### **Classification:**

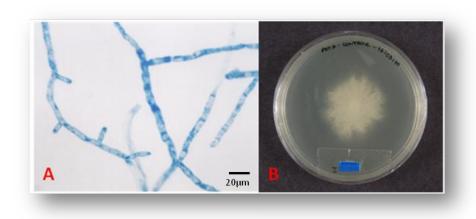
- microrganism similar to fungus;
- oomicete;

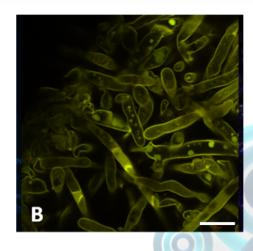
## Morphology:

- cylindrical and long hyphae;
- several cell membranes

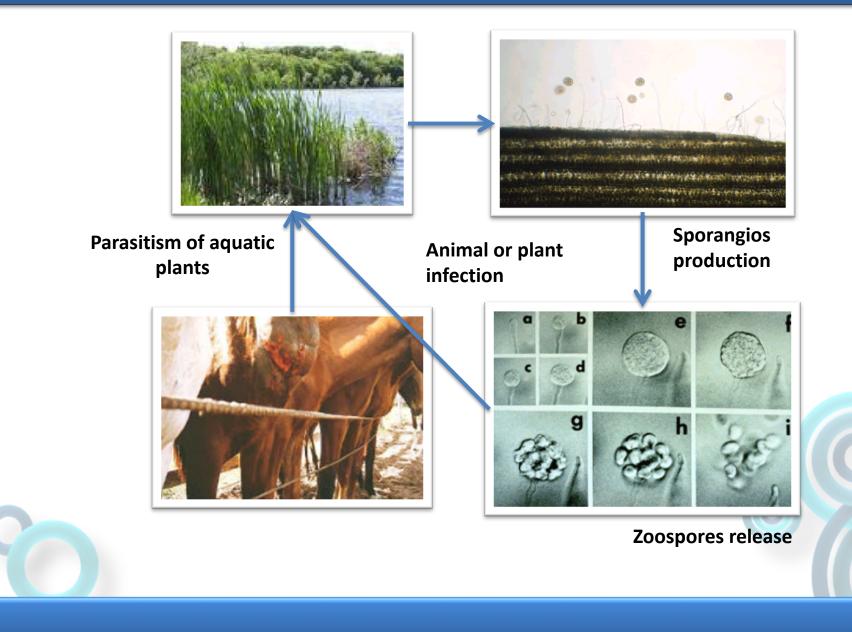
### **Organeles:**

- multiple mitochondrias;
- cell wall:  $\beta$ -1,3- e  $\beta$ -1,6-glucan and celulose; - lack of ergosterol in the cell membrane.





## *Pythium insidiosum:* life cycle



## **Pythiosis**

- Potentially mortal;
- Infected animals: horses, sheeps, dogs, cats, camels, bears, humans and birds.
- In Brazil, ~ 12% of horses in Pantanal are infected;
- In the USA, more than 100 dogs have been diagnosed with pythiosis

Ulcerative and granulomatous lesion of fast growing rate

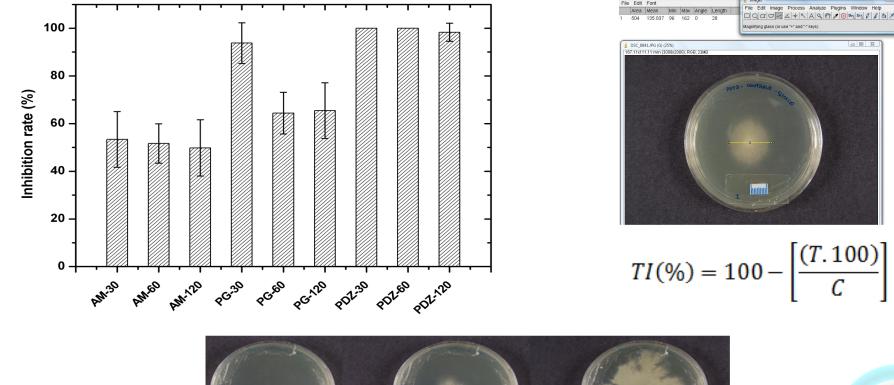
**Therapeutic options** 

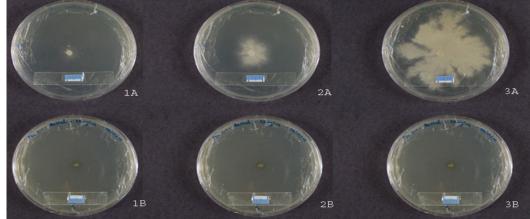
- Surgery
- Immune therapy
- Treatment combinations



Torres Neto et al. Vet. Derm. 2009.

## **Proof of concept – Inibição do crescimento in vitro**







# Inhibition rate

Photogem

#### Photodithazine

#### Methylene Blue

