

Rapid identification of respiratory pathogens at patient's bedside

Feedback of FilmArray Pneumonia Panel Plus use

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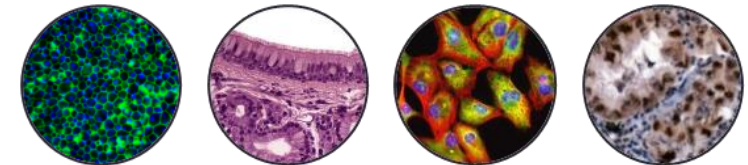
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What is a syndromic PCR?



- Symptom-driven PCR that targets probable pathogens
- Syndromic PCR = panel of potential targeted pathogens
 - meningitis/encephalitis, pneumonia, gastro-intestinal etc...
- Several manufacturers on the market (bioMérieux, Hologic...)

Syndromic PCR implementation at the Reims University Hospital



- 2018 : FilmArray® panel Meningitis/Encephalitis (FA-ME)
- 2021 : Novodiag (Hologic now) panel Gastro-intestinal (GE+)
- 2020: FilmArray® panel Pneumonia Plus (FA-PP)

Syndromic PCR positioning in France

- 🎧 **National Infection Prevention Strategy 2022-2025 and AMR**
 - **Action 22** : To develop new interventions to promote the proper use of antibiotics
 - **Sous action 22.1** : To **rationalize and integrate the use in healthcare establishments of new rapid point-of-care microbiological diagnostics** (multiplex PCR, rapid resistance detection systems, etc...) available on the market
- 🎧 **Role of the French Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Societies (SFM/SPILF)**
 - Asked by DGOS to set up a task force

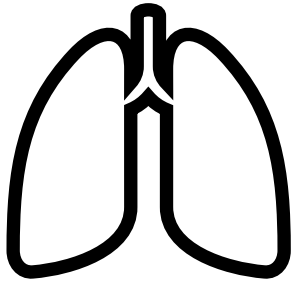
Syndromic PCR positioning at Reims University Hospital

Questions for a rational use at Reims University Hospital

- Cost?
- Service to the physicians (time to result, consideration, gaps...)?
- Se/Sp compared to specific PCR (positioning)?
- Emergency diagnosis or facilitating flux of operational procedures in the lab?

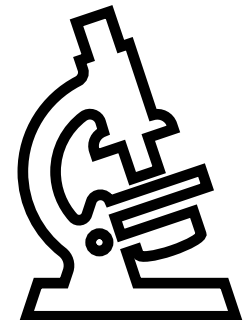


Flow charts for rational use of syndromic PCR in Reims



Let's talk about fighting respiratory diseases...

...at the clin lab



Lower respiratory tract infections (2021)

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The world's most deadly communicable disease (other than COVID-19)

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Ranked as 5th leading cause of death

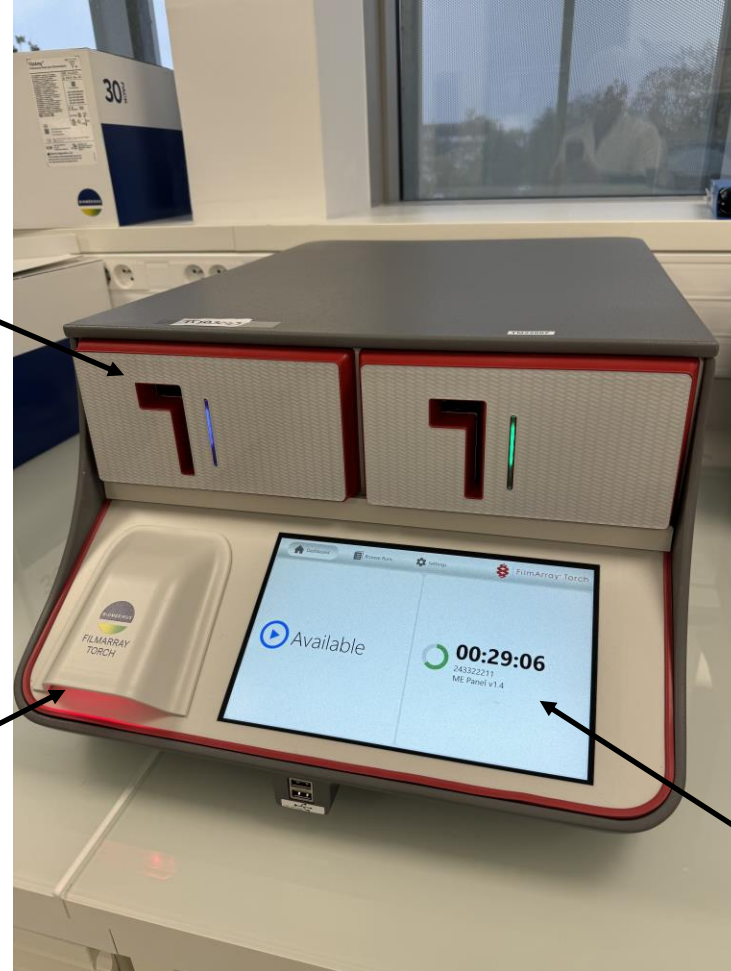
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2.5 millions of death in 2021

FilmArray® BIOFIRE at Reims University Hospital

FA Torch module (duplex)
Up to 5 duplex modules

Barcode reader for
cartridge identification



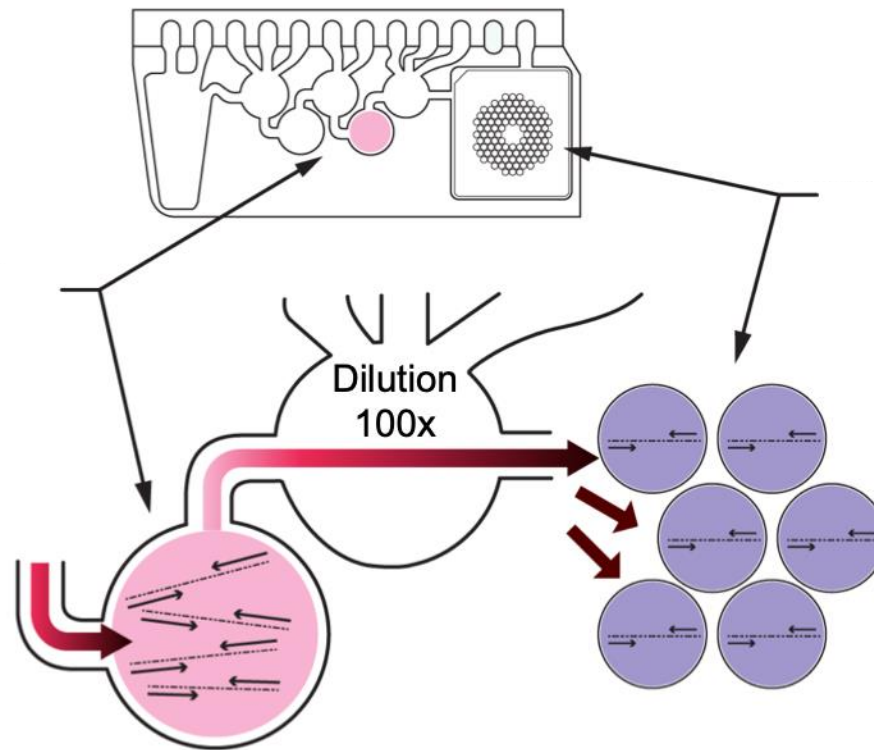
Screen to follow analyses

Principle of the FilmArray® BIOFIRE

Nested PCR

PCR 1 : multiplex

- Volume = 140 μ l
- ~10 pairs of primers
- 27 cycles
- No detection



PCR 2 : monoplex

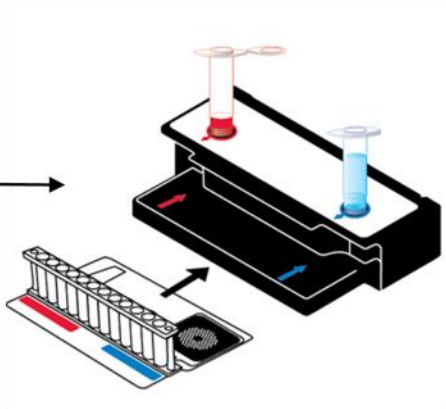
- Volume = 1 μ l
- 1 well = 1 pair of primers for 1 targeted pathogen
- 30 cycles
- Detection by LC Green Plus

Workflow for a sample analysis

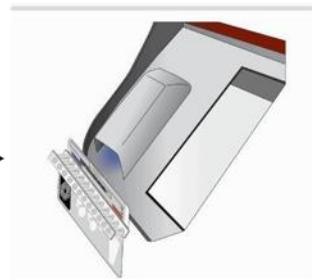
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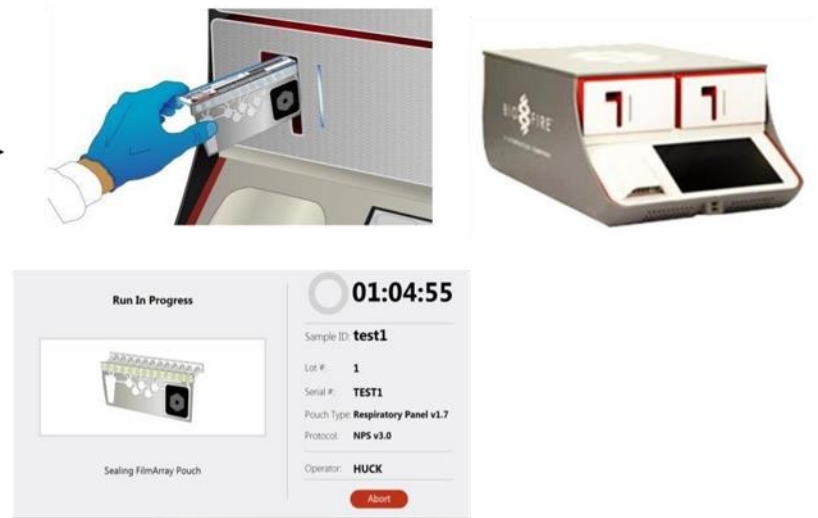
Cartridge preparation



Identification



Analysis



FilmArray Pneumonia Plus (FA-PP)



BioFire® FilmArray®

Pneumonia Panel *plus*



BACTERIA

(Semi-quantitative results)

Acinetobacter calcoaceticus-baumannii complex
Enterobacter cloacae complex
Escherichia coli
Haemophilus influenzae
Klebsiella aerogenes
Klebsiella oxytoca
Klebsiella pneumoniae group
Moraxella catarrhalis
Proteus spp.
Pseudomonas aeruginosa
Serratia marcescens
Staphylococcus aureus
Streptococcus agalactiae
Streptococcus pneumoniae
Streptococcus pyogenes

ATYPICAL BACTERIA

(Qualitative results)

Chlamydia pneumoniae
Legionella pneumophila
Mycoplasma pneumoniae

VIRUS

Adenovirus
 Coronavirus
 Human metapneumovirus
 Human rhinovirus/enterovirus
 Influenza A virus
 Influenza B virus
 MERS CoV
 Parainfluenza virus
 Respiratory syncytial virus

AMR GENES

Methicillin resistance

mecA/C and MREJ

Carbapenemases

IMP
 KPC
 NDM
 OXA-48 like
 VIM

ESBL

CTX-M



Features of FA-PP - Meta-analysis

- 📌 **Se/Spe for 8968 tests within 30 studies**
 - Se = 94%
 - Spe = 98%
- 📌 **Taking into account pathogens included in the panel**
 - Se = 85%
 - Spe = 96%
 - PPV = 56%
 - NPV = 99%

FA-PP positioning at the Reims University Hospital

- In the event of suspected Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (VAP)
- In the event of suspected Community-Acquired Pneumonia (CAP) + Legionella (when urinary Lp1 antigen not possible to be done)
- In the event of suspected CAP due to *M. pneumoniae* (in case of emergency and weekends)

First lesson from the field...

...COVID-19

Use of FA-PP during COVID-19 (1)

Context

- Long stay in ICU
- Frequent Invasive Mechanical Intubations
- Frequent bacterial co-infections
- Overuse of FA-PP

What have we done?

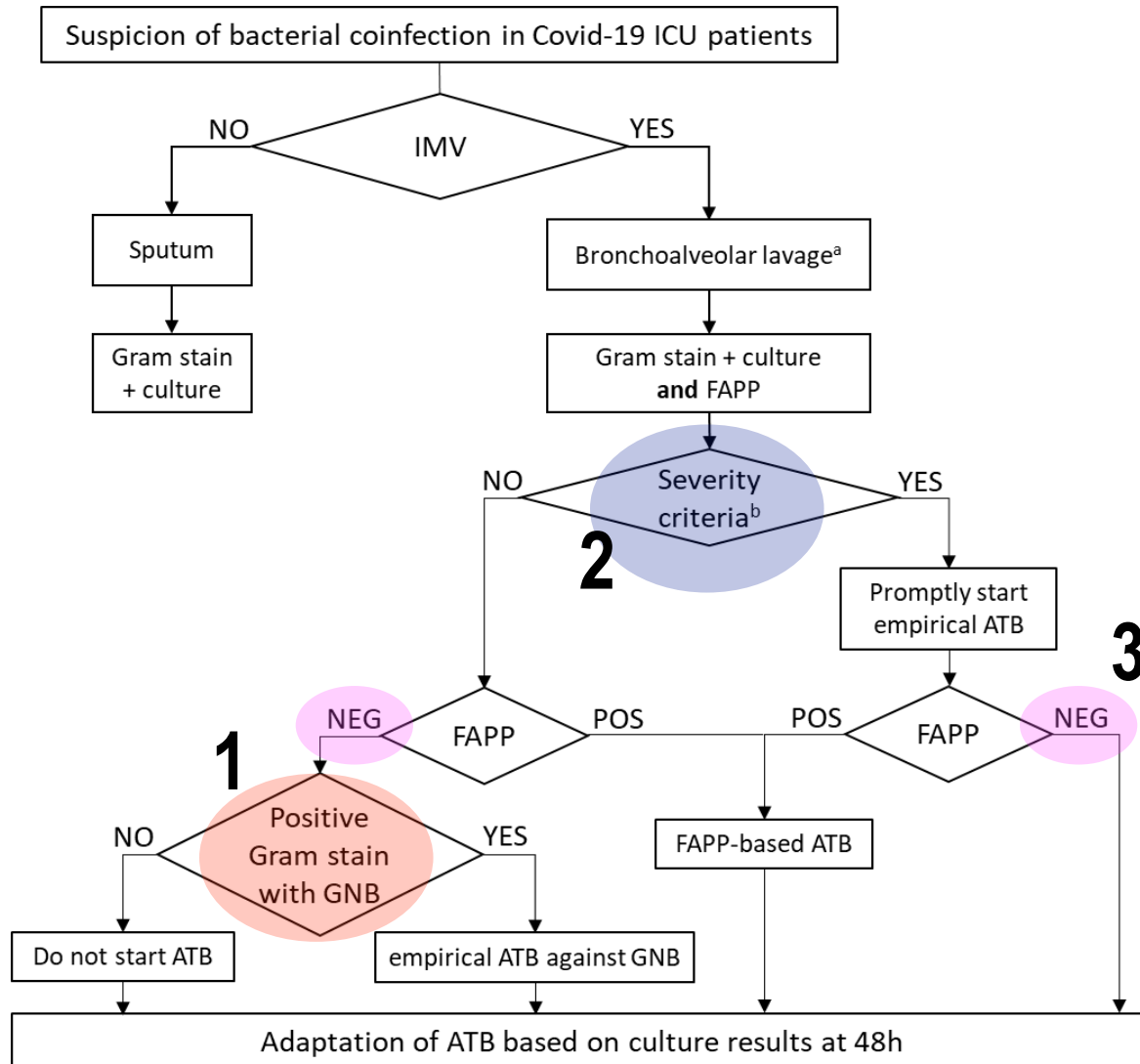
- Study in Nancy and Reims (ICU)
- 90 patients included (PCR COVID-19 + and IMV) March - May 2020

Use of FA-PP during COVID-19 (2)

Major Results

- 90 eligible patients (74 EndoTracheal Aspirates and 45 BronchoAlveolar Lavage)
- 5% CAP and 40% VAP (clinically confirmed)
- Bacteria detected in 45% by FA-PP and 39% by culture
- Adequacy of bacterial detection between FA-PP and culture
 - 96% for BAL and 80% for ETA ($p = 0.017$)

Flow chart for use of FA-PP



Highlights

1. Importance of the direct examination
2. Severity criteria = ATB before or after FA-PP
3. Decision when FA-PP negative

Severity criteria : septic shock or severe ARDS

Bullet points for rational use of FA-PP

- 1. Training for mastering FAPP by the intensivist is required for successful utilization in the daily routine practice.**
 - Only 52% of treatment decisions based on FA-PP
- 2. FAPP should be performed on BAL to avoid over-diagnosis of bacterial coinfection**
 - FA-PP and conventional cultivation better matched with BAL than endotracheal aspirates (ETA)
- 3. Conventional culture should be systematically performed in parallel**
 - Not all AMR genes are detected by FA-PP (e.g. for ESBL only *bla*_{CTX-M})
 - Overdetection of MRSA (6 detected and 3 confirmed)
- 4. Therapeutic decision must be re-evaluated with the result of 2-days conventional culture**
 - BAL culture = 5 days. No bacteria with culture that were not targeted by FA-PP at H48.

Second lesson from the field...

...an unfortunate case report

False negative FA-PP

Case report

- 79 y/o patient in ICU with Invasive Mechanical Ventilation (IMV)
- FA-PP positive with Rhinovirus/Enterovirus => no antibiotic
- D+1: Positive BAL culture (10^5 CFU/ml *Klebsiella aerogenes*)
- D+2: Antibiotic susceptibility testing showed a 3GC-Resistant *K. aerogenes* (HyperAmpC)

Despite use of rapid test, delay in treatment....



Why have we missed *K. aerogenes* while in the FA-PP panel?

Lack of *K. aerogenes* detection: a known issue?

YES

- 3 papers in Pubmed

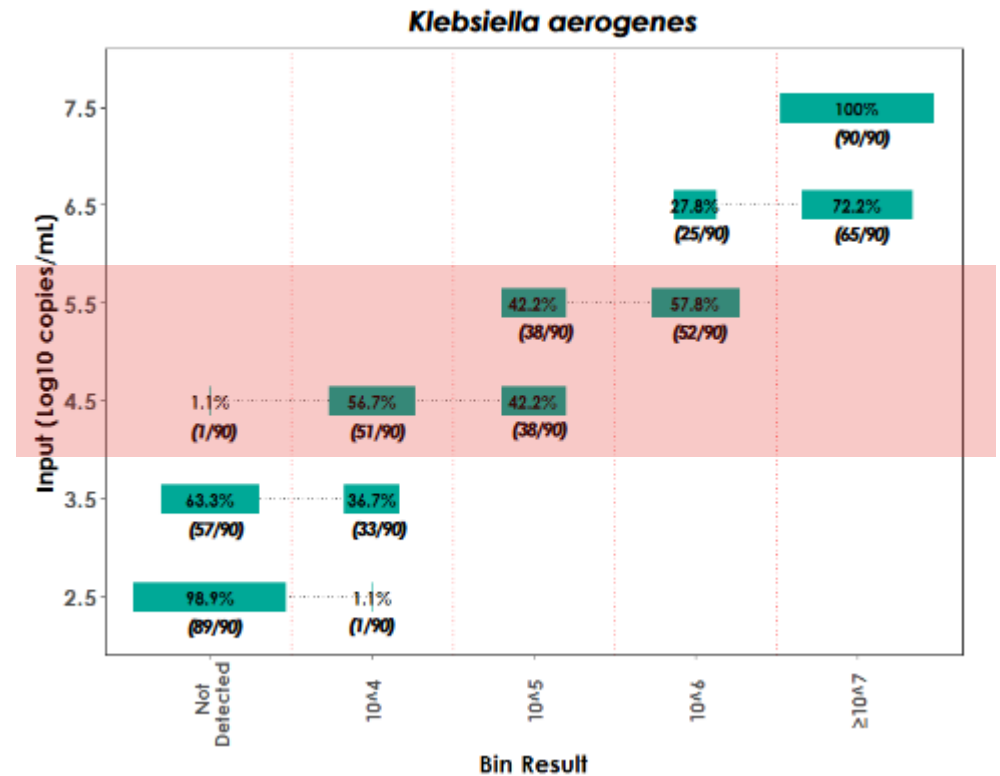
- FA-PP neg / culture pos = 3, 1 and 8 cases

Table 1 Summary of total, BioFire Pneumonia plus (PNplus) Panel, and standard of care (SOC) detections

	Number SOC (+) PNplus (+)	Number SOC (-) PNplus (+)	Number SOC (+) PNplus (-)	Number total (+)
<i>Acinetobacter calcoaceticus-baumannii</i> complex	78	45	2	125
Adenovirus	3	41	1	45
<i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i>	4	3	0	7
Coronaviruses ^b	5	46	1	52
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> complex	102	99	10	211
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	150	113	19	282
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	194	291	19	504
Human metapneumovirus	5	5	1	11
Rhinovirus/enterovirus	57	308	3	368
Influenza A	24	20	1	45
Influenza B	2	0	0	2
<i>Klebsiella aerogenes</i>	29	33	8	70
<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	26	45	12	83
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> group	179	76	15	270
<i>Legionella pneumophila</i>	43	6	6	55

NO

- FA-PP evaluation by bioMérieux



Gastli N et al. Clin Microbiol Infect 2021;27:1308–14.

Lee SH et al. J Microbiol Immunol Infect 2019;52:920–8.

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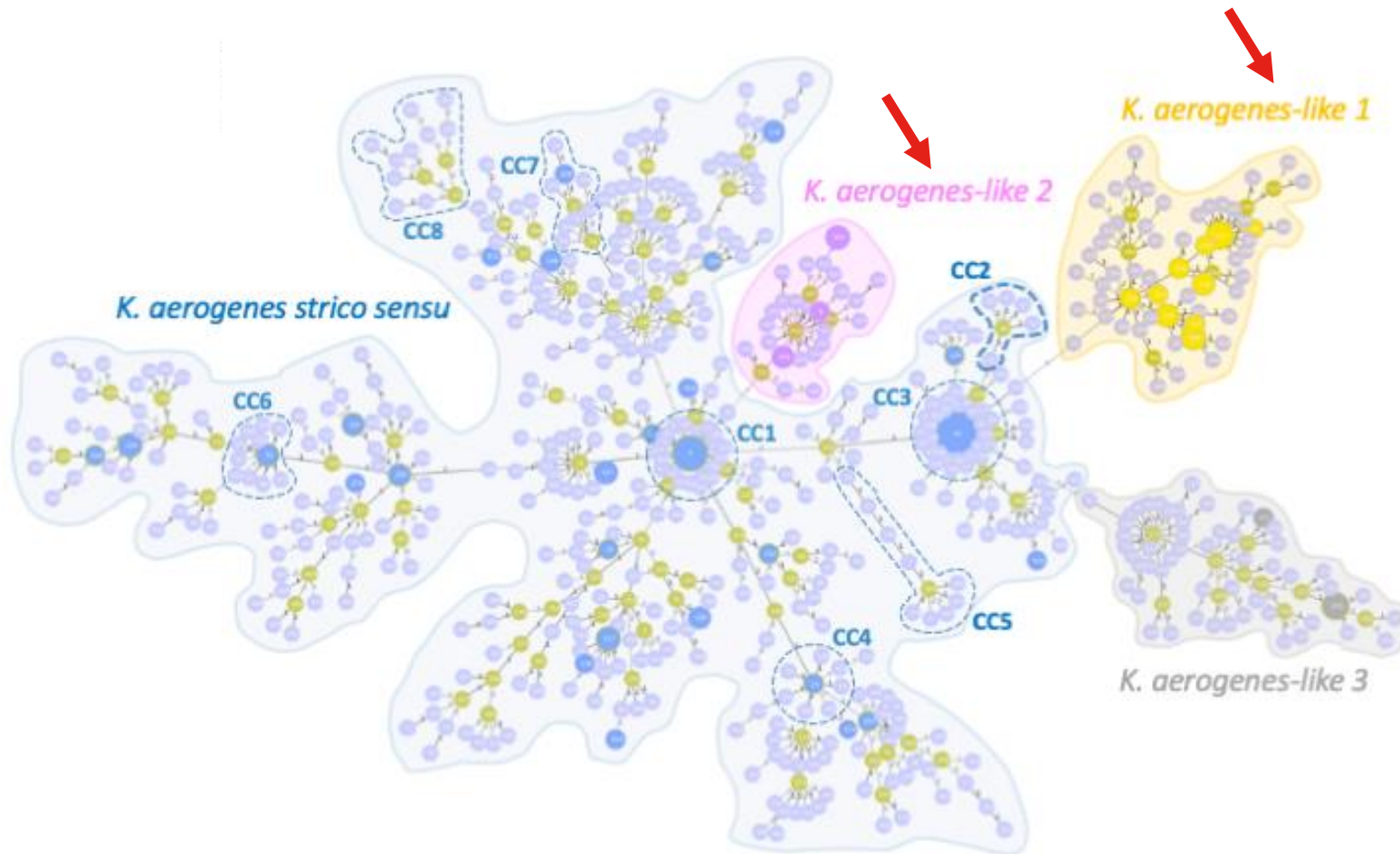
Murphy CN, et al. J Clin Microbiol 2020;58.

Lack of *K. aerogenes* detection: a frequent issue?

- January 2020 – December 2022
- 786 BAL / 646 patients / 824 FA-PP

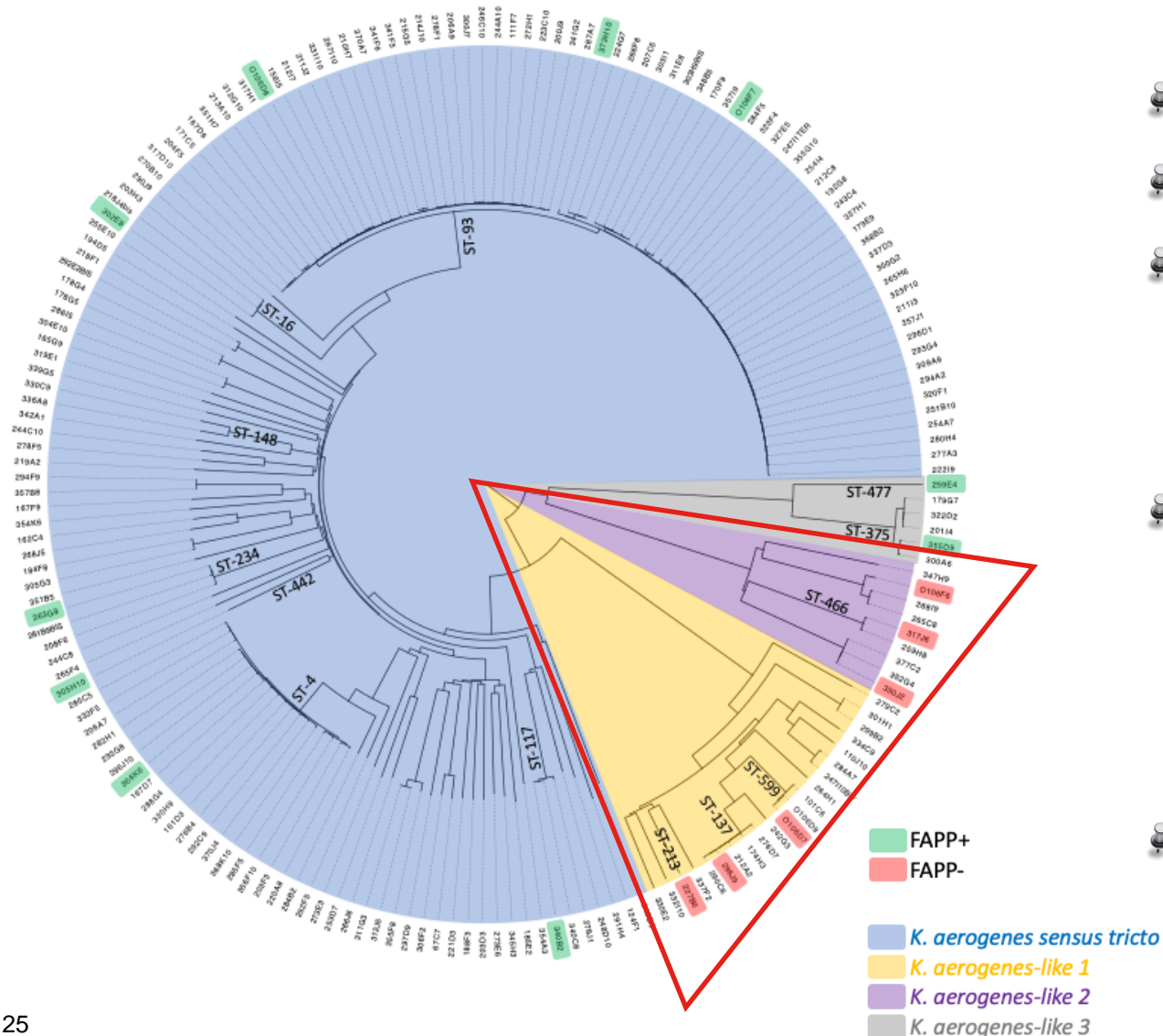
	FA-PP (+) Culture (+)	FA-PP (+) Culture (-)	FA-PP (-) Culture (+)	No FA-PP Culture (+)	Total
<i>K. aerogenes</i>	20	12	3	8	43
FA-PP quantification	10^4 to $>10^7$	10^4 to 10^6	-	-	
Culture quantification	$<10^3$ to 10^8	-	$5 \cdot 10^3$ to 10^5	$<10^3$ to 10^6	

Genomes of *K. aerogenes* and FA-PP (1)



- 187 isolates
- Whole Genome Sequencing
- 3 sub-species of *K. aerogenes*
- 16% of *K. aerogenes like 1* and 2

Genomes of *K. aerogenes* and FA-PP (2)



- Saline solution with 10^5 CFU/ml
- Inoculum checked by culture
- If FA-PP negative => solution with 10^8 CFU/ml
- *K. aerogenes* at 10^5 UFC/ml = FA-PP négative
=> *K. aerogenes* like 1 et like 2
=> NB: 16% of all the *K. aerogenes*
- If higher inoculum (10^8 CFU/ml) => FA-PP positive (but false quantification: 10^5 CFU/ml)

Take home message

1

You should know the panel and what you miss
- *Morganella* spp., *Hafnia* spp., *Serratia* spp.

2

You should know the limits of quantification limits compared with conventional culture

3

You should know what to do with a positive FA-PP (ATB) and a negative FA-PP (other Δg)

4

You should know that a negative FA-PP with 48h negative culture = stop ATB