A retrospective study of antibiotic de-escalation in patients with ventilator-associated pneumonia in Malaysia

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Abstract

Background Antibiotic de-escalation is an important strategy to conserve the effectiveness of broad-spectrum antibiotics. However, the outcome of this strategy for the treatment of ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) has not been extensively studied. Therefore, we aimed to investigate the impact of antibiotic de-escalation on duration and length of ICU stay among VAP patients who receive de-escalation therapy. Setting This