

Molecular Characteristics of Macrolide Resistance Gene Mutation Patterns of *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* Infection Among Children in Jakarta, Indonesia, 2024

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INTRODUCTION

Global Map of the Proportion of Macrolide-Resistance *M. pneumoniae*

Proportion, %

- <5
- 5-10
- 11-20
- 21-30
- 31-50
- 51-80
- >80
- No data

JAKARTA - INDONESIA

- CAP:** Major cause of childhood morbidity/mortality, especially in developing countries like Indonesia.
- M. pneumoniae*:** Key pediatric CAP agent → protracted cough, low-grade fever, dyspnea.
- Diagnostic:** Clinical/X-ray & limited molecular diagnostics.
- Prevalence** high in East Asia (12.3–59%), lower in Europe/America (5–15%).
- Rapid global rise** (e.g., 79.5% in China); data scarce in Indonesia.

Study objectives:

- ✓ Determine *M. pneumoniae* prevalence in children with ARI in Jakarta.
- ✓ Characterize CAP etiology using multiplex panel.
- ✓ Analyze macrolide resistance patterns to inform policy.

METHODS

- Prospective Observational
- August 2024 – September 2025
- 51 children (0–18 years)
- Naso/Oropharyngeal swabs
- Diagnosed with CAP
- No Comorbidities
- Parental Consent

WGS : 23S rRNA
(A2063G, A2064G, C2617G) & L4 (codons 65–70), L22 (codons 92–94)

Respiratory Flow Chip Hybridization Molecular Panel

RESULT

Age Group	(n)
A: 0–2 months	7
B: 3–6 months	5
C: 7 months–1 year	8
D: 2–4 years	12
E: 5–7 years	6
F: 8–10 years	8
G: 11–13 years	1
H: 14–16 years	3
I: 17–18 years	1
Total	51

Variable	(n=51)	(%)
Sex		
Male	22	43.1
Female	29	56.9
Hospitalization Status		
Inpatient	31	60.8
Outpatient	20	39.2
Sample Origin		
RSBA	34	66.7
RSCM	12	23.5
Primary Health Center	5	11.7

Respiratory Flow Chip Hybridization Molecular Panel (n= 42):

- Pathogen-Positive: 18/42 (42.86%)
- Co-infection: 10/18 positive samples (55.56%)
- Dominant Pathogens:
 - Bordetella pertussis*: 16.67%
 - Rhinovirus: 14.29%
 - Enterovirus: 14.29%
- M. pneumoniae*: 1/18 positive sample (2.38%), Co-infected with Enterovirus

WGS revealed NO MACROLIDE RESISTANCE MUTATIONS

***M. pneumoniae* Positive: 1/51 (1.96%)** via PCR → 2-year-old girl, 3 kg, 92 cm, alert, hospitalized with bronchopneumonia (Productive cough, fever: 37.5°C post-antipyretic, dyspnea, nausea/vomiting , lives in dense population, no school attendance

DISCUSSION

- Low *M. pneumoniae*** prevalence contrasts with East Asia, indicating viral dominance in Jakarta's pediatric ARI - CAP.
- Co-infections (55.56%) suggest complex etiologies, emphasizing multiplex panels for accurate diagnosis.
- No resistance mutations support macrolide use, but surveillance is essential.
- Limitations:** small sample size, severe case bias.
- Future:** larger studies with seasonal analysis.

CONCLUSION

Molecular diagnostics reveal low *M. pneumoniae* burden and viral predominance in Jakarta's pediatric CAP, with no macrolide resistance detected. This supports reduced empirical antibiotic use and enhanced surveillance for optimal management.

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