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# Fungal Infections of Bone and Joint

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# Candida Infection of the Bone



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STUDY GROUP

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| Population                              | Inten-tion | Intervention  | SoR | QoE             | Reference  |
|---|------------|---|-----|-----------------|--|
| <b>Osteomyelitis / spondylodiscitis</b> | Cure       | Surgical debridement*   | C   | III             | Hendricks CID 2001<br>Miller CID 2001                    |
|   | Cure       | Fluconazole 400 mg<br>6-12 months   | A   | II <sub>u</sub> | Hennequin CID 1996<br>Sugar DMID 1990<br>Miller CID 2001 |
|   | Cure       | Liposomal Ampho B / ABLC<br>2-6 wks followed by Fluco-nazole 400 mg,<br>total 6-12 months | A   | II <sub>u</sub> | Hennequin CID 1996<br>Miller CID 2001                    |
|   | Cure       | Echinocandin 2-6 wks follow-ed by Fluconazole 400 mg<br>total 6-12 months                 | B   | III             | Cornely JAC 2007<br>Legout Scand JID 2006                |
|   | Cure       | Voriconazole 2x3 mg/kg<br>≥6 weeks  | B   | III             | Schilling Med Mycol 2008                                 |

\*Indications for surgery are instability, or e.g. large abscess.

# Candida Infection of the Joint



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| Population   | Intention           | Intervention  | SoR | QoE             | Reference  |
|--|---------------------|---|-----|-----------------|--|
| Arthritis  | Cure                | Fluconazole 400,<br>≥6 wks  | A   | II <sub>u</sub> | Pérez-Gómez Sem Arth Rheum 1998<br>Hansen Scand JID 1995                             |
|  | Cure                | Liposomal Ampho B / ABLC 2 wks, followed by Fluconazole 400, total ≥6 wks | A   | II <sub>u</sub> | Hansen Scand JID 1995  |
|  | Cure                | Echinocandin ≈2 weeks followed by Fluconazole 400, total ≥6 wks           | B   | III             | Cornely JAC 2007<br>Sim Hon Kon Med J 2005   |
|  | Cure                | Voriconazole 2x3 mg/kg<br>≥6 wks  | B   | III             | Sili CID 2007  |
| Prosthetic joint infection                           | Cure                | Prosthesis removal  | A   | III             | Tunkel AJM 1993  |
| Prosthetic joint infection with prosthesis retention | Chronic suppression | Fluconazole life long   | A   | III             | Merrer J Infect 2001<br>Kelesdis Scand JID 2010<br>Levine Clin Orthop Relat Res 1986 |



Review article

## Aspergillosis of bones and joints – a review from 2002 until today

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- Literature review
- N=47
  - 40 osteomyelitis
  - 5 arthritis
  - 2 osteomyelitis & joint



## Suspected bone/joint infection

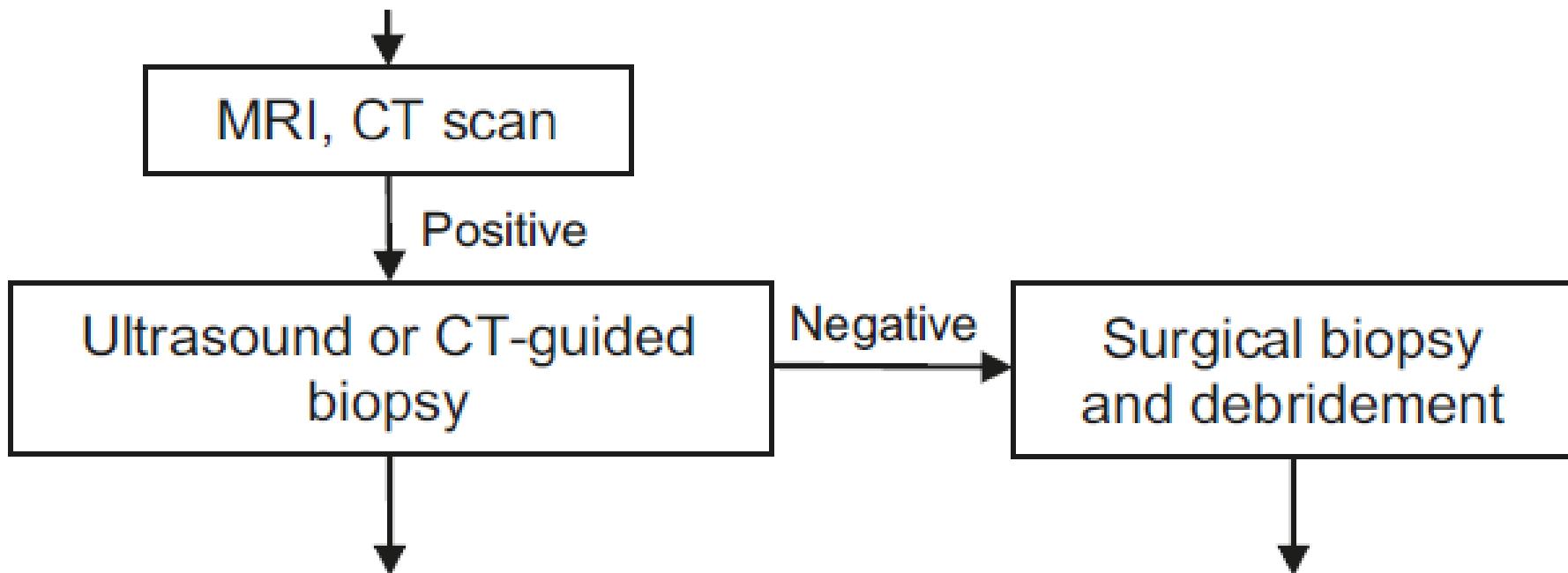
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Immunosuppressed host\* with any combination of:  
effusion, pain, tenderness of joint or spine, fever,  
limited motion ranges, neurological symptoms

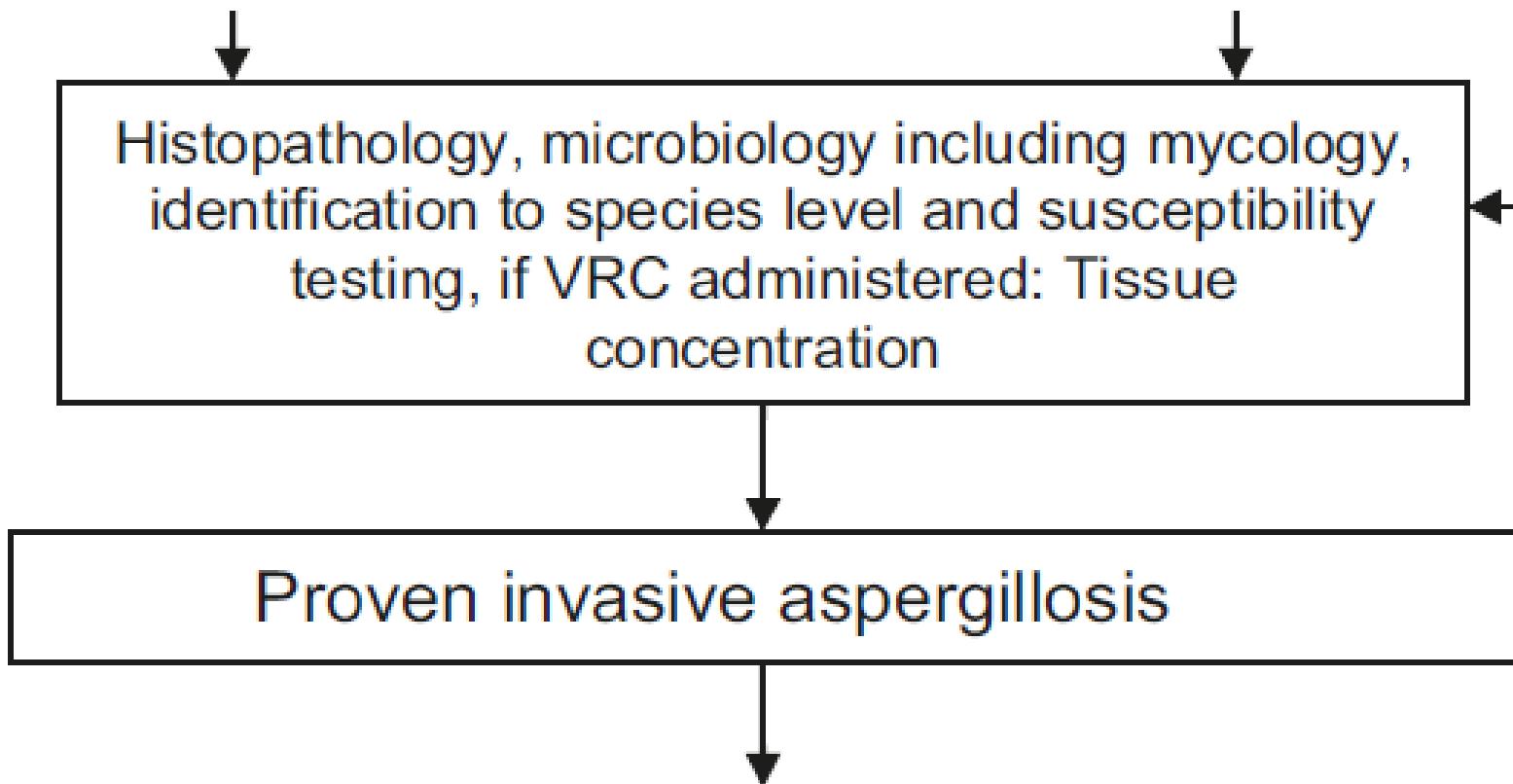
### Blood cultures

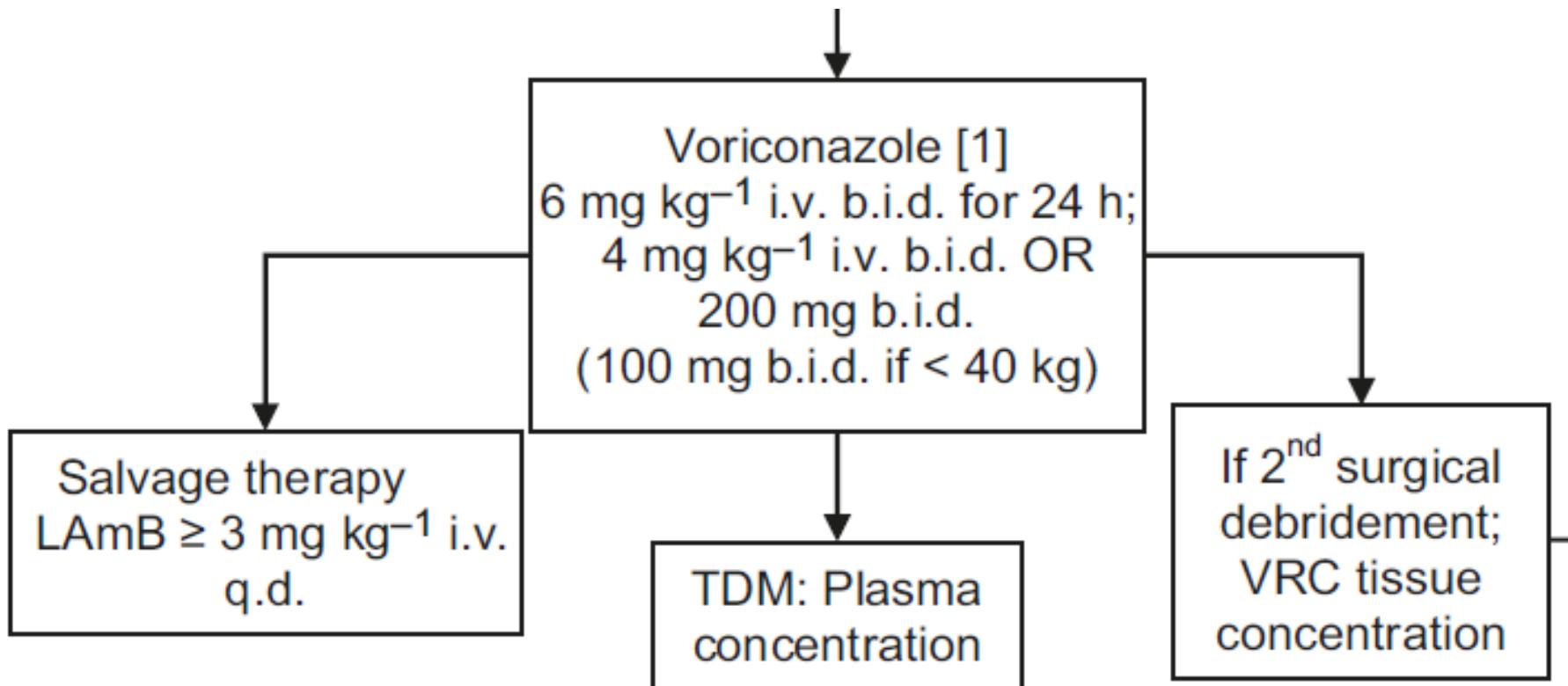
To diagnose non-fungal  
pathogens

### GM antigen

1 x  $\geq 0.8$  or  
2 x  $\geq 0.5$









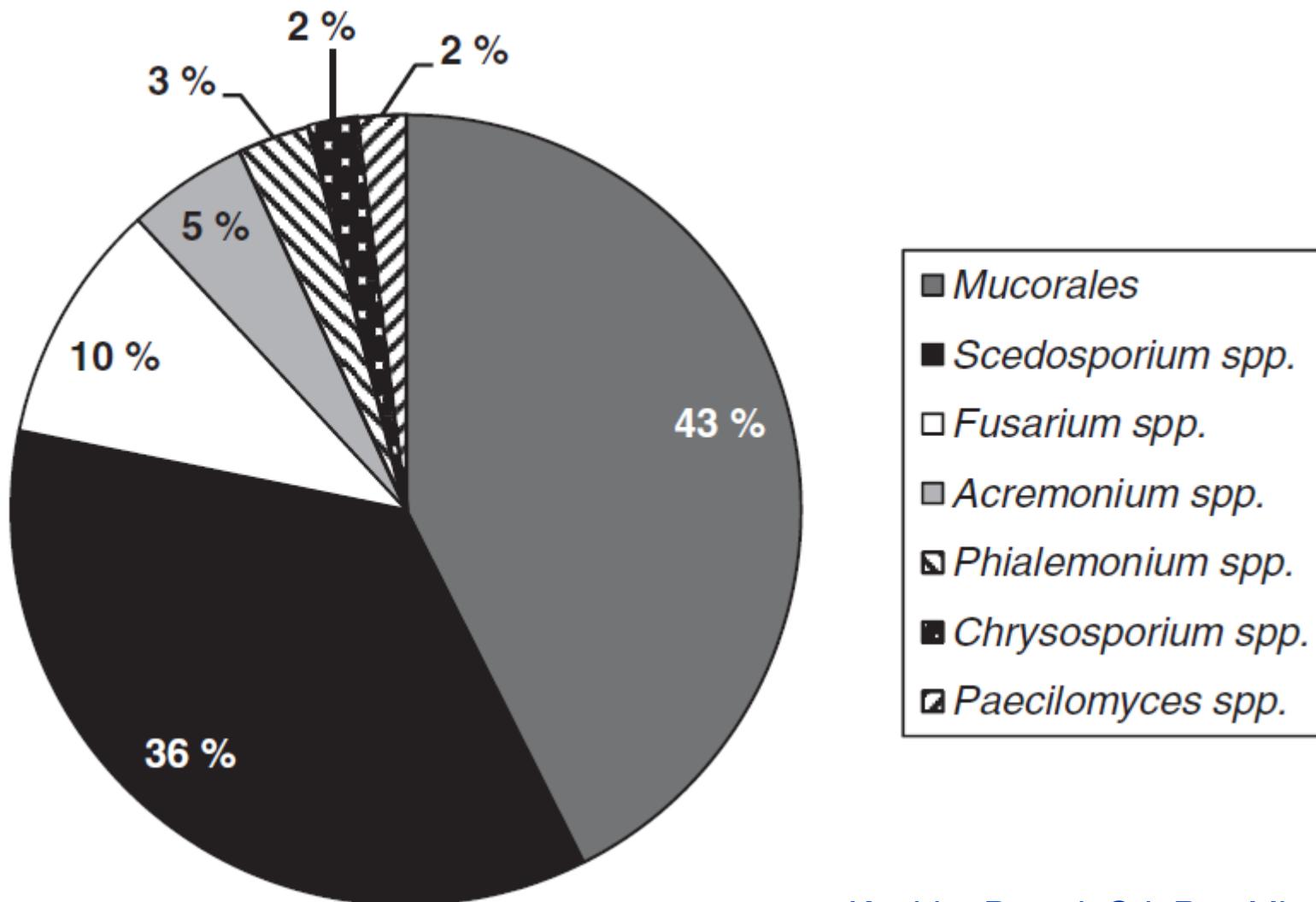
### REVIEW ARTICLE

## Bone and joint infections by *Mucorales*, *Scedosporium*, *Fusarium* and even rarer fungi

Philipp Koehler<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Daniela Tacke<sup>1,2</sup>, and Oliver A. Cornely<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>

- N=61

Incidence rates of published non-Aspergillus moulds causing bone and joint infection





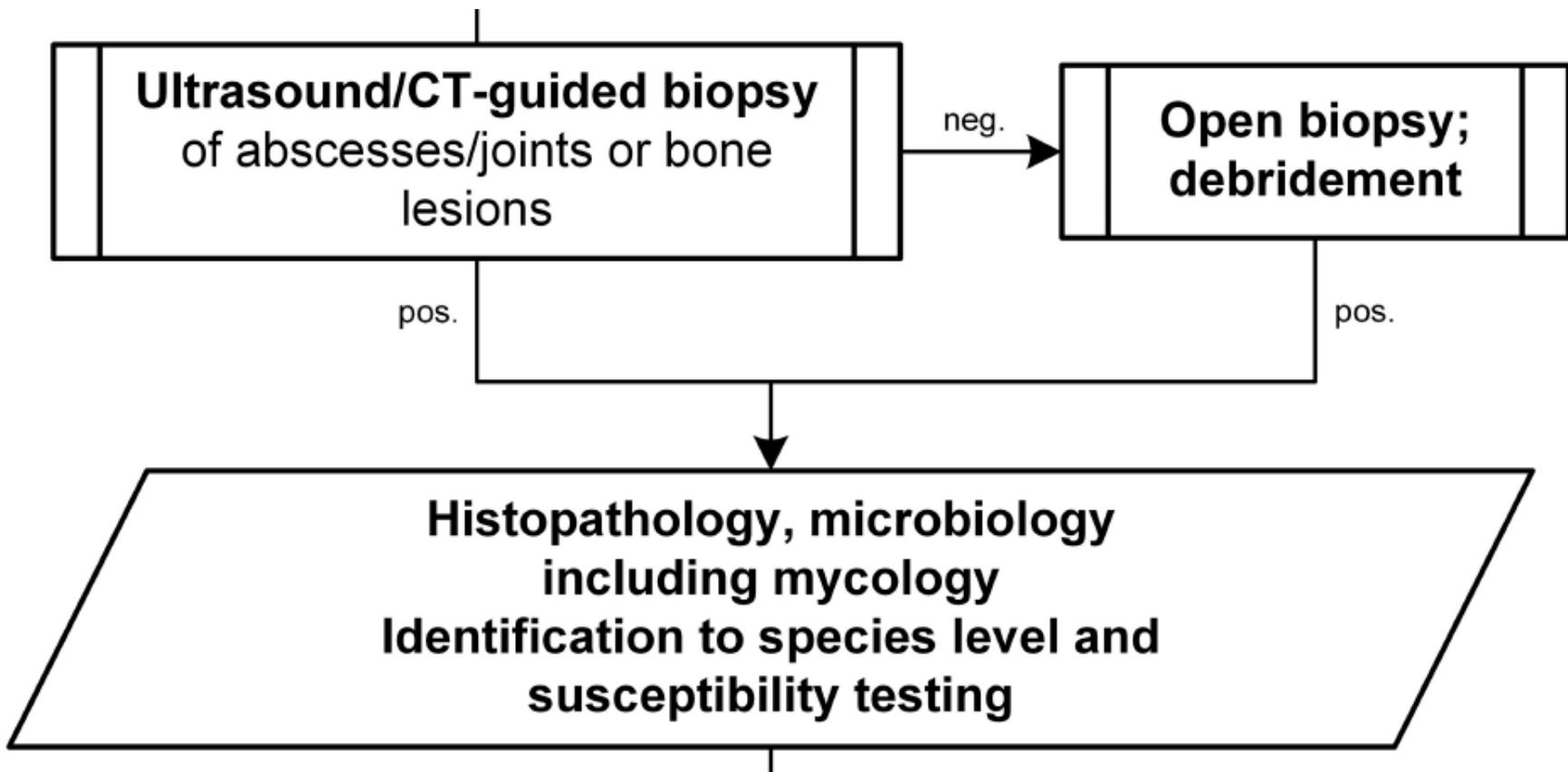
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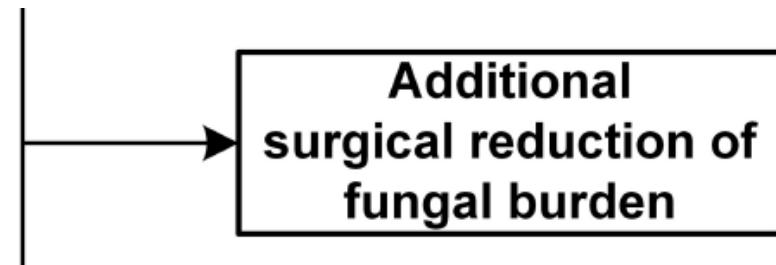
Clinical presentation, effusion of joints, pain, tenderness in spinal region, fever, limited motion ranges, neurological deficits

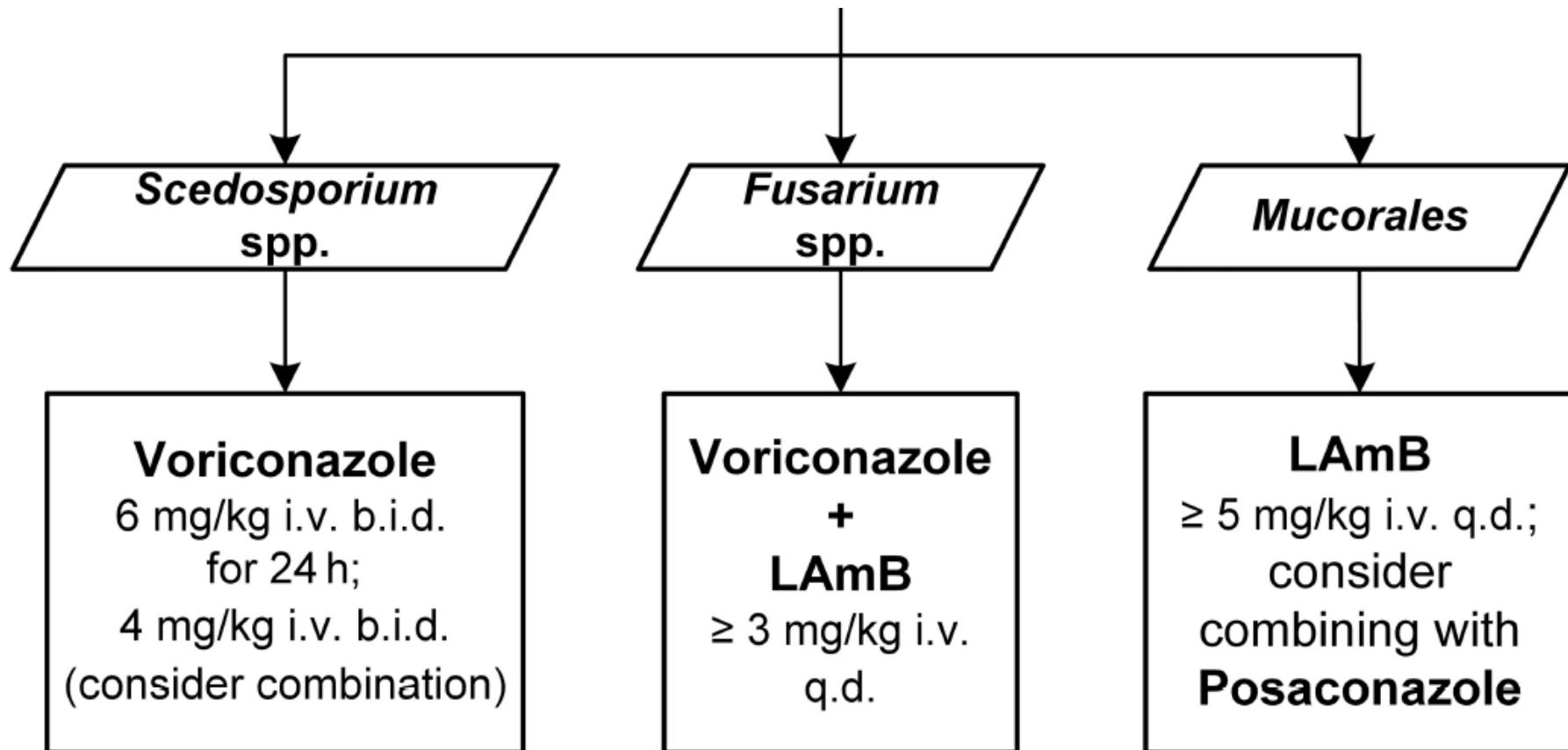
**Blood cultures**  
to proof fungemia or  
non-fungal causes

**MRI, CT scan**

pos.









Dose adjustment according to susceptibility testing  
Therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM)



- Fungal bone and joint diseases
  - appear to be very rare
  - usually need combined modality treatment
- Recommendations are based on transferred evidence
- Should be entered into registries, such as those of the European Confederation of Medical Mycology (ECMM), or in similar national registries

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# Fungi scope

Global Emerging Fungal Infection Registry

Initiated in 2003

**ISHAM and ECMM Working Group**  
[www.fungiscope.net](http://www.fungiscope.net)

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study group for life

  
**CEMM**



- 81 y/o lady
- 22 years ago knee endoprosthesis
- Day 1      Loosening, removal, tissue biopsies
  - *Candida glabrata* (3/3 pos.)



## MIKROSKOPIE:

Grampräparat

Keine Bakterien nachgewiesen.

Erythrozyten

Massenhaft

Leukozyten

Vereinzelt

## KULTUR:

Nachweis von

1) Vereinzelt *Candida glabrata*

## ANTIBIOGRAMM:

Amphotericin B MHK

1  
0.380 Handelsname (z.B.)  
(mg/l)

Amphotericin B

S Ampho-Moronal, Amphotericin B

Fluconazol MHK

8,000 (mg/l)

Fluconazol

DS\* Diflucan, Fungata

Voriconazol MHK

0.180 (mg/l)

Voriconazol

S VFend

Caspofungin MHK

0.094 (mg/l)

Caspofungin

S Canfides

Keine Bakterien nachgewiesen.

Vorläufige Befundmittellung erfolgte.

\* Dosisabhängig Sensibel



- Day 3 Voriconazole 6/4 mg/kg
- Day 14 Haematoma, revision, biopsy
  - *Candida glabrata*
- Day 180 Biopsy
  - Staph. epidermidis
  - fungal culture and PCR neg.
- Day 210 Biopsy
  - Staph. caprae, Staph. epidermidis, Corynebacterium sp.
- Multiple revisions until Day 420,  
unremarkable after 18 months of F/U