# Ventilator associated pneumonia (VAP) diagnostic tests: a multi-criteria decision analysis to establish diagnosis priorities.

Instructions: Dear sir/madame, you are filling this form due your expertise in respiratory tract infections, namely infections VAP. This study focus on VAP diagnosis. You should rank, according each question instructions, your preferences.

You have to answer all the questions. You will need 20 minutes to fill the form.

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Email address \*

Please type your initials (for duplicates control): \*

How do you spend most of your work-time? \* Mark only one oval.

As clinical microbiologist

As attending physician

In your ICU, who does perform bronchoscopy for VAP diagnosis? \*

Mark only one oval.

Pneumologist doing broncoschopy most of the working-week

Pneumologists with other daily activities

Intensivists

Pneumologists on weekdays and intensivists on weekends

Question: From the following criteria, please rank the following characteristics from most (8) to the least (1) important for the diagnosis of VAP. \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Risk to the patient		)					$\bigcirc$		$) \bigcirc$
Test availability		)	$\mathbf{)}$				$\bigcirc$		$) \bigcirc$
Time to clinical relevant result		)	$\square$				$\bigcirc$		$) \bigcirc$
Impact on decision to start antibiotic therapy									
Effect on antibiotic choice		)	$\bigcirc$				$\bigcirc$		$) \bigcirc$
Cost		)	$\mathbf{)}$				$\bigcirc$		$) \bigcirc $
Need for professionals experience	e	)	$\bigcirc$				$\bigcirc$		$) \bigcirc$
Impact in patient outcomes							$\bigcirc$		$) \bigcirc$

1.A. Choose between the next IMAGING TECHNIQUES which one is more relevant for you regarding VAP diagnosis (1 least important, 4 most important): Note if none is your best answer, rank "none" with 4. \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	1	2	2 3	3 4
Chest X-ray	$\square$	)		$) \bigcirc$
Chest CT	$\square$	)	)	$\mathcal{D}\mathcal{O}$
Lung ultrassound	$\square$	)	)	$\supset \bigcirc$
None	$\square$	)	)	$\supset \bigcirc$

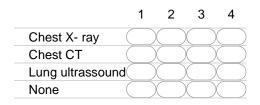
**1.B.** In your ICU, when a VAP is suspected in which percentage of patients you use the next IMAGING TECHNIQUES?

Check all that apply.

	-	•	0	
0				
10 %				
20 %				
30 %				
40 %				
50 %				
60 %				
70 %				
80 %				
90 %				
100 %				

#### Chest X-ray Chest CT Lung ultrassound None

#### 2. In VAP patients, regarding the RISK TO THE PATIENT of the following imaging techniques please rank (1 higher risk. 4 lower risk): \*



#### 3. In VAP patients, please rank the following imaging techniques concerning TEST AVAILABILITY (1 least available, 4 most available): \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	1	2	3	4
Chest X- ray			$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Chest CT		$) \bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Lung ultrassound		$) \bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
None		$) \bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

4. In VAP patients, please rank the following imaging techniques according to their NEED OF PROFESSIONALS EXPERIENCE (1 most experienced, 4 least experienced): \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	1	2	3	4
Chest X- ray		$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\bigcirc$
Chest CT		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Lung ultrassound		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
None		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

5. In VAP patients, please rank the following imaging techniques according to their IMPACT ON DECISION TO START ANTIBIOTIC (1 least impact, 4 most impact): \*

Mark only one oval per row.

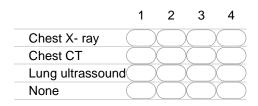
	1	2	3	4
Chest X- ray			$\bigcirc$	
Chest CT		(	$\bigcirc$	
Lung ultrassound		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	
None			$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

6. In VAP patients, please rank the following imaging techniques according to their POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PATIENTS OUTCOMES (1 least impact, 4 most impact): \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	1	2	3	4
Chest X- ray		$) \bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Chest CT		$) \bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Lung ultrassound		$) \bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
None		$) \bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

7. In VAP patients, please rank the following imaging techniques according to their COST (1 most expensive, 4 chepeast): \*



## 8.A. Choose between the next MICROBIOLOGICAL TESTS which one is more relevant for you regarding VAP diagnosis (1 least important, 6 most important): Note if none is your best answer, rank "none" with 6. \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	1	2	2 :	3	4	5	6
Blood Cultures			)				
Endotracheal aspirate culture		)	$\bigcirc$	$\sum$		$\sum$	
Mini-bronchoalveolar lavage culture (Combicath ® )							
Bronchoalveolar lavage culture		)	)	)			
Telescopic catheter		)	)	)		$\mathbf{)}$	
Transbronchial biopsy		)	$\bigcirc$			$\sum$	

#### 8.B. In your ICU, when a VAP is suspected in which percentage of patients you use the next MICROBIOLOGICAL TESTS $? \end{tabular}$

Check all that apply.

	Blood Cultures	Endotracheal aspirate culture	Mini- bronchoalveolar lavage culture (Combicath ®)	Bronchoalveolar lavage culture	Telescopic catheter	Transbronchial biopsy
0						
10 %						
20 %						
30 %						
40 %						
50 %						
60 %						
70 %						
80 %						
90 %						
100 %						

#### 9. Between the next microbiological tests rank which one has more RISK FOR PATIENTS in VAP diagnosis (1 higher risk. 6 lower risk): \*

		1	2	3	4	56	6
Blood Cultures				$\square$	$\square$		$\bigcirc$
Endotracheal aspirate culture		$\sum$		$\square$	$\square$		$\supset$
Mini-bronchoalveolar lavage culture (Combicath ® )	$\subset$						$\supset$
Bronchoalveolar lavage culture		$\sum$		$\square$	$\square$		$\supset$
Telescopic catheter		$\sum$		$\square$	$\square$		$\supset$
Transbronchial biopsy	(				)(		$\bigcirc$

#### 10. Which one of the following microbiological tests rank is more AVAILABLE in VAP diagnosis in your ICU (1 least available, 6 most available): \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	1	l	2	3	4	5	6
Blood Cultures	$\square$		$\bigcirc$	$\mathbf{)}$	$\sum$		
Endotracheal aspirate culture		)(					
Mini-bronchoalveolar lavage culture (Combicath ® )	$\square$						
Bronchoalveolar lavage culture	$\square$	)	)				
Telescopic catheter	$\square$	$\supset$	$\bigcirc$				
Transbronchial biopsy			)				

#### 11. Regarding the following microbiological tests rank which one has more IMPACT ON DECISION TO START ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY in VAP (1 least impact, 6 most impact): \*

Mark only one oval per row.

		1	2	3	4	5	6
Blood Cultures			$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Endotracheal aspirate culture				$\bigcirc$	$\square$		$\bigcirc$
Mini-bronchoalveolar lavage culture (Combicath ®)	$\left( \right)$			$\bigcirc$			$\bigcirc$
Bronchoalveolar lavage culture			$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Telescopic catheter				$\bigcirc$	$\square$		$\bigcirc$
Transbronchial biopsy				$\bigcirc$	$\square$		$\bigcirc$

**12.** In VAP patients, please rank the following microbiological tests according to their POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PATIENTS OUTCOMES (1 least impact, 6 most impact) \* *Mark only one oval per row.* 

		1	2	3	4	5 6	
Blood Cultures				$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\bigcirc$	$\overline{)}$
Endotracheal aspirate culture				$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$	)
Mini-bronchoalveolar lavage culture (Combicath ®)	$\left( \right)$			$\bigcirc$			)
Bronchoalveolar lavage culture				$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$	)
Telescopic catheter				$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\supset$	Ĵ
Transbronchial biopsy				$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$		)

### 13. In VAP patients, please rank the following microbiological tests according to their NEED OF PROFESSIONALS EXPERIENCE (1 most experienced, 8 least experienced): \*

	1	2	2	3	4	5	6
Blood Cultures		)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$			
Endotracheal aspirate culture		)		)(			
Mini-bronchoalveolar lavage culture (Combicath ® )	$\square$						
Bronchoalveolar lavage culture		)	)	)(			
Telescopic catheter		)		)(			
Transbronchial biopsy		)(		)(	)(		

#### 14. In VAP patients, please rank the following microbiological tests according to their COST (1 most expensive, 6 chepeast) $^*$

Mark only one oval per row.

		1	2	3	4	ļ	5	6
Blood Cultures					)	)		
Endotracheal aspirate culture		$\mathbf{)}$			)	)		
Mini-bronchoalveolar lavage culture (Combicath ® )	$\bigcirc$							
Bronchoalveolar lavage culture		)		(	)	)	$\sum$	$\bigcirc$
Telescopic catheter		$\mathbf{)}$			)	)	$\sum$	
Transbronchial biopsy		$\mathcal{I}$			)			

## 15.A. Regarding the following BIOMARKERS which one is more relevant for you in VAP diagnosis (1 least important, 7 most important). Note: if none is your preferred answer, rank "none" with 7. \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	1		2	3		4	5	6	7
None		)			)				$\bigcirc$
White blood cell count		)			)			$\square$	$\Box$
Interleukin 6		)			)				$\bigcirc$
Interleukin 10		)			)			$\square$	$\Box$
Pro-adrenomedullin		)(			)	$\square$		$\square$	$\bigcirc$
C-reactive protein		)			)			$\square$	$\square$
Procalcitonin		)			)			$\square$	$\bigcirc$

#### 15.B. In your ICU, when a VAP is suspected in which percentage of patients you use the next BIOMARKERS?

Check all that apply.

	None	White blood cell count	Interleukin 6	Interleukin 10	Pro- adrenomedullin	C-reactive protein	Procalcitonin
0							
10 %							
20 %							
30 %							
40 %							
50 %							
60 %							
70 %							
80 %							
90 %							
100 %							

#### 16. In VAP patients, please rank the following biomarkers concerning TEST AVAILABILITY in your ICU (1 least available, 7 most available): \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	1		2	3	4	4	5	6	7
White blood cell count	t	)			)		$\sum$		
Interleukin 6	$\square$	$\mathbf{)}$			)	$\mathbf{)}$			
Interleukin 10	$\square$	$\mathbf{)}$			)	$\mathbf{)}$			
Pro-adrenomedullin	$\square$	$\mathbf{)}$			)	$\sum$	$\sum$		
C-reactive protein	$\square$	$\mathbf{)}$			)	$\sum$	$\sum$		$\square$
Procalcitonin	$\bigcirc$	)			)	$\mathbf{X}$			
None	$\bigcirc$	)			)		$\sum$	$\square$	

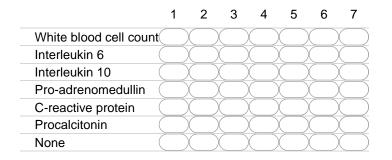
17. In VAP patients, please rank the following biomarkers according to their IMPACT ON DECISION TO START ANTIBIOTIC AND ITS CHOICE (1 least impact, 7 most impact): \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	1	2	3	4	5	6 7
White blood cell count	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\Box$			)))
Interleukin 6	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\supset \bigcirc$
Interleukin 10	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$			$\supset \bigcirc$
Pro-adrenomedullin	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$	$\supset \bigcirc$
C-reactive protein	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$	$\supset \bigcirc$
Procalcitonin	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\Box$		$\square$	$\bigcirc$
None	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$	$\bigcirc$

18. In VAP patients, please rank the following biomarkers according to their COST (1 most expensive, 7 chepeast): \*

Mark only one oval per row.



19. In VAP patients, please rank the following biomarkers according to their POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PATIENTS OUTCOMES (1 least impact, 6 most impact) \*

	1		2		3	4	5		6	7
White blood cell count		)						)		
Interleukin 6		$\mathbf{)}$			$\sum$			)		$\bigcirc$
Interleukin 10		$\mathbf{)}$		(	$\sum$			)		
Pro-adrenomedullin		)(		(	$\sum$			)(		
C-reactive protein		)(		(				)(		
Procalcitonin		)(		(				)		
None		)(		(				)		

20.A. Regarding the following DIAGNOSTIC TECHNIQUES which one is more relevant for you in VAP diagnosis (1 least important, 8 most important). Note: if none is your preferred answer, rank "none" with 8.\*

Mark only one oval per row.

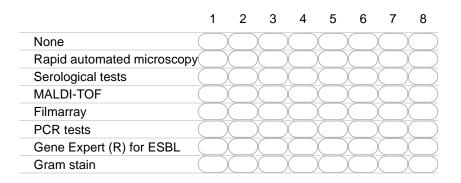
	1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
None		)							$\square$
Rapid automated microscopy		)	$\sum$				$\sum$		$\square$
Serological tests		)							$\square$
MALDI-TOF		)(	$\sum$		$\bigcirc$	$\sum$	$\bigcirc$		$\square$
Respiratory specimens filmarray		)							$\square$
Serum and respiratory samples PCR tests									
Gene Expert (R)	(					)			$\bigcirc$
Gram stain	$\square$	)					$\sum$		$\Box$

#### 20.B. In your ICU, when a VAP is suspected in which percentage of patients you use the next DIAGNOSTIC TECHNIQUES?

Check all that apply.

	None	Rapid automated microscopy	Serological tests	MALDI- TOF	Filmarray	PCR tests	Gene Expert (R) for ESBL	Gram stain
0								
10 %								
20 %								
30 %								
40 %								
50 %								
60 %								
70 %								
80 %								
90 %								
100 %								

#### 21. In VAP patients, please rank the following diagnostic techniques concerning TEST AVAILABILITY (1 least available, 8 most available): \*



22. In VAP patients, please rank the following diagnostic techniques concerning TIME TO CLINICAL RELEVANT RESULT (1 least available, 8 most available): \*

Mark only one oval per row.

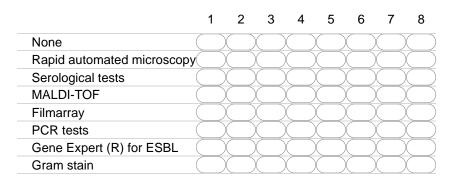
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
None	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\bigcirc$
Rapid automated microscop	y )	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$) \bigcirc$
Serological tests	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$) \bigcirc$
MALDI-TOF	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$) \bigcirc$
Filmarray	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$) \bigcirc$
PCR tests	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$) \bigcirc$
Gene Expert (R) for ESBL	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$) \bigcirc$
Gram stain	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$) \bigcirc$

23. In VAP patients, please rank the following diagnostic techniques according to their POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PATIENTS OUTCOMES (1 least impact, 8 most impact)): \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
None	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$						
Rapid automated microscop	<b>y</b> ( )	$\bigcirc$			$\sum$			
Serological tests	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	$\square$			
MALDI-TOF	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	$\square$			
Filmarray	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$						
PCR tests	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$						
Gene Expert (R) for ESBL	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$		)				
Gram stain	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$				

#### 24. In VAP patients, please rank the following diagnostic techniques according to their COST (1 most expensive, 8 least expensive) \*



25. In VAP patients, please rank the following diagnostic techniques according to their NEED OF PROFESSIONALS EXPERIENCE (1 most experienced, 8 least experienced): \*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	78
None	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$		$\bigcirc$
Rapid automated microscop	y )	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$			$\supset \bigcirc$
Serological tests	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$			$\supset \bigcirc$
MALDI-TOF	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$			$\bigcirc\bigcirc$
Filmarray	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\Box$	$\square$	$\sum$		$\supset \bigcirc$
PCR tests	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$			$\bigcirc$
Gene Expert (R) for ESBL	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\square$	$\square$		$\sum$	$\supset \bigcirc$
Gram stain	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$		$\square$			$) \bigcirc$