

# Biomarkers for Schistosomiasis Associated Morbidity

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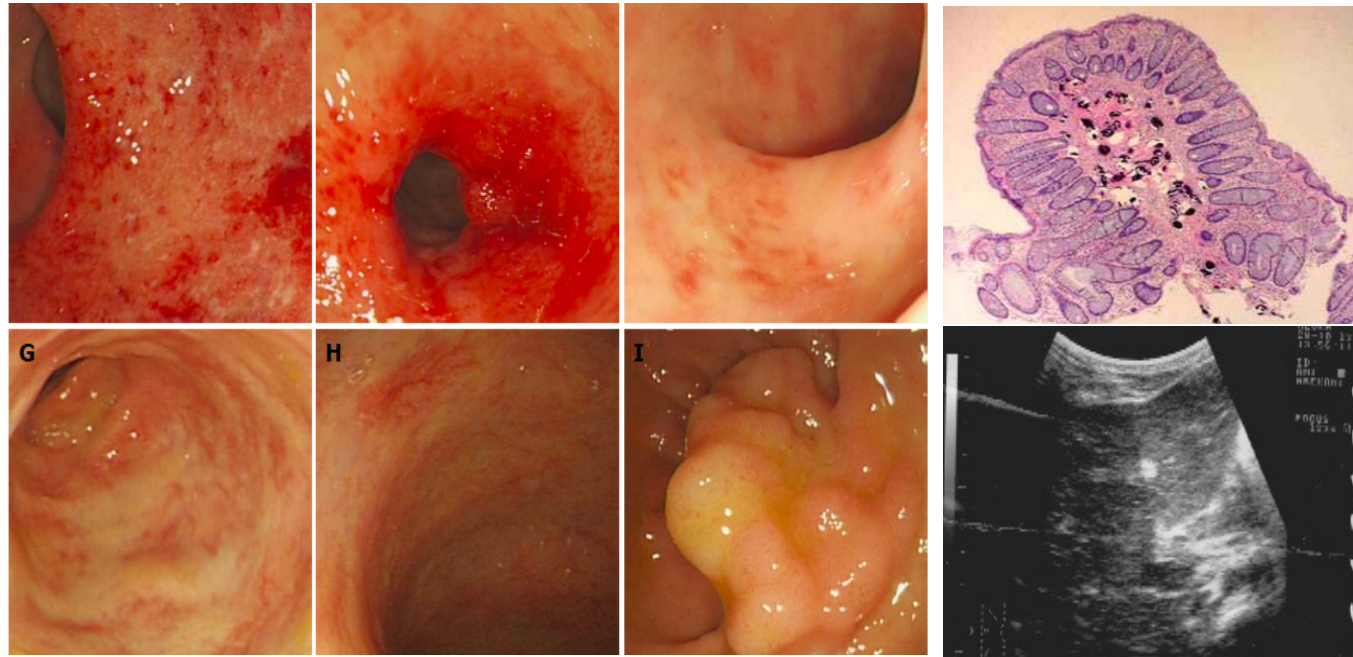
# The 'perfect' morbidity biomarker

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1. **Sensitive-** detect low level morbidity
2. **Specific-** discern between schistosomiasis morbidity and other diseases
3. **Measurable in low invasive samples (urine, stool, blood (DBS), vaginal lavage)**
4. **Responsive to treatment**
5. **Commercially available at the point-of-care- can be used in clinics AND control programmes.**
6. **Low-cost**

# Biomarkers for Intestinal Schistosomiasis

## *(S.mansoni, S.japonicum)*



# Biomarkers for *S. mansoni* and *S. japonicum* morbidities

## Anatomical

Intestinal inflammation and occult blood loss

Hepatomegaly

Splenomegaly/hypersplenism

Hepatic fibrosis

Portal vein hypertension

Intestinal hemorrhage

More Acute

## Functional

Small intestinal dysfunction

Chronic pain

Anemia

Exercise intolerance

Reduced emotional QoL

Poor school behavior and performance

Growth

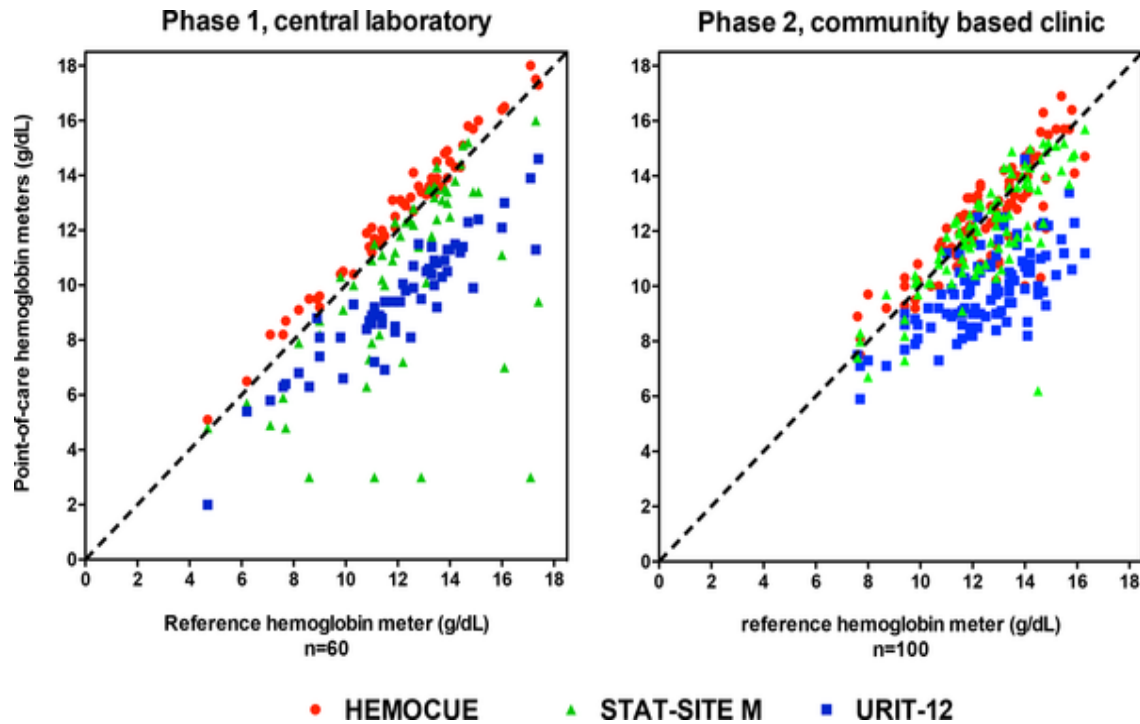
Loss of earnings

Death

More Chronic



# Anemia- detection of Hb



Jaggernath M et al (2016) PLoS ONE

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2. Specific- ↓↓
3. Measurable in low blood volume ↑↑↑
4. Responsive to treatment ↑↑↑
5. Commercially available at the point-of-care ↑↑↑
6. Low-cost ↑



# Biomarkers for Intestinal inflammation and occult blood loss

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PLOS NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

## Fecal Occult Blood and Fecal Calprotectin as Point-of-Care Markers of Intestinal Morbidity in Ugandan Children with *Schistosoma mansoni* Infection

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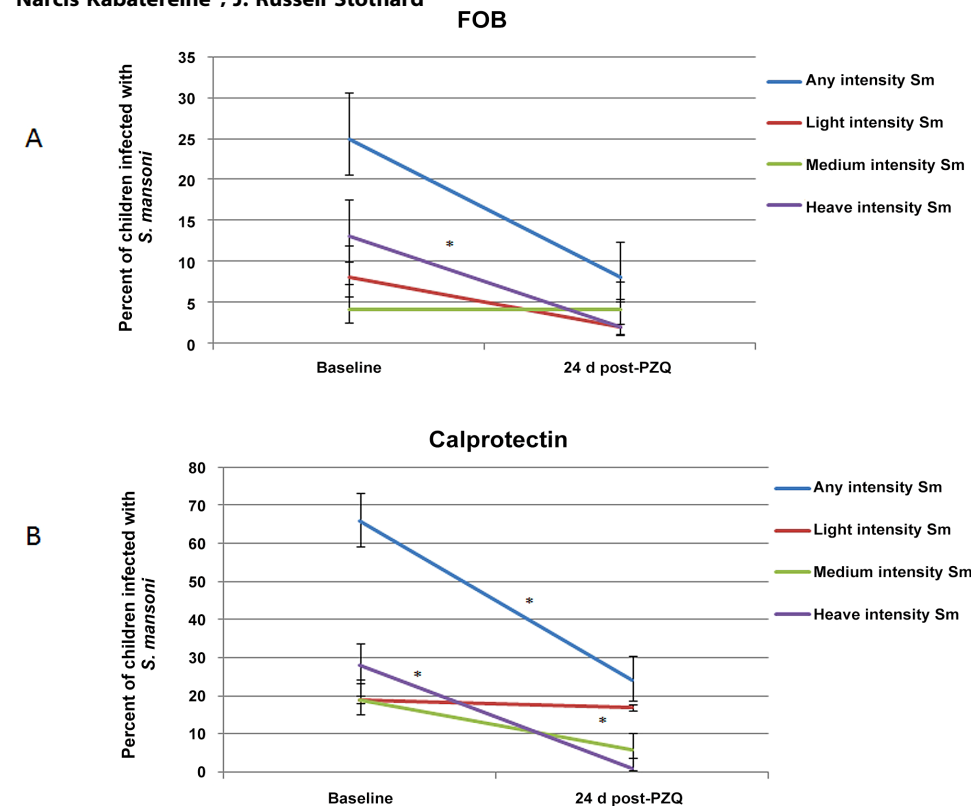


Figure 3. Percent of children egg positive for *S. mansoni* with positive FOB (A) and calprotectin (B) at baseline and 24 days after PZQ treatment. Statistically significant values are indicated \*.

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2. Specific- ↓↓
3. Measurable in stool ↑↑↑
4. Responsive to treatment ↑↑↑
5. Commercially available at the point-of-care ↑↑↑
6. Low-cost
  - 1. FOB ↑↑
  - 2. Calprotectin ↓↓

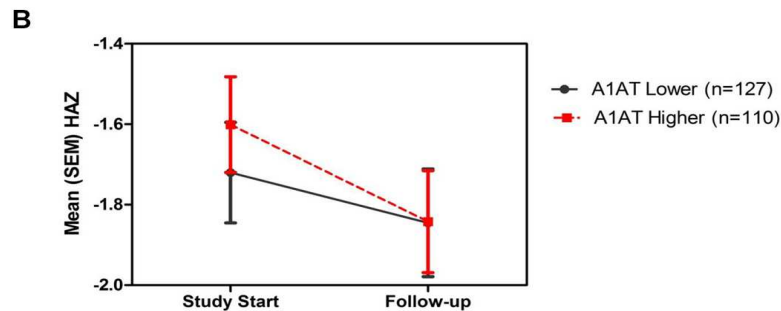
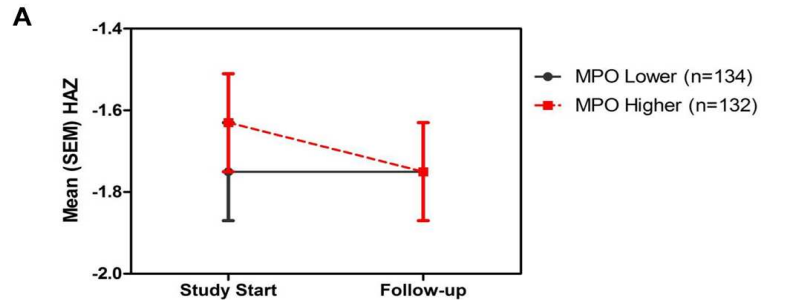
# Small intestinal morbidity biomarkers leading to poor linear growth



RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Biomarkers of Environmental Enteropathy, Inflammation, Stunting, and Impaired Growth in Children in Northeast Brazil

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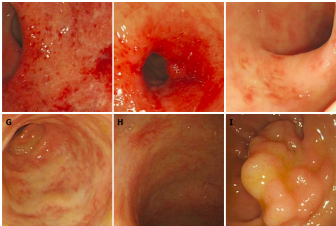
## Assessment of Environmental Enteric Dysfunction in the SHINE Trial: Methods and Challenges

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## Results from the MALED study (Gates, NIH)

- **Microbial Translocation and systemic inflammation:** Plasma LPS (endotoxin), EndoCAb, IL-6, CRP, alpha-1 acid glycoprotein
- **Barrier disruption ( permeability) :** Urine Lactose/Mannose ratio, Stool Regenerating gene 1B (REG-1B), (Intestinal fatty acid binding protein (I-FABP)
- **Intestinal Inflammation:** Stool Myeloperoxidase (MPO) and neopterin, Stool Alfa-1 antitripsine

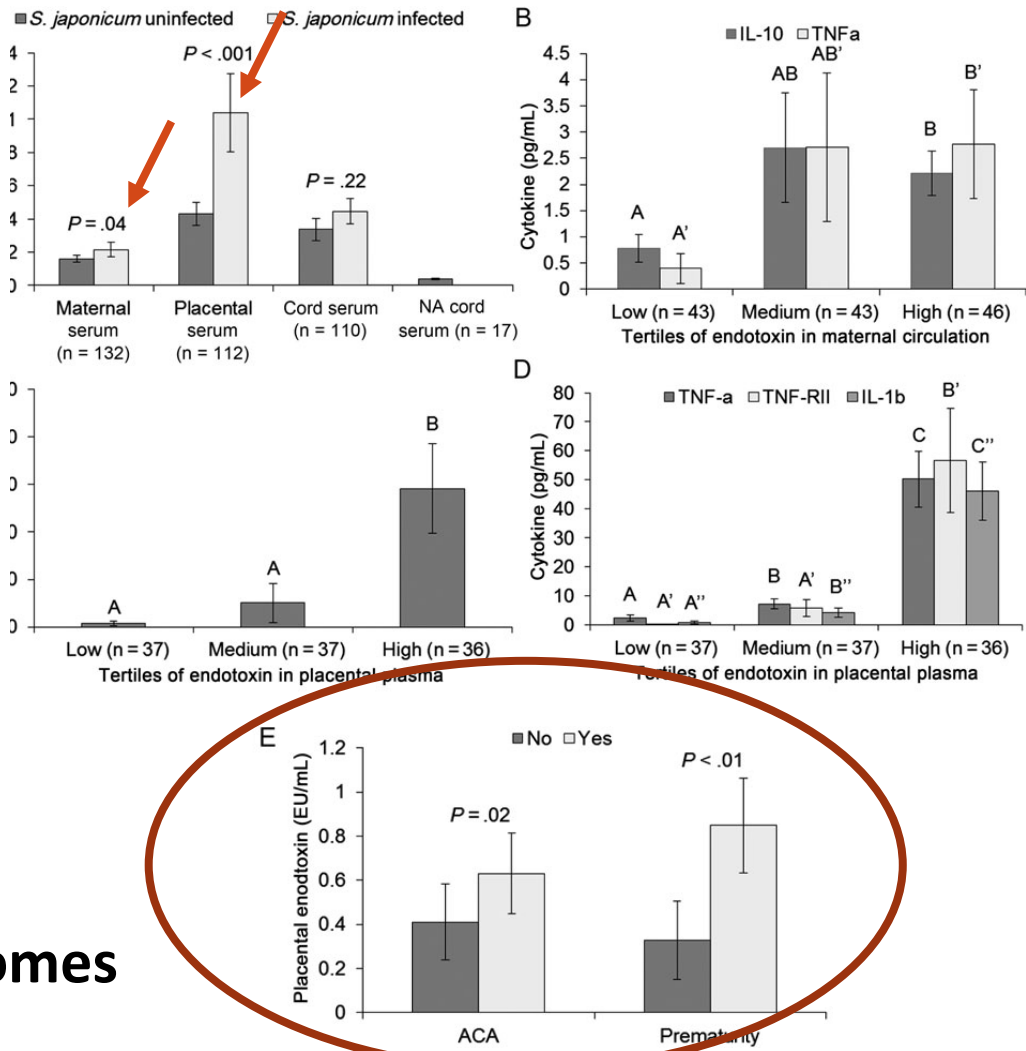
# Small intestinal morbidity biomarkers leading to poor growth; What about schistosomiasis?



## BRIEF REPORT

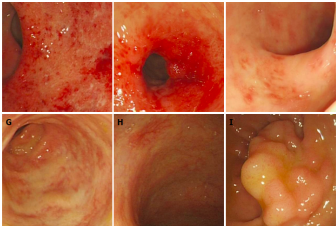
### Schistosomiasis Japonica During Pregnancy Is Associated With Elevated Endotoxin Levels in Maternal and Placental Compartments

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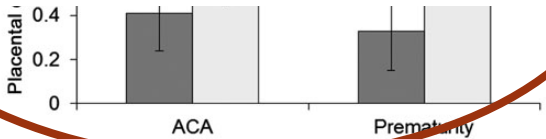
Poor neonatal outcomes

# Small intestinal morbidity biomarkers leading to poor growth; What about schistosomiasis?



- BRIEF**
- 1. Sensitive- ↑↑↑
  - 2. Specific- ↓↓
  - 3. Measurable in urine or stool- ↓↓↓
  - 4. Responsive to treatment- ↑↑↑
  - 5. Commercially available at the point-of-care- ↓↓↓
  - 6. Low-cost- ↓↓
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Pregnancy  
Elevated IL-10  
Maternal  
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Poor neonatal outcomes



# Biomarkers of liver fibrosis

# Periportal Fibrosis in Human *Schistosoma mansoni* Infection Is Associated with Low IL-10, Low IFN- $\gamma$ , High TNF- $\alpha$ , or Low RANTES, Depending on Age and Gender<sup>1</sup>

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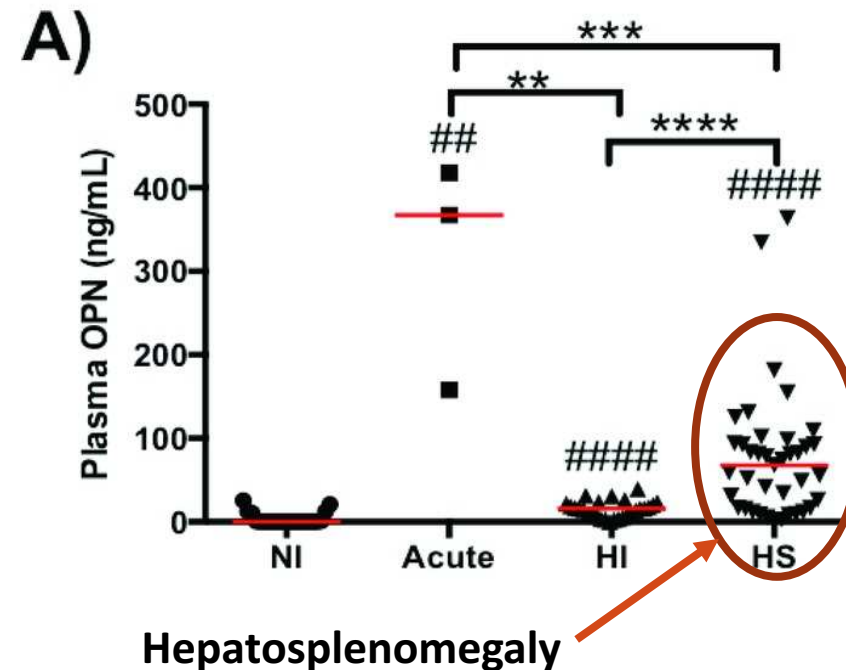
## RESEARCH ARTICLE

# Osteopontin Is Upregulated in Human and Murine Acute Schistosomiasis *Mansoni*

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# Th2 Cytokines Are Associated with Persistent Hepatic Fibrosis in Human *Schistosoma japonicum* Infection

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6. Low-cost

Persistent Hepatic  
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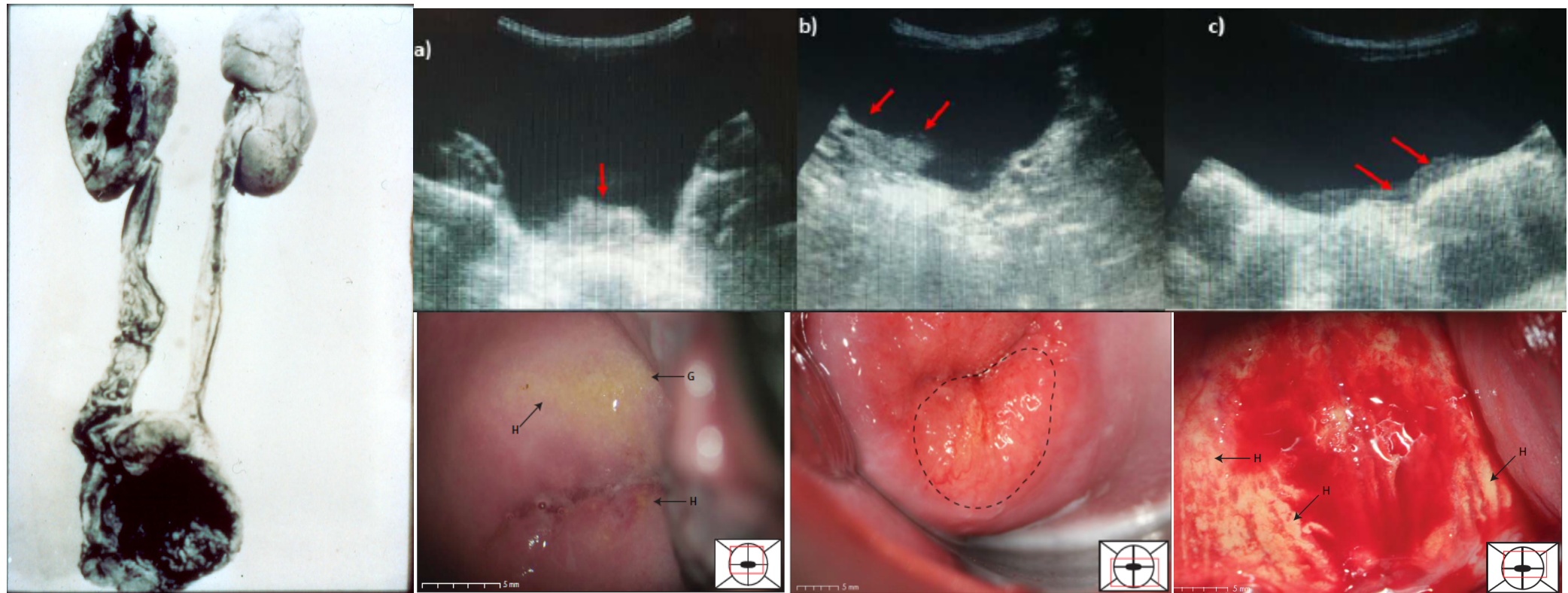
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Hepatosplenomegaly



# Biomarkers for Urogenital Schistosomiasis (*S.haematobium*)





# Biomarkers for *S. haematobium* morbidities

## Anatomical

Urinary tract bleeding and protein loss

Cystitis, ureteritis

Bladder polyposis

Genital inflammation and contact bleeding

Female Genital lesions (sandy patches, rubbery papules)

Hydroureter, hydronephrosis

Secondary infection

Bladder cancer

## Functional

Dysuria, dyspareunia

Anemia

Sub-fecundity

Exercise intolerance

Reduced QoL

Stunting

Cognitive impairment

Poor school performance

Loss of earnings

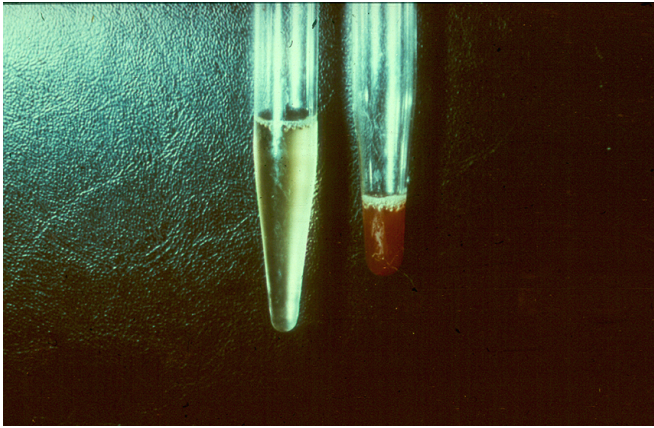
Death

More Acute

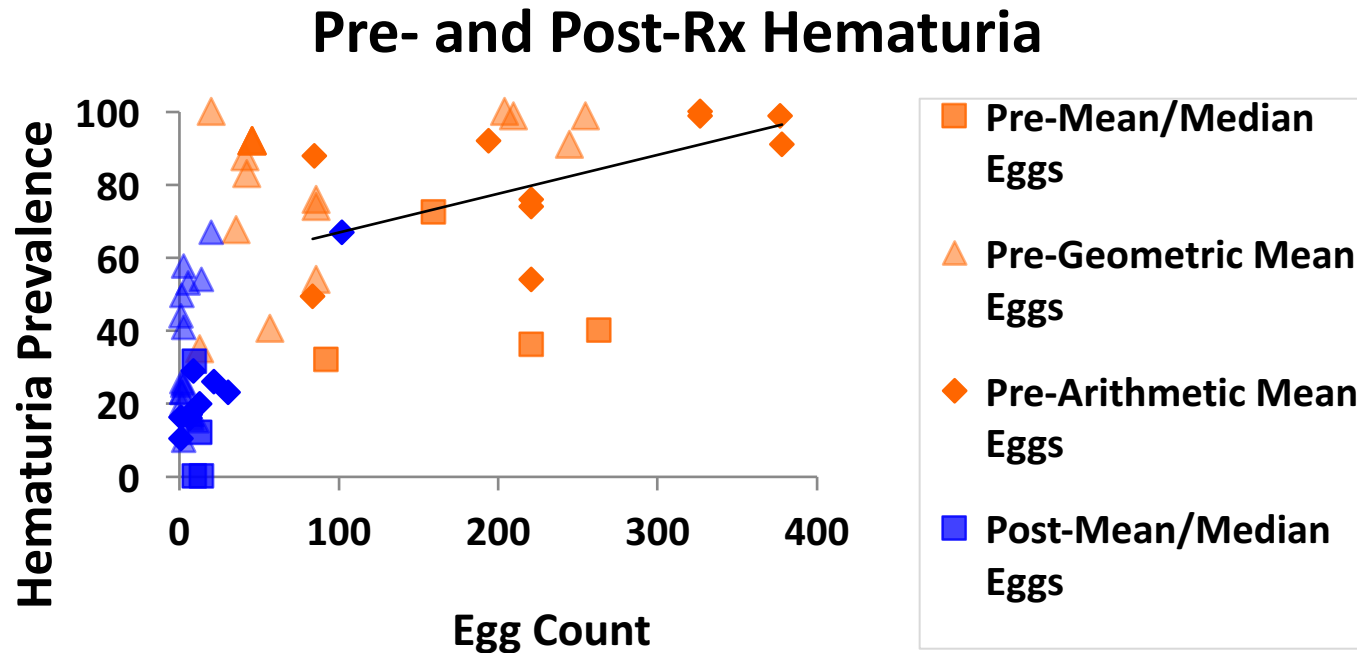


More Chronic

# MORBIDITY DUE TO INFLAMMATION (Urinary tract)

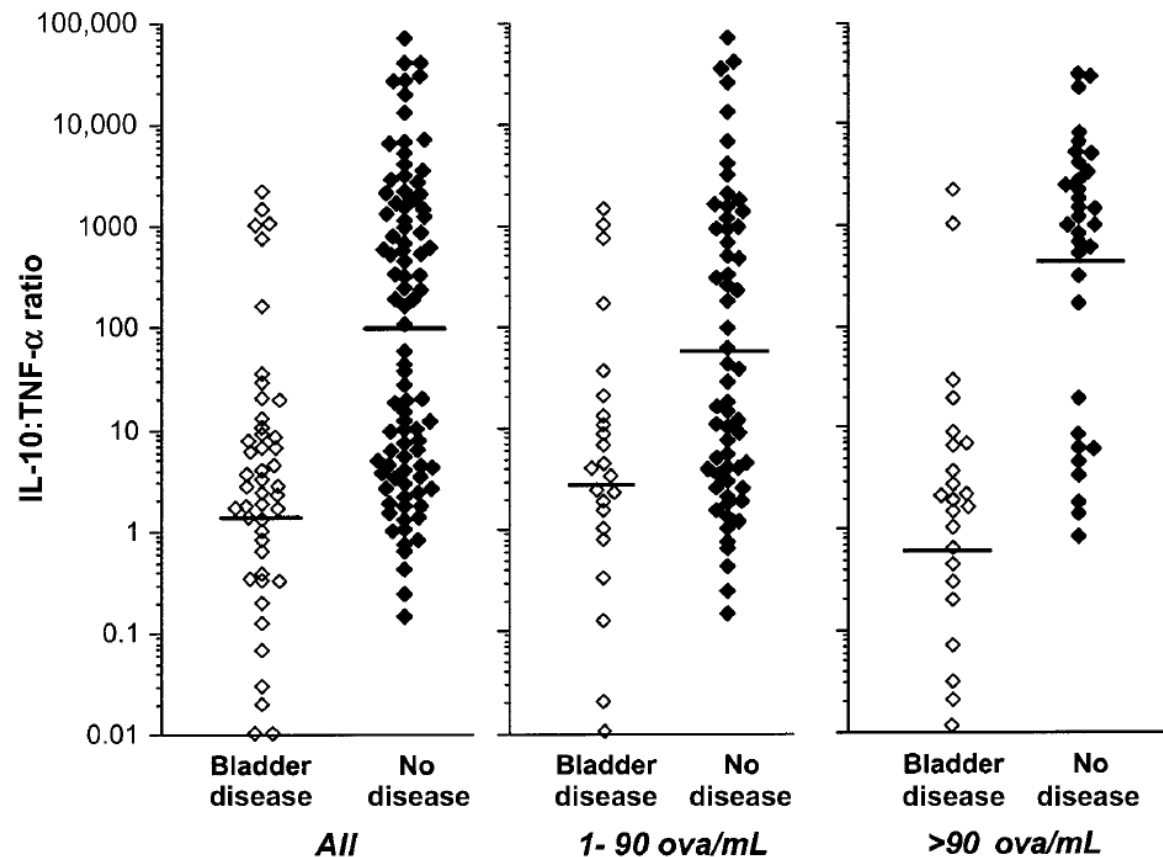


1. Sensitive- ↑↑
2. Specific- ↓
3. Measurable in urine ↑↑↑
4. Responsive to treatment- ↑↑↑
5. Commercially available at the point-of-care ↑↑↑
6. Low-cost ↑↑



*Data from Andrade, et al., PLOS NTDs 2017*

# IMMUNE BIOMARKERS OF BLADDER DISEASE








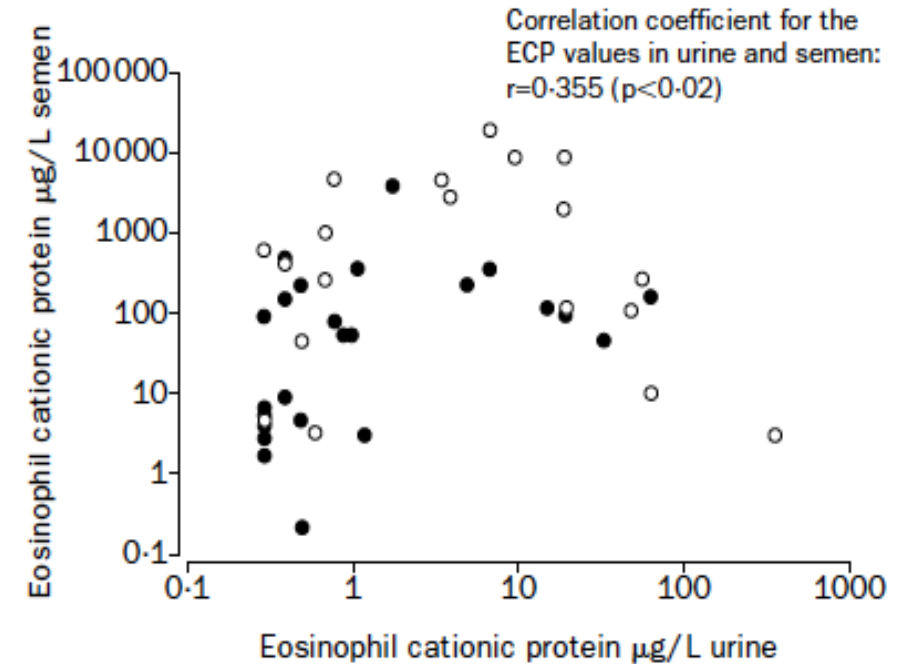
The IL-10 to TNF balance determines the likelihood of disease

1. Sensitive- ↑↑↑
2. Specific- ↓
3. Measurable in DBS ↓↓
4. Responsive to treatment- ↑↑
5. Commercially available at the point-of-care ↓↓
6. Low-cost ↓↓

Wamachi, et al., *J Infect Dis* 2004

# Biomarkers for male genital schistosomiasis

1. Sensitive 
2. Specific- 
3. Measurable in semen and urine 
4. Responsive to treatment- ??
5. Commercial/point-of-care- 
6. Low-cost 

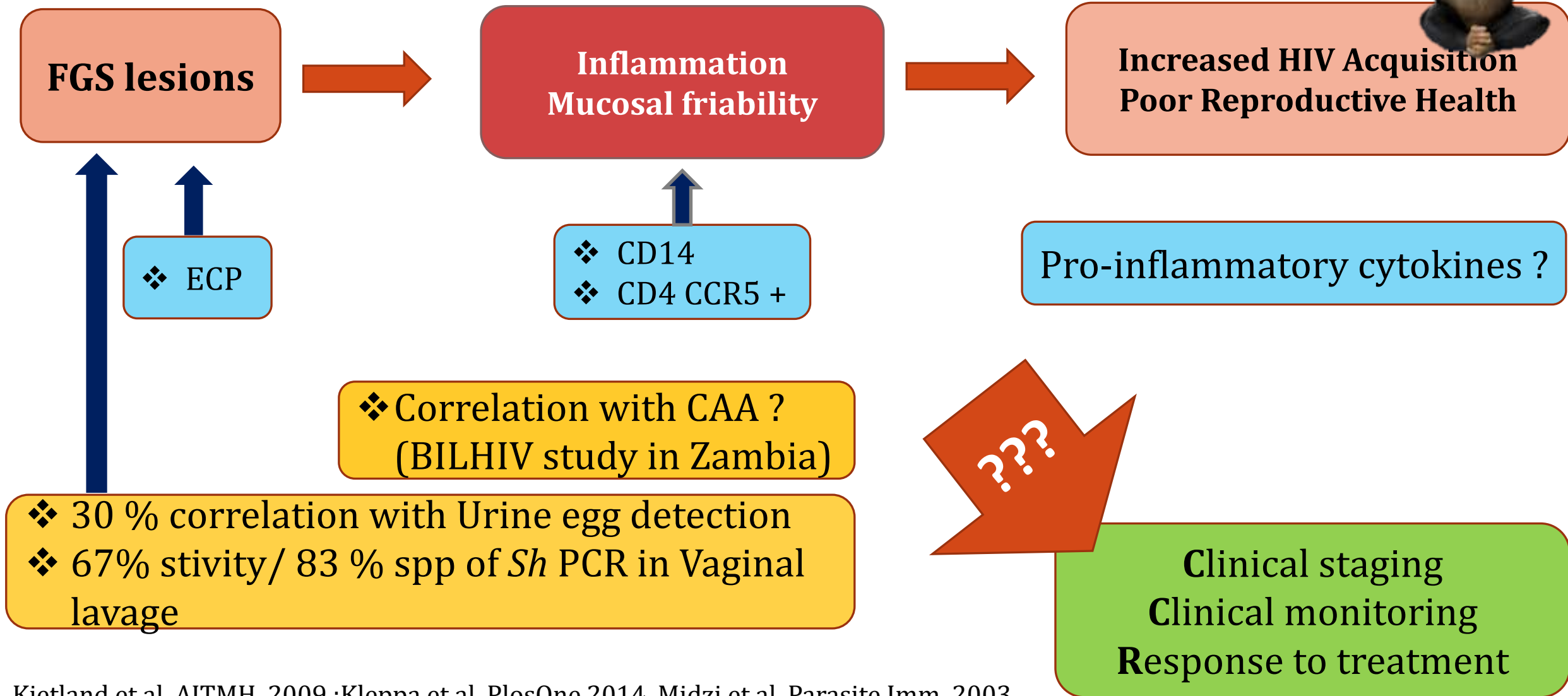


**Correlations with MGS**

- ❖ SEA and ECP in semen
- ❖ CAA in plasma

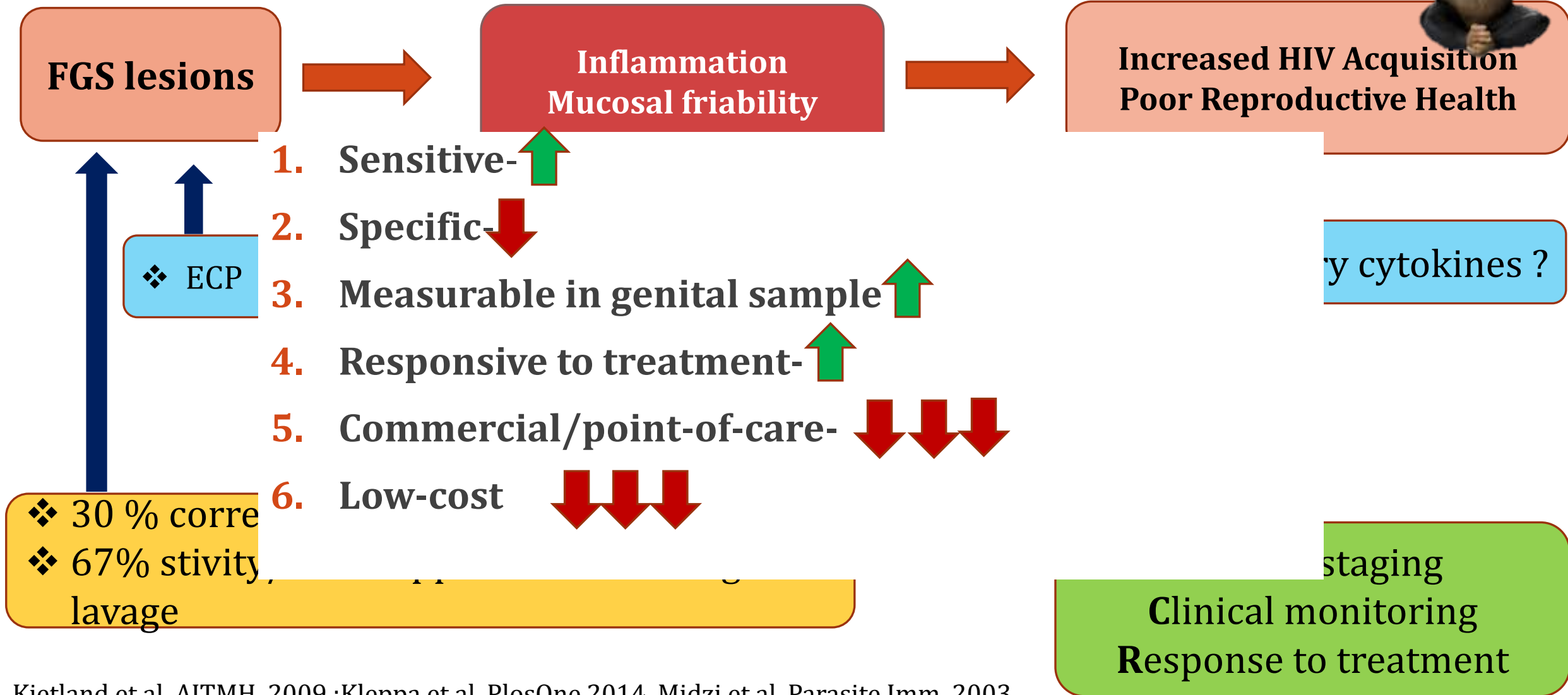
*Leutcher et al, Lancet 2000*  
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# Biomarkers for Female Genital Schistosomiasis



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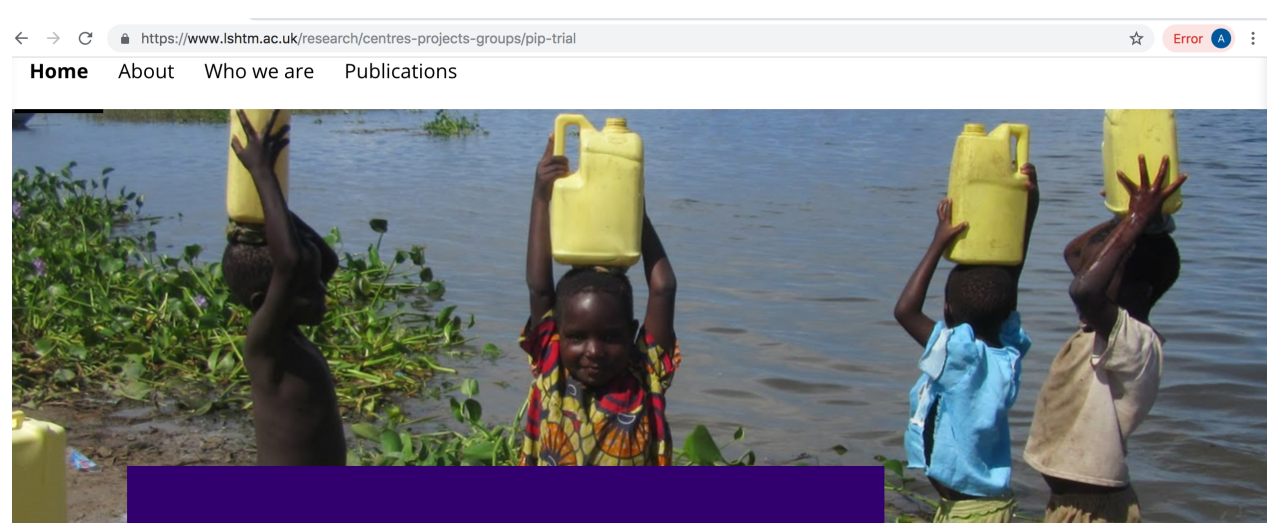


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# SUMMARY

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- There is no 'perfect' biomarker, it all depends on where it needs to perform (control programmes vs clinical practice)
  - Good to aim for a biomarker that could be a **morbidity** test-of-cure (different from infection!)
  - **Hemacue** is a winner for all types of schistosomiasis
  - **Intestinal schistosomiasis**
    1. Hb, FOB, Calprotectin
    2. LPS, MOP, Neopterin, EndoCAb, IL-6, CRP, alfa-1 acid glycoprotein, Urine Lactose/Mannose ratio, Stool REG-1B, I-FABP, Stool Alfa-1 antitripsine
    3. Liver fibrosis markers- research context
  - **Urogenital schistosomiasis**
    1. Hemastick
    2. **NEEDS URGENT RESEARCH** to find MGS and FGS good and affordable markers of disease from genital samples





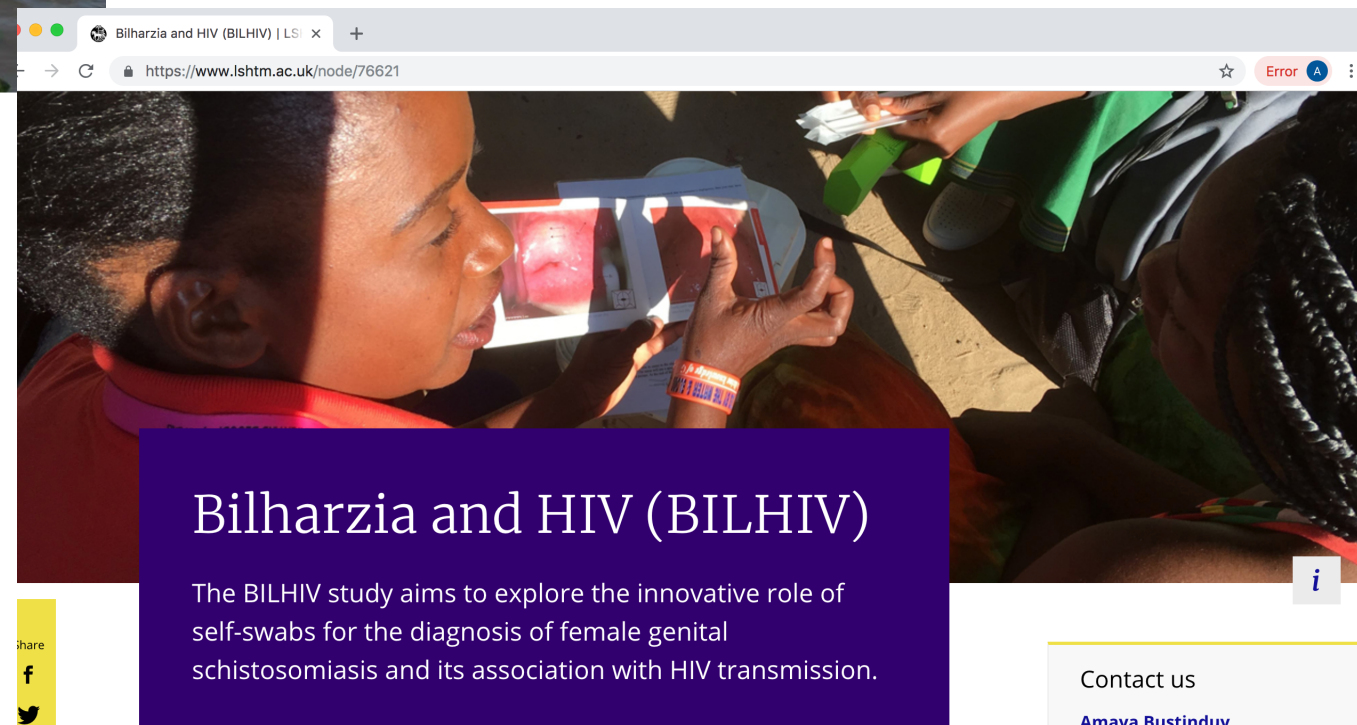
## Praziquantel in Preschool Children (PIP trial)

The Praziquantel in Preschoolers trial (PIP) aims to find the right treatment dose of praziquantel for preschool children living with intestinal schistosomiasis in Uganda.

<https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/research/centres-projects-groups/pip-trial>



# Thank you!



## Bilharzia and HIV (BILHIV)

The BILHIV study aims to explore the innovative role of self-swabs for the diagnosis of female genital schistosomiasis and its association with HIV transmission.

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