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1 Introduction

During the guideline development the GDG considered different types of supplementary evidence that may not directly address the corresponding protocols but contributed towards the drafting of recommendations. This is noted in the evidence review where applicable. This supplementary evidence is presented by review question.

2 Severity assessment tools

The following data from the British Thoracic Society adult community- acquired pneumonia audit 2009/10[5,7] were used as supplementary information for the GDG discussion and decision making.

The most update published information included 5240 adult patients with CAP from trusts across England and Wales. The following table pictures the distribution of the sample based on the severity status as assessed by CURB65 tool.

Table 1: Distribution of patients with CAP by CURB65 severity score

	2009/10 BTS CAP Audit (N = 5240)	**Notes**
Low severity (CURB65 = 0 – 1)	2247	Similar proportions by severity status were reported in the publication by Lim and Woodhead, 2011 (in which results of a smaller sample size of the same audit was reported N = 2668)
Moderate severity (CURB65 = 2)	1480	
High severity (CURB65 ≥ 3)	1514	

3 Timing of antibiotic therapy

The following table summarizes the observational studies that were originally included in the review (as they met the protocol criteria) but timing of antibiotics was not included in the multivariate analysis (due to poor performance in the univariate analysis) but the GDG still considered this part of evidence.

Table 2: Summary of univariate evidence for timing of antibiotic therapy from observational studies that were designed for multivariate analysis (but timing of antibiotics was not part of the model)

Study (design)	Quality assessment					Outcomes					Quality
	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other consideration	Study ID	Number of patients	Outcome definition	Timing definition (hours)	Outcome	
All-cause mortality											
3 prospective studies (Bodi 2005, Bruns 2009, Marrie 2005)[1-3], 1 retrospective study (Mortensen 2004)[4]	Very serious risk of bias[(a)]	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious imprecision[(b)]	None	Bodi 2005	529	Mortality in ICU	≤ 4 vs. > 4 h	≤ 4 h: 75/289 (26%); > 4 h: 53/177 (29.9%), p > 0.2	Very low
						Bruns 2009	166	Mortality in first 3 days	≤ 4 vs. > 4 h	Unadjusted OR 0.65 (0.04 to 10.68)	
						Marrie 2005	3043	Mortality, Continuous measure		Mean (SD) hours from presenting to ED to administration of first antibiotics: survivors: 8.4 ± 13.3; mortalities: 9.1 ± 16.4, p = 0.4807	
						Mortensen 2004	420	30-day mortality	≤ 8 vs. > 8 h	Proportion who died 33/364 (9.1%) if antibiotics ≤ 8 h vs. 9/57 (15.8%) if later	
Length of stay (prolonged)											
1 retrospective study (Rosenstein 2000)[6]	Very Serious risk of bias[(c)]	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious imprecision (b)	None	Rosenstein 2000	367	LOS reduction, analysed by linear regression		0.8 day shorter LOS for those with antibiotics ≤ 2 h vs > 2 h group (no SDs given)	Very low

(a) No adjusting for confounders
(b) Wide confidence intervals or only p-value reported
(c) No adjusting for confounders and 367/684 (54%) analysed – many excluded for missing data

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