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Multidrug-resistant pathogens in hospitalised patients coming from the community with pneumonia: a European perspective

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ABSTRACT

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To cite: Aliberti S, Cilloniz C, Chalmers JD, *et al. Thorax* Published Online First: [*please include* Day Month Year] doi:10.1136/thoraxjnl-2013-203384 **Background** Probabilistic scores have been recently suggested to identify pneumonia caused by multidrugresistant (MDR) bacteria. The aim of the study was to validate both Aliberti and Shorr scores in predicting MDR pneumonia, comparing them with healthcare associated pneumonia (HCAP) classification.

Methods Two independent European cohorts of consecutive patients hospitalised with pneumonia were prospectively evaluated in Barcelona, Spain (BC) and Edinburgh, UK (EC). Data on admission and during hospitalisation were collected. The predictive value of the three scores was explored for correctly indicating the presence of MDR pneumonia via a receiver-operating characteristic (ROC) curve.

Results A total of **1591** patients in the BC and **1883** patients in the EC were enrolled. The prevalence of patients with MDR pathogen among those with isolated bacteria was **7.6%** in the BC and **3.3%** in the EC. The **most common** MDR pathogen found in both cohorts was **MRSA**, followed by MDR *P aeruginosa*. A significantly higher prevalence of MDR bacteria was found among patients in the intensive care unit **(ICU)**. The two probabilistic scores, and particularly the Aliberti one, showed an area under the ROC curve higher than the HCAP classification in predicting MDR pneumonia, especially in the ICU.

Conclusions Risk scores able to identify MDR pneumonia could help in developing strategies for antimicrobial stewardship.

INTRODUCTION

The presence of multidrug-resistant (MDR) organisms causing pneumonia in the community has emerged over the past decades as a critical problem.¹ Studies performed in the USA clearly documented the increasing prevalence of resistant organisms in patients with community-acquired pneumonia (CAP).² Data from European studies are limited and generally suggest a low frequency of MDR organisms in patients coming from the community with pneumonia.3 4 Two probabilistic scores have been developed to assess the potential for MDR pathogens in CAP patients: the Aliberti score was prospectively derived from a European cohort of patients with CAP, while the Shorr score was derived from a retrospective analysis of patients with CAP in the USA.³ ⁵ However, neither

Key messages

What is the key question?

Can we use probabilistic scores to **predict** the presence of multidrug-resistant (MDR) organisms in hospitalised patients coming from the community with pneumonia?

What is the bottom line?

Two probabilistic scores perform better than the healthcare-associated pneumonia classification in predicting the presence of pneumonia due to MDR bacteria in patients hospitalised both in the ward and in the intensive care unit.

Why read on?

The application of risk scores able to predict the presence of a MDR pneumonia in patients coming from the community could help to balance the need to treat infections appropriately while avoiding the overuse of broad-spectrum antibiotics.

score has been prospectively validated in large and independent European cohorts of CAP patients.

The aims of the present study were (a) to externally validate the Aliberti and Shorr scores in predicting pneumonia caused by MDR bacteria and to compare them with the healthcare-associated pneumonia (HCAP) classification; (b) to evaluate the prevalence of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, methicillinresistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and other MDR bacteria in two independent European cohorts of hospitalised patients coming from the community with pneumonia; and (c) to study characteristics and clinical outcomes of patients with pneumonia caused by MDR versus non-MDR bacteria.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two independent European cohorts of consecutive patients coming from the community and admitted with a diagnosis of pneumonia were prospectively evaluated in Barcelona, Spain, and Edinburgh, UK. The Barcelona cohort (BC) included patients admitted with a diagnosis of pneumonia to the Hospital Clinic in Barcelona, Spain, between January 2007 and March 2012. Patients who were

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Respiratory infection

hospitalised in the previous 21 days, as well as those with a diagnosis of active tuberculosis or infection with fungi were excluded from the study. The Edinburgh cohort (EC) included patients admitted to National Health Service hospitals in Edinburgh with a diagnosis of pneumonia between January 2005 and December 2009. Exclusion criteria were (a) immunosuppression, defined as current, >28 days, use of oral prednisolone at any dose or other immunosuppressive drugs or (b) patients with solid organ transplantation; (c) known thoracic malignancy and (d) patients in whom active treatment was not considered appropriate; (e) hospitalisation in the preceding 14 days; and (f) patients who developed pneumonia >48 h after hospital admission.

Microbiological testings were conducted according to British Thoracic Society and European Respiratory Society recommendations. MRSA, P aeruginosa resistant to antipseudomonal penicillins, cephalosporins, carbapenems and quinolones, Stenotrophomonas maltophilia, vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus, Acinetobacter baumanii, Enterobacteriaceae producing extended-spectrum B-lactamases (ESBL) and other nonfermenting Gram-negative bacilli were considered to be MDR pathogens. Among patients with isolated bacteria, two study groups were identified: patients whose pneumonia was caused by at least one MDR bacteria and those whose pneumonia was caused only by non-MDR bacteria. Among patients with isolated bacteria, three risk scores were evaluated and tested against the isolation of MDR bacteria: the Aliberti and Shorr scores and HCAP classification, see online supplementary material.

The χ^2 test was used to compare categorical data between groups. The Mann–Whitney U test was used to compare two groups of non-parametric data. The area under the receiver-operating characteristic (ROC) curves, together with its 95% CIs, was calculated for the three scores.

RESULTS

A total of 1591 consecutive patients with pneumonia (63% men, median age: 70 years) in BC and 1883 patients (51% men, median age: 68 years) in EC were enrolled during the study periods. Demographics, severity of disease, clinical, laboratory and radiological findings on admission, initial antibiotic therapy and clinical outcomes of both study populations are summarised in the online supplementary material. A causative organism for pneumonia was identified in 691 patients (43%) in BC and in 557 patients (30%) in EC.

The prevalence of patients with at least one MDR pathogen was 2.4% in BC and 0.9% in EC and among those with isolated bacteria, 7.6% in BC and 3.3% in EC. The most common MDR pathogen found in both cohorts was MRSA, followed by MDR

P aeruginosa and ESBL+ pathogens. Characteristics and outcomes of patients whose pneumonia was due to P aeruginosa and MRSA are reported in the online supplementary material. A significantly higher prevalence of MDR bacteria was found among patients admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) in comparison with those admitted to the ward in both cohorts. In comparison with patients with pneumonia caused by nonresistant bacteria, those with a least one MDR bacteria came more frequently from a nursing home, had been more frequently hospitalised in the prior 90 days, were more immunosuppressed (in BC) and had more severe pneumonia on admission in terms of use of mechanical ventilation, acidemia and alteration of gas exchange. Patients with MDR bacteria also showed a significant longer hospital stay, a significant higher frequency of treatment failure and higher mortality, up to 40%, in comparison with subjects with a pneumonia caused by a nonresistant bacteria.

At least one risk factor for MDR organisms was identified in 41% and 31% of the patients in BC and EC, respectively. The ROC curves evaluating the performance of the three scores with respect to the presence of MDR bacteria are reported in table 1 for both study cohorts. In the entire BC, the area under the ROC curve for the Aliberti score was 0.89, the Shorr score was 0.89 and HCAP classification was 0.77. In the entire EC, the area under the ROC curve for the Aliberti score was 0.77, the Shorr score was 0.75 and HCAP classification was 0.66. The performance of the three scores was evaluated among patients admitted to ICU and among those admitted to the ward. The Aliberti score showed a higher area under the curve in both populations of patients in BC admitted to ICU and ward patients and in ICU patients in EC in comparison with the Shorr score and HCAP classification.

DISCUSSION

This study shows a low prevalence of MDR bacteria in CAP patients in three hospitals in a single Scottish region in Northern Europe and in one hospital in Barcelona in Southern Europe. Patients suffering from pneumonia caused by MDR bacteria show more severe disease on presentation and worse clinical outcomes in comparison with those with non-MDR bacteria. Finally, two probabilistic scores (Aliberti and Shorr) perform better than HCAP classification in predicting the presence of pneumonia due to MDR bacteria. The Aliberti score shows a slightly better performance in both the entire population of patients with pneumonia and among ICU patients in comparison with the Shorr score.

Our data confirm a low percentage of pneumonia caused by MDR bacteria in Europe: 7.6% in Spain and 3.3% in the UK. A difference seems to be emerging in the prevalence of CAP

Table 1 Area under the receiver-operating characteristic curve in the entire population, patients admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) and those admitted to the ward in the Barcelona cohort (BC) and Edinburgh cohort (EC) according to the Aliberti and Shorr scores and healthcare-associated pneumonia (HCAP) classification

		Area under the curve				
Study cohorts	Score	Entire population	ICU patients	Ward patients		
ВС	Aliberti score	0.89 (0.83–0.95)	0.85 (0.75–0.96)	0.91 (0.84–0.98)		
	Shorr score	0.89 (0.82–0.96)	0.77 (0.58–0.96)	0.89 (0.80–0.97)		
	HCAP classification	0.77 (0.69–0.83)	0.83 (0.71–0.95)	0.75 (0.68–0.83)		
EC	Aliberti score	0.77 (0.71–0.84)	<mark>0.79</mark> (0.68–0.89)	0.77 (0.70–0.84)		
	Shorr score	0.75 (0.68–0.81)	<mark>0.74</mark> (0.63–0.86)	0.80 (0.73–0.87)		
	HCAP classification	0.66 (0.59–0.73)	0.60 (0.49–0.71)	0.73 (0.64–0.82)		

caused by MDR bacteria between the USA and Europe. Reasons for this finding could be related to the enrolment of more severe and immunocompromised patients in the US studies as well as the presence of some differences in the organisation of healthcare systems in terms of decentralisation of care on the territory and different policies and guidelines related to the use of antibiotics (11, 18). These final considerations could be also responsible for the slight difference in MDR prevalence between Southern (Spain and Italy) Europe and Northern (UK) Europe (6).

We showed a superiority of both Aliberti and Shorr scores in comparison with HCAP classification. Differences in ROC values of both Aliberti and Shorr scores between the two study cohorts could be mainly due to the difference in prevalence of MDR bacteria. The knowledge of population characteristics, the presence and degree of immunosuppression and background resistance rates is therefore critical to optimise the use of these scores.

We found a high prevalence of MDR bacteria among patients with pneumonia who were admitted to ICU and, particularly, those who received mechanical ventilation. These findings raise the question whether all severe patients with pneumonia admitted to ICU should receive a broad-spectrum antibiotic treatment against MDR bacteria regardless of the presence of risk factors. Although in daily clinical practice patient disease severity often leads physicians to prescribe a broad-spectrum antibiotic coverage in order to prevent excess mortality due to treatment failure, a probabilistic approach based on score system could be suggested. The Aliberti score has been proved to have a role in evaluating the presence of MDR infection also in CAP patients admitted to ICU.

In conclusion, a low prevalence of MDR organisms could be found among patients coming from the community and who are hospitalised because of an episode of pneumonia, with <u>MRSA</u> identified as the <u>most frequent pathogen</u>. The application in clinical practice of risk scores able to predict the presence of MDR pneumonia in patients coming from the **community** could help in developing strategies for healthcare workers to balance the need to treat infections appropriately while avoiding the overuse of broad-spectrum antibiotics.

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To subscribe to BMJ go to: http://group.bmj.com/subscribe/ Table 1. Scoring systems to evaluate the presence of multidrug resistant pathogens inpatients with pneumonia hospitalized from the community

The Aliberti score		The Shoor sco	ore	HCAP classification*		
Variable	Point	Variable	Point	Variable	Point	
No risk factors for MDR	0	Recent	4	None of the following	0	
pathogen (including		hospitalization				
comorbidities)						
At least one among:	0.5	Nursing home or	3	At least one among:	1	
cerebrovascular disease;		extended care		Hospitalization for at		
diabetes; chronic		facility		least 48 hours during the		
obstructive pulmonary				preceding 90 days;		
disease; antimicrobial				Nursing home or		
therapy in preceding 90				extended care facility;		
days;				Hemodyalisis;		
immunosuppression;				Immunosuppression;		
home wound care; home				Antimicrobial therapy in		
infusion therapy				the preceding 90 days		
(including antibiotics)						
Nursing home or	3	Chronic	2			

extended care facility	hemodyalisis
Hospitalization for two 4	Admitted to the 1
days or more in the	ICU within 24
preceding 90 days	hours of
Chronic renal failure 5	evaluation in the
	ED

MDR: Multidrug resistant; ICU: intensive care unit; ED: Emergency Department; * A comprehensive definition of healthcare associated pneumonia (HCAP) was used [5].

Table 2	. Demog	raphics,	severity	of	disease,	clinical,	laboratory,	radiological	findings	on
admissio	on, initia	l empiric	antibioti	ic tı	reatment	and clin	ical outcome	s of the study	cohorts.	

Characteristic	Barcelona Cohort	Edinburgh Cohort
n. (%)	1591 (100)	1883 (100)
Demographics, n. (%)		
Male	1001 (63)	961 (51)
Age, median (IQR) years	70 (50-82)	68 (62-79)
Active smokers	406 (26)	650 (35)
Active alcohol abuser	240 (15)	189 (10)
Comorbidities, n. (%)		
Congestive heart failure	268 (17)	390 (21)
COPD	208 (13)	496 (26)
Diabetes mellitus	288 (18)	245 (13)
Aspiration	203 (13)	318 (17)
Neurological diseases	133 (9)	226 (12)
Cerebrovascular disease	62 (3.9)	191 (10)
Chronic renal failure	96 (6)	124 (7)
Liver disease	140 (9)	98 (5)
Bronchiectasis	59 (4)	61 (3)
Asthma	60 (4)	48 (3)

Severity on admission, n. (%)

Admission to ICU	198 (12)	181 (10)
Admission to RHDU	123 (8)	132 (7)
PSI Risk Class IV and V	784 (49)	667 (50)
Altered mental status	299 (19)	281 (15)
Invasive Mechanical ventilation	88 (6)	121 (7)
Non-Invasive Mechanical Ventilation	38 (2·4)	86 (5)
Septic shock	80 (5)	98 (5)
Physical findings on admission, n. (%)		
Temperature, median (IQR) °C	37.2 (36.3-38.1)	37.5 (36.9-38.4)
Hypotension [#]	238 (15)	444 (24)
Heart rate, median (IQR) beats/minute	98 (84-111)	104 (89-118)
Heart rate > 125 beats/minute	119 (8)	252 (13)
Respiratory Rate, median (IQF	R)24 (20-28)	25 (20-32)
breath/minute		
Respiratory Rate > 30 breath/minute	273 (17)	451 (24)
Alteration of gas exchange*	701 (44)	697 (37)
SpO2, median (IQR)	93 (90-95)	94 (91-95)
Laboratory values, median (IQR)		
Arterial pH	7.44 (7.40-7.47)	7.43 (7.40-7.45)
Arterial pH<7.35, n. (%)	121 (8)	247 (13)
White blood cells, $cell/L^{-1}$	12000 (8500-16900)	14200 (9200-19500)
Platelet, cell/L ⁻¹	237000 (178000)-244000 (192000-
	306000)	322000)

Hematocrit, %	40 (37-43)	39.1 (35-42)
Creatinine, mg/dL	1 (0.8-1.4)	1 (0.8-1.4)
Glucose, mg/dL	122 (103-156)	117 (101-142)
Sodium, mEq/L	136 (133-139)	137 (134-140)
C-reactive protein, mg/dL	17 (8.7-27)	16 (7.5-30)
Radiology findings on CXR, n (%)		
Pleural effusion	224 (14)	385 (20)
Initial empiric antibiotic treatment, n (%)		
Ceftriaxone	990 (62)	305 (16)
Levofloxacin	925 (58)	0
Azithromycin	465 (29)	0
Clarithromycin	1 (0.06)	1099 (69)
Amoxicillin/clavulanate	140 (8.8)	893 (47)
Amoxicillin	0	652 (35)
Clindamycin	36 (2·3)	12 (0.6)
Piperacillin/tazobactam	28 (1.8)	56 (2.9)
Doxycycline	0	55 (2.9)
Meropenem	19 (1·2)	9 (0.5)
Ciprofloxacin	15 (0.9)	31 (1.6)
Trimetoprin/sulfametazol	11 (0.7)	10 (0.5)
Vancomycin	11 (0.7)	16 (0.8)
Others	52 (3.3)	112 (5.9)

Clinical outcomes, n (%)

Length of stay in the hospital, m	nedian8 (5-12)	5 (3-11)
(IQR) days		
Treatment failure	144 (9)	201 (11)
In-hospital mortality	91 (6)	169 (9)

IQR: interquartile range; COPD: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; PSI: pneumonia severity index; CAP: community-acquired pneumonia; SpO₂: oxygen saturation; PaCO₂: arterial partial pressure of carbon dioxide; PaO₂: arterial partial pressure of oxygen; ICU: intensive care unit; RHDU: respiratory high dependency unit; PSI: Pneumonia Severity Index; CXR: chest radiograph; [#]Hypotension defined as systolic blood pressure <90 mmHg or diastolic blood pressure < 60 mmHg; *Alteration of gas exchange defined as PaO₂ < 60 mm Hg, PaO₂/fraction of inspired oxygen < 300, or O2saturation < 90%.

Characteristic	Barcelona Cohort Edinburgh Cohort			
n. (%)	1591 (100)	1883 (100)		
Patients with at least one isolated pathogen	691 (43)	557 (30)		
Patients with at least one MDR bacteria	38 (2·4)	18 (0.9)		
MDR bacteria				
Methicillin-resistant S. aureus	25	7		
P. aeruginosa MDR+	12	3		
E. coli ESBL +	3	4		
Proteus mirabilis ESBL +	2	0		
K. pneumoniae ESBL+	2	1		
Enterobacter MDR+	1	0		
Enterococcus MDR+	1	0		
Stenotrophomonas maltophilia	1	3		
Acinetobacter baumanii	1	0		
Non-MDR bacteria				
S. pneumoniae	327	332		
H. influenzae	34	54		
Legionella pneumophila	28	19		
P. aeruginosa MDR-	20	6		
Methicillin-sensible S. aureus	15	44		
M. pneumoniae	15	28		
C. pneumoniae	9	3		

Table 3. Microbiological findings in the study cohorts

K. pneumoniae ESBL-	7	8
Coxiella	5	0
E. coli ESBL -	5	10
M. Catarrhalis	4	6
Proteus mirabilis ESBL -	2	1
Enterococcus MDR-	2	0
Enterobacter MDR-	1	1
Other bacteria	36	12
Virus		
Influenza A virus	16	32
Rinovirus	16	1
Parainfluenza virus	5	2
Adenovirus	3	2
Influenza B virus	2	3
Coronavirus	2	0
Respiratory syncytial virus	2	2
Other virus	116	1
Other		
Pneumocystis	40	0
Nocardia	1	0
Polymicrobial infection	72 (4.5)	30 (1.6)
Bacteremia	129 (8)	88 (5)

ESBL: extended-spectrum beta-lactamase; MDR: multidrug resistant

Table 4. Characteristics and outcomes of patients with and without a multidrug- resistant(MDR) bacteria in the Barcelona (BC) and Edinburgh cohort (EC).

Characteristic	Barcelona Cohort		р	Edinburgh Cohort		р
	MDR	Non-MDR		MDR	Non-MDR	
	bacteria	bacteria		bacteria	bacteria	
n. (%)	38 (100)	458 (100)		18 (100)	673 (100)	
Demographics						
Male	29 (76)	275 (60)	0.048	11 (61)	359 (53)	0.5
Age, median (IQR)	58 (44-81)	64 (47-79)	0.778	69 (59-79)	66 (51-77)	0.3
years						
Characteristics on						
admission						
Residency in a nursing	9 (24)	15 (3.3)	<0.001	3 (17)	35 (5.2)	0.04
home or extended care						
facility						
Hospitalization for 2	26 (68)	19 (4.1)	<0.001	5 (28)	63 (9.4)	0.01
days or more in the						
preceding 90 days						
Immunosuppression	13 (34)	62 (14)	0.001	NA	NA	NA
Liver disease	9 (24)	53 (12)	0.032	2 (11)	39 (5.8)	0.3
Pneumonia Severity	3.5 (2.75-4)	3 (2-4)	0.781	5 (4-5)	4 (2-4)	<0.0001
Index, median (IQR)						

Use of	f mechanica	l 9 (24)	54 (12)	0.034	6 (33)	74 (11)	0.003
ventilati	on of	n					
admissic	on						
Acidemi	a or	n 6 (24)	35 (9.8)	0.027	5 (28)	82 (12)	0.05
admissic	on						
Alteratio	on of ga	s 21 (84)	216 (61)	0.023	12 (67)	259 (39)	0.02
exchang	e						
Septic S	hock	5 (13)	37 (8.3)	0.309	5 (28)	53 (8)	0.003
Outcom	es						
Length	of stay in the	e 16 (12-24)	8 (5-13)	0.001	19 (9-29)	7 (3-15)	<0.0001
hospital							
Treatme	nt failure [#]	16 (42)	35 (7.6)	<0.001	7 (39)	72 (11)	<0.0001
Mortalit	у*	4 (11)	19 (4.1)	0.072	7 (39)	61 (9.1)	<0.0001
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IQR: interquartile range; NA: not applicable; [#]Treatment failure defined as a clinical deterioration within 72 hours of treatment caused by one or more of the following: hemodynamic instability, appearance or impairment of respiratory failure, radiographic progression, or the appearance of new metastatic infectious foci; *In-hospital mortality for the BC and 30-day mortality for the EC. NB: patients with immunosuppression were excluded from the EC.

 Table 5. Prevalence of patients with risk factors for multidrug-resistant pathogens among

 the two study cohorts

Risk factor for MDR	Barcelona	Edinburgh
	Cohort	Cohort
n. (%)	1593 (100)	1883 (100)
Antimicrobial therapy in preceding 90 days	299 (19)	297 <mark>(16</mark>)
Residency in a nursing home or extended care facility	103 (7)	128 (7)
Chronic renal failure	96 (6)	124 (7)
Hospitalization for 2 days or more in the preceding 90	79 (5)	156 (8)
days		
Chronic dialysis within 30 days	5 (0.3)	18 (0.9)
Immunosuppression*	199 (13)	NA

MDR: multi-drug resistant pathogen; NA: not applicable; *Immunosuppression defined by the presence of at least one among: neutropenia after chemotherapy or bone marrow transplantation, HIV infection, immunosuppressive therapy, chemotherapy, transplantation, cytotoxic therapy, chronic systemic steroid therapy (prednisone > 10 mg daily).

Table 6. Area under the receiving operator characteristics curve in the entire population, patients admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) and those admitted to the ward in the Barcelona and Edinburgh cohorts according to the Aliberti and Shorr scores and healthcare-associated pneumonia (HCAP) classification.

Study cohorts	Score	Area under the curve			
		Entire population	ICU patients	Ward patients	
	Aliberti score	0.89 (0.83-0.95)	0.85 (0.75-0.96)	0.91 (0.84-0.98)	
Barcelona	Shorr score	0.89 (0.82-0.96)	0.77 (0.58-0.96)	0.89 (0.80-0.97)	
cohort	НСАР	0.77 (0.69-0.83)	0.83 (0.71-0.95)	0.75 (0.68-0.83)	
	classification				
	Aliberti score	0.77 (0.71-0.84)	<mark>0·79</mark> (0·68-0·89)	0.77 (0.70-0.84)	
Edinburgh	Shorr score	0.75 (0.68-0.81)	0.74 (0.63-0.86)	0.80 (0.73-0.87)	
cohort	НСАР	0.66 (0.59-0.73)	0.60 (0.49-0.71)	0.73 (0.64-0.82)	
	classification				

Table 7. P value of differences between ROC curves of the three scores in the entire study population according to the two study cohorts

Scores	p value in the	p value in the	
	BC	EC	
HCAP vs. Aliberti	0.051	0.053	
HCAP vs. Shorr	0.076	0.094	
Aliberti vs. Shorr	0.55	0.58	

FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure 1. Prevalence of multi-drug resistant (MDR) pathogens in the two study cohorts according to the Pneumonia Severity Index and the presence of mechanical ventilation and septic shock on admission

MDR: number of MDR bacteria isolated; Total: total number of bacteria isolated; RC: risk class.

Figure 2. Prevalence of multi-drug resistant (MDR) pathogens in the two study cohorts according to Aliberti and Shorr scores, and healthcare-associated pneumonia (HCAP) classification.

MDR: number of MDR bacteria isolated; Total: total number of bacteria isolated.

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Pneumonia Severity Index





Mechanical ventilation (MV)





Shock





Aliberti Score





Shorr Score









