

## **Additional File 1:** Diagnostic algorithms for IPA

### **A) Proven IPA [1-4]**

Microscopic analysis on sterile material: histopathological, cytopathological or direct microscopic examination of a sample obtained by needle aspiration or sterile biopsy in which hyphae are seen together with evidence of associated tissue damage.

### **B) AsplCU for the diagnosis of IPA in critically ill patients [1]**

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#### **1. aspergillus (+) culture**

#### **2. clinical signs and symptoms (one of the following)**

- Fever after at least 3 days of appropriate antibiotic therapy
- Pleuritic chest pain
- Pleural rub
- Dyspnea
- Hemoptysis
- Increase in respiratory insufficiency despite appropriate antibiotic therapy and ventilatory support.

#### **3. pathological X-ray or computed tomography of the thorax**

#### **4. either**

##### **4a. Risk factors (one of the following conditions)**

- Neutropenia (absolute neutrophil count of less than 500/mm<sup>3</sup>) before or at the time of admission to the ICU.
- Hematological or oncological malignancy treated with chemotherapy
- Treatment with glucocorticoids (prednisone or equivalent, >20 mg/day)
- Congenital or acquired immunodeficiency

**OR**

##### **4b. Semiquantitative Aspergillus positive**

**Culture of BAL fluid (+ or ++) without bacterial growth together with a positive cytological smear showing branched hyphae.**

- probable invasive pulmonary aspergillosis if 1 + 2 + 3 + either 4a or 4b
  - if criterion  $\geq 1$  is not met, the patient is classified as having Aspergillus colonization
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C) Modified clinical algorithm for the diagnosis of probable IPA in critically ill patients according to Schauwvlieghe [2]

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**1. clinical signs and symptoms (one of the following)**

- Fever after at least 3 days of appropriate antibiotic therapy.
- Pleuritic chest pain
- Pleural rubbings
- Dyspnea
- Hemoptysis
- Increase in respiratory insufficiency despite appropriate antibiotic therapy and ventilatory support.

**2. any infiltrate on X-ray or computed tomography of the thorax**

**3. mycological examinations of one of them**

- Aspergillus (+) culture and in BAL
  - positive cytological smear of BAL or sputum showing branched hyphae
  - Aspergillus antigen (galactomannan-EIA) in Bronchoalveolar Lavage Fluid:  $\geq 1.0$  Optical Density Index
  - Aspergillus antigen (galactomannan-EIA) in serum:  $\geq 0.5$  Optical Density Index
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D) Modified clinical algorithm for the diagnosis of probable IPA in critically ill patients according to Loughlin [3]

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**1. clinical signs and symptoms (two of the following)**

- Fever  $< 35^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $> 38^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Leukocytes  $< 4 \times 10^9$  or  $> 11 \times 10^9$
- Purulent tracheal secretion

**2. new or increasing infiltrates in the X-ray of the lung or a computed tomography of the thorax**

**3. mycological examinations of one of them**

- Aspergillus (+) culture and in BAL
  - positive cytological smear of BAL or sputum showing branched hyphae
  - Aspergillus antigen (galactomannan-EIA) in BAL:  $\geq 1.0$  OD,
  - Aspergillus antigen (galactomannan-EIA) in serum:  $\geq 0.5$  OD
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E) EORTC/MSGERC ICU Working Group new definition of IPA [5]

Proven IPA:

1. Histopathologic, cytopathologic, or direct microscopic examination of a specimen obtained by needle aspiration or biopsy in which hyphae compatible with *Aspergillus* spp. Are seen accompanied by evidence of associated tissue damage (with necessary confirmation by means of culture or PCR)
2. Recovery of *Aspergillus* spp. by culture of a specimen obtained by a sterile procedure from a normally sterile site and clinically or radiologically abnormal site consistent with an infectious-disease process

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**1. Mycological evidence of *Aspergillus* spp. at least 1 of the following:.**

- cytology, direct microscopy, and/or culture indicating presence of *Aspergillus* spp. in a lower respiratory tract specimen
- galactomannan antigen index >0.5 in plasma/serum and/or galactomannan antigen >0.8 in BALF

**2. 1 Clinical/radiological abnormality**

- Dense, well-circumscribed lesions with or without a halo sign
- Air crescent sign
- Cavity
- Wedge-shaped and segmental or lobar consolidation
- Tracheobronchial ulceration, pseudomembrane, nodule

**3. Host factors (one of the following conditions)**

- Glucocorticoid treatment with prednisone equivalent of 20 mg or more per day
- Qualitative or quantitative neutrophil abnormality (inherited neutrophil deficiency, absolute neutrophil count of  $\leq 500$  cells/mm<sup>3</sup>)
- Chronic respiratory airway abnormality (chronic obstructive lung disease, bronchiectasis)
- Decompensated cirrhosis
- Treatment with recognized immunosuppressants (eg, calcineurin or mammalian target of rapamycin inhibitors, blockers of tumor necrosis factor and similar antifungal immunity pathways, alemtuzumab, ibrutinib, nucleoside analogues) during the past 90 days
- Hematological malignancies/HSCT
- Solid organ transplantation
- Human immunodeficiency virus infection
- Severe influenza (or other severe viral pneumonia, such as COVID-19)

F) Diagnosis criteria of the EORTC (European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer) [4]

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**Mycological investigations of one of them**

- Aspergillus (+) Culture and in BAL or sputum
- positive cytological smear of BAL or sputum showing branched hyphae
- Aspergillus antigen (galactomannan-EIA) in BAL or serum individually  $\geq 1.0$  OD, serum or plasma together:  $\geq 0.7$  OD and BAL fluid  $\geq 0.8$  OD.

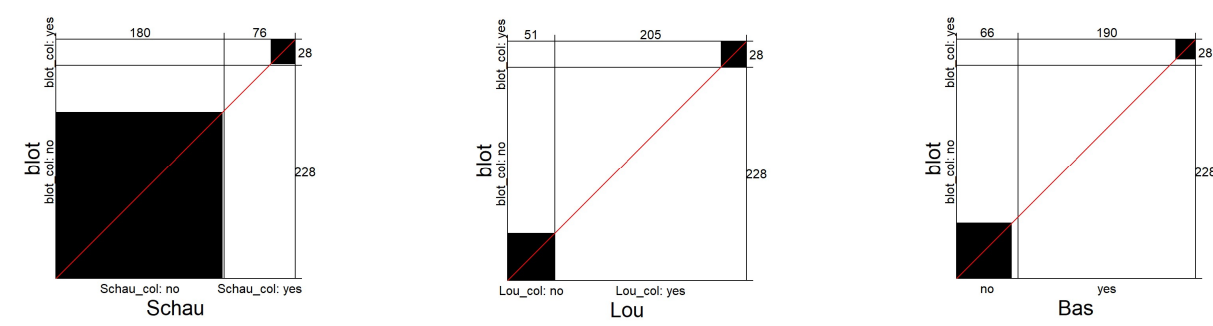
**Host factors of one of them**

- Neutropenia ( $<0.5 \times 10^9$  neutrophils for  $>10$  days)
- Hematological malignancy
- allogeneic stem cell transplantation
- Solid organ transplantation
- Prolonged use of corticosteroids at a therapeutic dose of  $\geq 0.3$  mg/kg corticosteroids for  $\geq 3$  weeks in the past 60 days
- T-cell immunosuppressant, such as calcineurin inhibitors, TNF- $\alpha$  blockers, lymphocyte-specific monoclonal antibodies, immunosuppressive nucleoside analogues during the last 90 days.
- B-cell immunosuppressant
- Congenital immunodeficiency
- Therapy refractory GVHD

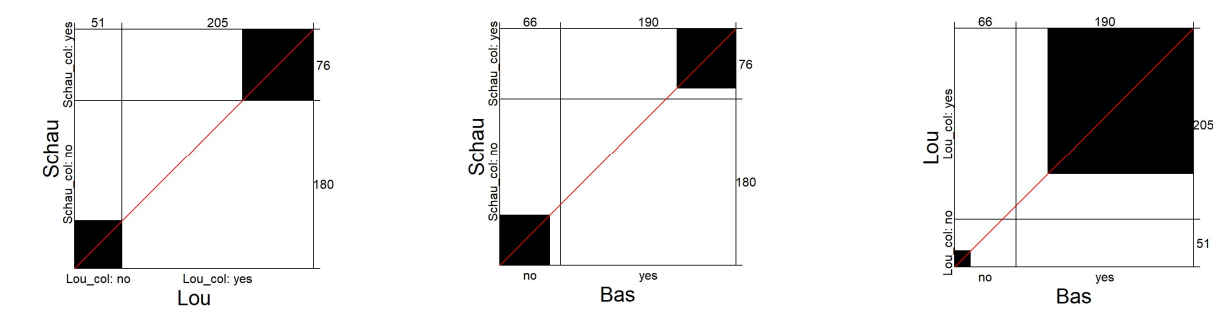
**Computed tomography of the thorax with dense, well-circumscribed lesion(s) with or without one of them**

- Halo sign
  - Cavity
  - Air crescent sign
  - Wedge-shaped segmental or lobar consolidation
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Additional File 2: Agreement Plots subgroup analysis of severely immunocompromised patients (n=256)

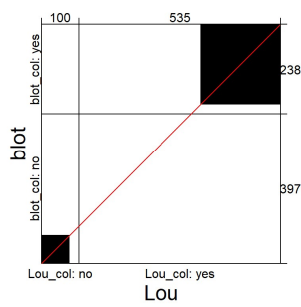


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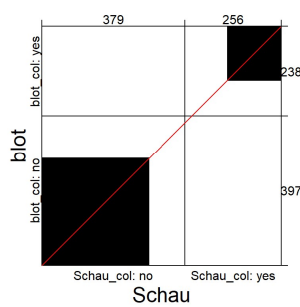


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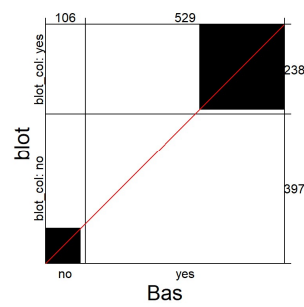
**Additional File 3:** Agreement Plots subgroup analysis of patients without viral pneumonia (influenza and COVID-19; n=635)



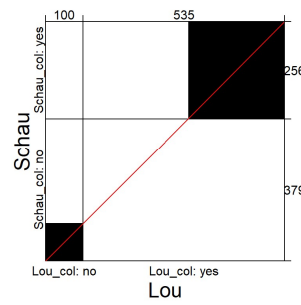
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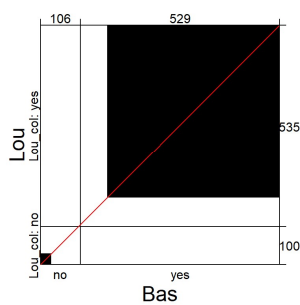
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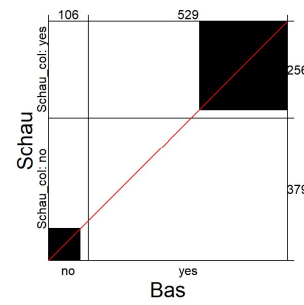
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