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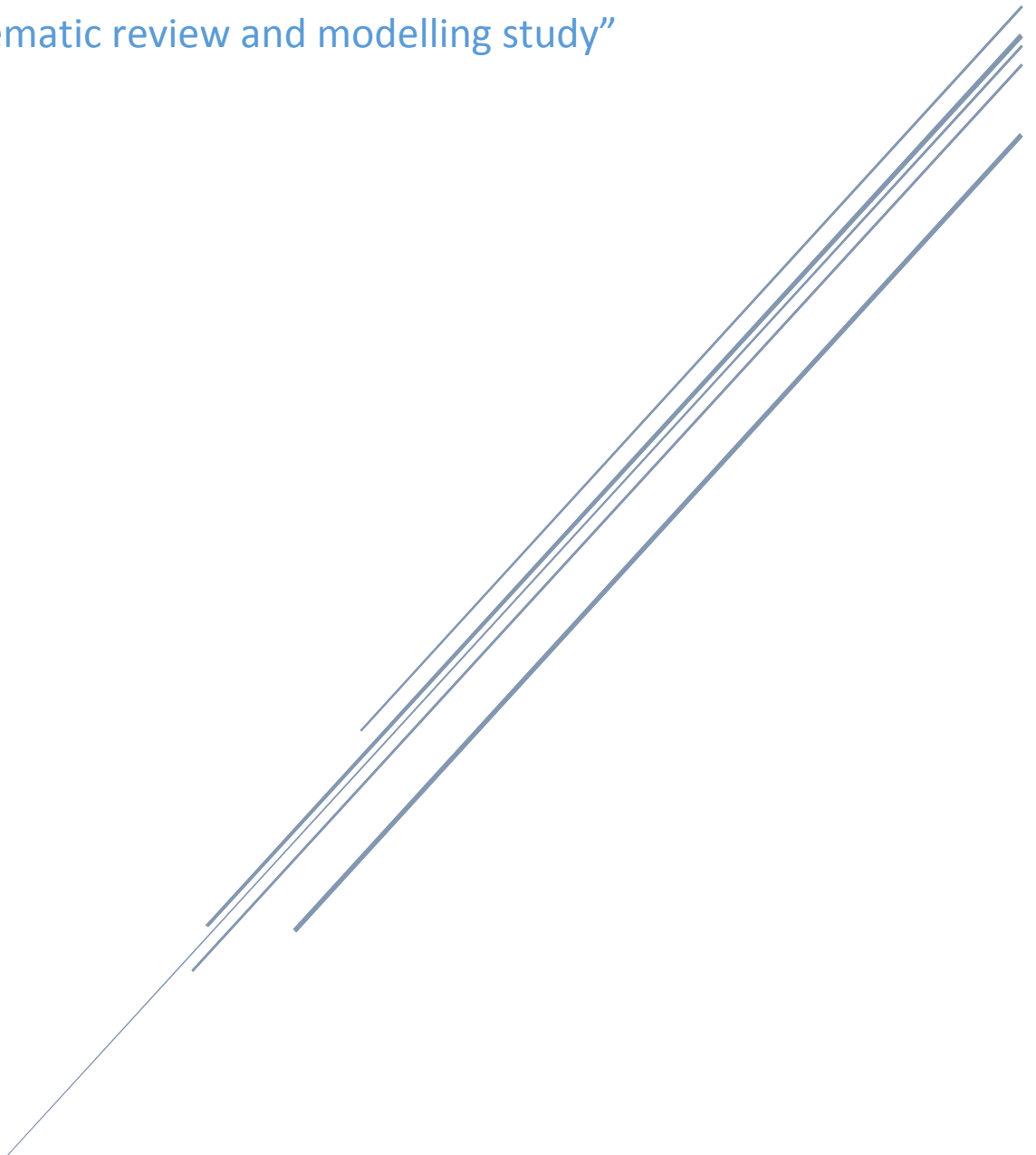
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Supplementary material for “Global, regional and national disease burden estimates of acute lower respiratory infections due to respiratory syncytial virus in young children in 2015:

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Glossary

1. RSV-associated ALRI: cough or difficulty breathing with increased respiratory rate for age (cut-offs same as in WHO Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses [IMCI] case definition) and laboratory confirmed RSV.
2. RSV-associated severe ALRI: children aged 2-59 months- cough or difficulty in breathing with chest wall indrawing and laboratory confirmed RSV; children aged <2months- increased RR (>60 breaths/ min) OR chest wall indrawing and laboratory confirmed RSV
3. RSV-associated very severe ALRI: cough or difficulty in breathing with one danger sign (cyanosis, difficulty in breastfeeding or drinking, vomiting everything, convulsions, lethargy, or unconsciousness, head nodding) and
4. Hospitalised RSV-associated ALRI: all children with physician confirmed diagnosis of ALRI (pneumonia or bronchiolitis) that are hospitalised or recommended hospitalisation and laboratory confirmed RSV
5. Hospitalised RSV-associated severe ALRI: Hospitalised ALRI cases with hypoxemia (as defined below) and laboratory confirmed RSV
6. Hospitalised RSV-associated very severe ALRI: hospitalised ALRI with one danger sign (cyanosis, difficulty in breastfeeding or drinking, vomiting everything, convulsions, lethargy, or unconsciousness, head nodding) OR proxies for very severe disease – mechanical ventilation OR ICU admission.
7. Hypoxemia: SpO₂ <90% (at altitude ≤2500 m) in children aged 1-59 months and <88% for neonates (at sea level). At altitude above 2500m, SpO₂ <87% in children aged 1-59 months and <85% for neonates would classify as hypoxemia.
8. LMIC: low income countries, lower middle income countries and upper middle income countries as per World Bank Classification.
9. Neonates: children aged 0-27 days.
10. Inflation factor: the ratio between RSV-associated ALRI mortality in community and RSV-associated ALRI deaths in hospital.

Search Strategy

Medline

1. exp Respiratory Syncytial Viruses/ or exp Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Human/ or exp Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infections/ or RSV.mp.
2. respiratory syncytial virus*.mp.
3. pneumonia.mp. or exp Pneumonia/ or exp Pneumonia, Viral/
4. bronchiolitis.mp. or exp Bronchiolitis/ or exp Bronchiolitis, Viral/
5. exp Respiratory Tract Infections/ or respiratory infection*.mp.
6. exp Respiratory Tract Diseases/ or respiratory disease*.mp.
7. incidence.mp. or exp Incidence/
8. prevalence.mp. or exp Prevalence/
9. exp Child Mortality/ or exp Infant Mortality/ or mortality.mp. or exp Hospital Mortality/ or exp Mortality/
10. death*.mp. or exp Death/ or exp "Cause of Death"/
11. morbidity.mp. or exp Morbidity/
12. burden.mp.
13. epidemiology.mp. or exp Epidemiology/
14. 1 or 2
15. 3 or 4 or 5 or 6
16. 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13
17. 15 or 16
18. 14 and 17
19. limit 18 to (yr="1995 -Current" and ("all infant (birth to 23 months)" or "newborn infant (birth to 1 month)" or "infant (1 to 23 months)" or "preschool child (2 to 5 years)")) and (female or humans or male))

EMBASE

1. RSV.mp. or exp Respiratory syncytial pneumovirus/ or exp respiratory syncytial virus infection/
2. respiratory syncytial virus*.mp.
3. exp community acquired pneumonia/ or exp pneumonia/ or exp virus pneumonia/ or exp infectious pneumonia/ or pneumonia.mp.
4. bronchiolitis.mp. or exp bronchiolitis/ or exp viral bronchiolitis/
5. exp respiratory tract infection/ or exp lower respiratory tract infection/ or respiratory infection*.mp.
6. exp respiratory tract disease/ or respiratory disease*.mp.
7. exp incidence/ or incidence.mp.
8. prevalence.mp. or exp prevalence/
9. exp newborn mortality/ or exp mortality/ or exp childhood mortality/ or mortality.mp. or exp infant mortality/

10. exp death/ or death*.mp. or exp "cause of death"/ or exp child death/
11. morbidity.mp. or exp morbidity/ or exp newborn morbidity/
12. burden.mp.
13. exp epidemiology/ or epidemiology.mp.
14. 1 or 2
15. 3 or 4 or 5 or 6
16. 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13
17. 15 or 16
18. 14 and 17
19. limit 18 to (yr="1995 -Current" and (infant or preschool child <1 to 6 years>))

Global Health

1. RSV.mp.
2. exp human respiratory syncytial virus/
3. respiratory syncytial virus*.mp.
4. exp community acquired pneumonia/ or pneumonia*.mp. or exp pneumonia/
5. bronchiolitis.mp. or exp bronchiolitis/
6. respiratory infection*.mp.
7. exp respiratory diseases/
8. respiratory disease*.mp.
9. incidence.mp. or exp disease incidence/ or exp incidence/
10. prevalence*.mp. or exp disease prevalence/
11. mortality.mp. or exp infant mortality/ or exp neonatal mortality/ or exp mortality/
12. death*.mp. or exp death/ or exp "causes of death"/
13. morbidity.mp. or exp morbidity/
14. exp epidemiology/ or epidemiology.mp.
15. burden.mp.
16. 1 or 2 or 3
17. 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8
18. 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15
19. 17 or 18
20. 16 and 19
21. limit 20 to yr="1995 -Current"

CINAHL

S1= (MH "respiratory syncytial virus infections") OR (MH "respiratory syncytial viruses") OR "respiratory syncytial virus"

S2= "RSV"

S3= (MH "pneumonia+") OR "pneumonia" OR (MH "pneumonia, viral") OR (MH "community-acquired pneumonia")

S4= (MH "bronchiolitis+") OR "bronchiolitis"

S5= (MH "respiratory tract infections+") OR "respiratory infection"

S6= (MH "respiratory tract diseases+") OR "respiratory disease"

S7= (MH "incidence") OR "incidence"

S8= (MH "prevalence") OR "prevalence"

S9= (MH "mortality+") OR "mortality" OR (MH "infant mortality") OR (MH "child mortality") OR (MH "hospital mortality")

S10= (MH "death+") OR "death" OR (MH "cause of death") OR (MH "infant death+")

S11= (MH "morbidity+") OR "morbidity"

S12= "burden"

S13= (MH "epidemiology+") OR "epidemiology"

S14= S1 OR S2

S15= S3 OR S4 OR S5 OR S6

S16= S7 OR S8 OR S9 OR S10 OR S11 OR S12 OR S13

S17= S15 OR S16

S18= S14 AND S17

Limiters: Published date: 19950101 – 20150804; Age groups: infant, newborn: birth-1 month, infant: 1-23 months, child, preschool: 2-5 years

Web of Science

Topic= (respiratory syncytial virus) AND Topic= (epidemiology) AND Topic= (children)

From 1995 to 2015

WHOLIS (KMS)

Respiratory syncytial virus in All Indexes

LILACS (AMRO/PAHO)

Respiratory syncytial virus in All Indexes

IndMed

RSV in anywhere

SIGLE

Respiratory syncytial virus

CNKI

Topic: respiratory infection or pneumonia (vague)

Or Topic: bronchiolitis (vague)

And Topic: respiratory syncytial virus (vague)

And Topic: children (vague)

Publication time: 1st Jan 1995 – 30th Aug 2015

Wanfang Data

All (vague): respiratory infection or

All (vague): pneumonia or

All (vague): bronchiolitis and

All (vague): respiratory syncytial virus and

All (vague): children

Time: 1995 – 2015

ChongQing VIP

Title/key word: respiratory tract infection

Or Title/key word: pneumonia

Or Title/key word: bronchiolitis

And Title/key word: respiratory syncytial virus

And Title/key word: children

Time: 1995 – 2015

Imputation for missing data

Only 40 studies (12 published¹⁻¹¹ and 28 unpublished^{U3-5, U8, U11, U15-24, U26-29, U32, U34-37, 39-40, U42, U45}) reported disease incidence / hospitalisation rate by age group for the full age range (0-59m group); we imputed data for the remaining studies (supplementary tables 2,3 and 5)

For community-based studies reporting incidence rate, relative to an incidence of 1.0 for RSV-associated ALRI in the 0-11 months age group, an incidence rate ratio of 1.01 was calculated for children aged 0-5 months (based on 9 studies), 0.90 for children aged 0-23 months (8 studies), 0.84 for children aged 0-35m (6 studies) and 0.57 for those aged 0-59 months (6 studies), by taking the median of the incidence rate ratios of studies reporting incidence for these age ranges¹²⁻¹⁴. For RSV-associated severe ALRI, an incidence rate ratio of 1.26 was calculated for children aged 0-5 months (based on 7 studies), whereas for those younger than 2 years, 3 years and 5 years, the ratios were 0.64 (7 studies), 0.56 (4 studies) and 0.34 (4 studies). For hospital-based studies reporting hospitalisation rate, relative to children younger than 1 year, the median hospitalisation rate ratio for children aged 0-5 months was 1.32 (based on 27 studies), for those younger than 2 years, 3 years and 5 years, the median rate ratios were estimated as 0.63 (38 studies), 0.44 (23 studies) and 0.27 (35 studies) respectively.

Sensitivity analysis

We conducted several sensitivity analyses by excluding imputed data and found that in general the meta-estimates based on including the full dataset (including imputed data) had slightly lower or higher point estimates and narrower 95% CI. However, inclusion of imputed data increased the point estimates for the incidence rate in 0-59 month old children by over 40%. However, this increase is not statistically significant as the uncertainty range of both estimates overlap each other. Secondly, the large increase in the point estimate for incidence rate in this case is driven by data from two recent high quality studies (Drakenstein birth cohort study in South Africa [Zar, unpublished] and RESPIRA-PERU study in rural highlands of Peru [Wu et al, 2015]) as can be evinced by the incidence rate after excluding these 2 studies from the sensitivity analysis using imputed data - 40.4 (25.0 – 65.2) per 1000 children below 5 years per year. Both studies are of high quality but in children below 3 years and report a high(er) incidence rate in infants and in the second year of life.

Comparison of incidence rate meta-estimates after excluding imputed data

Region	0-11m				0-59m			
	Excluding imputed data		Including imputed data		Excluding imputed data		Including imputed data	
	No.	Incidence rate	No.	Incidence rate	No.	Incidence rate	No.	Incidence rate
Developing	11	99.3 (62.6-157.3)	14	88.3 (58.6-133)	6	35.5 (17.2-73.1)	14	50.8 (32.4-79.7)

Comparison of hospitalisation rate meta-estimates after excluding imputed data

Region	0-11m				0-59m			
	Excluding imputed data		Including imputed data		Excluding imputed data		Including imputed data	
	No.	Hospitalisation rate	No.	Hospitalisation rate	No.	Hospitalisation rate	No.	Hospitalisation rate
Low income	5	5.6 (1.7-18.1)	5	5.6 (1.7-18.1)	4	1.3 (0.3-5.1)	5	1.7 (0.6-5.1)
Lower middle income	15	18.4 (13.7-24.8)	17	18.2 (13.9-23.8)	12	4.9 (3.5-6.9)	17	5.1 (3.7-6.9)

Region	0-11m				0-59m			
	Excluding imputed data		Including imputed data		Excluding imputed data		Including imputed data	
	No.	Hospitalisation rate	No.	Hospitalisation rate	No.	Hospitalisation rate	No.	Hospitalisation rate
Upper middle income	12	19.2 (12.8-28.7)	15	18.5 (13.3-25.8)	12	5.3 (4.2-6.7)	15	6.2 (5.0-7.8)
High income	21	20.8 (17.4-24.9)	31	19.6 (16.9-22.8)	14	5.3 (4.0-7.0)	31	5.5 (4.7-6.3)
Developing	36	16.2 (13.0-20.1)	43	16.0 (13.2-19.4)	33	4.3 (3.5-5.1)	43	4.9 (4.1-5.8)
Industrialised	17	20.9 (17.1-25.4)	25	20.2 (17.2-23.8)	9	5.8 (4.1-8.2)	25	5.5 (4.7-6.5)

Supplementary table 1: List of unpublished studies from RSV GEN collaborators contributing to the analysis

Location (reference)	Published reference	Remarks
U1 Kilifi birth cohort, Kenya (Nokes and colleagues)	Clin Infect Dis 2008; 46:50-7	report both community-based rate and hospital-based rate; data re-analysed using common case definitions
U2 San Marcos, Guatemala (Bruce and colleagues)	Lancet 2011; 378(9804): 1717-26	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U3 Dhaka, Bangladesh (Brooks and colleagues)	Pediatr Infect Dis J 2010; 29(3): 216-21	RSV was tested for the first 4 years of study; 15 ALRI deaths without information about virus
U4 Ballabgarh, India (Krishnan and colleagues)	BMC Infect Dis 2015; 15: 462	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U5 Bandung, Indonesia (Simoës and colleagues)	Pediatr Infect Dis J 2011; 30(9): 778-84	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U6 Managua, Nicaragua (Gordon and colleagues)	Pediatr Infect Dis J 2016; 35(2): 152-6	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U7 Matiari, Pakistan (Ali and colleagues)	PLoS One 2013; 8(9)	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U8 Gilgit, Pakistan (Rasmussen and colleagues)	no	data are not yet published
U9 Puerto Maldonado, Peru (Romero and colleagues)	no	only one very severe case in 12-23m
U10 Paarl, South Africa (Zar and colleagues)	i. Thorax 2015; 70(6): 592-4 ii. Lancet Glob Health 2015; 3(2): e95-e103	report both community-based rate and hospital-based rate; data re-analysed using common case definitions
U11 Nashville, Tennessee, USA (Wright and colleagues)	no	data are not yet published; report rate in outpatients in industrialised countries
U12 CEMIC, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Echavarría and colleagues)	i. Arch Argent Pediatr 2011;109(4):296-304 ii. Pediatr Infect Dis J 2013; 32(3): e105-e110 iii. Medicina 2012; 72(1): 28-32	another paper is in preparation; data re-analysed using common case definitions
U13 Buenos Aires, Argentina (Polack and colleagues)	Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2013; 187(9): 983-90	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U14 Kishoregonj, Bogra, Comilla and Barisal, Bangladesh (Homaira and colleagues)	PLoS One 2016; 11(2): e0147982	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U15 Belo Horizonte, Brazil (Oliveira and colleagues)	no	data are not yet published
U16 Concepcion, Chile (Fasce and colleagues)	no	data are not yet published
U17 Iquique, Chile (Fasce and colleagues)	no	data are not yet published
U18 Jingzhou, China (Yu and colleagues)	J Infect Dis 2013; 208 Suppl 3: S184-8	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U19 Santa Ana, El Salvador (Clara and colleagues)	i. Bull World Health Organ 2012; 90(10): 756-63 ii. Influenza Other Respir Viruses 2016	data re-analysed using common case definitions

	Location (reference)	Published reference	Remarks
U20	Gambia Western Region, Gambia (Howie and colleagues)	Clin Infect Dis 2014; 59(5): 682-5	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U21	Santa Rosa, Guatemala (McCracken and colleagues)	i. Infect Dis 2013; 208 Suppl 3: S197-206 ii. Pediatr Infect Dis J 2013; 32(6): 629-35	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U22	Quetzaltenango, Guatemala (McCracken and colleagues)	i. Infect Dis 2013; 208 Suppl 3: S197-206 ii. Pediatr Infect Dis J 2013; 32(6): 629-35	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U23	Ballabgarh, India (Broor and colleagues)	J Infect 2015; 70(2): 160-70	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U24	Pune, India (Chadha and colleagues)	J Infect 2015; 70(2): 160-70	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U25	Lombok, Indonesia (Gessner and colleagues)	Epidemiol Infect 2008; 136(10): 1319-27	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U26	Kilifi hospital study, Kenya (Nokes and colleagues)	JAMA 2010; 303(20): 2051-7	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U27	Bondo district, Kenya (Feikin and colleagues)	J Med Virol 2013; 85(5): 924-32	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U28	Manhiça, Mozambique (Bassat and colleagues)	Pediatr Infect Dis J 2011; 30(1): 39-44	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U29	Manhiça, Mozambique (Bassat and colleagues)	Pediatr Infect Dis J 2011; 30(12): 1032-6	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U30	Utrecht, Netherlands (Bont and colleagues)	i. Pediatr Infect Dis J 2014; 33(1): 19-23 ii. Pediatrics 2011; 127(1): 35-41	healthy term infants; data re-analysed using common case definitions
U31	41 sites in Netherlands (Bont and colleagues)	N Engl J Med 2013; 368(19): 1791-9	late preterm infants; data re-analysed using common case definitions
U32	David City, Panama (Jara and colleagues)	no	data are not yet published
U33	Tagbilaran and 6 rural sites, Philippines (Lucero and colleagues)	i. Pediatr Infect Dis J 2009; 28(6): 455-62 ii. J Clin Microbiol 2013; 51(3): 945-53	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U34	Gauteng province, South Africa (Cohen and colleagues)	i. J Infect Dis 2013; 208 Suppl 3: S217-26 ii. J Infect Dis 2012; 206 Suppl 1: S159-65	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U35	KwaZulu-Natal province, South Africa (Cohen and colleagues)	i. J Infect Dis 2013; 208 Suppl 3: S217-26 ii. J Infect Dis 2012; 206 Suppl 1: S159-65	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U36	Klerksdorp site, South Africa (Cohen and colleagues)	i. J Infect Dis 2013; 208 Suppl 3: S217-26 ii. J Infect Dis 2012; 206 Suppl 1: S159-65	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U37	Soweto, South Africa (Madhi and colleagues)	J Clin Virol 2006; 36(3): 215-21	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U38	Maela Camp, Tak Province, Thailand (Turner and colleagues)	i. PLoS ONE 2012; 7(11): e50100 ii. BMC Infect Dis 2013; 13(1)	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U39	Sa Kaeo and Nakhon Phanom, Thailand (Thamthitawat and colleagues)	i. Pediatr Infect Dis J 2014; 33(2): e45-e52 ii. J Infect Dis 2013; 208 Suppl 3:	data re-analysed using common case definitions

	Location (reference)	Published reference	Remarks
		S238-45	
U40	Tone district, Togo (Gessner and colleagues)	no	data are not yet published
U41	Alaska, USA (Singleton and colleagues)	i. <i>Pediatr Infect Dis J</i> 2007; 26(11(Supplement): S46-S50 ii. <i>J Med Virol</i> 2010; 82(7): 1282-90	report very severe cases from 1994 to 2007; hypoxemia data from Oct 2005 to Sep 2007; data re-analysed using common case definitions
U42	Colorado, USA (Simoes and colleagues)	no	ICD-9 codes for hypoxemia
U43	Navajo and WMA, USA - MEDI (O'Brien and colleagues)	submitted to journal	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U44	Navajo and WMA, USA - EPI (O'Brien and colleagues)	<i>Pediatrics</i> 2002; 110(2 Pt 1): e20	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U45	Nha Trang, Vietnam (Yoshida and colleagues)	i. <i>Pediatr Infect Dis J</i> 2010; 29(1): 75-7 ii. <i>Eur Respir J</i> 2013; 42(2): 461-9	subtypes data from 2010 to 2012; another paper is in preparation; data re-analysed using common case definitions
U46	Buenos Aires, Argentina (Echavarría and colleagues)	i. <i>Arch Argent Pediatr</i> 2011;109(4):296-304 ii. <i>Pediatr Infect Dis J</i> 2013; 32(3): e105-e110 iii. <i>Medicina</i> 2012; 72(1): 28-32	another paper is in preparation; data re-analysed using common case definitions
U47	Buenos Aires, Argentina (Gentile and colleagues)	<i>Arch Argent Pediatr</i> 2014; 112(5): 397-404	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U48	Takeo and Kampong Cham, Cambodia (Goyet and colleagues)	<i>Pediatr Infect Dis J</i> 2013; 32(1): e8-13	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U49	Chillan, Chile (Fasce and colleagues)	no	data are not yet published
U50	Osorno, Chile (Fasce and colleagues)	no	data are not yet published
U51	Punta Arenas, Chile (Fasce and colleagues)	no	data are not yet published
U52	Santiago, Chile (Fasce and colleagues)	no	data are not yet published
U53	Valparaiso, Chile (Fasce and colleagues)	no	data are not yet published
U54	China (Yu and colleagues)	<i>PLoS One</i> 2014; 9(6): e99419	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U55	Beijing, China (GABRIEL)	no	data are not yet published
U56	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (GABRIEL)	no	data are not yet published
U57	Phnom Penh, Cambodia (GABRIEL)	no	data are not yet published
U58	Lucknow, India (GABRIEL)	no	data are not yet published
U59	Antananarivo, Madagascar (GABRIEL)	no	data are not yet published
U60	Asuncion, Paraguay (GABRIEL)	no	data are not yet published
U61	Bamako, Mali (GABRIEL)	no	data are not yet published
U62	Berlin, Germany (Rath and colleagues)	i. <i>iagn Microbiol Infect Dis</i> 2015; 81(3): 171-6 ii. <i>J Clin Microbiol</i> 2009; 47(6):	data re-analysed using common case definitions

	Location (reference)	Published reference	Remarks
		1800-10	
U63	Amman, Jordan (Khuri and colleagues)	Vaccine 2015; 33(47): 6479-87	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U64	Lwak, Kenya (Montgomery and colleagues)	J Infect Dis 2013; 208 Suppl 3: S207-16	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U65	Rabat, Morocco (Bassat and colleagues)	i. J Trop Pediatr 2014; 60(4): 270-8 ii. Epidemiol Infect 2016; 144(3): 516-26	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U66	Kathmandu, Nepal (Basnet and colleagues)	Pediatr Infect Dis J 2011; 30(12): 1032-6	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U67	Karachi, Pakistan (Ali and colleagues)	PLoS One 2013; 8(9)	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U68	Basse, Gambia (PERCH)	no	data are not yet published
U69	Kilifi, Kenya (PERCH)	no	data are not yet published
U70	Bamako, Mali (PERCH)	no	data are not yet published
U71	Nakhon Phanom and Sa Kaeo, Thailand (PERCH)	no	data are not yet published
U72	Lusaka, Zambia (PERCH)	no	data are not yet published
U73	Dhaka, Bangladesh (PERCH)	no	data are not yet published
U74	Matlab, Bangladesh (PERCH)	no	data are not yet published
U75	Tacloban, Philippines (Lupisan and colleagues)	BMC Infect Dis 2012; 12: 267	data re-analysed using common case definitions
U76	Mpumalanga, South Africa (Cohen and colleagues)	i. J Infect Dis 2013; 208 Suppl 3: S217-26 ii. J Infect Dis 2012; 206 Suppl 1: S159-65	data re-analysed using common case definitions

Supplementary table 2: Description of all studies reporting incidence of RSV-associated ALRI in children younger than 5 years

Location (reference)	Case definition (codes)*	Denominator source	Specimen and diagnostic test*	Incidence of RSV associated ALRI (per 1000 children per year)					
				0-5m	6-11m	0-11m	12-23m	24-59m	0-59m
San Marcos, Peru (rural, Mar 2009 - Sep 2011) ¹⁵	I	Defined population base	nasal swab; RT-PCR	343.8	338.1	340.8	304.3		(194.3)
Dhaka, Bangladesh (urban, Apr 2009 - Mar 2011) ¹⁶	I	Defined population base	NPW; RT-PCR	150.0	110.0	(148.5) [†]	120.0		(84.7)
Kilifi birth cohort, Kenya (rural, Jan 2002 - May 2005) (Nokes and colleagues)	I, O2+/-	Defined population base	NPA, nasal wash; DFA	147.0	63.0	105.1	71.0		(59.9)
Mirzapur, Bangladesh (rural, Oct 1993 - Aug 1996) ¹⁷	I	Defined population base	NPA; ELISA	(46.8)		(46.3)			(26.4)
Ballabgarh, India (rural, Oct 2001 - Mar 2005) ¹⁸	I	Defined population base	NPA; DFA	60.2	18.0	38.0	52.0		(21.7)
Ibadan, Nigeria (rural, Jun 1999 - May 2001) ¹	I	Defined population base	NPA, NPW; ELISA	(117.2)		116.0			94.0
San Marcos, Guatemala (rural, Dec 2002 - Dec 2004) (Bruce and colleagues)	I, II, DS+/-	Defined population base	NPA; DFA	107.7	172.4	147.5	124.5		(84.1)
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (rural, Jan 1987 - Dec 1989) ¹⁹	II, T+/-, W+/-	Defined population base	NPA; IFA, culture	(24.8)		(24.6)			14.0
Dhaka, Bangladesh (urban, Jan 2005 - Feb 2008) (Brooks and colleagues)	I, W+/C+, DS+/-	Defined population base	NPW, serum; serology, RT-PCR	28.3	36.7	32.2	21.8	9.5	17.5
Ballabgarh, India (rural, Aug 2012 - Aug 2013) (Krishnan and colleagues)	I, DS+/-	Defined population base	NPS; RT-PCR	97.3	76.9	85.5	54.6	10.1	33.4
Bandung, Indonesia (periurban and rural, 1st Feb 1999 - 26th Apr 2001) (Simoes and colleagues)	I, DS+/-	Defined population base	nasal wash; RT-PCR	26.6	141.5	87.9	97.3	21.1	65.4
Managua, Nicaragua (urban, Sep 2011 - Sep 2012) (Gordon and colleagues)	I, DS+/-	Defined population base	nasal and throat swab; RT-PCR	(61.4)		60.8			(34.7)

* NPA=nasopharyngeal aspirate. NPS=nasopharyngeal swab. NPW=nasopharyngeal wash. RT-PCR=reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction. IFA=indirect immunofluorescent antibody test. DFA=direct immunofluorescent antibody test. ELISA=enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay. I=WHO definition applied by a health worker. II=physician's assessment. T+/-=tachypnea part of case definition or not. W+/-=wheeze part of case definition or not. DS+/-=danger signs part of case definition or not. O2+/-=hypoxemia part of case definition or not. C+/-=crepitation part of case definition or not.

[†] Data in parentheses are imputed

Location (reference)	Case definition (codes)*	Denominator source	Specimen and diagnostic test*	Incidence of RSV associated ALRI (per 1000 children per year)					
				0-5m	6-11m	0-11m	12-23m	24-59m	0-59m
Gilgit, Pakistan (rural, 1st Apr 2012 - 31st Mar 2014) (Rasmussen and colleagues)	I, DS+/-	Defined population base	NPS; RT-PCR	30.8	101.9	62.5	58.6	15.9	35.9
Paarl, South Africa (periurban, Mar 2012 - Dec 2014) (Zar and colleagues)	I, DS+/-	Defined population base	NPS; RT-PCR	506.7	141.8	331.0	78.6		(188.7)
Nashville, Tennessee, USA (urban, Jan 1973 - Dec 1993) (Wright and colleagues) ‡	II	Defined population base	NPW; culture	(46.3)		45.8			24.0
Multicentric, Germany (urban, Nov 1999 - Oct 2001) †20	II	Census-derived estimate	NPS; PCR	(92.6)		(91.7)			(52.3)

‡ Outpatient clinic based

Supplementary table 3: Description of all studies reporting incidence of RSV-associated severe ALRI in children younger than 5 years

Location (reference)	Case definition (codes)*	Denominator source	Specimen and diagnostic test*	Incidence of RSV associated severe ALRI (per 1000 children per year)					
				0-5m	6-11m	0-11m	12-23m	24-59m	0-59m
Kilifi birth cohort, Kenya (rural, Jan 2002 - May 2005) (Nokes and colleagues)	I, O2+/-	Defined population base	NPA, nasal wash; DFA	86.0	47.0	68.5	17.0		(23.3) [†]
Ballabgarh, India (rural, Oct 2001 - Mar 2005) ¹⁸	I	Defined population base	NPA; DFA	20.1	9.0	14.3	6.5		(4.8)
Dhaka, Bangladesh (urban, Jan 2005 - Feb 2008) (Brooks and colleagues)	I, W+/C+, DS+/-	Defined population base	NPW, serum; serology, RT-PCR	5.1	1.4	3.4	0.5		1.0
Ballabgarh, India (rural, Aug 2012 - Aug 2013) (Krishnan and colleagues)	I, DS+/-	Defined population base	NPS; RT-PCR	53.1	51.3	52.0	32.1	2.3	17.7
Bandung, Indonesia (periurban and rural, 1st Feb 1999 - 26th Apr 2001) (Simoes and colleagues)	I, DS+/-	Defined population base	nasal wash; RT-PCR	(24.1)	35.8	19.1	13.0	3.1	11.2
Managua, Nicaragua (urban, Sep 2011 - Sep 2012) (Gordon and colleagues)	I, DS+/-	Defined population base	nasal and throat swab; RT-PCR	(28.9)		22.9			(7.8)
Matiari, Pakistan (rural, Oct 2011 - Jun 2014) (Ali and colleagues)	I, F+/-	Census-derived estimate	NPS; RT-PCR	19.0	22.2	20.6	3.1		(7.0)
Paarl, South Africa (periurban, Mar 2012 - Dec 2014) (Zar and colleagues)	I, DS+/-	Defined population base	NPS; RT-PCR	406.7	82.1	253.5	36.9		(86.2)
Nashville, Tennessee, USA (urban, Jan 1973 - Dec 1993) (Wright and colleagues) [‡]	II	Defined population base	NPW; culture	(3.2)		9.5			3.0

* NPA=nasopharyngeal aspirate. NPS=nasopharyngeal swab. NPW=nasopharyngeal wash. RT-PCR=reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction. DFA=direct immunofluorescent antibody test. I=WHO definition applied by a health worker. II=physician's assessment. W+/-=wheeze part of case definition or not. DS+/-=danger signs part of case definition or not. F+/-=fever part of case definition or not. O2+/-=hypoxemia part of case definition or not. C+/-=crepitation part of case definition or not

[†] Data in parentheses are imputed

[‡] Outpatient clinic based

Supplementary table 4: Description of all studies reporting incidence of RSV-associated very severe ALRI in children younger than 5 years

Location (reference)	Case definition (codes)*	Denominator source	Specimen and diagnostic test*	Incidence rate of RSV associated very severe ALRI (per 1000 children per year)					
				0-5m	6-11m	0-11m	12-23m	24-59m	0-59m
Puerto Maldonado, Peru (periurban, Jan - Dec 2013) (Romero and colleagues)	I, W+/C+, DS+/-	Defined population base	NPW, serum; serology, RT-PCR				18.2		4.4
Paarl, South Africa (periurban, Mar 2012 - Dec 2014) (Zar and colleagues)	I, DS+/-	Defined population base	NPS; RT-PCR	26.7	14.9	21.1	2.5		
Dhaka, Bangladesh (urban, Jan 2005 - Feb 2008) (Brooks and colleagues)	I, DS+/-	Defined population base	OPS; RT-PCR	1.1	0.5	0.8			0.2
Ballabgarh, India (rural, Aug 2012 - Aug 2013) (Krishnan and colleagues)	I, DS+/-	Defined population base	NPS; RT-PCR	17.7	6.4	11.1	6.4		3.4

* NPS=nasopharyngeal swab. NPW=nasopharyngeal wash. OPS=oropharyngeal swab. RT-PCR=reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction. I=WHO definition applied by a health worker. W+/-=wheeze part of case definition or not. DS+/-=danger signs part of case definition or not. C+/-=crepitation part of case definition or not

Supplementary table 5: Description of all studies reporting hospitalisation rate of RSV-associated ALRI in children younger than 5 years

Location (reference)	Case definition (codes)*	Denominator source	Specimen and diagnostic test*	Hospitalisation rate of RSV associated ALRI (per 1000 children per year)					
				0-5m	6-11m	0-11m	12-23m	24-59m	0-59m
Alice Springs, Australia (urban, 1st Jan 2000 - 31st Dec 2004) ²¹	II	Census-derived estimate	NPA; DFA	(42.7) [†]		(32.4)			(8.7)
Suzhou, China (urban, Jan 2007 - Dec 2008) ²²	II	Census-derived estimate	nasal aspirate; DFA	(14.1)		(10.7)			2.9
Hong Kong, China (urban, 2003 - 2006) ³	II, F+	Census-derived estimate	NPA; DFA, culture	26.8	10.4	18.7	10.1	4.4	13.0
Sa Kaeo and Nakhom Phanom, Thailand (rural, 1st Jan 2004 - 31st Dec 2007) ⁴	II, XR	Census-derived estimate	NPS, serum; RT-PCR, IFA	(14.3)		10.9			5.4
Damanhour, Egypt (urban and rural, Jun 2009 - Jun 2012) ¹⁰	II	Census-derived estimate	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR	(23.0)		17.5			2.4
Lørenskog, Norway (periurban, 1993 - 2000) ²³	II	Census-derived estimate	NPA; ELISA	(28.6)		21.7	6.8		(5.9)
Valencia, Spain (urban, 2001 - 2002) ²⁴	II	Census-derived estimate	NA [‡]	(37.2)		(28.2)	9.8		(7.6)
Gipuzkoa, Spain (urban, Jul 2004 - Jun 2007) ²⁵	II	Census-derived estimate	NPA; RT-PCR	39.4	10.8	25.1	3.0		(6.8)
Bursa, Turkey (urban, 1st Mar 2010 - 28th Feb 2011) ²⁶	II	Census-derived estimate	nasal swab; IF	(16.1)		(12.2)			(3.3)
USA (urban and rural, 1997 - 2006) ²⁷	II	Census-derived estimate	NA	(32.8)	13.4	(24.8)	5.0	0.8	6.7
Dadaab and Kakuma, Kenya (rural, Sep 2007 - Aug 2010) ²	III, T+/-, CWI+/-, O2+/-	Census-derived estimate	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR	(38.3)		29.0			9.3

* NPA=nasopharyngeal aspirate. NPS=nasopharyngeal swab. NPW=nasopharyngeal wash. OPS=oropharyngeal swab. RT-PCR=reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction. IFA=indirect immunofluorescent antibody test. DFA=direct immunofluorescent antibody test. ELISA=enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay. IF=immunofluorescence. II=physician's assessment. III=SARI definition. F+/-=fever as part of case definition or not. T+/-=tachypnea part of case definition or not. W+/-=wheeze part of case definition or not. C+/-=crepitation part of case definition or not. XR=X-ray confirmed (radiologically confirmed pneumonia). CWI+/-=chest wall indrawing part of case definition or not. DS+/-=danger signs part of case definition or not. O2+/-=hypoxemia part of case definition or not. ICU=intensive care unit. MV=mechanical ventilation

[†] Data in parentheses are imputed

[‡] NA=not available

Location (reference)	Case definition (codes)*	Denominator source	Specimen and diagnostic test*	Hospitalisation rate of RSV associated ALRI (per 1000 children per year)					
				0-5m	6-11m	0-11m	12-23m	24-59m	0-59m
Gipuzoka, Spain (urban, Jul 1996 - Jun 2000) ¹¹	II	Census-derived estimate	NPA; ELISA	36.8	14.2	25.5	3.6	0.5	6.2
Kiel, Germany (urban, 1996 - 97 to 2000 - 2001) ²⁸	II, XR, W+/-	Defined population base	NPA; RT-PCR	(21.5)		16.3			(4.4)
Multicentric, Germany (urban, Nov 1999 - Oct 2001) ²⁰	II	Census-derived estimate	NPS; PCR	(33.5)		(25.4)			(6.9)
Shropshire, United Kingdom (urban, 1996 - 1999) ²⁹	II	Census-derived estimate	NA; IF	(34.2)		(25.9)			(7.0)
Stockholm, Sweden (urban, 1987 - 1998) ³⁰	II	Census-derived estimate	NPW; IFA	(18.5)		14.0			(3.8)
Graz, Austria (urban, 1999 - 2000) ³¹	II	Census-derived estimate	NPA; ELISA	(14.7)		(11.1)			(3.0)
England, United Kingdom (urban, Apr 1995 - Mar 1998) ⁸	II	Census-derived estimate	NA	(37.4)		28.3			10.1
Netherlands (urban, 1997 - 2003) ³²	II	Census-derived estimate	NA; cell culture, IF	(12.5)		9.5			(2.6)
Banjul, Fajara and Sibanor, Gambia (urban and rural, Jan 1994 - Dec 1996) ³³	II	Census-derived estimate	NPA; IF	(23.4)		17.7			(4.8)
Mpumalanga, South Africa (rural, Apr 2000 - Mar 2001) ¹	II, CWI+/-, W+/-, T+/-	Census-derived estimate	NPA, NPW; ELISA	17.1		15.0			9.0
Takhli, Thailand (rural, 1999 - 2000) ³⁴	II, T+, CWI+, XR	Defined population base	NPA; IF	(43.0)		(32.6)			8.8
Hong Kong, China (urban, 1993 - 1997) ³⁵	II	Census-derived estimate	NPA, throat swab; DFA, virus isolation	(12.2)		(9.3)			2.5
Townsville (Queensland), Australia (urban and rural, Jan 1997 - Oct 1999) ^{§36}	II	Census-derived estimate	NA; IF, culture	(23.8)		18.0			(4.9)
Monroe and Davidson Counties in Tennessee, USA (urban and rural, Oct 2000 - Sep 2001) ⁷	II	Census-derived estimate	nasal and throat swab; viral culture, RT-PCR	18.5	7.4	12.9	3.3	0.4	3.5
Milwaukee, USA (urban, Nov 1996 - Oct 1998) ³⁷	II	Census-derived estimate	NPS, throat swab; culture, ELISA	(28.4)		(21.5)			5.8
Tennessee, USA (urban, Jul 1989 - Jun 1993) ³⁸	II	Census-derived estimate	NA	88.2	30.1	63.0	7.3		(17.0)

[§] Reported hospitalisation rate of an aboriginal population in a high-income country

Location (reference)	Case definition (codes)*	Denominator source	Specimen and diagnostic test*	Hospitalisation rate of RSV associated ALRI (per 1000 children per year)						
				0-5m	6-11m	0-11m	12-23m	24-59m	0-59m	
Alaska, USA (rural, Jan 2000 - Dec 2001) ^{§39}	II	Census-derived estimate	NA	(45.4)		34.4				(9.3)
USA (urban and rural, Jan 2000 - Dec 2001) ³⁹	II	Census-derived estimate	NA	(36.2)		27.4				(7.4)
Nashville, Rochester and Cincinnati, USA (urban, Oct 2000 - Sep 2004) ⁶	II, F+/-, W+/-	Census-derived estimate	nasal and throat swab; RT-PCR, culture	16.9	5.1	11.1	2.7	0.4		3.0
Kilifi birth cohort, Kenya (rural, Jan 2002 - May 2005) (Nokes and colleagues)	II, T+, CWI+/DS+ /O2+	Defined population base	NPA, nasal wash; DFA	20.0	6.0	11.6	5.4			(3.1)
CEMIC, Buenos Aires, Argentina (urban, 1st Jun 2008 - 31st Dec 2010) (Echavarría and colleagues)	II, ICU+/-, MV+/-	Defined population base	NPA; IFA	14.3		(16.8)		0.7		4.5
Buenos Aires, Argentina (urban and rural, 2011 - 2013) (Polack and colleagues)	II, O2+, W+, F+/-, ICU+/-, MV+/-	Census-derived estimate	NPA; PCR	64.5	33.4	48.9	9.1			(13.2)
Kishoregonj, Bogra, Comilla and Barisal, Bangladesh (urban and rural, 2010 - 2013) (Homaira and colleagues)	II, F+/-	Census-derived estimate	nasal and throat swab; RT-PCR	(18.7)		(14.1)				3.8
Belo Horizonte, Brazil (urban, 2011 - 2013) (Oliveira and colleagues)	II, F+, O2+/-, ICU+/-	Census-derived estimate	nasal swab; RT-PCR	(10.4)		7.9	1.3	0.9		2.2
Concepcion, Chile (urban and rural, Jan 2012 - Dec 2013) (Fasce and colleagues)	II, F+/-, ICU+/-	Census-derived estimate	NPA; IF	(11.0)		8.3	1.9	0.3		2.2
Iquique, Chile (urban and rural, Jan 2012 - Dec 2013) (Fasce and colleagues)	II, F+/-, ICU+/-	Census-derived estimate	NPA; IF	(30.4)		23.0	3.2	0.5		4.9
Jingzhou, China (urban and rural, Jan 2010 - Dec 2012) (Yu and colleagues)	III, T+/-, XR	Census-derived estimate	NPS; RT-PCR	3.5	6.6	5.2	11.2	3.4		5.4
Santa Ana, El Salvador (urban, 2008 - 2013) (Clara and colleagues)	III	Census-derived estimate	NPS; IFA	(52.5)		39.8	16.2	2.0		12.2
Gambia Western Region, Gambia (urban and rural, Jul 2007 - Jun 2008) (Howie and colleagues)	II, CWI+/-, W-, O2+/-	Defined population base	NPA; PCR	(32.2)	17.4	24.4	6.3	1.6		5.7
Santa Rosa, Guatemala (urban and rural, 2008 - 2013) (McCracken and colleagues)	II, CWI+/-, DS+/-	Census-derived estimate	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR	(34.9)		26.4	5.6	0.8		7.1

Location (reference)	Case definition (codes)*	Denominator source	Specimen and diagnostic test*	Hospitalisation rate of RSV associated ALRI (per 1000 children per year)					
				0-5m	6-11m	0-11m	12-23m	24-59m	0-59m
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala (urban and rural, 2009 - 2013) (McCracken and colleagues)	II, CWI+/-, DS+/-	Census-derived estimate	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR	(19.1)		14.4	3.3	0.4	3.8
Ballabgarh, India (rural, Jan 2010 - Dec 2012) (Broor and colleagues)	II, DS+/-	Defined population base	NPS; RT-PCR	6.3	2.0	3.8	1.0	0.1	1.0
Pune, India (rural, May 2009 - Apr 2013) (Chadha and colleagues)	II	Census-derived estimate	NPS; RT-PCR	12.2	22.1	18.5	11.1	2.2	5.3
Lombok, Indonesia (urban and rural, 2000 - 2002) (Gessner and colleagues)	II, CWI+	Defined population base	nasal wash; ELISA	14.0	12.3	13.1	2.6		(3.5)
Kilifi hospital study, Kenya (urban and rural, Jan 2002 - Dec 2010) (Nokes and colleagues)	II, CWI+, O2+/DS+	Census-derived estimate	OPS, NPS, nasal wash; DFA	27.2	11.1	19.3	3.4	0.6	4.9
Bondo district, Kenya (rural, Jan 2007 - Jun 2009) (Feikin and colleagues)	II, O2+/DS+	Census-derived estimate	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR	52.6	25.0	32.0	6.3	7.1	16.5
Manhiça, Mozambique (rural, 20th Sep 2006 - 19th Sep 2007) (Bassat and colleagues)	II, T+	Census-derived estimate	NPA; RT-PCR	14.5	6.6	11.0	2.8	0.6	3.2
Manhiça, Mozambique (rural, 1st Jan 2011 - 30th Jun 2014) (Bassat and colleagues)	II, T+, O2+/-	Defined population base	NPA; RT-PCR	4.4	1.9	3.2	1.2	0.4	1.1
Utrecht, Netherlands (urban, 2001 - 2010) (Bont and colleagues)	II	Defined population base	NPS, NPW; PCR, IF	(11.1)		8.4			(2.3)
41 sites in Netherlands (urban and rural, 2008 - 2013) (Bont and colleagues)	II, ICU+/-	Defined population base	NPS, NPW; PCR, IF	(53.5)		40.5			(10.9)
David City, Panama (urban, Jan 2011 - Dec 2013) (Jara and colleagues)	II	Defined population base	NPS, OPS; IFA, RT-PCR	(24.3)		18.4			5.6
Tagbilaran and 6 rural sites, Philippines (urban and rural, 5th Jul 2000 - 31st Dec 2004) (Lucero and colleagues)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	Defined population base	NPA, nasal swab; culture, PCR	73.1	54.8	62.4	23.1		(16.8)
Gauteng province, South Africa (urban, 2009 - 2012) (Cohen and colleagues)	II	Defined population base	NPA; PCR	(38.9)		29.4	6.8	1.3	7.8
KwaZulu-Natal province, South Africa (periurban, 2010 - 2014) (Cohen and colleagues)	II	Defined population base	NPA; PCR	(27.5)		20.8	2.6	0.7	5.1
Klerksdorp site, South Africa (periurban, Jan 2011 - Dec 2014) (Cohen and colleagues)	II	Defined population base	NPA; PCR	(16.3)		12.3			3.3
Soweto, South Africa (urban, Mar 1998 - Oct 2005) (Madhi and colleagues)	II, CWI+, O2+/-	Defined population base	NPA; IF	33.1	10.2	20.0	4.0	0.5	4.7
Paarl, South Africa (periurban, Mar 2012 - Dec 2014) (Zar and colleagues)	II, CWI+, T+, DS+/-	Defined population base	NPS; RT-PCR	146.7	29.9	91.5	4.9		(24.7)

Location (reference)	Case definition (codes)*	Denominator source	Specimen and diagnostic test*	Hospitalisation rate of RSV associated ALRI (per 1000 children per year)					
				0-5m	6-11m	0-11m	12-23m	24-59m	0-59m
Maela Camp, Tak Province, Thailand (rural, Nov 2007 - Oct 2010) (Turner and colleagues)	II, CWI+, T+	Defined population base	NPA; RT-PCR	135.7	73.1	105.0	61.9		(28.4)
Sa Kaeo and Nakhon Phanom, Thailand (rural, Jan 2008 - Dec 2011) (Thamthitiwat and colleagues)	II, F+/-, T+/-, CWI+, O2+/-	Census-derived estimate	NPS; PCR	12.2	18.6	15.4	15.3	6.3	9.8
Tone district, Togo (rural, Aug 2011 - Dec 2013) (Gessner and colleagues)	II, CWI+	Census-derived estimate	nasal wash; RT-PCR	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1
Alaska, USA (rural, Jul 1994 - Jun 2012) (Singleton and colleagues) [§]	II, MV+/-	Census-derived estimate	NPS; ELISA, DFA, culture	202.0	121.1	161.6	39.8		(43.6)
Colorado, USA (urban and rural, Jan 2008 - Jun 2013) (Simoes and colleagues)	II	Census-derived estimate	nasal wash; PCR	(23.8)		18.1	5.8	1.6	5.7
Navajo and WMA, USA - MEDI (rural, Oct 2004 - Dec 2010) (O'Brien and colleagues) [§]	II, O2+/-	Defined population base	NPS; RT-PCR	314.4	236.3	292.3			(78.9)
Navajo and WMA, USA - EPI (rural, Oct 1997 - Mar 2000) (O'Brien and colleagues) [§]	II, O2+/-	Defined population base	NPA; ELISA	230.2	158.9	194.4	81.7		(52.5)
Nha Trang, Vietnam (urban and rural, Feb 2007 - Dec 2012) (Yoshida and colleagues)	II, CWI+/DS+	Census-derived estimate	NPS; RT-PCR	9.3	3.8	7.5	4.1	0.8	2.8
Memphis, Nashville and Salt Lake City, USA (urban, Jul 2010 - Jun 2012) ⁴⁰	II, XR	Census-derived estimate	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR	(5.8)		(4.4)		0.7	(1.2)
Spain (urban, Jan 1997 - Dec 2011) ⁵	II	Census-derived estimate	NA	(54.6)		41.4	8.0	2.2	10.7
Karemo, Kenya (rural, Aug 2009 - Jul 2012) ⁴¹	III	Census-derived estimate	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR	13.4	14.0	(19.3)	8.1	2.0	5.2
Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam (urban, Jul 2009 - Dec 2013) ⁴²	II	Defined population base	NPS; RT-PCR	(10.6)		8.0			(2.2)
Dong Thap, Vietnam (urban and rural, Aug 2009 - Dec 2012) ⁴²	II	Defined population base	NPS; RT-PCR	(40.8)		30.9			(8.3)
USA (urban, 1997 - 2000) ⁴³	II	Census-derived estimate	NA	(30.0)		22.7			(6.1)
USA (urban, 2000) ⁹	II	Census-derived estimate	NA	(22.9)		17.4			4.5
Valencia, Spain (urban, Jan 2009 - Dec 2012)⁴⁴	II	Defined population base	NA	31.6	3.6	19.5	0.7		(5.3)

Location (reference)	Case definition (codes)*	Denominator source	Specimen and diagnostic test*	Hospitalisation rate of RSV associated ALRI (per 1000 children per year)						
				0-5m	6-11m	0-11m	12-23m	24-59m	0-59m	
New SouthWales, Australia (urban, 2001 - 2010) ⁴⁵	II	Defined population base	NA	(24.2)		(18.3)				4.9
Gothenburg, Sweden (urban, 2004 - 2011) ⁴⁶	II	Census-derived estimate	NA; PCR, IF	(23.0)		17.4				4.2

Supplementary table 6: Description of all studies reporting proportion of ALRI hospitalisations in children younger than 5 years positive for RSV

Location (reference)	Case definition (codes)*	Specimen and diagnostic test*	Proportion of RSV associated hospitalised ALRI (%)			
			0-11m	0-23m	0-35m	0-59m
Subiaco, Australia (urban, Jan 2000 - Dec 2005) ⁴⁷	II	NPA; DFA, RT-PCR, viral culture	54.4	51.4		
Hangzhou, China (urban, Jan 2001 - Dec 2006) ⁴⁸	II	NPA; DFA	30.1		27.1	
Lanzhou, China (urban, 1st Jan - 31st Dec 2011) ⁴⁹	II, F+/-, W+/-, XR	throat swab; RT-PCR	19.3			
Lanzhou, China (urban, Oct 2004 - Oct 2005) ⁵⁰	II, F+/-, XR	NPA, serum; DFA, ELISA	23.4		20.3	19.2
Shanghai, China (urban, May 2009 - Jul 2010) ⁵¹	II, F+	NPS; RT-PCR			11.6	
Hong Kong, China (urban, 1st Jan 2004 - 31st Dec 2004) ⁵²	II	NPA; DFA			11.6	
Hong Kong, China (urban, Nov 2005 - Oct 2006) ⁵³	II, W+/-, F+/-	NPA, nasal swab; DFA, RT-PCR, viral culture				8.4
Taiwan, China (urban, Jan 2001 - Dec 2003) ⁵⁴	II	NPA; virus culture, IF	26.1	24.3		23.5
Shizuoka, Japan (urban, 1st Jul 1997 - 30th Jun 2000) ⁵⁵	II, W+/-, XR	NPA; ELISA			31.4	
Tokyo, Japan (urban, Mar 2007 - Jul 2009) ⁵⁶	II, W+/-, F+/-, XR	NPS; RT-PCR		27.6		
Japan (urban, Apr 2008 - Apr 2009) ⁵⁷	II, F+, XR	NPS; RT-PCR	26.9	28.7		26.1
Nagasaki, Japan (urban, Apr 2009 - Mar 2010) ⁵⁸	II, XR	NPS; IF, RT-PCR				55.9
Seoul, Korea (urban, Jan - Dec 2004) ⁵⁹	II, W+, XR	NPA; RT-PCR				29.5
Seoul, Korea (urban, Jul 2004 - Jan 2006) ⁶⁰	II, XR, W+	NPA; DFA				20.6
Seoul, Korea (urban, Jan 2007 - Feb 2011) ⁶¹	II	NPA; RT-PCR			67.7	
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (urban, Jan 1982 - Dec 1997) ⁶²	II	NPA; IFA, culture	19.2	18.4		

* NPA=nasopharyngeal aspirate. NPS=nasopharyngeal swab. NPW=nasopharyngeal wash. OPS=oropharyngeal swab. RT-PCR=reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction. IFA=indirect immunofluorescent antibody test. DFA=direct immunofluorescent antibody test. ELISA=enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay. IF=immunofluorescence. II=physician's assessment. III=SARI definition. F+/-=fever as part of case definition or not. T+/-=tachypnea part of case definition or not. W+/-=wheeze part of case definition or not. C+/-=crepitation part of case definition or not. XR=X-ray confirmed (radiologically confirmed pneumonia). CWI+/-=chest wall indrawing part of case definition or not. DS+/-=danger signs part of case definition or not. O2+/-=hypoxemia part of case definition or not. ICU=intensive care unit. MV=mechanical ventilation.

Location (reference)	Case definition (codes)*	Specimen and diagnostic test*	Proportion of RSV associated hospitalised ALRI (%)			
			0-11m	0-23m	0-35m	0-59m
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (urban, Nov 2004 - Jan 2008) ⁶³	II, T+, CWI+/-, ICU+/-	nasal swab, throat swab, NPA; RT-PCR	21.4			24.4
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (urban, Apr 2010 - May 2011) ⁶⁴	II, XR	NPS; RT-PCR		24.7		
Pune, India (urban, Feb 2002 - Dec 2004) ⁶⁵	II	NPA; IF	46.0		42.5	
Kolkata, India (urban, Apr 2010 - Mar 2011) ⁶⁶	III, CWI+, W+, C+, T+	nasal and throat swabs; RT-PCR	21.0			16.7
Lucknow, India (urban, Jun 2011 - May 2012) ⁶⁷	II, CWI+	NPA; RT-PCR	34.3			25.2
Khon Kaen, Thailand (urban, Aug 1992 - Nov 1994) ⁶⁸	II, CWI+, XR	NPA; virus culture, IF, ELISA				29.0
Nakhon Sawan, Thailand (rural, Nov 1998 - Feb 2001) ⁶⁹	II, CWI+	NPA; IFA				34.2
Khon Kaen, Thailand (urban, Apr 2002 - Aug 2004) ⁷⁰	II, W+, T+	NPA; RT-PCR	67.6	64.7		
Tak Province, Thailand (rural, Apr 2009 - Sep 2011) ⁷¹	II, CWI+/-, DS+/-	NPA; RT-PCR	39.1			
Seeb, Oman (urban, Dec 2007 - Dec 2008) ⁷²	II	NPA; IF, RT-PCR				21.6
Zarqa, Jordan (urban, Jan 1997 - May 1999) ⁷³	II	NPW; DFA, RT-PCR		25.5		
Amman, Jordan (urban, Sep 2002 - Mar 2004) ⁷⁴	II	NPA; DFA	15.6	12.5		
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (urban, Apr 1993 - Mar 1996) ⁷⁵	II, F+, W+/-, XR	NPA; IFA				28.9
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (urban, Jan 2005 - Dec 2010) ⁷⁶	II	NPA; DFA	48.8		48.4	47.4
Abha, Saudi Arabia (urban, Oct 1997 - Sep 2001) ⁷⁷	II	NPA; ELISA, IFA				35.3
Zagreb County, Croatia (urban, 1994 - 2005) ⁷⁸	II	NPA; DFA, virus isolation	50.9	47.4		45.8
Zagreb County, Croatia (urban, Aug 2006 - Aug 2007) ⁷⁹	II	NPA; DFA	48.1	47.0		46.5
Turku, Finland (urban, Jan 1993 - Dec 1995) ⁸⁰	II, F+, XR	NPA; ELISA, culture		46.3		
Montpellier, France (urban, 1st Nov 2003 - 31st Oct 2004) ⁸¹	II	NPA; DFA, virus culture	33.8	30.5	29.4	
Kiel, Germany (urban, Jul 1996 - Jun 2001) ⁸²	II	NPA; ELISA, RT-PCR	28.2	23.6		19.8
Germany (urban, Nov 1999 - Oct 2001 and Oct 2002 - Jun 2005) ⁸³	II	NPA; RT-PCR, ELISA	42.8	36.2	34.1	
Athens, Greece (urban, 2008 - 2009) ⁸⁴	II	NPA; IF				28.5
Be'er Sheva, Israel (urban, Nov 2001 - Oct 2002) ⁸⁵	II	nasal wash; DFA				19.6
Be'er Sheva, Israel (urban, Nov 2001 - Oct 2005) ⁸⁶	II, XR	NPW; DFA, culture				28.0
Pisa, Italy (urban, Jan 2000 - May 2006) ⁸⁷	II	nasal swab; DFA		31.1		

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			0-11m	0-23m	0-35m	0-59m
Milan, Italy (urban, Oct 2004 - Sep 2006) ⁸⁸	II, W+/-	NPA; RT-PCR		28.0		
Milan, Italy (urban, 1st Dec 2008 - 31st Dec 2009) ⁸⁹	II, W+/-	OPS; RT-PCR	52.0	42.6		37.0
Enschede, Netherlands (urban, 2006 - 2007) ⁹⁰	II, W+/-, F+/-	NPW; RT-PCR		48.3		
Palma, Spain (urban, Jan 1995 - Dec 2006) ⁹¹	II	NPA, NPW; ELISA, culture		62.7		
Madrid, Spain (urban, Oct 2000 - Jun 2005) ⁹²	II	NPA; IFA, RT-PCR		45.3		
Madrid, Spain (urban, Sep 2005 - Aug 2008) ⁹³	II, W-, ICU+/-	NPA; RT-PCR		61.3		
Malmö, Sweden (urban, 1998 - 1999) ⁹⁴	II	NPA; IF	54.5			
Lausanne and Geneva, Switzerland (urban, Mar 2003 - Dec 2005) ⁹⁵	II, CWI+, W-	NPA, serum; RT-PCR, IFA, ELISA, serology				13.1
Turkey (urban, May 2008 - Sep 2010) ⁹⁶	II	NPA, NPS, nasal wash, nasal swab; IF		16.9		
Buenos Aires and Santa Fe, Argentina (urban, 1990 - 1996) ⁹⁷	II, T+/-, W+/-, XR	NPA; IFA		27.0		
Buenos Aires, Argentina (urban, 1999 - 2004) ⁹⁸	II	NPA; RT-PCR, DFA				31.6
Pelotas, Brazil (urban, 1st Aug 1997 - 31st Jul 1998) ⁹⁹	II, CWI+	NPA; DFA	30.8			
Bahia, Brazil (urban, Jan - Dec 1998) ¹⁰⁰	II	NPA; IFA				23.8
Sao Paulo, Brazil (urban, Mar 1999 - Jun 2000) ¹⁰¹	II, W+, XR	NPA, nasal swab; IFA, virus culture, RT-PCR	60.9			
Sao Paulo, Brazil (urban, Jan 2003 - Dec 2006) ¹⁰²	II	NPA, nasal swab; RT-PCR	45.4			42.0
Sao Paulo, Brazil (urban, Jan 2006 - Dec 2007) ¹⁰³	II, W-	NPA; IFA	63.5			
Bahia, Brazil (urban, Sep 2003 - May 2005) ¹⁰⁴	II, XR	NPA, serum; IF, ELISA				15.2
Sao Paulo, Brazil (urban, May 2004 - Sep 2005) ¹⁰⁵	II, T+/-, W+/-	NPA; RT-PCR	40.4	34.1		
Sao Paulo, Brazil (urban, Feb 2005 - Sep 2006) ¹⁰⁶	II, W+/-	NPA; IFA	30.1			28.6
Sao Paulo, Brazil (urban, Mar 2008 - Aug 2011) ¹⁰⁷	II, CWI+	NPA; RT-PCR		27.3		
Belem, Brazil (urban, Nov 2006 - Oct 2007) ¹⁰⁸	II, F+/-, XR	NPA; DFA, RT-PCR			23.1	
Porto Alegre, Brazil (urban, Sep 2009 - Sep 2010) ¹⁰⁹	II, W-	NPA; DFA	53.5			
Iqaluit, Canada (urban, 28th Jan 2002 - 27th Mar 2003) ¹¹⁰	II	NPA; ELISA		51.2		

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			0-11m	0-23m	0-35m	0-59m
British Columbia, Canada (urban, Apr 2008 - Mar 2010) ¹¹¹	II	NA [†]	48.1			
Medellin, Colombia (urban and rural, Apr 1994 - Apr 1995) ¹¹²	II	NPW; DFA	41.7			
Colombia (urban, Apr 2005 - Apr 2006) ¹¹³	II	NPA; IF	30.1			
San Luis Potosi, Mexico (urban, 1st May 2003 - 30th Apr 2005) ¹¹⁴	II	NPW; DFA	26.9	25.9	24.8	
Alaska, USA (rural, 1st Oct 1991 - 30th Sep 1993) ^{‡115}	II	NA; ELISA, IF, culture		38.4		
California, USA (urban, 1996 - 2004) ¹¹⁶	II	NA; DFA		56.2		
Dallas, Texas, USA (urban, Jan 2002 - Dec 2007) ¹¹⁷	II	NPA; IF, DFA, virus culture		66.3		
New York, USA (urban, Oct 2007 - May 2010) ¹¹⁸	II, F+	NPS; RT-PCR, ELISA, virus culture		53.7		
Kumasi, Ghana (urban, Jan 2008 - Dec 2008) ¹¹⁹	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS; RT-PCR		14.6		14.1
Rarieda, Kenya (rural, 1st Mar 2007 - 28th Feb 2010) ¹²⁰	III, DS+/CWI+	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR				22.6
Kilifi, Kenya (rural, Jan - Dec 2010) ¹²¹	II, CWI+	NPA, OPS, sputum; RT-PCR				26.5
Bondo district, Kenya (rural, Aug 2008 - Dec 2010) ¹²²	II, CWI+/DS+/O2+	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR				17.1
Santiago, Chile (urban, Jan 1989 - Dec 2000) ¹²³	II, W-	NPA; IFA		29.0		
Cape Town, South Africa (urban, Jun 1995 - Aug 1996) ¹²⁴	II, W+/-	NPA; ELISA		15.8		
Manhica District, Mozambique (rural, Oct 1998 - May 2000) ¹²⁵	II, CWI+/-, W+/-, T+/-	NPA; ELISA	10.7			
Athens, Greece (urban, Feb 1997 - Jun 2000) ¹²⁶	II, XR, W+/-, T+/-	NPW; DFA	61.5			
Buenos Aires, Argentina (urban, May 1991 - Dec 1992) ¹²⁷	II, CWI+/-, XR, W+/-, T+/-	NPA; IFA		38.6		
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (rural, Jan 1987 - Dec 1989) ¹⁹	II, T+/-, W+/-	NPA; IFA, culture				40.5
Beijing, China (urban, Feb 2001 - Mar 2003) ¹²⁸	II	NPA; virus culture, IFA	44.9		39.0	36.5
Beijing, China (urban, Mar 2010 - Feb 2012) ¹²⁹	II	NPA, throat swab; RT-PCR	56.3		49.1	41.8

[†] NA= Not available

[‡] Reported data from aboriginal population in a high-income country

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			0-11m	0-23m	0-35m	0-59m
Changsha, China (urban, Sep 2007 - Aug 2008) ¹³⁰	II, F+, T+	NPA; RT-PCR	42.0		37.1	37.0
Changsha, China (urban, Sep 2007 - Aug 2008) ¹³¹	II	NPA; RT-PCR	30.1		27.6	27.6
Changsha, China (urban, Jun 2011 - Jun 2012) ¹³²	II	NPA; DFA	55.1		53.7	53.9
Chaozhou, China (urban, Jun 2011 - Oct 2012) ¹³³	II	NPA; IFA	9.3		6.9	
Chengdu, China (urban, Jan - Dec 2007) ¹³⁴	II	NPA; DFA	29.8		26.4	
Chengdu, China (urban, Mar 2010 - Feb 2011) ¹³⁵	II	NPA; RT-PCR		30.6		
Chenzhou, China (urban, Jan - Dec 2010) ¹³⁶	II	NPA; PCR	21.5		18.2	
Chongqing, China (urban, Apr 2003 - Oct 2007) ¹³⁷	II	NPA; DFA	36.4		29.6	
Chongqing, China (urban, Apr 2008 - Mar 2009) ¹³⁸	II	NPA; RT-PCR	31.7	29.3	28.7	
Chongqing, China (urban, Feb 2009 - Mar 2011) ¹³⁹	II	NPA; DFA				
Chongqing, China (urban, Jan 2009 - Dec 2011) ¹⁴⁰	II	NPA; DFA	34.5		31.9	
Dongguan, China (urban, Mar 2011 - May 2012) ¹⁴¹	II	NPA; DFA	32.1		23.2	
Chengdu, China (urban, Jan 2007 - Dec 2009) ¹⁴²	II	NPA; IF	25.5		27.5	
Fuyang, China (urban, Jan 2003 - Dec 2004) ¹⁴³	II	NPA; DFA				
Guangzhou, China (urban, Oct 2009 - Sep 2010) ¹⁴⁴	II	NPS; RT-PCR	10.7		8.5	7.5
Guiyang, China (urban, Jan 2010 - May 2011) ¹⁴⁵	II	NPA; IF			21.0	
Guiyang, China (urban, Jun 2006 - Apr 2011) ¹⁴⁶	II	NPA; DFA	27.1		24.1	
Haikou, China (urban, Jan 2007 - Oct 2008) ¹⁴⁷	II	NPA; RT-PCR	41.7		39.7	
Hangzhou, China (urban, 2000 - 2001) ¹⁴⁸	II	NPA; IF	34.9		29.5	
Hangzhou, China (urban, 2001 - 2003) ¹⁴⁹	II	NPA; DFA				
Jiaxing, China (urban, Dec 2008 - Dec 2009) ¹⁵⁰	II	NPA; RT-PCR, DFA	16.8	15.8		
Jiaxing, China (urban, Aug 2010 - Aug 2012) ¹⁵¹	II	NPA; DFA	18.6		14.6	
Kunming, China (urban, Oct 2005 - Oct 2007) ¹⁵²	II	NPA; DFA	28.5		25.9	
Kunming, China (urban, Sep 2009 - Sep 2010) ¹⁵³	II	NPA; RT-PCR	46.2	42.9	40.8	40.2
Yueqing, China (urban, Jan 2006 - Dec 2010) ¹⁵⁴	II	NPA; DFA	32.0		23.2	19.3
Liaocheng, China (urban, Oct 2007 - Oct 2008) ¹⁵⁵	II	NPA; DFA	43.1		38.9	

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Linyi, China (urban, Dec 2010 - Dec 2011) ¹⁵⁶	II	NPA; RT-PCR	33.2	31.5		
Nanjing, China (urban, Apr 2006 - Mar 2007) ¹⁵⁷	II	NPA; DFA	28.3	20.9		17.1
Nanjing, China (urban, Sep 2008 - Aug 2009) ¹⁵⁸	II	NPA; DFA	33.1		29.0	
Nanjing, China (urban, Jan 2009 - Dec 2011) ¹⁵⁹	II	NPA; DFA	36.8		34.1	
Shanghai, China (urban, May 2001 - Apr 2002) ¹⁶⁰	II	NPA; IF	25.3		21.1	
Shanghai, China (urban, Jan - Dec 2000) ¹⁶¹	II	NPA; IF	21.1		19.1	18.6
Shanghai, China (urban, Oct 2002 - Apr 2004) ¹⁶²	II	NPA; DFA	29.8		20.4	19.0
Shanghai, China (urban, 2003 - 2006) ¹⁶³	II	NPA; DFA	21.4		23.0	21.6
Shanghai, China (urban, Jan 2009 - Mar 2010) ¹⁶⁴	II	NPA, throat swab; RT-PCR	28.1		25.6	
Shanghai, China (urban, Mar 2011 - Feb 2012) ¹⁶⁵	II	NPA; DFA			10.1	
Shangluo, China (urban, May 2011 - May 2012) ¹⁶⁶	II	NPA; IF	43.3		40.6	39.7
Shantou, China (urban, Jan 2007 - Dec 2007) ¹⁶⁷	II	NPA; RT-PCR				19.1
Suzhou, China (urban, Sep 2005 - Oct 2011) ¹⁶⁸	II	NPA; DFA	22.4		18.9	17.1
Tianjin, China (urban, Jan 2002 - Mar 2004) ¹⁶⁹	II	NPA; IFA	9.8		9.4	
Tianjin, China (urban, Jan 2010 - Jun 2011) ¹⁷⁰	II	NPA; DFA	7.5		6.5	
Weifang, China (urban, Nov 2007 - Nov 2008) ¹⁷¹	II	NPA, NPS; DFA	31.0		25.8	
Wenzhou, China (urban, Jan 2003 - Jan 2005) ¹⁷²	II	NPA; DFA	42.8		39.5	
Wenzhou, China (urban, Nov 2003 - Feb 2005) ¹⁷³	II	NPS; IFA			27.5	
Wenzhou, China (urban, Nov 2004 - Nov 2006) ¹⁷⁴	II	NPA; DFA	39.5		39.6	
Wenzhou, China (urban, Jan 2007 - Dec 2008) ¹⁷⁵	II	NPA; DFA	38.1		35.6	
Wenzhou, China (urban, Feb 2009 - Jan 2010) ¹⁷⁶	II	NPA; DFA	34.1		30.4	28.2
Wenzhou, China (urban, Jan - Dec 2010) ¹⁷⁷	II	NPA; IF				
Xian, China (urban, 1994 - 1997) ¹⁷⁸	II	NPA; IF	27.4		25.8	
Yancheng, China (urban, Jun 2011 - Jul 2012) ¹⁷⁹	II	NPA; DFA	22.1		20.0	
Zhongshan, China (urban, Apr 2011 - Mar 2012) ¹⁸⁰	II	NPS; IF	17.8			
Zhuzhou, China (urban, Jan - Dec 2011) ¹⁸¹	II	NPA; DFA	26.7		25.3	22.5

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			0-11m	0-23m	0-35m	0-59m
Buenos Aires, Argentina (urban, 1st Jun 2008 - 31st Dec 2010) (Echavarría and colleagues)	II, ICU+/-, MV+/-	NPA; IFA	43.0	36.8	34.8	33.3
Buenos Aires, Argentina (urban, 2001 - 2013) (Gentile and colleagues)	II, MV+/-	NPA; IFA	42.7	40.4	39.8	38.9
Takeo and Kampong Cham, Cambodia (urban, Apr 2007 - Feb 2010) (Goyet and colleagues)	II, F+, T+	NPS, throat swab; RT-PCR	22.6	20.5	20.2	18.8
Chillan, Chile (urban and rural, 2010 - 2013) (Fasce and colleagues)	II	NPA; IF	27.2			23.7
Osorno, Chile (urban and rural, 2010 - 2013) (Fasce and colleagues)	II	NPA; IF	25.4			22.3
Punta Arenas, Chile (urban and rural, 2010 - 2013) (Fasce and colleagues)	II	NPA; IF	60.8			56.4
Santiago, Chile (urban, 2010 - 2013) (Fasce and colleagues)	II	NPA; IF	33.5			28.2
Valparaiso, Chile (urban mostly, 2010 - 2013) (Fasce and colleagues)	II	NPA; IF	20.1			16.0
China (urban and rural, Jan 2009 - Sep 2013) (Yu and colleagues)	II, XR, W+/-, F+/-	NPA, NPS; PCR	27.0	24.9	23.5	21.6
Beijing, China (urban, Jan 2011 - Dec 2012) (GABRIEL)	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	73.8	53.8	42.2	33.1
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (urban, Sep 2011 - Oct 2012) (GABRIEL)	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	21.4	21.5	24.7	22.8
Phnom Penh, Cambodia (urban, Oct 2010 - Jan 2013) (GABRIEL)	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	21.8	22.6	22.8	21.7
Lucknow, India (urban and rural, Jun 2012 - Dec 2013) (GABRIEL)	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	9.1	6.4	6.2	5.7
Antananarivo, Madagascar (urban and rural, Dec 2010 - Feb 2013) (GABRIEL)	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	10.9	15.9	15.0	13.2
Asuncion, Paraguay (urban, Jul 2010 - May 2013) (GABRIEL)	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	25.6	16.9	14.9	14.3
Bamako, Mali (urban, Jul 2011 - Nov 2012) (GABRIEL)	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	43.6	36.4	30.9	26.5
Berlin, Germany (urban, 1st Apr 2010 - 31st Mar 2014) (Rath and colleagues)	II, F+, ICU+/-	NPS, NPA; RT-PCR	38.8	31.2	29.5	27.7
Tehran, Iran (urban, Mar 2008 - May 2009) ¹⁸²	II	throat swab and wash; PCR	20.5	18.9	17.6	17.6
Iran (urban, Nov 2007 - Apr 2013) ¹⁸³	II	throat swab; RT-PCR	24.6	24.7		
Amman, Jordan (urban, Mar 2010 - Mar 2013) (Khuri and colleagues)	II, T+, O2+/ICU/MV	nasal and throat swab; PCR	55.7	52.5		
Lwak, Kenya (rural, 2007 - 2011) (Montgomery and colleagues)	II, CWI+/DS+/O2+	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR	32.9	25.9	23.3	21.5
Rabat, Morocco (urban, Nov 2010 - Dec 2011) (Bassat and colleagues)	II, CWI+, T+	NPA; RT-PCR	29.3	22.3	19.9	17.3
Kathmandu, Nepal (urban, Jan 2006 - Jun 2008) (Basnet and colleagues)	II, CWI+	NPA; RT-PCR	15.2	14.1	13.8	

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Karachi, Pakistan (urban, Aug 2009 - Jul 2012) (Ali and colleagues)	II	throat swab; RT-PCR	22.1	21.2	20.5	19.4
Basse, Gambia (rural, 3rd Nov 2011 - 2nd Nov 2013) (PERCH)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	25.5	21.9	20.3	19.3
Kilifi, Kenya (urban, 15th Aug 2011 - 15th Nov 2013) (PERCH)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	33.7	27.0	25.2	23.7
Bamako, Mali (urban, 3rd Jan 2012 - 14th Jan 2014) (PERCH)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	32.0	27.5	26.4	25.4
Nakhon Phanom and Sa Kaeo, Thailand (rural, 1st Jan 2012 - 31st Jan 2014) (PERCH)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	26.4	26.2	29.1	27.3
Lusaka, Zambia (urban, 10th Oct 2011 - 31st Oct 2013) (PERCH)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	20.4	19.6	18.9	18.7
Dhaka, Bangladesh (urban, 1st Jan 2012 - 31st Dec 2013) (PERCH)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	21.3	19.9	19.6	18.7
Matlab, Bangladesh (rural, 1st Jan 2012 - 31st Dec 2013) (PERCH)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	53.6	39.0	35.8	33.3
Tacloban, Philippines (rural, May 2008 - Jul 2012) (Lupisan and colleagues)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, serum; PCR, virus isolation, culture, serology	21.6	18.9	17.9	17.0
Mpumalanga, South Africa (rural, Jan 2010 - Dec 2014) (Cohen and colleagues)	II	NPA; PCR	25.9	23.2	22.4	21.3
Nanjing, China (urban, Jan 2013 - Dec 2013) ¹⁸⁴	II	NPA; DFA	26.5		11.5	
Guangdong, China (urban, Jul 2010 - Jul 2012) ¹⁸⁵	II	NPA; RT-PCR	6.1		8.8	7.5
Yanting, China (urban, Jan 2011 - Dec 2012) ¹⁸⁶	II	NPA; RT-PCR	56.3		49.0	41.7
Guiyang, China (urban, Jan 2012 - Dec 2013) ¹⁸⁷	II	NPA; DFA	40.6		32.4	
Qingyuan, China (urban, Aug 2012 - Apr 2014) ¹⁸⁸	II	NPA; RT-PCR	7.9		7.4	
Guangzhou, China (urban, Jun 2012 - Jun 2013) ¹⁸⁹	II	NPA; RT-PCR	7.2		7.2	6.8
Guangxi, China (urban, Jan 2013 - Dec 2013) ¹⁹⁰	II	NPA; DFA	13.9		13.0	12.5
Huzhou, China (urban, Jan 2011 - Dec 2013) ¹⁹¹	II	NPA; DFA	18.4		17.2	16.8
Foshan, China (urban, Feb 2012 - Jan 2014) ¹⁹²	II	NPA; DFA	16.6	15.4		13.0
Wuhan, China (urban, Jan 2011 - Dec 2012) ¹⁹³	II	NPA; DFA	20.2			
Wenzhou, China (urban, Jan 2013 - Dec 2013) ¹⁹⁴	II	NPA; RT-PCR	42.6			42.4
Wenzhou, China (urban, Dec 2012 - Nov 2013) ¹⁹⁵	II	NPA; DFA	20.0		16.3	13.0
Chongqing, China (urban, Feb 2013 - Apr 2014) ¹⁹⁶	II	NPA; DFA	11.7		10.4	9.3
Ningxia, China (urban, Jan 2010 - Dec 2013) ¹⁹⁷	II	NPA; DFA	91.8	82.5	76.8	
Lishui, China (urban, Jan 2010 - Mar 2013) ¹⁹⁸	II	NPA; DFA	24.3		21.7	

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Nantong, China (urban, Jan 2012 - Mar 2013) ¹⁹⁹	II	NPA; DFA	39.7		30.8	28.5
Quanzhou, China (urban, Jan 2012 - Jan 2013) ²⁰⁰	II	NPS; DFA	37.7		31.0	25.6
Suzhou, China (urban, Jan 2009 - Dec 2013) ²⁰¹	II	NPS; DFA	18.9	17.6	17.1	15.8
Changsha, China (urban, Apr 2013 - Mar 2014) ²⁰²	II	NPA; DFA	50.7		46.4	45.0
Shenzhen, China (urban, Jul 2007 - Jun 2010) ²⁰³	II, F+	NPA; RT-PCR	16.3	15.6		
Soma, Japan (urban, Feb 2008 - Aug 2009) ²⁰⁴	II	NPA; RT-PCR			34.2	
Tokyo, Japan (urban, Apr 2007 - Mar 2012) ²⁰⁵	II	nasal swab; RT-PCR		30.8		
Baguio, Philippines (urban, Apr 2009 - Dec 2011) ²⁰⁶	III	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR		31.7		28.4
Riga, Latvia (urban, Jul 2009 - Jun 2012) ²⁰⁷	II	NPA; RT-PCR		42.5		
Mirzapur, Bangladesh (both, Jun 2006 - Sep 2007) ²⁰⁸	II	nasal wash; RT-PCR				
Beirut, Lebanon (urban, Oct 2012 - Mar 2014) ²⁰⁹	II	NPW; IF		25.8		
England, UK (urban, Apr 2007 - Mar 2008) ²¹⁰	II	NA	28.0			
Tehran, Iran (urban, Jan 2012 - Dec 2012) ²¹¹	II	NPA; RT-PCR				17.2
Taiwan, China (urban, Jan 2009 - Mar 2011) ²¹²	II	NPA; culture, IF		43.4		
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (urban, Jul 2010 - Jul 2011) ²¹³	II	NPA; DFA			14.0	
Rize, Turkey (urban, Jan 2014 - Jan 2015) ²¹⁴	II	NPS; RT-PCR	51.2	52.1	49.2	47.3
Aliasghar children's hospital, Iran (urban, Mar 2010 - Mar 2013) ²¹⁵	SARI	NPA; RT-PCR	33.7	34.7		31.0
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (urban, Feb 2008 - Feb 2009) ²¹⁶	II	NPA; RT-PCR				22.4
Yaounde, Cameroon (urban, Sep 2011 - Sep 2013) ²¹⁷	II	NPS; RT-PCR	67.2	67.5		67.1
Vila Real, Portugal (urban, Sep 2005 - Dec 2015) ²¹⁸	II	NPA; IF			47.7	
Nicosia, Cyprus (urban, Nov 2010 - Oct 2013) ²¹⁹	II	NPS; RT-PCR	46.2		36.9	
Shenzhen Children's Hospital, China (urban, Jan 2012 - Dec 2015) ²²⁰	II	NPS; DFA	13.4		11.7	
Lima, Peru (urban, Jan 2009 - Sep 2010) ²²¹	II	NPS; RT-PCR				17.3
Chonburi hospital, Thailand (urban, Jun 2013 - May 2014) ²²²	II	NPA; RT-PCR				21.6
Baiyin, China (urban, Apr 2012 - Mar 2015) ²²³	II	NPA; RT-PCR	37.6	36.2		33.0
Shijiazhuang, China (urban, Mar 2014 - Feb 2015) ²²⁴	II	NPA; DFA	47.0	32.2	33.3	

Location (reference)	Case definition (codes)*	Specimen and diagnostic test*	Proportion of RSV associated hospitalised ALRI (%)			
			0-11m	0-23m	0-35m	0-59m
Guangzhou, China (urban, 2011 - 2013) ²²⁵	II	NPA; RT-PCR	21.2	19.9		17.6
Wenzhou, China (urban, Mar 2013 - Feb 2014) ²²⁶	II	NPA; DFA	25.7		19.0	
Jinhua, China (urban, Feb 2013 - Jan 2014) ²²⁷	II	NPA; DFA	32.5		27.0	
Chongqing, China (urban, Jan 2014 - Dec 2014) ²²⁸	II	NPA; IF	32.5		35.4	
Suzhou, China (urban, Jan 2013 - Dec 2014) ²²⁹	II	NPA; DFA	24.9		23.9	
Shijiazhuang, China (urban, Mar 2014 - Feb 2015) ²³⁰	II	NPA; DFA	35.1		29.9	
Cangzhou, China (urban, May 2012 - Jul 2013) ²³¹	II	NPA; DFA			26.3	
Donguan, China (urban, Jan 2013 - Dec 2014) ²³²	II	NPA; RT-PCR		27.7		

Supplementary table 7: Description of 103 studies reporting proportion of in-hospital CFR for RSV associated ALRI in children younger than 5 years positive for RSV

Location (reference)	Case definition (coding)*	Specimen and diagnostic test*	In-hospital CFR of RSV associated hospitalised ALRI (%)					
			0-5m	6-11m	0-11m	0-23m	0-35m	0-59m
Hong Kong, China (urban, 1st Jan 2004 - 31st Dec 2004) ⁵²	II	NPA; DFA					0.0	
Taiwan, China (urban, Jan 2001 - Dec 2003) ⁵⁴	II	NPA; virus culture, IF						0.0
Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam (urban, Nov 2004 - Jan 2008) ⁶³	II, T+, CWI+/-, ICU+/-	nasal swab, throat swab, NPA; RT-PCR						0.0
Palma, Spain (urban, Jan 1995 - Dec 2006) ⁹¹	II	NPA, NPW; ELISA, culture				0.1		
San Luis Potosi, Mexico (urban, 1st May 2003 - 30th Apr 2005) ¹¹⁴	II	NPW; DFA					0.0	
Alaska, USA (rural, 4th Oct 2005 - 30th Sep 2007) ^{†233}	II	NPS, NPW; RT-PCR					0.0	
Dallas, Texas, USA (urban, Jan 2002 - Dec 2007) ¹¹⁷	II	NPA; IF, DFA, virus culture				0.1		
Jingzhou, China (urban, Jan - Dec 2011) ²³⁴	III, W+/-, T+/-, XR	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR						0.0
Taiwan, China (urban, 2004 - 2007) ²³⁵	II	NA						0.1
Sa Kaeo and Nakhom Phanom, Thailand (rural, 1st Jan 2004 - 31st Dec 2007) ⁴	II, XR	NPS, serum; RT-PCR, IFA						0.1
Damanhour, Egypt (urban and rural, Jun 2009 - Jun 2012) ¹⁰	II	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR						0.0
Lørenskog, Norway (periurban, Feb 1993 - Jan 2000) ²³	II	NPA; ELISA				0.2		
272 institutions, Japan (urban, Aug 2006 - Jul 2008) ²³⁶	II	NA					1.4	
Cairo, Egypt (urban, Feb 2010 - May 2011) ²³⁷	III	NPS and OPS; RT-PCR			5.0			

* NPA=nasopharyngeal aspirate. NPS=nasopharyngeal swab. NPW=nasopharyngeal wash. OPS=oropharyngeal swab. RT-PCR=reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction. IFA=indirect immunofluorescent antibody test. DFA=direct immunofluorescent antibody test. ELISA=enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay. IF=immunofluorescence. II=physician's assessment. III=SARI definition. F+/-=fever as part of case definition or not. T+/-=tachypnea part of case definition or not. W+/-=wheeze part of case definition or not. C+/-=crepitation part of case definition or not. XR=X-ray confirmed (radiologically confirmed pneumonia). CWI+/-=chest wall indrawing part of case definition or not. DS+/-=danger signs part of case definition or not. O2+/-=hypoxemia part of case definition or not. ICU=intensive care unit. MV=mechanical ventilation.

† Reported data from aboriginal population in high income country

Location (reference)	Case definition (coding)*	Specimen and diagnostic test*	In-hospital CFR of RSV associated hospitalised ALRI (%)						
			0-5m	6-11m	0-11m	0-23m	0-35m	0-59m	
Amman, Jordan (urban, 18th Jan - 29th Mar 2007) ²³⁸	II, F+/-	nasal and throat swab; RT-PCR							0.9
Croatia (urban, Sep 2003 - Oct 2009) ²³⁹	II	NPA; DFA							0.2
Beer-Sheva, Israel (urban, Nov to Mar, 2004 - 2011) ²⁴⁰	II, CWI+, XR	NPW; DFA and culture				0.2			
Belgrade, Serbia (urban, Nov 2008 - Mar 2009) ²⁴¹	II	NPA; EIA			2.2				
Athens, Greece (urban, Feb 1997 - Jun 2000) ¹²⁶	II, XR, W+/-, T+/-	NPW; DFA			0.7				
Stockholm, Sweden (urban, 1987 - 1998) ³⁰	II	NPW; IFA			0.3				
Multicentric, Germany (urban, Nov 1999 - Oct 2001) ²⁰	II	NPS; PCR					0.7		
Shropshire, United Kingdom (urban, Apr 1996 - Mar 1999) ²⁹	II	NA [‡] ; IF				0.2			
Berne, Switzerland (urban, Jul 1997 - Jun 2001) ²⁴²	II	NPS; DFA							0.2
Freiburg, Germany (urban and rural, Apr 1997 - Mar 1999) ²⁴³	II	NPS; IF							0.7
Germany (urban, 1999 - 2005) ²⁴⁴	II	NPA; ELISA, culture, PCR			0.5				
Manhica, Mozambique (rural, Oct 1998 - May 2000) ¹²⁵	II, CWI+/-, W+/-, T+/-	NPA; ELISA							3.4
Banjul, Fajara and Sibanor, Gambia (urban and rural, Oct 1993 - Dec 1996) ³³	II	NPA; IF				2.0			
Hong Kong, China (urban, Jan 1993 - Dec 1997) ³⁵	II	NPA, throat swab; DFA, virus isolation							0.1
Sydney, Australia (urban, May 1997 - Oct 1999) ²⁴⁵	II	NA				0.3			
Townsville, Australia (urban and rural, Jan 1997 - Oct 1999) ^{†36}	II	NA; IF, culture			1.1				
Navajo and WMA, USA (rural, Oct 1997 - Mar 2000) ^{†246}	II	NPA; ELISA				0.1			
Buenos Aires, Argentina (urban, Apr 1993 - Dec 1994) ²⁴⁷	II	NPA; DFA							1.3
Santiago, Chile (urban, Jan 1989 - Dec 2000) ¹²³	II, W-	NPA; IFA				0.1			
Graz, Austria (urban, Nov 1999 - Oct 2000) ³¹	II	NPA; ELISA			0.0				
Cape Town, South Africa (urban, Jun 1995 - Aug 1996) ¹²⁴	II, W+/-	NPA; ELISA				2.1			

‡ NA= not available

Location (reference)	Case definition (coding)*	Specimen and diagnostic test*	In-hospital CFR of RSV associated hospitalised ALRI (%)					
			0-5m	6-11m	0-11m	0-23m	0-35m	0-59m
Buenos Aires, Argentina (urban, May 1991 - Dec 1992) ¹²⁷	II, CWI+/-, XR, W+/-, T+/-	NPA; IFA				0.0		
Sao Paulo, Brazil (urban and rural, Mar 1995 - Aug 1996) ²⁴⁸	II	NPA, NPS; IFA						0.0
Tlaxcala, Mexico (urban and rural, Oct 1994 - Jun 1995) ²⁴⁹	II	NPS; IFA						0.0
Alaska, USA (rural, Jul 2001 - Jun 2004) (Singleton and colleagues) †	II	NPS, NPW; RT-PCR					0.4	
Buenos Aires, Argentina (urban, 2001 - 2013) (Gentile and colleagues) §	II, MV+/-	NPA; IFA	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Takeo ad Kampong Cham, Cambodia (urban, Apr 2007 - Feb 2010) (Goyet and colleagues) §	II, F+, T+	NPS, throat swab; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Beijing, China (urban, Jan 2011 - Dec 2012) (GABRIEL) §	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (urban, Sep 2011 - Oct 2012) (GABRIEL) §	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Phnom Penh, Cambodia (urban, Oct 2010 - Jan 2013) (GABRIEL) §	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lucknow, India (urban and rural, Jun 2012 - Dec 2013) (GABRIEL) §	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Antananarivo, Madagascar (urban and rural, Dec 2010 - Feb 2013) (GABRIEL) §	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asuncion, Paraguay (urban, Jul 2010 - May 2013) (GABRIEL) §	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bamako, Mali (urban, Jul 2011 - Nov 2012) (GABRIEL) §	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	14.3	4.2	3.6	3.3	3.2
Berlin, Germany (urban, 1st Apr 2010 - 31st Mar 2014) (Rath and colleagues) §	II, F+, ICU+/-	NPS, NPA; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amman, Jordan (urban, Mar 2010 - Mar 2013) (Khuri and colleagues)	II, T+, O2+/ICU/MV	nasal and throat swab; PCR	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4		
Lwak, Kenya (rural, 2007 - 2011) (Montgomery and colleagues) §	II, CWI+/DS+/O2+	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR	8.3	0.0	4.2	3.8	4.6	4.0
Rabat, Morocco (urban, Nov 2010 - Dec 2011) (Bassat and colleagues) §	II, CWI+, T+	NPA; RT-PCR	4.5	6.1	5.2	3.8	3.2	2.9
Karachi, Pakistan (urban, Aug 2009 - Jul 2012) (Ali and colleagues) §	II	throat swab; RT-PCR	1.1	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.9
Basse Santa Su, Gambia (rural, 3rd Nov 2011 - 2nd Nov 2013) (PERCH) §	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kilifi, Kenya (urban, 15th Aug 2011 - 15th Nov 2013) (PERCH) §	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.5	4.0

§ Reported in-hospital CFR separately for each of the following age bands- 0-5m, 6-11m and 12-59m

Location (reference)	Case definition (coding)*	Specimen and diagnostic test*	In-hospital CFR of RSV associated hospitalised ALRI (%)					
			0-5m	6-11m	0-11m	0-23m	0-35m	0-59m
Bamako, Mali (urban, 3rd Jan 2012 - 14th Jan 2014) (PERCH) §	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	1.7	5.6	2.2	2.7	2.6	2.6
Nakhon Phanom and Sa Kaeo, Thailand (rural, 1st Jan 2012 - 31st Jan 2014) (PERCH) §	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lusaka, Zambia (urban, 10th Oct 2011 - 31st Oct 2013) (PERCH) §	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	4.8	8.0	5.7	6.1	5.9	5.8
Dhaka, Bangladesh (urban, 1st Jan 2012 - 31st Dec 2013) (PERCH) §	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Matlab, Bangladesh (rural, 1st Jan 2012 - 31st Dec 2013) (PERCH) §	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tacloban City, Philippines (rural, May 2008 - Jul 2012) (Lupisan and colleagues) §	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, serum; PCR, virus isolation, culture, serology	2.5	2.0	2.3	1.8	1.7	1.7
Mpumalanga, South Africa (rural, Jan 2010 - Dec 2014) (Cohen and colleagues) §	II	NPA; PCR	2.4	4.6	3.2	2.6	2.4	2.2
CEMIC, Buenos Aires, Argentina (urban, 1st Jun 2008 - 31st Dec 2010) (Echavarría and colleagues) §	II, ICU+/-, MV+/-	NPA; IFA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Buenos Aires, Argentina (urban and rural, 2011 - 2013) (Polack and colleagues)	II, O2+, W+, F+/-, ICU+/-, MV+/-	NPA; PCR	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.1		
Belo Horizonte, Brazil (urban, 2011 - 2013) (Oliveira and colleagues) §	II, F+, O2+/-, ICU+/-	nasal swab; RT-PCR	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.3
Concepcion, Chile (urban and rural, Jan 2012 - Dec 2013) (Fasce and colleagues) §	II, F+/-, ICU+/-	NPA; IF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Iquique, Chile (urban and rural, Jan 2012 - Dec 2013) (Fasce and colleagues) §	II, F+/-, ICU+/-	NPA; IF	0.0	3.3	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Santa Ana, El Salvador (urban, 2008 - 2013) (Clara and colleagues)	III, T+/-, XR	NPS; IFA			23.3	17.6		15.9
Western Gambia (urban and rural, Jul 2007 - Jun 2008) (Howie and colleagues)	II, CWI+/-, W-, O2+/-	NPA; PCR		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Santa Rosa, Guatemala (urban and rural, 2008 - 2013) (McCracken and colleagues) §	II, CWI+/-, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR	3.7	1.7	3.1	2.8	2.6	3.0
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala (urban and rural, 2009 - 2013) (McCracken and colleagues) §	II, CWI+/-, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR	0.9	1.4	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.3
Ballabgarh, India (rural, 2010 - 2012) (Broor and colleagues) §	II, DS+/-	NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pune, India (rural, May 2009 - Apr 2013) (Chadha and colleagues) §	II	NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lombok, Indonesia (urban and rural, 2000 - 2002) (Gessner and	II, CWI+	nasal wash; ELISA	3.3	0.7	2.1	1.8		

Location (reference)	Case definition (coding)*	Specimen and diagnostic test*	In-hospital CFR of RSV associated hospitalised ALRI (%)					
			0-5m	6-11m	0-11m	0-23m	0-35m	0-59m
colleagues)								
Kilifi hospital study, Kenya (urban and rural, Jan 2002 - Dec 2010) (Nokes and colleagues) §	II, CWI+, O2+/DS+	OPS, NPS, nasal wash; DFA	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.2
Bondo district, Kenya (rural, Jan 2007 - Jun 2009) (Feikin and colleagues) §	II, O2+/DS+	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR	0.0	7.7	2.6	1.8	1.6	1.5
Manhiça, Mozambique (rural, 20th Sep 2006 - 19th Sep 2007) (Bassat and colleagues) §	II, T+	NPA; RT-PCR	0.0	10.0	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.0
Manhiça, Mozambique (rural, 1st Jan 2011 - 30th Jun 2014) (Bassat and colleagues) §	II, T+, O2+/-	NPA; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Utrecht, Netherlands (urban, 2001 - 2010) (Bont and colleagues)	II	NPS, NPW; PCR, IF	0.0	0.0	0.0			
41 sites in Netherlands (urban and rural, 2008 - 2013) (Bont and colleagues)	II, ICU+/-	NPS, NPW; PCR, IF	0.0	0.0	0.0			
David City, Panama (urban, Jan 2011 - Dec 2013) (Jara and colleagues) §	II	NPS, OPS; IFA, RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tagbilaran and 6 rural sites, Philippines (urban and rural, 5th Jul 2000 - 31st Dec 2004) (Lucero and colleagues)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPA, nasal swab; culture, PCR	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6		
Gauteng province, South Africa (urban, 2009 - 2012) (Cohen and colleagues) §	II	NPA; PCR	0.9	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
KwaZulu-Natal province, South Africa (periurban, 2010 - 2014) (Cohen and colleagues) §	II	NPA; PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Klerksdorp site, South Africa (periurban, Jan 2011 - Dec 2014) (Cohen and colleagues) §	II	NPA; PCR	2.6	0.0	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.5
Soweto, South Africa (urban, Mar 1998 - Oct 2005) (Madhi and colleagues) §	II, CWI+, O2+/-	NPA; IF	2.4	1.0	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.6
Paarl, South Africa (periurban, Mar 2012 - Dec 2014) (Zar and colleagues)	II, CWI+, T+, DS+/-	NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Sa Kao and Nakhon Phanom, Thailand (rural, Jan 2008 - Dec 2011) (Thamthitiwat and colleagues) §	II, F+/-, T+/-, CWI+, O2+/-	NPS; PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tone District, Togo (rural, Aug 2011 - Dec 2013) (Gessner and colleagues) §	II, CWI+	nasal wash; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Colorado, USA (urban and rural, Jan 2008 - Jun 2013) (Simoes and colleagues) §	II	nasal wash; PCR	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Navajo and WMA, USA - MEDI (rural, Oct 2004 - Dec 2010) (O'Brien and colleagues) †	II, O2+/-	NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0			

Location (reference)	Case definition (coding)*	Specimen and diagnostic test*	In-hospital CFR of RSV associated hospitalised ALRI (%)					
			0-5m	6-11m	0-11m	0-23m	0-35m	0-59m
Navajo and WMA, USA - EPI (rural, Oct 1997 - Mar 2000) (O'Brien and colleagues) †	II, O2+/-	NPA; EIA	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.1		
Nha Trang, Vietnam (urban and rural, Feb 2007 - Dec 2012) (Yoshida and colleagues) §	II, CWI+/DS+	NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Spain (urban, Jan 1997 - Dec 2011) ⁵	II	NA			0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Baguio, Philippines (urban, Apr 2009 - Dec 2011) ²⁰⁶	III	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR				0.5		0.4
Tehran, Iran (urban, Jan 2012 - Dec 2012) ²¹¹	II	NPA; RT-PCR						0.0
USA (urban, 2000, 2003, 2006 and 2009) ²⁵⁰	II	NA				0.1		
USA (urban, 2000 - 2011) ²⁵⁰	II	NA				0.3		
USA (urban, 2000) ⁹	II	NA						0.1
San Luis Potosi, Mexico (urban, May 2003 - Dec 2014) ²⁵¹	II	NPA; NA	1.5	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0
Seremban, Malaysia (urban, Jan 2008 - Dec 2013) ²⁵²	II	NPA; DFA			1.4			1.6
Gothenburg, Sweden (urban, 2004 - 2011) ⁴⁶	II	NA; PCR, IF						0.0
National database, USA (urban, 2004 - 2013) ²⁵³	II	NA				0.3		

Supplementary table 8: Description of 43 studies reporting proportion of in-hospital CFR (by narrow age bands) for RSV associated ALRI in children younger than 5 years positive for RSV

Location (reference)	Case definition (coding)*	Specimen and diagnostic test*	In-hospital CFR of RSV associated hospitalised ALRI (%)			
			0-5m	6-11m	12-23m	24-59m
Buenos Aires, Argentina (urban, 2001 - 2013) (Gentile and colleagues)	II, MV+/-	NPA; IFA	1.9	1.7	1.6	2.3
Takeo ad Kampong Cham, Cambodia (urban, Apr 2007 - Feb 2010) (Goyet and colleagues)	II, F+, T+	NPS, throat swab; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Beijing, China (urban, Jan 2011 - Dec 2012) (GABRIEL)	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (urban, Sep 2011 - Oct 2012) (GABRIEL)	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Phnom Penh, Cambodia (urban, Oct 2010 - Jan 2013) (GABRIEL)	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lucknow, India (urban and rural, Jun 2012 - Dec 2013) (GABRIEL)	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0		0.0
Antananarivo, Madagascar (urban and rural, Dec 2010 - Feb 2013) (GABRIEL)	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asuncion, Paraguay (urban, Jul 2010 - May 2013) (GABRIEL and colleagues)	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bamako, Mali (urban, Jul 2011 - Nov 2012) (GABRIEL)	II, T+, W-, XR	NPA, NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0
Berlin, Germany (urban, 1st Apr 2010 - 31st Mar 2014) (Rath and colleagues)	II, F+, ICU+/-	NPS, NPA; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lwak, Kenya (rural, 2007 - 2011) (Montgomery and colleagues)	II, CWI+/DS+/O2+	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR	8.3	0.0	3.3	4.3

* NPA=nasopharyngeal aspirate. NPS=nasopharyngeal swab. NPW=nasopharyngeal wash. OPS=oropharyngeal swab. RT-PCR=reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction. IFA=indirect immunofluorescent antibody test. DFA=direct immunofluorescent antibody test. ELISA=enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay. IF=immunofluorescence. II=physician's assessment. III=SARI definition. F+/-=fever as part of case definition or not. T+/-=tachypnea part of case definition or not. W+/-=wheeze part of case definition or not. C+/-=crepitation part of case definition or not. XR=X-ray confirmed (radiologically confirmed pneumonia). CWI+/-=chest wall indrawing part of case definition or not. DS+/-=danger signs part of case definition or not. O2+/-=hypoxemia part of case definition or not. ICU=intensive care unit. MV=mechanical ventilation.

Location (reference)	Case definition (coding)*	Specimen and diagnostic test*	In-hospital CFR of RSV associated hospitalised ALRI (%)			
			0-5m	6-11m	12-23m	24-59m
Rabat, Morocco (urban, Nov 2010 - Dec 2011) (Bassat and colleagues)	II, CWI+, T+	NPA; RT-PCR	4.5	6.1	0.0	0.0
Karachi, Pakistan (urban, Aug 2009 - Jul 2012) (Ali and colleagues)	II	throat swab; RT-PCR	1.1	0.0	0.0	3.7
Basse Santa Su, Gambia (rural, 3rd Nov 2011 - 2nd Nov 2013) (PERCH)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kilifi, Kenya (urban, 15th Aug 2011 - 15th Nov 2013) (PERCH)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	3.4	3.7	4.3	7.7
Bamako, Mali (urban, 3rd Jan 2012 - 14th Jan 2014) (PERCH)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	1.7	5.6	6.7	0.0
Nakhon Phanom and Sa Kaeo, Thailand (rural, 1st Jan 2012 - 31st Jan 2014) (PERCH)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lusaka, Zambia (urban, 10th Oct 2011 - 31st Oct 2013) (PERCH)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	4.8	8.0	9.1	0.0
Dhaka, Bangladesh (urban, 1st Jan 2012 - 31st Dec 2013) (PERCH)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Matlab, Bangladesh (rural, 1st Jan 2012 - 31st Dec 2013) (PERCH)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tacloban City, Philippines (rural, May 2008 - Jul 2012) (Lupisan and colleagues)	II, CWI+, DS+/-	NPS, serum; PCR, virus isolation, culture, serology	2.5	2.0	0.0	0.0
Mpumalanga, South Africa (rural, Jan 2010 - Dec 2014) (Cohen and colleagues)	II	NPA; PCR	2.4	4.6	0.0	0.0
CEMIC, Buenos Aires, Argentina (urban, 1st Jun 2008 - 31st Dec 2010) (Echavarría and colleagues)	II, ICU+/-, MV+/-	NPA; IFA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Belo Horizonte, Brazil (urban, 2011 - 2013) (Oliveira and colleagues)	II, F+, O2+/-, ICU+/-	nasal swab; RT-PCR	1.8	2.0	0.0	0.0
Concepcion, Chile (urban and rural, Jan 2012 - Dec 2013) (Fasce and colleagues)	II, F+/-, ICU+/-	NPA; IF	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2
Iquique, Chile (urban and rural, Jan 2012 - Dec 2013) (Fasce and colleagues)	II, F+/-, ICU+/-	NPA; IF	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0
Santa Rosa, Guatemala (urban and rural, 2008 - 2013) (McCracken and colleagues)	II, CWI+/-, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR	3.7	1.7	1.2	5.7
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala (urban and rural, 2009 - 2013) (McCracken and colleagues)	II, CWI+/-, DS+/-	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR	0.9	1.4	2.8	0.0

Location (reference)	Case definition (coding)*	Specimen and diagnostic test*	In-hospital CFR of RSV associated hospitalised ALRI (%)			
			0-5m	6-11m	12-23m	24-59m
Ballabgarh, India (rural, 2010 - 2012) (Broor and colleagues)	II, DS+/-	NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pune, India (rural, May 2009 - Apr 2013) (Chadha and colleagues)	II	NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kilifi hospital study, Kenya (urban and rural, Jan 2002 - Dec 2010) (Nokes and colleagues)	II, CWI+, O2+/DS+	OPS, NPS, nasal wash; DFA	2.1	2.2	0.5	5.8
Bondo district, Kenya (rural, Jan 2007 - Jun 2009) (Feikin and colleagues)	II, O2+/DS+	NPS, OPS; RT-PCR	0.0	7.7	0.0	0.0
Manhiça, Mozambique (rural, 20th Sep 2006 - 19th Sep 2007) (Bassat and colleagues)	II, T+	NPA; RT-PCR	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0
Manhiça, Mozambique (rural, 1st Jan 2011 - 30th Jun 2014) (Bassat and colleagues)	II, T+, O2+/-	NPA; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
David City, Panama (urban, Jan 2011 - Dec 2013) (Jara and colleagues)	II	NPS, OPS; IFA, RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gauteng province, South Africa (urban, 2009 - 2012) (Cohen and colleagues)	II	NPA; PCR	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
KwaZulu-Natal province, South Africa (periurban, 2010 - 2014) (Cohen and colleagues)	II	NPA; PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Klerksdorp site, South Africa (periurban, Jan 2011 - Dec 2014) (Cohen and colleagues)	II	NPA; PCR	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Soweto, South Africa (urban, Mar 1998 - Oct 2005) (Madhi and colleagues)	II, CWI+, O2+/-	NPA; IF	2.4	1.0	0.7	0.0
Sa Kaeo and Nakhon Phanom, Thailand (rural, Jan 2008 - Dec 2011) (Thamthitiwat and colleagues)	II, F+/-, T+/-, CWI+, O2+/-	NPS; PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tone District, Togo (rural, Aug 2011 - Dec 2013) (Gessner and colleagues)	II, CWI+	nasal wash; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Colorado, USA (urban and rural, Jan 2008 - Jun 2013) (Simoes and colleagues)	II	nasal wash; PCR	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2
Nha Trang, Vietnam (urban and rural, Feb 2007 - Dec 2012) (Yoshida and colleagues)	II, CWI+/DS+	NPS; RT-PCR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Supplementary table 9: Regional meta-estimates of incidence of RSV-associated ALRI (by narrow age bands) in children younger than 5 years

Region	0-27days		28-<3m		3-5m		6-11m		12-23m		24-59m	
	No.*	Incidence	No.	Incidence	No.	Incidence	No.	Incidence	No.	Incidence	No.	Incidence
Low income	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Lower middle income	2	14.4 (0.3-609.1)	4	23.6 (7.6-72.9)	6	72.2 (48.8-106.7)	8	80.7 (48-135.6)	8	66.5 (39.4-112.2)	4	13.4 (8.5-20.9)
Upper middle income	1	235.3 (88.3-626.9)	1	471.4 (335.1-663.1)	1	619 (452.3-847.3)	2	223 (95.2-522.1)	2	155.7 (41.3-586.7)	0	
High income	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Developing	3	40 (2.5-635.7)	5	45.7 (5.9-356.1)	7	99.6 (38.5-257.7)	10	98.8 (58.8-166.1)	10	79.1 (45.1-138.9)	4	13.4 (8.5-20.9)
Industrialised	0		0		0		0		0		0	

* No. = Number of studies

Supplementary table 10: Meta-estimates of incidence of RSV-associated severe and very severe ALRI (by narrow age bands) in children younger than 5 years residing in developing countries

	0-27days		28-<3m		3-5m		6-11m		12-23m		24-59m	
	No.*	Incidence	No.	Incidence	No.	Incidence	No.	Incidence	No.	Incidence	No.	Incidence
RSV-associated severe ALRI	2	93.4 (11.2-778.3)	3	28.5 (1.4-594.7)	5	38.7 (5.7-265)	7	24.7 (11.5-53.2)	7	10.3 (4.6-23)	2	2.8 (1.3-6.2)
RSV-associated very severe ALRI	0	..	2	5.7 (0.2-155.4)	3	11.2 (1.7-75.2)	3	3.8 (0.5-29.6)	3	6.6 (2.5-17.5)	0	..

* No. = Number of studies

Supplementary table 11: Regional meta-estimates of hospitalisation rate of RSV-associated ALRI (by narrow age bands) in children younger than 5 years

Region	0-27 days		28-<3m		3-5m		6-8m		9-11m		12-23m		24-59m	
	No.*	Hospitalisation rate	No.	Hospitalisation rate	No.	Hospitalisation rate	No.	Hospitalisation rate	No.	Hospitalisation rate	No.	Hospitalisation rate	No.	Hospitalisation rate
Low income	2	5.0 (0.4-69.8)	3	5.2 (1.4-19.5)	2	6.8 (1.7-28.1)	3	2.5 (0.5-12.9)	2	1.8 (0.9-3.7)	4	1.3 (0.4-5.0)	4	0.4 (0.1-1.2)
Lower middle income	5	9.3 (2.5-35.3)	7	22.9 (13.3-39.5)	7	20.5 (11.9-35.4)	7	14.0 (7.8-25.4)	7	9.4 (4.1-21.7)	12	5.6 (3.3-9.7)	9	1.1 (0.6-1.9)
Upper middle income	3	46.4 (3.9-549.5)	4	74.5 (28.2-197)	5	25.7 (11.6-56.7)	5	16.9 (9.1-31.5)	5	18.8 (9.6-36.9)	8	7.1 (4.6-10.7)	6	1.4 (0.8-2.7)
High income	2	31.9 (26.9-37.8)	2	67.4 (45.3-100.5)	3	36.7 (19.1-70.6)	1	40.8 (36.9-45.1)	1	25.9 (22.9-29.4)	14	4.2 (3.4-5.4)	11	0.9 (0.6-1.2)
Developing	11	15.9 (8.8-28.9)	15	26.1 (16.7-40.7)	15	20.7 (12.9-33.0)	16	12.0 (7.9-18.3)	15	11.3 (7.3-17.4)	28	5.0 (3.8-6.4)	23	1.0 (0.7-1.4)
Industrialised	1	31.0 (22.0-43.6)	1	54.6 (45.5-65.5)	2	27.5 (23.4-32.4)	0		0		10	3.9 (3.0-5.3)	7	0.8 (0.6-1.2)

* No. = Number of studies

Supplementary table 12: Regional meta-estimates of proportion of hospitalised RSV-associated ALRI cases with hypoxemia in children younger than 5 years

Region	0-11m		12-23m		0-23m		24-59m		0-59m	
	No. of studies	Proportion (%)	No. of studies	Proportion (%)	No. of studies	Proportion (%)	No. of studies	Proportion (%)	No. of studies	Proportion (%)
Low income	8	16.4 (9.1-29.6)	8	18.9 (2.2-162.7)	8	14.4 (7.8-26.5)	8	10.7 (6.1-18.8)	8	13.9 (7.7-24.9)
Lower middle income	6	16.5 (9.1-30.0)	6	17.7 (9.9-31.8)	6	16.3 (9.2-29.1)	4	14.7 (6.5-33.3)	5	17.3 (7.8-38.6)
Upper middle income	9	26.9 (18.3-39.5)	9	23.0 (14.9-35.3)	9	24.3 (16.7-35.5)	5	36.6 (23.7-56.5)	5	30.5 (20.1-46.1)
High income	2	32.4 (8.3-127.3)	2	53.8 (28.1-103.0)	2	37.0 (11.7-117.4)	2	53.2 (29.9-94.9)	2	39.6 (14.2-110.5)
Developing	23	20.2 (15.1-26.9)	23	19.7 (12.8-30.4)	23	18.6 (14.0-24.8)	17	20.6 (13.3-31.9)	18	18.4 (12.8-26.4)
Industrialised	2	32.4 (8.3-127.3)	2	53.8 (28.1-103.0)	2	37.0 (11.7-117.4)	2	53.2 (29.9-94.9)	2	39.6 (14.2-110.5)

Supplementary table 13: Regional meta-estimates of proportion of hospitalised ALRI cases positive for RSV by World Bank income regions in children younger than 5 years

Region	0-11m		0-59m	
	No. of studies	Proportion (%)	No. of studies	Proportion (%)
Low income	8	21.1 (15.2-29.3)	6	20.9 (17.9-24.5)
Lower middle income	14	29.6 (23.4-37.4)	18	21.9 (18.1-26.5)
Upper middle income	103	28.7 (26.5-31.1)	53	23.0 (20.5-25.7)
High income	22	39.7 (34.7-45.4)	27	28.3 (25.3-31.6)
Developing	133	28.7 (26.7-30.8)	93	23.2 (21.4-25.3)
Industrialised	14	42.5 (35.7-50.6)	11	29.9 (24.1-37.1)

Supplementary table 14: Regional meta-estimates of proportion of hospitalised ALRI cases positive for RSV, and estimated hospitalisations by WHO regions in children younger than 5 years

Region	0-11m		0-59m		Hospitalised cases (*10 ³)
	No. of studies	Proportion (%)	No. of studies	Proportion (%)	
Africa	10	27.3 (19.9-37.5)	13	22.7 (17.9-28.8)	1008 (795-1278)
Americas	19	37.5 (32.6-43.3)	15	27.6 (23.9-32.0)	170 (147-197)
Eastern Mediterranean	8	29.4 (21.1-41.1)	10	24.4 (18.9-31.4)	438 (340-564)
Europe	12	43.1 (35.4-52.6)	10	29.8 (23.8-37.4)	557 (444-699)
South-East Asia	10	30.8 (21.8-43.7)	9	23.9 (19.2-29.8)	629 (505-784)
Western Pacific	88	27.0 (24.8-29.5)	47	22.2 (19.8-24.9)	109 (97-122)
Global					2911 (2329-3644)

Supplementary table 15: Meta-estimate of hospitalisation rate (per 1000 children per year) and in-hospital CFR (%) for RSV-associated ALRI in children younger than 5 years in developing countries by subtypes

	0-5m		0-11m		0-59m		hCFR
	No. of studies	Hospitalisation rate	No. of studies	Hospitalisation rate	No. of studies	Hospitalisation rate	
RSV-A	5	9.2 (4.9-17.3)	5	9.0 (5.4-14.9)	6	2.4 (1.6-3.6)	2.3 (1.7-3.1)
RSV-B	3	2.1 (0.3-15.3)	4	2.5 (0.9-7.0)	4	0.7 (0.3-1.6)	1.5 (0.8-2.8)

Supplementary table 16: Proportion of eligible ALRI cases not tested for RSV (in the studies included in the analysis) with reasons thereof

Location (study period) (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	Reasons for not testing
Dhaka, Bangladesh (Jan 2005 - Feb 2008) (Brooks, unpublished)	19.3 (290/1500)	NA
Bandung, Indonesia (1st Feb 1999 - 26th Apr 2001) (Simoes, unpublished)	65.6 (1535/2339)	subjects did not meet case definition (LRI)
Gilgit, Pakistan (1st Apr 2012 - 31st Mar 2014) (Rasmussen, unpublished)	14.3 (34/238)	child absent when collecting samples, samples were not valid by the time it reached the testing center, mother refusal
Paarl, South Africa (Mar 2012 - Dec 2014) (Zar, unpublished)	36.1 (116/321)	specimen not collected, PCR results not available
Sa Kaeo and Nakhom Phanom, Thailand (1st Jan 2004 - 31st Dec 2007)⁴	51.5 (11760/22857)	NA
Damanhour, Egypt (Jun 2009 - Jun 2012)¹⁰	12.4 (659/5324)	no informed consent or samples
Multicentric, Germany (Nov 1999 - Oct 2001)²⁰	36.9 (1078/2924)	no informed consent, unavailable clinical specimens or specimens were not tested
Banjul, Fajara and Sibanor, Gambia (Jan 1994 - Dec 1996)³³	59.5 (3305/5557)	no village of origin documented, from outside the western region, no sex documented, samples not being taken because children admitted during weekends/holidays, absence of the patient from the ward for investigations and lack of documentation of an admission diagnosis on the patient's chart
Nashville, Rochester and Cincinnati, USA (Oct 2000 - Sep 2004)⁶	18.6 (1158/6225)	a lack of parental consent or unavailability of parents
CEMIC, Buenos Aires, Argentina (1st Jun 2008 - 31st Dec 2010) (Echavarria, unpublished)	5.3 (3/57)	insufficient sample
Buenos Aires, Argentina (2011 - 2013) (Polack, unpublished)	0.9 (30/3371)	sample inadequate
Belo Horizonte, Brazil (2011 - 2013) (Oliveira, unpublished)	59.4 (757/1275)	frozen samples at weekends; laboratory refused
Concepcion, Chile (Jan 2012 - Dec 2013) (Fasce, unpublished)	3.3 (16/481)	cases were not notified in time so as to collect sample
Iquique, Chile (Jan 2012 - Dec 2013) (Fasce, unpublished)	0.6 (4/683)	cases were not notified in time so as to collect sample
Jingzhou, China (Jan 2010 - Dec 2012) (Yu, unpublished)	97.1 (19092/19660)	sample selection
Santa Ana, El Salvador (2008 - 2013) (Clara, unpublished)	78.8 (4388/5570)	NA

Location (study period) (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	Reasons for not testing
Gambia Western Region, Gambia (Jul 2007 - Jun 2008) (Howie, unpublished)	4.2 (4/95)	technical problem with specimen
Santa Rosa, Guatemala (2008 - 2013) (McCracken, unpublished)	5.7 (104/1810)	no consent or no specimen
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala (2009 - 2013) (McCracken, unpublished)	10.9 (207/1893)	no consent or no specimen
Pune, India (May 2009 - Apr 2013) (Chadha, unpublished)	12.7 (78/612)	poor quality swab; inadequate specimen; sample lost
Lombok, Indonesia (2000 - 2002) (Gessner, unpublished)	28.9 (1500/5198)	primarily age <3 months and critical illness on presentation; specimens collected 4 days a week so if patients who had rapid admission, would not have been done
Kilifi hospital study, Kenya (Jan 2002 - Dec 2010) (Nokes, unpublished)	24.4 (2817/11544)	died; discharged; refusal
Bondo district, Kenya (Jan 2007 - Jun 2009) (Feikin, unpublished)	28.7 (208/726)	low swab quality
Manhiça, Mozambique (20th Sep 2006 - 19th Sep 2007) (Bassat, unpublished)	3.4 (28/835)	NPA not collected or processed without results
Manhiça, Mozambique (1st Jan 2011 - 30th Jun 2014) (Bassat, unpublished)	3.1 (15/491)	NPA not collected or processed without results
41 sites in Netherlands (2008 - 2013) (Bont, unpublished)	10.0 (24/241)	reasons for not testing are unknown, as the decisions for testing are made by independent physicians at hospital of presentation
David City, Panama (Jan 2011 - Dec 2013) (Jara, unpublished)	81.8 (2152/2631)	lack of resources at the lab to test
Tagbilaran and 6 rural sites, Philippines (5th Jul 2000 - 31st Dec 2004) (Lucero, unpublished)	36.0 (537/1491)	no specimen collected for those cases not tested for RSV
Gauteng province, South Africa (2009 - 2012) (Cohen, unpublished)	2.0 (122/6016)	child too ill to take sample from; specimens not reaching laboratory within 72 hours
KwaZulu-Natal province, South Africa (2010 - 2014) (Cohen, unpublished)	4.5 (72/1607)	patient very ill; parents refuse consent, specimen not at lab within 72 hours
Klerksdorp site, South Africa (Jan 2011 - Dec 2014) (Cohen, unpublished)	3.2 (30/932)	patient very ill; parents refuse consent, specimen not at lab within 72 hours
Soweto, South Africa (Mar 1998 - Oct 2005) (Madhi, unpublished)	4.6 (240/5231)	missed as part of surveillance
Maela Camp, Tak Province, Thailand (Nov 2007 - Oct 2010)	2.3 (8/354)	parents refused NPA taken

Location (study period) (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	Reasons for not testing
(Turner, unpublished)		
Sa Kaeo and Nakhon Phanom, Thailand (Jan 2008 - Dec 2011) (Thamthitawat, unpublished)	75.0 (14334/19103)	NA
Tone district, Togo (Aug 2011 - Dec 2013) (Gessner, unpublished)	3.2 (4/124)	testing just started
Alaska, USA (Jul 1994 - Jun 2012) (Singleton, unpublished)	20.5 (1222/5965)	at provider discretion
Navajo and WMA, USA - MEDI (Oct 2004 - Dec 2010) (O'Brien, unpublished)	3.8 (5/132)	specimen not collected, most probably due to short hospitalization stay (<2 days)
Nha Trang, Vietnam (Feb 2007 - Dec 2012) (Yoshida, unpublished)	3.1 (25/795)	some sample being lost
Subiaco, Australia (Jan 2000 - Dec 2005)⁴⁷	54.8 (10877/19849)	NA
Lanzhou, China (Oct 2004 - Oct 2005)⁵⁰	7.1 (63/884)	lack of consent and convalescent serum sample was not obtained
Hong Kong, China (Nov 2005 - Oct 2006)⁵³	80	sampling
Nagasaki, Japan (Apr 2009 - Mar 2010)⁵⁸	3.0 (13/433)	NA
Seoul, Korea (Jan - Dec 2004)⁵⁹	71.8 (509/709)	excluded during sampling process and small quantities not enough for RNA extraction
Khon Kaen, Thailand (Apr 2002 - Aug 2004)⁷⁰	35.0 (91/260)	parents didn't give consent for collection of NPA from their children; inappropriately stored for viral detection
Tak Province, Thailand (Apr 2009 - Sep 2011)⁷¹	14.0 (117/836)	failure to meet the case definition; presented twice within 14 days; inadequate specimens
Turku, Finland (Jan 1993 - Dec 1995)⁸⁰	14.2 (42/296)	a convalescent serum sample was not obtained, chest radiographs did not have infiltrates compatible with pneumonia at the reevaluation done by 3 pediatric radiologists, or the radiographs were not available for the reevaluation
Kiel, Germany (Jul 1996 - Jun 2001)⁸²	37.3 (1015/2721)	NA
Pisa, Italy (Jan 2000 - May 2006)⁸⁷	19.5 (39/200)	some specimens were frozen immediately after collection and unsuitable for virus detection by DFA or rapid culture in shell vials
Milan, Italy (1st Dec 2008 - 31st Dec 2009)⁸⁹	4.0 (24/600)	no guardian consent
Palma, Spain (Jan 1995 - Dec 2006)⁹¹	17.5 (505/2889)	no info about RSV microbiology; erroneously codified; >2y; had a previous episode of obstructive lower airway infection

Location (study period) (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	Reasons for not testing
Madrid, Spain (Sep 2005 - Aug 2008)⁹³	14.1 (52/370)	lack of NPA samples or they refused to participate
Lausanne and Geneva, Switzerland (Mar 2003 - Dec 2005)⁹⁵	10.8 (12/111)	impossibility to obtain samples or interrupt the study
Pelotas, Brazil (1st Aug 1997 - 31st Jul 1998)⁹⁹	30.4 (266/874)	refusals and losses; insufficient available data to generate adequate diagnostic by the judge or the judge did not give a diagnostic of ARD; readmission; not tested for RSV
Sao Paulo, Brazil (Jan 2006 - Dec 2007)¹⁰³	17.7 (53/299)	didn't meet criteria; incomplete data in their medical records
Sao Paulo, Brazil (May 2004 - Sep 2005)¹⁰⁵	4.3 (13/303)	loss of specimen
Sao Paulo, Brazil (Mar 2008 - Aug 2011)¹⁰⁷	27.5 (308/1121)	repeated or inadequate samples
Belem, Brazil (Nov 2006 - Oct 2007)¹⁰⁸	13.5 (164/1214)	no consent from parents or legal guardians
Porto Alegre, Brazil (Sep 2009 - Sep 2010)¹⁰⁹	3.0 (2/67)	no samples collected
Iqaluit, Canada (28th Jan 2002 - 27th Mar 2003)¹¹⁰	7.3 (9/124)	NA
San Luis Potosi, Mexico (1st May 2003 - 30th Apr 2005)¹¹⁴	16.1 (118/734)	no respiratory samples
California, USA (1996 - 2004)¹¹⁶	15.0 (309/2060)	NA
Dallas, Texas, USA (Jan 2002 - Dec 2007)¹¹⁷	4.4 (211/4800)	not tested
Rarieda, Kenya (1st Mar 2007 - 28th Feb 2010)¹²⁰	78.1 (1250/1600)	NA
Kilifi, Kenya (Jan - Dec 2010)¹²¹	16.0 (154/963)	refused; died during the admission process; failure of the computerized flagging system; other reasons
Bondo district, Kenya (Aug 2008 - Dec 2010)¹²²	58.9 (974/1654)	not tested
Santiago, Chile (Jan 1989 - Dec 2000)¹²³	NA	poor sample quality or quantity
Cape Town, South Africa (Jun 1995 - Aug 1996)¹²⁴	68.3 (2776/4064)	NA
Manhica District, Mozambique (Oct 1998 - May 2000)¹²⁵	44.2 (793/1794)	no NPA or complete information or valid NPA result
Athens, Greece (Feb 1997 - Jun 2000)¹²⁶	25.6 (163/636)	NA
Buenos Aires, Argentina (2001 - 2013) (Gentile, unpublished)	12.9 (1361/10581)	NA

Location (study period) (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	Reasons for not testing
Lwak, Kenya (2007 - 2011) (Montgomery, unpublished)	72.4 (1231/1701)	refusal to consent; unavailability of transport from field site to lab; high patient volumes; inadequate staffing levels
Kathmandu, Nepal (Jan 2006 - Jun 2008) (Basnet, unpublished)	71.8 (1630/2271)	other severe illness, history of documented TB, severe malnutrition, heart disease, diarrhoea with dehydration, disappearance of indrawing after salbutamol, recurrent wheezing, effusion/pneumothorax on chest X-ray, Hb% < 7 gm/dl, chronic cough, already enrolled in study once
Basse, Gambia (3rd Nov 2011 - 2nd Nov 2013) (PERCH, unpublished)	7.2 (46/638)	quality control not yet complete
Kilifi, Kenya (15th Aug 2011 - 15th Nov 2013) (PERCH, unpublished)	0.3 (2/634)	specimen not collected
Bamako, Mali (3rd Jan 2012 - 14th Jan 2014) (PERCH, unpublished)	9.1 (61/674)	quality control not yet complete
Nakhon Phanom and Sa Kaeo, Thailand (1st Jan 2012 - 31st Jan 2014) (PERCH, unpublished)	18.3 (41/224)	quality control not yet complete
Lusaka, Zambia (10th Oct 2011 - 31st Oct 2013) (PERCH, unpublished)	10.5 (65/617)	quality control not yet complete
Mpumalanga, South Africa (Jan 2010 - Dec 2014) (Cohen, unpublished)	4.0 (52/1310)	patient very ill; parents refuse consent; specimen not at lab within 72 hours
Beirut, Lebanon (Oct 2012 - Mar 2014)²⁰⁹	18.3 (99/542)	no specimens collected or had onset of respiratory symptoms for more than 7 days
Buenos Aires, Argentina (Apr 1993 - Dec 1994)²⁴⁷	3.4 (44/1278)	NA
Beer-Sheva, Israel (Nov to Mar, 2004 - 2011)²⁴⁰	52.8 (1182/2240)	specimens were not obtained
Jingzhou, China (Jan - Dec 2011)²³⁴	93.0 (6803/7314)	random samples
Amman, Jordan (18th Jan - 29th Mar 2007)²³⁸	2.0 (15/743)	clinical or laboratory data were not available

Supplementary table 17: Method for calculating country specific estimates for RSV-associated ALRI

- Step 1 We conducted a systematic literature review to identify the risk factors for RSV in children aged 0-4 years (Shi et al., 2015). We selected risk factors which in meta-analyses had strong statistically significant associations with RSV. These were:
- Prematurity (gestational age <37 weeks) - OR 1.96 (1.44-2.67)
 - Low birth weight (<2500 gms) - OR 1.91 (1.45-2.53)
 - Siblings - OR 1.6 (1.32-1.95)
 - Maternal smoking - OR 1.36 (1.24-1.5)
 - Paediatric HIV - OR 3.74 (2.47-5.66)
 - Crowding - OR 1.94 (1.29-2.93)
- Step 2 We obtained data on the prevalence of low birth weight, siblings and crowding from nationally representative household surveys with large sample sizes - the Demographic and Health surveys (DHS). DHS surveys are generally carried out every 2 to 5 years and provide data on demography and health indicators. The data for China were obtained from the Chinese National Bureau of Statistics. The HIV data were obtained from the United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) estimates for 2013 (http://www.unaids.org/en/media/unaids/contentassets/documents/epidemiology/2013/gr2013/20131118_Methodology.pdf). Maternal smoking data were obtained from previously published global estimates (Ng et al JAMA 2013) and prematurity data were obtained from WHO estimates (Blencowe et al, Lancet 2012). We ensured that the definitions of risk factors were the same in the studies estimating the risk ratios as in the surveys that measured prevalence of exposure to these risk factors.
- Specifically, we defined each risk factor using one or more DHS variables. Then, using individual patient data from the survey for each country, we calculated the proportion of participants with each combination of risk factors.
- We chose the standard DHS survey (i.e. not special surveys) with these risk factors recorded closest to 2015 respectively.
- Step 3 We categorised the developing countries into different subgroups based on the six WHO regions and child and adult mortality strata: A, very low child and very low adult mortality; B, low child and low adult mortality; C, low child and high adult mortality; D, high child and high adult mortality; E, high child and very high adult mortality. Where available, we decided to use the latest data for the prevalence of the six risk factors. If the prevalence data were not available for any risk factor in a particular country, we imputed the median

prevalence for the subgroup to which the country belonged.

Step 4

The total rates for RSV-associated ALRI in developing countries were obtained from meta-analyses described in the methods section of the paper. The estimates and standard errors for each meta-estimate was used to define log-normal distributions. In R, we obtained 10,000 from these distributions.

The rate of RSV-associated ALRI in a population is the sum of each stratum specific rate, weighted by the proportion in each stratum where there are j mutually exclusive strata: -

$$Total\ rate = \frac{\sum x_j}{\sum n_j} = \sum_j \left(\frac{x_j}{n_j} \cdot \frac{n_0}{x_0} \cdot \frac{x_0}{n_0} \cdot \frac{n_j}{\sum n_j} \right)$$

where x is the number of cases in a stratum, n is the total population in a stratum and where $j = 0$ indicates the stratum which has no exposures (i.e. the unexposed) and $j = 1$ to $j = 127$ indicate the strata for each unique combination of risk factors. This equation can be re-written as: -

$$Total\ rate = \frac{x_0}{n_0} \times \sum_j \left(\frac{x_j}{n_j} \cdot \frac{n_0}{x_0} \cdot \frac{n_j}{\sum n_j} \right)$$

where $\frac{x_0}{n_0}$ is the rate in the unexposed, $\frac{x_j}{n_j} \cdot \frac{n_0}{x_0}$ is the rate ratio, and $\frac{n_j}{\sum n_j}$ is the proportion in each stratum.

Therefore, using the regional estimates (for developing countries) of the total rate, the combined rate ratio for each stratum, and the proportion in each stratum calculated the incidence in unexposed people for the region (all developing countries). This was estimated to be 26.6 (15.6-44.3) episodes per 1000 children aged below 5 years per year. If we then assume that the rate in the unexposed is consistent across the region (all developing countries) we can then calculate the incidence rate for each country: -

$$Country\ specific\ rate = \frac{\sum x_j^c}{\sum n_j^c} = \frac{\sum x_j^r}{\sum n_j^r} \cdot \frac{\sum_j \left(\frac{x_j}{n_j} \cdot \frac{n_0}{x_0} \cdot \frac{n_j^r}{\sum n_j^r} \right)}{\sum_j \left(\frac{x_j}{n_j} \cdot \frac{n_0}{x_0} \cdot \frac{n_j^c}{\sum n_j^c} \right)}$$

where c indicates a country specific value and r indicates a regional value.

Step 5

Assumptions:

- As with attributable fraction calculations, we assume that the pooled risk ratios obtained from a range of case-control/cohort studies in the developing region were applicable across all developing countries. As described in Step 6 we added additional uncertainty to our estimates to somewhat relax this assumption.
- As in our previous analysis (Theodoratou et al., 2014) we assumed that there was an n-way interaction between each risk factor (1.25 fold reduction) such that rate ratios combined sub-multiplicatively (e.g. for the group with malnutrition and low birth weight, $RR_A = 4.5$, and $RR_B = 3.6$, $RR_{A\&B} = 4.5 \times 3.6 / 1.25 = 12.96$ rather than $4.5 \times 3.6 = 16.2$). None of the primary studies included in the meta-analysis reported interaction/heterogeneity of effect measure estimates on a multiplicative scale. However, we noted that the majority of studies did not report testing for interaction and it seemed unlikely to us that all risks combined fully multiplicatively. Therefore, we added a weak interaction term to shrink the combined rate ratios towards the null. This would have the effect of causing the country specific estimates to be attenuated towards the overall estimate for the developing region.
- We also obtained individual-level patient data from two collaborating sites and estimated all two-way interactions for prematurity, siblings, overcrowding and low birth weight except low birth weight-siblings (as no patients had this combination). There were 92 cases with RSV of 311 patients. As expected the confidence intervals were very wide, offering little empirical guidance to the choice of a specified interaction odds ratio.

Interaction term	Odds ratio	Lower CI	Upper CI
prematurity:siblings	2.66	0.2	35.89
prematurity:crowding	0.67	0.04	10.15
prematurity:lbw	0.83	0.27	2.61
lbw:crowding	6.71	0.72	62.79
siblings:crowding	2.68	0.2	35.36

This justifies our choice of adding a weak interaction term (as described above).

- In order to calculate the proportion of the population in each country within each of the j strata we first aggregated the survey data to obtain a marginal (overall) estimate for each risk factor, then assumed independence to estimate the proportion of individuals with each combination of risk factors (i.e. the proportion in each of the j strata).

This assumption was made so that the uncertainty around the proportion for each combination of risk factors could be obtained by sampling from 6 beta distributions (with shape parameters determined by the number of participants in the survey with and without each of the 6 risk factors), then multiplying together each of the 6 sampling distributions. We could instead have used the actual number of participants with each combination of risk factors, and sampled instead from a Dirlecht distribution (a multivariate extension of the beta distribution). However, our chosen approach had a number of advantages. Firstly, it allowed us to use data from more than one source (only 3 of the 6 risk factors were well recorded in the DHS surveys). Secondly, data processing was more straightforward. Thirdly, it meant that we could make the data used in the analyses publicly available, which would not have been possible had we used the actual joint proportions, which are potentially disclosive.

- Finally we assumed that the rate among the unexposed (i.e. the risk in the absence of these SIX risk factors) came from the same distribution for all countries. This is the same as assuming that there was no residual confounding.

Step 6 Using a simulation based approach, we performed the calculation described in step 4 to estimate the country specific rates along with uncertainty ranges (UR).

This was done by performing this calculation for each of the 10,000 samples from the distributions representing the incidence rates, odds ratios and risk factor proportions (methods used to obtain each of these were obtained as described above) within R. Full analysis code and data are available from the authors on request.

Supplementary table 18: Incidence and number of episodes of RSV-associated ALRI in 132 developing countries

Country	Incidence of RSV-associated ALRI (per 1000 children per year)	No. of episodes of RSV-associated ALRI (UR)
Afghanistan	53.3 (33.6-83.8)	263677 (166462-414858)
Algeria	51.6 (32.7-80.9)	236857 (150049-371261)
Angola	53.7 (34-84.1)	253440 (160269-397001)
Antigua and Barbuda	46.8 (29.7-73.4)	341 (216-534)
Argentina	48.3 (30.7-75.8)	179694 (114110-281976)
Bahamas	48.2 (30.5-75.4)	1402 (889-2195)
Bahrain	57.2 (36-89.9)	6217 (3918-9773)
Bangladesh	51.9 (32.9-81.2)	796123 (504325-1245371)
Barbados	47.7 (30.2-74.8)	829 (525-1299)
Belize	53 (33.6-83)	2092 (1324-3275)
Benin	57.4 (36.1-90.5)	98087 (61677-154467)
Bhutan	39.6 (24.3-64.3)	2611 (1600-4239)
Bolivia	50.2 (31.7-78.7)	59473 (37562-93249)
Botswana	60 (37.6-94.2)	15976 (10011-25088)
Brazil	51.4 (32.5-80.3)	773070 (488993-1207125)
Burkina Faso	59.7 (37.5-93.9)	187717 (117797-295328)
Burundi	56 (35.4-88.1)	115475 (72992-181572)
Cambodia	51.1 (32.3-80)	90538 (57236-141700)
Cameroon	58.8 (36.8-92.4)	219742 (137476-345249)
Cape Verde	54.5 (34.3-85.5)	2923 (1840-4581)
Central African Republic	55 (34.7-86.2)	38958 (24558-61043)
Chad	57.7 (36.2-90.7)	151768 (95236-238755)
Chile	48.7 (30.9-76.4)	57031 (36187-89448)
China	31 (18.7-50.8)	2581262 (1552250-4229873)
Colombia	47.2 (29.9-73.9)	176453 (111638-276234)
Comoros	62.8 (39.3-99.1)	7496 (4686-11820)
Congo	56.7 (35.7-88.9)	43059 (27084-67509)
Cook Islands	50.3 (31.6-79)	106 (66-166)
Costa Rica	40.3 (24.5-65.6)	14125 (8595-22989)
Cote d'Ivoire	51.9 (32.8-81.5)	190408 (120415-298876)
Dem. Peoples's Rep. of Korea	51.1 (32.4-79.8)	89280 (56599-139482)
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	54.3 (34.3-85.1)	753225 (475718-1180411)
Djibouti	57.3 (36-90)	5848 (3672-9182)
Dominica	48.7 (30.8-76.2)	297 (188-464)
Dominican Republic	46.9 (29.6-73.8)	49802 (31480-78430)
Ecuador	46.6 (29.5-73.1)	75053 (47574-117696)
Egypt	50.4 (31.9-78.8)	610777 (386798-955331)
El Salvador	53.7 (34-84.1)	27939 (17674-43719)
Equatorial Guinea	55.3 (35-86.9)	7093 (4488-11137)

Country	Incidence of RSV-associated ALRI (per 1000 children per year)	No. of episodes of RSV-associated ALRI (UR)
Eritrea	57.6 (36.2-90.6)	46916 (29459-73808)
Ethiopia	58 (36.4-91.3)	846851 (532193-1333188)
Fiji	37.5 (22.8-61)	3299 (2011-5369)
Gabon	60.9 (38-95.7)	14554 (9094-22881)
Gambia	58.3 (36.5-91.7)	21361 (13378-33601)
Ghana	52.8 (33.4-82.9)	214075 (135362-336105)
Grenada	48.3 (30.6-75.6)	480 (304-752)
Guatemala	54.6 (34.5-86.1)	114073 (72104-179935)
Guinea	59.5 (37.1-93.9)	121665 (75809-192047)
Guinea-Bissau	58.2 (36.6-91.5)	16822 (10566-26435)
Guyana	56 (35.3-87.8)	3758 (2372-5897)
Haiti	52.6 (33.2-82.3)	65088 (41121-101880)
Honduras	52 (33-81.4)	42428 (26902-66384)
India	56.7 (35.7-89)	7013468 (4420047-11010288)
Indonesia	50.1 (31.6-78.5)	1245185 (786572-1951996)
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	56.6 (35.7-88.9)	387906 (244677-609112)
Iraq	54.8 (34.6-86.2)	313987 (197944-493979)
Jamaica	48.3 (30.6-75.7)	9849 (6228-15419)
Jordan	61.3 (38.6-96.8)	60063 (37877-94943)
Kenya	53.8 (34-84.4)	385484 (243738-604648)
Kiribati	38.2 (23.2-62)	563 (342-916)
Kuwait	55.9 (35.2-88.1)	19450 (12261-30648)
Lao People's Dem. Republic	41 (25-66.9)	34428 (20929-56091)
Lebanon	56.2 (35.5-88.3)	25907 (16363-40710)
Lesotho	58.1 (36.5-91.4)	16167 (10164-25433)
Liberia	54.9 (34.4-86)	38516 (24112-60313)
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	55 (34.8-86.4)	35686 (22581-56046)
Madagascar	54.5 (34.4-85.5)	205554 (129713-322426)
Malawi	58.9 (37.2-92.6)	174043 (109741-273602)
Malaysia	38.1 (23.2-62.1)	94332 (57527-153910)
Maldives	44.4 (28.1-70.2)	1660 (1049-2622)
Mali	58.1 (36.5-91.8)	190123 (119269-300448)
Marshall Islands	39.9 (24.3-65.1)	200 (122-327)
Mauritania	55.9 (35.2-87.8)	33617 (21171-52756)
Mauritius	53.3 (33.7-83.6)	3765 (2379-5905)
Mexico	47.4 (30.1-74.3)	550902 (349207-863101)
Micronesia (Fed. States of)	40.1 (24.4-65.4)	464 (282-757)
Mongolia	37 (22.5-60.1)	12501 (7617-20319)
Morocco	54.8 (34.5-86.2)	187360 (118086-294888)
Mozambique	58.6 (36.9-91.8)	282071 (177599-442050)
Myanmar	40.2 (24.7-65.2)	183560 (112580-297556)

Country	Incidence of RSV-associated ALRI (per 1000 children per year)	No. of episodes of RSV-associated ALRI (UR)
Namibia	55.4 (34.9-87.1)	18744 (11809-29458)
Nauru	42.1 (25.4-69.1)	40 (24-66)
Nepal	54.6 (34.5-85.6)	153176 (96943-240359)
Nicaragua	52.7 (33.4-82.7)	31940 (20210-50079)
Niger	58.2 (36.3-92.1)	241080 (150641-381852)
Nigeria	55.6 (34.9-87.3)	1728622 (1086317-2717239)
Niue	41 (24.9-66.8)	6 (3-9)
Oman	57 (35.9-89.4)	21954 (13841-34454)
Pakistan	63.9 (39.4-101.7)	1575051 (972854-2507724)
Palau	37.5 (22.9-61.2)	75 (46-122)
Panama	47.6 (30.2-74.4)	17533 (11114-27427)
Papua New Guinea	37.9 (23.1-61.9)	37763 (22994-61670)
Paraguay	52.3 (33.1-81.7)	35221 (22293-55074)
Peru	48.3 (30.6-75.6)	145886 (92275-228312)
Philippines	59.8 (37.5-93.9)	673244 (422425-1057080)
Qatar	55.8 (35.2-87.6)	7383 (4656-11593)
Republic of Korea	35.9 (21.8-58.3)	82022 (49895-133456)
Rwanda	50.6 (31.9-79.6)	85681 (54107-134839)
Saint Kitts and Nevis	48.6 (30.7-76.1)	223 (141-349)
Saint Lucia	48.6 (30.7-76.1)	669 (423-1048)
Saint Vincent and Grenadines	48.6 (30.8-76.3)	414 (262-649)
Samoa	36.9 (22.5-60.3)	892 (543-1457)
Sao Tome and Principe	51.5 (32.5-81)	1523 (962-2395)
Saudi Arabia	54.3 (34.3-85.6)	171639 (108456-270632)
Senegal	65.6 (40.3-105.1)	170579 (104861-273378)
Seychelles	53.1 (33.5-83.4)	445 (281-699)
Sierra Leone	55.8 (34.9-87.8)	56009 (35078-88184)
Solomon Islands	39.7 (24.1-64.6)	3242 (1969-5284)
Somalia	48.7 (30.8-76.9)	95964 (60642-151541)
South Africa	52.7 (33.3-82.6)	283103 (178994-443697)
Sri Lanka	39.9 (24.1-65.5)	65633 (39649-107543)
Sudan	56.9 (35.7-89.4)	338938 (212399-531922)
Suriname	47.7 (30.2-74.8)	2299 (1456-3603)
Swaziland	59.3 (37.2-93.1)	10277 (6448-16151)
Syrian Arab Republic	57.5 (36.3-90.5)	126112 (79599-198435)
Thailand	39.4 (23.8-64.3)	149676 (90537-244458)
Timor-Leste	42.2 (26.5-66.9)	8597 (5396-13629)
Togo	58 (36.4-91.2)	67291 (42204-105766)
Tonga	36.6 (22.2-59.5)	472 (287-768)
Trinidad and Tobago	47.9 (30.3-75.2)	4602 (2913-7231)
Tunisia	51.6 (32.6-81.2)	50711 (31977-79731)

Country	Incidence of RSV-associated ALRI (per 1000 children per year)	No. of episodes of RSV-associated ALRI (UR)
Tuvalu	36.6 (22.3-59.4)	37 (22-60)
Uganda	58.5 (36.8-92)	425686 (267700-669329)
United Arab Emirates	54.8 (34.7-86.3)	26947 (17053-42408)
United Republic of Tanzania	56.8 (35.6-89)	533967 (335007-836521)
Uruguay	49.4 (31.3-77.4)	11899 (7534-18643)
Vanuatu	38.1 (23.2-62.2)	1325 (807-2162)
Venezuela	48.1 (30.5-75.5)	142500 (90276-223432)
Viet Nam	35.3 (21.4-57.6)	273416 (166008-446120)
Yemen	57.2 (35.9-89.9)	224628 (140904-352670)
Zambia	57.9 (36.4-90.9)	165095 (103789-259193)
Zimbabwe	52.3 (33.1-82)	131042 (82878-205315)

Supplementary table 19: Comparison of the modelled national estimates of RSV-associated ALRI with those reported in the included studies

Country	Observed incidence rate of RSV-ALRI in 0-59m (per 1000 children per year)			RSV-ALRI incidence (modelled estimates)
	Study 1	Study 2	Study 3	
Bangladesh*	<i>84.7 (56.4-129.8)</i>	<i>26.4 (17.3-40.5)</i>	<i>17.5 (15.7-19.5)</i>	51.9 (32.9-81.2)
Brazil	14 (7.8-25.3)			51.4 (32.5-80.3)
Germany	<i>52.3 (45.5-60.4)</i>			
Guatemala	<i>84.1 (69.7-115.6)</i>			54.6 (34.5-86.1)
India†	<i>21.7 (10.8-43.3)</i>	<i>33.4 (25.2-44.2)</i>		56.7 (35.7-89)
Indonesia	<i>65.4 (57.4-74.6)</i>			50.1 (31.6-78.5)
Kenya	<i>59.9 (44.1-81.4)</i>			53.8 (34-84.4)
Nicaragua	<i>34.7 (17.3-69.3)</i>			52.7 (33.4-82.7)
Nigeria	94 (89.1-99.1)			55.6 (34.9-87.3)
Pakistan	<i>35.9 (27.6-46.7)</i>			63.9 (39.4-101.7)
Peru	<i>194.3 (158.2-238.6)</i>			48.3 (30.6-75.6)
South Africa	<i>188.7 (154.1-230.9)</i>			52.7 (33.3-82.6)

* There are 3 studies: Dhaka, Bangladesh (Apr 2009 - Mar 2011); Mirzapur, Bangladesh (Oct 1993 - Aug 1996); Dhaka, Bangladesh (Jan 2005 - Feb 2008)

† There are 2 studies: Ballabgarh, India (Oct 2001 - Mar 2005); Ballabgarh, India (Aug 2012 - Aug 2013)
Estimates in italics are imputed

Supplementary table 20: In-hospital CFR (%) for RSV-associated ALRI in children younger than 5 years by narrow non-overlapping age bands by World Bank income regions (based on data from 43 studies reporting hCFR estimates by narrow age bands for full 0-59 month age range)

Region	No.*	0-27 days	28-<3m	3-5m	6-8m	9-11m	12-23m	24-59m
Low income	9	0	0	3.8 (0.9-15.1)	16.1 (5.2-49.9)	0	6.6 (0.9-47.1)	0
Lower middle income	16	6.3 (3.3-12.1)	2.7 (1.7-4.1)	3.6 (2.2-6.00)	2.6 (1.2-5.4)	7.0 (4.0-12.4)	2.5 (1.3-5.1)	5.5 (3.1-10.0)
Upper middle income	12	1.0 (0.1-7.2)	1.9 (1.1-3.4)	1.9 (1.1-3.3)	3.0 (1.1-8.1)	2.2 (0.5-8.6)	0.7 (0.1-4.7)	0
High income	6	0	2.1 (1.3-3.5)	0.4 (0.0-5.5)	1.2 (0.3-5.6)	1.1 (0.5-2.5)	0.3 (0.0-5.4)	1.2 (0.2-8.2)
Developing	41	5.3 (2.8-9.8)	2.3 (1.7-3.0)	2.4 (1.8-3.2)	3.0 (2.1-4.4)	3.6 (2.3-5.6)	2.0 (1.3-3.0)	4.2 (2.6-6.6)
Industrialised	2	0	0	0.1 (0.0-0.4)	0.1 (0.0-0.7)	0	0.0 (0.0-0.3)	0.2 (0.1-0.5)

* No.= Number of studies

Supplementary table 21: Method estimating overall RSV-associated ALRI mortality in children younger than 5 years

Step 1	Identify sites with community-based data on ALRI (pneumonia) mortality (based on verbal autopsy, mortality survey, or COD provided in vital registration of deaths) along with monthly data on RSV (and influenza) activity (where available) for at least three consecutive years
Step 2	Use comparative (excess mortality model) to estimate excess ALRI mortality during RSV season (Supplementary table 20). Ascertain that there is no overlap in peak RSV and influenza activity.
Step 3	Attribute all excess mortality during RSV season to RSV. Estimate the proportion of ALRI mortality that can be attributed to RSV (Supplementary table 21).
Step 4	Estimate RSV-associated ALRI mortality in the country providing community-based ALRI mortality data.
Step 5	Estimate RSV-associated ALRI hospitalisations in above country using hospitalisation rate for developing country. Apply in-hospital CFR to this estimate to calculate the estimated number of in-hospital deaths due to RSV-associated ALRI (Supplementary table 22).
Step 6	Compare overall RSV-associated ALRI deaths in given country (step 4) with RSV-associated ALRI in hospital in same country (step 5). This ratio provides the inflation factor.
Step 7	Estimate RSV-associated ALRI mortality in developing countries by applying mean inflation factor to the estimated RSV-associated ALRI deaths in hospital in developing countries (Supplementary table 22). [59578 (47750-74325) *2.2 = 131072 (105050-163515)]
Step 8	Adjust for influenza activity during RSV season by estimating area under the curve for RSV. This ranges from 90-100% based on data from Bangladesh and Argentina. Assume that there is no difference in CFR for RSV and influenza in the community. [131072 (105050-163515)*0.9= 117964 (94545-147164)]
Step 9	Estimate global RSV-associated ALRI mortality by summing the RSV-associated ALRI mortality in developing countries with RSV-associated ALRI deaths in hospital in industrialised countries. [117964 (94545-147164)] + [237 (78-2202)] = 118201 (94623-149366)

Supplementary table 22: Estimated RSV-ALRI mortality in children younger than 5 years (using excess mortality models) in three LMICs using pneumonia mortality data in under-five children and concurrent RSV activity

Site	Study year	Months of RSV season (a)	Average ALRI deaths per month during RSV season (b)	Average ALRI deaths per month outside RSV season (c)	Total ALRI deaths per year (d)	Proportion of ALRI deaths due to RSV (%) (e)*	ALRI deaths overall in country (f) ²⁵⁴	Estimated RSV deaths in country (g)#
Urban slums, Buenos Aires, Argentina	2011	4	6.3	1.8	39	46.2	887	409
	2012	4	8.5	0.9	41	74.4	878	653
	2013	4	3.3	0.9	20	47.5	844	401
	Mean							488
Rural villages, Multicentre, Bangladesh	2010	9	3.0	2.7	35	8.6	21917	1879
	2011	4	8.8	5.4	78	17.3	20028	3466
	2012	6	9.5	6.3	95	20.0	18759	3752
	Mean							3032
Multiple rural hamlets, Lombok, Indonesia	2000	6	73.3	62.3	814	8.1	39257	3183
	2001	6	84.8	48.8	802	26.9	37584	10122
	2002	7	45.0	36.8	499	11.5	36020	4143
	Mean							5816

RSV=respiratory syncytial virus. ALRI=acute lower respiratory infection. *e= [(b-c)*a]/d. #g=e*f*0.01

Supplementary table 23: Calculation of inflation factor to estimate overall RSV-ALRI mortality in developing countries

Country	Meta-estimate of hospitalised RSV-ALRI (per 1000 children per year) (h)§	Meta-estimate of hCFR for RSV-ALRI (%) (i)§	Population in mean study period (j)	Estimated in-hospital RSV-ALRI deaths in country (k)*	Estimated RSV deaths in country (g)	Inflation factor (l)#
Argentina	4.9	1.9	3407649	320	488	1.5
Bangladesh	4.9	1.9	15197631	1426	3032	2.1
Indonesia	4.9	1.9	21639000	2030	5816	2.9
Mean						2.2

RSV=respiratory syncytial virus. hCFR=in-hospital case fatality ratio. §Meta-estimate in the developing region (where this country comes from) was used. *k=h*j*0.001*i*0.01. #l=g/k

Supplementary table 24: Sensitivity analysis for estimating RSV-ALRI mortality in children younger than 5 years (using excess mortality models) in three LMICs using pneumonia mortality data in under-five children and concurrent RSV activity (by extending RSV season by one month to capture pneumococcal deaths secondary to RSV infection)

Site	Study year	Months of RSV season (a)	Average ALRI deaths per month during RSV season (b)	Average ALRI deaths per month outside RSV season (c)	Total ALRI deaths in community per year (d)	Proportion of ALRI deaths due to RSV (%) (e)*	ALRI deaths overall in this country (f) ²⁵⁴	RSV deaths overall in this country (g)#
Buenos Aires, Argentina	2011	5	5.6	1.6	39	51.6	887	458
	2012	5	7.4	0.6	41	83.3	878	731
	2013	5	3.0	0.7	20	57.1	844	482
	Mean							557
Multicentre, Bangladesh	2010	11	3.0	2.0	35	31.4	21917	6888
	2011	4	8.8	5.4	78	17.3	20028	3466
	2012	8	9.5	4.8	95	40.0	18759	7504
	Mean							5953
Lombok, Indonesia	2000	7	78.7	52.6	814	22.5	39257	8816
	2001	7	86.3	39.6	802	40.7	37584	15315
	2002	9	43.2	36.7	499	11.8	36020	4259
	Mean							9463

RSV=respiratory syncytial virus. ALRI=acute lower respiratory infection. *e=[(b-c)*a]/d. #g=e*f*0.01

Site	Meta-estimate of hospitalisation rate (per 1000 per year) (h)§	Meta-estimate of in-hospital CFR (%) (i)§	Population in mean study period (j)	RSV deaths in hospital overall (k)*	Mean of RSV deaths in community (g)	Adjustment factor (l)#
Argentina	4.9	1.9	3407649	320	557	1.7
Bangladesh	4.9	1.9	15197631	1426	5953	4.2
Indonesia	4.9	1.9	21639000	2030	9463	4.7
Mean						3.5

RSV=respiratory syncytial virus. CFR=case fatality ratio. §Meta-estimate in the developing region (where this country comes from) was used. *k=h*j*0.001*i*0.01. #l=g/k.

Supplementary table 25: Proportion of eligible cases not tested for RSV and comparison of CFR among children who were tested for RSV (with those not tested)

Location (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	Reasons for not testing	Proportion of in-hospital ALRI deaths not tested for RSV (%)	CFR among hospitalised ALRI tested for RSV (%)	CFR among hospitalised ALRI not tested for RSV (%)
Kilifi, Kenya (PERCH, unpublished)	0.3 (2/634)	specimen not collected	6.1	4.9	100.0
Iquique, Chile (Fasce, unpublished)	0.6 (4/683)	cases were not notified in time so as to collect sample	0.0	0.4	0.0
Buenos Aires, Argentina (Polack, unpublished)	0.9 (30/3371)	sample inadequate	23.6	1.3	43.3
Gauteng province, South Africa (Cohen, unpublished)	2.0 (122/6016)	child too ill to take sample from; specimens not reaching laboratory within 72 hours	5.7	0.8	2.5
Manhiça, Mozambique (Bassat, unpublished)	3.1 (15/491)	NPA not collected or processed without results	14.3	2.5	13.3
Klerksdorp site, South Africa (Cohen, unpublished)	3.2 (30/932)	patient very ill; parents refuse consent, specimen not at lab within 72 hours	0.0	2.1	0.0
Tone District, Togo (Gessner, unpublished)	3.2 (4/124)	testing just started	100.0	0.0	66.7
Concepcion, Chile (Fasce, unpublished)	3.3 (16/481)	cases were not notified in time so as to collect sample	0.0	0.4	0.0
Manhiça, Mozambique (Bassat, unpublished)	3.4 (28/835)	NPA not collected or processed without results	8.5	9.3	25.0
Mpumalanga, South Africa (Cohen, unpublished)	4.0 (52/1310)	patient very ill; parents refuse consent; specimen not at lab within 72 hours	12.5	6.1	21.2
Western Gambia (Howie, unpublished)	4.2 (4/95)	technical problem with specimen	0.0	3.3	0.0
KwaZulu-Natal province, South Africa (Cohen, unpublished)	4.5 (72/1607)	patient very ill; parents refuse consent, specimen not at lab within 72 hours	9.1	0.7	1.4

Location (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	Reasons for not testing	Proportion of in-hospital ALRI deaths not tested for RSV (%)	CFR among hospitalised ALRI tested for RSV (%)	CFR among hospitalised ALRI not tested for RSV (%)
Soweto, South Africa (Madhi, unpublished)	4.6 (240/5231)	missed as part of surveillance	16.3	5.5	22.5
CEMIC, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Echavarria, unpublished)	5.3 (3/57)	insufficient sample	NA	0.0	0.0
Santa Rosa, Guatemala (McCracken, unpublished)	5.8 (104/1810)	no consent or no specimen	2.2	5.2	1.9
Basse Santa Su, Gambia (PERCH, unpublished)	7.2 (46/638)	quality control not yet complete	22.7	2.9	10.9
Bamako, Mali (PERCH, unpublished)	9.1 (61/674)	quality control not yet complete	12.7	14.5	21.3
41 sites in Netherlands (Bont, unpublished)	10.0 (24/241)	reasons for not testing are unknown, as the decisions for testing are made by independent physicians at hospital of presentation	NA	0.0	0.0
Lusaka, Zambia (PERCH, unpublished)	10.5 (65/617)	quality control not yet complete	14.5	18.1	26.2
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala (McCracken, unpublished)	10.9 (207/1893)	no consent or no specimen	0.0	2.7	0.0
Buenos Aires, Argentina (Gentile, unpublished)	12.9 (1361/10581)	NA	10.8	2.0	1.6
Paarl, South Africa (Zar, unpublished)	16.4 (21/128)	specimens were not obtained	50.0	0.9	4.8
Nakhon Phanom and Sa Kaeo, Thailand (PERCH, unpublished)	18.3 (41/224)	quality control not yet complete	33.3	1.1	2.4
Kilifi hospital study, Kenya (Nokes, unpublished)	24.4 (2817/11544)	died; discharged; refusal	67.0	5.2	32.7
Bondo district, Kenya (Feikin, unpublished)	28.7 (208/726)	NA	43.8	5.2	10.1

Location (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	Reasons for not testing	Proportion of in-hospital ALRI deaths not tested for RSV (%)	CFR among hospitalised ALRI tested for RSV (%)	CFR among hospitalised ALRI not tested for RSV (%)
unpublished)					
Lombok, Indonesia (Gessner, unpublished)	28.9 (1500/5198)	primarily age <3 months and critical illness on presentation; specimens collected 4 days a week so if patients who had rapid admission, would not have been done	86.1	2.2	33.1
Tagbilaran and 6 rural sites, Philippines (Lucero, unpublished)	36.0 (537/1491)	no specimen collected for those cases not tested for RSV	70.6	0.5	2.2
Belo Horizonte, Brazil (Oliveira, unpublished)	59.4 (757/1275)	frozen samples at weekends; laboratory refused	62.5	1.2	1.3
Lwak, Kenya (Montgomery, unpublished)	72.4 (1231/1701)	refusal to consent; unavailability of transport from field site to lab; high patient volumes; inadequate staffing levels	66.0	3.4	2.5
Sa Kaeo and Nakhon Phanom, Thailand (Thamthitawat, unpublished)	75.0 (14334/19103)	patients refused to take part in it	NA	0.0	0.0

Supplementary table 26: hCFR sensitivity analysis assuming that the proportion of RSV in untested (deaths) is same as in those tested

Location (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	CFR of tested ALRI (%)	CFR of untested ALRI (%) - a	No. of untested ALRI - b	Proportion of RSV-ALRI - c	No. of RSV+ from untested ALRI - d*	Excess RSV mortality from untested ALRI - e	Deaths of RSV-tested ALRI - f	Cases of RSV-tested ALRI - g	CFR of RSV-tested ALRI (%) - h	Adjusted CFR of RSV-ALRI (%) - i
Kilifi, Kenya (PERCH, unpublished)	0.3 (2/634)	4.9	100.0	2	0.24	0.47	0.47	6	150	4.00	4.30
Iquique, Chile (Fasce, unpublished)	0.6 (4/683)	0.4	0.0	4	0.35	1.40	0.00	2	237	0.84	0.84
Buenos Aires, Argentina (Polack, unpublished)	0.9 (30/3371)	1.3	43.3	30	0.65	19.46	8.43	24	2167	1.11	1.48
Gauteng province, South Africa (Cohen, unpublished)	2.0 (122/6016)	0.8	2.5	122	0.29	35.04	0.86	8	1693	0.47	0.51
Manhiça, Mozambique (Bassat, unpublished)	3.1 (15/491)	2.5	13.3	15	0.14	2.14	0.29	0	68	0.00	0.41
Klerksdorp site, South Africa (Cohen, unpublished)	3.2 (30/932)	2.1	0.0	30	0.22	6.72	0.00	3	202	1.49	1.44
Tone District, Togo (Gessner, unpublished)	3.2 (4/124)	0.0	66.7	3	0.12	0.37	0.25	0	15	0.00	1.61

* Assume the proportion is the same as in the tested ALRI; $d=b*c$; $e=d*a*0.01$; $h=f/g*100$; $i=(f+e)/(g+d)*100$

Location (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	CFR of tested ALRI (%)	CFR of untested ALRI (%) - a	No. of untested ALRI - b	Proportion of RSV-ALRI - c	No. of RSV+ from untested ALRI - d*	Excess RSV mortality from untested ALRI - e	Deaths of RSV-tested ALRI - f	Cases of RSV-tested ALRI - g	CFR of RSV-tested ALRI (%) - h	Adjusted CFR of RSV-ALRI (%) - i
Concepcion, Chile (Fasce, unpublished)	3.3 (16/481)	0.4	0.0	16	0.43	6.92	0.00	1	201	0.50	0.48
Manhiça, Mozambique (Bassat, unpublished)	3.4 (28/835)	9.3	25.0	28	0.06	1.70	0.43	1	49	2.04	2.81
Mpumalanga, South Africa (Cohen, unpublished)	4.0 (52/1310)	6.1	21.2	52	0.21	11.08	2.34	6	268	2.24	2.99
Western Gambia (Howie, unpublished)	4.2 (4/95)	3.3	0.0	100	0.18	17.58	0.00	0	16	0.00	0.00
KwaZulu-Natal province, South Africa (Cohen, unpublished)	4.5 (72/1607)	0.7	1.4	72	0.28	20.22	0.28	0	431	0.00	0.06
Soweto, South Africa (Madhi, unpublished)	4.6 (240/5231)	5.5	22.5	240	0.17	41.50	9.34	14	863	1.62	2.58
CEMIC, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Echavarria, unpublished)	5.3 (3/57)	0.0	0.0	3	0.39	1.17	0.00	0	21	0.00	0.00

Location (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	CFR of tested ALRI (%)	CFR of untested ALRI (%) - a	No. of untested ALRI - b	Proportion of RSV-ALRI - c	No. of RSV+ from untested ALRI - d*	Excess RSV mortality from untested ALRI - e	Deaths of RSV-tested ALRI - f	Cases of RSV-tested ALRI - g	CFR of RSV-tested ALRI (%) - h	Adjusted CFR of RSV-ALRI (%) - i
Santa Rosa, Guatemala (McCracken, unpublished)	5.8 (104/1810)	5.2	1.9	104	0.41	34.10	0.66	15	505	2.97	2.90
Basse Santa Su, Gambia (PERCH, unpublished)	7.2 (46/638)	2.9	10.9	46	0.19	8.86	0.96	0	114	0.00	0.78
Bamako, Mali (PERCH, unpublished)	9.1 (61/674)	14.5	21.3	61	0.25	15.52	3.31	4	156	2.56	4.26
41 sites in Netherlands (Bont, unpublished)	10 (24/241)	0.0	0.0	24	0.72	17.25	0.00	0	156	0.00	0.00
Lusaka, Zambia (PERCH, unpublished)	10.5 (65/617)	18.1	26.2	65	0.19	12.13	3.17	6	103	5.83	7.97
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala (McCracken, unpublished)	10.9 (207/1893)	2.7	0.0	207	0.37	69.28	0.00	8	628	1.27	1.15
Buenos Aires, Argentina (Gentile, unpublished)	12.9 (1361/10581)	2.0	1.6	1361	0.39	529.93	8.57	65	3590	1.81	1.79
Paarl, South Africa (Zar, unpublished)	16.4 (21/128)	0.9	4.8	21	0.26	5.50	0.26	0	28	0.00	0.78

Location (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	CFR of tested ALRI (%)	CFR of untested ALRI (%) - a	No. of untested ALRI - b	Proportion of RSV-ALRI - c	No. of RSV+ from untested ALRI - d*	Excess RSV mortality from untested ALRI - e	Deaths of RSV-tested ALRI - f	Cases of RSV-tested ALRI - g	CFR of RSV-tested ALRI (%) - h	Adjusted CFR of RSV-ALRI (%) - i
Nakhon Phanom and Sa Kaeo, Thailand (PERCH, unpublished)	18.3 (41/224)	1.1	2.4	41	0.27	11.20	0.27	0	50	0.00	0.45
Kilifi hospital study, Kenya (Nokes, unpublished)	24.4 (2817/11544)	5.2	32.7	2817	0.16	460.95	150.87	31	1428	2.17	9.63
Bondo district, Kenya (Feikin, unpublished)	28.7 (208/726)	5.2	10.1	208	0.13	26.50	2.68	1	66	1.52	3.97
Lombok, Indonesia (Gessner, unpublished)	28.9 (1500/5198)	2.2	33.1	1500	0.20	300.57	99.59	13	741	1.75	10.81
Tagbilaran and 6 rural sites, Philippines (Lucero, unpublished)	36 (537/1491)	0.5	2.2	537	0.37	200.95	4.49	2	357	0.56	1.16
Belo Horizonte, Brazil (Oliveira, unpublished)	59.4 (757/1275)	1.2	1.3	757	0.29	222.13	2.93	2	152	1.32	1.32
Lwak, Kenya (Montgomery, unpublished)	72.4 (1231/1701)	3.4	2.5	1231	0.21	264.53	6.66	4	101	3.96	2.92

Location (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	CFR of tested ALRI (%)	CFR of untested ALRI (%) - a	No. of untested ALRI - b	Proportion of RSV-ALRI - c	No. of RSV+ from untested ALRI - d*	Excess RSV mortality from untested ALRI - e	Deaths of RSV-tested ALRI - f	Cases of RSV-tested ALRI - g	CFR of RSV-tested ALRI (%) - h	Adjusted CFR of RSV-ALRI (%) - i
Sa Kaeo and Nakhon Phanom, Thailand (Thamthitawat, unpublished)	75 (14334/19103)	0.0	0.0	14334	0.17	2389.50	0.00	0	795	0.00	0.00

hCFR meta-estimate in children aged 0-59m from developing countries using data from above 30 studies reporting deaths in hospitalised RSV positive cases – 1.5 (0.9 to 2.3) (A)

hCFR meta-estimate in children aged 0-59m from developing countries using data from above 30 studies reporting deaths in hospitalised RSV positive cases and assuming that proportion of RSV positive in those not tested is same as in those tested– 1.6 (1.0 to 2.5) (B)

Adjustment factor to account for this assumption = B/A = 1.07

Supplementary table 27: hCFR sensitivity analysis assuming that all deaths in untested ALRI cases are RSV positive

Location (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	CFR of tested ALRI (%)	CFR of untested ALRI (%) - a	No. of untested ALRI - b	Deaths in RSV-tested ALRI - f	Cases of RSV-tested ALRI - g	CFR in RSV-tested ALRI (%) - h	Deaths in RSV untested ALRI - j [†]	Adjusted CFR in RSV-ALRI (%) - i
Kilifi, Kenya (PERCH, unpublished)	0.3 (2/634)	4.9	100.0	2	6	150	4.00	2	5.26
Iquique, Chile (Fasce, unpublished)	0.6 (4/683)	0.4	0.0	4	2	237	0.84	0	0.83
Buenos Aires, Argentina (Polack, unpublished)	0.9 (30/3371)	1.3	43.3	30	24	2167	1.11	13	1.68
Gauteng province, South Africa (Cohen, unpublished)	2 (122/6016)	0.8	2.5	122	8	1693	0.47	3	0.61
Manhiça, Mozambique (Bassat, unpublished)	3.1 (15/491)	2.5	13.3	15	0	68	0.00	2	2.41
Klerksdorp site, South Africa (Cohen, unpublished)	3.2 (30/932)	2.1	0.0	30	3	202	1.49	0	1.29
Tone District, Togo (Gessner, unpublished)	3.2 (4/124)	0.0	66.7	3	0	15	0.00	2	11.11

[†] Assume all deaths in untested ALRI cases are RSV positive; $h=f/g*100$; $i=(f+j)/(g+b)*100$

Location (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	CFR of tested ALRI (%)	CFR of untested ALRI (%) - a	No. of untested ALRI - b	Deaths in RSV-tested ALRI - f	Cases of RSV-tested ALRI - g	CFR in RSV-tested ALRI (%) - h	Deaths in RSV untested ALRI - j [†]	Adjusted CFR in RSV-ALRI (%) - i
Concepcion, Chile (Fasce, unpublished)	3.3 (16/481)	0.4	0.0	16	1	201	0.50	0	0.46
Manhiça, Mozambique (Bassat, unpublished)	3.4 (28/835)	9.3	25.0	28	1	49	2.04	7	10.39
Mpumalanga, South Africa (Cohen, unpublished)	4 (52/1310)	6.1	21.2	52	6	268	2.24	11	5.31
Western Gambia (Howie, unpublished)	4.2 (4/95)	3.3	0.0	100	0	16	0.00	0	0.00
KwaZulu-Natal province, South Africa (Cohen, unpublished)	4.5 (72/1607)	0.7	1.4	72	0	431	0.00	1	0.20
Soweto, South Africa (Madhi, unpublished)	4.6 (240/5231)	5.5	22.5	240	14	863	1.62	54	6.17
CEMIC, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Echavarria, unpublished)	5.3 (3/57)	0.0	0.0	3	0	21	0.00	0	0.00
Santa Rosa, Guatemala (McCracken, unpublished)	5.8 (104/1810)	5.2	1.9	104	15	505	2.97	2	2.79

Location (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	CFR of tested ALRI (%)	CFR of untested ALRI (%) - a	No. of untested ALRI - b	Deaths in RSV-tested ALRI - f	Cases of RSV-tested ALRI - g	CFR in RSV-tested ALRI (%) - h	Deaths in RSV untested ALRI - j [†]	Adjusted CFR in RSV-ALRI (%) - i
Basse Santa Su, Gambia (PERCH, unpublished)	7.2 (46/638)	2.9	10.9	46	0	114	0.00	5	3.13
Bamako, Mali (PERCH, unpublished)	9.1 (61/674)	14.5	21.3	61	4	156	2.56	13	7.83
41 sites in Netherlands (Bont, unpublished)	10 (24/241)	0.0	0.0	24	0	156	0.00	0	0.00
Lusaka, Zambia (PERCH, unpublished)	10.5 (65/617)	18.1	26.2	65	6	103	5.83	17	13.69
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala (McCracken, unpublished)	10.9 (207/1893)	2.7	0.0	207	8	628	1.27	0	0.96
Buenos Aires, Argentina (Gentile, unpublished)	12.9 (1361/10581)	2.0	1.6	1361	65	3590	1.81	22	1.76
Paarl, South Africa (Zar, unpublished)	16.4 (21/128)	0.9	4.8	21	0	28	0.00	1	2.04
Nakhon Phanom and Sa Kaeo, Thailand (PERCH,	18.3 (41/224)	1.1	2.4	41	0	50	0.00	1	1.10

Location (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	CFR of tested ALRI (%)	CFR of untested ALRI (%) - a	No. of untested ALRI - b	Deaths in RSV-tested ALRI - f	Cases of RSV-tested ALRI - g	CFR in RSV-tested ALRI (%) - h	Deaths in RSV untested ALRI - j [†]	Adjusted CFR in RSV-ALRI (%) - i
unpublished)									
Kilifi hospital study, Kenya (Nokes, unpublished)	24.4 (2817/11544)	5.2	32.7	2817	31	1428	2.17	922	22.45
Bondo district, Kenya (Feikin, unpublished)	28.7 (208/726)	5.2	10.1	208	1	66	1.52	21	8.03
Lombok, Indonesia (Gessner, unpublished)	28.9 (1500/5198)	2.2	33.1	1500	13	741	1.75	497	22.76
Tagbilaran and 6 rural sites, Philippines (Lucero, unpublished)	36.0 (537/1491)	0.5	2.2	537	2	357	0.56	12	1.57
Belo Horizonte, Brazil (Oliveira, unpublished)	59.4 (757/1275)	1.2	1.3	757	2	152	1.32	10	1.32
Lwak, Kenya (Montgomery, unpublished)	72.4 (1231/1701)	3.4	2.5	1231	4	101	3.96	31	2.63

Location (reference)	% of eligible cases not tested for RSV	CFR of tested ALRI (%)	CFR of untested ALRI (%) - a	No. of untested ALRI - b	Deaths in RSV-tested ALRI - f	Cases of RSV-tested ALRI - g	CFR in RSV-tested ALRI (%) - h	Deaths in RSV untested ALRI - j [†]	Adjusted CFR in RSV-ALRI (%) - i
Sa Kaeo and Nakhon Phanom, Thailand (Thamthitawat, unpublished)	75.0 (14334/19103)	0.0	0.0	14334	0	795	0.00	0	0.00

hCFR meta-estimate in children aged 0-59m from developing countries using data from above 30 studies reporting deaths in hospitalised RSV positive cases – 1.5 (0.9 to 2.3) (A)

hCFR meta-estimate in children aged 0-59m from developing countries using data from above 30 studies reporting deaths in hospitalised RSV positive cases and assuming that all deaths in untested ALRI are RSV positive – 2.1 (1.2 to 3.5) (B)

Adjustment factor to account for this assumption = B/A = 1.4

Supplementary table 28: Sensitivity analysis of in-hospital mortality estimates in developing countries from a sub-set of 22 studies reporting data by narrow age bands through the first year of life

Age group	0-27 days	28 days - <3 months	3-5 months	6-8 months	9-11 months	12-23 months	24-59 months	Overall
CFR	5.3 (2.8-9.8)	2.1 (1.6-2.9)	2.2 (1.6-3.0)	2.8 (1.9-4.1)	3.0 (1.9-4.8)	1.7 (1.0-2.7)	4.0 (2.5-6.5)	--
No. of deaths	8600 (3700-20400)	11400 (6500-19700)	13700 (7800-24400)	10200 (5800-18100)	10200 (5300-19700)	9900 (5800-17100)	13900 (7500-25700)	81200 (64200-103400)

Supplementary table 29: Sensitivity analysis for in-hospital CFR for RSV-ALRI after excluding studies with <50 RSV cases

		0-5m	6-11 m	12-59 m
	No. of studies	CFR	CFR	CFR
Low income	4	1.7 (0.4-6.8)	5.6 (0.8-39.4)	4.8 (0.7-33.8)
Lower middle income	13	2.7 (2.0-3.6)	2.8 (1.8-4.4)	2.7 (1.7-4.3)
Upper middle income	9	1.8 (1.2-2.6)	2.4 (1.1-5.4)	0.5 (0.1-3.5)
High income	5	0.2 (0.0-14.3)	0.9 (0.2-4.3)	0.7 (0.1-5.4)
Developing	29	2.2 (1.8-2.7)	2.28 (1.7-3.0)	2.2 (1.6-3.0)
Industrialised	2	0.02 (0.0-0.1)	0.05 (0.01-0.4)	0.1 (0.03-0.3)

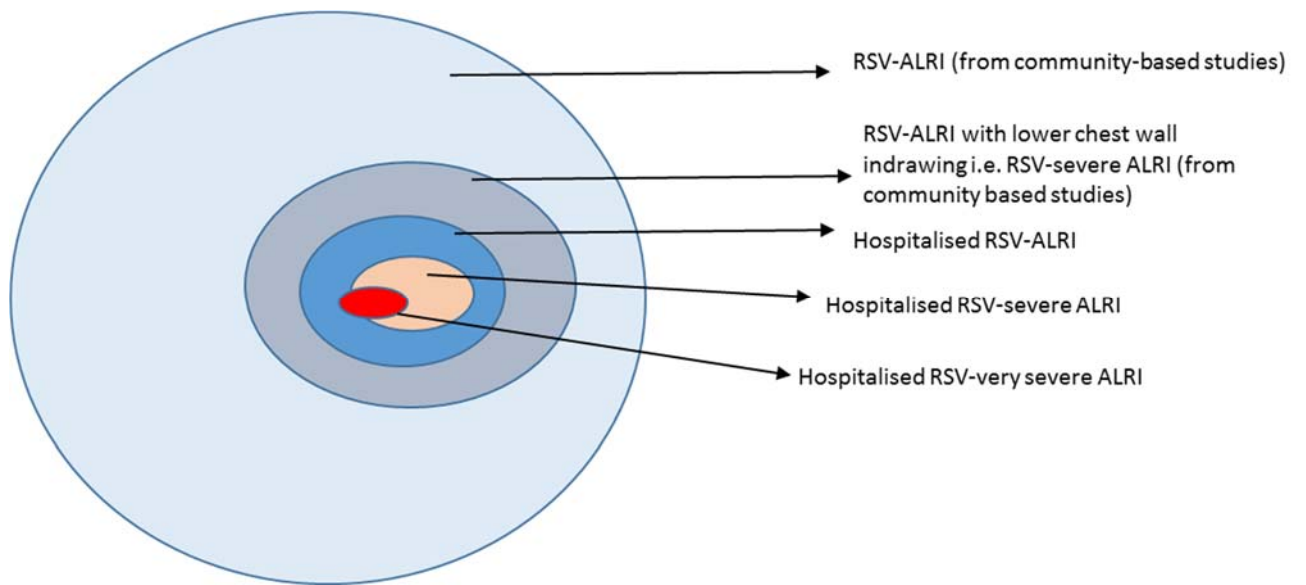
Supplementary table 30: Sensitivity analysis for in-hospital CFR for RSV-ALRI after excluding studies with <100 RSV cases

		0-5m	6-11 m	12-59 m
	No.	CFR	CFR	CFR
Low income	3	1.7 (0.4-6.8)	5.6 (0.8-39.4)	4.8 (0.7-33.8)
Lower middle income	11	2.8 (2.0-3.8)	2.7 (1.7-4.2)	2.7 (1.7-4.3)
Upper middle income	8	1.8 (1.2-2.6)	2.4 (1.1-5.4)	0.5 (0.1-3.5)
High income	5	0.2 (0.0-14.3)	0.9 (0.2-4.3)	0.7 (0.1-5.4)
Developing	25	2.2 (1.8-2.7)	2.2 (1.7-3.0)	2.2 (1.6-3.0)
Industrialised	2	0.02 (0.00-0.13)	0.05 (0.01-0.38)	0.1 (0.03-0.3)

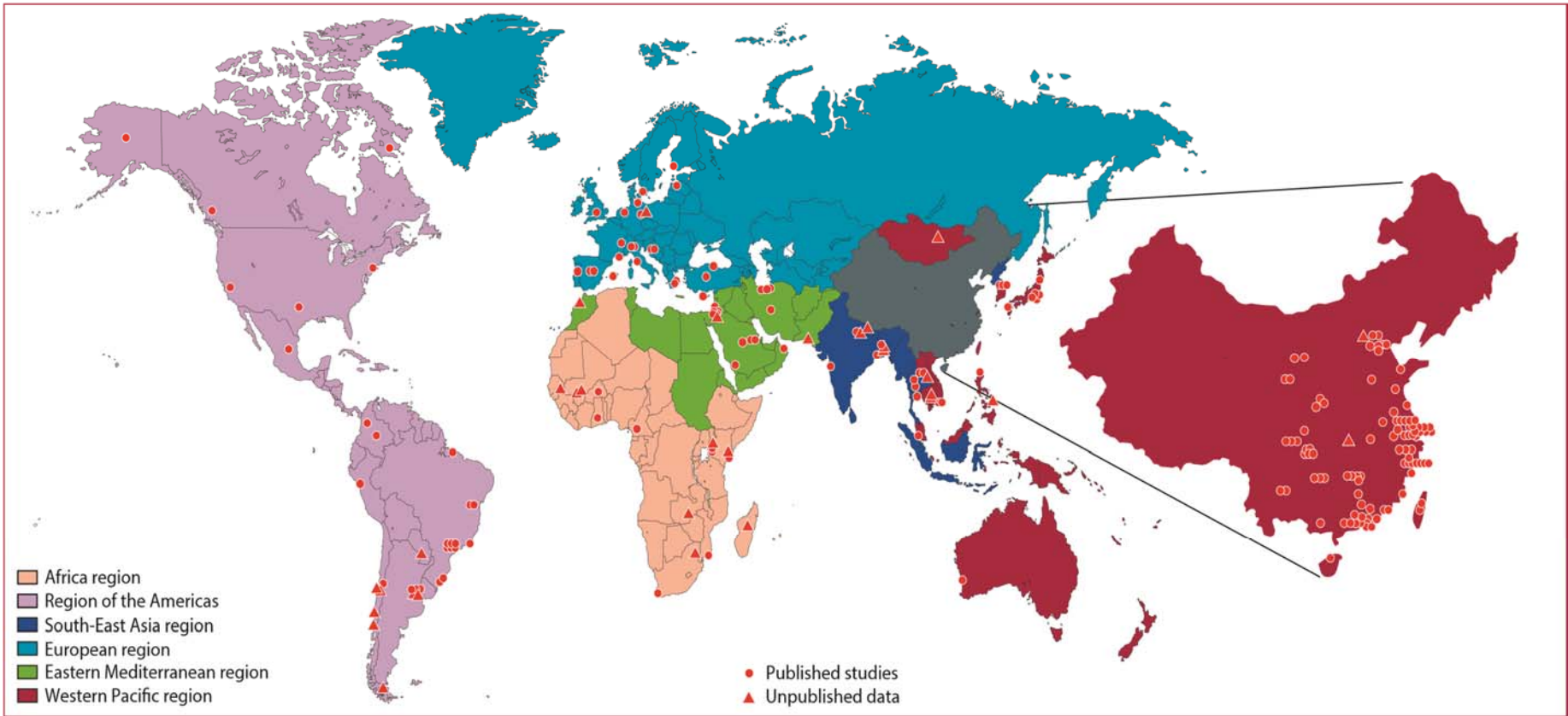
Supplementary table 31: Definition of hypoxemia in included studies

Location (reference)	Prop of RSV cases with recorded SpO2 (%)	Definition of hypoxemia
Matlab, Bangladesh (PERCH)	100.00	SpO2 <90% or based on supplemental oxygen at altitude ≤2500 m
Basse, Gambia (PERCH)	100.00	SpO2 <90% or based on supplemental oxygen at altitude ≤2500 m
Santa Rosa, Guatemala (McCracken and colleagues)	93.00	SpO2 <90% for 1-59 months and <88% for neonates at altitude ≤2500 m
Dhaka, Bangladesh (PERCH)	100.00	SpO2 <90% or based on supplemental oxygen at altitude ≤2500 m
Tacloban, Philippines (Lupisan and colleagues)	100.00	SpO2 <90% (at altitude ≤2500 m) in children aged 1-59 months and <88% for neonates
Kilifi hospital study, Kenya (Nokes and colleagues)	99.93	SpO2 <90% for all at altitude ≤2500 m
Bondo district, Kenya (Feikin and colleagues)	100.00	SpO2 <90% for 1-59 months and <88% for neonates at altitude ≤2500 m (at sea level)
Rabat, Morocco (Bassat and colleagues)	93.38	SpO2 <90% for all at altitude ≤2500 m
Nakhon Phanom and Sa Kaeo, Thailand (PERCH)	100.00	SpO2 <90% or based on supplemental oxygen at altitude ≤2500 m
David City, Panama (Jara and colleagues)	71.86	SpO2 <90% for 1-59 months and <88% for neonates at altitude ≤2500 m (at sea level)
Berlin, Germany (Rath and colleagues)	78.11	SpO2 <90% for 1-59 months and <88% for neonates at altitude ≤0.942500 m
Soweto, South Africa (Madhi and colleagues)	99.65	SpO2 <90% for 1-59 months
Kilifi, Kenya (PERCH)	100.00	SpO2 <90% or based on supplemental oxygen at altitude ≤2500 m
Lusaka, Zambia (PERCH)	97.09	SpO2 <90% or based on supplemental oxygen at altitude ≤2500 m
Bamako, Mali (PERCH)	100.00	SpO2 <90% or based on supplemental oxygen at altitude ≤2500 m
Manhiça, Mozambique (Bassat and colleagues)	100.00	SpO2 <90% for all at altitude ≤2500 m
Damanhour, Egypt ¹⁰	27.41	SpO2 <90% for all at altitude ≤2500 m
Sa Kaeo and Nakhon Phanom, Thailand (Thamthitawat and colleagues)	51.95	SpO2 <90% for 1-59 months and <88% for neonates at altitude ≤2500 m (at sea level)
Buenos Aires, Argentina (Gentile and colleagues)	99.94	SpO2 <90% for 1-59 months and <88% for neonates at altitude ≤2500 m (at sea level)
Colorado, USA (Simoes and colleagues)	100.00	ICD-9 codes
Maela Camp, Tak Province, Thailand (Turner and colleagues)	93.02	SpO2 <90% for 1-59 months and <88% for neonates at altitude ≤2500 m (at sea level)

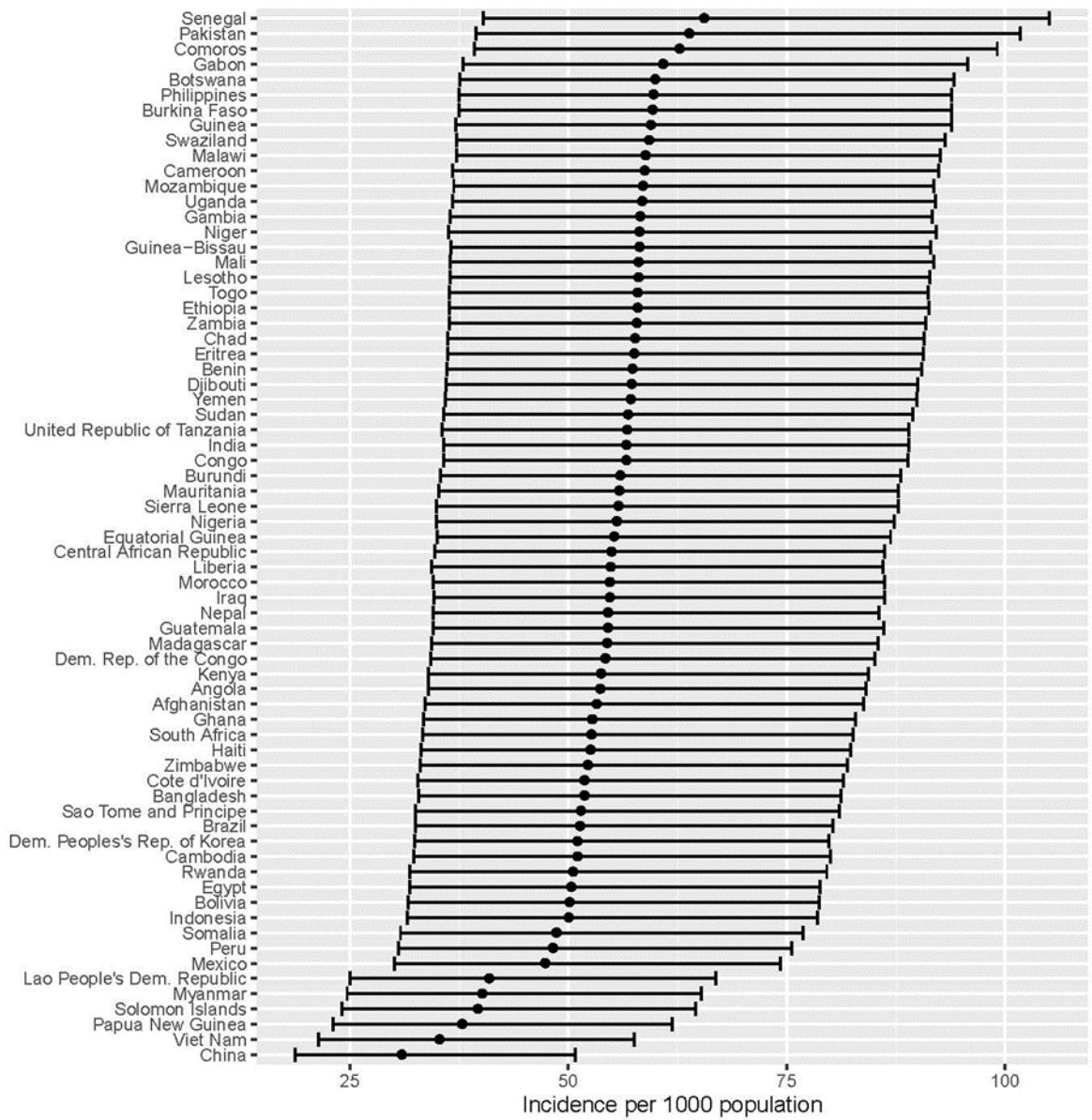
Tagbilaran and Dauis, Philippines (Lucero and colleagues)	NA	SpO2 <90% for 1-59 months and <88% for neonates at altitude ≤2500 m (at sea level)
Alaska, USA (Singleton and colleagues)#	100.00	SpO2 <90% for all at altitude ≤2500 m
Lombok, Indonesia (Gessner and colleagues)	99.19	SpO2 <90% for 1-59 months and <88% for neonates at altitude ≤2500 m (at sea level)
Amman, Jordan (Khuri and colleagues)	100.00	SpO2 <90% for all at altitude ≤2500 m
Paarl, South Africa (Zar and colleagues)	92.86	SpO2 <90% for 1-59 months and <88% for neonates at altitude ≤2500 m
Buenos Aires, Argentina (Polack and colleagues)	98.71	SpO2 <90% for 1-59 months and <88% for neonates at altitude ≤2500 m
Navajo and WMA, USA - EPI (O'Brien and colleagues)#	92.05	SpO2 <90% for 1-59 months and <88% for neonates at altitude ≤2500 m (at sea level)



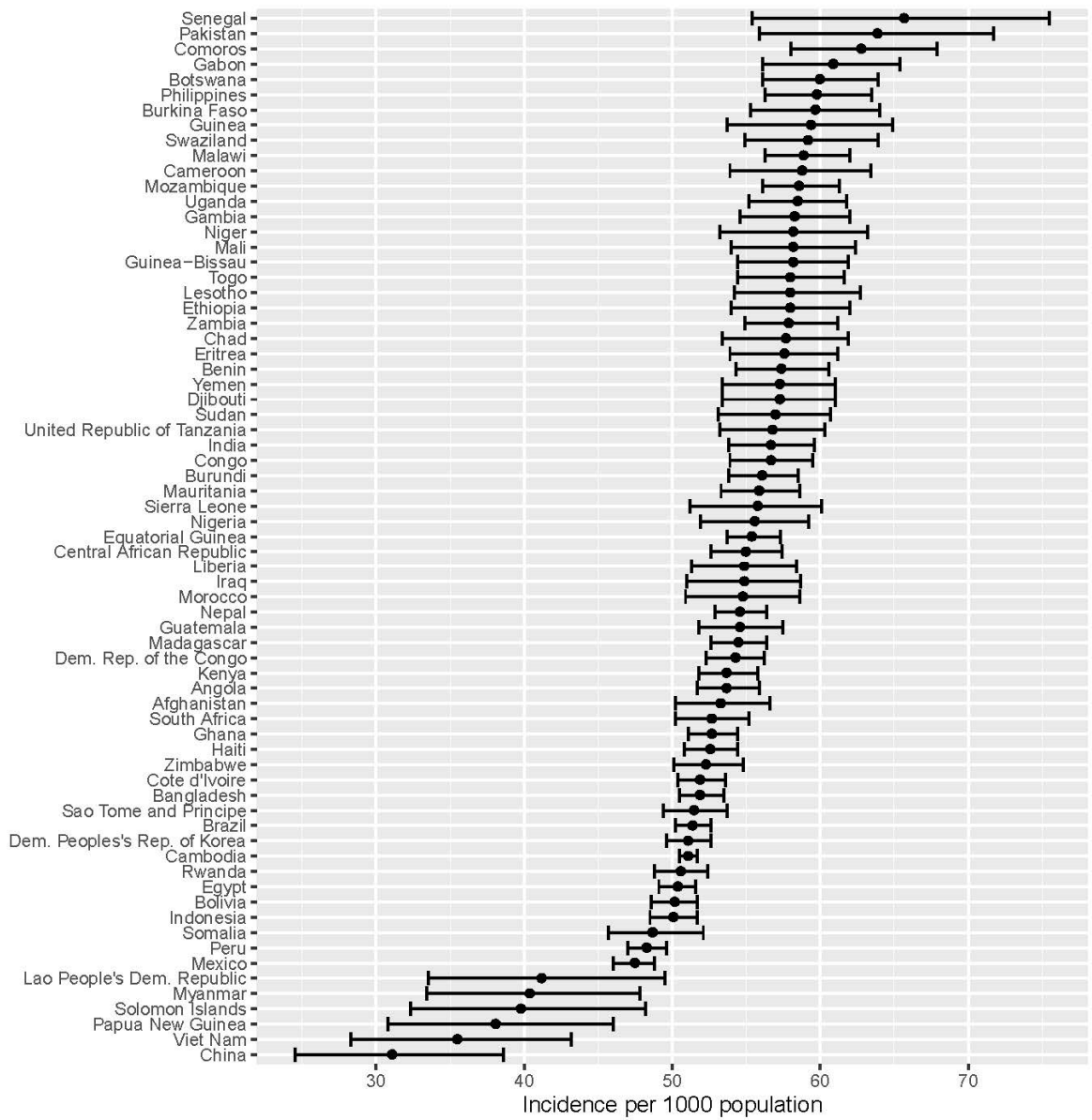
Supplementary figure 1: Conceptual diagram showing how the various categories of disease severity relate to each other



Supplementary figure 2: Location of hospital-based studies reporting proportion of ALRI cases positive for RSV

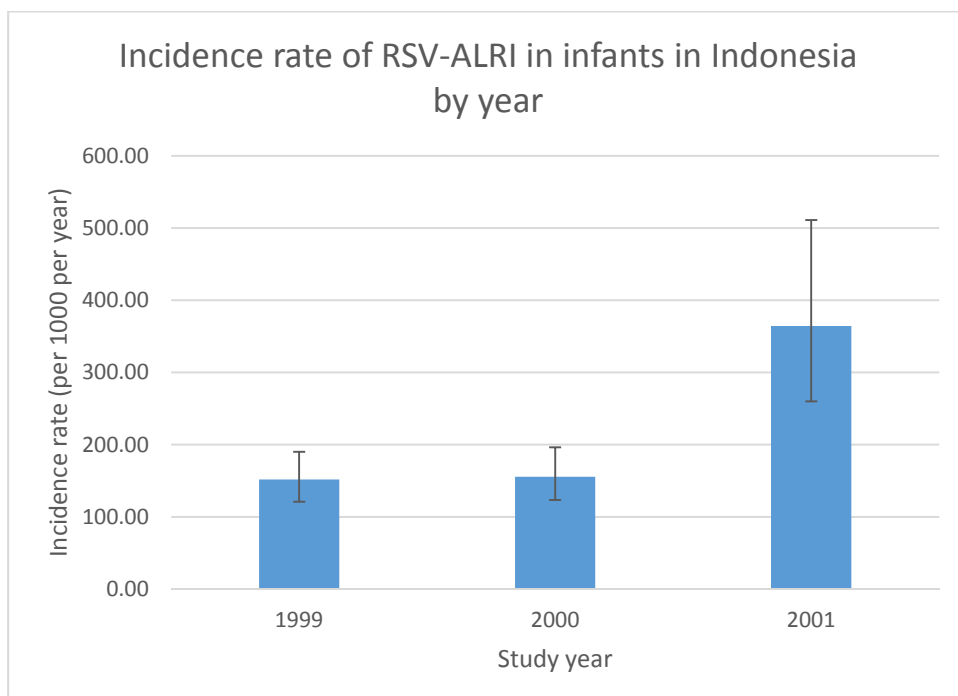
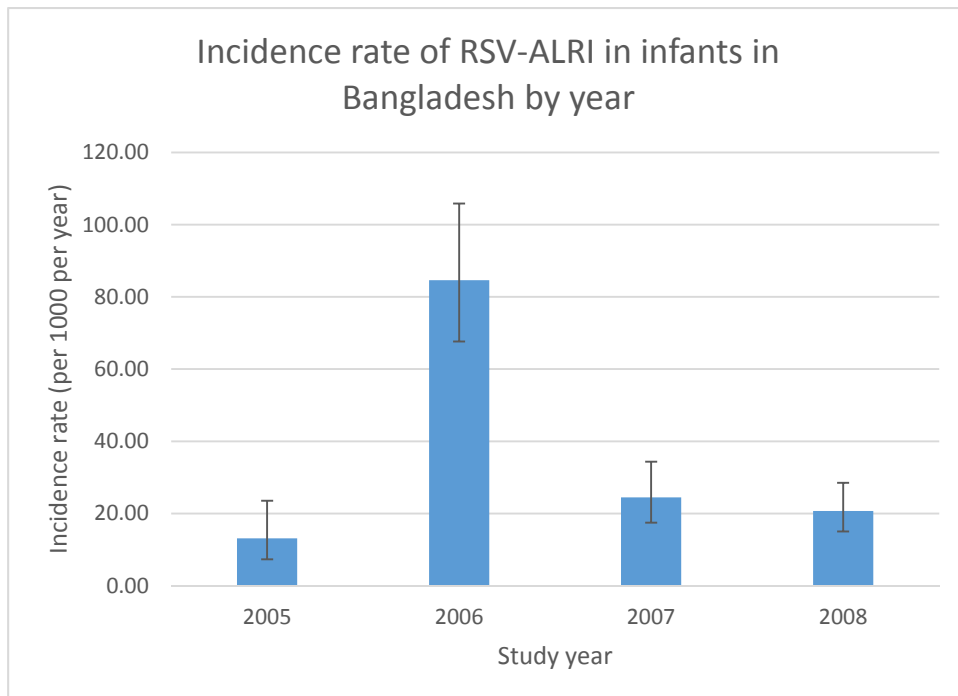


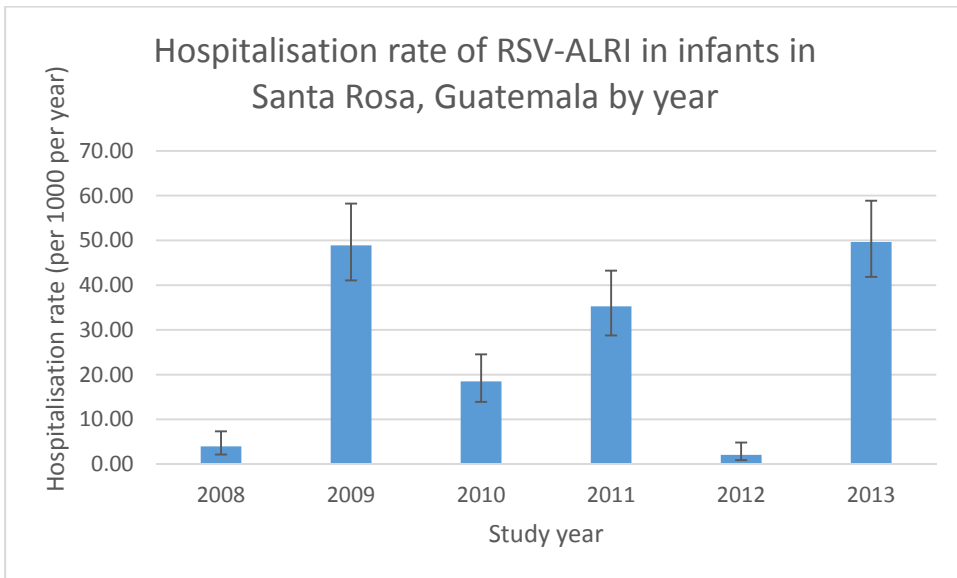
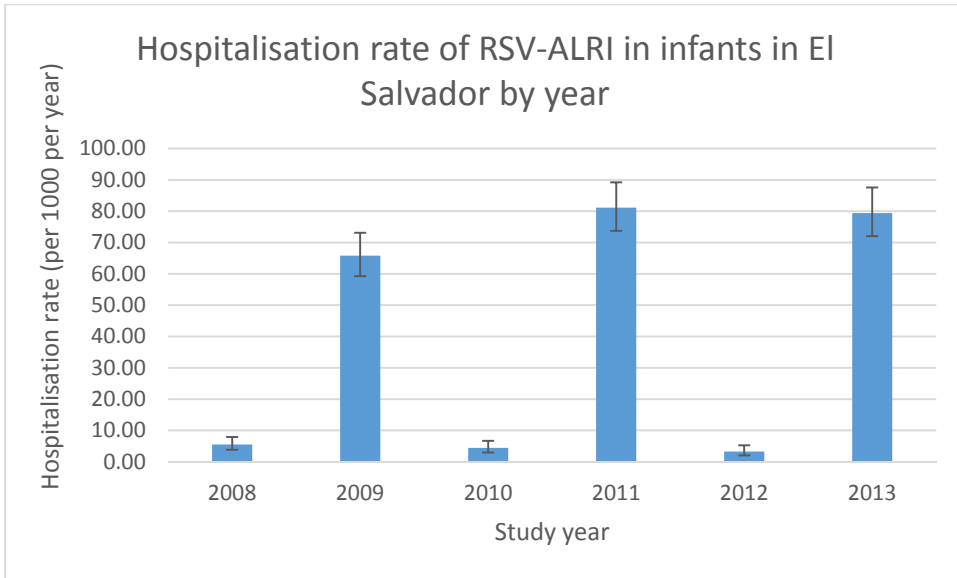
Supplementary figure 3: Incidence of RSV-associated ALRI (per 1000 children aged under 5 years per year) in 69 countdown countries

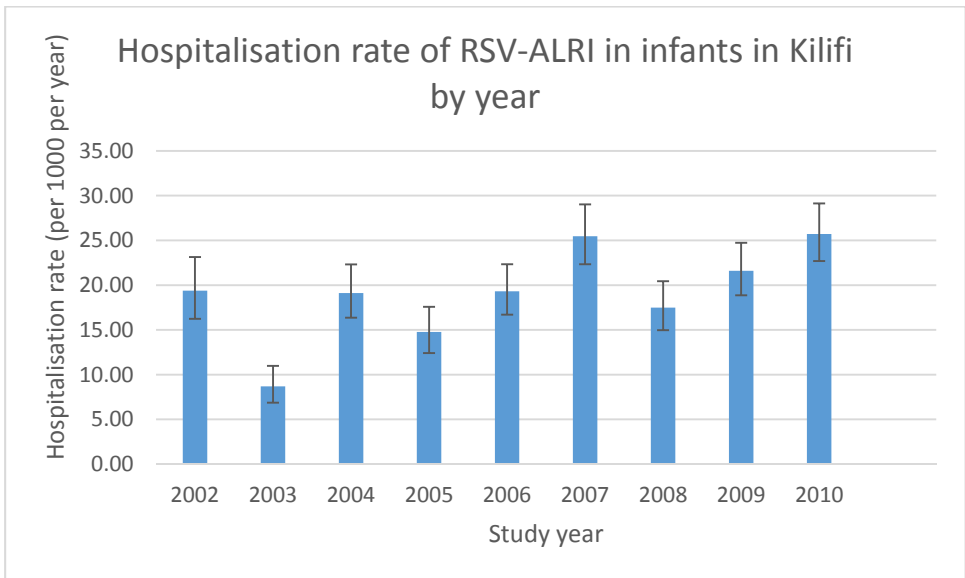
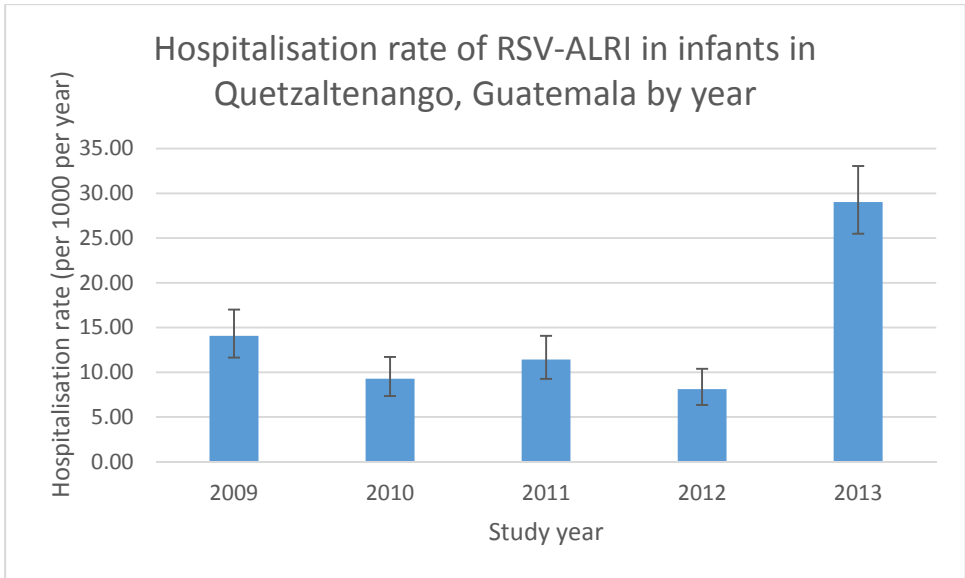


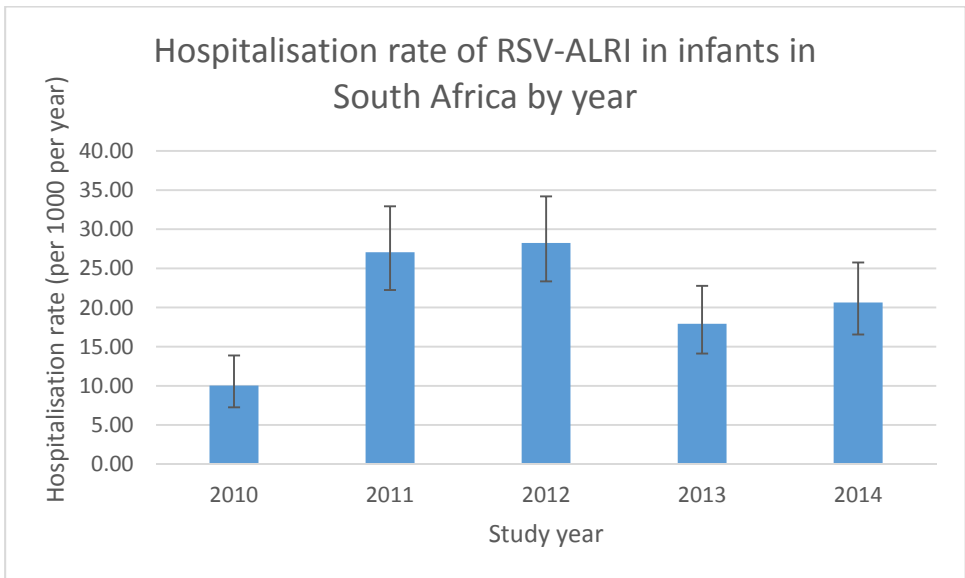
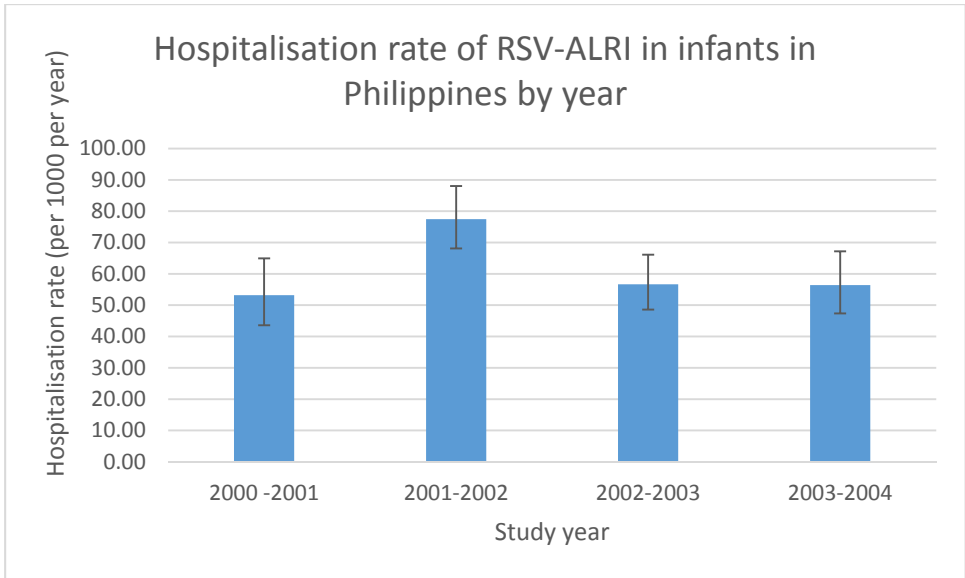
Supplementary figure 4: Incidence of RSV-associated ALRI (per 1000 children younger than 5 years per year) in 69 countdown countries if there were no uncertainty in meta-estimates of incidence of RSV-associated ALRI in developing countries

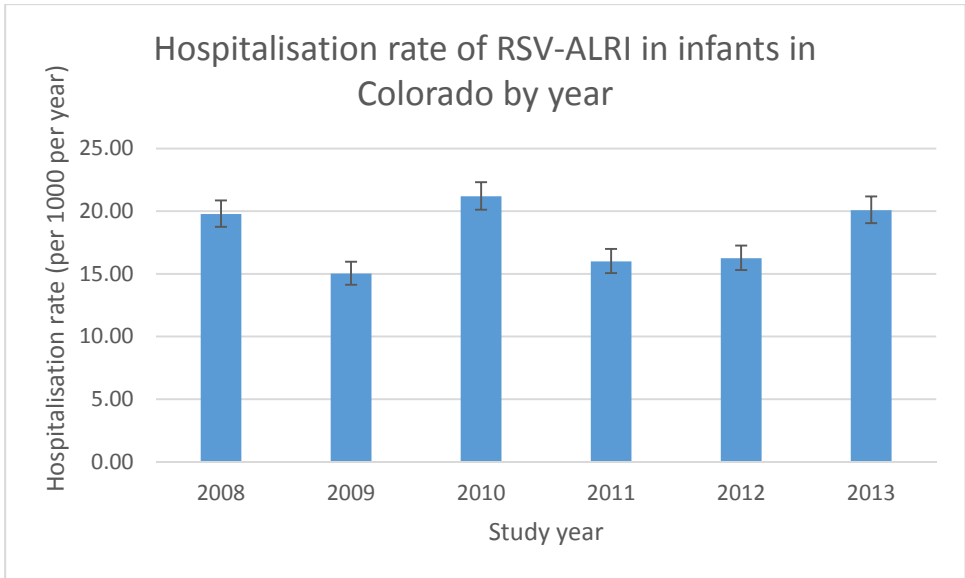
Supplementary figure 5: Annual variation in the incidence and hospitalisation rates for RSV-associated ALRI among children aged below 5 years at various locations across the world

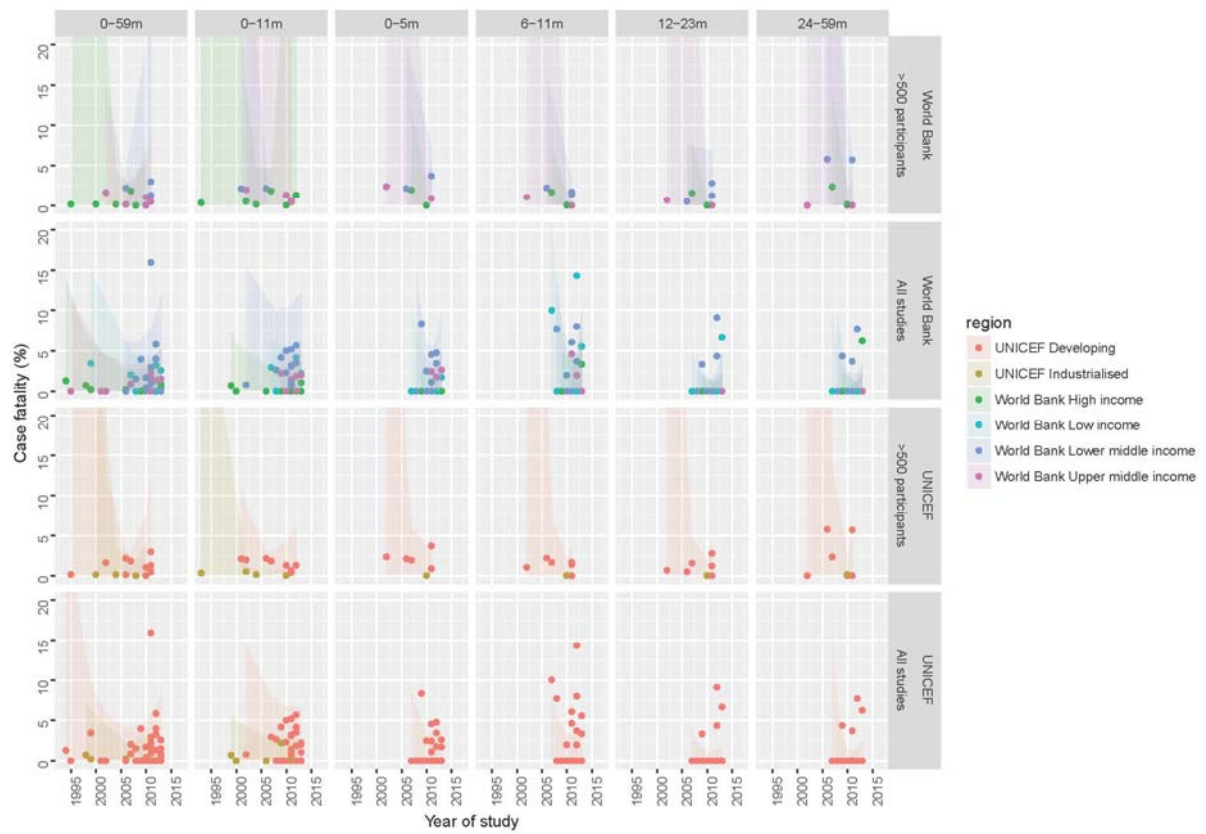












Supplementary figure 6: Trends in in-hospital case fatality ratio for RSV-associated ALRI in children younger than 5 years, by age group and by region

Checklist of information that should be included in new reports of global health estimates

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3	Describe how the data were identified and how the data were accessed.	2
4	Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria. Identify all ad-hoc exclusions.	2
5	Provide information on all included data sources and their main characteristics. For each data source used, report reference information or contact name/institution, population represented, data collection method, year(s) of data collection, sex and age range, diagnostic criteria or measurement method, and sample size, as relevant.	13-38 in supplementary material
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13	Describe methods for calculating uncertainty of the estimates. State which sources of uncertainty were, and were not, accounted for in the uncertainty analysis.	3, 9-11
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