

**Table 2 Bacteria isolated from 55 patients with ventilator-associated pneumonia<sup>a</sup>**

Bacterial species <sup>b</sup>	Number (%) of isolates
<b><i>Gram-positive</i></b>	
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	15 (17.4)
Coagulase-negative <i>Staphylococcus</i>	5 (5.8)
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	2 (2.3)
<i>Enterococcus</i>	1 (1.2)
Total	23 (26.7)
<b><i>Gram-negative</i></b>	
<i>Klebsiella</i>	37 (43)
<i>Pseudomonas</i>	13 (15.1)
<i>Acinetobacter</i>	8 (9.3)
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	4 (4.7)
<i>Proteus</i>	1 (1.2)
Total	63 (73.3)

<sup>a</sup> The total number of bacterial isolates was 86.

<sup>b</sup> Mixed bacterial isolates from 31 patients included 12 with *Klebsiella* plus *Staphylococcus aureus*, 7 with *Klebsiella* plus *Acinetobacter*, 5 with *Klebsiella* plus *Pseudomonas*, 2 with *Pseudomonas* plus *Staphylococcus aureus*, 2 with *Escherichia coli* plus *Pseudomonas*, 1 with *Klebsiella* plus *Proteus*, 1 with *Klebsiella* plus coagulase-negative *Staphylococcus*, and 1 with *Pseudomonas* plus *Enterococcus*.