

Table S1. Recommended Empirical Antibiotic Therapies for Hospitalized Patients with CAP

Clinical Setting	ATS/IDSA (2019)	BTS/NICE (2015)	LSIDCM (2014, Lebanon)
Inpatient – Non-ICU (moderate)	Beta-lactam (e.g., ceftriaxone) + Macrolide (azithromycin or clarithromycin); or Respiratory Fluoroquinolone	Beta-lactam + Macrolide	Beta-lactam (e.g., ceftriaxone) + Azithromycin
Inpatient – Severe/ICU	Beta-lactam + Azithromycin (preferred); or Beta-lactam + Respiratory Fluoroquinolone	Broad-spectrum Beta-lactam + Macrolide or Fluoroquinolone	Antipseudomonal Beta-lactam + Azithromycin or Levofloxacin
Duration of Treatment	Minimum 5 days; based on clinical stability	Typically, 5–7 days	5–7 days with de-escalation based on response