Table 1. Choices of management strategies for persistent febrile neutropenia in various highrisk patient groups, presented in 3 clinical scenarios to the participants of 13 children's hospitals in the UK.

Clinical scenarios	Empiric strategy	Pre-emptive strategy
Allogenous HSCT recipient	85% (11/13)	54% (7/13)
Acute leukaemia (i.e. high risk ALL, AML)	82% (9/11)	40% (4/10)
SAA/MDS	82% (9/11)	40% (4/10)

HSCT: Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation, ALL: Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia; AML, Acute Myeloid Leukaemia, SSA: sever aplastic anaemia, MDS: myelodysplastic syndrome.

Table 2. The use and purpose of galactomannan and β -D-glucan testing in serum in different patient populations from 13 children's hospitals in the UK.

Biomarker	Rational	High risk neutropenic	Non-haematological	
		haemato-oncology patients	patients	
GMN	Screening	2/13 (15%)	1/13 (8%)	
	Diagnostic	10/13 (77%)	9/13 (69%)	
BDG	Screening	3/12 (25%)	1/12 (8%)	
	Diagnostic	7/12 (58%)	6/12 (50%)	

GM: Galactomannan, BDG: β-D-Glucan

		First line drug		
		Fluconazole	Liposomal	Echinocandins
			amphotericin B	
Candidemia	NICU (n=10)	6 (60%)	4 (40%)	-
	PICU (n=10)	6 (60%)	3 (30%)	1 (10%)
	Neutropenic	5 (45%)	6 (55%)	-
	patients (n=11)			
	Non-neutropenic	6 (75%)	1 (12.5%)	1 (12.5%)
	patients* (n=8)			
		Voriconazole	Liposomal	Both
			amphotericin B	
Invasive	Patients < 2 yrs of	7 (64%)	3 (27%)	1 (9%)
pulmonary	age (n=11)			
aspergillosis	Patients > 2 yrs of	9 (82%)	1 (9%)	1 (9%)
	age (n=11)			

Table 3. Antifungal treatment for candidemia and invasive pulmonary aspergillosis in 13 children's hospitals in the UK.

NICU: Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, PICU: Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, *not admitted to PICU