

Supplemental table 5: Diagnostic procedure of expectorated material from the lower respiratory tract of patients with or without pneumonia.							
	Chocolate blood agar plates (CBA)^a (CO₂, 35°C)	Blood agar plates (BA)^b (CO₂, 35°C)	Solid lactose agar plates ('Blue plates')^c (35°C)	Resistance agar plates^d (35°C)	Sabouraud agar plates^e (37°C)	NaCl^f (35°C)	BCSA agar plates^g (CO₂, 35°C)
Standard diagnostic	1 day	1 day	1 day				
Extended diagnostic	1-3 days	1-3 days	1-3 days	1-3 days	1-5 days	1-2 days	1-3 days

^a**Chocolate blood agar plates (CBA):** (36.0 g L⁻¹ GC Agar Base (15 g L⁻¹ Peptone, 1.0 g L⁻¹ Corn Starch, 4 g L⁻¹ Dipotassium phosphate, 1 g L⁻¹ Monopotassium phosphate, 5 g L⁻¹ Sodium chloride, 10 g L⁻¹ agar), 10.0 g L⁻¹ Iso Vitalex Enrichment, 10.0 g L⁻¹ Hemoglobin) (SSI)

^b**Blood agar plates (BA):**

^c**Solid lactose agar plates ('Blue plates):** A modified Conradi-Drigalskimedia containing 10 g/L detergent, 1 g/L Na₂S₂O₃·H₂O, 0.1 g/L bromothymol blue, 9 g/L lactose and 0.4 g/L glucose, pH 8.0; (SSI)

^d**Resistance agar plates:**

^e**Sabouraud agar plates:**

^f**NaCl:**

^g**BCSA agar plates:**