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# Respiratoire infecties

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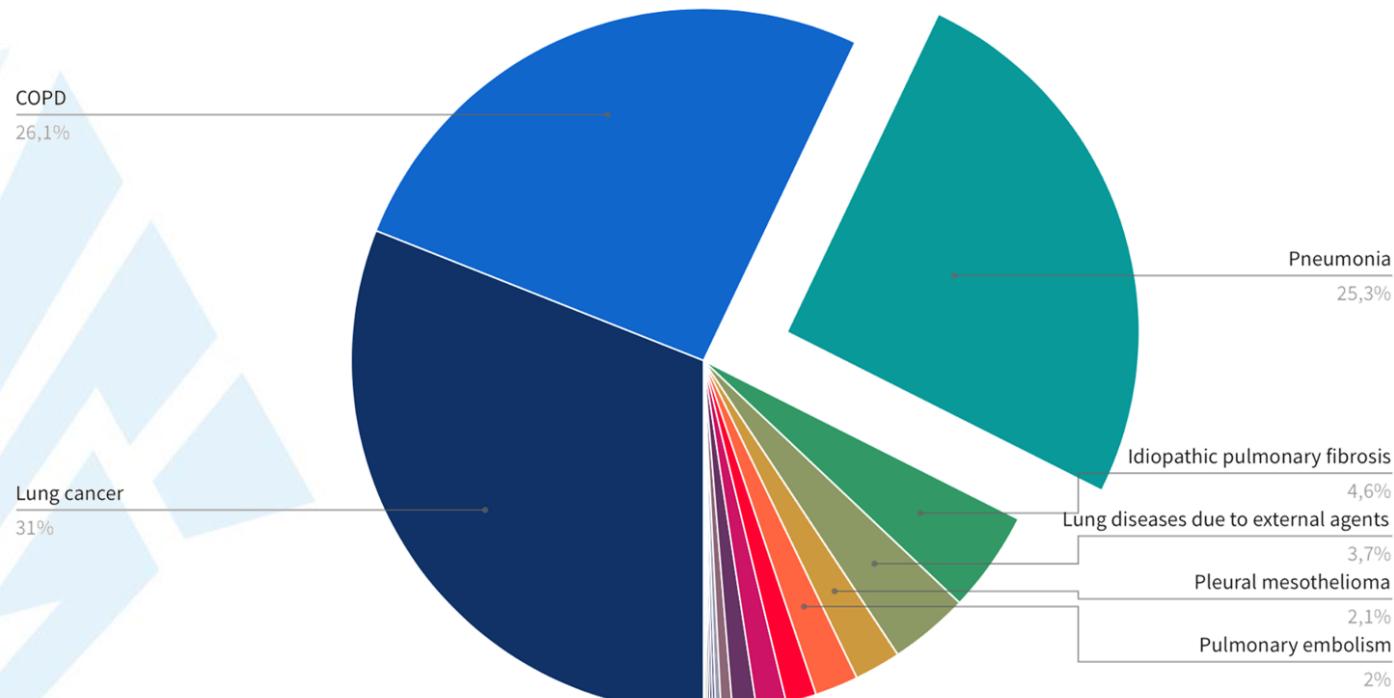
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Pascal Van Bleyenbergh, dienst Pneumologie

# Severe pneumonia

# CAP: still **very high mortality**

- Overall mortality rate in hospital is **12% - 20%**
- Mortality of severe pneumonia is up to 50%



**SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS**
*Euro Surveill.* 2014;19(31):pii=20869

# Epidemiology and outcome of invasive pneumococcal disease among adults in Belgium, 2009–2011

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| Category            | n     | Admission to ICU<br>n (%) | Outcome at discharge |  |                | Univariate OLR      |                 |
|---------------------|-------|---------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
|                     |       |                           | Cured<br>n (%)       | Discharged with persisting symptoms<br>n (%) | Death<br>n (%) | Odds ratio (95% CI) | Overall p value |
| Total <sup>a</sup>  | 1,329 | 434 (33)                  | 884 (67)             | 237 (18)                                     | 208 (16)       | —                   | —               |
| <i>Age in years</i> |       |                           |                      |  |                |                     |                 |
| 18–49               | 219   | 54 (25)                   | 157 (72)             | 49 (22)                                      | 13 (6)         | 1                   | 0.044           |
| 50–64               | 370   | 154 (42)                  | 240 (65)             | 83 (22)                                      | 47 (13)        | 1.42 (0.98–2.04)    |                 |
| ≥65                 | 740   | 226 (31)                  | 487 (66)             | 105 (14)                                     | 148 (20)       | 1.52 (1.10–2.12)    |                 |

# How to improve outcome in severe CAP?

- Optimization of **ICU-admission**
  - timely recognition of patients at risk
  - correct indication for admission to ICU
  - *early hemodynamic & respiratory support*
- Optimization of **antimicrobial therapy**
- **Adjunctive therapy**

# Adjunctive therapies

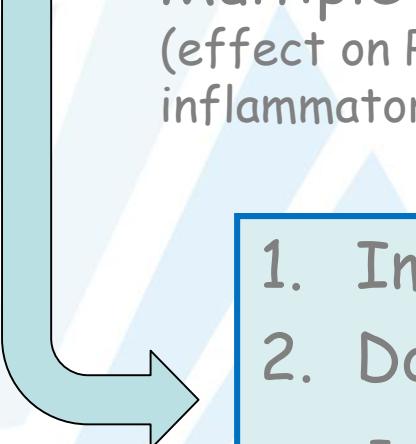
| Pneumonia                     |                            |                  |                                     |  |
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| Innate immunity               |                            |                  | Adaptive immunity                   | Other                                      |
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# Corticosteroids for CAP

- Most widely used drugs specifically for their immunomodulatory activity
- Multiple mechanisms with broad range of actions (effect on PMN, cytokines, chemokines, adhesion molecules, cellular inflammatory receptors, ...)

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1. Impairment of leukocyte function
  2. Downregulation of the inflammatory response
    - widespread
    - largely indiscriminate

# Effect of Corticosteroids on Treatment Failure Among Hospitalized Patients With Severe Community-Acquired Pneumonia and High Inflammatory Response A Randomized Clinical Trial

JAMA February 17, 2015 Volume 313, Number 7

Antoni Torres, MD, PhD; Oriol Sibila, MD, PhD; Miquel Ferrer, MD, PhD; Eva Polverino, MD, PhD; Rosario Menendez, MD, PhD; Josep Mensa, MD, PhD; Albert Gabarrús, MSc; Jacobo Sellarés, MD, PhD; Marcos I. Restrepo, MD, MSc; Antonio Anzueto, MD, PhD; Michael S. Niederman, MD; Carles Agustí, MD, PhD

|  | Intention-to-Treat Population        |                            |         |  | Per-Protocol Population              |                           |         |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|--|
|  | Methylprednisolone Group<br>(n = 61) | Placebo Group,<br>(n = 59) | P Value | Difference Between Groups,<br>% (95% CI) | Methylprednisolone Group<br>(n = 55) | Placebo Group<br>(n = 57) | P Value | Difference Between Groups,<br>% (95% CI) |
| <b>Primary Clinical Outcome</b>                          |                                      |                            |         |  |                                      |                           |         |  |
| Treatment failure, No. (%) <sup>a</sup>                  | 8 (13)                               | 18 (31)                    | .02     | 18 (3 to 32)                             | 5 (9)                                | 16 (28)                   | .01     | 19 (5 to 33)                             |
| Early treatment failure (0-72 h), No. (%) <sup>b</sup>   | 6 (10)                               | 6 (10)                     | .95     | 0 (-10 to 11)                            | 3 (5)                                | 4 (7)                     | >.99    | 2 (-7 to 11)                             |
| Early mechanical ventilation                             | 4 (7)                                | 5 (8)                      | .74     | 2 (-8 to 11)                             | 2 (4)                                | 3 (5)                     | >.99    | 2 (-6 to 9)                              |
| Early septic shock                                       | 2 (3)                                | 3 (5)                      | .68     | 2 (-5 to 9)                              | 1 (2)                                | 2 (4)                     | >.99    | 2 (-4 to 8)                              |
| Death  | 2 (3)                                | 2 (3)                      | >.99    | 0 (-6 to 7)                              | 0                                    | 0                         |         |  |
| Late treatment failure (72-120 h), No. (%) <sup>b</sup>  | 2 (3)                                | 15 (25)                    | .001    | 22 (10 to 34)                            | 2 (4)                                | 14 (25)                   | .002    | 21 (9 to 33)                             |
| Radiographic progression                                 | 1 (2)                                | 9 (15)                     | .007    | 14 (4 to 23)                             | 1 (2)                                | 8 (14)                    | .03     | 12 (3 to 22)                             |
| Respiratory failure                                      | 1 (2)                                | 5 (8)                      | .11     | 7 (-1 to 15)                             | 1 (2)                                | 5 (9)                     | .21     | 7 (-1 to 15)                             |
| Late mechanical ventilation                              | 1 (2)                                | 4 (7)                      | .20     | 5 (-2 to 12)                             | 1 (2)                                | 4 (7)                     | .36     | 5 (-2 to 13)                             |
| Late septic shock  | 0                                    | 4 (7)                      | .06     | 7 (0 to 13)                              | 0                                    | 4 (7)                     | .12     | 7 (0 to 14)                              |
| Death  | 0                                    | 0                          |         |  | 0                                    | 0                         |         |  |
| <b>Secondary Clinical Outcomes</b>                       |                                      |                            |         |  |                                      |                           |         |  |
| Time to clinical stability, median (IQR), d <sup>c</sup> | 4 (3 to 6)                           | 5 (3 to 7)                 | .28     | 1 (-0.4 to 2.4)                          | 4 (3 to 6)                           | 5 (3 to 7)                | .13     | 1 (0 to 2)                               |
| Length of stay, median (IQR), d                          |                                      |                            |         |  |                                      |                           |         |  |
| Hospital   | 11 (7.5 to 14)                       | 10.5 (8 to 15)             | .83     | -0.5 (-4.6 to 3.6)                       | 11 (8 to 14)                         | 11.5 (8 to 15)            | .70     | 0.5 (-3.3 to 4.3)                        |
| ICU <sup>d</sup>   | 5 (3 to 8)                           | 6 (4 to 8)                 | .63     | 1 (-0.4 to 2.4)                          | 5 (3 to 8)                           | 6 (4 to 8)                | .38     | 1 (0 to 2)                               |
| In-hospital mortality, No. (%)                           | 6 (10)                               | 9 (15)                     | .37     | 5 (-6 to 17)                             | 3 (5)                                | 7 (12)                    | .21     | 7 (-4 to 17)                             |

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13 RCT (through 25 May 2015)

2005 pts

"systemic corticosteroid therapy may reduce mortality by approximately 3%"

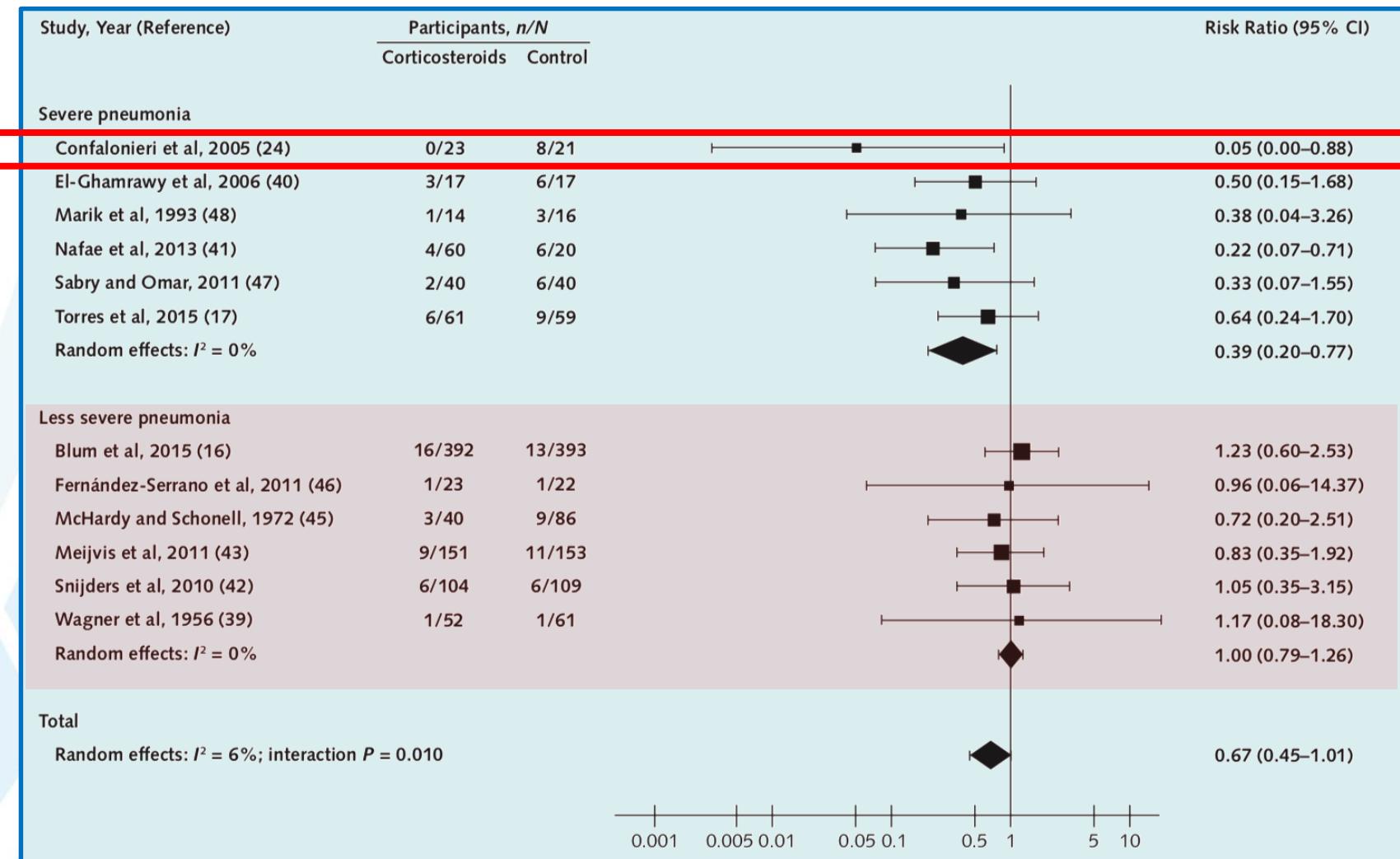
- 12 trials -- 1974 pts
- 5,3% vs 7,9% -- OR 0,67
- benefit only in severe CAP

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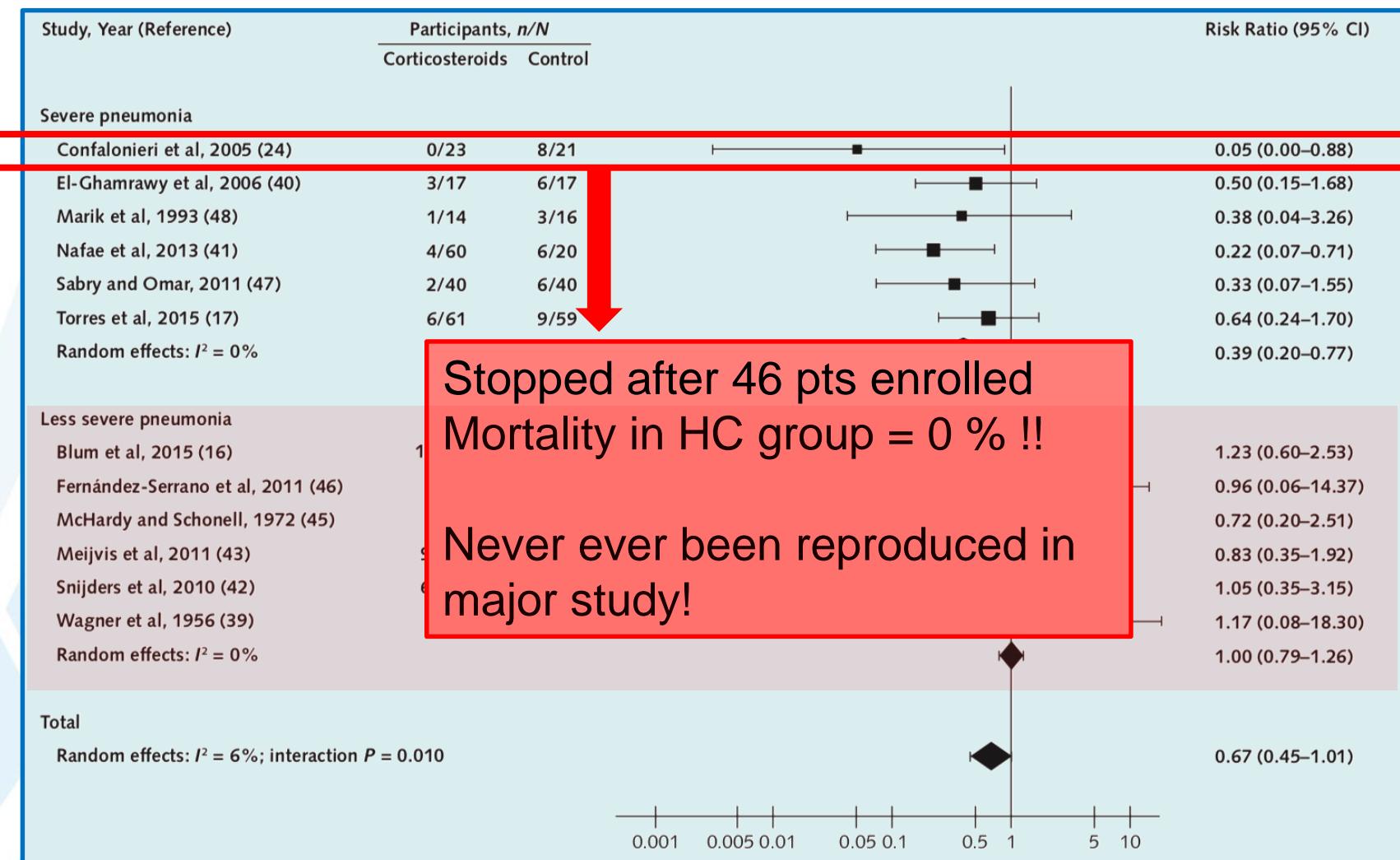


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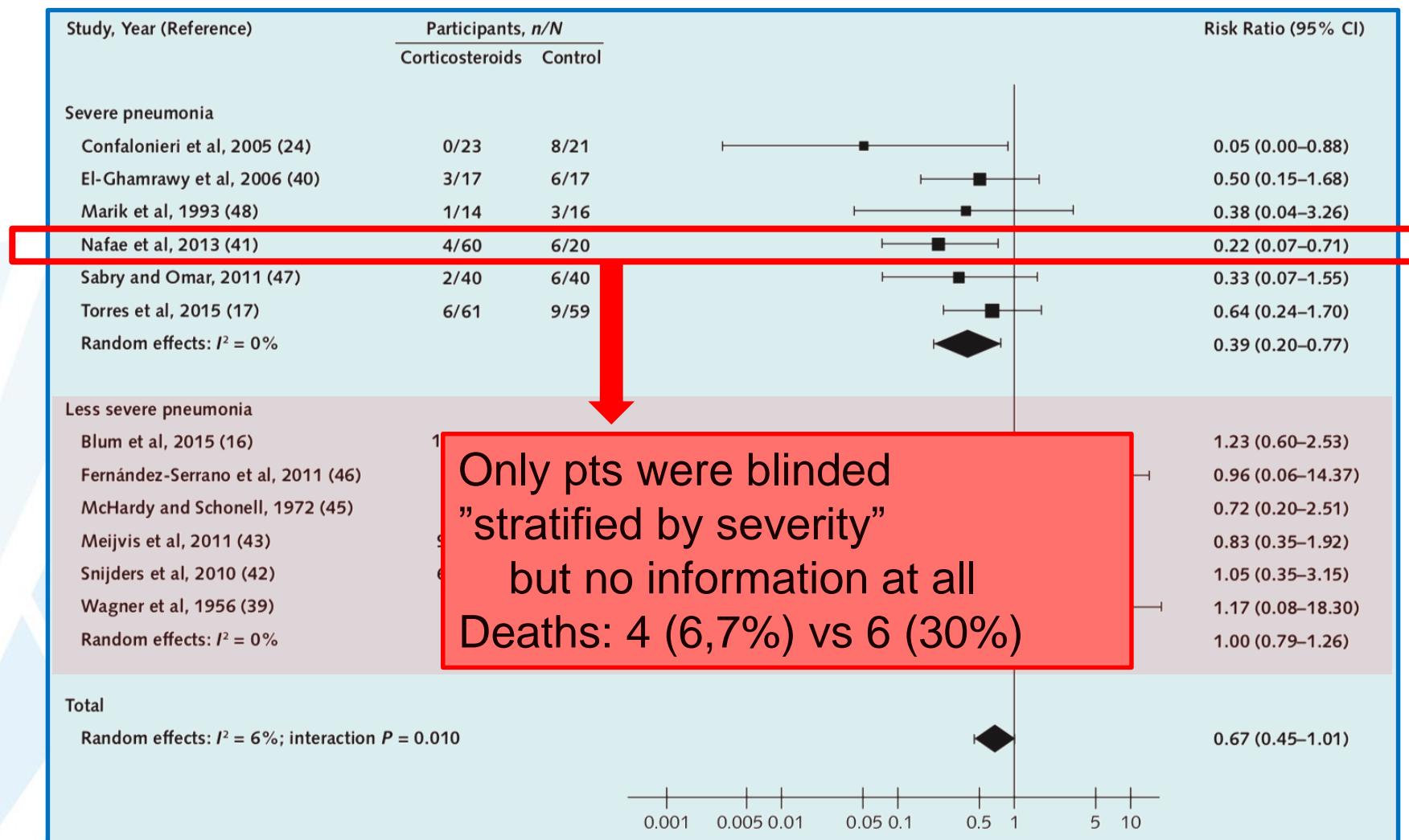


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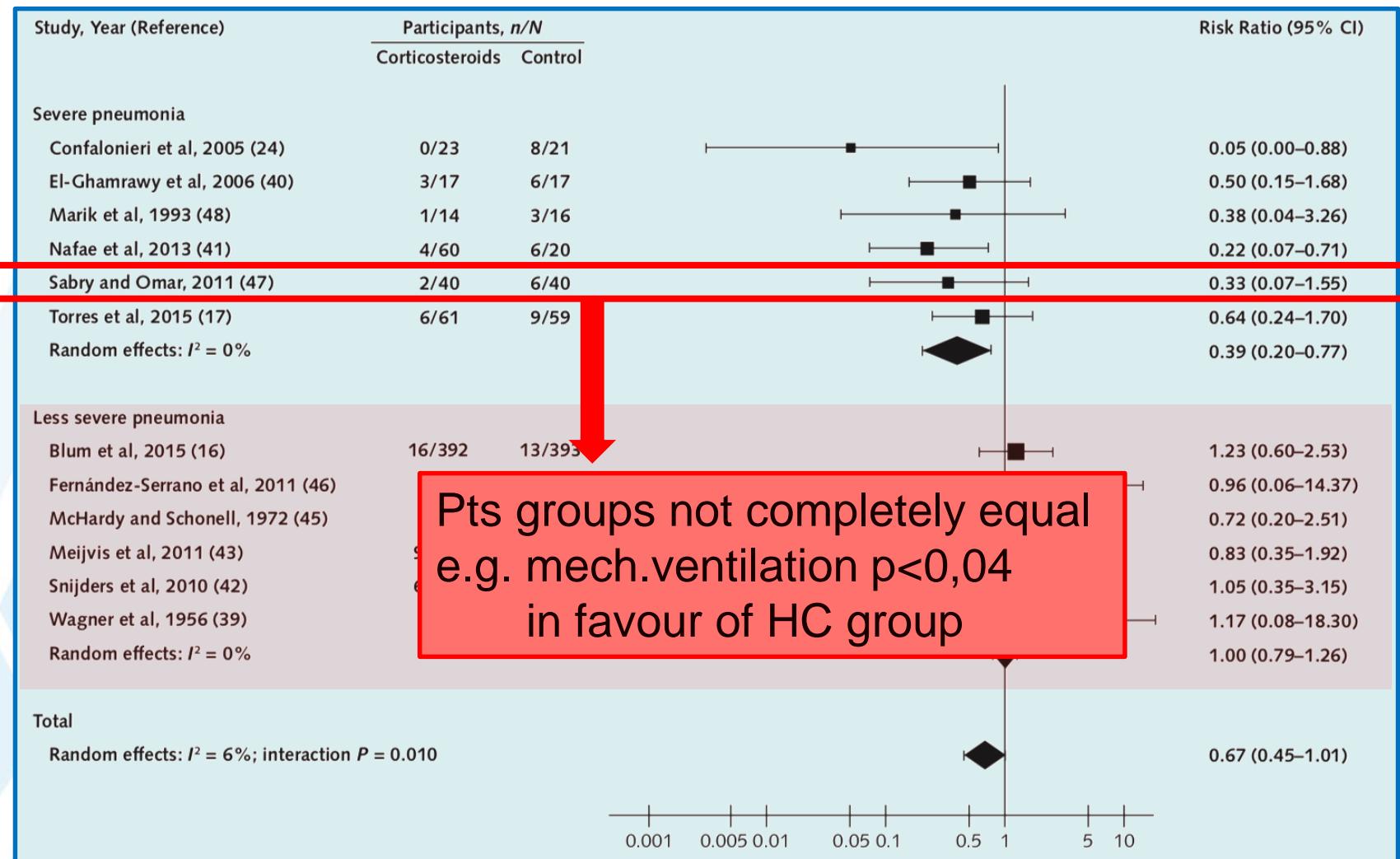


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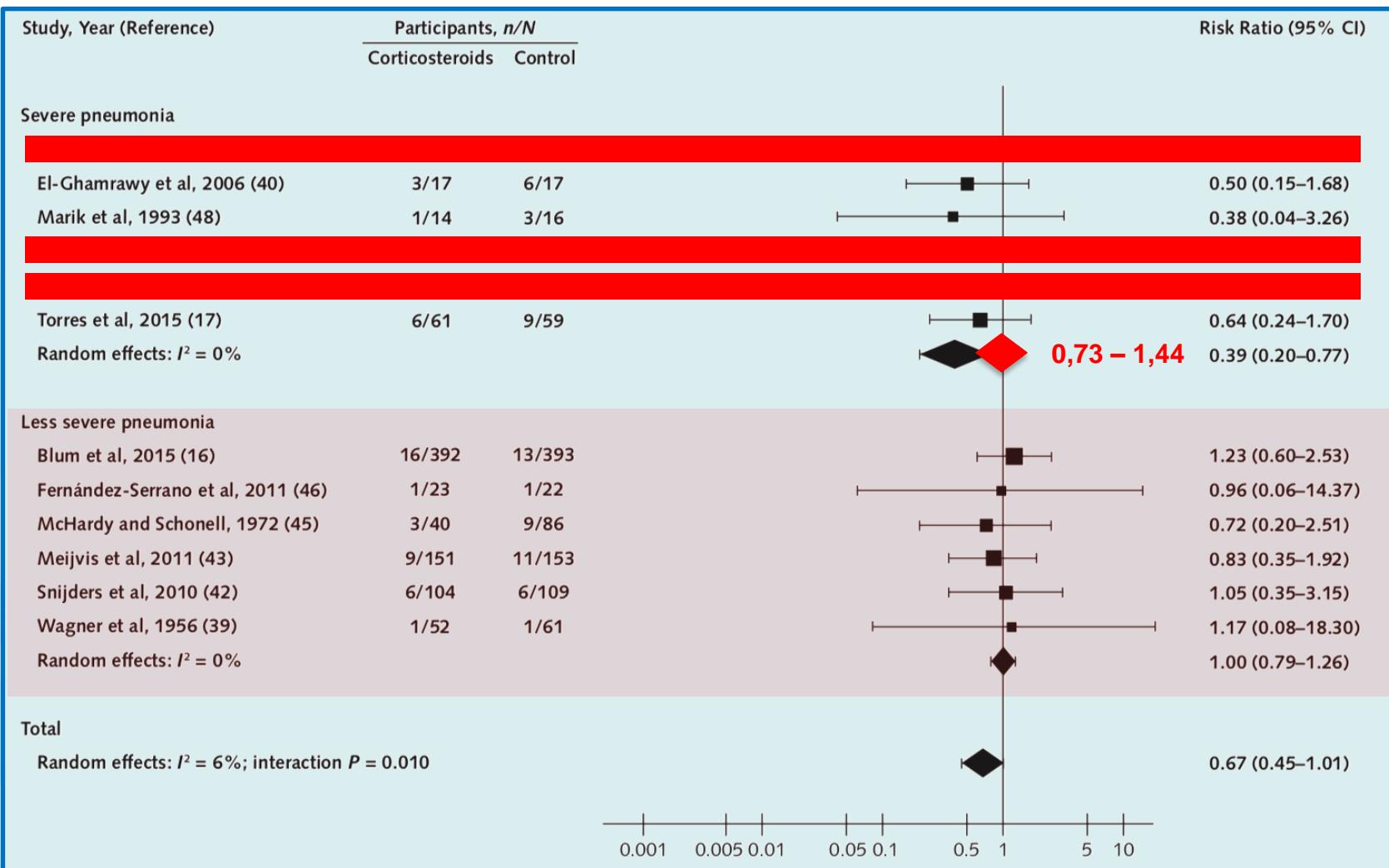


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# Corticosteroids for CAP

- Net effect is minimal to zero
- Net harm
  - low but not zero

(hyperglycemia, hypernatremia, VTE, sepsis, fractures, GI hemorrhage)

Short term use of oral corticosteroids and related harms among adults in the United States: population based cohort study

Akbar K Waljee,<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Mary A M Rogers,<sup>2,4,5</sup> Paul Lin,<sup>2</sup> Amit G Singal,<sup>6</sup> Joshua D Stein,<sup>2,7,8</sup> Rory M Marks,<sup>9</sup> John Z Ayanian,<sup>2,5,8</sup> Brahmajee K Nallamothu<sup>1,2,4,10</sup>

BMJ 2017;357:j1415

- cave viral pneumonia (influenza: higher mortality)

**Corticosteroids as adjunctive therapy in the treatment of influenza (Review)**

2016, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD010406.

Rodrigo C, Leonardi-Bee J, Nguyen-Van-Tam J, Lim WS

# Corticosteroids for CAP

## **Corticosteroids for community-acquired pneumonia: a critical view of the evidence**

James D. Chalmers

Eur Respir J 2016; 48: 984–986

Major improvements in length of stay, duration of antibiotic therapy and even mortality, greater than those demonstrated with corticosteroids, can be achieved through compliance with high-quality care recommendations, and yet audits show persistently poor compliance with guidelines [1–5]. Doing the simple things well should continue to take priority over the use of corticosteroids, for now.

# Surviving Sepsis Campaign: International Guidelines for Management of Sepsis and Septic Shock

Critical Care Medicine • March 2017 • Volume 45 • Number 3

We suggest against using IV hydrocortisone to treat septic shock patients if adequate fluid resuscitation and vaso-pressor therapy are able to restore hemodynamic stability. If this is not achievable, we suggest IV hydrocortisone at a dose of 200 mg per day (weak recommendation, low quality of evidence).

"Steroids should not be used in septic patients to prevent septic shock!"

Keh D et al. JAMA 2016; 316: 1775

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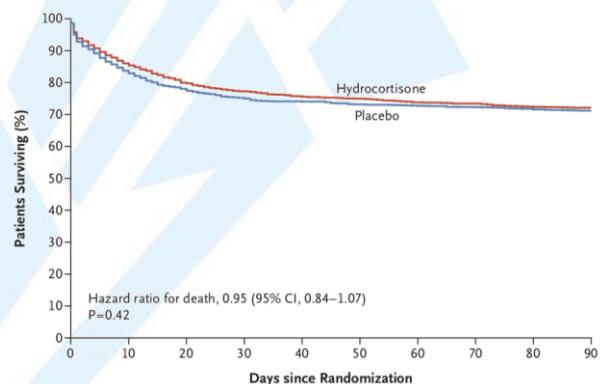
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- 3658 pts
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- HC 200mg ctu infusion
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**27,9% HC vs. 28,8% - RR 0,95 (p 0,50)**



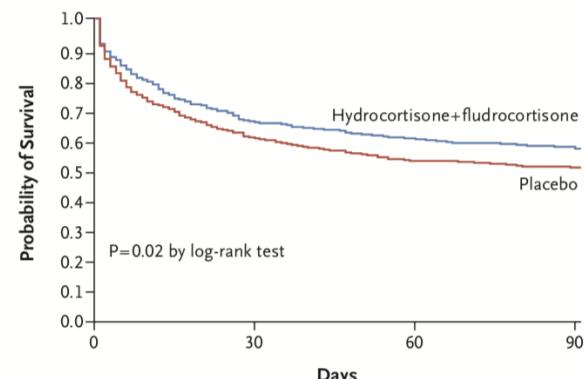
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- 1241 pts
- 60% pneumonia
- 91 MV - 96% VP - SOFA 12 - SAPS 56
- HC 4x50mg + FC 50 $\mu$ g bolus
- Mortality 90d:  
**43,0% HC+F vs. 49,1% - RR 0,88 (p 0,03)**



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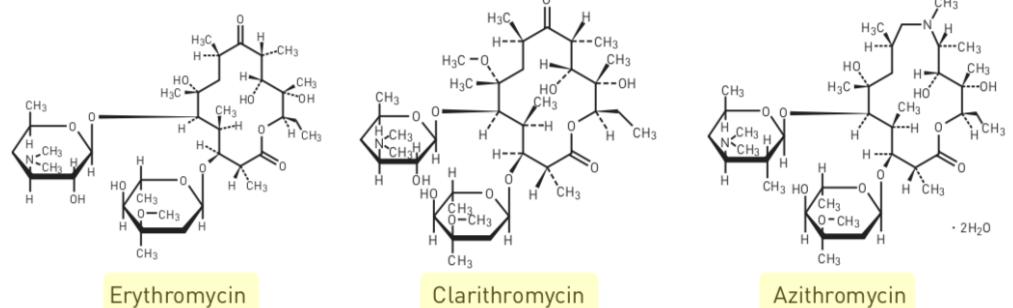
Both trials showed

- improved resolution of shock
- more rapid cessation of mechanical ventilation

Benefit of anti-inflammatory therapies may be  
dependent on the risk of death

Eichacker PQ et al. Am J Resp Crit Care Med 2002; 166: 1197  
Minneci PC et al. Clin Microbiol Infect 2009; 15: 308

# Macrolides for CAP



## 1. Expanding the spectrum of antimicrobial therapy

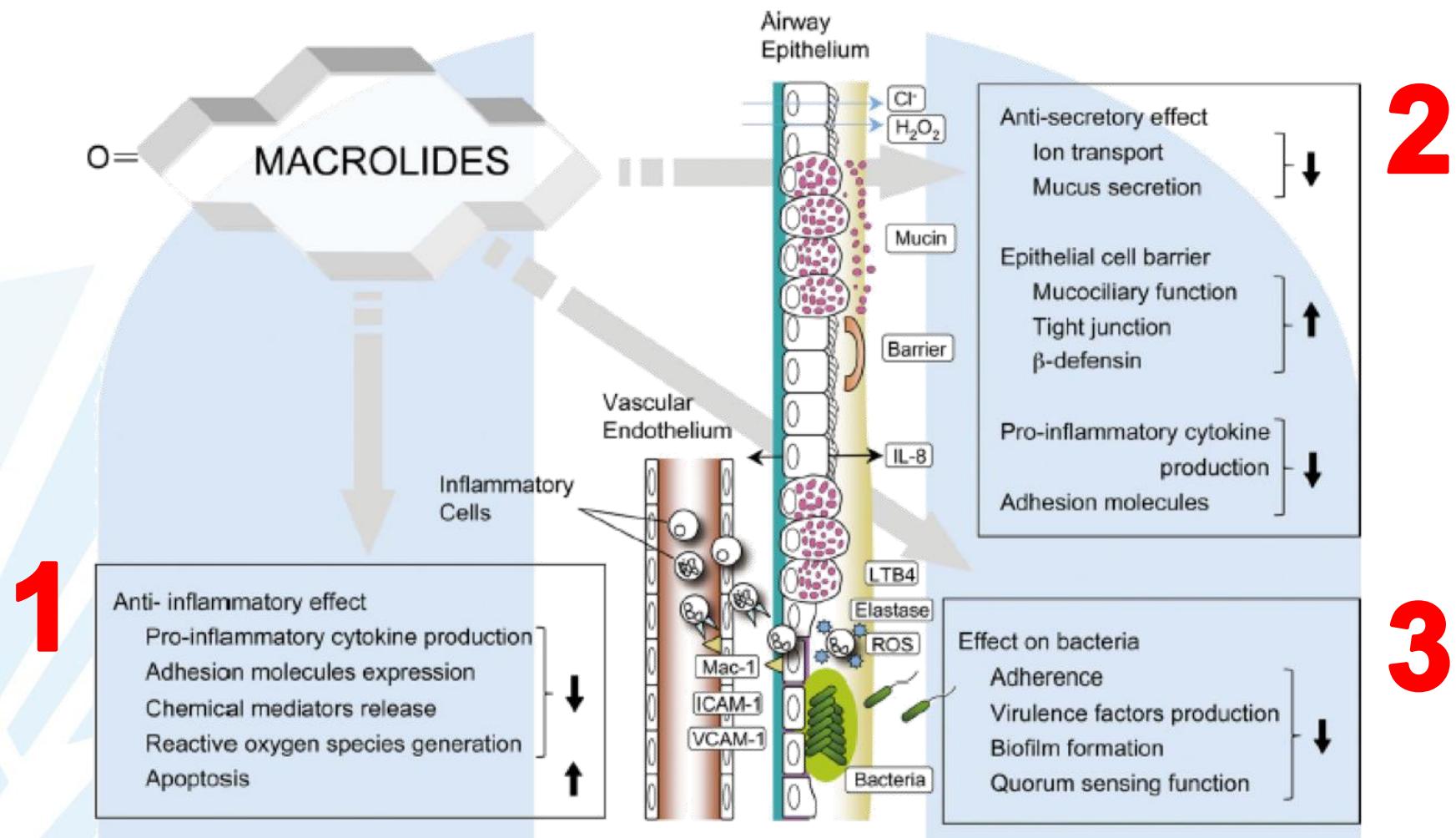
→ guidelines (IDSA/ATS, BTS/NICE, ERS,...) all recommend coverage of atypical pathogens when treating 'severe CAP'  
 ↳  $\beta$ -lactam + macrolide or fluoroquinolone

Mandell LA et al. *Clin Infect Dis* 2007; 44: 527  
 Woodhead M et al. *Clin Microbiol Infect* 2011; 17 S6: 1  
 Wiersinga WJ et al. *Neth J Med* 2012; 70: 90  
 NICE guidelines 2014; nice.org.uk/guidance/cg191

## 2. Immunomodulatory therapy

→ still some matter of debate in case of pneumonia  
 → as such not included in any of the society guidelines yet...

# Macrolides and immunomodulation



## Beta-lactam plus macrolides or beta-lactam alone for community-acquired pneumonia: A systematic review and meta-analysis



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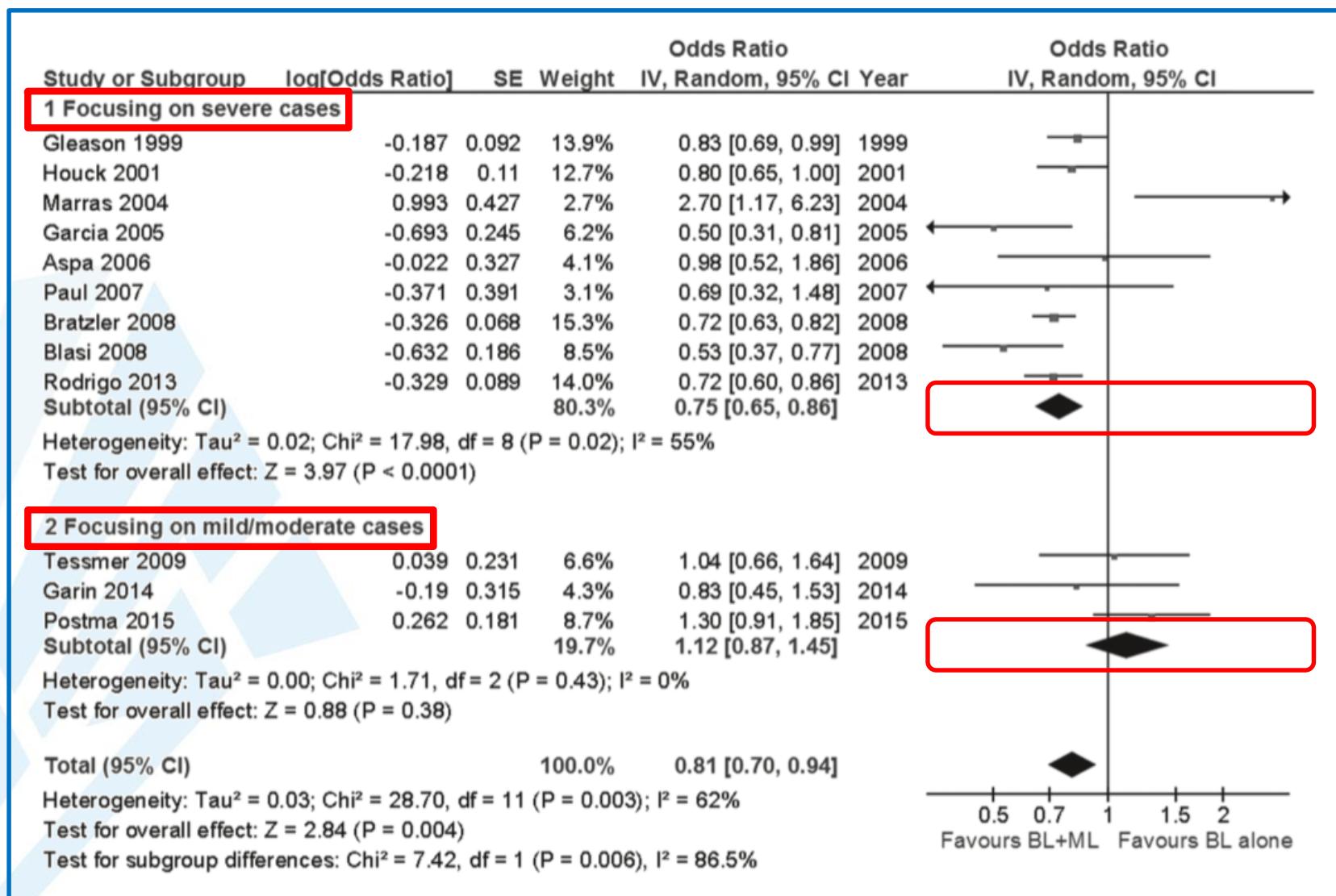
*Respirology* (2016) **21**, 1193–1200

- Meta-analysis
- 1975 pts from 2 RCT  
1011 pts from 1 non-RCT interventional study (Blasi et al)  
33332 pts from 11 observational trials
- Substantial inter-subgroup heterogeneity

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# Macrolide therapy for patients with pneumonia: a triple-edged sword

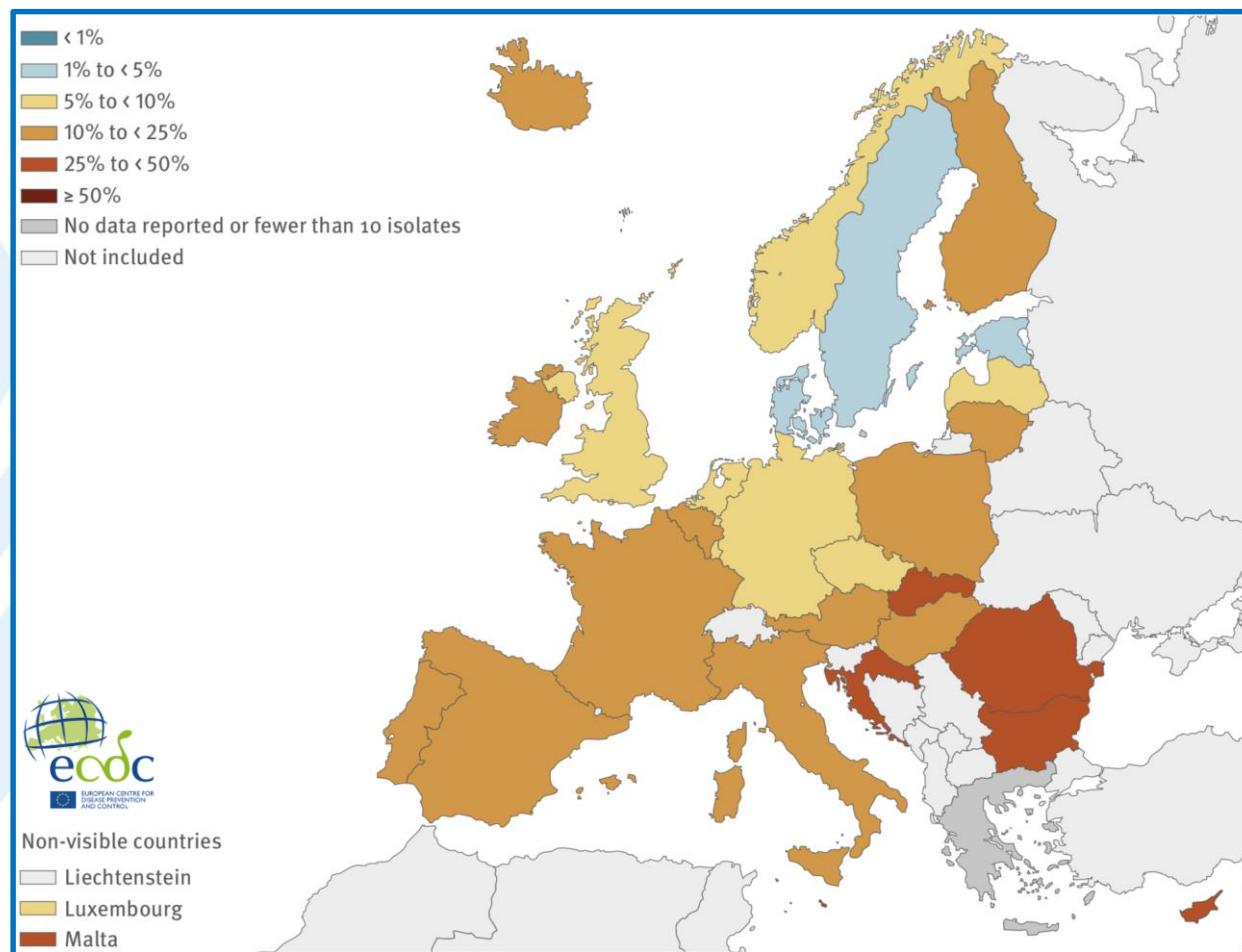
Anti-infectives and the Lung (ERS Monograph). Sheffield European Respiratory Society, 2017; pp. 206-231

Yuichiro Shindo and Yoshinori Hasegawa

- Overall hospitalised pts with CAP  
→ both positive and negative results
- Non-severe vs severe CAP
  - non-severe: conflicting results - RCT rather negative results!  
"effect of adding macrolides may be minimal in non-severe CAP"
  - severe/bacteremic: mostly positive results (11 POS vs 3 NEG)!  
All observational trials - 1 non-RCT interventional study  
"macrolides are likely to be effective in pts with severe CAP and bacteremia"

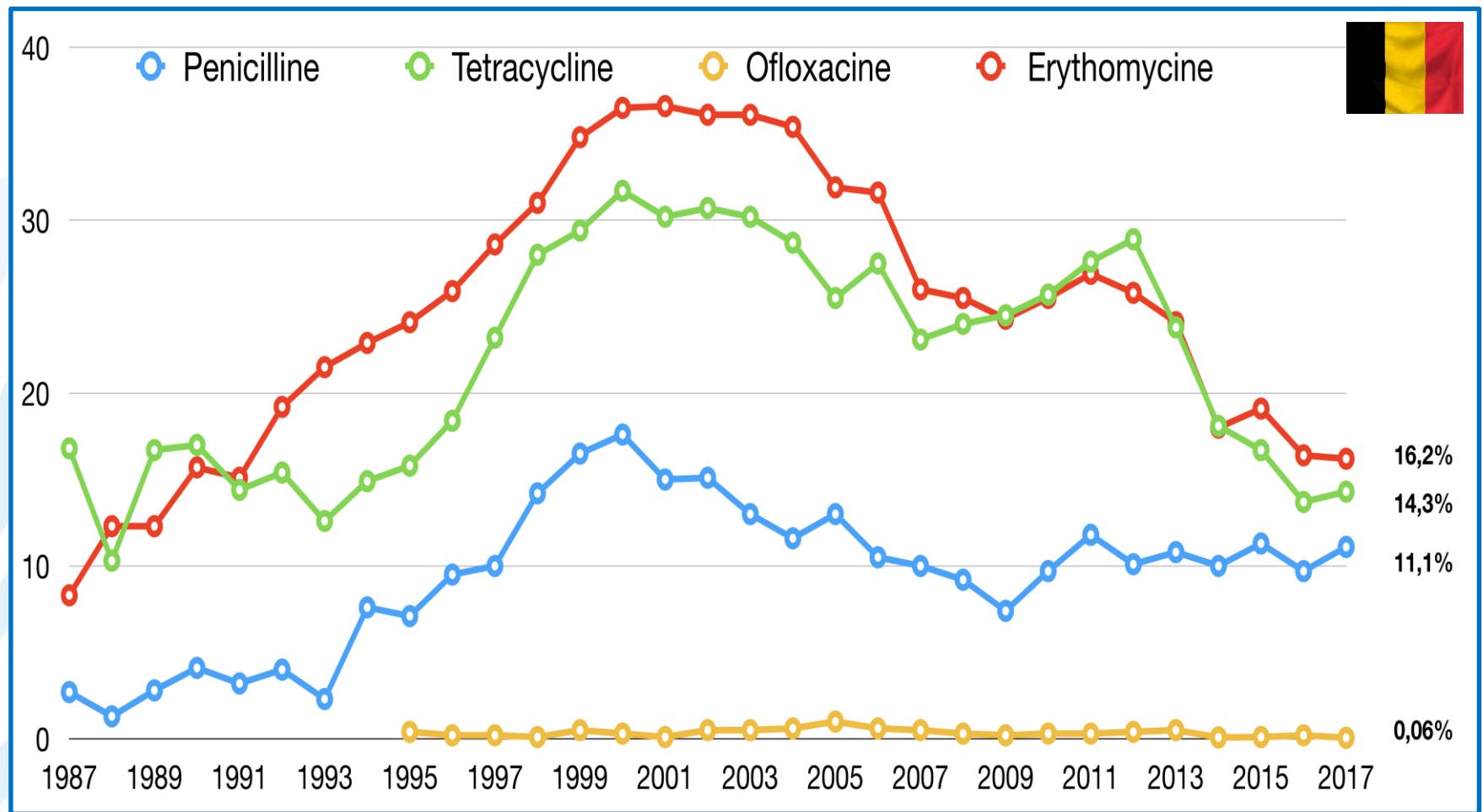
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2. Cardiac events

## Azithromycin and the Risk of Cardiovascular Death

Wayne A. Ray, Ph.D., Katherine T. Murray, M.D., Kathi Hall, B.S.,  
Patrick G. Arbogast, Ph.D., and C. Michael Stein, M.B., Ch.B.

N Engl J Med 2012;366:1881-90

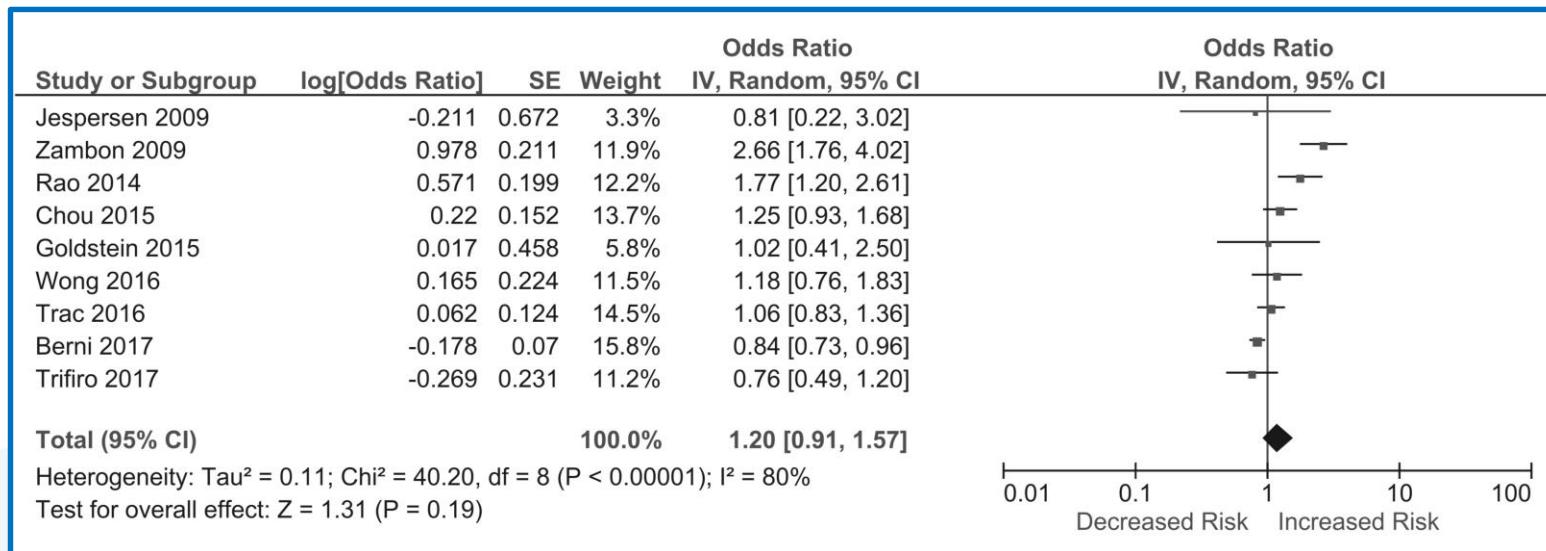
## Cardiovascular events after clarithromycin use in lower respiratory tract infections: analysis of two prospective cohort studies



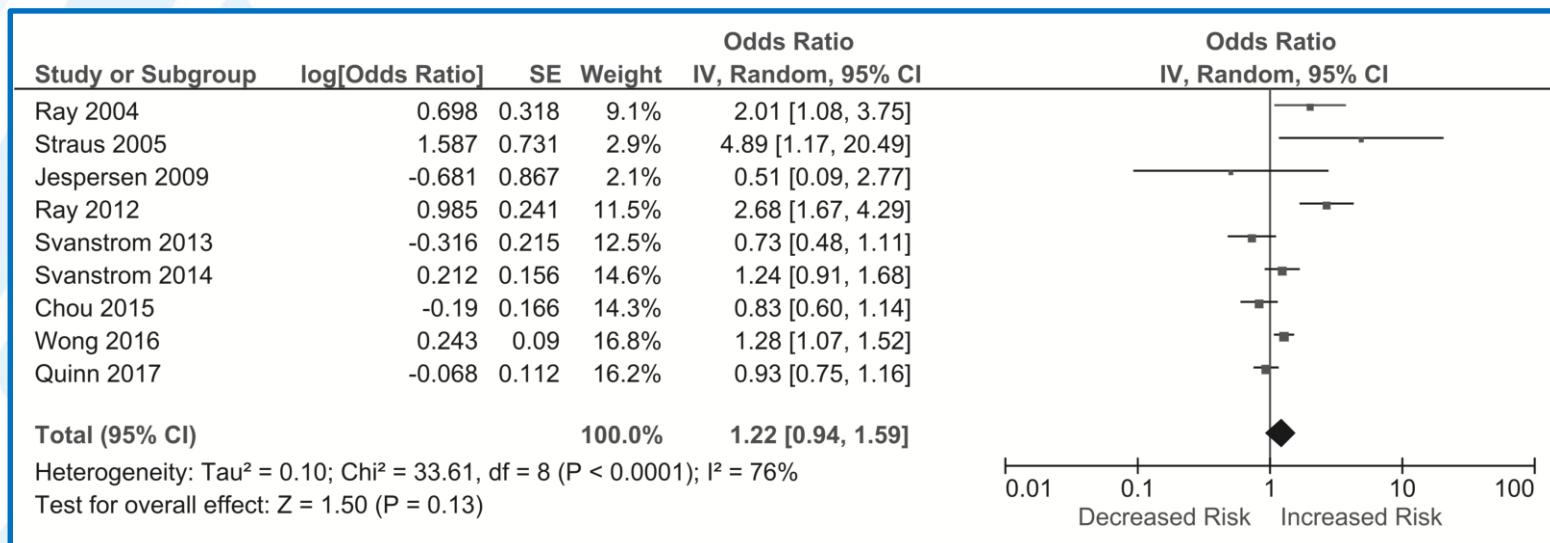
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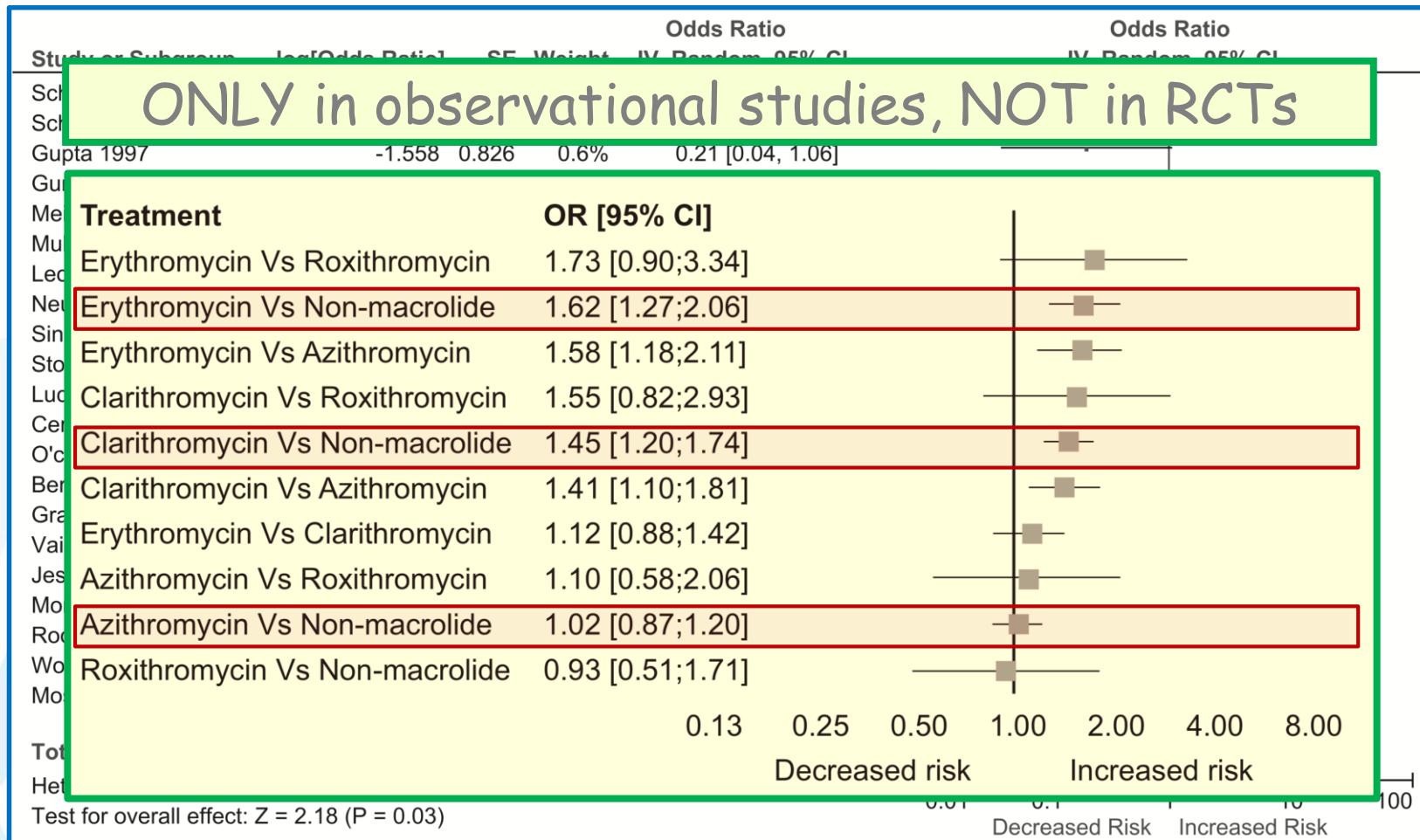
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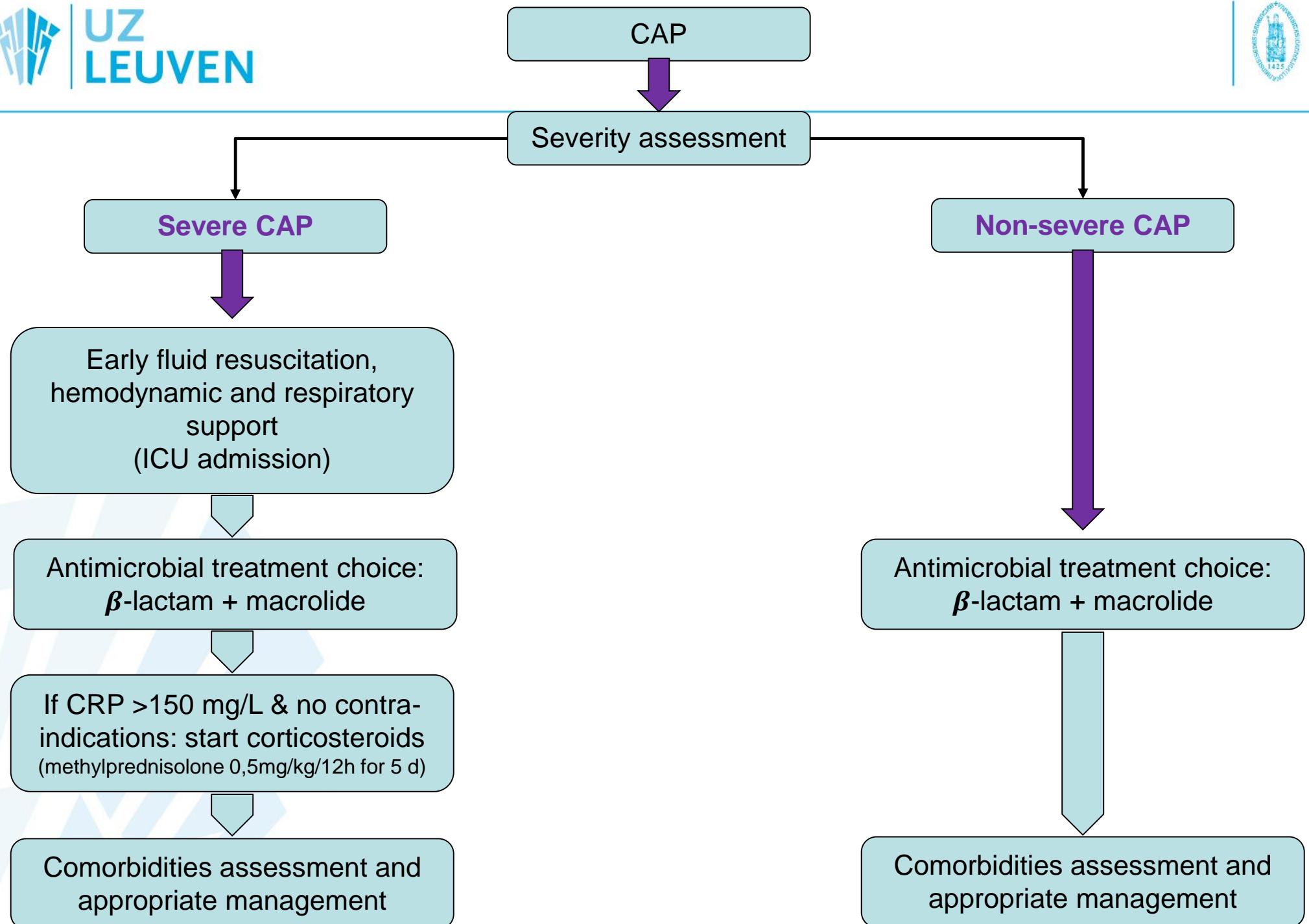
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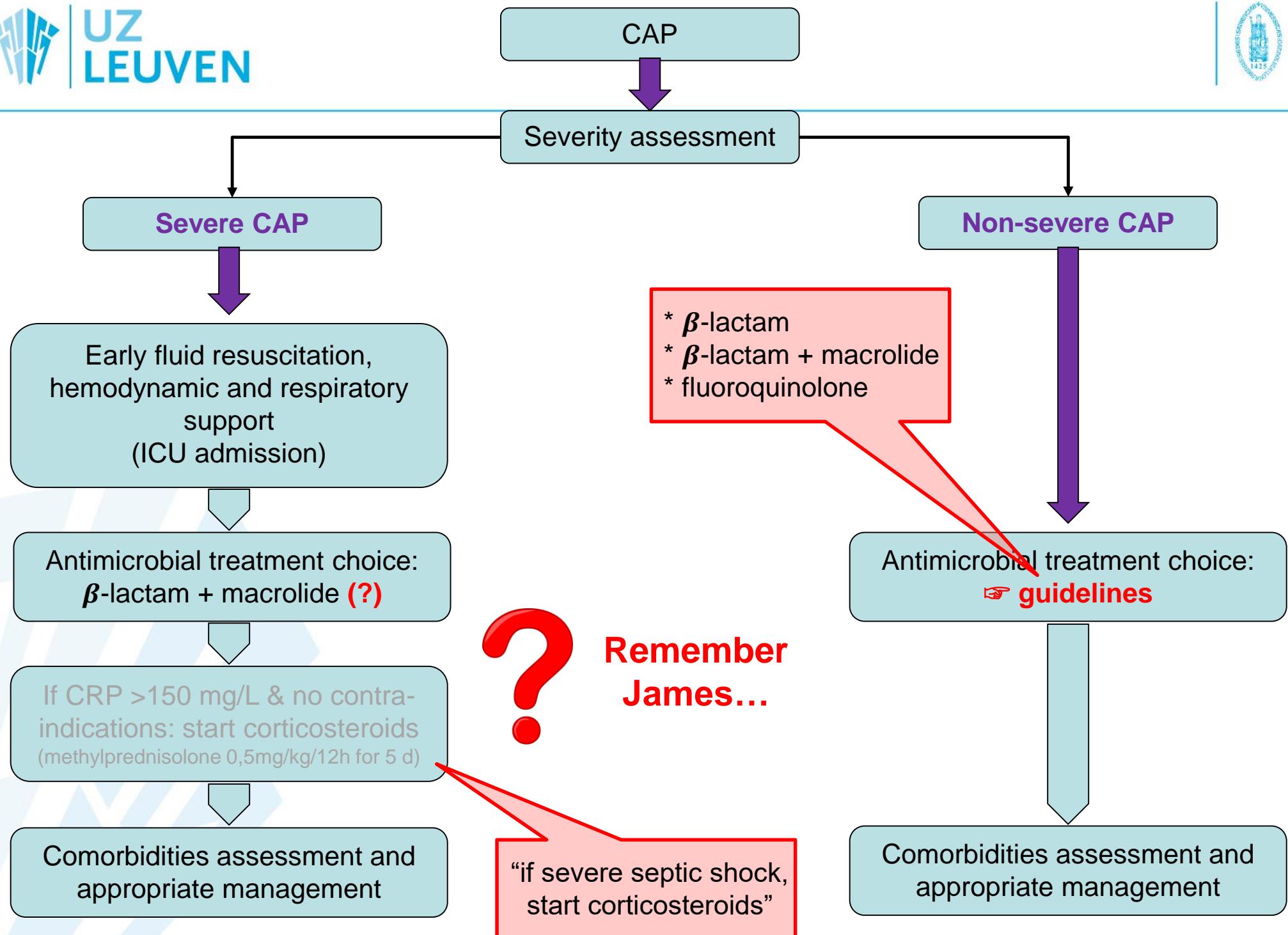


Odds ratios for short-term cardiovascular mortality in macrolide users versus nonusers.

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Odds ratios for MI in macrolide users versus nonusers

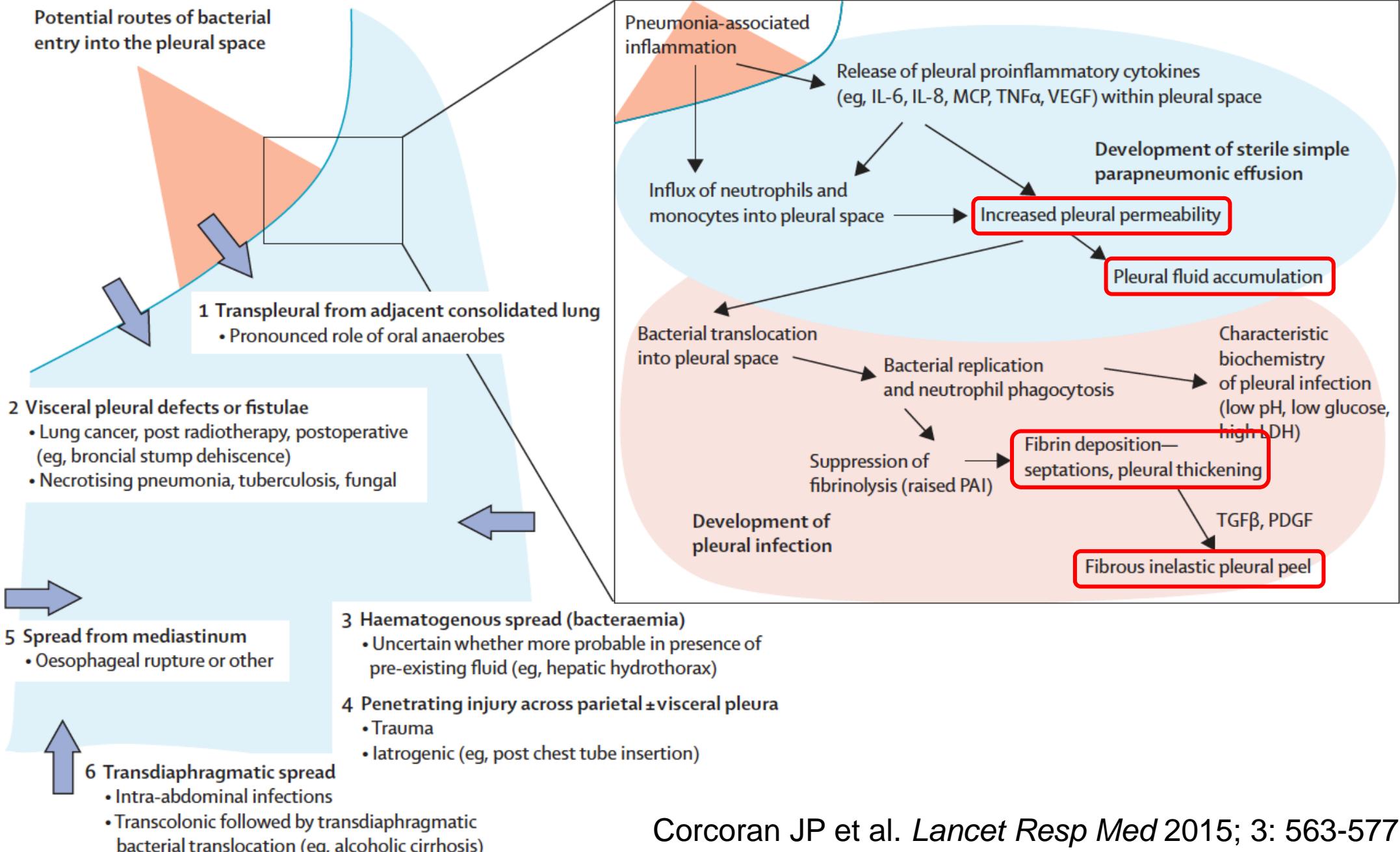




# Pleural infection

### Proposed mechanism of pleural infection development in association with pneumonia

#### Potential routes of bacterial entry into the pleural space

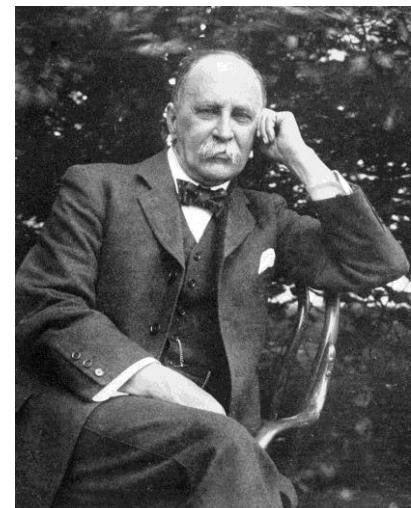


| Cause                       | Number     | %          |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Pulmonary infection         | 177        | 55         |
| Thoracic surgery            | 66         | 21         |
| Trauma                      | 18         | 6          |
| Oesophageal rupture         | 15         | 5          |
| Spontaneous pneumothorax    | 7          | 2          |
| Thoracentesis               | 6          | 2          |
| Subdiaaphragmatic infection | 4          | 1          |
| Sepsis                      | 4          | 1          |
| Miscellaneous or unknown    | 22         | 7          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>319</b> | <b>100</b> |

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  - Mortaliteit 1jaar: 20%
    - At risk:  $\geq 65$ jaar, immuunsuppressie, nosocomiaal, ...
  - Verblijfsduur: 15dagen (20% >1md)

sir William Osler  
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- Purulentie van pleuraal vocht
  - Loculaties/septaties (echo)
  - Laag aantal WBC
  - Bacteriologie
  - Vertraging in diagnose
  - Vertraging in plaatsen van drain

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- Optimale therapie problematisch
  - Laattijdig → meer complicaties!
  - Niet uniform ondanks richtlijnen...

## Pleural disease 1



### Pleural infection: past, present, and future directions

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Pleural space infections are increasing in incidence and continue to have high associated morbidity, mortality, and need for invasive treatments such as thoracic surgery. The mechanisms of progression from a non-infected, pneumonia-related effusion to a confirmed pleural infection have been well described in the scientific literature, but the route by which pathogenic organisms access the pleural space is poorly understood. Data suggests that not all pleural infections can be related to lung parenchymal infection. Studies examining the microbiological profile of pleural infection inform antibiotic choice and can help to delineate the source and pathogenesis of infection. The development of radiological methods and use of clinical indices to predict which patients with pleural infection will have a poor outcome, as well as inform patient selection for more invasive treatments, is particularly important. Randomised clinical trial and case series data have shown that the combination of an intrapleural tissue plasminogen activator and deoxyribonuclease therapy can potentially improve outcomes, but the use of this treatment as compared with surgical options has not been precisely defined, particularly in terms of when and in which patients it should be used.

#### Introduction

Despite advances in medical diagnostic and therapeutic strategies, pleural infection (empyema or complex parapneumonic effusion) is an important problem worldwide that continues to be associated with substantial morbidity and mortality. This disorder was reliably described by Hippocrates more than two millennia ago and has claimed many lives since that time, including those of medical luminaries such as Guillaume Dupuytren (1777–1835) and William Osler (1849–1919). The basic principles of treating pleural infection, which include adequate drainage of the infected fluid collection, nutritional support, and an appropriate antibiotic therapy, have remained constant since the mid 20th century.

The incidence of pleural infection in both adult and paediatric populations continues to rise inexorably.<sup>1–5</sup> Postulated reasons for this rise include an improvement in clinical awareness and diagnostics, a replacement phenomenon associated with widening use of multivalent pneumococcal vaccines,<sup>1,2</sup> and a vulnerable ageing population living with chronic disease. One in five patients will need surgical intervention to adequately treat their pleural infection,<sup>6,7</sup> whereas the 1-year mortality from the disorder has remained steady at about 20% for more than two decades.<sup>8–10</sup> Of particular concern is that the greatest increase in caseload is in patients aged older than 65 years<sup>11</sup> and immunocompromised patients, whose mortality from pleural infection is above 30%.<sup>1,12</sup> Related to frail health and comorbidity. There are any number of potential reasons for the failure of treatments to have a substantial and lasting effect on key clinical outcomes. These reasons might include variability in clinical practice and disagreement about how these patients are best managed,<sup>13–17</sup> despite the availability of consensus guidelines.<sup>18</sup>

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clinical and laboratory research, and future areas of investigation for management of this disorder.

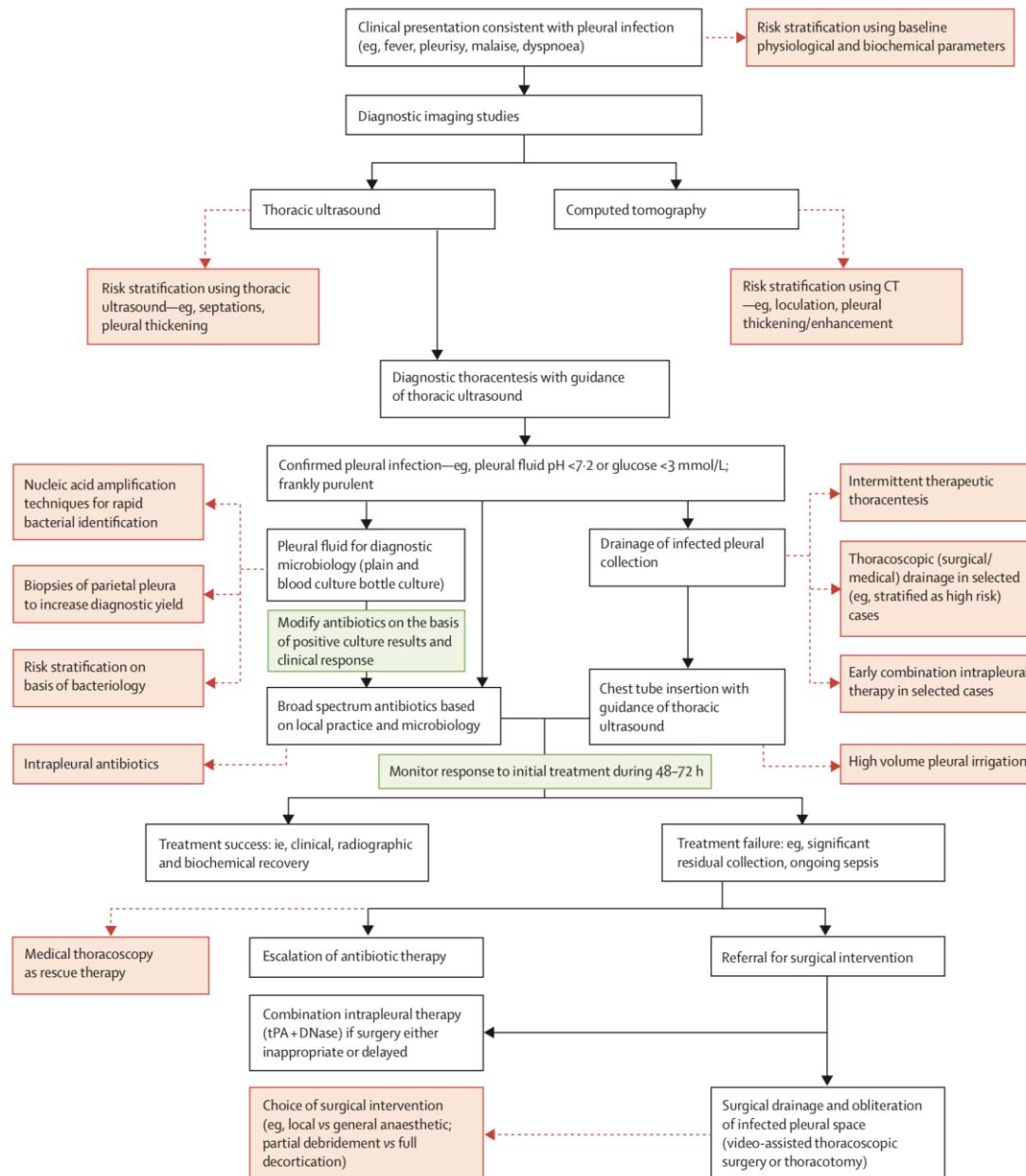
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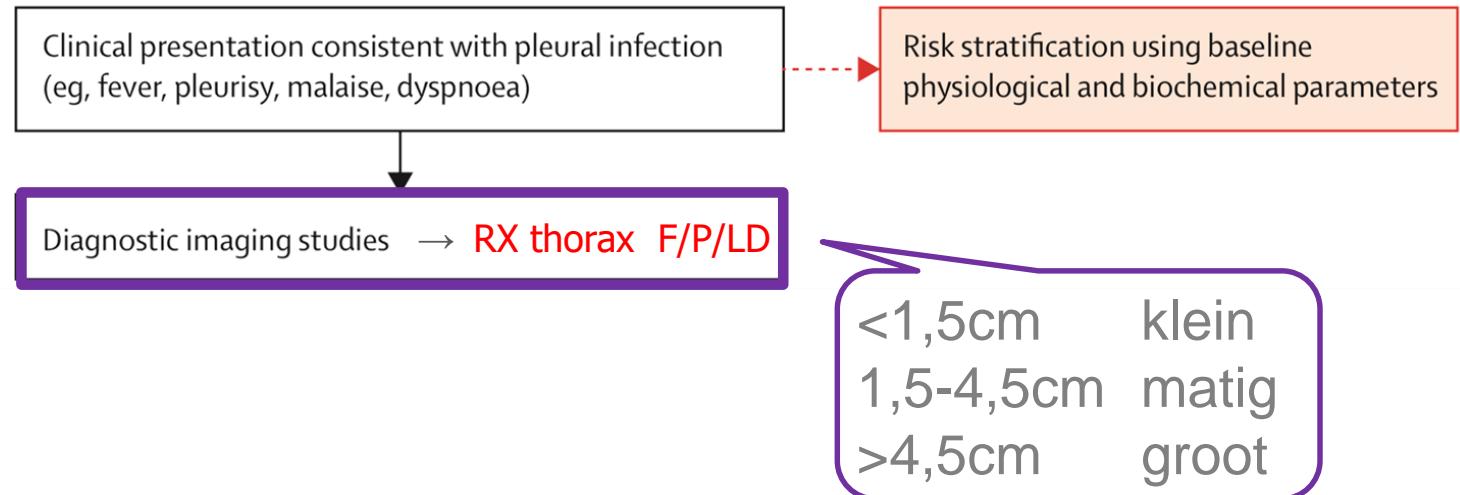
Parapneumonic effusions occur in up to half of all cases of community-acquired pneumonia, with about 10% of these effusions becoming complex due to co-infection of the pleural space.<sup>10,11</sup> The initial formation of a parapneumonic effusion is thought to be caused by increased permeability of the visceral pleural membranes and leakage of interstitial fluid in response to inflammation of the underlying lung parenchyma. The promotion of neutrophil migration together with the release of pro-inflammatory cytokines, including interleukin-6, interleukin-8, and tumour necrosis

*Lancet Respir Med* 2015; 3: 563–77  
This is the first in a Series of two papers about pleural disease. See Editorial page 497. See Comment page 505. See Online for a discussion with Nick Makrilia and Najib Rahman. Oxford Centre for Respiratory Medicine (JP Corcoran MRCP, JMW Wrightson, NMR, NM Rahman MRCP) and Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery (E Belcher PhD), Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, Oxford, UK; University of Oxford Respiratory Trials Unit, Churchill Hospital, Oxford, UK (JP Corcoran, JMW Wrightson, NM Rahman); NIH/NR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK (JMW Wrightson, NM Rahman); Division of Thoracic Surgery, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL, USA (Prof M M DeCamp MD); and Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, USA (David Feller-Kopman MD).

#### Key messages

- The incidence of pleural infection continues to rise and this disease remains associated with a poor clinical outcome, with up to 20% of patients requiring surgery or dying
- The process by which bacteria translocate the infected lung and multiply in the pleural space is incompletely understood, but there is an increasing understanding of the inflammatory pathways associated with progression from simple to complex, fibrinous infected effusion
- A score to predict clinical outcome at baseline in pleural infection has been derived and might be helpful in the future to plan treatment escalation and invasive interventions
- The microbiological profile of pleural infection suggests a different set of organisms to those seen in pneumonia, with oropharyngeal and microaspiration potential sources
- Conventional microbiological analysis is only slightly sensitive for the identification of causative organism, and this can be improved by the inoculation of pleural fluid into culture media bottles, and potentially in the future by the use of molecular microbiological techniques
- Intrapleural tPA and DNase has been shown to significantly improve drainage and can have important effects on reducing surgical requirement and hospital stay
- Surgery remains a key treatment modality in selected cases, but the precise surgical method of choice, patient selection, and timing are not well defined

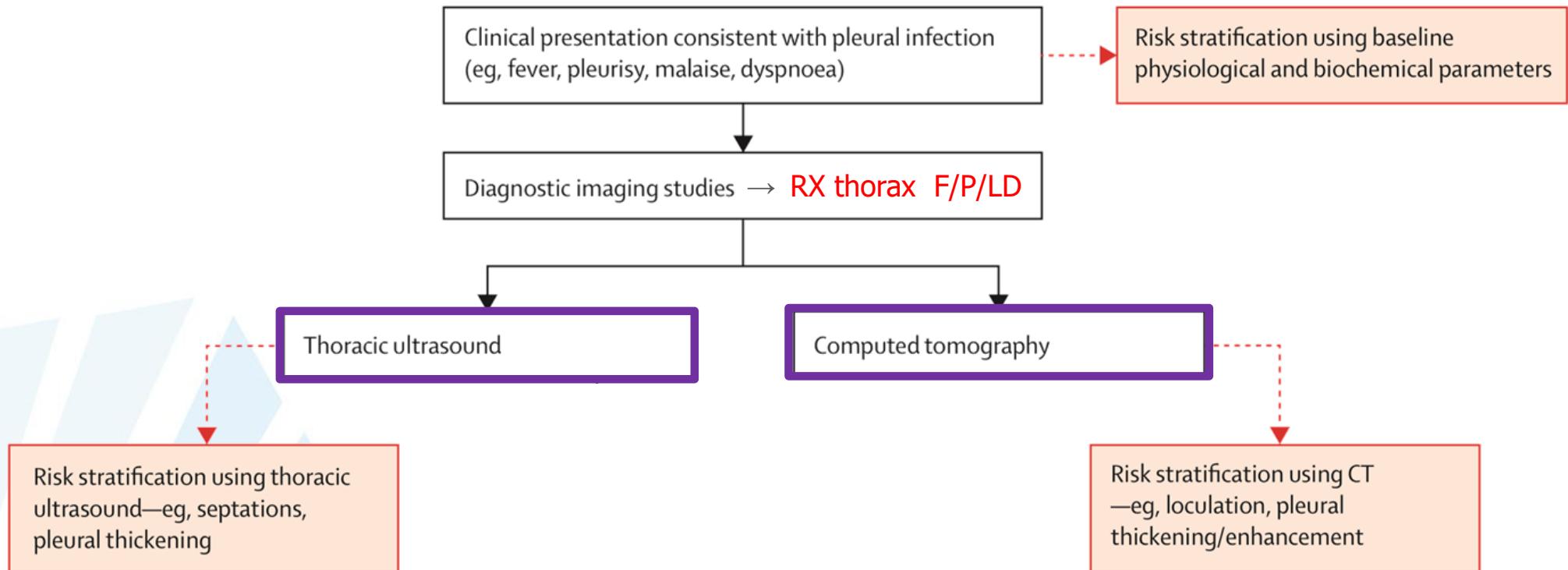




- CPE/empyeem

- Pleuraal aangelegen opaciteit
- Stompe hoek met thoraxwand
- Vormverandering tgv zwaartekracht ('drooping')
- Niet vrij bewegend in latere decubitus ('no free flow')
- Zichtbare pulmonale vaten ('filter effect')





- Differentiatie massa/vocht
- Exacte locatie van pleuraal vocht
  - pleurapunctie (geen blinde puncties!)
  - plaatsen thoraxdrain



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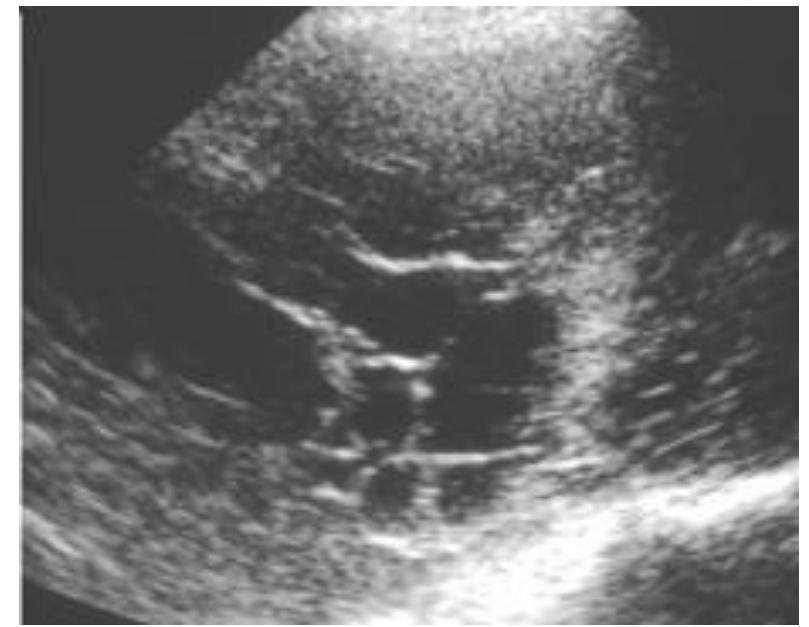
Patient Safety Forum

### Ultrasound Guidance Decreases Complications and Improves the Cost of Care Among Patients Undergoing Thoracentesis and Paracentesis

*Catherine J. Mercaldi, MPH; and Stephan F. Lanes, PhD*

**CHEST 2013; 143(2):532–538**

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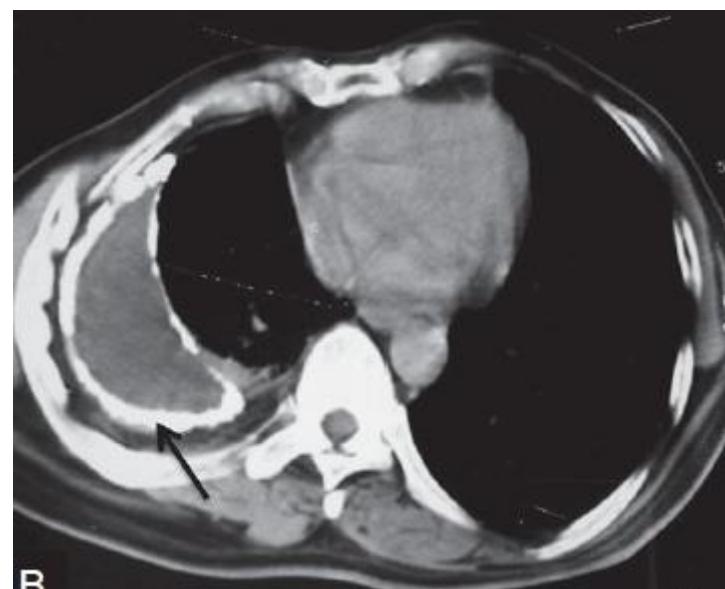
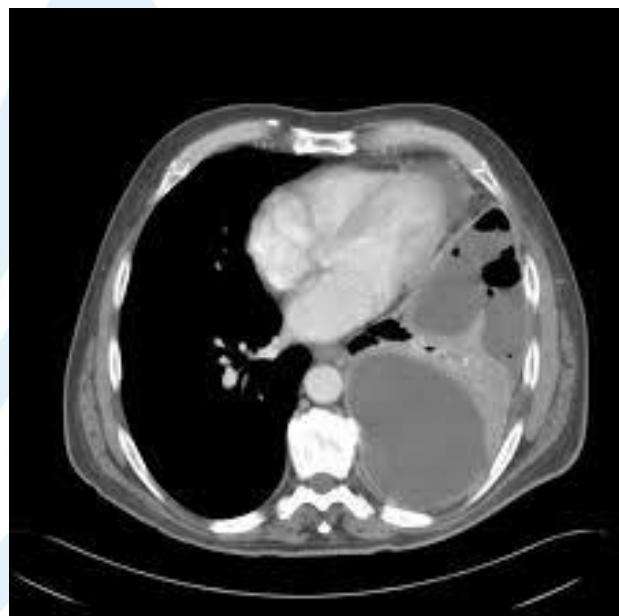
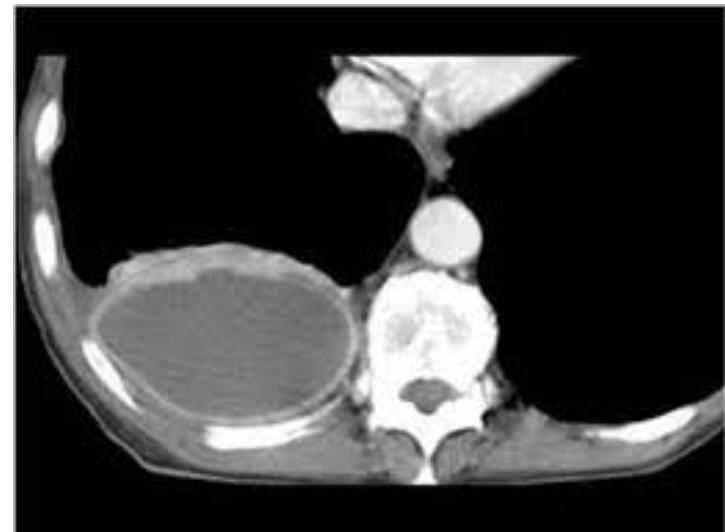
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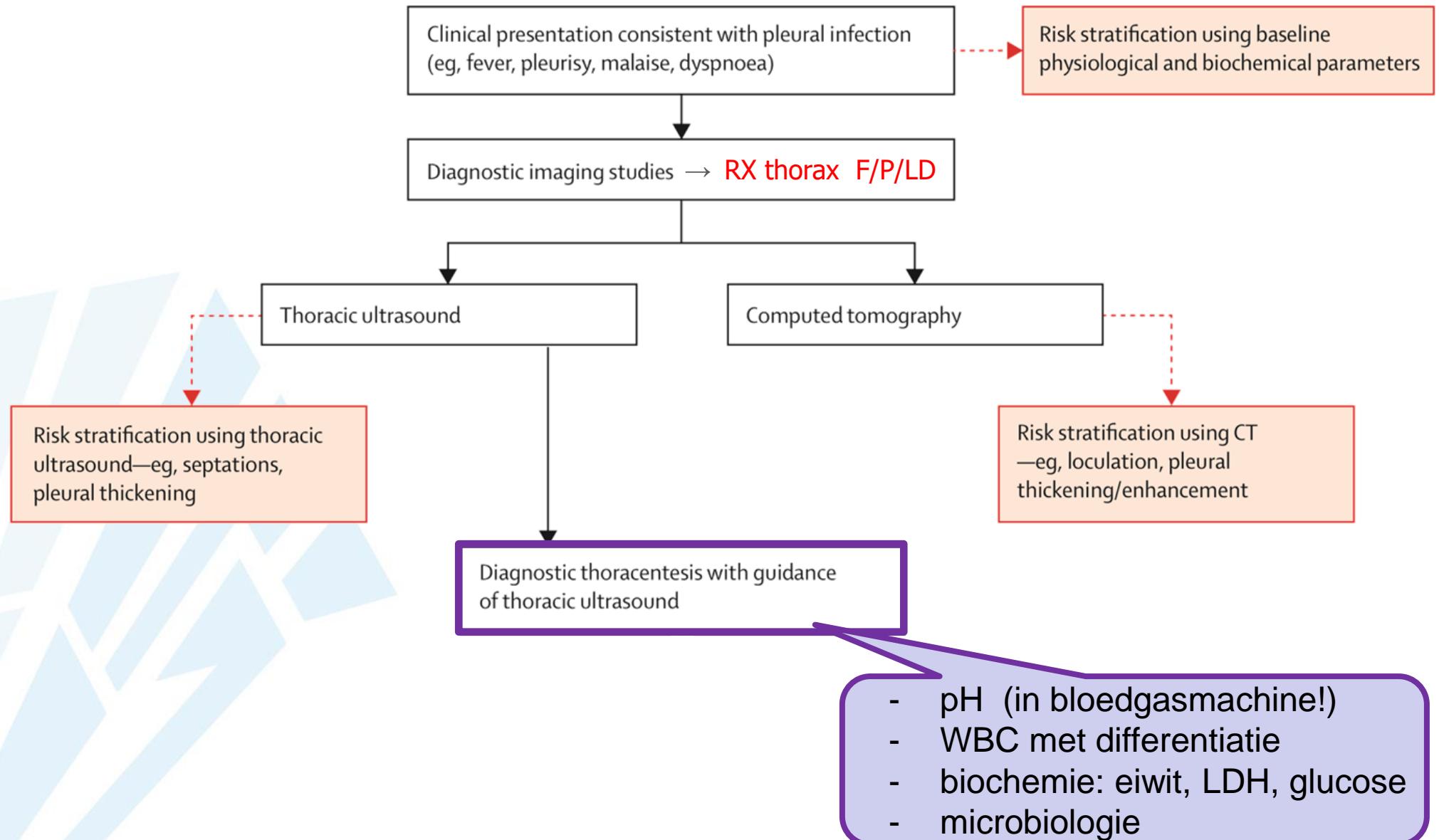
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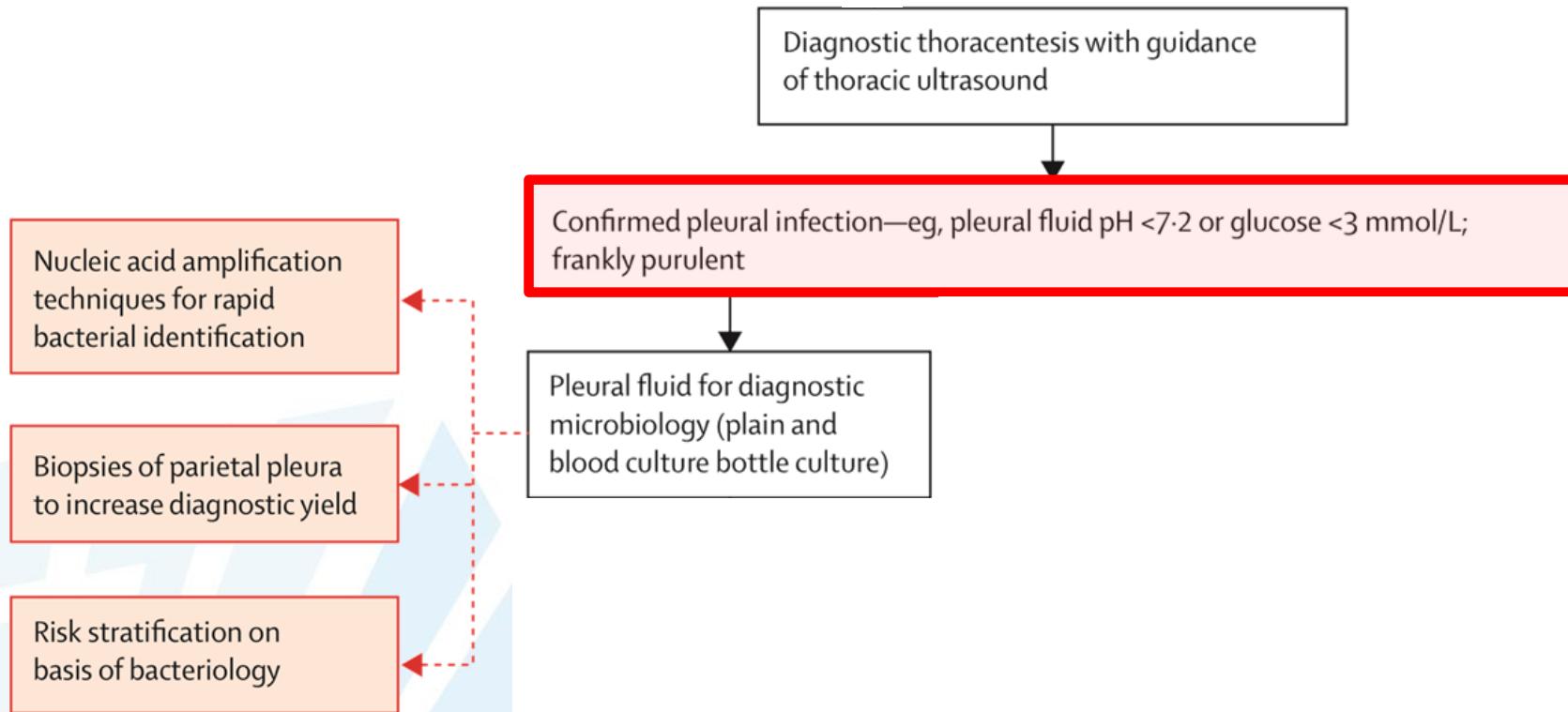
met contrast

- Aankleuring van pariëtale en viscerale pleura ('split pleura sign')
- Vaak ook pleurale verdikking (>3mm)
- Wand vaak wel dunner, minder onderregelmatig dan bij longabces
- Compressie van aanliggende long (geen destructie)
- Stompe hoek met thoraxwand





| Stages   | Macroscopic appearance                  | Pleural fluid characteristics   | Comments  |
|--|---|---|---|
| <p>Simplified classification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maligniteit</li> <li>- Tuberculose</li> <li>- Rheumatoïde arthritis</li> <li>- Lupus pleuritis</li> </ul> | <p>Cloudy/turbid</p> <p>!</p>           | <p>pH&gt;7.2<br/>LDH&lt;1000<br/>Glucose&gt;30</p>                    | <p>Antibiotics<br/>(Drain if required on symptomatic grounds)</p> |
| <p>Complicated parapneumonic ("fibrinopurulent")</p>   | <p>Clear fluid</p> <p>Cloudy/turbid</p> | <p>pH&lt;7.2<br/>LDH&gt;1000<br/>Glucose&lt;30<br/>Gram/cult. +/-</p> | <p>Chest tube drainage (+ ...)</p>                                |
| <p>Empyema</p> <p>Organising stage (scar tissue, pleural peel)</p>   | <p>Frank pus</p>                        | <p>Gram/cult. +/-<br/><br/>No other tests required</p>                | <p>Chest tube drainage (+ ...)<br/>Surgery</p>                    |



# Bacteriologie

## Community-acquired

*Streptococcus* spp. (~52%)

- ▶ *S milleri*
- ▶ *S pneumoniae*
- ▶ *S intermedius*

*Staphylococcus aureus* (11%)

Gram-negative aerobes (9%)

- ▶ Enterobacteriaceae
- ▶ *Escherichia coli*
- Anaerobes (20%)
- ▶ *Fusobacterium* spp.
- ▶ *Bacteroides* spp.
- ▶ *Peptostreptococcus* spp.
- ▶ Mixed

## Hospital-acquired

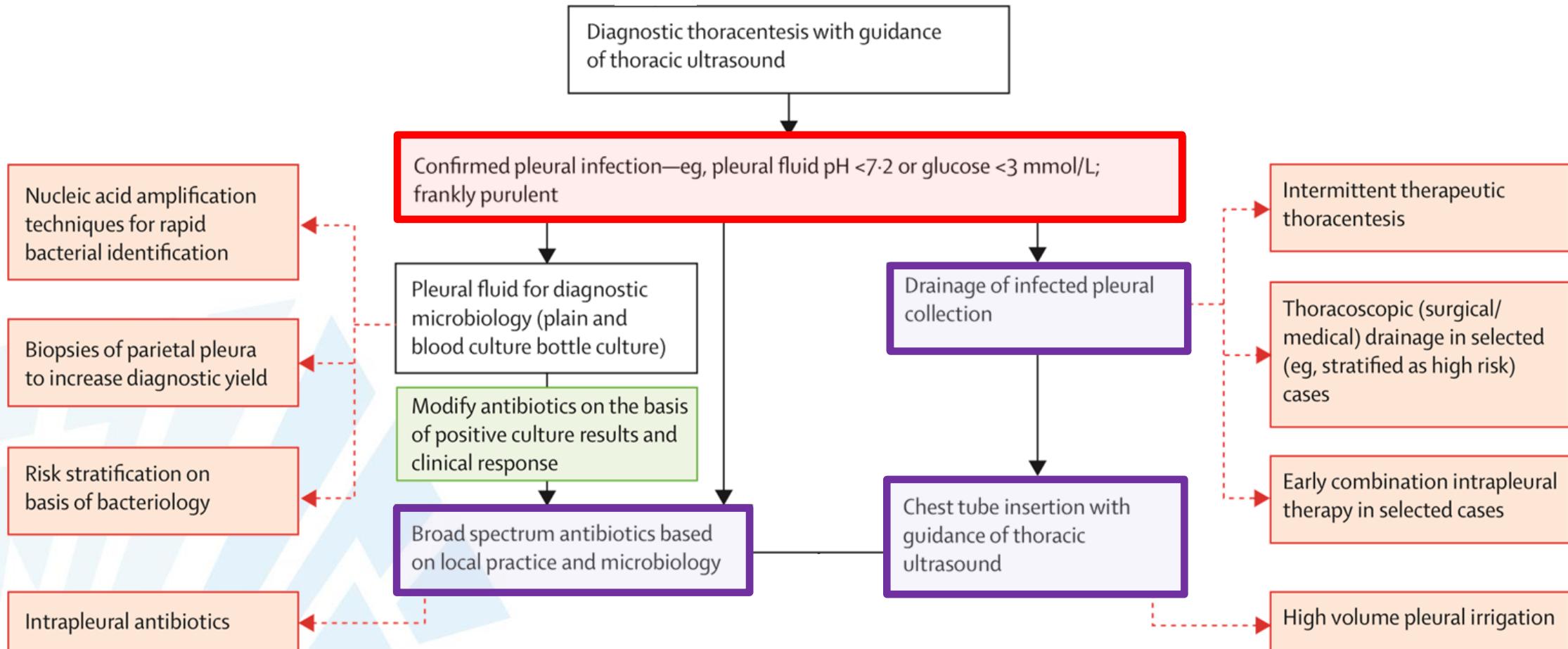
Staphylococci

- ▶ Meticillin-resistant *S aureus* (MRSA) (25%)
- ▶ *S aureus* (10%)

Gram-negative aerobes (17%)

- ▶ *E coli*
- ▶ *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- ▶ *Klebsiella* spp.

Anaerobes (8%)



- Altijd noodzakelijk & 'ASAP'
- Empyeem: verdikte pleura, zuur milieu, pus
  - AB concentraties pleura < serum → start IV
  - *Penicillines, cephalosporines, fluorochinolones, ...*: goede penetratie in pleuraal vocht
  - Aminoglycosiden eerder slechtere penetratie & inaktivatie tgv acidose
- Breed spectrum: ook anaërobe dekking ...
- Nosocomiaal: + MRSA
- **Langdurige therapie: 2-6weken**

**Community-acquired infection**

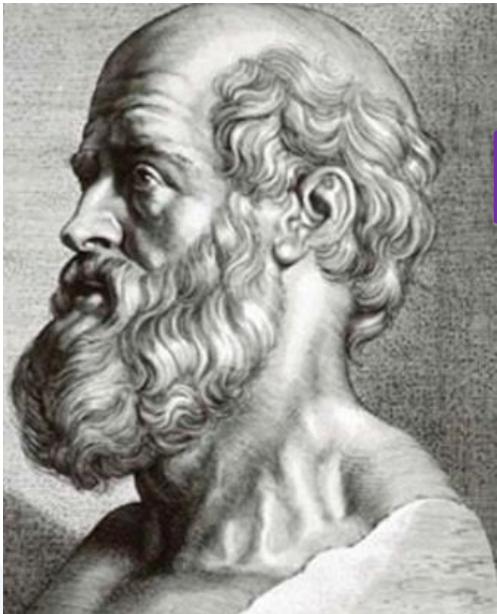
amoxicillin-clavulanate 1g qds

clindamycin 600mg tds  
+ levofloxacin 500mg bd

**Hospital-acquired infection**

piperacillin-tazobactam 4g tds

ceftriaxone 2g dd  
+ ornidazol 1g dd



“Als het empyema niet doorbreekt, zal de patiënt sterven”



# Indicaties voor drainage



## aacp consensus statement

### Medical and Surgical Treatment of Parapneumonic Effusions\*

#### An Evidence-Based Guideline

*CHEST 2000, 18:1158–1171*

Gene L. Colice, MD, FCCP; Anne Curtis, MD; Jean Deslauriers, MD;  
 John Heffner, MD, FCCP; Richard Light, MD, FCCP;  
 Benjamin Littenberg, MD; Steven Sahn, MD, FCCP; Robert A. Weinstein, MD;  
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 Parapneumonic Effusions Panel

| Pleural Space Anatomy   | Pleural Fluid<br>Bacteriology  | Pleural Fluid<br>Chemistry*   | Category | Risk of Poor<br>Outcome | Drainage |
|---|--|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| A <sub>0</sub> minimal, free-flowing effusion (< 10 mm on lateral decubitus)†   | AND B <sub>X</sub> culture and Gram stain results unknown              | AND C <sub>X</sub> pH unknown | 1        | Very low                | No‡      |
| A <sub>1</sub> small to moderate free-flowing effusion (> 10 mm and < ½ hemithorax)   | AND B <sub>0</sub> negative culture and Gram stain§                    | AND C <sub>0</sub> pH ≥ 7.20  | 2        | Low                     | No       |
| A <sub>2</sub> large, free-flowing effusion (≥ ½ hemithorax)¶ loculated effusion,# or effusion with thickened parietal pleura** | OR B <sub>1</sub> positive culture or Gram stain<br>B <sub>2</sub> pus | OR C <sub>1</sub> pH < 7.20   | 3        | Moderate                | Yes      |
|   |  |                               | 4        | High                    | Yes      |

1. Herhaalde evacuerende punkties
2. Plaatsen thoraxdrain (+ suctie)
3. Spoelen van de pleurale holte
4. Intrapleurale fibrinolytica/mcolytica
5. Medische thoracoscopie
6. Decorticatio
  - VATS
  - Open chirurgie

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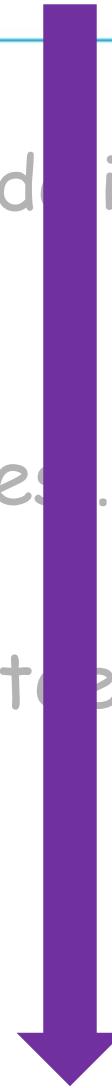
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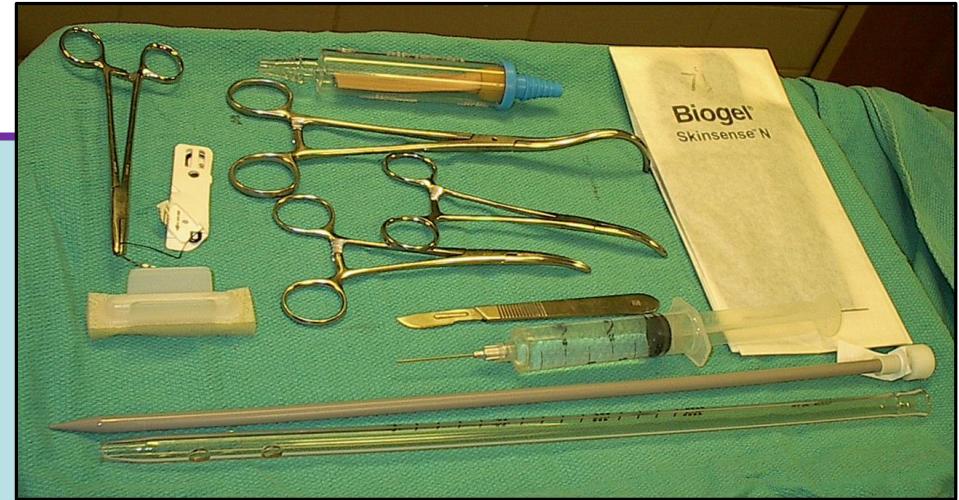


niet aanbevolen in de richtlijnen!



## “Ubi pus, ibi evacua”

- Purulent vocht/etter
- pH < 7,2
- Aanwezigheid van pathogene kiemen
- Grote niet-purulente vochtuitstortingen



- Geen consensus omtrent optimale diameter
  - ✓ 'small bore catheters' (10-14F)
    - ⇒ goede resultaten, weinig complicaties
  - ✓ 'large bore catheters'
    - ⇒ dikke etter...
- Kleine diameter → regelmatig doorspoelen!!  
(30mL NaCl 0,9% q6hrs)
- Suctie: geen robuste data, meestal wel toegepast  
(20cm H<sub>2</sub>O)

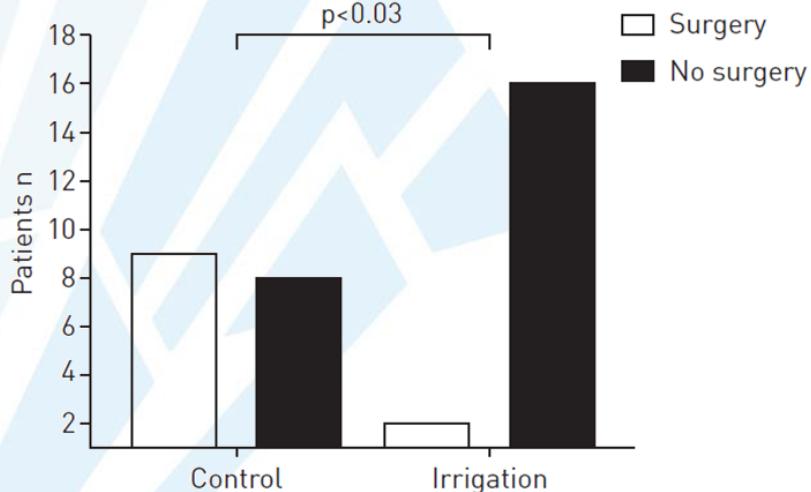
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# Pleural irrigation trial (PIT): a randomised controlled trial of pleural irrigation with normal saline *versus* standard care in patients with pleural infection



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- Betere evacuatie vocht op dag3  
32,3% vs. 15,3% ( $p<0,04$ )
- Minder nood aan heelkunde  
11% vs. 47% ( $p=0,03$ )

# Fibrinolytica/Mucolytica

- **Fibrinopurulente stadium**

- inhibitie van fibrinolyse ( $\uparrow$  PAI,...)
- activatie van stollingscascade

vorming van fibrine

- ⇒ pleurale verdikking
- ⇒ adhesies, septaties
- ⇒ loculaties

## Intrapleurale fibrinolytica

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| * Streptokinase | 250.000 IU od/bd |
| * Urokinase     | 100.000 IU od    |
| * tPA           | 10mg bd          |

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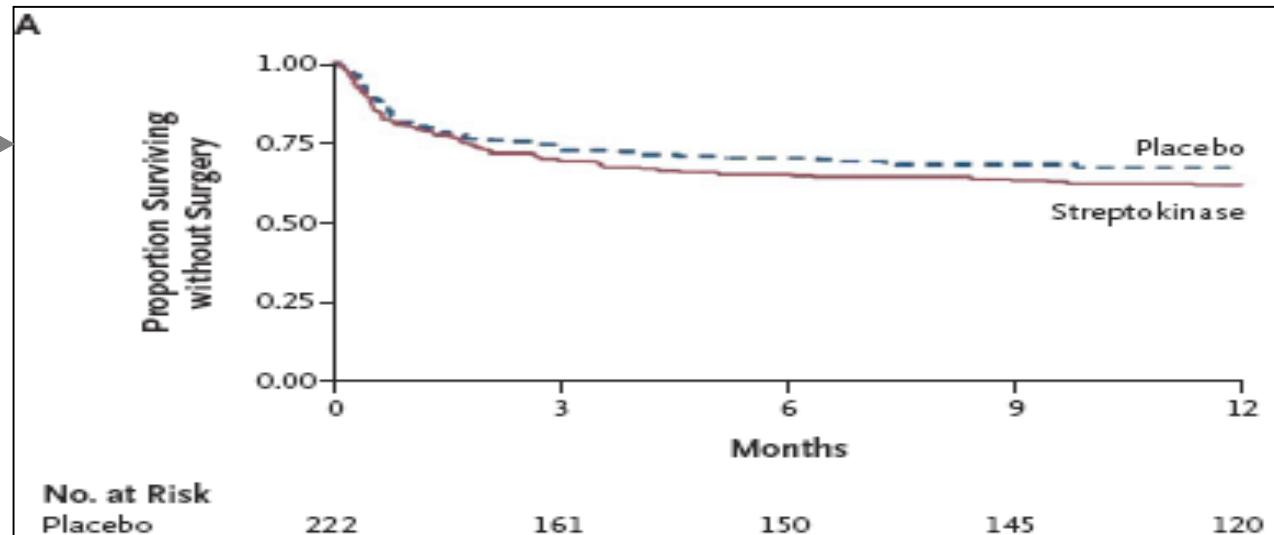
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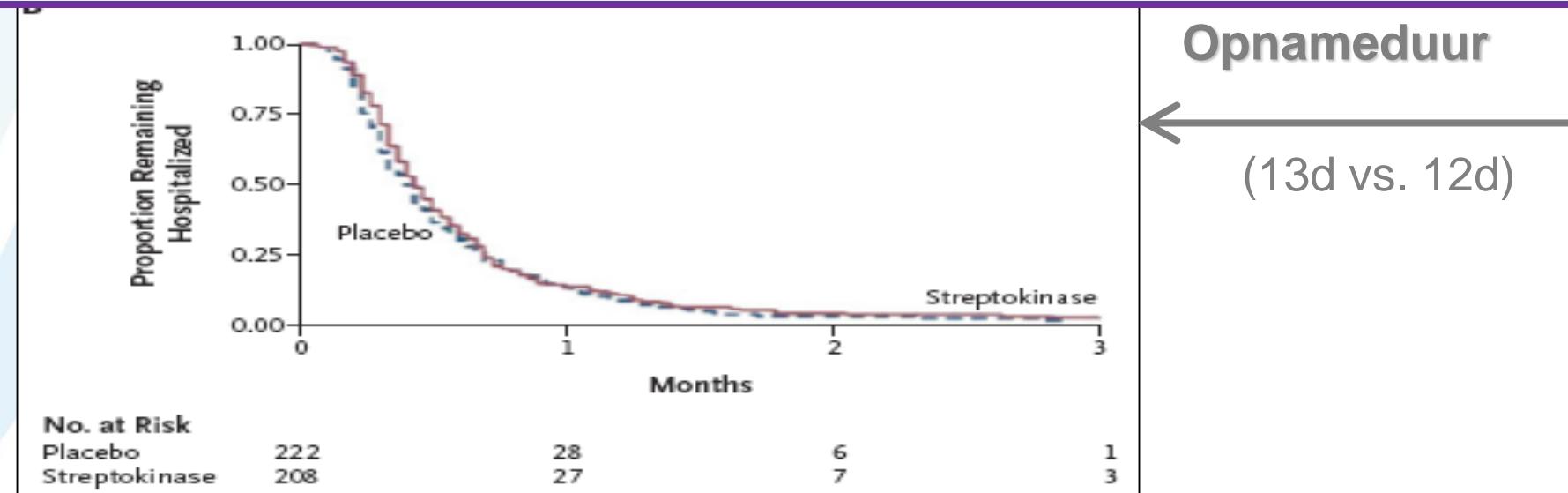
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## Nood aan chirurgie



## CONCLUSIONS

The intrapleural administration of streptokinase does not improve mortality, the rate of surgery, or the length of the hospital stay among patients with pleural infection.



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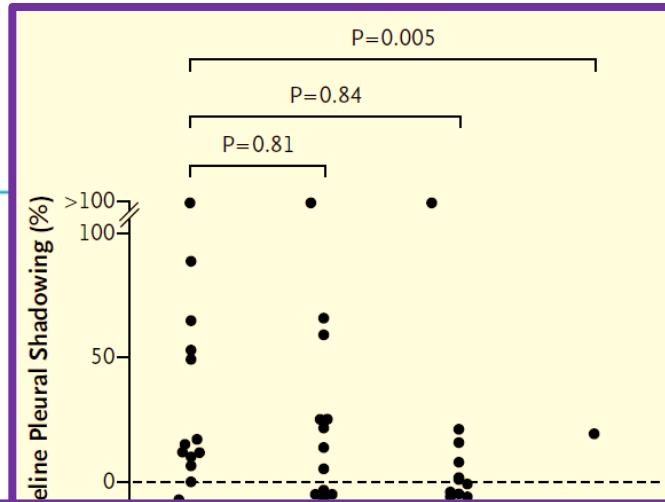
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Intrapleural Use of Tissue Plasminogen Activator and DNase in Pleural Infection

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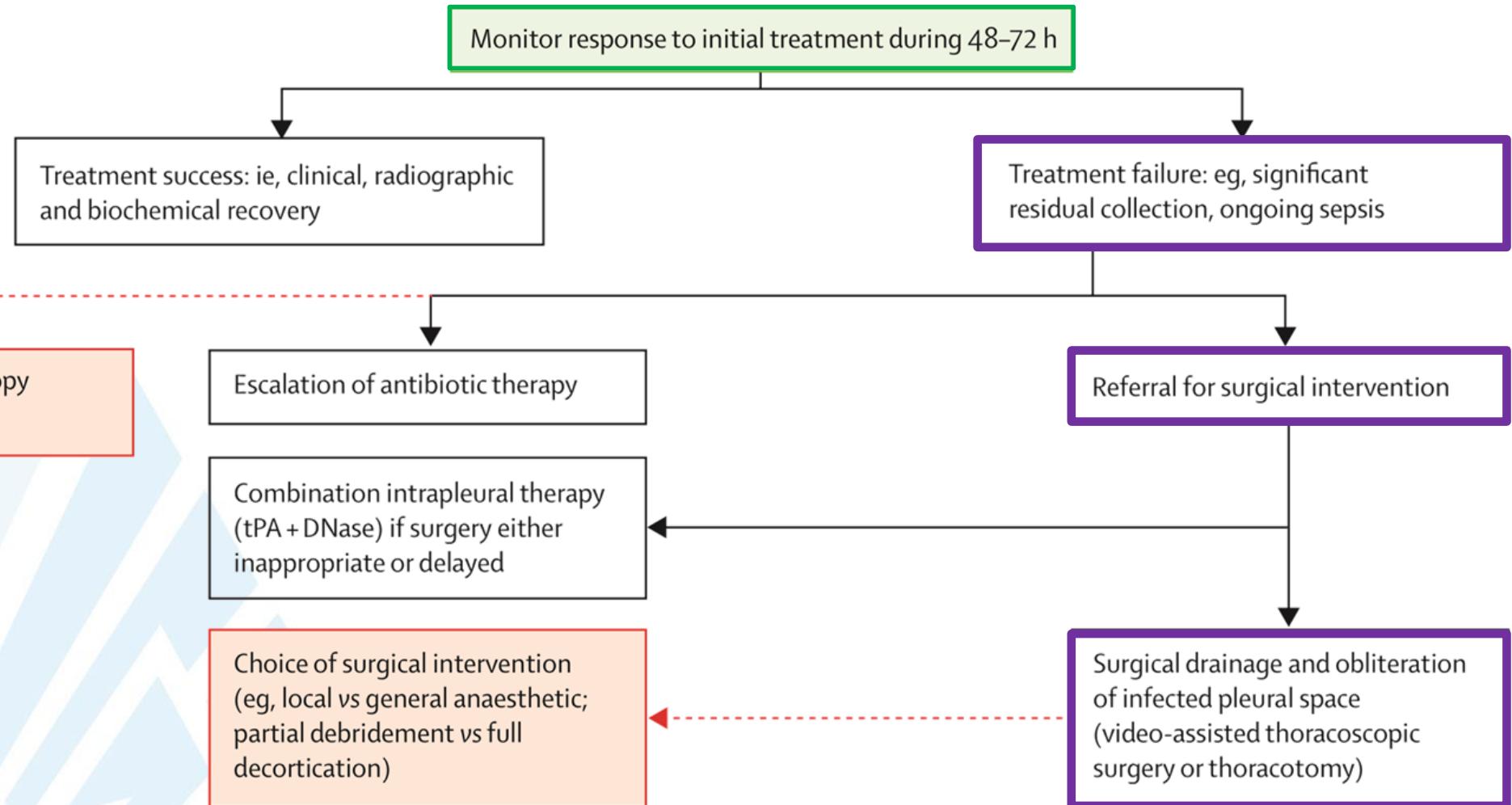
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Intrapleural t-PA–DNase therapy improved fluid drainage in patients with pleural infection and reduced the frequency of surgical referral and the duration of the hospital stay. Treatment with DNase alone or t-PA alone was ineffective. (Funded by an unrestricted educational grant to the University of Oxford from Roche UK and by others; Current Controlled Trials number, ISRCTN57454527.)

|                                  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| by effusion (primary outcome)    |  |  |  |
| Percent difference vs. placebo   |  |  |  |
| P value                          |  |  |  |
| Surgical referral — no. referred |  |  |  |
| Odds ratio vs. placebo (95% CI)  |  |  |  |
| P value                          |  |  |  |
| Hospital stay — no. of days      |  |  |  |
| Percent difference vs. placebo   |  |  |  |
| P value                          |  |  |  |

Chirurgie ↓ 77%  
Opnameduur ↓ 6,7d  
  
Klinische verbetering ??  
Duur!

→ géén standaard therapie!



Indicatie = 'rescue therapy'

- \* geen respons op AB en percutane drainage  
(+/- medische thoracoscopie)
- \* progressie tot 'fibrothorax'

**20-40%**

VATS > open thoracotomie

→ kortere opnameduur, minder complicaties, even effectief

Tijdige verwijzing indien falen conservatieve therapie: **96u**

Quid VATS als primaire therapie?

→ kortere duur drain & opname, reductie kosten, hogere success rate ??  
MAAR studies 'underpowered'...

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