

Table S1: Profile of the experts participating in the International Society for Human and Animal Mycology (ISHAM) allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis (ABPA) working group (n=39)

Variables	Results
Age, years (range)	34-73
Sex	
Men	33 (84.6)
Women	6 (15.4)
Country	
India	19 (48.7)
United Kingdom	6 (15.4)
Germany	3 (7.7)
France	2 (5.1)
Australia	1 (2.6)
Austria	1 (2.6)
Brazil	1 (2.6)
Canada	1 (2.6)
Japan	1 (2.6)
Netherlands	1 (2.6)
Singapore	1 (2.6)
Uganda	1 (2.6)
United States	1 (2.6)
Specialty	
Adult Pulmonary Medicine	19 (48.7)
Infectious Disease	9 (23.1)
Microbiology	5 (12.8)
Allergy-Immunology	2 (5.1)
Pediatric Pulmonology	2 (5.1)
Radiodiagnosis	1 (2.6)
Community Medicine/Public Health	1 (2.6)
Affiliation	
University or teaching hospital	33 (85)
Private practitioner	4 (10)
Laboratory practice	2 (5)
Clinical experience in managing ABPA, years	
1-5	3 (7.7)
6-10	5 (12.8)
11-15	9 (23.1)
>15	19 (48.7)
Not applicable	3 (7.7)
Experience in managing cystic fibrosis-ABPA	20 (51.3)
Number of asthma patients managed per month	
<10	6 (15.4)
10 to 50	14 (35.9)
51 to 100	6 (15.4)
>100	7 (17.9)
Not applicable	6 (15.4)
Number of ABPA patients managed per month	
1 to 5	12 (30.8)
6 to 10	12 (30.8)
11 to 20	5 (12.8)
21 to 50	3 (7.7)
>50	1 (2.6)
None/Not applicable	6 (15.4)

All values are presented as numbers (percentage) unless otherwise specified

Table S2: Questions discussed in the Delphi process and the scores obtained (for the statements not achieving consensus in rounds 1 and 2, we used the level of consensus achieved during the final round)

		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
FUNGAL SENSITIZATION				
1. Which fungi do you suggest screening for fungal sensitization? (Choose all that you regard as routine)	<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	37/39 (94.9%)	-	-
	<i>A. flavus</i>	24/39 (61.5%)	24/39 (61.5%)	
	<i>Candida albicans</i>	15/39 (38.5%)	24/39 (61.5%)	
	<i>Alternaria spp.</i>	24/39 (61.5%)	24/39 (61.5%)	
	<i>Cladosporium spp.</i>	24/39 (61.5%)	15/39 (38.5%)	
	<i>Trichophyton spp.</i>	13/39 (33.3%)	13/39 (33.3%)	
	Other (please list)	5/39 (12.8%)	5/39 (12.8%)	
2. In which of the following situations would you suggest screening for fungal sensitization?	1. All newly referred or newly diagnosed adult asthmatics	18/39 (46.2%)	25/35 (71.4%)	
	2. All newly referred or newly diagnosed children (aged >5 years) with asthma	12/39 (30.8%)	10/37 (27%)	
	3. All children with asthma referred to or managed at tertiary care	22/39 (56.4%)	27/37 (73%)	
	3. Uncontrolled asthma	35/39 (89.7%)	-	
	4. Difficult to treat asthma	36/39 (92.3%)	-	
	5. Severe asthma	36/39 (92.3%)	-	
	6. Peripheral eosinophilia	26/39 (66.7%)	-	
7. Any other	4/39 (10.3%)	-		
3. Which method do you prefer for documenting fungal sensitization?	Fungal-specific IgE	26/34 (76.5%)	-	
	Skin prick test	1/34 (2.9%)	-	
	Both	11/34 (32.3%)	-	
4. In which of the following situations would you suggest evaluating adults for ABPA? (Choose all that is appropriate)	1. All asthmatic adults managed or diagnosed at primary or secondary care	20/39 (51.2%)	25/35 (71.4%)	
	2. All adults with asthma referred to or managed at tertiary care	23/39 (59%)	23/35 (65.7%)	
	3. Uncontrolled asthma	34/39 (87.2%)	-	
	4. Difficult to treat asthma	36/39 (92.3%)	-	
	5. Severe asthma	36/39 (92.3%)	-	
	6. Peripheral eosinophilia	27/39 (69.2%)	-	
	7. Others	6/39 (15.4%)	-	
5. In which of the following situations would you suggest evaluating	1. All asthmatic children (aged >5 years) managed or diagnosed at diagnosed	4/39 (10.3%)	-	

children for ABPA? (Choose all that is appropriate)	primary or secondary care			
	2. All children with asthma (aged >5 years) referred to or managed at tertiary care	17/39 (43.6%)	27/37 (73%)	
	3. Uncontrolled asthma	30/39 (76.9%)	-	
	4. Difficult to treat asthma	31/39 (79.5%)	-	
	5. Severe asthma	22/39 (56.4%)	20/37 (54.1%)	
	6. Peripheral eosinophilia	6/39 (15.4%)	-	
6. Which method do you prefer for screening asthmatic patients for ABPA? (Please choose one)	<i>A. fumigatus</i> specific IgE	37/39 (94.9%)	-	
	<i>Aspergillus</i> skin test	0	-	
	Serum total IgE	8/39 (20.5%)	-	
	<i>A. fumigatus</i> -specific IgG	2/39 (5.2%)	-	
	<i>Aspergillus</i> precipitins	1/39 (2.6%)	-	
	Peripheral blood eosinophil count	0	-	
	Sputum for <i>Aspergillus</i> culture	0	-	
	Chest radiograph	0	-	
	CT chest	1/39 (2.6%)	-	
Any other test (please specify)	1/39 (2.6%)	-		
7. Would you recommend evaluating/screening <u>all</u> complex/difficult/brittle asthmatic adults for ABPA periodically?	Yes, alternate years.	5/36 (13.9%)	8/37 (21.6%)	-
	Yes, annually.	13/36 (36.1%)	12/37 (32.4%)	
	Only if there is a significant deterioration in asthma control	18/36 (50.0%)	17/37 (45.9%)	
8. INVESTIGATIONS FOR ABPA				
<i>Aspergillus</i> skin test	Yes	22/39 (56.4%)	22/39 (56.4%)	
<i>Aspergillus</i> precipitins	Yes	15/39 (38.5%)	13/39 (33.3%)	
Serum total IgE, IU/ml	Yes	35/39 (89.7%)	-	
<i>A. fumigatus</i> -specific IgE, kUA/L	Yes	37/39 (94.9%)	-	
<i>A. fumigatus</i> -specific IgG, mgA/L	Yes	32/39 (82.1%)	-	
Blood eosinophil count, cells/ μ L	Yes	34/39 (87.2%)	-	
Sputum fungal cultures	Yes	23/39 (59.0%)	24/39 (61.5%)	
Serum galactomannan	No	36/39 (92.3%)	-	
IgE against recombinant <i>Aspergillus</i> antigens				
f1	Yes	15/39 (38.5%)	16/39 (41%)	
f2	Yes	16/39 (41%)	16/39 (41%)	
f3	Yes	8/39 (20.5%)	-	

f4	Yes	13/39 (33.3%)	13/39 (33.3%)
f6	Yes	10/39 (25.6%)	-
<i>Aspergillus</i> PCR in sputum	Yes	3/39 (7.7%)	-
9. Cut-off values			
<i>A.fumigatus</i> -specific IgE (kUA/L)			
0.1	Yes	1/38 (2.6%)	
0.35	Yes	34/38 (89.5%)	-
0.5	Yes	1/38 (2.6%)	
Other cut-offs	Yes	2/38 (5.3%)	
Serum total IgE (IU/mL)			
417	Yes	2/38 (5.3%)	2/38 (5.3%)
500	Yes	23/38 (60.5%)	22/38 (57.9%)
1000	Yes	12/38 (31.6%)	13/38 (34.2%)
<i>A.fumigatus</i> -specific IgG (mgA/L)			
27	Yes	16/35 (45.7%)	16/35 (45.7%)
40	Yes	10/35 (28.6%)	11/35 (31.4%)
60	Yes	2/35 (5.7%)	2/35 (5.7%)
Other cut-offs	Yes	7/35 (20.0%)	6/35 (17.1%)
Peripheral blood eosinophil count (cells/ μ L)			
300	Yes	5/37 (13.5%)	
500	Yes	27/37 (73.0%)	-
1000	Yes	5/37 (13.5%)	
Imaging			
Chest radiograph	Yes	24/39 (61.5%)	-
CT chest	Yes	36/39 (92.3%)	-
MRI thorax	Yes	0	-
10. Bronchoscopy for ABPA			
Do you recommend performing bronchoscopy in ABPA patients for diagnosis?	No	31/36 (86.1%)	-
Do you perform bronchoscopy in the evaluation/management of ABPA patients?	Yes, sometimes	30/35 (85.7%)	-
If the ABPA / asthma diagnosis is uncertain.	Yes	19/37 (51.3%)	

If radiology is consistent with TB, to rule out TB, before corticosteroids are given.	Yes	22/37 (59.5%)		
To collect samples for fungal culture, microscopy, and Aspergillus antigen/PCR.	Yes	14/37 (37.8%)		
Only for therapeutic reasons, to remove mucus plugs.	Yes	21/37 (56.8%)		
To investigate hemoptysis.	Yes	24/37 (64.9%)		
Others	Yes	5/37 (13.5%)		
11. DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA	Modifications suggested and discussed	19/39 (48.7%)	21/39 (53.8%)	25/34 (73.5%)
12. CLINICAL CLASSIFICATION		20/34 (58.8%)	29/34 (85.3%)	-
13. RADIOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION		18/34 (52.9%)	21/34 (61.8%)	30/34 (88.2%)
14. TREATMENT OF ABPA				
Do you suggest treating asymptomatic or well-controlled asthmatics with ABPA using systemic medications (oral glucocorticoids or triazoles)?	No	30/35 (85.7%)	-	-
What first-line treatment do you suggest for managing new cases of ABPA?	Prednisolone	25/32 (78.1%)	-	-
	Itraconazole	19/32 (59.4%)	24/35 (68.6%)	25/34 (73.5%)
	Voriconazole	7/32 (21.9%)		
	Posaconazole	1/32 (3.1%)		
	Isavuconazole	1/32 (3.1%)		
	Prednisolone-itraconazole combination	9/32 (28.1%)		
	Prednisolone-voriconazole combination	1/32 (3.1%)		
	Nebulized amphotericin	1/32 (3.1%)		
	Biologics (anti-IgE, anti-type 2)	1/32 (3.1%)		
	High-dose ICS	0		
What treatment do you suggest in those with contraindications to glucocorticoids?	Itraconazole	33/39 (84.6%)	-	-
	Voriconazole	22/39 (56.4%)		
	Posaconazole	9/39 (23.1%)		
	Isavuconazole	4/39 (10.3%)		
	Nebulized amphotericin	7/39 (17.9%)		
	Biologics (anti-IgE, anti-type 2)	17/39 (43.6%)		
What treatment do you suggest in	Prednisolone	28/39 (71.8%)	-	-

those with contraindications to azoles?	Nebulized amphotericin	18/39 (46.2%)		
	Biologics (anti-IgE, anti-type 2)	18/39 (46.2%)		
What treatment do you suggest for managing ABPA during pregnancy?	Prednisolone	27/37 (73%)	-	-
	Itraconazole	0		
	Voriconazole	0		
	Posaconazole	0		
	Isavuconazole	0		
	Prednisolone-itraconazole combination	1 (2.7%)		
	Prednisolone-voriconazole combination	0		
	Nebulized amphotericin	8/37 (21.6%)		
	Biologics (anti-IgE, anti-type 2)	5/37 (13.5%)		
What dosing protocol would you recommend for glucocorticoids in treating ABPA?				
Oral prednisolone: 0.5 mg/kg/d, 0.25 mg/kg/d, 0.125 mg/kg/d, each, for 4 weeks; then taper by 5 mg/week to complete four months.	Yes	19/34 (55.9%)	21/35 (60.0%)	25/35 (71.4%)
Oral prednisolone 0.5 mg/kg/day for two weeks followed by 0.5 mg/kg/day for alternate days for eight weeks. Then taper by 5 mg every two weeks and discontinue over 3-5 months.	Yes	10/34 (29.4%)	14/35 (40.0%)	10/35 (28.6%)
Any other protocol	Yes	5/34 (14.7%)	-	-
What should be the dosing protocol for azoles in treating ABPA?				
Itraconazole (or Voriconazole) 200 mg bid for 4 months	Yes	29/34 (85.3%)	-	-
Do you suggest therapeutic drug monitoring while using antifungal azoles?	Yes	32/35 (91.4%)	-	-
When to assess treatment response?	4 weeks	5/35 (14.3%)	8 (20.5%)	
	6 weeks	9/35 (25.7%)	8 (20.5%)	
	8 weeks	9/35 (25.7%)	16 (41.0%)	
	12 weeks	12/35 (34.3%)	5 (12.8%)	
How do you recommend assessing	Symptoms	36/36 (100%)	-	-

response to treatment (choose more than one if required)?	Chest radiograph (chest imaging)	19/36 (52.8%)	22/35 (62.9%)	-
	CT chest	12/36 (33.3%)	10/35 (28.6%)	-
	Serum total IgE	33/36 (91.7%)	-	-
	Serum <i>A. fumigatus</i> specific IgE	0	-	-
	Serum <i>A. fumigatus</i> specific IgG	0	-	-
	Peripheral blood eosinophil count	13/36 (36.4%)	12/35 (34.2%)	9/34 (26.4%)
	Spirometry	25/36 (69.4%)	-	-
	HRQoL questionnaire	22/36 (61.1%)	25/35 (71.4%)	-
How do you recommend diagnosing ABPA exacerbations in practice?	Clinical	0	-	-
	Clinical and immunological	4/37 (10.8%)	-	-
	Clinical and radiological	0	-	-
	Clinical, radiological, and immunological	33/37 (89.2%)	-	-
What would you recommend for treating the first ABPA exacerbations?	Prednisolone	25/35 (71.4%)	-	-
	Itraconazole	12/35 (34.3%)	-	-
	Voriconazole	7/35 (20.0%)	-	-
	Posaconazole	0	-	-
	Isavuconazole	0	-	-
	Prednisolone-itraconazole combination	16/35 (45.7%)	-	-
	Prednisolone-voriconazole combination	3/35 (8.6%)	-	-
	Nebulized amphotericin	0	-	-
Biologics (anti-IgE, anti-type 2)	2/35 (5.7%)	-	-	
What do you recommend for treating the subsequent ABPA exacerbations? ^a	Prednisolone	11/35 (31.4%)	3/36 (16.7%)	-
	Itraconazole	8/35 (22.9%)	4/36 (11.1%)	-
	Voriconazole	5/35 (14.3%)	1/36 (2.8%)	-
	Posaconazole	0	-	-
	Isavuconazole	0	-	-
	Prednisolone-itraconazole combination	23/35 (65.7%)	21/36 (58.3%)	25/35 (71.4)
	Prednisolone-voriconazole combination	9/35 (25.7%)	5/36 (13.9%)	-
	Nebulized amphotericin	3/35 (8.6%)	1/36 (2.8%)	-
Biologics (anti-IgE, anti-type 2)	11/35 (31.4%)	2/36 (5.6%)	-	
What should be the optimal duration for treating ABPA exacerbations?	2 months	3/34 (8.8%)	10/36 (27.8%)	32/32 (100%) for assessment at 8-12 weeks
	3 months	6/34 (17.6%)	12/36 (33.3%)	
	4 months	16/34 (47.1%)	9/36 (25%)	
	6 months	7/34 (20.6%)	5/36 (13.9%)	
	others (please specify duration)	2/34 (5.9%)	0	
Do you recommend using biological agents for treating ABPA in your				

practice?	Yes	28/34 (82.4%)	-
Omalizumab	Yes	25/30 (83.3%)	26/33 (78.8%)
Mepolizumab	Yes	19/30 (63.3%)	14/31 (45.2%)
Benralizumab	Yes	18/30 (60.0%)	17/32 (53.1%)
Dupilumab	Yes	16/30 (53.3%)	15/29 (51.7%)
Tezepelumab	Yes	7/30 (23.3%)	6/27 (22.2%)
If yes, please suggest the indications for biologics:			
New ABPA cases	Yes	1/32 (3.1%)	-
ABPA exacerbations	Yes	5/32 (15.6%)	
For treatment dependent ABPA as maintenance therapy after response	Yes	23/32 (71.9%)	
Contraindications to oral glucocorticoids	Yes	26/32 (81.2%)	
Contraindications to oral azoles	Yes	23/32 (71.9%)	
Intolerance to oral azoles	Yes	24/32 (75.0%)	
Do you suggest using nebulized amphotericin B (NAB) for ABPA?	Yes	18/33 (54.5%)	15/35 (42.9%)
Where do you suggest using NAB?			
New ABPA cases	Yes	0	
ABPA exacerbations	Yes	1/27 (3.7%)	-
Treatment-dependent ABPA as maintenance therapy after response	Yes	10/27 (37.0%)	
Contraindications to oral glucocorticoids	Yes	7/27 (25.9%)	
Contraindications to oral azoles	Yes	16/27 (59.3%)	
Intolerance to oral azoles	Yes	16/27 (59.3%)	
Would you recommend routinely treating all patients of serologic ABPA (ABPA without bronchiectasis) with systemic medications (oral glucocorticoids or triazoles)?	No	26/34 (76.4%)	-
If yes, when	Severe asthma	27/34 (79.4%)	-
	Recurrent ABPA exacerbations	29/34 (85.3%)	-

	Any other			
Management options for treatment dependent ABPA	Long term itraconazole	-	-	31/31 (100%)
	Biologics			22/31 (71%)
	Nebulized amphotericin B			31/31 (100%)

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^aMultiple options allowed in the first round of Delphi

Table S3: Detailed imaging acquisition protocol for chest computed tomography (CT)

Parameters	CT chest
Scanning mode	Helical
Patient position	Supine, in deep suspended inspiration
Scan area	The whole chest (from apices to domes of the diaphragm)
Scan acquisition	Volumetric, non-contrast
Tube potential (kVp)	Appropriate to patient size; 120 (standard) and lower tube potential for small, thin, or pediatric patients
Tube current (mA)	<200, AEC modulated mA is preferred over fixed mA
Collimation	Thinnest possible (e.g., 0.6 mm)
Slice thickness, millimeter	0.625-1.5
Scan (rotation) time, seconds	Shortest possible (<0.5s)
Pitch	0.75-1.5
Matrix	512 x 512
Reconstruction technique	IR blended with FBP (when available), else FBP
Reconstruction algorithm/kernel/filter	High spatial resolution (also called sharp/bone) algorithm
Window level/width	Lung window: -600 to -700 HU/1000-1500 HU; mediastinal window: 50/350 HU
Post Processing	MPR, MIP, minIP or VRT
Effective Radiation Dose	3-7 mSv
<p>The acquired CT images are then reconstructed in the soft tissue window (20-30 kernel) and lung window (sharp/bone or high-spatial frequency algorithm, 60-80 kernel) with 0.625-1.25 mm slice thickness. The 60-80 kernel reconstruction becomes the high-resolution CT, without a need for separate non-sequential high-resolution CT scan, as was previously done. The post-processing of the acquired volumetric CT data can be performed on various workstations.</p>	

AEC = Automated exposure control, IR = Iterative reconstruction, FBP = filtered back projection, MPR = multiplanar reconstruction, MIP = maximum intensity projection, minIP = minimum intensity projection, VRT = volume rendered technique

Figure S1: Use of sputum eosinophil counts to choose drug therapy in allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis (ABPA) patients with exacerbation of respiratory symptoms

