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Bacteria (semi quantitative)

Acinetobacter calcoaceticus-baumannii complex
Enterobacter cloacae
Escherichia coli
Haemophilus influenzae
Klebsiella aerogenes
Klebsiella oxytoca
Klebsiella pneumoniae group
Moraxella catarrhalis
Proteus spp.
Pseudomonas aeruginosa
Serratia marcescens
Staphylococcus aureus
Streptococcus agalactiae
Streptococcus pneumoniae
Streptococcus pyogenes

Atypical Bacteria (Qualitative)

Legionella pneumophila
Mycoplasma pneumoniae
Chlamydia pneumoniae

Viruses

Influenza A
Influenza B
Adenovirus
Seasonal Coronavirus
Parainfluenza virus
Respiratory Syncytial virus
Human Rhinovirus/Enterovirus
Human Metapneumovirus
Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV)

Antibiotic Resistance Genes

ESBL
CTX-M

Carbapenemases

KPC
NDM
Oxa48-like
VIM
IMP

Methicillin Resistance

mecA/mecC and MREJ

eTable 2. Standard comments for detected bacteria ³⁻²⁰

Respiratory tract microbes divided in different categories according to their potential clinical relevance	
Category	Microbe
A: Always pathogens Always considered relevant in a patient with respiratory tract infection	<i>Adenovirus</i> ^{6,8,12,14} <i>Coronavirus</i> ^{8,12,14} <i>Human metapneumovirus</i> ^{6, 12,14} <i>Influenza virus</i> ^{6,8,12,14} <i>MERS</i> ⁹ <i>Parainfluenza virus</i> ^{8,12,14} <i>Rhinovirus</i> ^{6,12,14} <i>RS-virus</i> ^{6,8,12,14} <i>Bordetella pertussis</i> ⁴ <i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i> ^{3,6,8,12,14} <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> ^{3,6,14} <i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i> ^{3,6,8,12,14}
B: Usually pathogens Can be colonizers, but are usually considered relevant in a patient with pneumonia	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> ^{3,6,8,12,14} <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> ^{3,6,8,12,14,20} <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> ^{11,18,20}
C: Usually not pathogens Usually colonizers, but can cause pneumonia, especially in patients with chronic diseases	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> ^{7,14,20} <i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i> ^{3,5,12,14} <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ^{3,12,14,15,20}
D: Usually not pathogens A seldom cause of pneumonia in otherwise healthy patients. May be considered relevant if detected as the only bacterial species in a patient with immunosuppression and/or several previous courses of antibiotics	<i>Acinetobacter calcoaceticus-baumannii-complex</i> ^{4,12,20} <i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> ^{6,12,19} <i>Escherichia coli</i> ^{6,12,14,19,20} <i>Klebsiella aerogenes</i> ^{6,12} <i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i> ^{6,12} <i>Proteus species</i> ^{6,12,19} <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ^{12-14,19,20} <i>Serratia marcescens</i> ^{6,12,19} <i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i> ¹⁷

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eTable 3. Definitions and diagnostic clinical criteria for CAP(Adapted from Postma D.F. et al.¹ and Serigstad S et al²)**Clinical CAP:**

- Patients with at least two diagnostic criteria* and in-hospital treatment and/or diagnosis of clinically suspected CAP documented by the treating physician and in agreement with the assessment by a study investigator. In case of disagreement, an additional study investigator will arbitrate.
- Patients with two or more diagnostic criteria and an obvious non-respiratory source of infection are not considered to have a clinical diagnosis of CAP.

Radiologically confirmed CAP:

- Clinical CAP
- The presence of a new or increased infiltrate on chest radiography or computer tomography (CT).

*** Diagnostic criteria:**

- Cough: recent or worsening
- Production of purulent sputum or a change in the character of sputum
- Temperature $>38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ or $<36.1^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Auscultatory findings consistent with pneumonia, including rales, evidence of pulmonary consolidation (dullness on percussion, bronchial breath sounds, or egophony), or both
- Leukocytosis ($>11.0 \times 10^9$ white cells per liter or $> 8.2 \times 10^9$ neutrophils)
- C-reactive protein (CRP) level $> 50 \text{ mg/L}$
- Dyspnea, tachypnea, or hypoxemia: recent or worsening

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eTable 4. Baseline characteristics for CAP patients only (n=200)

	FAP plus (n=97)	Standard-of-care (n=103)
<i>Age (years)</i>	71 (60, 82)	72 (62, 80)
<i>Sex (% Female)</i>	40 (39/97)	42 (43/103)
<i>Current smoker</i>	21 (20/97)	13 (14/103)
<i>Influenza vaccine</i>	53 (52/97)	58 (60/103)
<i>Pneumococcal vaccine</i>	38 (37/97)	37 (38/103)
<i>Duration of symptoms (days)</i>	6.5 (3.6, 8.7)	5.8 (3.5, 7.6)
<i>Antibiotics with 48 hours</i>	23 (22/97)	17 (18/103)
<i>Antibiotics within the last month (%)</i>	15 (15/97)	9 (9/103)
Comorbidities		
<i>Hypertension</i>	37 (36/97)	39 (40/103)
<i>Cardiovascular disease</i>	34 (33/97)	30 (31/103)
<i>Respiratory disease</i>	54 (52/97)	50 (51/103)
<i>Renal disease</i>	11 (11/97)	9 (9/103)
<i>Liver disease</i>	0 (0/97)	2 (2/103)
<i>Diabetes</i>	8 (8/97)	14 (14/103)
<i>Immunocompromised</i>	8 (8/97)	12 (12/103)
<i>Cancer</i>	9 (9/97)	7 (7/103)
<i>Charlson Comorbidity Index score</i>	4 (2, 5)	4 (2, 5)
Observations		
<i>Temperature (°C)</i>	37.2 (36.8, 37.6)	37.2 (36.8, 37.7)
<i>Pulse rate (bpm)</i>	92 (78, 109)	94 (85, 110)

<i>Respiratory rate (bpm)</i>	22 (20, 25)	24 (20, 28)
<i>O₂ saturations (%)</i>	93 (90, 96)	93 (89, 96)
<i>Supplementary O₂</i>	6 (6/97)	6 (6/103)
Blood pressure (mmHg)		
<i>Systolic</i>	127 (116, 146)	134 (117, 148)
<i>Diastolic</i>	80 (71, 86)	80 (70, 88)
Laboratory and radiology		
<i>CRP (mg/L)</i>	135 (83, 209)	151 (101, 237)
<i>White blood cell count (×10⁹ per L)</i>	11.3 (8.1, 16.7)	11.9 (8.7, 15.0)
<i>Chest X-ray (%)</i>	96 (93/97)	97 (100/103)
<i>Chest CT (%)</i>	24 (23/97)	20 (21/103)
<i>CRB-65</i>	1 (1, 2)	1 (1, 2)
<i>qSOFA</i>	1 (0, 1)	1 (0, 1)
<i>SARS-CoV-2 positive test</i>	15 (15/97)	16 (16/103)

Data are shown as percentage (count) and median (IQR) for binary and continuous variables, respectively.

IQR = interquartile range. O₂=oxygen. CRP = C-reactive protein. CT = computed tomography. CRP and white blood cell counts presented are the highest values during hospitalization. CRB-65= confusion, respiratory rate, blood pressure, and age > 65 years; qSOFA= quick sequential organ failure assessment score.

eTable 5. Pathogen-directed treatment within 48 hours for patients with pneumonia (n=200)

Pathogen-directed treatment	Test that initiated pathogen-directed treatment	Standard of care N=16		FAP plus N=46	
		N	Pathogen-directed antibacterial therapy	N	Pathogen-directed antibacterial therapy
Continuation of appropriate empirical treatment	Blood cultures	0		2	PenG: 2
	LRT culture	1	PenG: 1	0	
	FAP plus	0		13	PenG: 11 Carbapenems: 1 Pip/Tazo: 1
	PUAT	6	PenG: 5 Ampicillin: 1	1	PenG: 1
	Total	7		16	
Escalation to more broad-spectrum treatment	Blood cultures	3	PenG to 3GC: 2 PenG to a more broad-spectrum penicillin: 1	0	
	LRT culture	1	PenG to a more broad-spectrum penicillin: 1	0	
	FAP plus	0		14	PenG changed to a more broad-spectrum penicillin: 6 Benzylpenicillin to 3GC: 5 Aminoglycoside added: 2 Other: 1
	Total	4		14	
De-escalation to more narrow-spectrum treatment	Other	1*	3GC to quinolone	0	
	LRT culture	2		0	
	FAP plus	0		10	Stopped aminoglycosides: 5 Stopped macrolides: 3 Stopped clindamycin: 1 3GC to ciprofloxacin: 1
	PUAT	4	Stopped aminoglycosides: 3 3GC to PenG: 1	0	
	Total	5		10	
Initiated pathogen-directed antimicrobial treatment (without prior empirical antibiotic treatment)	FAP plus	0		6	PenG: 2 Ampicillin: 1 Amoxi/Clav:1 3GC: 2
	Total	0		6	

Abbreviations: FAP plus - Biofire® Filmarray® Pneumonia plus Panel; LRT culture – lower respiratory tract sample culture; PUAT – pneumococcal urine antigen test; PenG – Benzylpenicillin; 3GC - third generation cephalosporins; Pip/Tazo - Piperacillin/Tazobactam; TMP/S - Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole; Amoxi/Clav - Amoxicillin/Clavulanic acid

*) *Legionella pneumophila* PCR

eTable 6. Comparison of length of stay and clinical outcomes between rapid testing by FAP *plus* and standard-of-care for all randomised patients (n=374) and CAP patients only (n=200), respectively

	FAP <i>plus</i>	Standard-of-care	FAP <i>plus</i> vs. Standard-of-care [#]		
			Difference	Odds ratio	p-value
All patients (n=374)					
Readmission	15.5 (29/187)	18.7 (35/187)	-3.2 (-10.8, 4.4)	0.80 (0.46, 1.37)	0.41
30-day mortality	4.8 (9/187)	3.7 (7/187)	1.1 (-3.0, 5.2)	1.30 (0.47, 3.71)	0.61
90-day mortality	8.6 (16/187)	5.9 (11/187)	2.7 (-2.6, 7.9)	1.50 (0.68, 3.41)	0.32
				Ratio of medians	
Length of stay (days)	3.3 (2.0, 6.0)	3.2 (2.0, 6.0)	0.15 (-0.55, 0.85)	1.05 (0.83, 1.34)	0.67
CAP patients (n=200)				Odds ratio	
Readmission	14.4 (14/97)	18.4 (19/103)	-4.0 (-14.3, 6.2)	0.75 (0.35, 1.58)	0.45
30-day mortality	3.1 (3/97)	3.9 (4/103)	-0.8 (-5.9, 4.3)	0.79 (0.15, 3.67)	0.76
90-day mortality	7.2 (7/97)	5.8 (6/103)	1.4 (-5.5, 8.2)	1.26 (0.40, 4.04)	0.69
				Ratio of medians	
Length of stay (days)	3.9 (2.9, 6.1)	4.0 (2.2, 6.3)	0.48 (-0.48, 1.45)	1.15 (0.87, 1.51)	0.33

Data shown as percentage (count) for binary outcomes and as median (IQR) for length of stay.

[#]: Differences were estimated as risk differences for binary outcomes (on readmission and mortality) and differences of median for length of stay using unadjusted logistic regression and linear regression with logarithm-transformed length of stay, respectively. Odds ratios for binary outcomes and ratio of medians for length of stay were estimated using unadjusted logistic and linear regression with logarithm-transformed length of stay, respectively. p-values corresponding to testing ratios equal to 1 were reported.

FAP *plus*, BioFire FilmArray Pneumonia panel *plus* (bioMérieux S.A., Marcy-l'Etoile, France); CAP, community-acquired pneumonia; IQR, interquartile range.

eTable 7. Microbiological detections in respiratory samples in the standard-of-care and FAP plus arms

Microbe detected	All randomized patients		Patients with pneumonia and provided an LRT sample	
	Standard of care (n=187)	FAP plus (n=187)	Standard of care (n=103)	FAP plus (n=97)
<i>Acinetobacter calcoaceticus-baumannii</i> complex	0	4	0	1
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> complex	0	4	0	4
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	5	13	3	5
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	22	40	18	29
<i>Klebsiella aerogenes</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	1	6	1	3
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> group	2	5	1	3
<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>	11	16	9	11
<i>Proteus</i> spp.	0	3	0	1
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	5	10	4	4
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	2	2	0	1
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	7	36	4	23
<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i>	0	9	0	6
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	14	26	14	21
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	0	1	0	1
<i>Legionella pneumophila</i>	1	0	1	0
<i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i>	0	0	0	0
Other bacterial pathogens not included in the FAP plus panel*	3	0	2	0
Total number of bacterial detections	72	175	57	113
SARS-CoV-2**	24	28	16	15
Human rhinovirus/enterovirus	14	22	5	12
Parainfluenza virus	7	4	2	0
Respiratory syncytial virus	10	15	4	7
Seasonal coronavirus***	0	7	0	5
Human metapneumovirus	7	0	5	0
Adenovirus	0	1	0	0
Influenza A virus	1	0	1	0
Influenza B virus	1	0	1	0
Total number of viral detections	63	74	34	39

Abbreviations: FAP plus, Biofire FilmArray Pneumonia panel plus; SARS-CoV-2, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2.

*) One detection of *S. dysgalactiae* and two detections of *K. variicola*

**) SARS-CoV-2 is not a target in the FAP *plus* and was tested using laboratory PCR.

***) Seasonal human coronavirus includes: HKU1, 229E, NL63 and OC43. Testing for seasonal coronavirus was not part of the standard of care diagnostics until May 2022.