Reviewer's report

Title: Respiratory virus surveillance in hospitalised pneumonia patients on the Thailand-Myanmar border

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COMMENTS

- Rhinovirus and human Bocavirus are not included in this study. Taking into account that both viruses are two of the most frequent viruses in pediatric pneumonia, this study provides only partial information about etiology of pneumonia in children.

- The viral detection rate is quite low (53%). Other authors find at least one respiratory virus in 75% of children with pneumonia. Probably if rhinovirus and bocavirus had been included, the detection rate would have been higher.

Furthermore the lack of data about rhinovirus and bocavirus may overestimate the prevalence of other viruses as influenza or adenovirus.

- The rate of viral coinfection is surprisingly low (4%). It is well known the high rate of coinfection of rhinovirus and bocavirus. The no inclusion of these viruses in the study may be the reason of the low rate of coinfection found.

- The severity of pneumonia has only been evaluated with clinical symptoms at admission. Nothing is said about length of hospital stay, need of oxygen therapy, length of oxygen therapy

In conclusion, in my opinion this is an article of limited interest

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I do not have competing interests