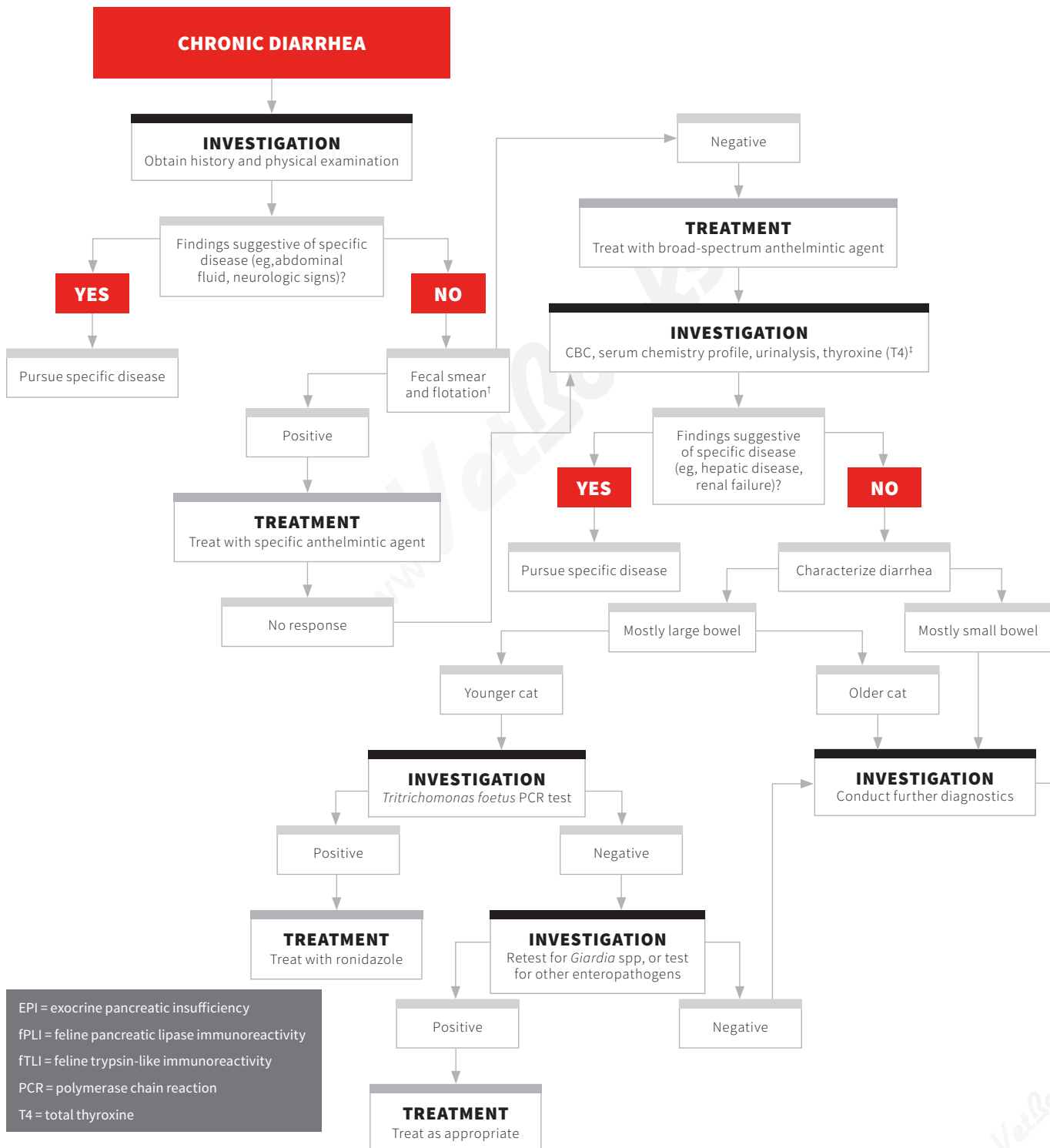
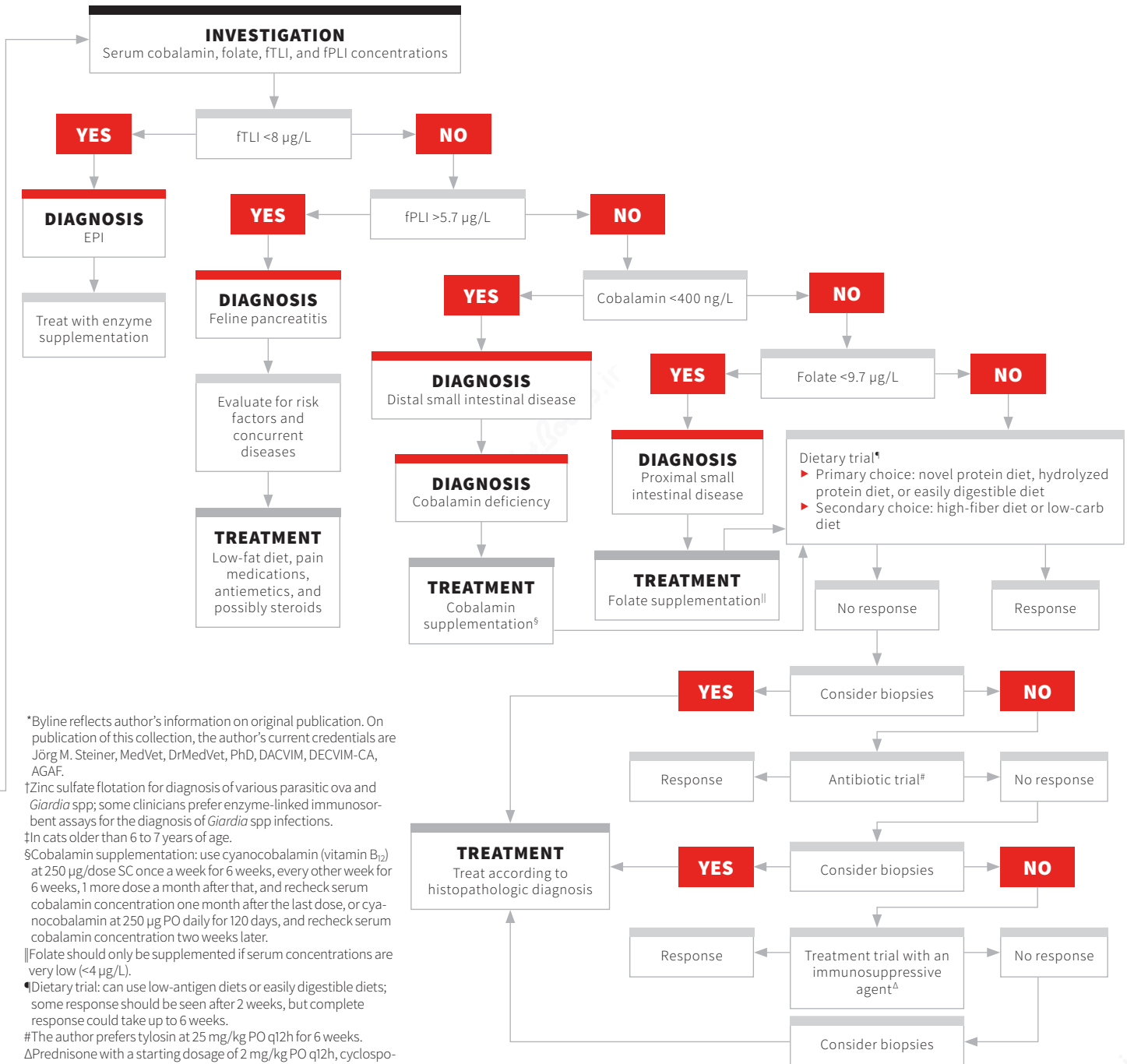


CHRONIC DIARRHEA IN CATS

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†Zinc sulfate flotation for diagnosis of various parasitic ova and *Giardia* spp; some clinicians prefer enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays for the diagnosis of *Giardia* spp infections.

‡In cats older than 6 to 7 years of age.

§Cobalamin supplementation: use cyanocobalamin (vitamin B₁₂) at 250 µg/dose SC once a week for 6 weeks, every other week for 6 weeks, 1 more dose a month after that, and recheck serum cobalamin concentration one month after the last dose, or cyanocobalamin at 250 µg PO daily for 120 days, and recheck serum cobalamin concentration two weeks later.

||Folate should only be supplemented if serum concentrations are very low (<4 µg/L).

¶Dietary trial: can use low-antigen diets or easily digestible diets; some response should be seen after 2 weeks, but complete response could take up to 6 weeks.

#The author prefers tylosin at 25 mg/kg PO q12h for 6 weeks.

ΔPrednisone with a starting dosage of 2 mg/kg PO q12h, cyclosporine at 5 mg/kg q24h, or budesonide at 1 mg PO q24h.