
- 2 months later : lethargy with decreased visual acuity
- Inflammatory lesions of white matter
  - Cryptococcal IRIS ???; MS activity



# Conclusion

- **Ever increasing number of therapeutic families and indications: real challenge for the ID clinician**
- **Relative value of pivotal trials to detect rare infectious events**
- **Role of post-marketing surveillance and open label extension studies**
- **Complexities in the assessment of attributable risk of infection**
- **Role of co-morbidities AND STEROIDS**
- **Contributing factors beyond specific mode of action**
- **Need for multicenter registries and multidisciplinary approaches**
- **Need for new vaccines trials in biotherapy treated pts**
- **Better define when biologics can be restarted after severe infection**



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