

# SZEROLÓGIA

Lyme borreliosis folyamán  
Diagnosis & Pathogenesis

**Dr. Bózsik Béla Pál**

# Diagnosis

## Kórokozó kimutatás/Direkt Diagnosis

- Tenyésztés
- *Natív vizsgálat (DFM)*
- *Natív immuncytologia (IFA)*
- ❖ Festés
- ❖ Immuncytológia
- ❖ Molecularis módszerek(*DNA,RNA*)

## Indirect diagnosis

- Savópár vizsgálat
  - Egyidejű, egyedi: TTT, mTTT, bWB
  - Kétidejű: EM-Control
- Egyedi vizsgálat
  - IFA, HA, ELISA, WB – LTT
  - Összehasonlító, módszerközi
- Kiértékelés – Lelet értelmezés!

# SZEROLÓGIA

**– A megszilárdult folyékony szövet, a vér, alvadékától elkülönült savó, vagy valamelyik testfolyadék punctatumának vizsgálata –**

az apró módosítások gyakorlati tudománya

**Takátsy Gyula mikro-titrator és eljárás, Mandula Ferenc antigen és sero-epidemiologiai alkalmazása**

A szervezet idegen, elsősorban pathogen anyagokra adott válaszának tudományos és diagnosztikus vizsgálata:

**az ellenanyagok,  
a kórokozók kimutatása**

# SZEROLÓGIA

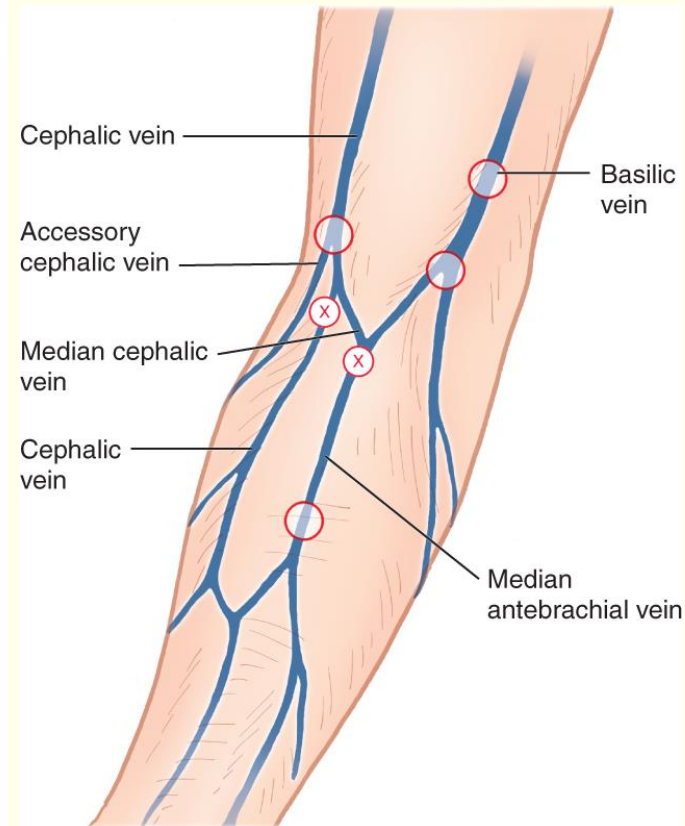
- **Szűrővizsgálat** gyors, nagyon érzékeny módszerrel, amely a legkisebb gyanú esetén is jelez
- **Diagnosztikus vizsgálat**
  - egyes savó,
  - savó-pár, javasolt ECM idején – Tünetesen
  - savó-liquor cerebrospinalis/CSF mintapár vizsgálattal.
- **Megerősítő vizsgálat** azonnal! beérkezett savómintából
- **Specificus vizsgálat** – vércsoport meghatározás, gyulladás- illetve tumor markerek, etc.
- **Tudományos vizsgálat:** oltás hatékonyság ellenőrzés.

# Vérvétel

## Preanalitika & Mintavétel alapvető jelentőségű

Minta típusa	Cső típusa	Mely immunológiai vizsgálatokban használjuk?
Natív vér (szérum)	Piros kupakos natív, vagy sárga kupakos gélseparátoros cső	Szerológiai vizsgálatok
Heparinos vér	Zöld kupakos cső	Celluláris vizsgálatokhoz
EDTA-s vér	Lila kupakos cső	Celluláris vizsgálatokhoz
Citrátos vér	Kék kupakos cső	Celluláris vizsgálatokhoz

PLASMA



Source: Reichman EF: *Emergency Medicine Procedures*,  
Second Edition: [www.accessemergencymedicine.com](http://www.accessemergencymedicine.com)  
Copyright © The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. All rights reserved.

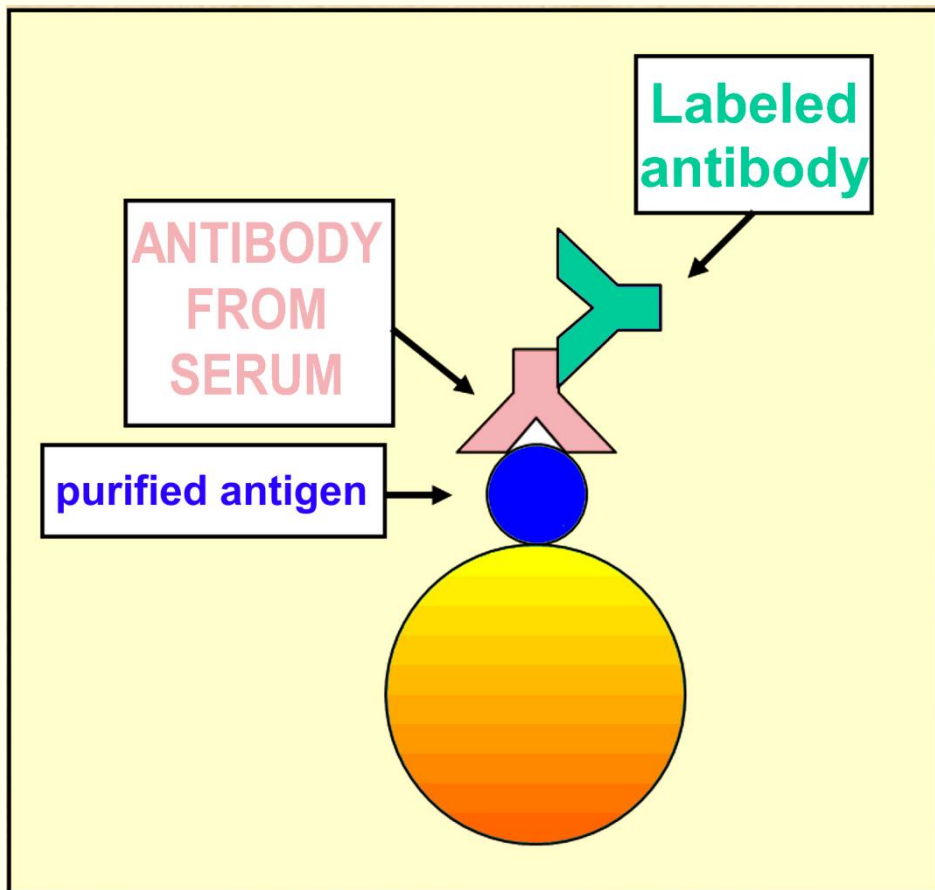
# Vérvétel

## Preanalitika & Mintavétel alapvető jelentőségű

- **Mikor történjen?** – Reggel-Délelőtt **éhgymorra**
- **Milyen csőbe?** – Natív, steril, **PIROS kupakos csőbe**, amelyben nincs clot-activator (tömör az alvadék, nincs idegen anyag, nem géles); üveg a jobb – Bowen RA, Remaley AT, 2014
- **Szerológiához 2-4 ml éhgymri teljes vér szükséges**
- **Hányszor forgassuk meg a csövet?** – Legalább 5x Max 10x
- **Mit határozunk meg?** – *Borrelia burgdorferi sensu lato* egyes összetevőihöz kötődő **ellenanyagokat**
  - Összegezve az IgM és IgG típusúakat
  - Legalább kétféle, IgM és IgG típusra vonatkozóan
- **Miért kettős jelentőségű az ellenanyag reaktivitás?** –
  - **Diagnosztikus:** a Lyme borreliosis szerológiai igazolása
  - **A szervezet védettségét** jelzi Betegnek! Orvosnak!

# SZEROLOGIA

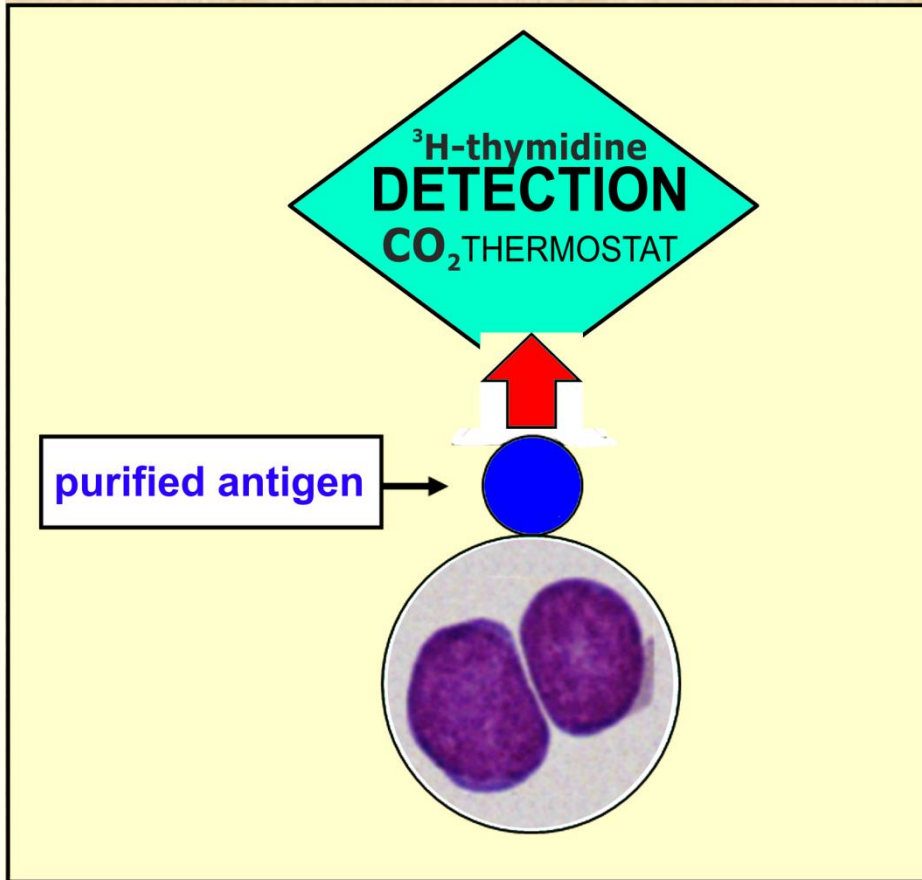
a leggyakoribb, jól kidolgozott diagnosztika



- INDIRECT eljárás
- SPECIFICUS
  - rec-ANTIGENS
  - Double-triple immune reaction
- SENSITIVE
  - Reakciók molecular szinten
  - Alapvetően reagens-függő, ezért mindig a reaktivitást mutatókkal ellenőrizzünk
- SZŪRŐVIZSGÁLATOKRA ALKALMAS
- ANTITEST elfogyhat kórfolyamatban
- ANTITEST élettartama 1-6 hónap
- KÓROKOZÓ, BORRELIA különösen megváltoztathatja geno- és pheno-typusát
- Sok „házi” és többféle reagens-kit miatt nehezen összevethető reakció

# SENSITIZED LYMPHOCYTE REACTIVITY

IS THE NEW WAYS OF DIAGNOSTICS

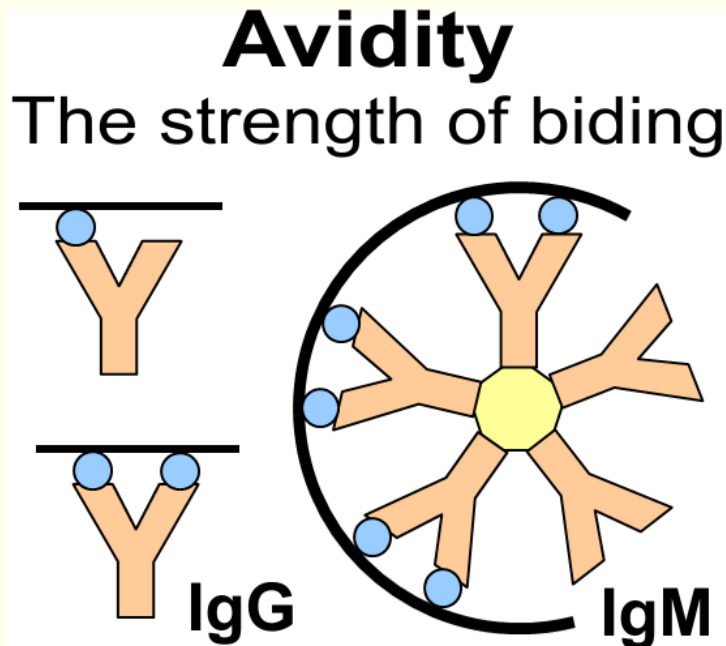
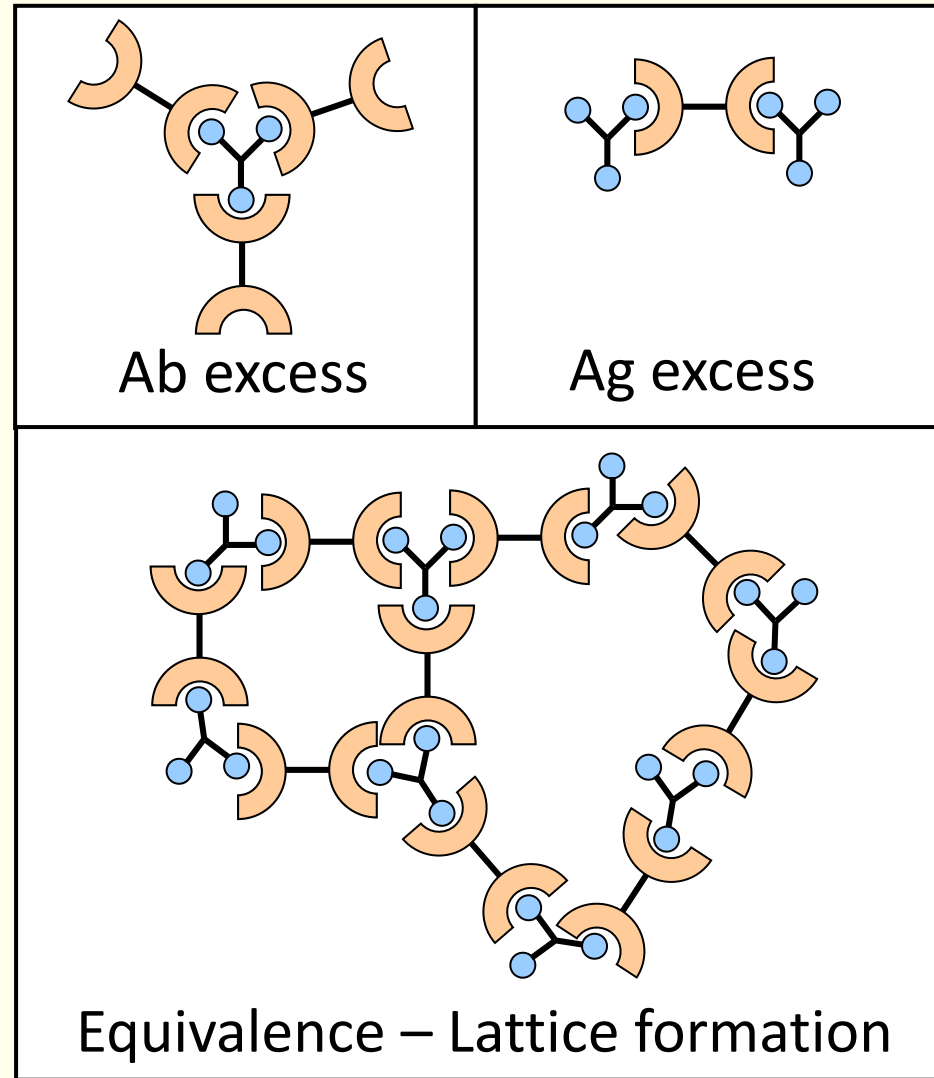


- INDIRECT MEASURE
- SPECIFIC
  - rec-ANTIGENS
  - Specific immune reaction
  - triplicate reaction
- SENSITIVE
  - Reaction at molecular level
  - Depending on the reagent
- HIGH-TECH laboratory is needed
- Lymphocyte reactivity can be inhibited
- Quickly follow the clinical pathogenesis
- CAUSATIVE AGENT can be transformed
- PHYSICIANS HARDLY FOLLOWED its specific evaluation



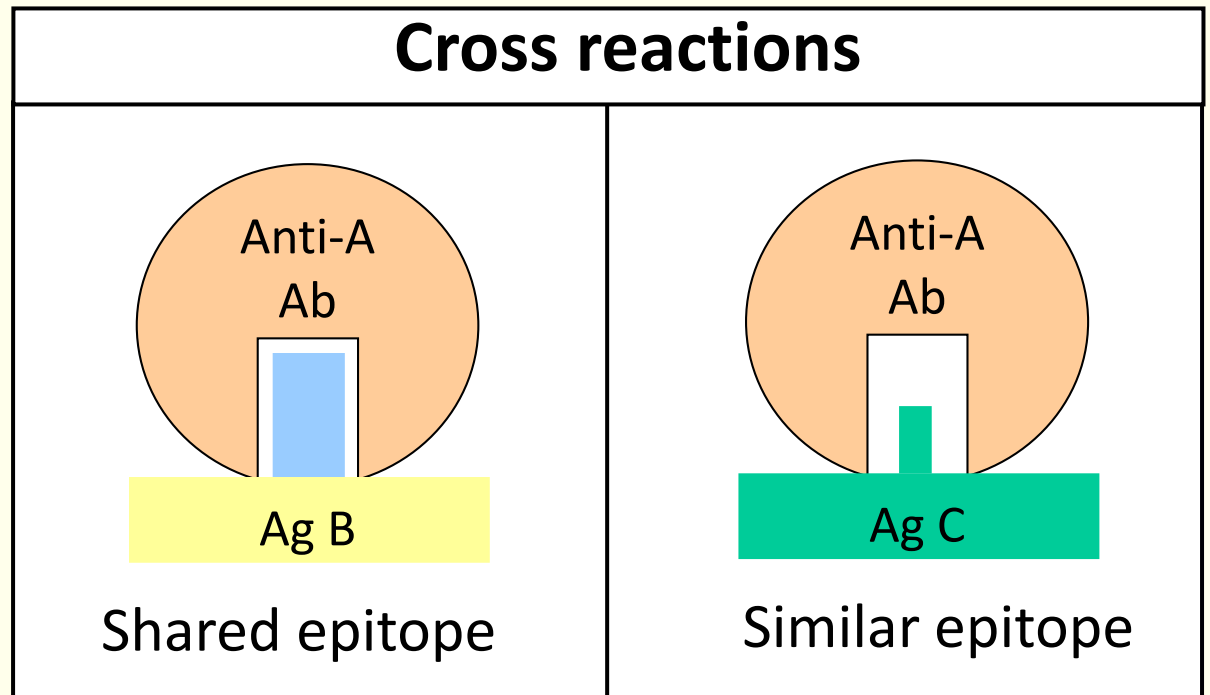
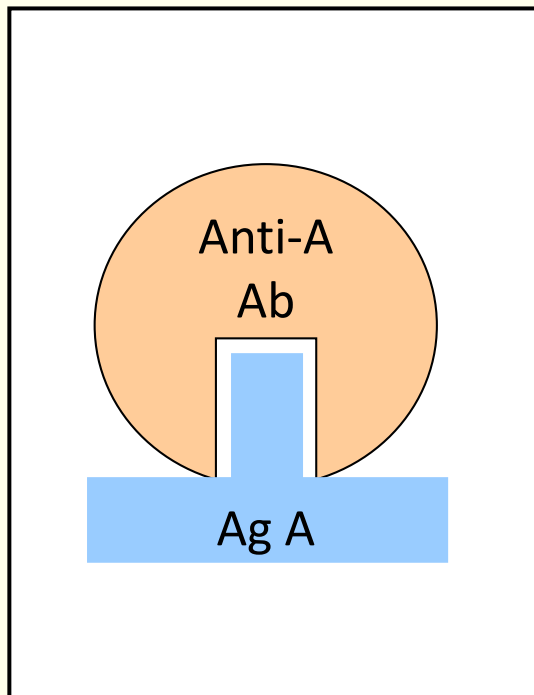
# Factors Affecting Measurement of Ag/Ab Reactions

- ❖ Affinity
- ❖ Avidity
- ❖ Ag:Ab ratio
- ❖ Physical form of Ag
- ❖ Steric inhibition to AB

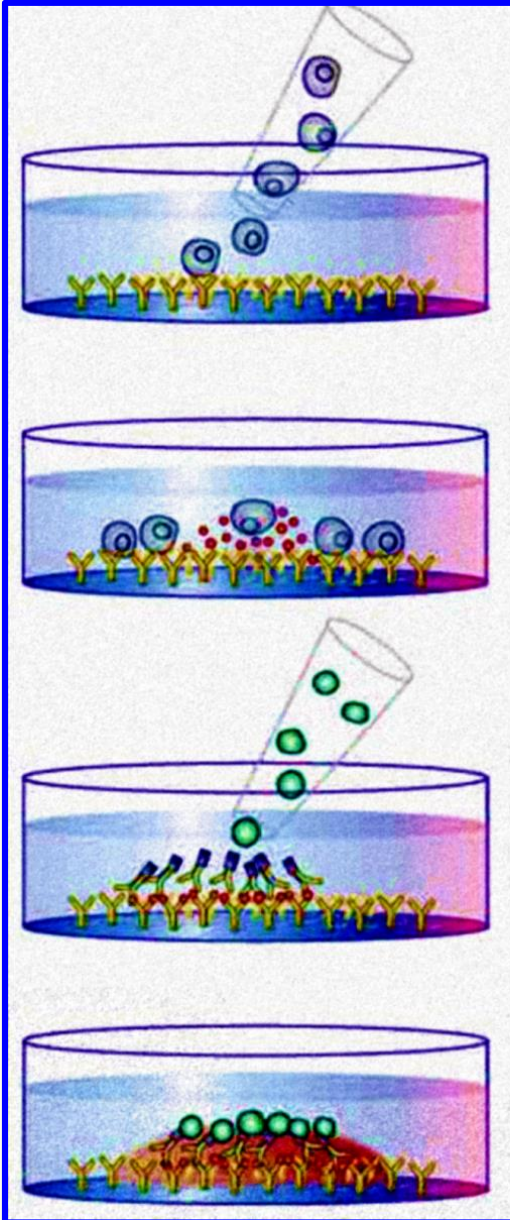


# Cross Reactivity

- The ability of an individual Ab combining site to **react with more than one antigenic determinant**.
- The ability of a population of Ab molecules to **react with more than one Ag**
- **Lyme-Spirochete** detected in CSF of the Hungarian first case in 1984 proved with the help of cross-reaction with IFA – The same was applied with HA in USA.



# Lymphocyte Transformation Test

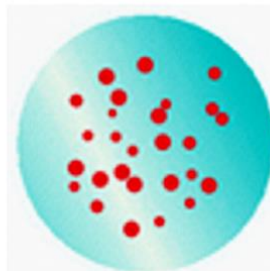


Incubate  
Ag x T-lymphocyte



Capture IFN $\gamma$

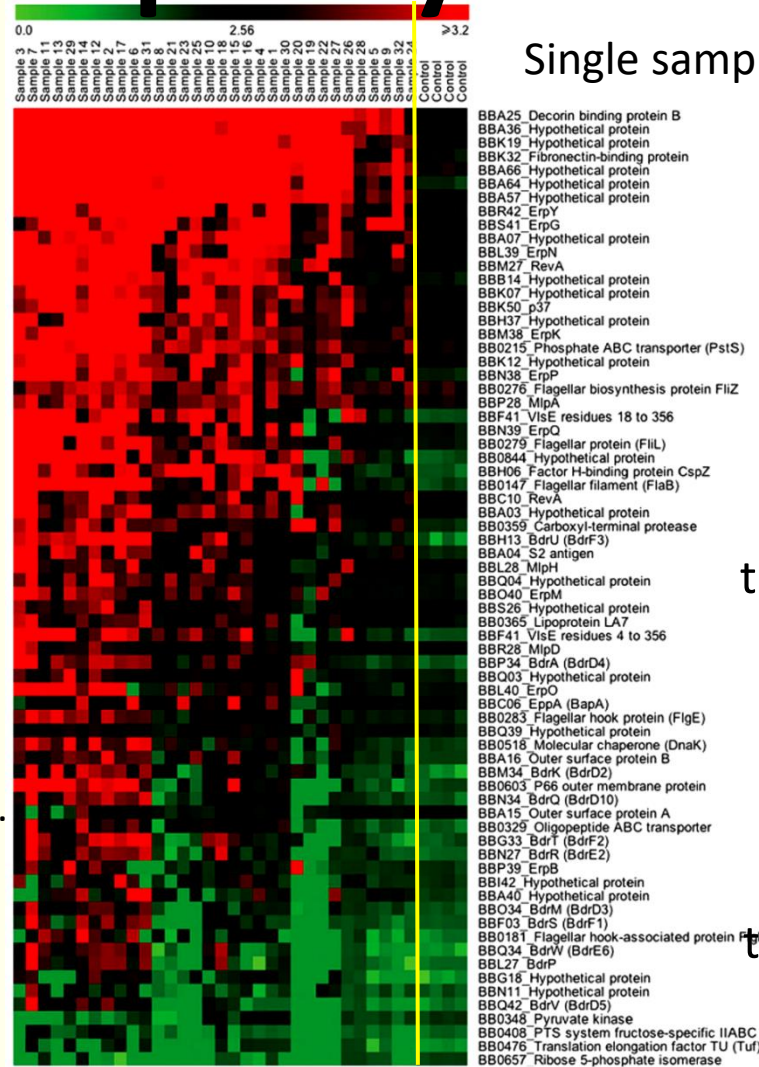
Detecting



Reading

# Further Complexity In Serodiagnosis.

Single samples & their reactivity



Two-color display of an analysis of intensity of antibody binding to 69 proteins of *B.burgdorferi* by sera from infected and control dogs. The gradient heatmap depicts the log<sub>10</sub>-transformed signal intensity values of serum antibody binding to *B. burgdorferi* proteins; gradient colors indicate the range of binding intensity values from 0 (green) to 3.2 (red), with the median value of 2.56 in black. Individual dog serum samples are arranged by the total sums of pixel values for binding to the proteins in the array, while proteins are listed by averaged intensities of responses among infected serum samples. Where known, the gene name for the ORF of each protein is shown.

Baum E – Grosenbaugh DA – Barbour AG Clin. Vaccine Immunol. 2014, 21(6):838.

There were applied  
**69 recombinant antigens**  
*printed in duplicate in four dilutions*  
*over the range of 30 to 900 g/ml,*  
*in volumes of 1.5 nl / spot*  
 The individual intensity is  
 among 1,537 -2,510 pixels/spot.

The two dimensions are:  
 the sero-reactivity of singles to  
 the recombinant antigens;  
 it was composing a **3rd one**:  
 individuals to all antigens;  
**4th one**: the distribution  
 of these singles intensity  
 to all antigens as a population.  
 Comparing to the Controls.

# Lyme borreliosis serodiagnosis

CDC által ajánlott módszerei

## Two-tier method

1994-2018

- ELISA-válogatott antigének
- **Western-blot**

## Two-ELISA 2019-

Modified two-tiered testing  
(**MTTT in 2019**)

- ELISA-válogatott antigének
- C6-ELISA-selected antigen
- (Western-blot, ha szükséges)

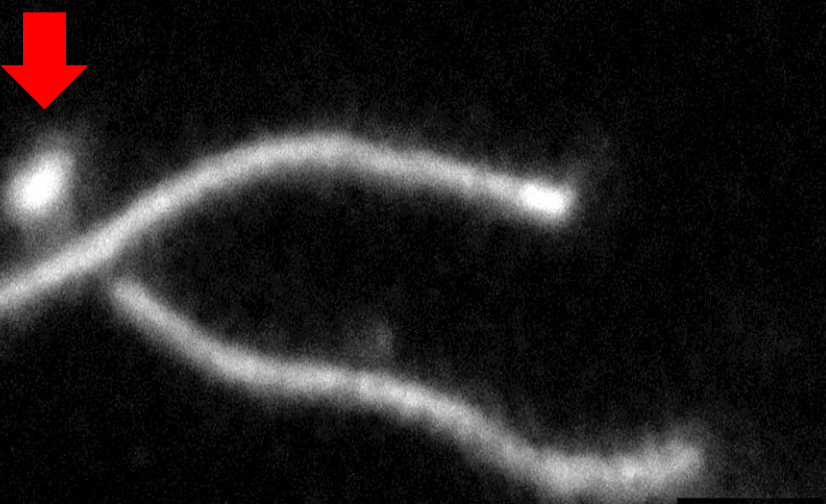
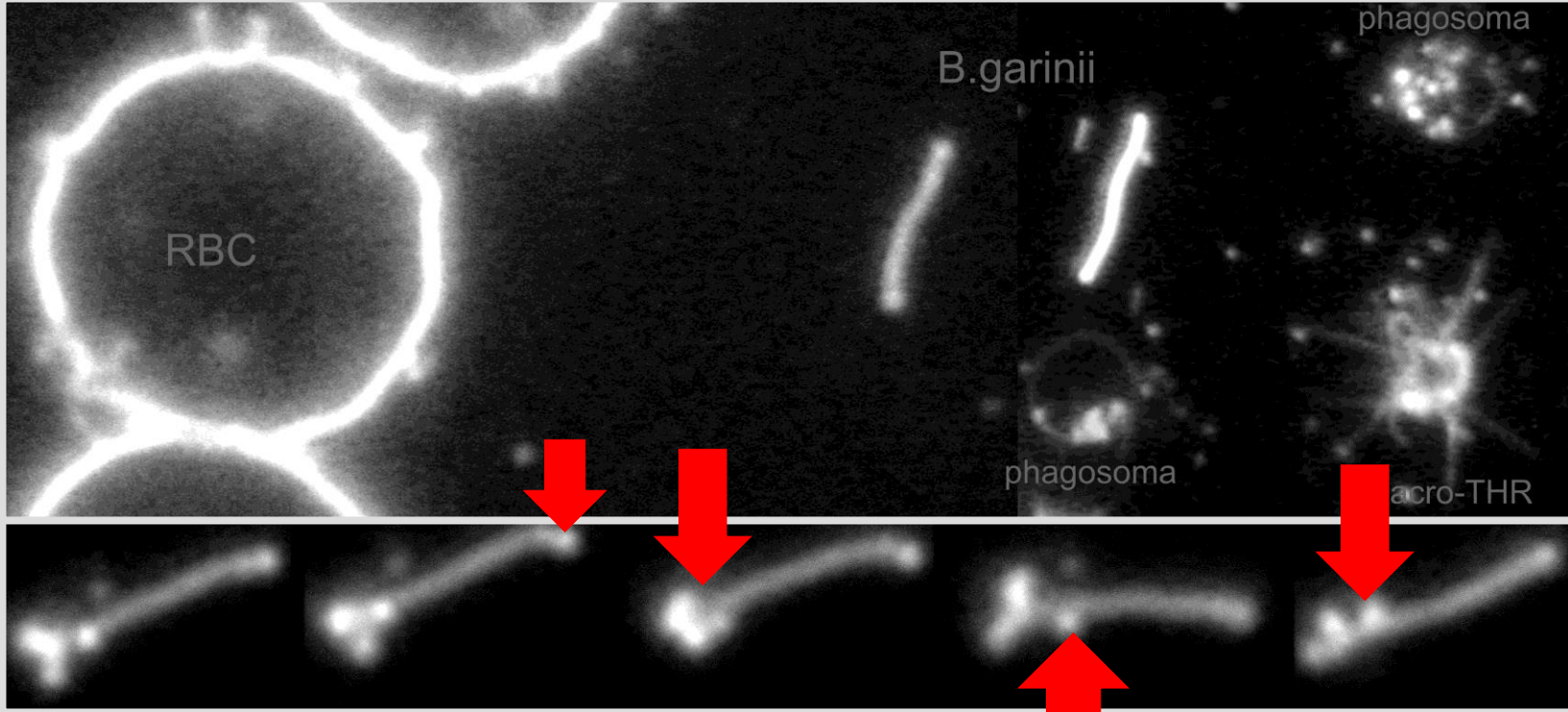
Föl kell ismerni, hogy létezik Lyme borreliosis kimutatható ellenanyag nélkül:  
lekötődik-nem termelődik specifikus ellenanyag!

**Az egyik módszerből nem következik a másik reaktivitása, mert**

a szervezeti reakció pedig antigéneként, kontinensenként eltérő, amit egyik eljárás kimutat, míg a másik nem.

**– A gyakorlatban azzal a módszerrel kell ellenőrizni a kezelés hatékonyságát, amely reaktív. –**

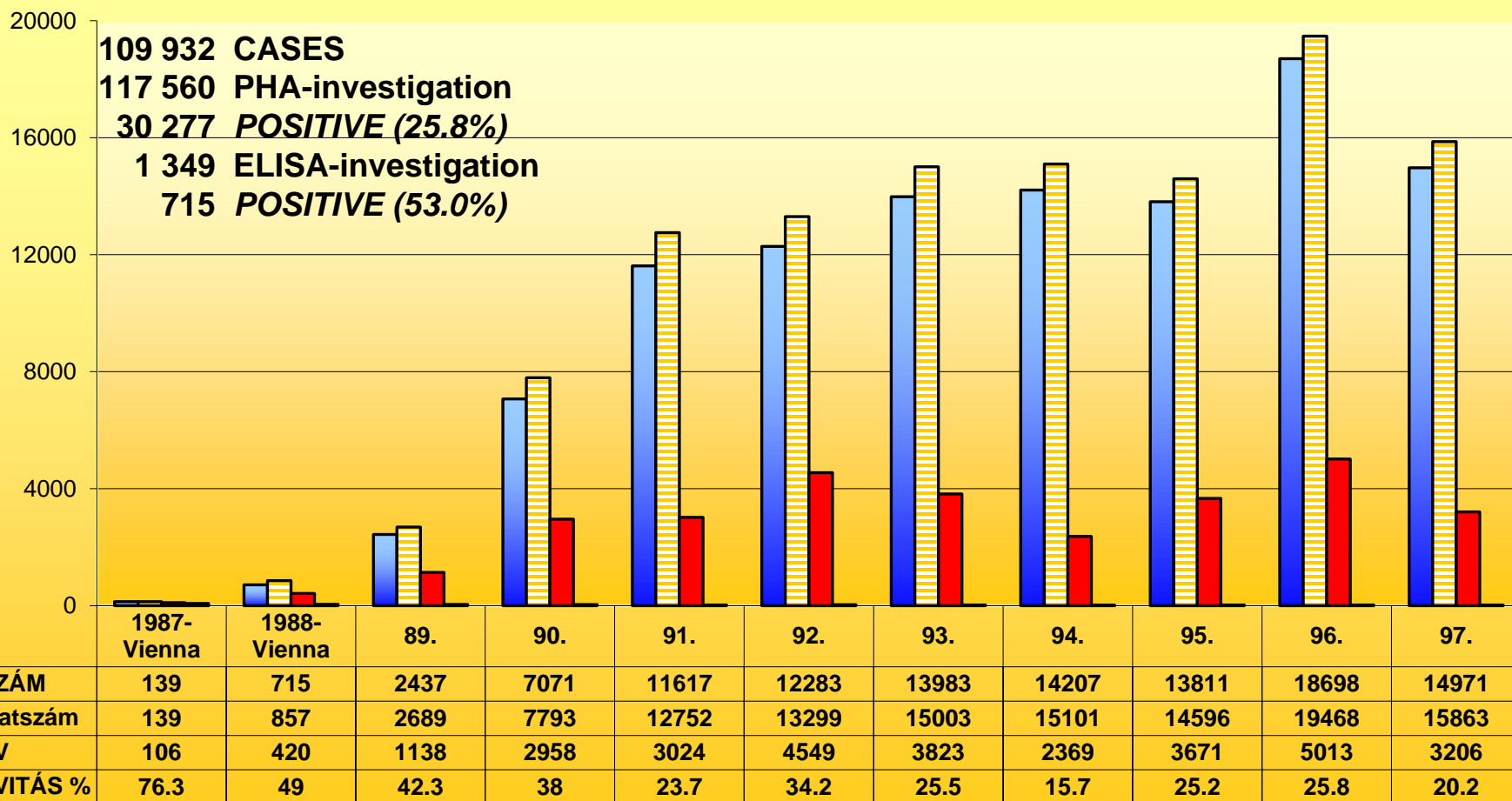
# B.garinii—the Short+IC causes Se-neg!



**B.afzelii**  
←  
the Long one

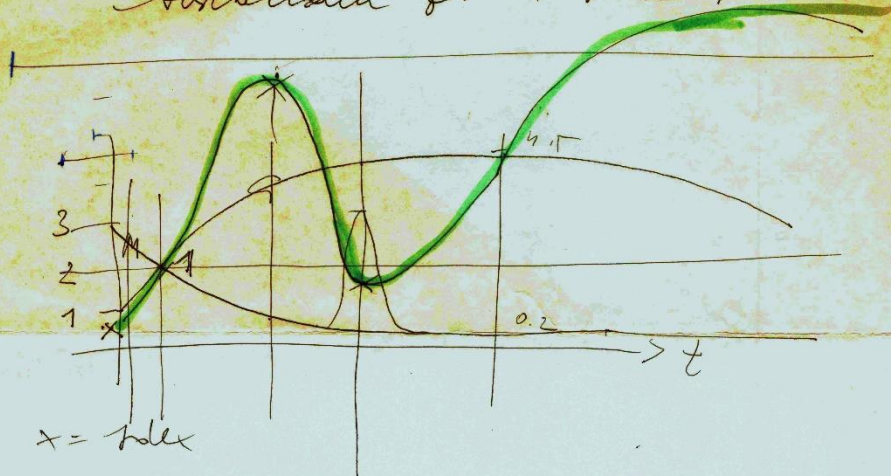
# Vizsgálatok 1984-1998 között

## 'Johan Béla' OKI Szerológiai Laboratórium



3.5. 1989 Dr Bozsik Delan Stanek

1. Alle drei / Polen /  $IgM$  &  $IgG$
2. Klinisch aller Pat. zu Zeitpunkt der Postcentralnaure / Probekentralnaure)
3. 2. oder 3. Proben in lokaler Abständen für 1. Probe festem



x = Index

Early LB

ECM

$IgG$ ,  $IgM$ ,  $IgA$  } will kommen festem

4. can 300 samples take tested | T. 8p |

# Szero-dinamika

ahogy 1989-ben láttuk

Dr.med. Gerold Stanek vázolata szerint

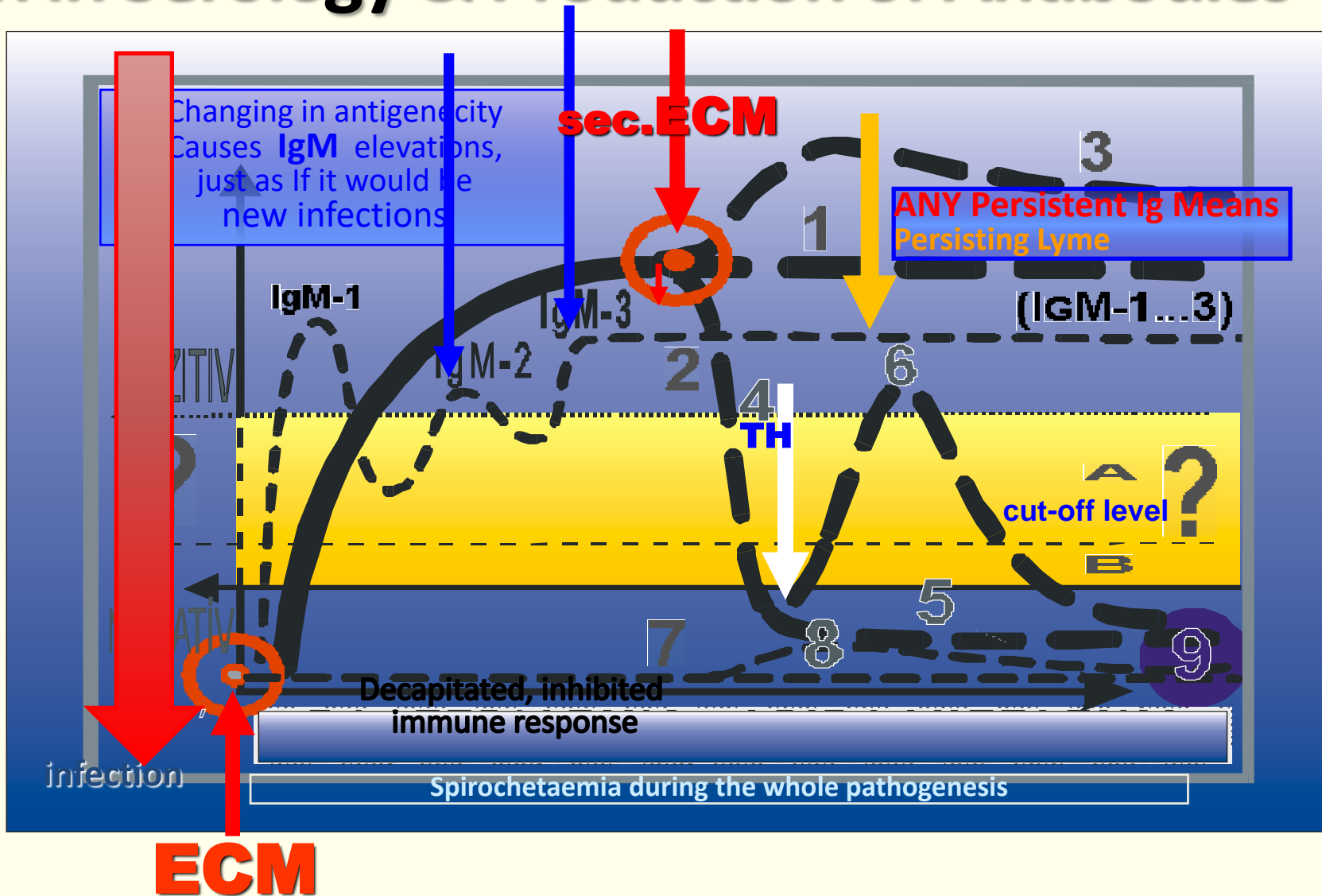
- **A sero-válasz késése ismert**
- **Szükséges az ismerete**
  - IgM
  - IgG
  - IgA talán
- **A sero-válasz hullámozása elismert**
- **Booster effect** kezelés, ismételt(!) kezelés esetén is megjelenhet
- **Decapitatio** (korai, elégtelen kezelés)
- **Tartós IgG**(sero-heg) ismert



# Dinamic Changing

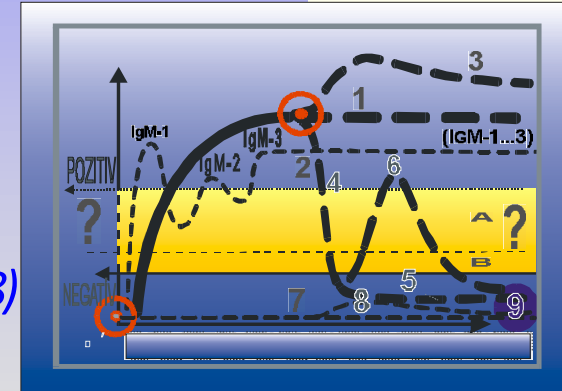
both in Serology & Production of Antibodies

Nehéz a helyes  
cut-off level meghatározás



# Szervezeti válasz & Lyme borreliosis

1. IgM korai, de késett válasz, Bbsl minden változására (IgM-1,-2,-3)
2. Specifikus IgM-IgG switching gátlás (2)
3. Lyme borreliosis esetében az IgM-titer **EMEKEDETT maradhat** az idült folyamat stimulus+gátlással együtt (1-3)
4. A specifikus IgG titer
  - i. Emelkedett reinfection/effective kezeléseknél (3+6+8)
  - ii. Lyme borreliosis fennállásakor magas (1+3)
  - iii. Lecsökken effective kúránál (4+5), or
  - iv. kimutathatatlan IgG mert a circulating immuncomplexhez kötődött, a plazmában nincs, vagy minimálisan van jelen sero-negatív (nem álnegatív\_see: 4+5)
  - v. Lyme borreliosis idült formájában **nem termelődik** sero-negatív (4+5)
  - vi. Decapitált korai&elégtelen kezelés hatására (7+8+9)
5. Sero-positive eredmény alapvetően a **cut-off level** meghatározásától függ (see: A or B lehetőséget)



# A complex Lyme borreliosis

I. Lyme borreliosis (a kezdet)

II. KULLANCS -kór

Lyme borreliosis

+Bartonella,

+babesia,

+Anaplasmosis/Ehrlichiosis,

III. Komplex KULLANCS –kór (*quasi immunosupprimált „Lyme-beteg”*)

TBD + ad hoc „co-infections”:

- Macro-biom(populatio germs)
- Microbiom (personal germs)

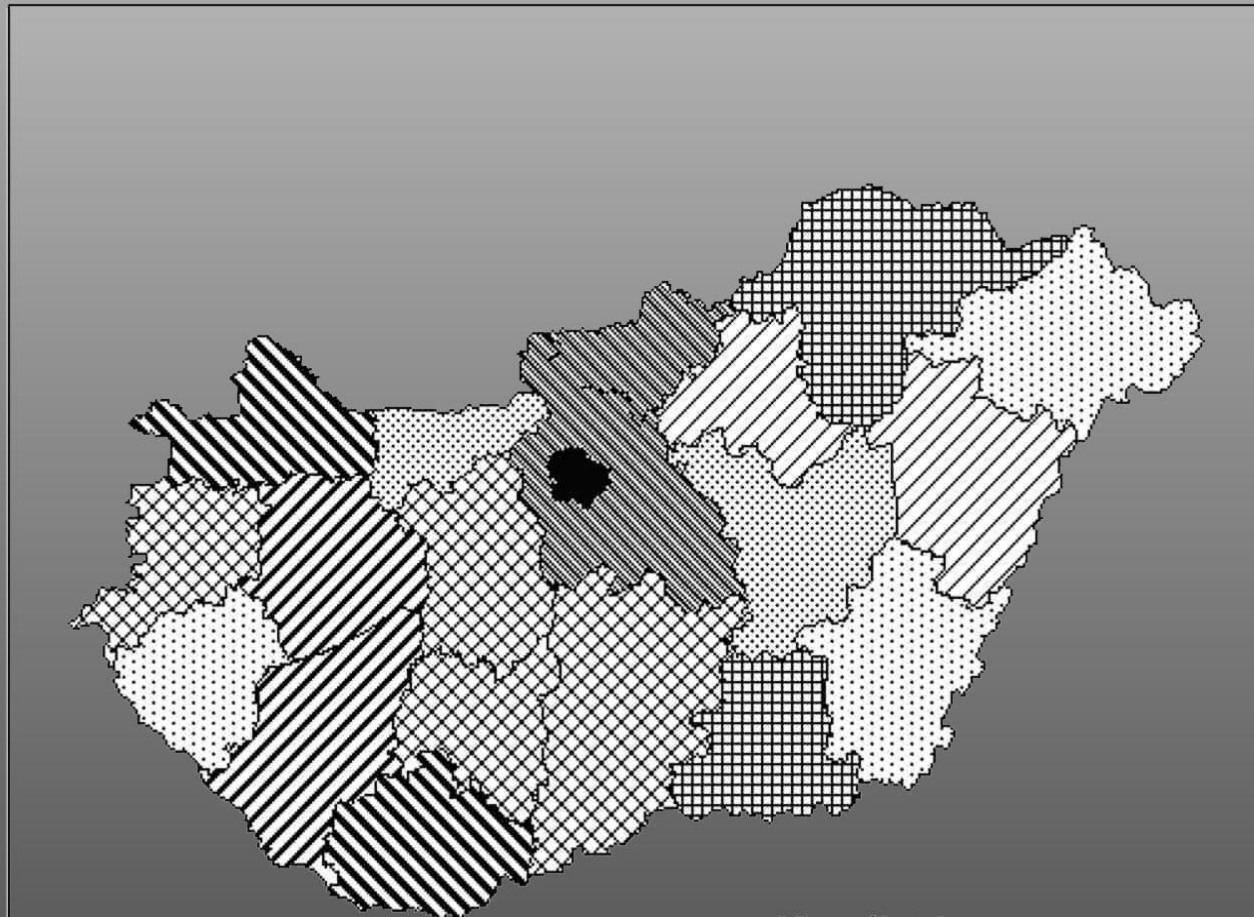
IV. Patho-reactions:

- *Borrelia burgdorferi sensu lato* & szöveti antigének
- Bio-film közösség
-

# Lyme borreliosis endemiás Hazánkban

Meghatározások a 'Johan Béla' Országos Közegészségügyi Intézet  
Szerológiai Laboratóriumában

## SZEROPOZITIVITÁS LYME BORRELIOSISBAN 1984-1993



POZITÍV  
LELETSZÁM



□ Nincs adat

Vizsgálatok

LYME

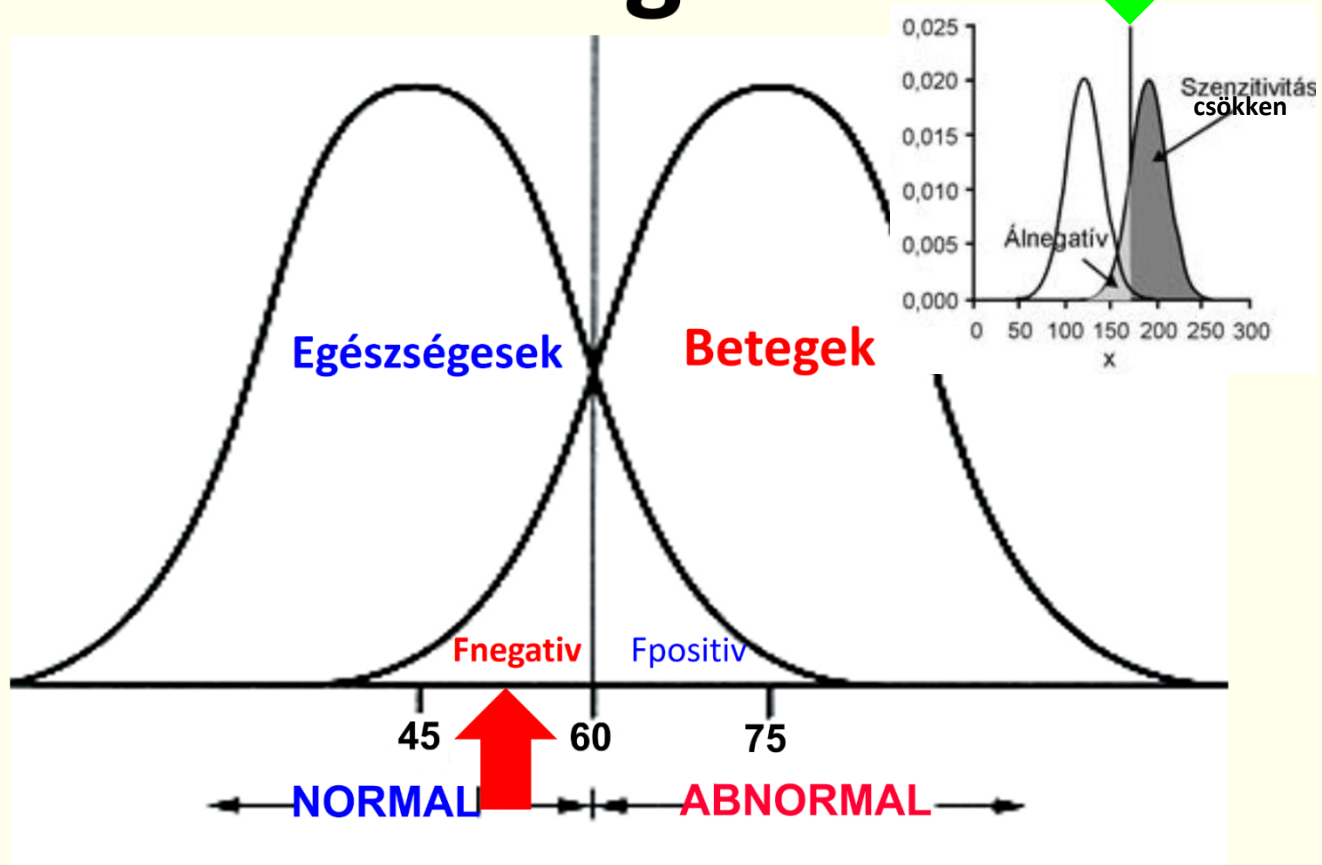
# Cut-off level meghatározás

120,000 vérminta 150,000  
meghatározása alapján  
a Cut-off level optimális értéke  
meghatározható az eredmények

Tail-cutting analysis alapján

- Ne veszítsünk el betegeket (I)
- Ne tegyünk betegg  embereket (II)

# Eloszlás-görbék



# Vizsgálatok elemzése

## VIZSGÁLT FELTÉTEL

BETEG

EGÉSZSÉGES

EMBEREK

VIZSGÁLAT

POSITIV  
ÖSSZES POSITIV

TP

FP

$$\frac{TP}{TP+FP}$$

PPV

?VPOS  
BETEG

NEGATIV  
ÖSSZES NEGATIV

FN

TN

$$\frac{TN}{TN+FN}$$

NPV

?VNEG  
EGÉSZSÉGES

ÖSSZES BETEG

ÖSSZES EGÉSZSÉGES

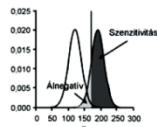
EREDMÉNY

$$\frac{TP}{TP+FN}$$

$$\frac{TN}{TN+FP}$$

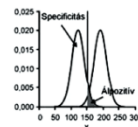
PREDICTIVE VALUE

SENSITIVITÁS



**Biztosan nem NEG,  
de több betegről  
nincs döntés(FN)**

SPECIFICITÁS

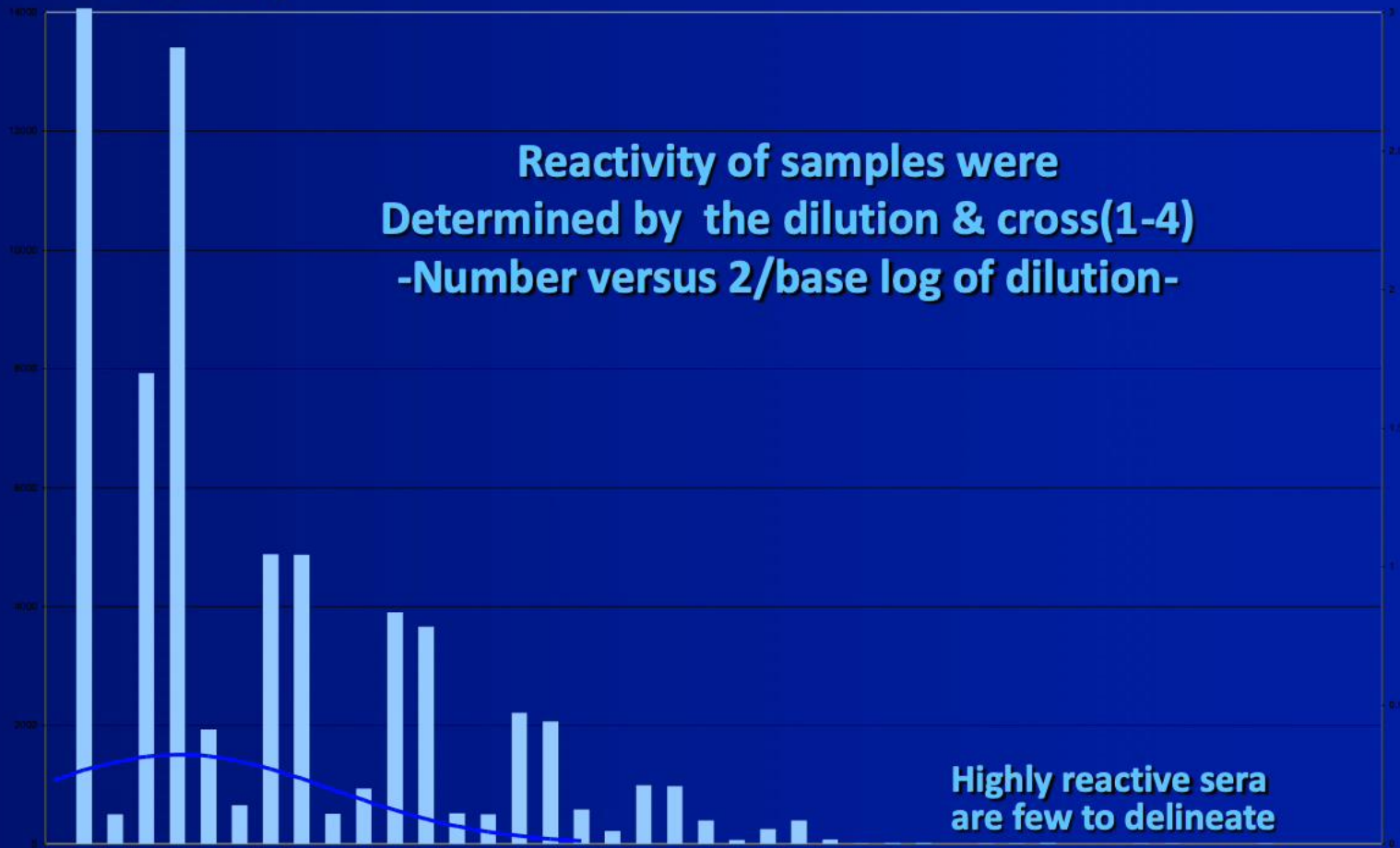


**Biztosan nem POS,  
de sok egészséges  
ál-pozítív(FN)**

**KULCSKÉRDÉS  
HATÁR-ÉRTÉK – CUT-OFF LEVEL  
MEGÁLLAPÍTÁSA**

# Tail-cutting for evaluating serology

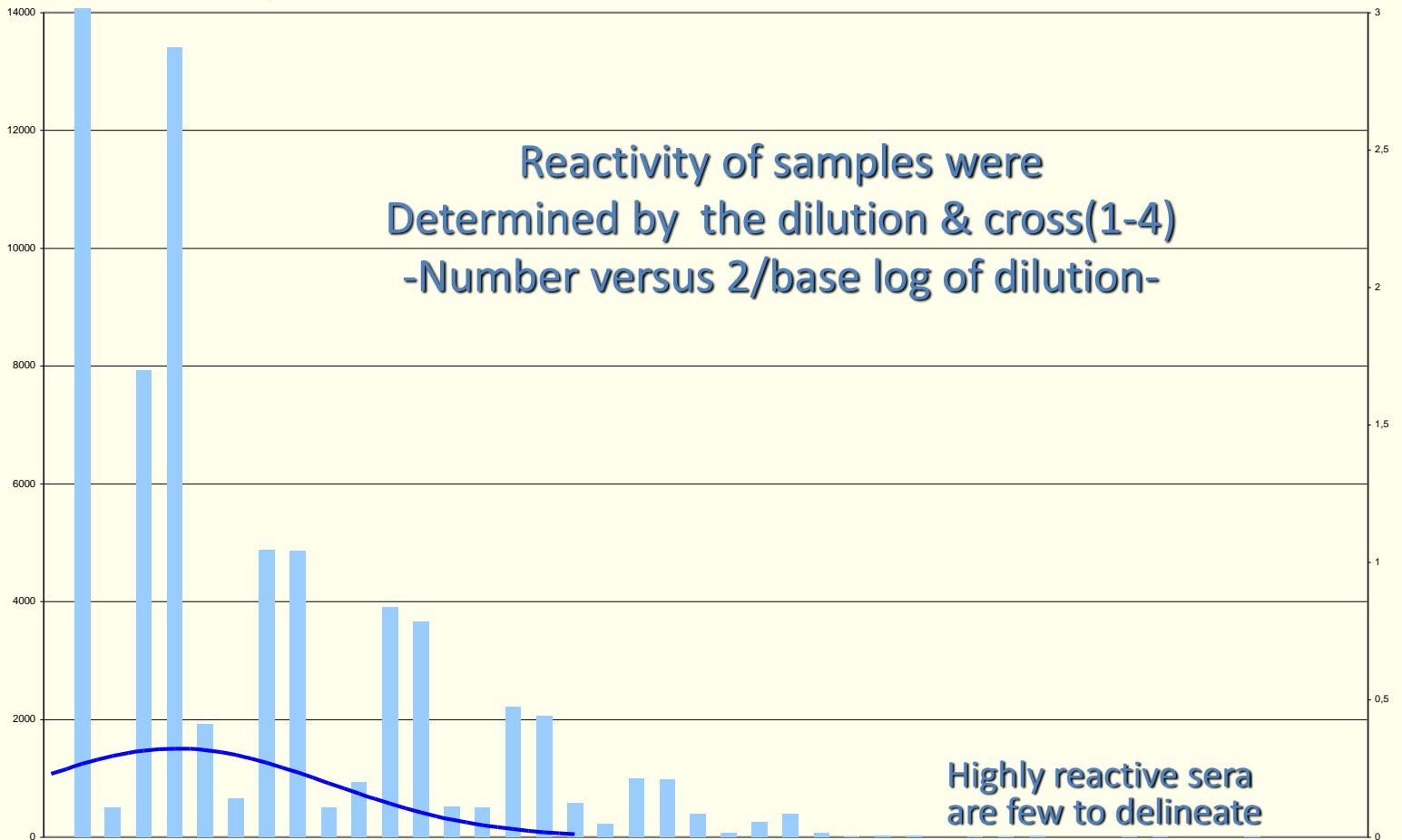
Sera with low reactivity



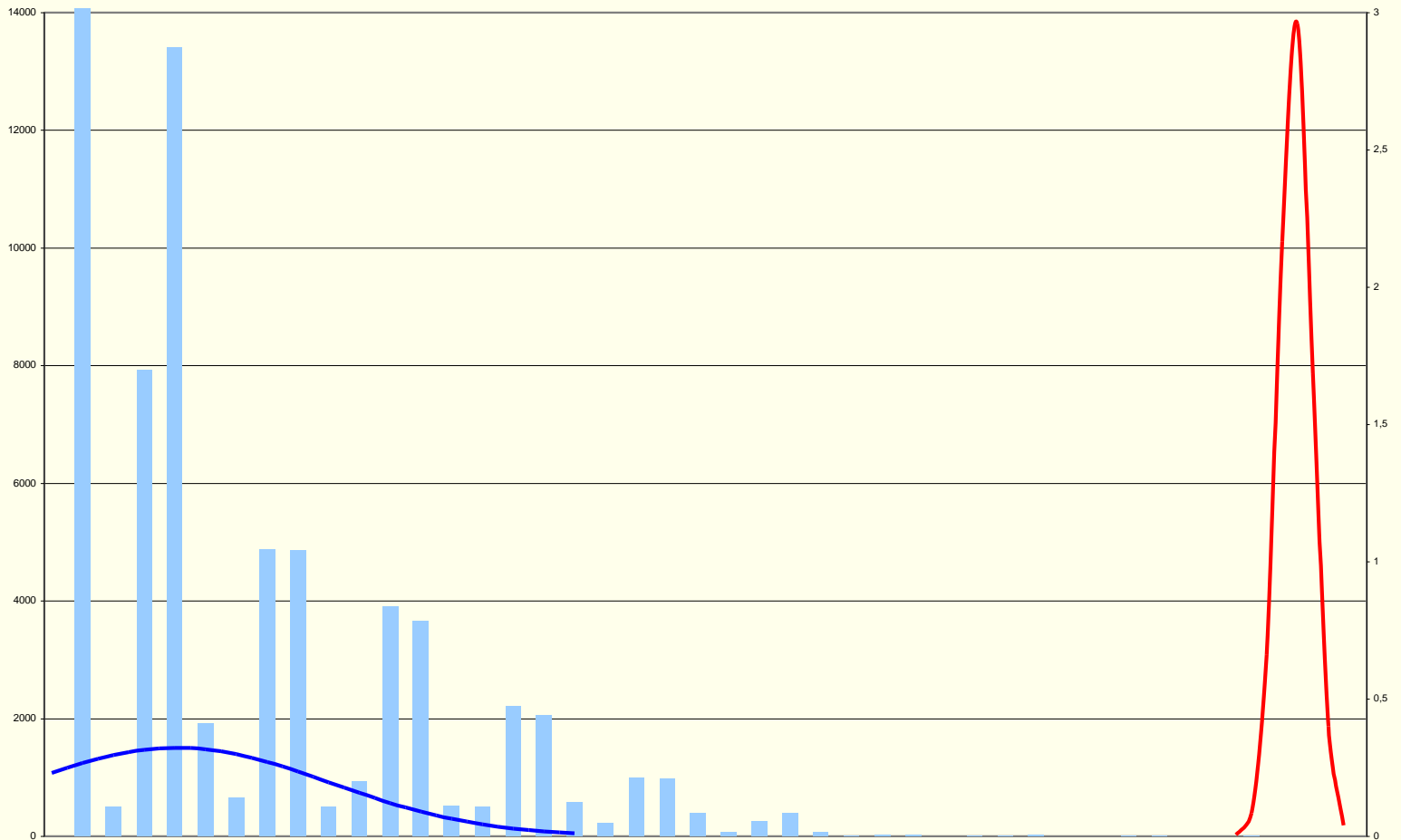


# Tail-cutting for cut-off level

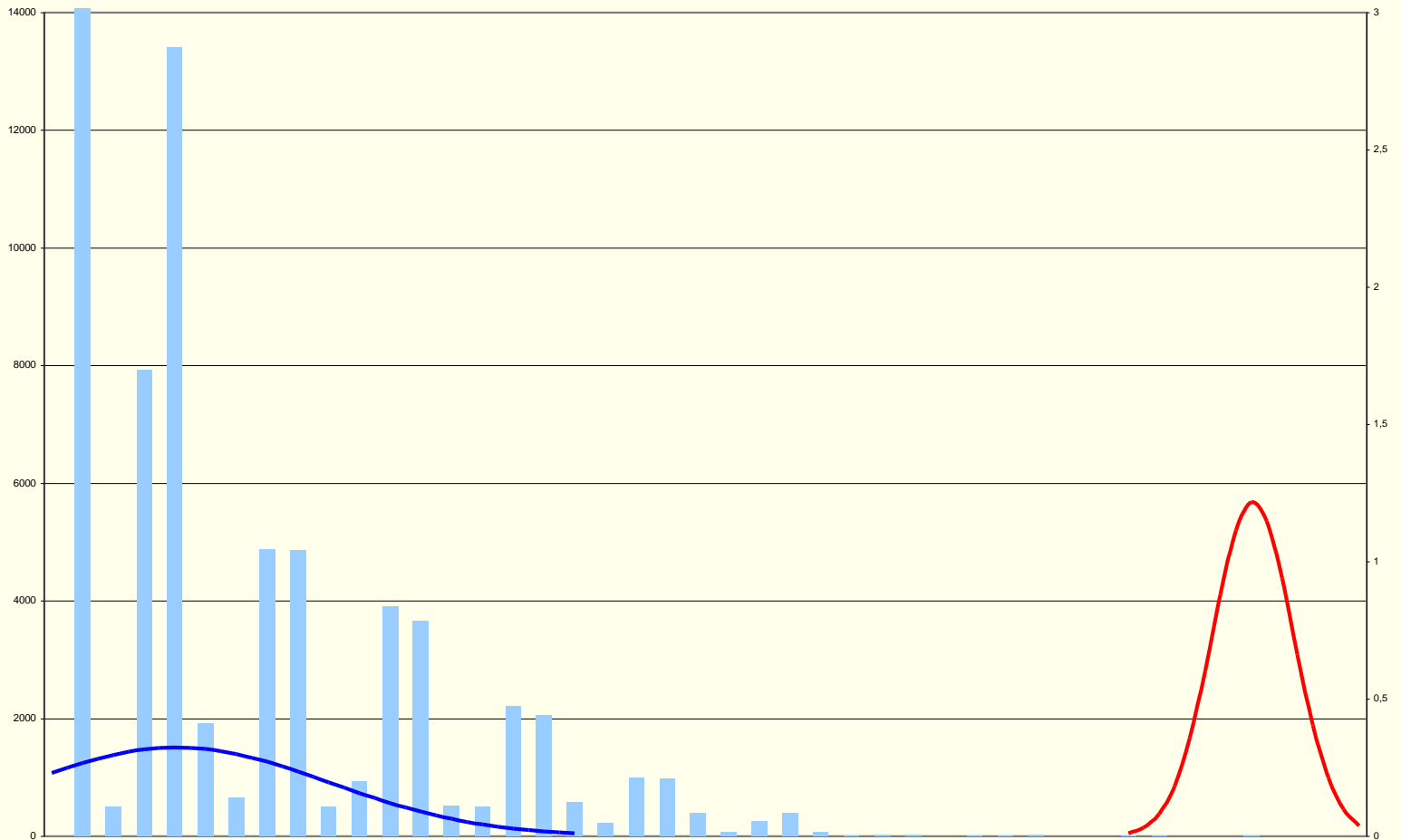
Sera with low reactivity



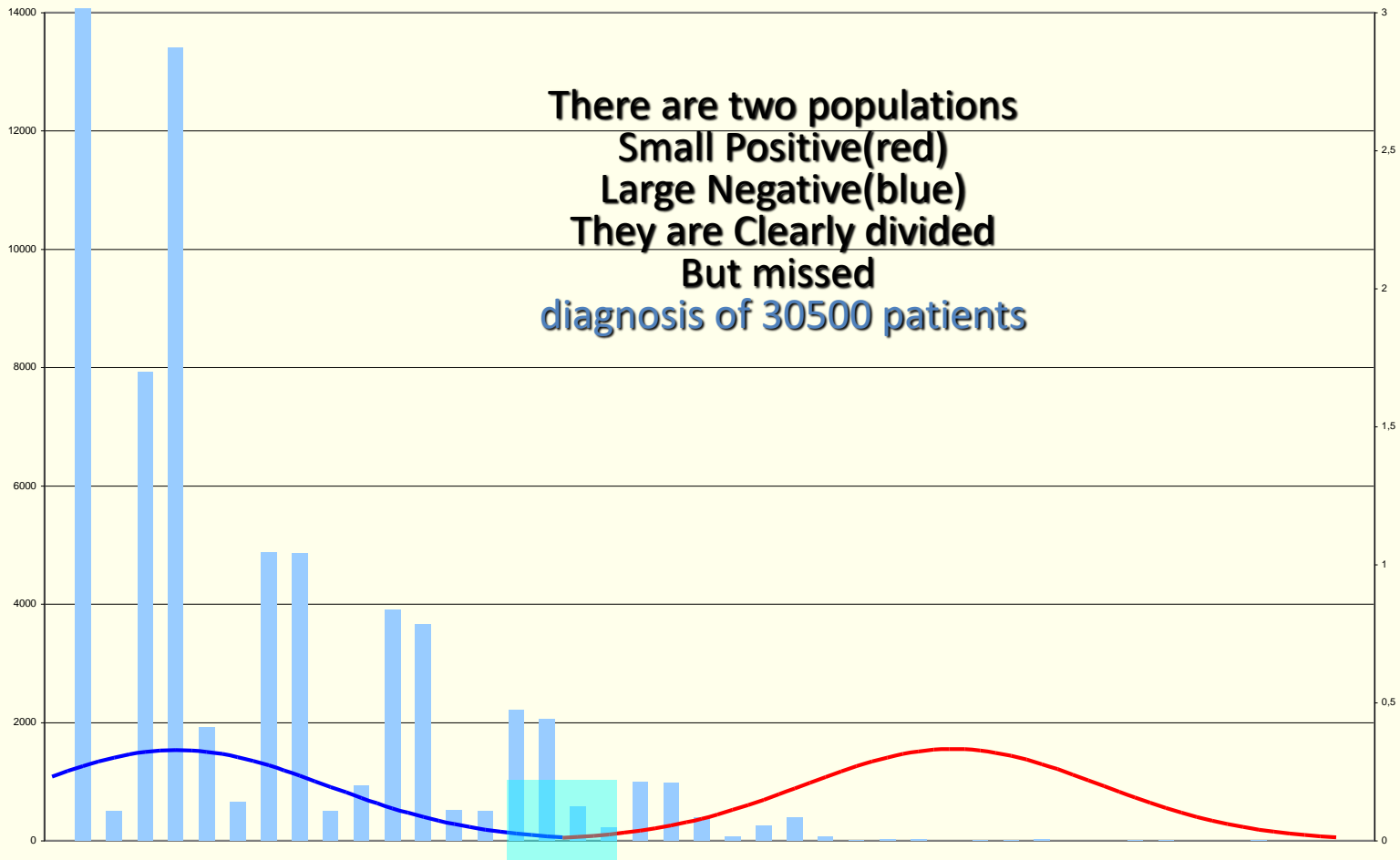
# Tail-cutting for cut-off level



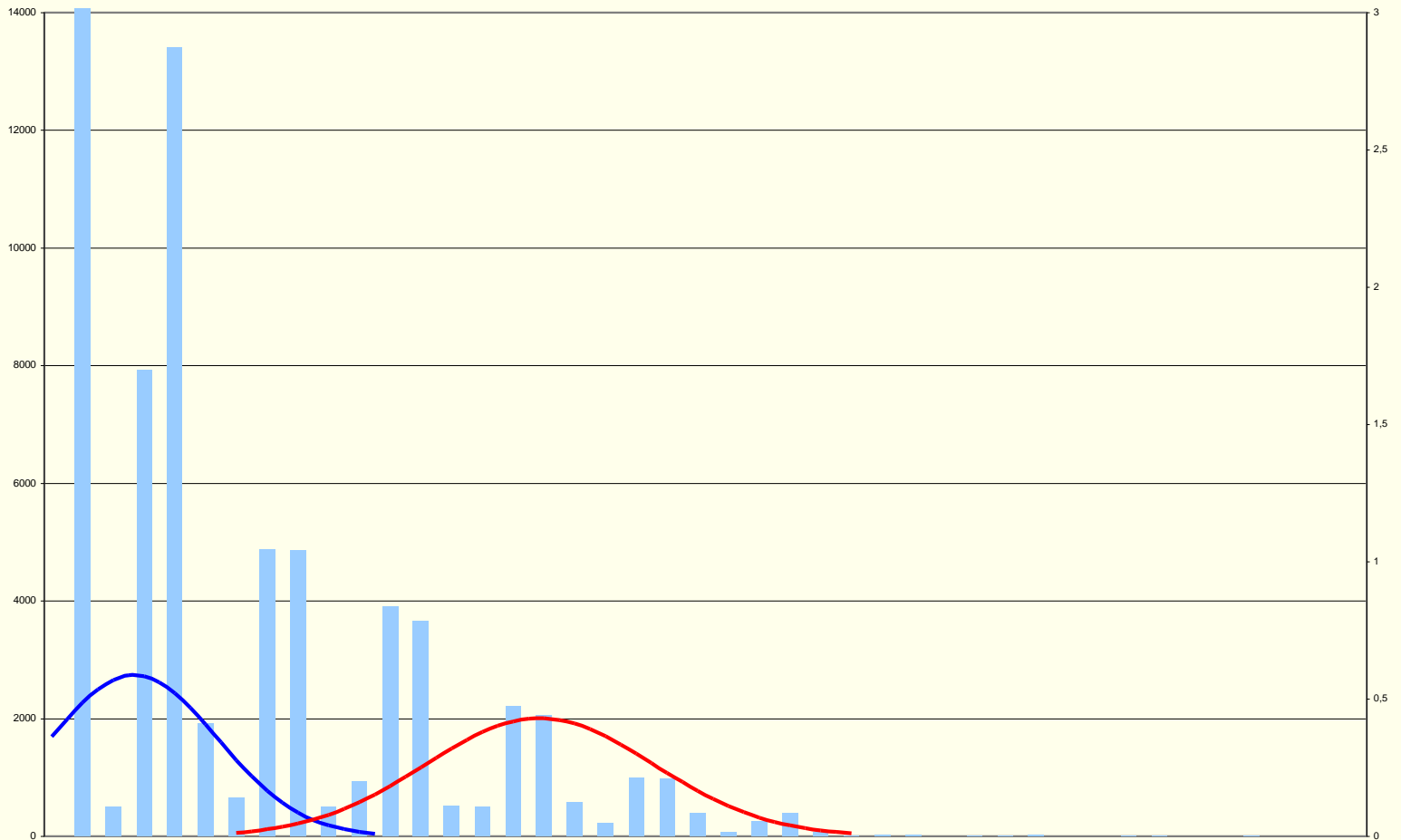
# Tail-cutting for cut-off level



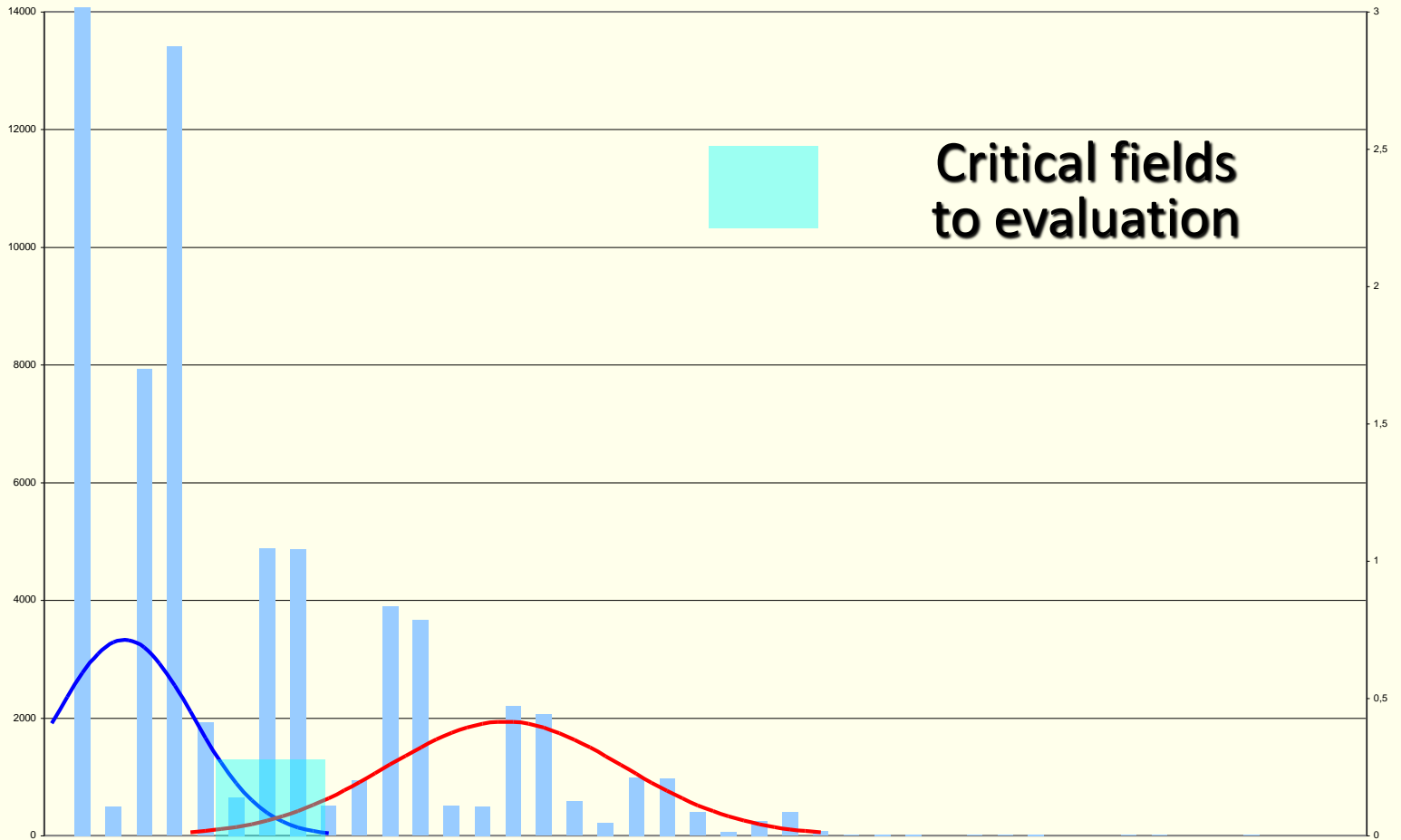
# Tail-cutting for cut-off level



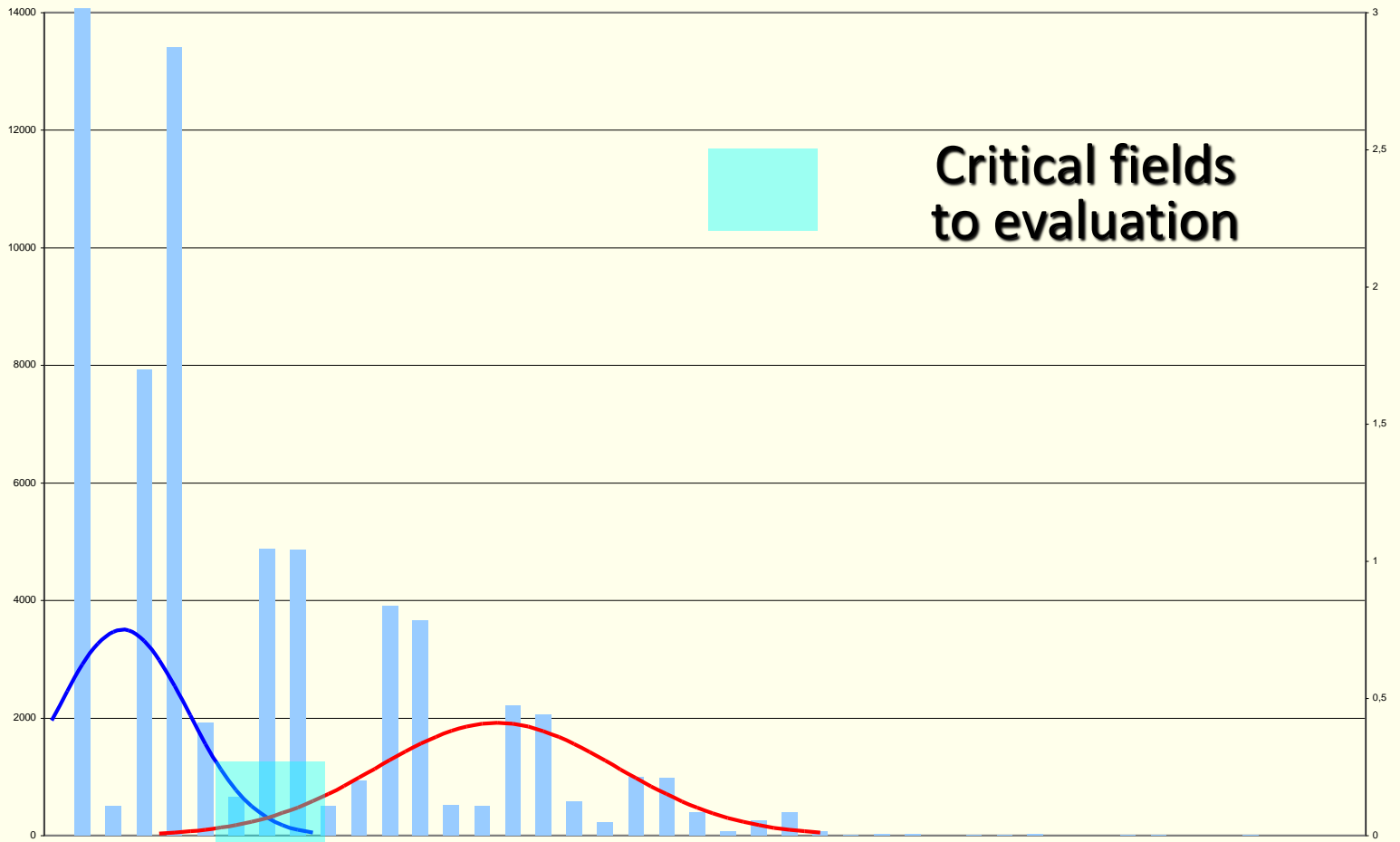
# Tail-cutting for cut-off level



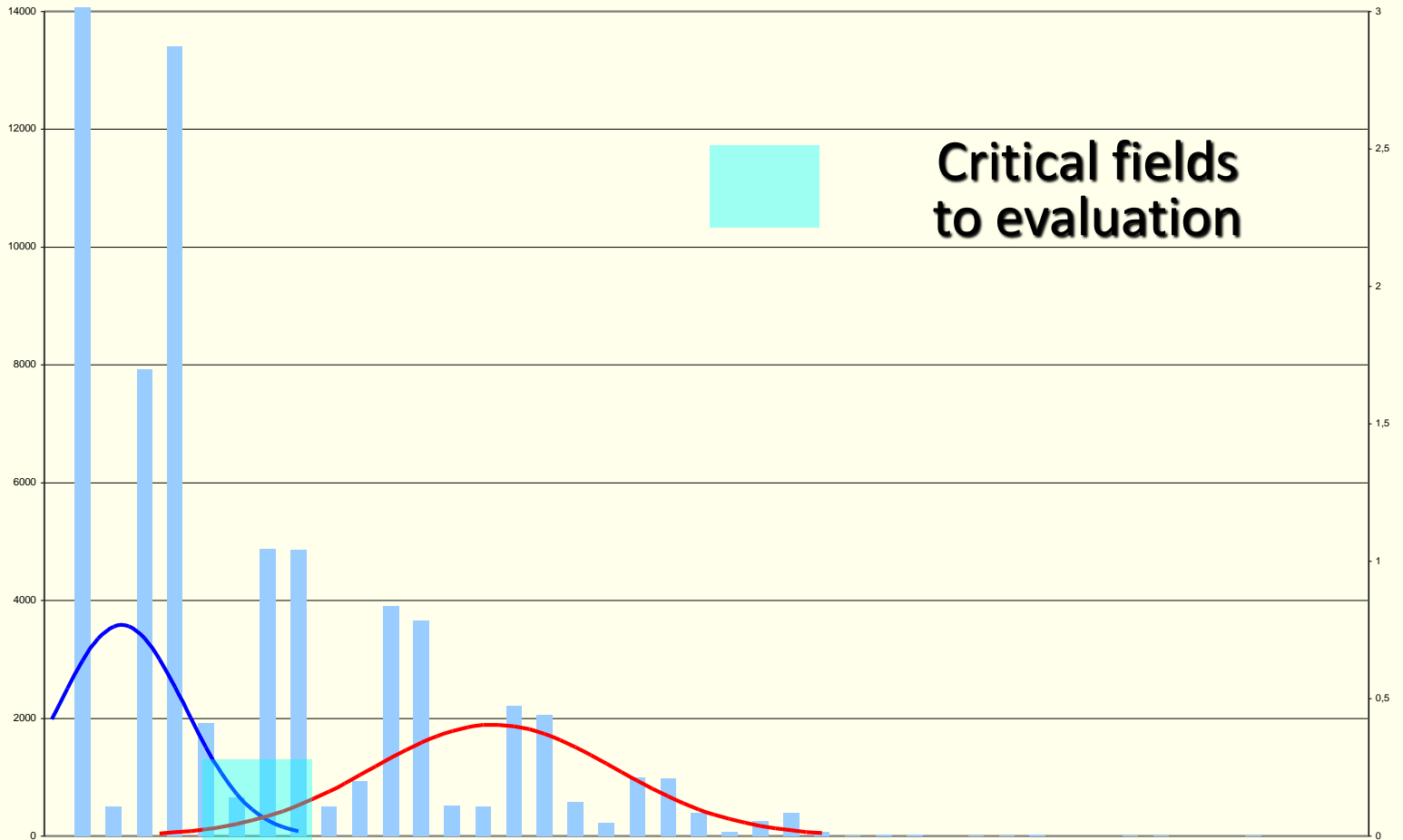
# Tail-cutting for cut-off level



# Tail-cutting for cut-off level

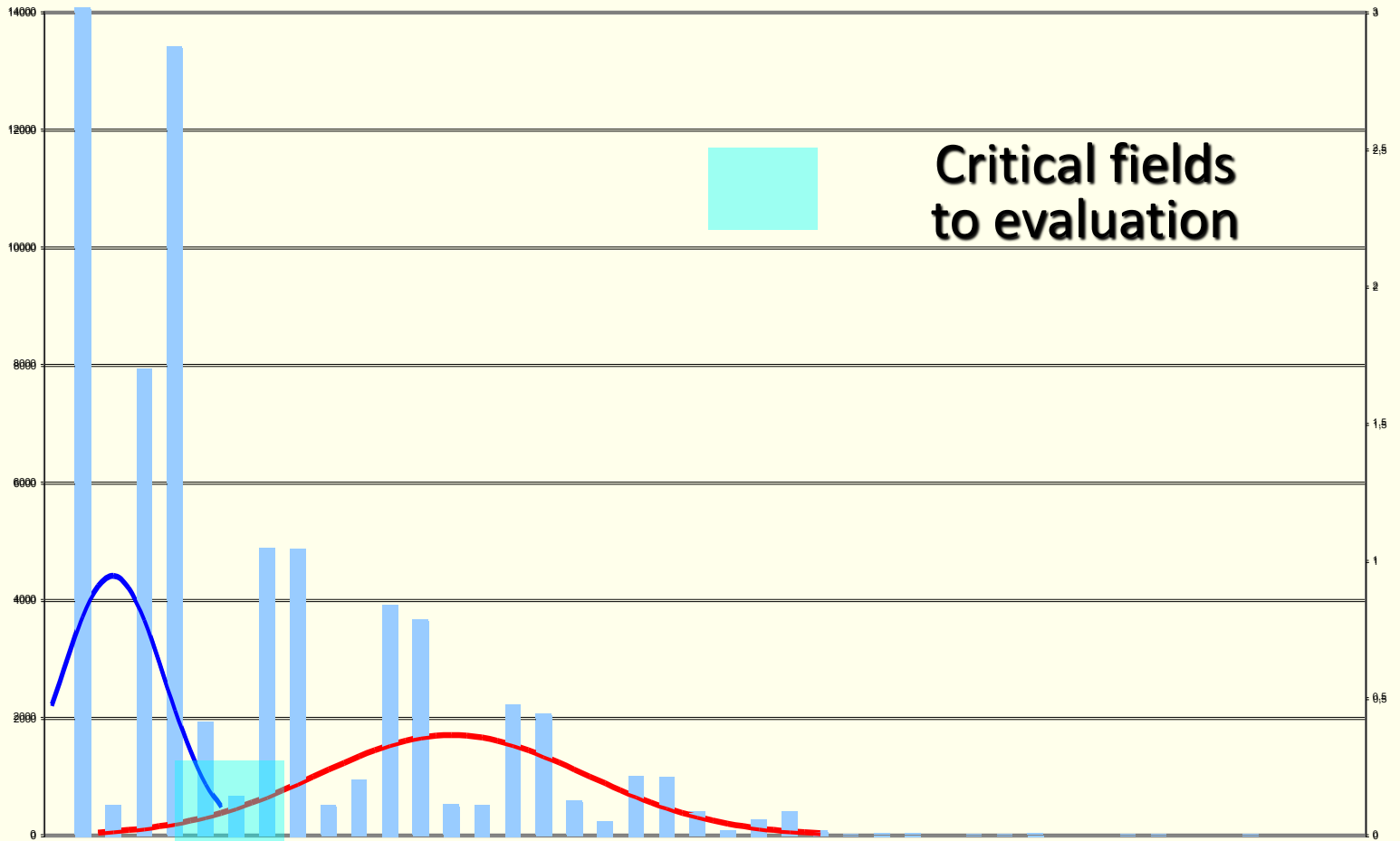


# Tail-cutting for cut-off level

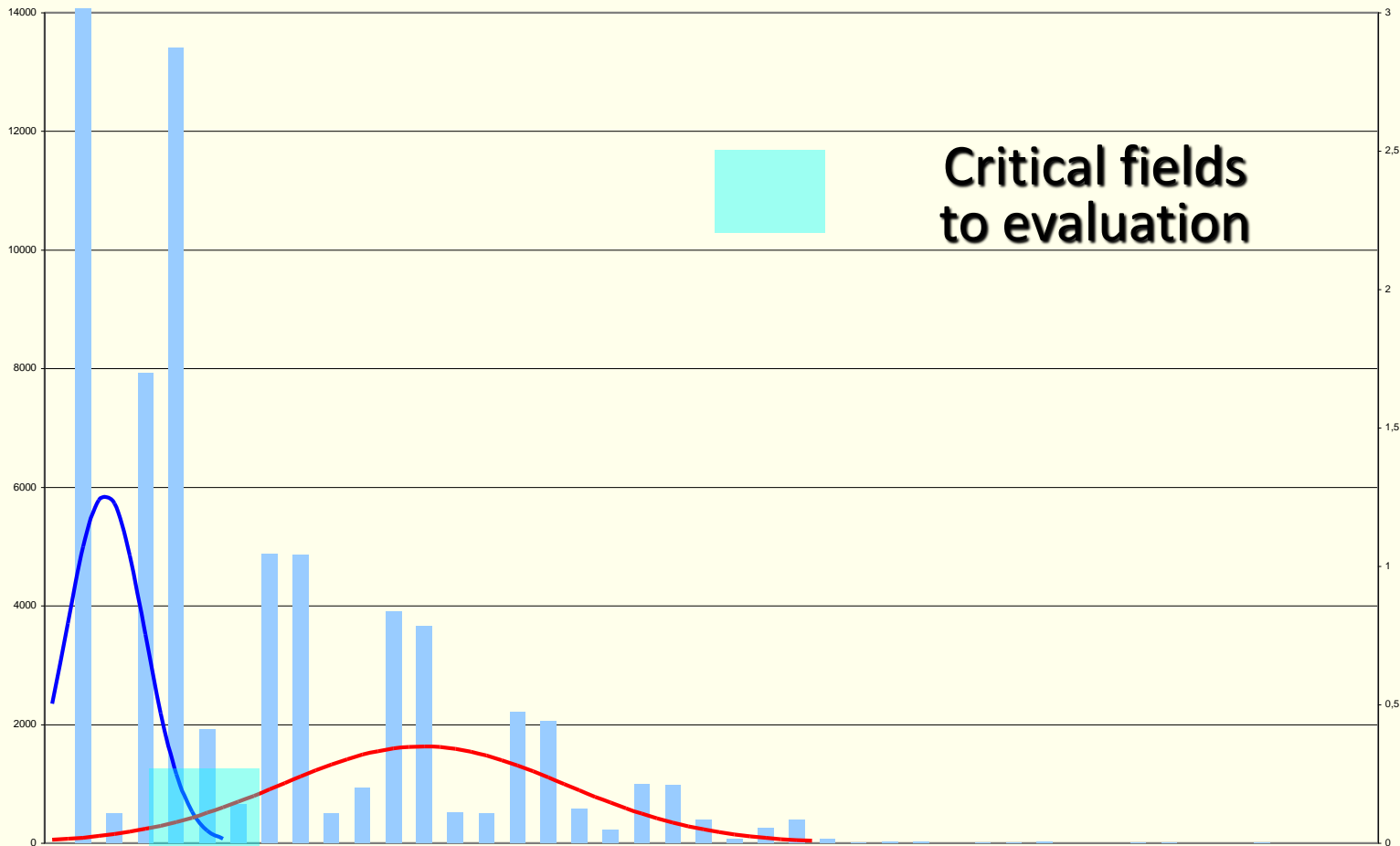




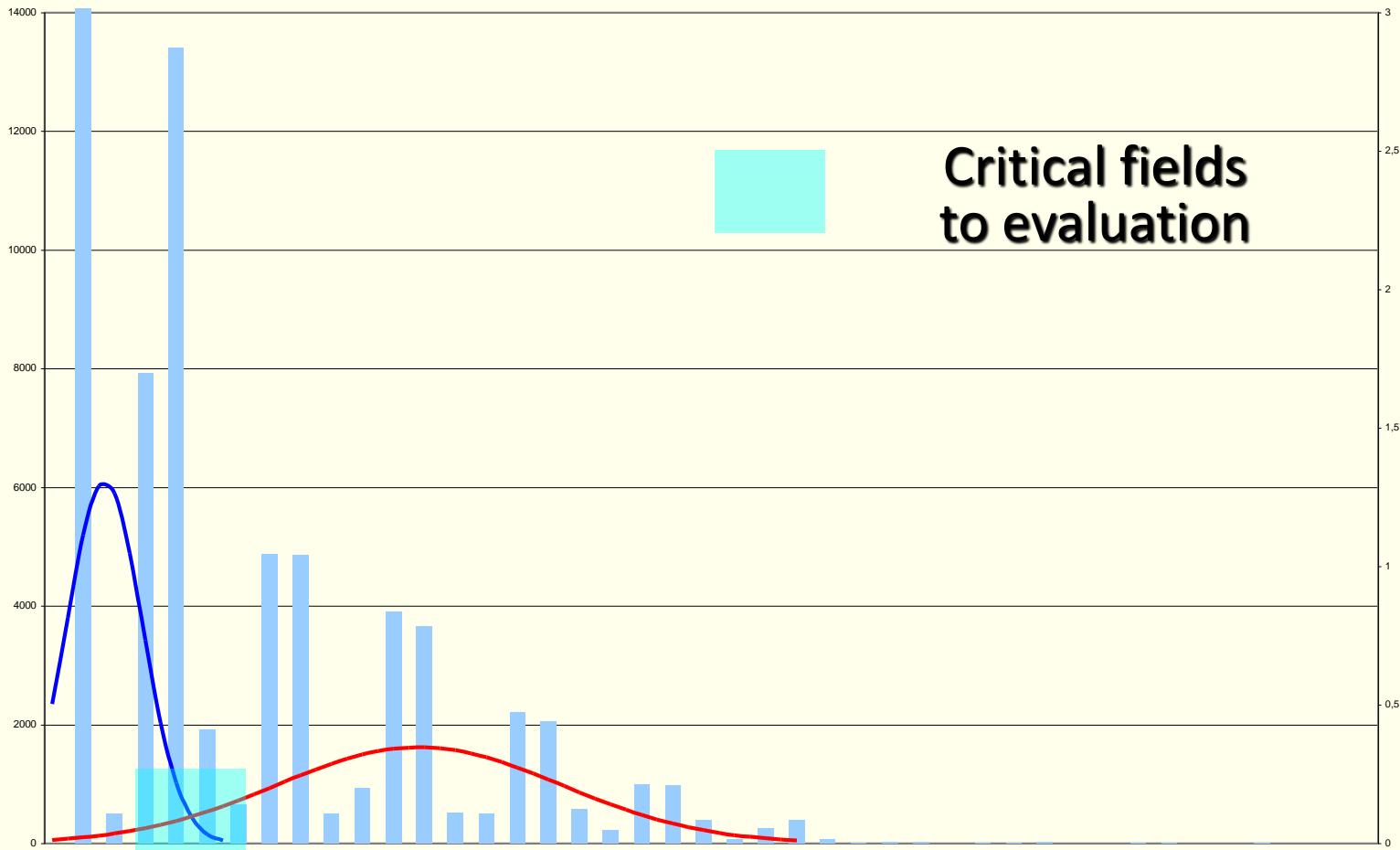
# Tail-cutting for cut-off level



# Tail-cutting for cut-off level



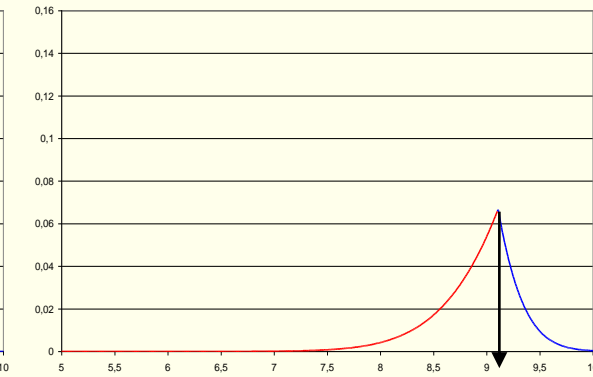
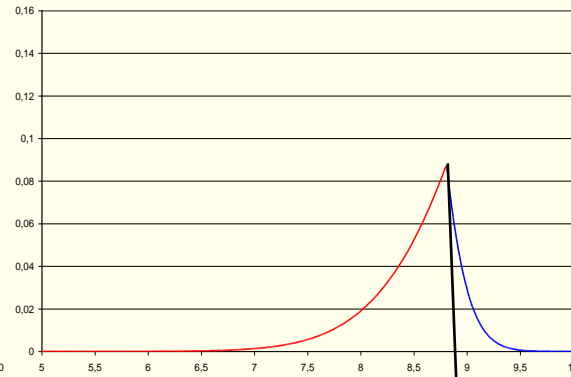
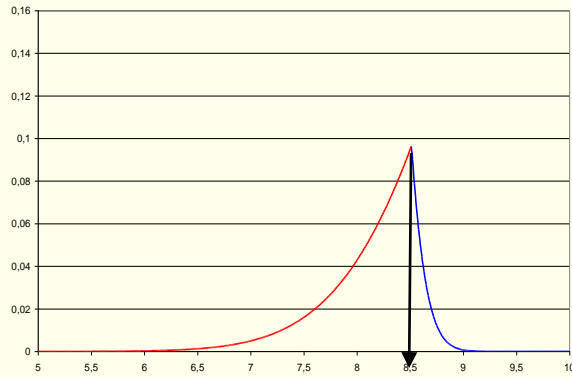
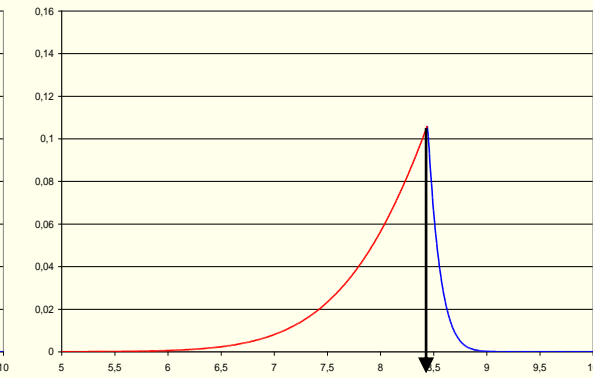
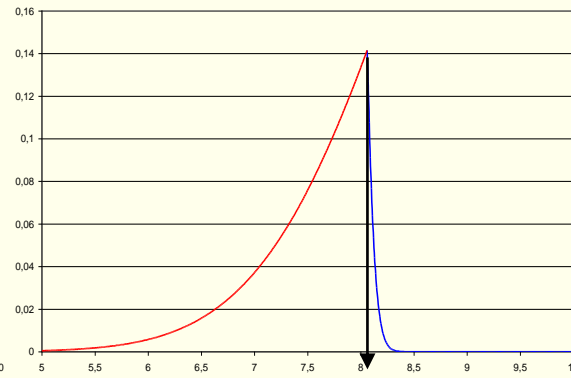
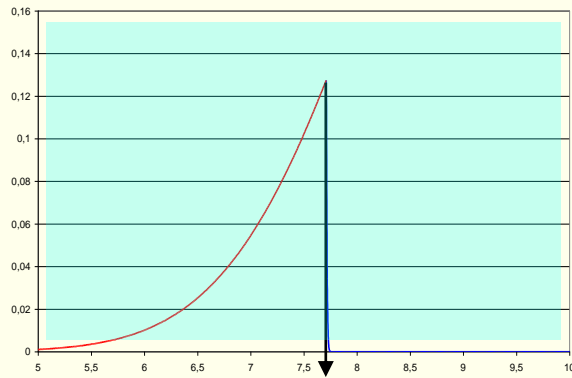
# Tail-cutting for cut-off level



# Cut-off level meghatározás

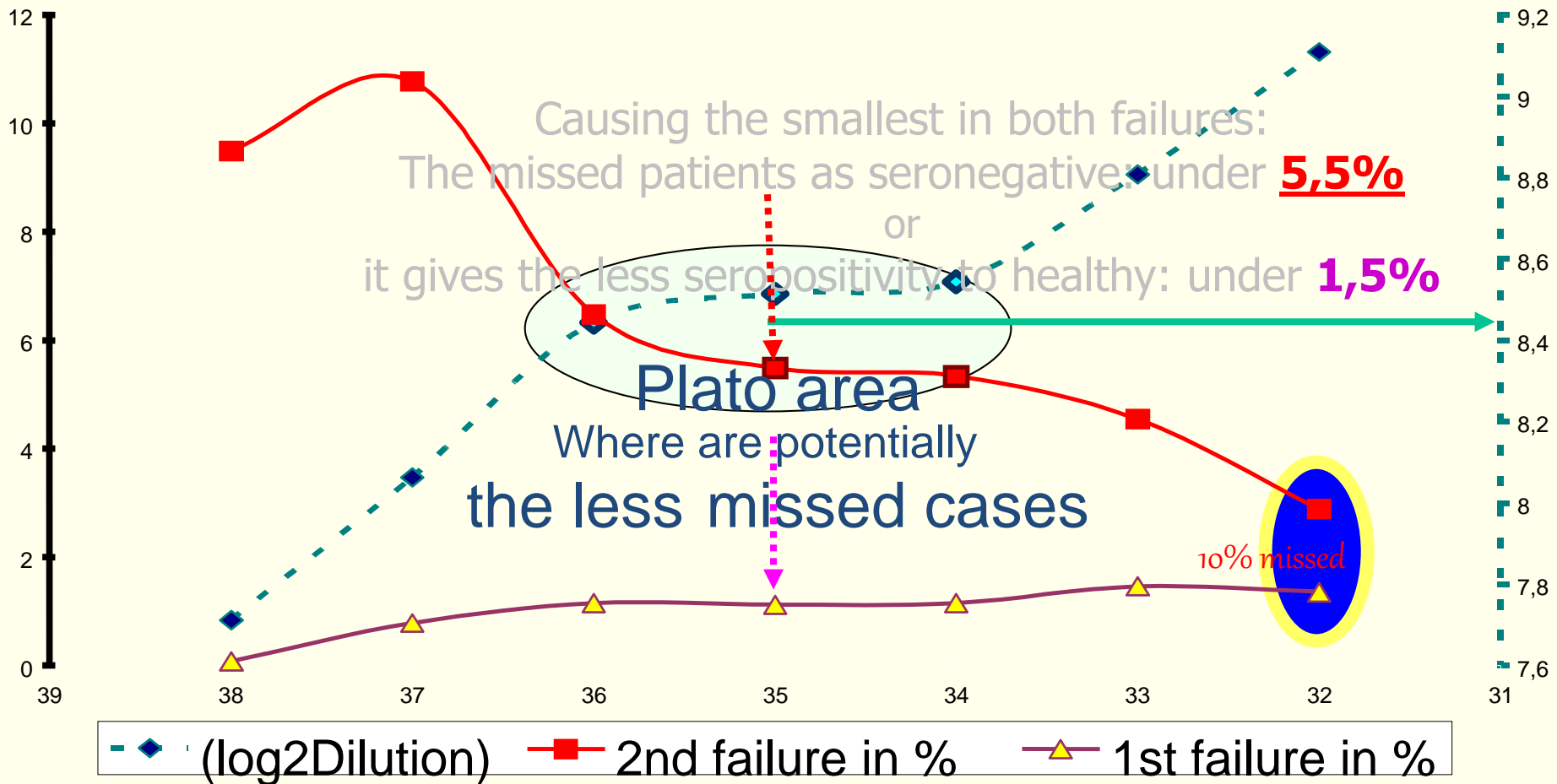


Critical fields  
to evaluation



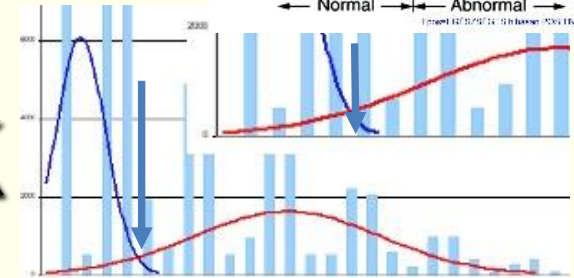
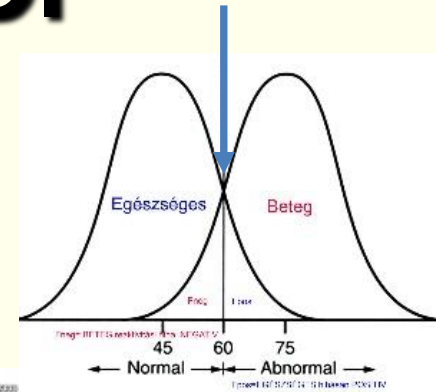
# Cut-off level meghatározás

The cut-off level **1:200 dilution 3+** reactivity



First failure under 2.0 %!

# Tail-cutting módszerrel meghatározott cut-off level & meghatározási hibák



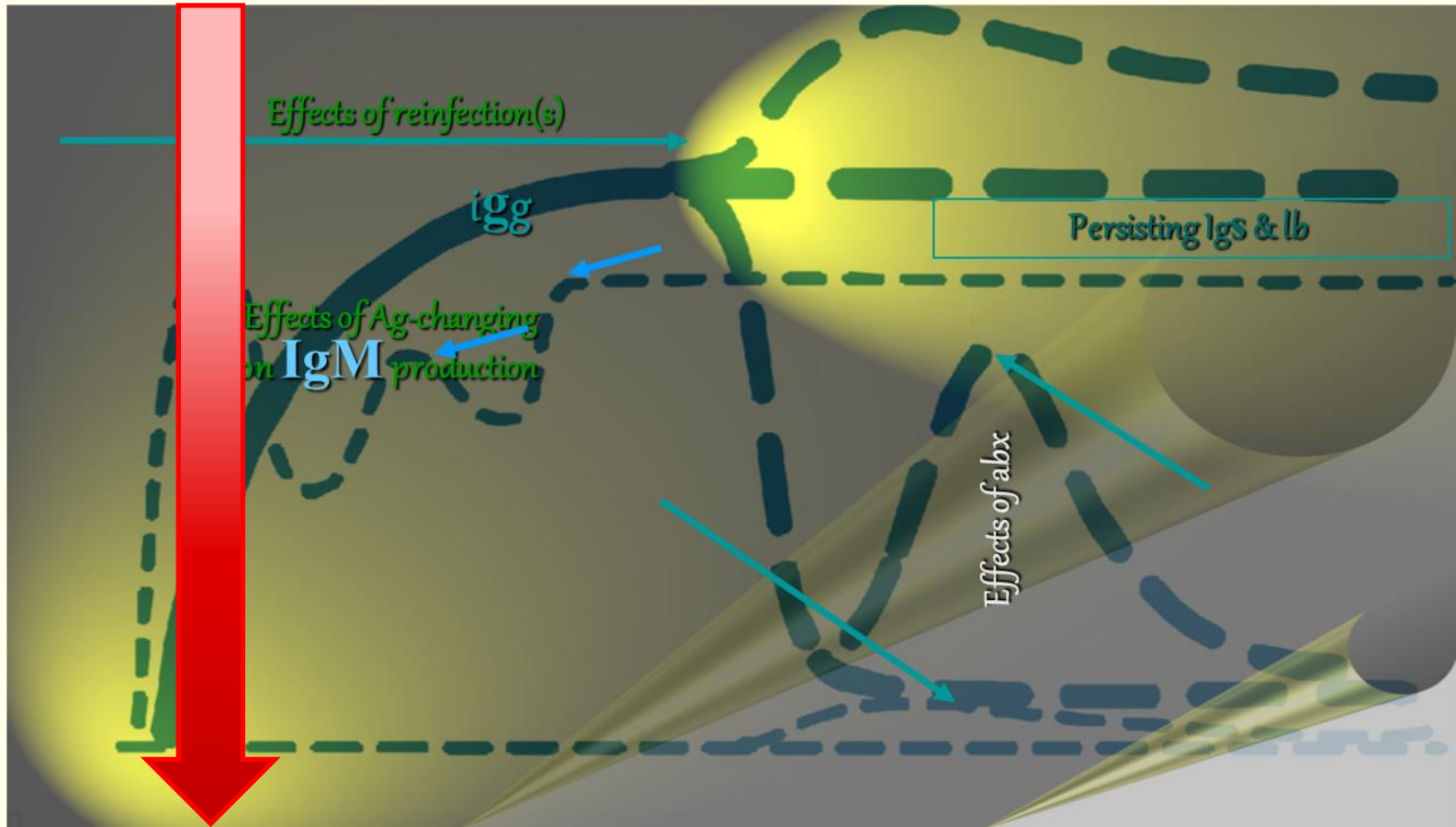
**Egészségesek tévesen szeropositív aránya  
nem több, mint 1,5%**

**Lyme beteg, aki tévesen seronegativ  
legalább a meghatározás 5,5%-a**

**HÁROMSZOR GYAKORIBB  
A BETEGEK TÉVES EREDMÉNYE**

# Ellenanyag termelődés dinamikája

## **MINDEN ÖSSZETEVŐNEK HASONLÓ**



**VIZSGÁLATOK CSAK EGY SZELETET LÁTNAK**

# Female 34 yo, 54 kg; napi 30 perc tréning

## ECM.07-10.06.2015



### EuroLine RN-AT IgM sorozatvizsgálat

		2015				
		06.07 - 06.10.	06.24.	07.07	08.04	10.09.
VLSE			1	1	1	2
FLAGELLIN			2	42	21	20
BMPA-p39			1	2	1	9
OSPC	B.afzelii	<b>ECM</b> Doxycycline 2x100mg 06.24-ig Tünetmentes 2017-ig; amikor <b>két spontán</b> <b>abortus</b> +neurologiai panaszok	5	134	103	35
	B.b. s. stricto		8	130	102	31
	B.garinii		3	108	83	18
	B.spielmanii		5	116	96	34



# Ellenanyag termelődés dinamikája Három hetes kezelés után

Cluj-Kolozsvár 2015 IgM

Budapest 2016



ANTIGEN	BŐZSIK METHOD		STANDARD*		Pos. CTRL	
	IgM	IgG	IgM	IgG	IgM	IgG
P83/100 - <i>B. afzelii</i>	-	-	-	-	5	5
VisE-p40-C6	-	-	-	-	5	5
p58 - <i>B. garinii</i>	-	-	-	-	4	4
p41 - <i>B. burgdorferi sensu stricto</i>	±	1	-	±	1	1
BmpA/p39 - <i>B. afzelii</i>	-	-	-	-	4	6
OspA/p31 - <i>B. afzelii</i>	-	-	-	-	5	5
<i>B. b. sensu stricto</i>						
OspC	+	+	+	+		
p25	8	5	8	±	8	5
<i>B. afzelii</i>	+	+	+	±		
<i>B. garinii</i>	+	+	+	±		
<i>B. spielmanii</i>	+	+	+	±		
<i>B. b. sensu stricto</i>						
p18	-	-	-	-	5	5
<i>B. bavariensis</i>	-	-	-	-		
<i>B. garinii</i>	-	-	-	-		
<i>B. spielmanii</i>	-	-	-	-		
WB-EVALUATION	Reacts		Pos		B-6	
According to the manuscript	Points		neg		Western	
	8	6	8	0		

**OPINION:** Tick-biting in Austria was reported followed ECM and monotherapy (Doxycycline 2x100mg 3 weeks). The pathogenetic development was controlled with Western-blot analyses. It was demonstrated effective immune responses with both the continuously existing IgM and later the less expressed IgG that disappeared. Before the investigations in Synlab it was proved IgG negativity and not determined the IgM at Lyme Diagnostic. Beside the specific serology for *Lyme borreliosis chronica* it was also demonstrated seropositivity for *Bartonella henselae*, *Toxoplasma gondii*, *Rubella*, *CMV*, *HSV1*, *Parvovirus B19*, *VZV/HHV-3*, which can contribute to be inhibiting the immune response for *B. burgdorferi sensu lato* and provoke similar signs and symptoms.

2017-ig panaszmentes, majd tünetes beteg  
Ismételt kombinált antibiotikumra gyógyult  
IgG-válasz 2017-2018-ban sem alakult ki

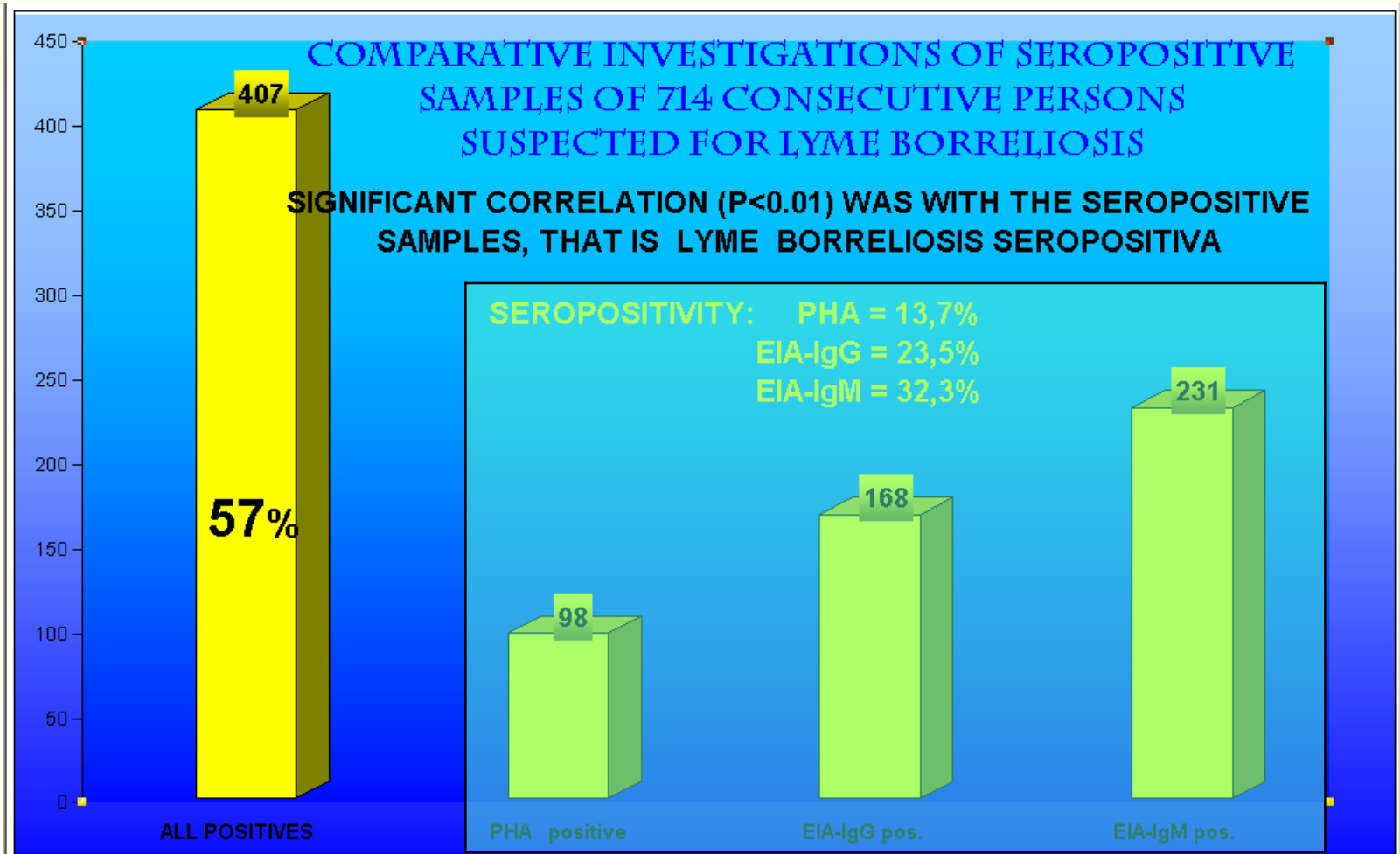
Jellegzetes „decapitatio” Lyme borreliosis kapcsán

Az OspC-re adott immunválaszt nem érinti a **prompt doxycyclin**(2x100 mg)

**Pathogenitás marad**, két év „tünetmentesség” után jelentkezett a LB

# Which Method Could Become The Golden Standard?

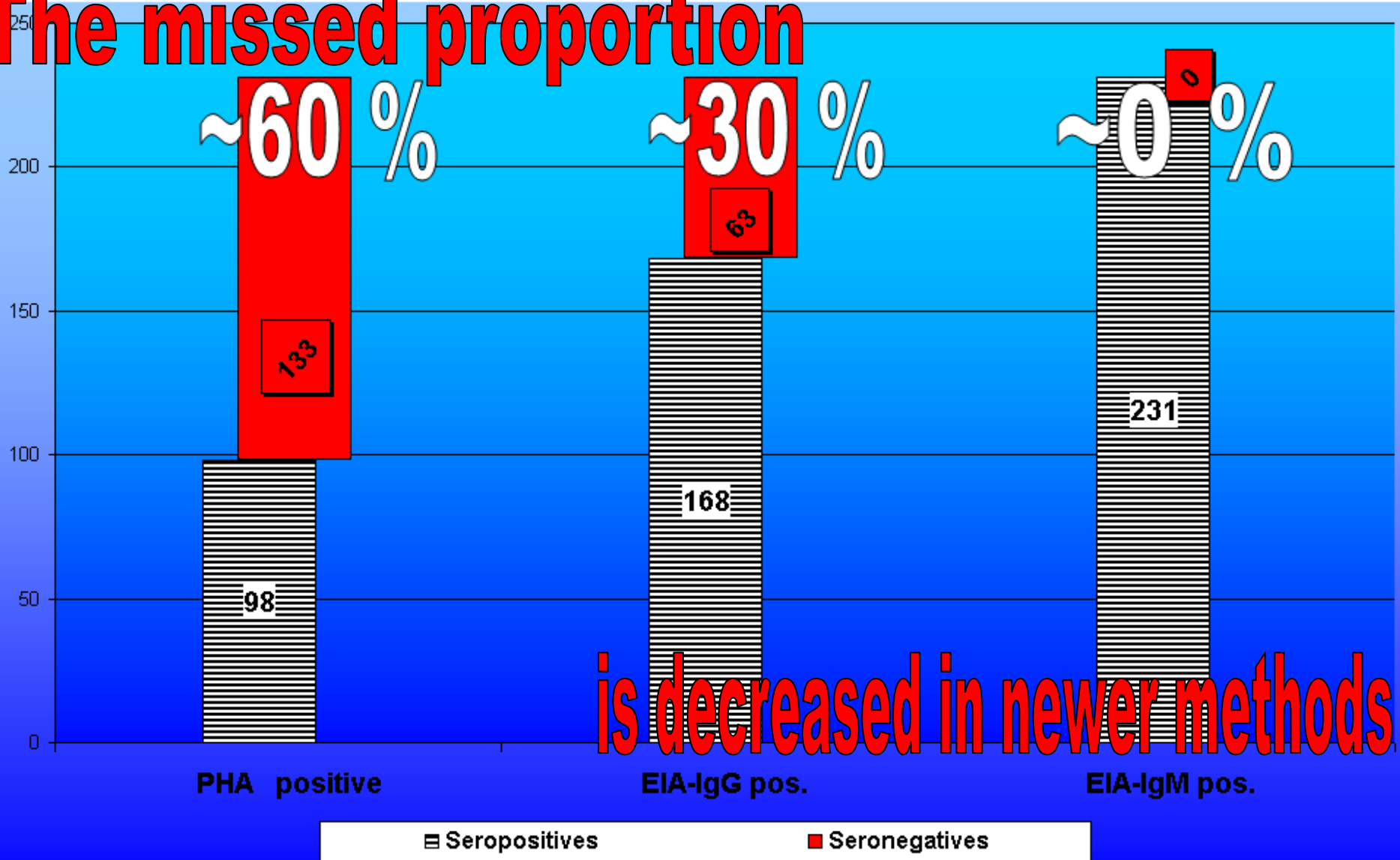
Compare  
with Newer methods



# Lyme borreliosis seronegativa

the relation in different methods

## The missed proportion



is decreased in newer methods

# TAKING THE RESULTS

## TO REFER 100 PARALLEL INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations at the NIH Hungary

<b>METHODS</b>	Sensitivity per cent	Specificity per cent	<b>SEROLOGICALLY DETECTED CASES**</b>	<b>So called SERONEGATIVE</b>
<b>Enzygnost-M *</b>	<b>100</b>	92	92	8
<b>Enzygnost-G</b>	72	90	65	35
<b>PHA(117.560)</b>	42	<b>90</b>	38	62!

\* Enzygnost-M accepted as if it could detect all seropositivity

\*\* (Sensitivity%) \* Specificity relative frequency

# TAKING THE RESULTS\*

## TO REFER 100 PARALLEL INVESTIGATIONS

Marangoni A, et al.: J Med Microbiol 2005, 54: 361-367

<b>METHODS</b>	Sensitivity per cent	Specificity per cent	<b>SEROLOGICALLY DETECTED CASES**</b>	THE MISSED ONES So called <b>SERONEGATIVE</b>
<b>Enzygnost-M</b>	71	92	<b>65</b>	<b>35/29!</b>
<b>C-6</b>	62	97	<b>60</b>	<b>40/38!!</b>
<b>rec-WELL-M</b>	56	99	<b>55</b>	<b>45/44</b>
<b>rec-WELL-G</b>	58	97	<b>56</b>	<b>44/42</b>
<b>Enzygnost-G</b>	37	90	<b>33</b>	<b>67/63!</b>
<b>PHA in NIH, HU <i>117.560 serum</i></b>	<b>25,8</b>	<b>98/93<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>25/24</b>	<b>75/74!</b>

\*\* (Sensitivity%) x Specificity = relative frequency

# There is a great difference between biological & biostatistic error

- Although 1.5 % first order/fals-positive and 5.5 % second order error/fals negative are excellent results for any laboratory it is astonishing that the developments of science give possibility to determine further 60 % or more cases as people, who are in bad need of treatment.
- This result is
  - **neither over-diagnosis,**
  - **nor under-estimation,**
  - **especially not fals/untrue determinations**


they really belong to both the development of methodology and the epidemic character of Lyme borreliosis.

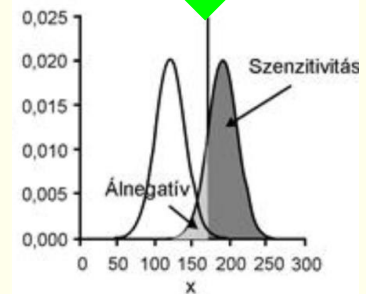
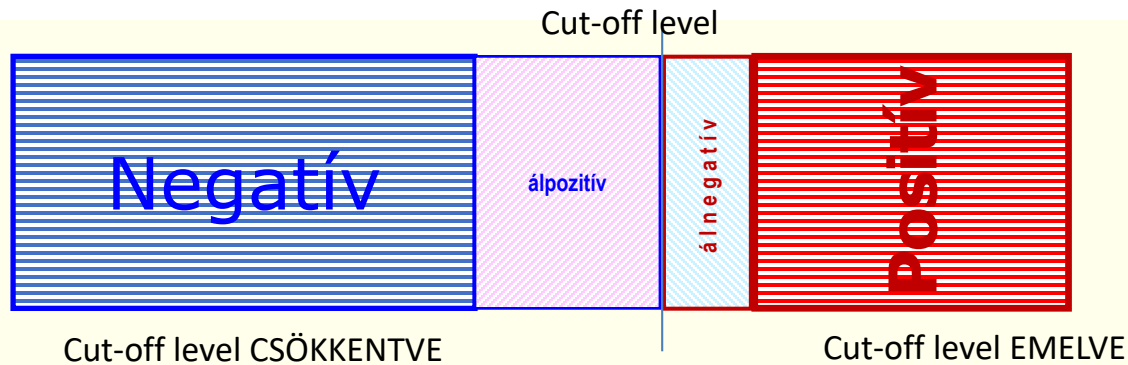
# TAKING THE RESULTS TO REFER 100 PARALLEL INVESTIGATIONS

Marangoni A, et al.: Microbiol. 2005 Jan; 28(1):37-43.

METHODS	Sensitivity	Specificity	Sero-	
			Positive	Negative
Anti-Borrelia plus VlsE IgM, <b>Euroimmun</b>	85,0	78,5	<b>67</b>	<b>33</b>
Anti-Borrelia plus VlsE ELISA IgG, <b>Euroimmun</b>	56,6	98,5	<b>56</b>	<b>44</b>
Quick ELISA <b>C6, Immunetics</b>	33,3!	?	<b>34?</b>	<b>66?!</b>
Euroline-WB against Borrelia, <b>Euroimmun</b>	68.3	80.0	<b>55</b>	<b>45</b>
Qualicode B. burgdorferi WB, <b>Immunetics</b>	26.6	100	<b>27</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>multispecies "home made" WB</b>	71.7	100	<b>72</b>	<b>28</b>

# A módszerek áttekintése

ANTIGEN CONTENT		METHOD	EVALUATION			SPECIFICITY	
Recombinant	Preferred list	Western-blot	Informed		INDIVIDUALLY & SUMMED UP	 ↑ SPECIFICITY ↓ SENSITIVITY	
	Solely antigens		INDIVIDUALLY & SUMMED UP				
Purified	Selected	Solely/mixed	ELISA	informs	More specific		OD summation
		complete	Western-blot(elfo)	informs	More specific		INDIVIDUALLY & SUMMED UP
	Mixed	ELISA	summation	More specific	OD summation		
Solved	Crude solved	PHA, ELISA	summation	specific	OD summation		
Spirochete	Whole fixed one	IFA	summation	specific	Semi-quantitative		



Nő a SENSITIVITÁS, **de több álpozitív**  
 Csökken a SPECIFICITÁS  
**SOK EGÉSZSÉGEST KELL ELLENŐRIZNI**

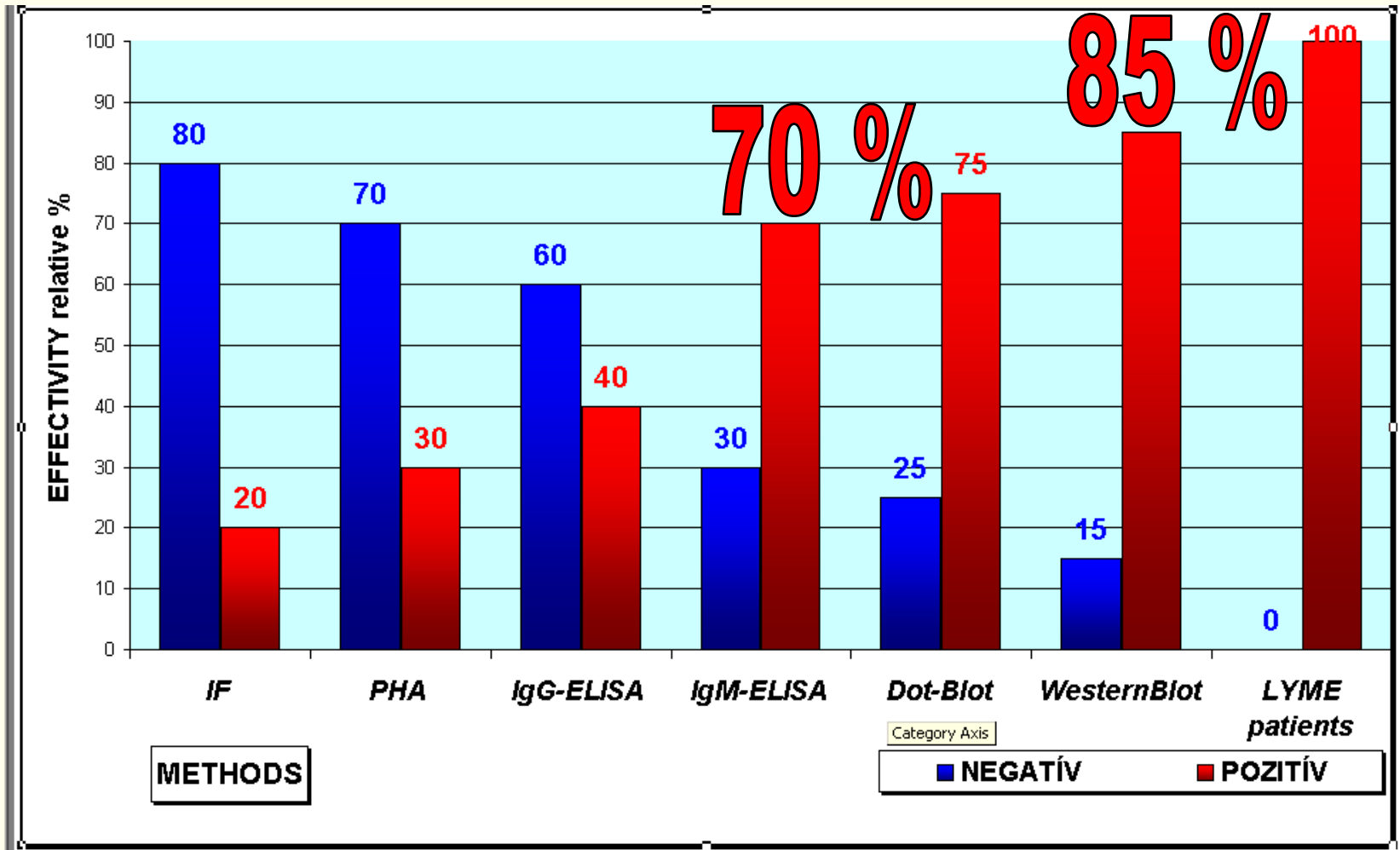
Nő a SPECIFICITÁS, **de több álnegatív:**  
 Csökken SENSITIVITÁS, kevesebb positive,  
**SOK BETEG MARAD KEZELETLEN**



# The BLUE COLUMNS

related to the missed proportions of patients

theoretical graph!



# DIFFERENT DIAGNOSTIC GUIDELINES FOR CHRONIC LYME

Ljøstad U, Mygland A \_2012, but Modified 2013

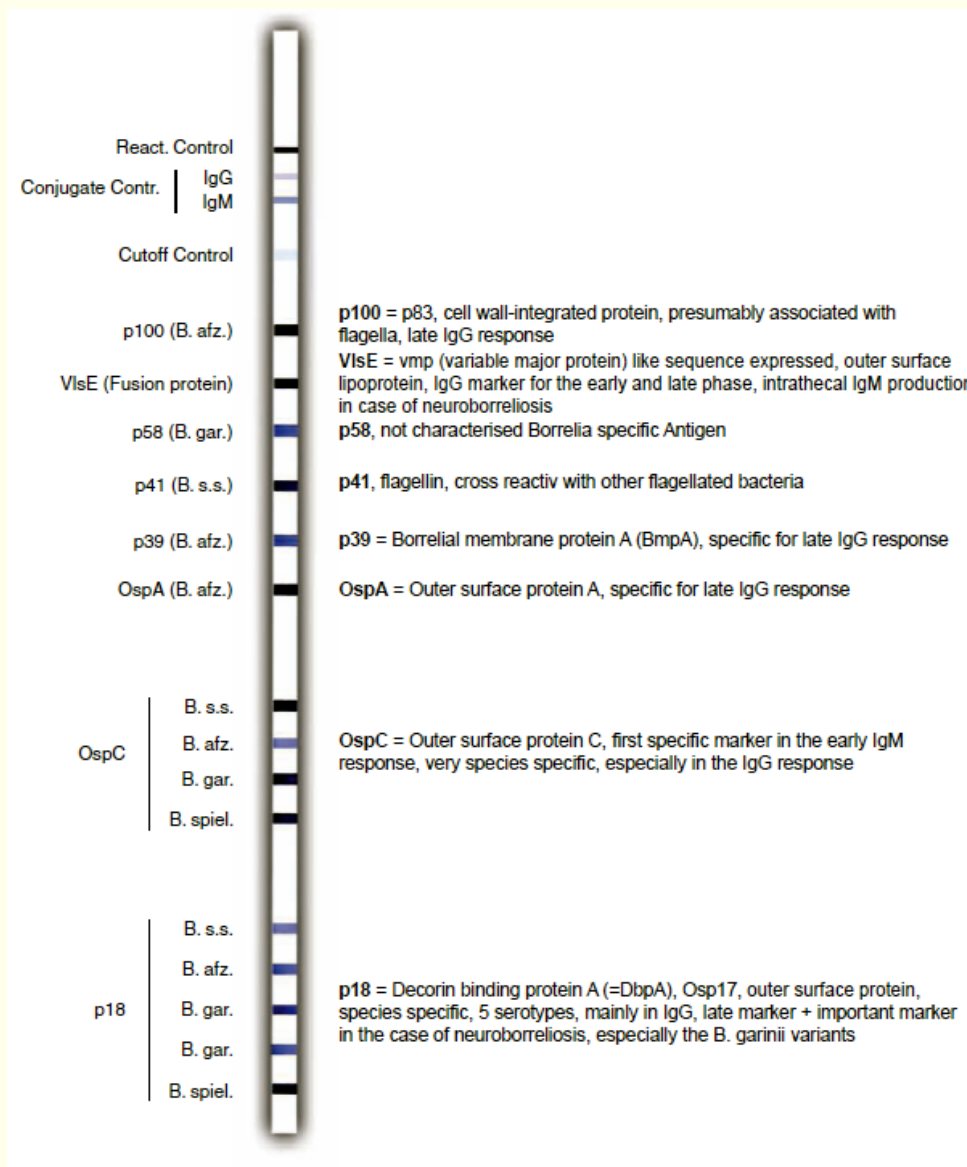
		EFNS_2012	EUCALB_2010	IDSA 2010(2006)	ILADS_2004 GERMAN_2010
CLINICS	NEUROLOGIC	+	+	+	CLINICS
	PERIPHERAL CENTRAL				
	ARTHRITIC		+	+	
	DERMATOLOGIC		+	+	
	PSYCHOLOGIC			+	
DIAGNOSTICS	PLEOCYTOSIS	+	+	+	NO DEFINITIVE TESTS Positivity helps, but supersedes
	INTRATHECAL ANTIBODY	+	+	+	
	SEROLOGY		ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	
	SYNOVIAL		+	AB/PCR	
		<b>ALL THREE</b>	<b>SEROLOGY</b>	<b>TWO-TIER</b>	<b>SYMPTOMS</b>
CONSEQUENCE	SCIENTIFIC DATA (CDC epidemiological)				LONG TREATMENT FOR CURING
	MONOTHERAPY				<b>COMBINED THERAPY frequently</b>
	POST TREATMENT LYME SYNDROME				<b>REPEATED TREATMENT</b>
	NOT ANY OBJECT FOR RE-TREATMENT				
	Not selected according to either the strains of <i>B.burgdorferi sensu lato</i> their the sensitivity to the antibiotics				

FUTURE  
POSSIBILITY

In vitro antibiotic sensitivity investigations  
Especially to be determining  
THE INTRACELLULAR EFFECCTIVITY OF COMBINED ANTIBIOTICS  
WITH DIFFERENT STRAINS

DualDur<sup>®</sup>  
reagent

# WESTERN-blot *line*-method with recombinant Antigens





# SEROLOGY READING

- P83/100 – B.afzelii : specific 83-100 kD protein
- VlsE-p40-C6 constant component of the causative agent
- p58 – B.garinii : specific 58 kD protein
- p41 – B.b. sensu stricto 41 kD generic protein (flagellar)
- BmpA/p39 – B.afzelii the first recombinant antigen, and it is highly specific.
- OspA/p31 – B.afzelii : specific Outer surface protein A, 31 kD the component of the first vaccines that produced RA-like inflammation & autoAT-LFA-1
- OspC p25 : specific Outer surface protein C, 25 kD that is the first appeared AntiBody, which should be disappearing after 2-3 months.
  - B.b. sensu stricto, B.afzelii, B.garinii, B.spielmanii
- P18 : specific 18 kD protein
  - B.b. sensu stricto, B.afzelii+B.spielmanii and B.bavariensis+B.garinii, the two big family
  - kD= kilo Dalton, molecular weight

# CONTROL

## *recomLine* Borrelia IgG/IgM

SPECIFICITY		IgG	IgM
BLOOD DONORS	(n = 200)		
Negative		180	185
Positive/Borderline		20	15
Confirmed by WB		19	9
Prevalence		9.5 %	4.5 %
Specificity		99.4 %	96.7 %

SENSITIVITY		IgG	IgM	IgG+IgM
Arthritis	(n = 28)	27 (96 %)	6 (21 %)	27 (96 %)
Acrodermatitis	(n = 11)	11 (100 %)	1 (09 %)	11 (100 %)
Neuroborreliosis	(n = 35)	29 (83 %)	18 (51 %)	33 (94 %)
Erythema migrans	(n = 42)	18 (43 %)	30 (71 %)	33 (79 %)

**Patients IDs:** D Elisa  
**Name:** D Elisa  
**Date of birth:** 13/01/2008  
**Well:** 9  
**Sent from:** Dr Tatiana Rosca

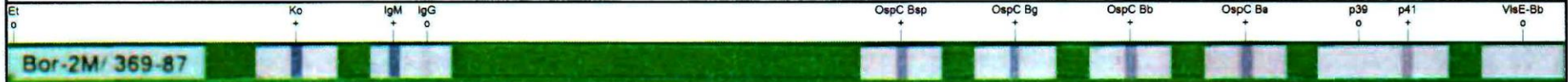
**Test:** Borrelia EUROLINE RN-AT adv IgM  
**Strip number:** 369-87  
**Created on:** 26/08/2019  
**Results from:** 26/08/2019  
**Receipt of sample:** 26/08/2019

**EUROIMMUN**

Medizinische  
 Labordiagnostika  
 AG



Automatic evaluation of test strips using the EUROLiScan software



Antigen	Intensity	Class	o	(+)	+
VisE Borrelia burgdorferi	3	o	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Flagellin Borrelia afzelii	42	+		<input type="checkbox"/>	
BmpA Borrelia burgdorferi	3	o	<input type="checkbox"/>		
OspC Borrelia afzelii	53	+		<input type="checkbox"/>	
OspC Borrelia burgdorferi	51	+		<input type="checkbox"/>	
OspC Borrelia garinii	55	+		<input type="checkbox"/>	
OspC Borrelia spielmanii	48	+		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anti-human-IgG					
Anti-human-IgM	74	+		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Control	83	+		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Label					

Class	Explanation
o	Negative
(+)	Borderline
+	Positive

Test	Result
Borrelia EUROLINE RN-AT adv IgM	Positive

# SPIROCHETALES

BACTERIA domain

SPIROCHAETALES phylum, \*class, \*ordo

**\*\*\*SPIROCHAETACEAE familia**

**Borrelia genus**

*B.recurrentis*

*B.myamotoi* complex

***B.burgdorferi sensu lato***

**\*\*\*TREPONEMATACEAE familia**

**Treponema genus**

*T.pallidum*

**Leptospira genus**

*L.icterohaemorrhagiae*





# Borrelia burgdorferi sensu lato facultative intracellularis parazita



Similar results were got with **TIGECYCLINE monotherapy**.  
Lyme Borreliosis Foundation suggests **COMBINED ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT**  
since **1990** instead of the monotherapy debated.

# THE UNDERSTANDING HAS CHANGED

## about Lyme borreliosis

- Lyme Spirochete became *Borrelia burgdorferi sensu lato* those have **great adaptation** character
- They are **sensitive** to several antibiotics, but in different manner
- These germs can hide **intracellular** and can be **wrapped** itself into unit membrane, or
- They can transform into **GEMMA** or produce colony in „cysts”
- They can specifically **inhibit the immune response** of the body from the beginning in different levels.

# COMBINED ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY BASED ON THE EXPERIMENTS IN VITRO

- ❖ MINOCYCLINE(4-5x50mg)+CIPROFLOXACINE+TINIDAZOLE
- ❖ DOXYCYCLINE(3x100mg – 2x200mg)+
- ❖ AMOXICILLIN(3x2000mg)+
- ❖ CEFTRIAXON(2x2000mg)+
- ❖ CEFTRIAXON+BICILLIN+
- ❖ CEFTRIAXON/AMOXICILLIN+
- ❖ KLARTHROMYCINE+BISEPTOL+CIPROFLOXACIN+PLAQUENYL
- ❖ AZITHROMYCINE+BISEPTOL+MALARONE+PLAQUENIL
- ❖ AZITHROMYCINE+CIPROFLOXACINE+TINIDAZOLE
- ❖ DOXYCYCLINE+CIPROFLOXACINE+RIFAMPIN+TINIDAZOLE

# The suggested Flow-chart

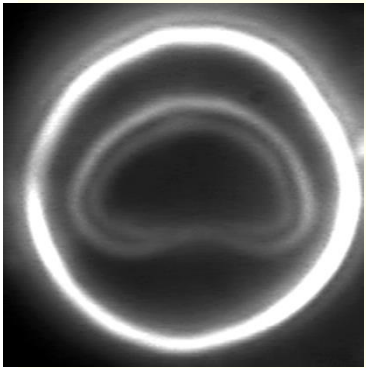
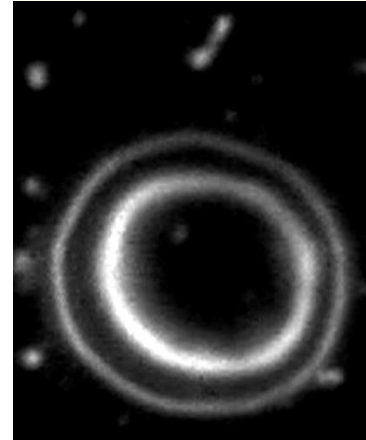
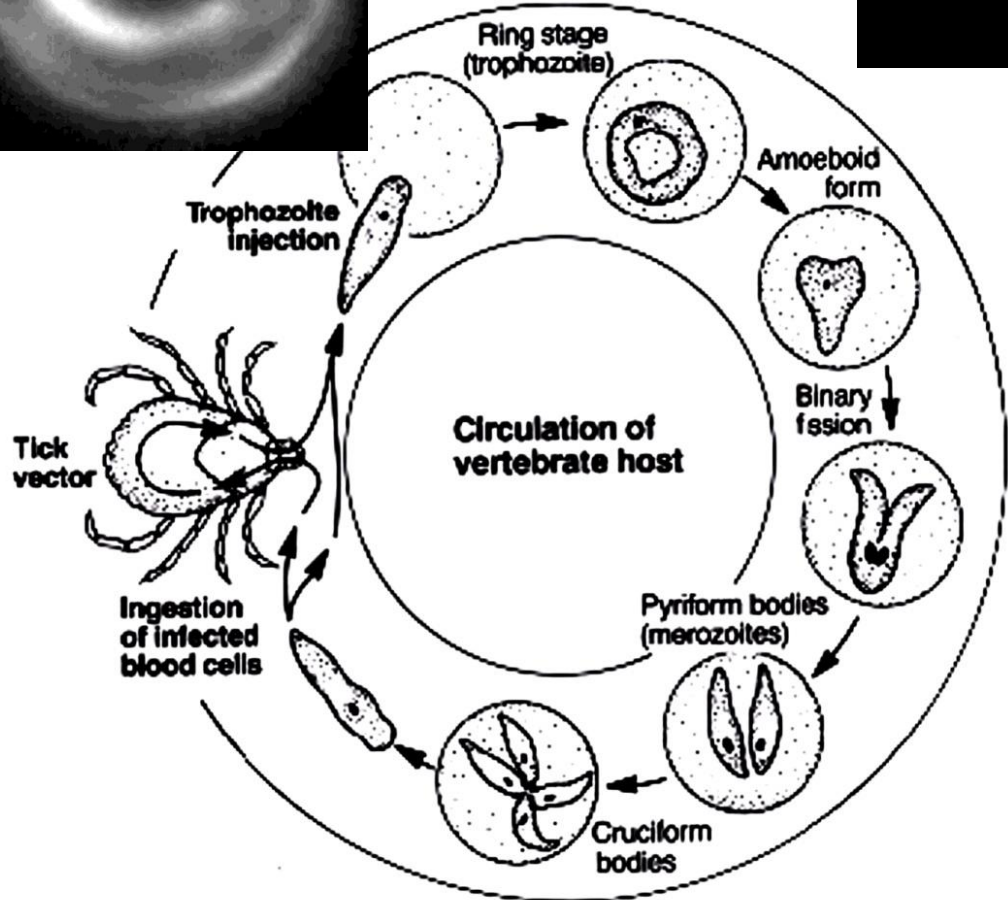
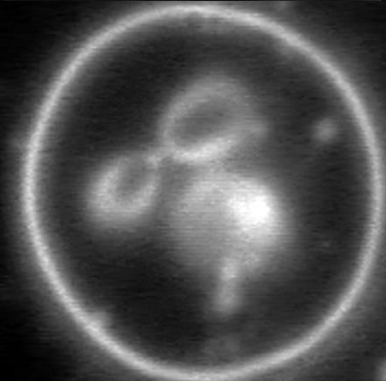
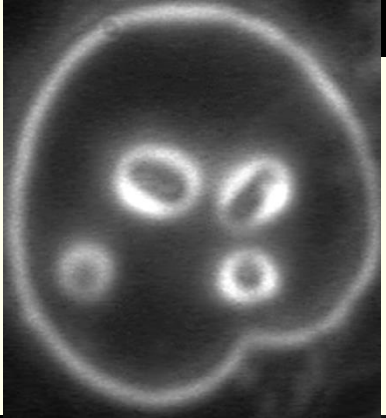
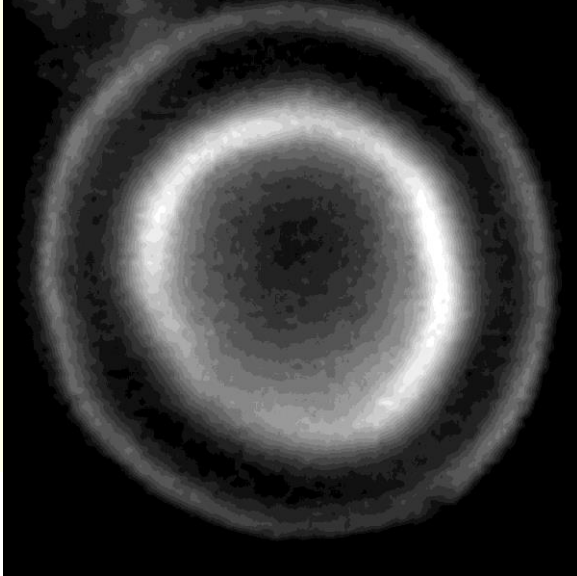
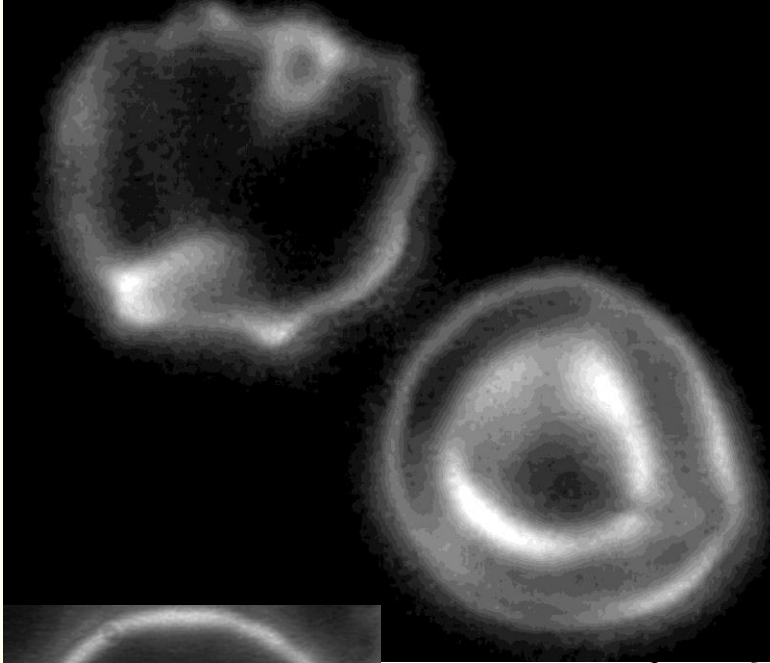
LEVELS FOR DG-TH	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.
		negative				
TICK-biting	TICK	RT-PCR( <i>B.b.s.l.</i> )	negative primer	info		
		POSITIVE	SEROLOGY(WB)	↓ SUMMARY	Special TREATMENT SCHEDULE(S)	CONTROL
			positive reinfection			
		~~~~~	DFMicroscopy			
		broad-range RT-PCR	Anaplasma			
			Babesia			
			Bartonella			
			<i>B. burgdorferi sensu lato</i>			
			LABORATORIUM			
			<i>Anaemia</i>			
			<i>Leukocytopenia</i>			
			<i>Endocrinopathia</i>			
		SYMPTOMS	LATE / CHRONIC			
			ACA			
		LATE	MORPHEA			
		EARLY	ECM			
			LBC			
			RADICULOPATHIA			
			PARESIS N. CRANIALIS			
		DIAGNOSTIC SYMPTOMS		Indicatio terapeutica		

# Babesiosis



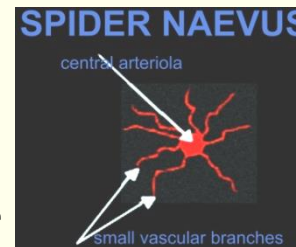
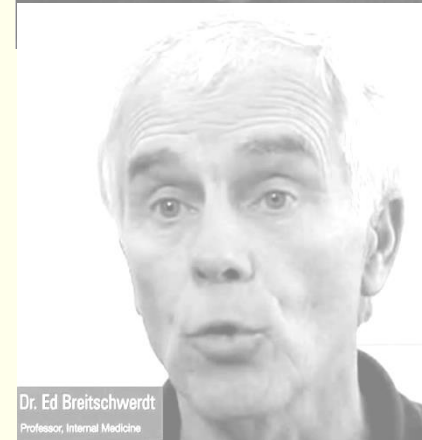
- Intraerythrocyter parasite
- Several strains exist
  - **There are over 100 species of *Babesia* identified**
  - B.microti, USA
  - B.divergens, EU
- Symptoms are different
  - Cephalalgia, neuropathia
  - hyperhidrosis nocturnalis
  - Cardiomyopathia, dyspnoe
  - Anaemia in chronic – anuria, death in acute form
- Transfusion associated Babesiosis rise reported

# Babesia



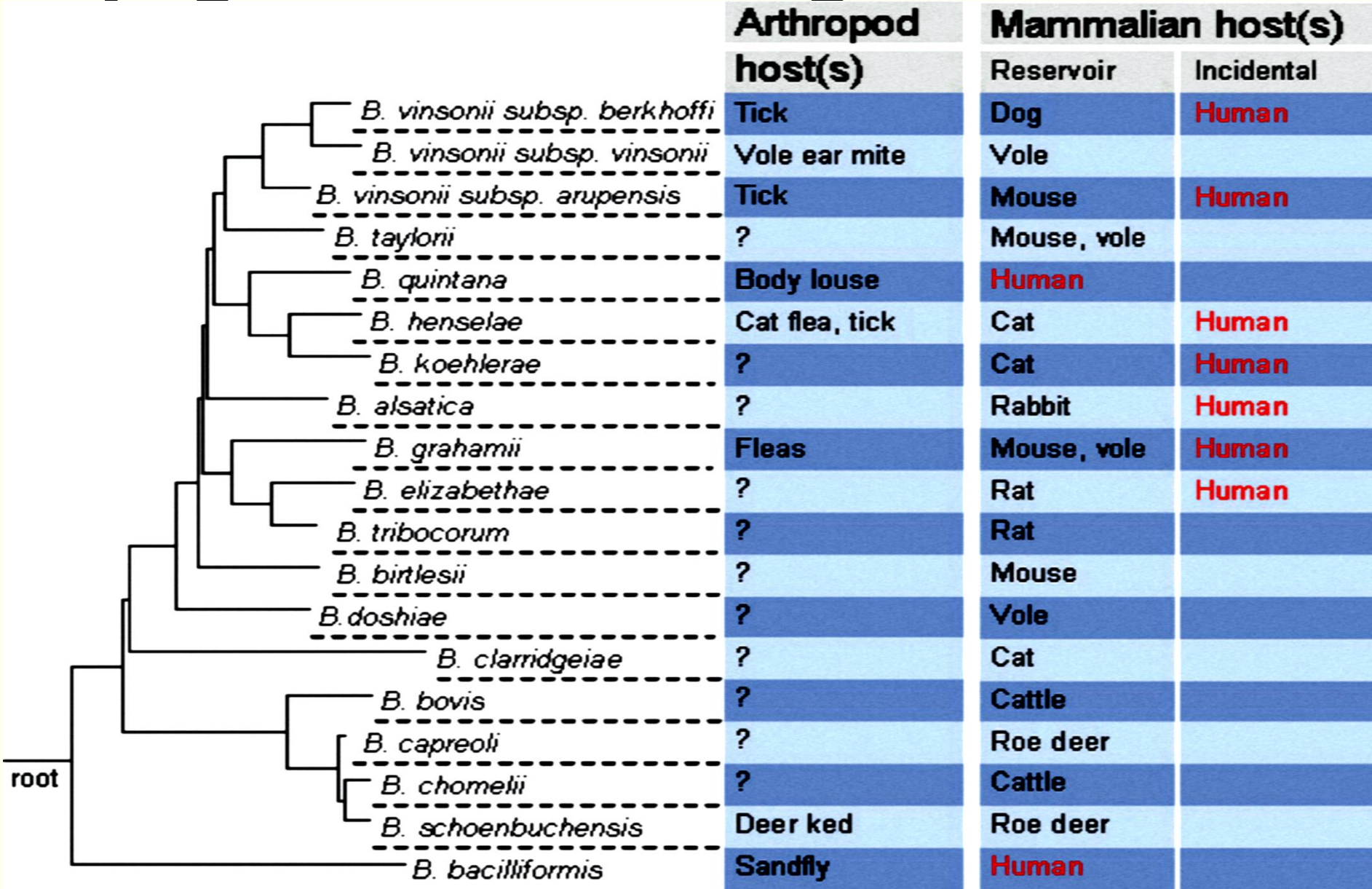
# Bartonellosis

- Intraerythrocyter, hemotropic parasite
- Several strains, two(?) human pathogen
  - B.henselae
  - B.quintana
- Symptoms are different
  - Dermatitis CSD, dyspigmentatio
  - Angiopathia, vasoproliferatio
  - Lymphadenopathia, lymphadenitis
  - Cardiomyopathia, Endocarditis, dyspnoe
  - Cephalalgia, neuropathia....
- Transfusion associated possible





# Phylogenetic tree of the genus *Bartonella*



# ANAPLASMA/EHRLICHIA

- Intracellular/Intraleukocyter parasite
- Several strains, two(?) human pathogen
  - **Anaplasma phagocytophilum**
  - **A.monocytotica/E.chaffeensis**

- Symptoms are different

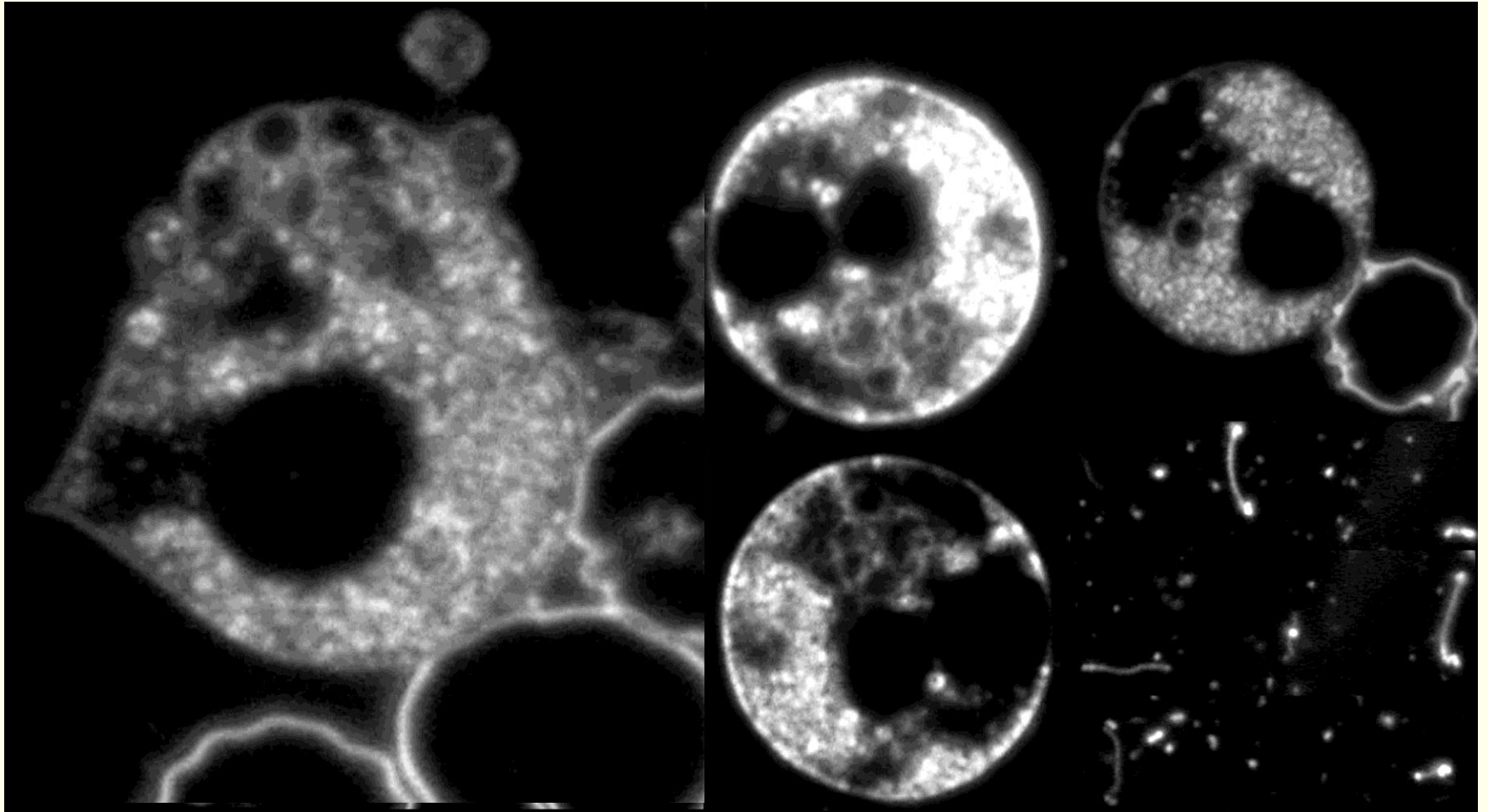
- cephalalgia
- hyperhidrosis nocturnalis
- Cardiomyopathia, dyspnoe
- Neuropathia–neutropenia relative %
- Reccurent, care especially during treatments

Species	Disease	Host	Host cells	Vector	Distribution
<i>Ehrlichia chaffeensis</i>	Human monocytic ehrlichiosis	Humans, deer and dogs	Monocytes and macrophages	<i>Amblyomma americanum</i>	USA, South America and Asia
<i>Ehrlichia ewingii</i>	Human ewingii ehrlichiosis	Humans, deer and dogs	Granulocytes	<i>Amblyomma americanum</i>	USA
<i>Anaplasma phagocytophilum</i>	Human granulocytic anaplasmosis and tick-borne fever	Humans, horses, ruminants, rodents, dogs, cats and deer	Granulocytes and endothelial cells	<i>Ixodes scapularis</i> , <i>Ixodes pacificus</i> and <i>Ixodes ricinus</i>	USA, Europe and Asia
<i>Neorickettsia sennetsu</i>	Sennetsu fever and glandular fever	Humans	Monocytes and macrophages	Unknown trematode	Japan and Southeast Asia

- Transfusion associated rise reported

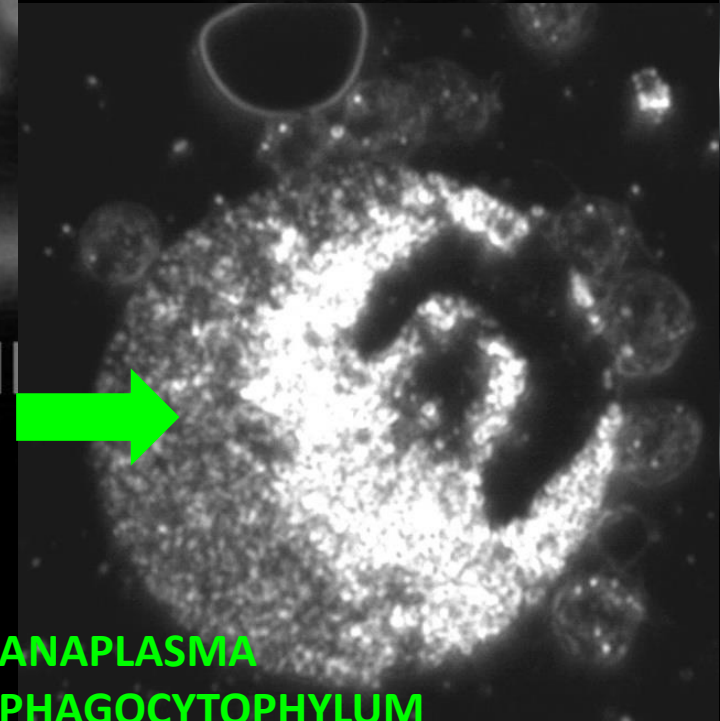
	NORMÁL	2011.05.	2011.03.	2010.12.	2010.11.
WBC	4,00 - 10,00	2,47	2,81	3,27	2,85
granulocyta	1,80 - 7,00	1,20	1,39	1,35	1,33
lymphocyta	1,00 - 4,80	0,92	1,23	1,69	1,22
RBC	3,80 - 5,60	3,29	3,02	3,36	3,45
mcv	80,00 - 97,00	102,40	99,30	98,50	102,00
mch	26,00 - 34,00	35,00	35,40	34,80	35,10

# Anaplasma Human Blood-sample





**ANAPLASMA monocytotica**  
**EHRlichIA chaffeensis**



**ANAPLASMA**  
**PHAGOCYTOPHYLUM**

Anaplasma in WBC



**Ehrlichien** Elispot LTT + **7 SI <2**  
Mittels T-Cell-Test finden sich aktuell in vivo  
Ehrlichien-reaktive T-Lymphozyten.

# PLEASE keep the HOPE



Nil nocere  
Salus aegroti suprema lex, esto  
Nil admirari

That would be the real miracle





Justino Magalona