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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- \* **ICU - Intensive Care Unit**
- \* **CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
- \* **WHO - World Health Organization**
- \* **DNA - Deoxyribonucleic acid**
- \* **VAP - Ventilator-associated pneumonia**
- \* **RR - Risk Ratio**
- \* **AG3 - Acinetobacter genospecies 3**
- \* **GEIH - Grupo de Estudio de Infección Hospitalaria**
- \* **OR - Odds Ratio**
- \* **MDR - Multidrug-resistant**
- \* **CNS - Central nervous system**
- \* **TLC - Total leukocyte count**
- \* **ESR - Erythrocyte sedimentation rate**
- \* **PCT - Procalcitonin test**
- \* **RFT - Renal function test**
- \* **LFT - Liver function test**
- \* **LAMA - Leave Against Medical Advice**
- \* **HTN - Hypertension**
- \* **ST - Sequence types**
- \* **XDR - extensively drug-resistant**

## **ABSTRACT**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Acinetobacter baumannii is one of the most significant bacteria causing morbidity and mortality and nosocomial infections in ICU settings and it is also known to cause both infection and sedentary colonization.

Owing to characteristics of patients from whom A.baumannii is isolated, it is often difficult to differentiate colonization from infection. This study aimed to evaluate clinical profile and outcomes of acinetobacter baumannii causing infection vs colonization in ICU patients

### **MATERIALS AND METHODS:**

A one year cross sectional study (March 2023-March 2024) was conducted at KLES Dr Prabhakar kore hospital ICU's. A total of 41 patients in which A.Baumannii is detected in blood, urine and sputum culture are included.

### **RESULTS:**

The mean age of the study participants was  $55.05 \pm 18.77$  years with majority being male (82.9%). The percentage of infection and colonization of A baumannii in ICU patients were 65.9% (n=27) and 34.1% (n=14) respectively. In blood culture among the study participants, 46.4% (n=19), urine culture 12.3% (n=5), and sputum culture 43.9%

(n=18) reported *A. baumannii*. Most common diagnosis among the study participants was respiratory diseases contributing to 39% (n=16). Among the study participants, the mortality rate was 31.7% (n=13), 48.8% (n=20) were discharged and 19.5% (n=8) went LAMA. The discharged rate in infected and colonized groups were 44.4% and 57.1%. The mortality rate in infected and colonized groups were 25.9% and 42.9% respectively and it was statistically significant (p value=0.049).

### **CONCLUSION:**

The Parameters associated with infection by *A. baumannii* in an endemic situation are the admission at ICU. Most common diagnosis among the study participants was respiratory diseases. Mortality of patients from whom *A. baumannii* was isolated was influenced by the presence of infection by *A. baumannii* rather than colonization.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

*Acinetobacter baumannii* emerged as one of the most challenging nosocomial pathogens worldwide, particularly in ICU settings. The Gram-negative coccobacillus has gained significant attention due to its remarkable ability of acquiring antimicrobial resistance, persisting in hospital environments causing severe infections in “critically ill patients”.<sup>1</sup> Distinction between true infection and colonization by *A. baumannii* presents a critical clinical challenge, as it directly influences therapeutic decisions and patient outcomes.

Infection caused by *Acinetobacter baumannii* is defined as the isolation of bacteria as a unique microbe from a given sample, signs in different studies supported diagnosing infection and no clinical focus could justify the presented features, according to the criteria given by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). If the criteria were not met as per CDC then that was considered as colonization.

The global burden of *A. baumannii* infections has been dramatically increased over the past three decades and with some regions reporting it as the predominant pathogen in ICU-acquired infections because of its ability to survive on both wet and dry surfaces for prolonged periods, coupled with its natural competence for DNA uptake, has facilitated its emergence as a successful hospital-adapted pathogen.<sup>2</sup> The WHO has classified the carbapenem-resistant *A. baumannii* as a critically important pathogen and the urgent need for new therapeutic approaches and for better understanding of its clinical impact.

The clinical spectrum of *A. baumannii* ranges from asymptomatic colonization to severe, life-threatening infections. Common manifestations include ventilator-

associated pneumonia, bloodstream infections, wound infections and meningitis. However, the mere isolation of *A. baumannii* from the clinical specimens does not necessarily indicate infection, as colonization is frequent, particularly in critically ill patients with prolonged ICU stays.<sup>3</sup> This distinction becomes crucial for antimicrobial stewardship, as unnecessary treatment of colonization can contribute to further antimicrobial resistance.

Risk factors for acquiring *A. baumannii* in the ICU settings can be multifactorial and it includes mechanical ventilation, recent surgical procedure and the presence of invasive devices, prior antimicrobial therapies, prolonged hospital stay.<sup>4</sup> Understanding these risk factors is essential for both infection prevention and clinical decision-making. However, the factors that determine whether colonization progresses to infection remain incompletely understood, highlighting the need for better predictive tools and risk stratification methods.

The pathogenesis of *A. baumannii* infections involves various factors that contribute to its success as hospital pathogen. These include biofilm formation and ability to adhere to the epithelial cells, iron acquisition systems, and also its outer membrane proteins facilitates survival in hostile environments.<sup>5</sup> Recent research has suggested that certain virulence factors may differ between colonizing and invasive strains, potentially offering new insights into the transition from colonization to infection.

The challenge of differentiating infection and colonization is particularly pronounced in the critically ill patients, where traditional markers of infection may be altered by underlying conditions or interventions. Clinical criteria, laboratory parameters, and radiological findings often show considerable overlap between infected and colonized patients.<sup>6</sup> This diagnostic uncertainty can lead to either delayed

treatment of true infections or unnecessary antimicrobial therapy for colonization, both of which can adversely affect patient outcomes.

Antimicrobial resistance in *A. baumannii* has reached alarming levels globally, with many isolates showing resistance to most available antibiotics. The emergence of carbapenem-resistant strains has severely limited therapeutic options, often leaving only polymyxins and tigecycline as effective treatments.<sup>7</sup> This situation emphasizes the importance of accurate diagnosis of true infection to ensure appropriate antimicrobial use while avoiding unnecessary exposure in colonized patients.

The effect of the *Acinetobacter baumannii* on patient outcomes varies significantly between infection and colonization. While infections are increasingly associated with mortality, prolonged hospital stay, and the higher healthcare cost and the impact of colonization is less clear.<sup>8</sup> Some studies suggest that colonization may only serve as a reservoir for transmission to other patients and it may predict subsequent infection, while others indicate minimal direct clinical impact of colonization alone.

The development of rapid diagnostic tools and biomarkers to differentiate between infection and colonization has become an active area of research. Traditional clinical criteria and laboratory parameters often lack the specificity needed for accurate distinction.<sup>9</sup> Novel approaches, including molecular diagnostics, proteomics, and machine learning algorithms, are being investigated to improve diagnostic accuracy and guide clinical decision-making.

Prevention and control strategies for *A. baumannii* in ICU settings must consider both infected and colonized patients as potential sources of transmission. Environmental cleaning, hand hygiene compliance, contact precautions, and active surveillance cultures play crucial roles in controlling spread.<sup>10</sup> However, the resource implications and potential negative impacts of isolation precautions necessitate accurate identification of patients requiring such measures.

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

**Objective:**

1. To compare clinical profile and outcomes of acinetobacter baumannii causing infection versus colonization in ICU patients

## **REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

Acinetobacter is gram-negative organism and strictly aerobic, non-fermentative and nonmotile organism and is oxidase-negative.<sup>11</sup> Acinetobacter includes several species, but *A. baumannii* has most clinical significance.<sup>12</sup> Acinetobacter lives on both soil and water. The samples can be cultured from urine, saliva, respiratory secretions, and wounds. This particular organism also known to cause colonization of intravenous fluids and the other irrigation solutions.<sup>13,14</sup>

### **Difference between Acinetobacter baumannii colonization and infection:<sup>18</sup>**

The fundamental difference between *A. baumannii* colonization and infection lies in how bacteria affects the body. During colonization, the bacteria is present on the body but doesn't cause illness, whereas an infection occurs when the bacteria actively causes symptoms and illness. The distinction between these conditions can be observed through specific signs. When infected, patients typically presents with the fever and raised white blood cell counts, increased inflammatory markers, and abnormal imaging results.

In contrast, colonization is characterized by an absence of physical findings, and when treated, both clinical and analytical parameters show improvement.

Several risk factors increase the likelihood of both colonization and infection with *A. baumannii*. These include extended hospital stays, the use of antibiotic therapy, dependence on mechanical ventilation, and the presence of intravascular devices. Additional risk factors encompass advanced age, compromised immune system, recent surgical procedures or invasive interventions, and severe burn injuries. Understanding these risk factors is crucial for healthcare providers to implement appropriate preventive measures.

Regarding treatment approach, medical intervention is only necessary when dealing with active infections. In cases where a patient has an indwelling device and shows no signs of infection, the primary intervention may simply involve replacing the device. This targeted approach helps prevent unnecessary antibiotic use while effectively managing the bacterial presence.

Prevention plays vital role of controlling *A.baumannii* spread, particularly in healthcare settings. Key preventive measures include using sterile water instead of tap water for oral care and consistently using alcohol-based hand antiseptics before and after patient care. Healthcare facilities should also implement comprehensive infection prevention protocols to minimize the risk of bacterial transmission and protect vulnerable patients.

### **Historical Perspectives:<sup>19</sup>**

The genus *Acinetobacter* history began in the year 1911 when Dutch microbiologist named Beijerinck isolated and described the *Micrococcus calco-aceticus* from the soil using a calcium-acetate-containing minimal medium. In the following years, similar organisms were also discovered and classified under various genera and species, with at least a count of fifteen different classifications including organisms such as *Diplococcus mucosus*, *Alcaligenes haemolyans*, *Mima polymorpha*, and several others.

The name "*Acinetobacter*," is derived from a Greek word called "akinetos" meaning a nonmotile which was first proposed by Brisou and Prévot in the year 1954. This designation was intended to distinguish nonmotile microorganisms from motile ones within the *Achromobacter* genus. However, the name didn't gain widespread acceptance until 1968, when Baumann and his colleagues conducted a

comprehensive study concluding that previously identified species belonged to single genus, *Acinetobacter*.

The genus received official recognition in the year 1971 by a Subcommittee on Taxonomy of *Moraxella* and Allied Bacteria. By 1974, *Bergey's Manual of the Systematic Bacteriology* listed genus with single species with name *Acinetobacter calcoaceticus*.

**Etiology:**

Even though the *Acinetobacter* is mostly found as hospital pathogen and is isolated from patients who are admitted in hospitals, care should be taken in telling if the isolate is the cause or it is only because of colonization. *Acinetobacter* is a water-loving organism and has ability to colonize the body organs that contains fluid. So in patients, *Acinetobacter* is found in peritoneal fluid, cerebrospinal fluid, saliva, respiratory secretion and urinary tract.<sup>20,21</sup>

**Epidemiology:**

*Acinetobacter* has gained clinical importance in year 1960s with the increasing growth of the ICUs at hospitals.<sup>22</sup> Though *Acinetobacter* is of low virulence, its ability to survive and persist in the environment for prolonged duration of time makes it an easily acquired in healthcare settings. The organism has low virulence but it is capable of causing infection in patients with febrile neutropenia and organ transplant patients.<sup>23</sup>

*Acinetobacter* infections are more common in India, especially in hospitals and intensive care units (ICUs). *Acinetobacter* is a Gram-negative bacteria that colonizes the skin, wounds, respiratory tract and GIT. It can also cause infections

like pneumonia, meningitis, and bloodstream infections. The prevalence of the *Acinetobacter baumannii* in India varies depending on study and sample population. Some studies have found that *Acinetobacter baumannii* is prevalent in Indian ICUs, while others have found that it is prevalent in sputum samples.

**Prevalence in ICUs:**

- *Acinetobacter* infections in Indian ICUs ranged from 12–41%.<sup>24</sup>
- Another study found that 83% of patients with mechanical ventilation or an endotracheal tube were predisposed to *Acinetobacter baumannii*.<sup>25</sup>

**Prevalence in sputum samples:<sup>26</sup>**

- One study found that prevalence of *Acinetobacter baumannii* in the sputum samples was highest in age group of 1–10 years.
- Another study found that prevalence of *Acinetobacter baumannii* in the sputum samples was 29.65%.
- Prevalence in other samples<sup>26</sup>
- One study found that prevalence of *Acinetobacter baumannii* in samples was 70.2%.

**Antibiotic resistance**

- *Acinetobacter baumannii* is naturally multidrug resistant.
- Some studies have found that *Acinetobacter baumannii* isolates are resistant to cefotaxime, ceftazidime, cefepime, imipenem, meropenem, amikacin, ciprofloxacin, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, gentamicin, levofloxacin, piperacillin-tazobactam, ampicillin-sulbactam.

**Histopathology:**<sup>31</sup>

The infection which is caused by Acinetobacter quite same in histopathology to any other gram-negative bacilli.

**Clinical Significance:**<sup>32</sup>

*A. baumannii* causes a variety of infections in both the hospital and community, including skin and the soft tissues, urinary tract infection, meningitis, and pneumonia, with the latter being most commonly found infection in both the settings. Nosocomial infections are frequently observed in the critically ill patients and risk factors for developing an *A. baumannii* infection includes extended hospital stays, immunosuppression, advanced age, presence of other comorbid conditions. Due to poor prognosis of the critically ill patients who get *A. baumannii* infections, it is very difficult to obtain a definitive mortality rates; however the crude mortality rates ranges from 23 to 68%.

**Transmission:**<sup>33</sup>

Acinetobacter species primarily spread in healthcare settings through contaminated environmental surfaces and healthcare workers' hands. However, airborne transmission has also been documented, with notable cases including a healthcare worker contracting severe pneumonia after exposure to aerosolized *A. baumannii* during patient care. Studies have shown varying rates of air contamination in patient rooms, with some reporting up to a quarter of air samples containing carbapenem-resistant *A. baumannii*. The potential for airborne transmission suggests that traditional surface cleaning may be insufficient, and new approaches like air disinfection technologies, patient cohorting, and respiratory secretion control may be necessary.

Contrary to common belief, *Acinetobacter* infections are not primarily linked to immunocompromised status. Instead, the main risk factors include exposure to broad-spectrum antibiotic, disruption of natural barriers (such as through catheters or endotracheal tubes), and high colonization pressure. The bacteria commonly affect patients in ICU settings, particularly those who are on mechanical ventilation, with invasive devices, or recovering from surgery, burns, or trauma. These factors create opportunities for infection primarily through compromised physical defenses and disrupted normal flora rather than immune system deficiencies.

*Acinetobacter*'s remarkable resistance to desiccation contributes to its persistence in healthcare environments. Interestingly, community-acquired infections, particularly pneumonia and bacteremia, occur more frequently in tropical climates with high humidity. There is also a seasonal pattern to infections, with U.S. surveillance data showing a 54% increase in cases between July and October compared to the rest of the year. Environmental factors such as humidifiers and water baths often serve as reservoirs, with high humidity believed to promote bacterial growth.

**Diagnosis:**

Most patients who are being infected with *Acinetobacter* are in the hospital and most commonly involved organ is lung, primarily because of respiratory equipment used for mechanical ventilation and colonization of airways

Pneumonia, wound infection, catheter-associated bacteremia, or nosocomial meningitis have all been associated with *Acinetobacter*.<sup>34</sup>

There are no findings pathognomonic to *Acinetobacter* infections and often needed to be isolated from other organisms such as *Enterobacter*, *Burkholderia*, *Pseudomonas*, and *Serratia* which are gram negative organisms. Since

Acinetobacter is mainly causing colonization the treating doctor has responsibility to show evidence that it is one that is responsible for pathology in given clinical scenario.

**Laboratory Studies:** Leukocytosis can be seen with left shift.<sup>35</sup> But findings are not specific and it always doesn't represent that there is infection. When outbreak of Acinetobacter is observed, the organism is readily isolated and cultured from different fluids from body.

**Imaging Studies:** If pneumonia is suspected a chest x-ray is required. Depending on signs and symptoms other imaging tests are obtained

**Procedures:** The CSF needs to be analyzed and cultured, if meningitis is suspected,

**Histologic Findings:** There are histopathological features which are specific of Acinetobacter infection which can be differentiated from other gram-negative bacilli.

**Treatment:**

Acinetobacter is multidrug resistant and antibiotics such as cephalosporins, penicillins, and macrolides have very little or no anti-Acinetobacter activities. When we use these antibiotics it may predispose Acinetobacter infection. If we suspect infection in long-term catheter or a pacemaker, it has to be removed.<sup>36</sup>

Colonization usually should not be treated as it can lead to more antibiotic resistance.

Antibiotics which can be effective include meropenem, sulbactam, colistin, polymyxin B, and amikacin. Other alternatives include minocycline, rifampin and tigecycline. Treatment with Monotherapy is standard and

combination therapy has shown to be more effective. The duration of therapy can be given from seven to ten days, depending on the type of patients condition.

**REVIEW OF RELATED ARTICLES:**

In a study by Uwingabiye J et al,<sup>38</sup> among total of 9644 patients hospitalized in Intensive care Units, eight one (i.e:8.4%) developed Acinetobacter infections. The Multivariate logistic regression analysis described the independent risk factors for ICU-acquired Acinetobacter baumannii infections: ICU stays  $\geq 14$  days (odds ratio (OR)=6.4), prior use of central venous catheters (OR=18), prior use of mechanical ventilation (OR=9.5), duration of invasive procedures  $\geq 7$  days (OR=7.8), previous exposure to antibiotics like imipenem (OR=9.1), previous exposure to amikacin (OR=5.2), previous exposure to antibiotic polytherapy (OR=11.8) and previous exposure to corticosteroid therapy (OR=5). On the other hand, the admission for post-operative care was identified as a protective factor. The crude mortality in patients with *A. baumannii* infection was 74.1%. Multivariate analysis showed that septic shock (OR=19.2) and older age ( $\geq 65$  years) (OR=4.9) were significantly associated to mortality risk in patients with *A. baumannii* infection.

Sileem AE et al<sup>37</sup> in their study, nosocomial respiratory tract infections were the commonest (79.5%), followed by urinary tract infections (14.1%) in relation to other nosocomial infection. Acinetobacter infection was statistically significant among all the infections ( $P < 0.05$ ). The mortality from acinetobacter infection group (1) was 50% and from colonization group (2) was 13.6% with overall mortality 30%. The antibiotics such as tigecyclin and colistin showed high curability and high sensitivity rate ( $p < 0.01$ ). The mortality

rate, comorbidities, ICU stays (days) after acinetobacter, CRP and WBCs were the significant predictors for group (1) patients.

Molina J et al<sup>39</sup> in their study, two hundred twenty-one isolates of *Acinetobacter baumannii* and 15 of *Acinetobacter* genospecies 3 (AG3) were consecutively collected in a 30-day period during the nationwide project GEIH-Ab2000. Nosocomial acquisition ( $P = 0.01$ ), intensive care unit admission ( $P = 0.02$ ), and antibiotic pressure ( $P = 0.03$ ) were observed to be lower in the AG3 group. AG3 isolates were more frequently implied in wound infections ( $P = 0.05$ ), while *A. baumannii* tended to be recovered from respiratory samples ( $P = 0.08$ ). To our knowledge, this is the first report analyzing the clinical differences among *Acinetobacter* genospecies, with our findings suggesting that clinical features of AG3 may not be equivalent to those traditionally described for *A. baumannii*.

In a study by Mathai A et al,<sup>24</sup> *Acinetobacter* infection occurred in 94 patients (108 episodes). The most common site of infection was the respiratory tract (83 patients, 76.85%), with medical patients being more susceptible than surgical patients to *Acinetobacter* lung infections ( $P = 0.04$ ), particularly late-onset ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) ( $P = 0.04$ ). The majority (63.8%) of infections were acquired in the ICU, and patients with ICU acquired infections were intubated significantly longer than the other patients ( $P = 0.02$ ). Seventy percent of the infections were caused by multidrug-resistant (MDR) strains, and the overall crude mortality rate was over 70%. The most important factors affecting mortality were the duration of intubation ( $P = 0.001$ ) and the inappropriate use of antibiotics ( $P = 0.021$ ) after diagnosis of the infection.

Montero JG et al<sup>40</sup> found that in 2000 and 2010, 103 and 108 patients were included, and the incidence of *A. baumannii* colonization/infection in the ICU decreased in 2010 (1.23 vs. 4.35 cases/1000 patient-days;  $p < 0.0001$ ). No differences were found in the colonization rates (44.3 vs. 38.6%) or infected patients (55.7 vs. 61.4%) in both periods. Overall, 30-day mortality was similar in both periods (29.1 vs. 27.8%). The rate of pneumonia increased from 46.2 in 2000 to 64.8% in 2010 ( $p < 0.001$ ). Performing MSLT, 18 different sequence types (ST) were identified (18 in 2000, 8 in 2010), but ST2 and ST79 were the predominant clones. ST2 isolates in the ICU increased from 53.4% in the year 2000 to 73.8% in 2010 ( $p = 0.002$ ). In patients with *A. baumannii* infection, the multivariate analysis identified appropriate antimicrobial therapy and ST79 clonal group as protective factors for mortality.

Guddeti PK et al<sup>25</sup> in their study, a total number of 168 *Acinetobacter* species including 143 *A. baumannii* were isolated from the various clinical specimens, the majority of the isolates were obtained from the respiratory system (66%), followed by urine, pus/wound swab, blood, fluids and other samples. The majority of the patients who had underlying/diagnosed with a disease such as aspiration pneumonia/pneumonia (35%), cerebrovascular accident/haemorrhagic shock (30.7%), respiratory failure (24%), accelerated HTN/HTN(18%), and less common were septicemia (8.4), acute kidney injury/chronic kidney diseases (7.7%) and trauma/burns (5.5%). The antibiotic susceptibility testing showed higher antibiotic resistance to cefotaxime (94%), ceftazidime (93%), cefepime (92%), imipenem (92%), meropenem (90%) and the resistance was low to doxycycline (39%) Polymyxin B (8%). The association between antibiotic resistance and the clinical profile of patients was found significant ( $p$ -value  $< 0.05$ ). In our study, a remarkably high antibiotic resistance pattern was observed in the classes of antibiotics in *A.*

*baumannii* isolates, mostly MDR and XDR. To address infection caused by antibiotic-resistant *A. baumannii*, appropriate antibiotic administration in a clinical setting is essential. Moreover, local and national surveillance data, stringent infection control, and antimicrobial stewardship are required.

The critical importance of distinguishing between *Acinetobacter baumannii* infection and colonization in ICU patients, as this distinction significantly impacts patient management and outcomes. Studies consistently demonstrate that while both conditions share common risk factors such as extended ICU stays, mechanical ventilation, and broad-spectrum antibiotic exposure, their clinical trajectories and mortality rates differ substantially. Infected patients typically require aggressive antimicrobial intervention and show higher mortality rates compared to colonized patients, who often improve without specific antibiotic therapy. This distinction becomes particularly crucial in an era of increasing antimicrobial resistance, where judicious use of antibiotics is paramount. The evidence suggests that implementing robust surveillance protocols, utilizing standardized criteria for differentiating infection from colonization, and adopting preventive measures can significantly improve patient outcomes while promoting antimicrobial stewardship. Future research should focus on developing more rapid and accurate diagnostic tools to differentiate between these conditions, thereby enabling more targeted and effective therapeutic approaches in critical care settings.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

### **Source of data**

Patients admitted to ICU wards of KLE's Dr Prabhakar Kore Hospital, Belagavi and fulfilling the inclusion and exclusion criteria.

### **Study period**

March 2023 to March 2024

### **Study design**

Cross-sectional study

**Sample size:** 41

### **Inclusion criteria**

- Patients above 18 years of age
- Patients in which *A baumannii* was detected in culture samples of blood, urine, sputum samples in ICU patients

### **Exclusion criteria**

- Patients who are not willing to participate in the study.
- Patients with *Acinetobacter Baumannii* detected in culture samples of blood, urine, sputum and not in ICU

### **Definition of infection and colonization**

Infection by *A. baumannii* was defined when, aside from the isolation of the bacteria as the unique microbe in a clinical sample, clinical signs or abnormalities in the complementary studies supported the diagnosis of infection and no other clinical

focus could justify the clinical manifestations, according to the criteria defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). If these criteria were not fulfilled, the case was considered colonization.

### **Study protocol**

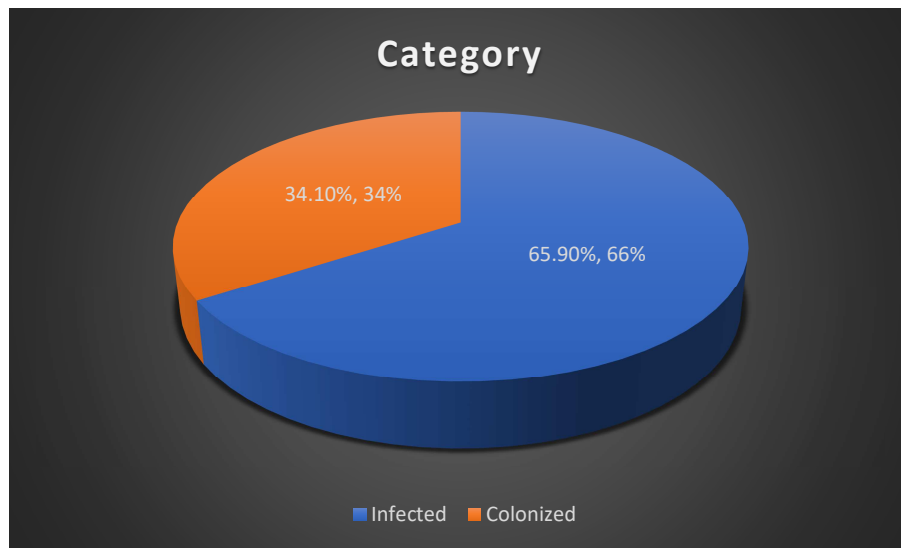
- Patients older than 18 years from whom *Acinetobacter baumannii* was isolated from clinical samples from 2 days after patients who got admitted in KLE's ICU ward during the year 2023 and 2024.
- Culture samples like sputum, urine and blood were collected.
- Cases were divided into infection and colonization as defined earlier and were followed from day 2 admission till the patient stays in hospital
- All the participants fulfilling the inclusion criteria with willingness to participate were included with their consent taken and protocol explained.

**RESULTS**

A total of 41 study participants were included in the study. In total 41, 65.9% (n=27) were infected and 34.1% (n=14) were colonized with A baumannii.

**Table 1: Infected and colonized study participants**

CATEGORY	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Infected	27	65.9%
Colonized	14	34.1%



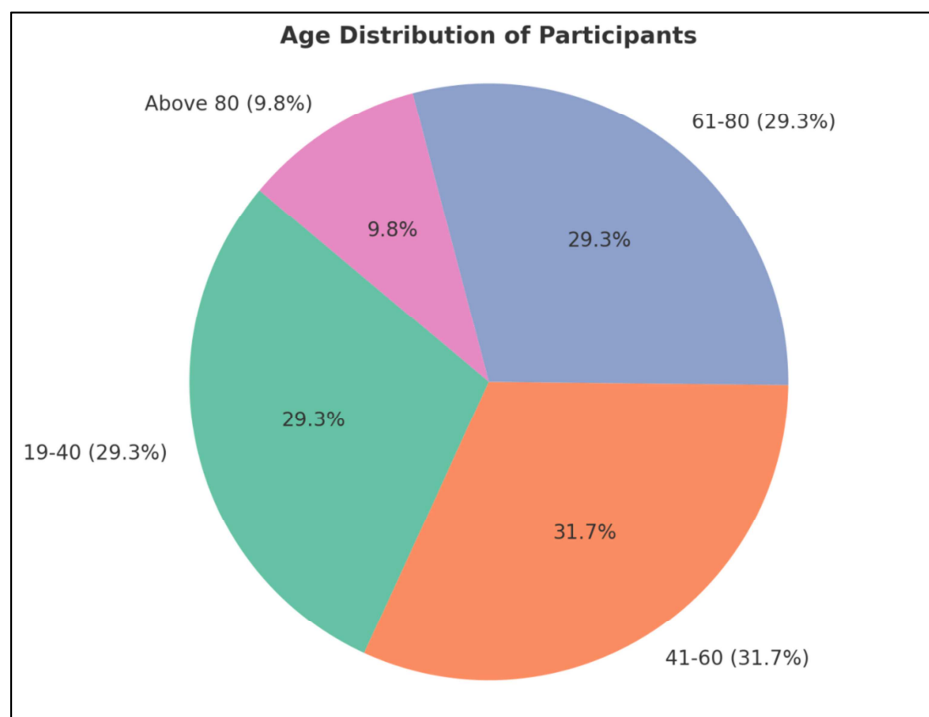
**Figure 1: Category of study participants**

**Age**

The mean age of the study participants was  $55.05 \pm 18.77$  years. Distribution of age among study participants was reported in the Table below.

**Table 2: Age distribution among study participants**

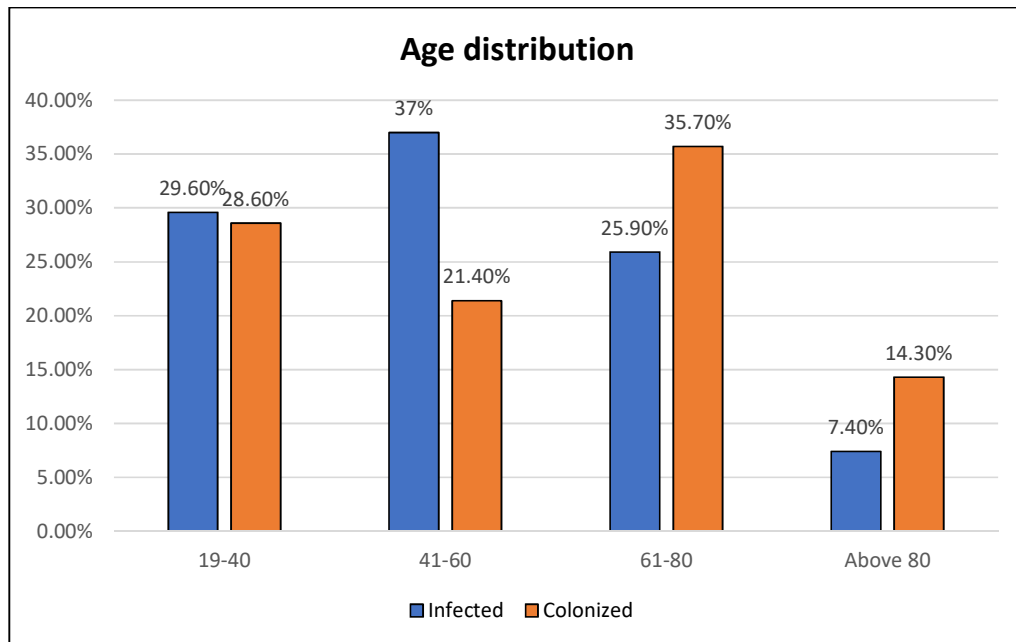
AGE (YRS)	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
19-40	12	29.3%
41-60	13	31.7%
61-80	12	29.3%
Above 80	4	9.8%

**Figure 2: Distribution of age among study participants**

The age distribution among the infected and colonized study participants were given in the table below.

**Table 3: Age distribution among infected and colonized study participants**

AGE	INFECTED	COLONIZED	P VALUE
19-40	8 (29.6%)	4 (28.6%)	0.691
41-60	10 (37%)	3 (21.4%)	
61-80	7 (25.9%)	5 (35.7%)	
Above 80	2 (7.4%)	2 (14.3%)	



**Figure 3: Age distribution among infected and colonized study participants**

**Gender**

Among the study participants, 82.9% (n=34) were males and 17.1% (n=7) were females.

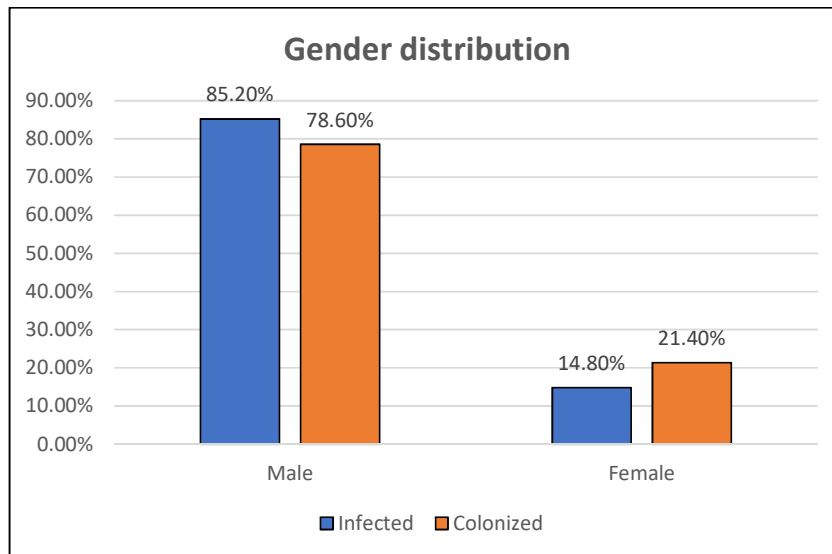
**Table 4: Gender distribution among study participants**

GENDER	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Male	34	82.9%
Female	7	17.1%

The gender distribution among the infected and colonized study participants was given in the table below.

**Table 5: Gender distribution among infected and colonized study participants**

GENDER	INFECTED	COLONIZED	P VALUE
Male	23 (85.2%)	11 (78.6%)	0.449
Female	4 (14.8%)	3 (21.4%)	



**Figure 4: Gender distribution among infected and colonized study participants**

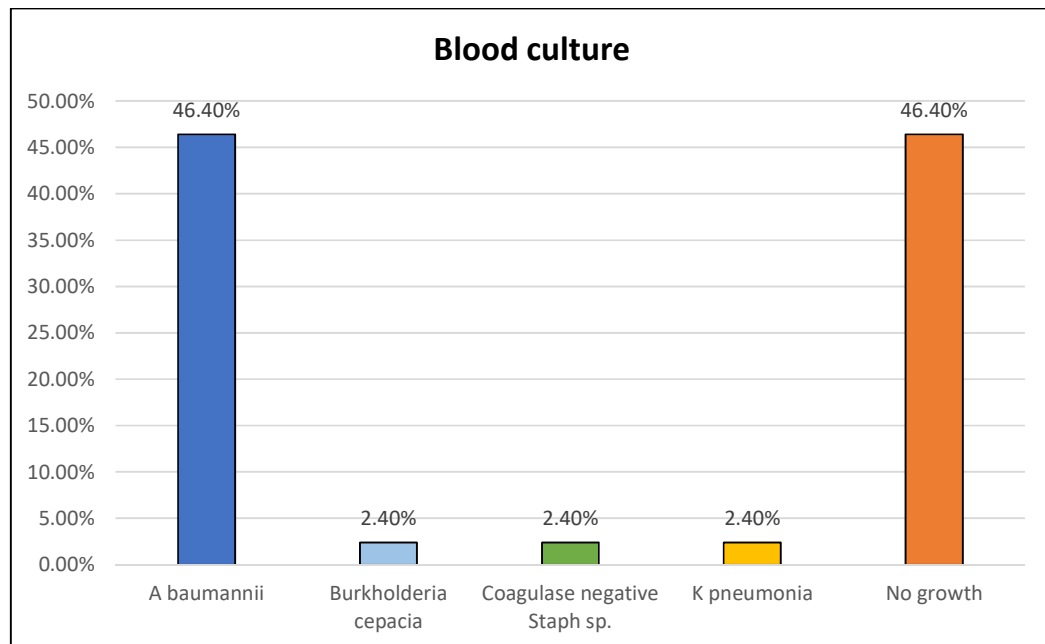
**Blood culture**

In blood culture among the study participants, 46.4% (n=19) reported *A baumannii*.

Other organisms were reported as 7.2% (n=3) and 46.4% (n=19) showed no growth.

**Table 6: Organisms in blood culture**

<b>BLOOD CULTURE</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
A baumannii	19	46.4%
Burkholderia cepacia	1	2.4%
Coagulase negative Staph sp.	1	2.4%
K pneumonia	1	2.4%
No growth	19	46.4%



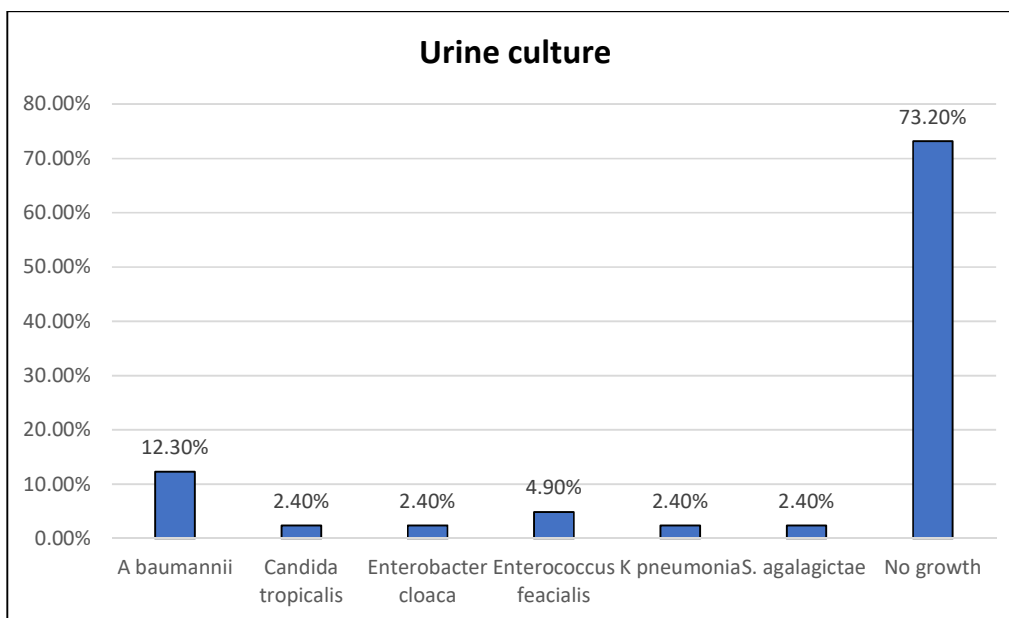
**Figure 5: Blood culture report**

**Urine culture**

In the urine culture, *A baumannii* was reported in 12.3% (n=5). Other organisms were reported as 14.5% (n=6) and no growth was reported in 73.2% (n=30) study participants.

**Table 7: Organisms in urine culture**

<b>URINE CULTURE</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
<i>A baumannii</i>	5	12.3%
<i>Candida tropicalis</i>	1	2.4%
<i>Enterobacter cloaca</i>	1	2.4%
<i>Enterococcus feacialis</i>	2	4.9%
<i>K pneumonia</i>	1	2.4%
<i>S. agalagictae</i>	1	2.4%
No growth	30	73.2%



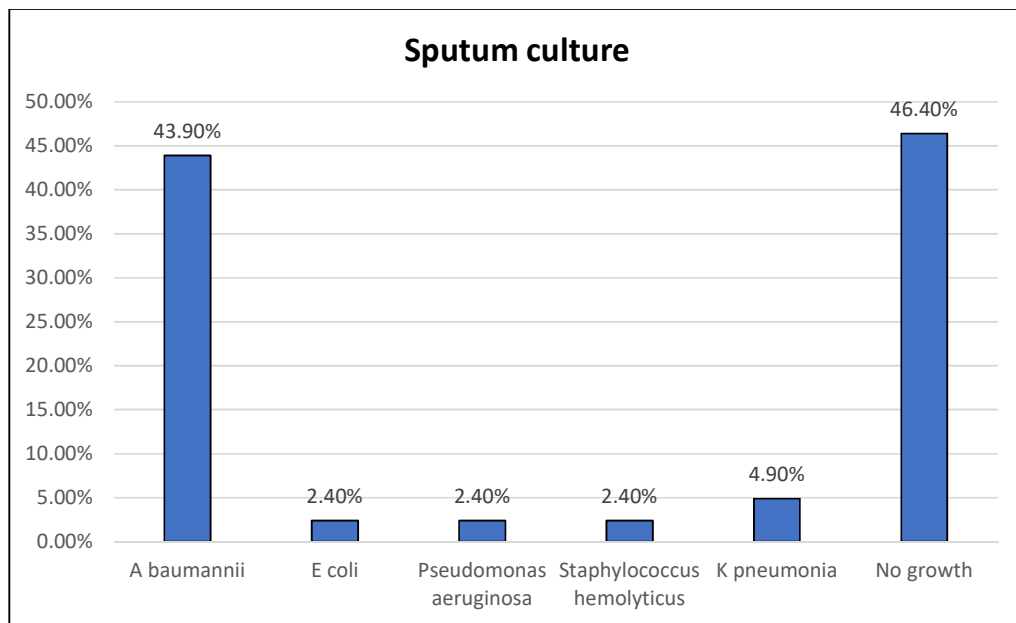
**Figure 6: Organisms in urine culture**

**Sputum culture**

In sputum culture, *A baumannii* was reported in 43.9% (n=18). Other organisms were reported as 12.1% (n=5) and no growth was reported in 46.4% (n=19).

**Table 8: Organisms in sputum culture**

SPUTUM CULTURE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
<i>A baumannii</i>	18	43.9%
<i>E coli</i>	1	2.4%
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	1	2.4%
<i>Staphylococcus hemolyticus</i>	1	2.4%
<i>K pneumonia</i>	2	4.9%
No growth	19	46.4%



**Figure 7: Organisms in sputum culture**

**Diagnosis**

Most common diagnosis among the study participants was respiratory diseases contributing to 39% (n=16), followed by sepsis contributing to 36.6% (n=15). Other diseases include 14.6% (n=6) of central nervous system, 12.2% (n=5) of multiorgan failure, 7.3% (n=3) of liver disease, 4.9% (n=2) of gastrointestinal and pancreatitis each, and 2.4% (n=1) of cardiac, diabetes, organophosphorus poisoning and renal disease each.

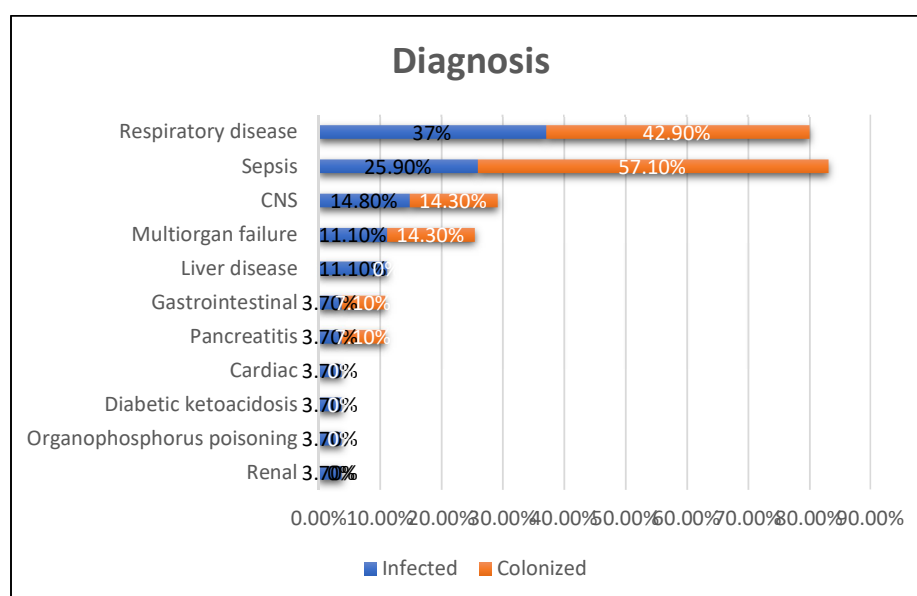
**Table 9: Diagnosis**

<b>DIAGNOSIS</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
Multiorgan failure	5	12.2%
Cardiac	1	2.4%
Pancreatitis	2	4.9%
Respiratory disease	16	39%
CNS	6	14.6%
Liver disease	3	7.3%
Gastrointestinal	2	4.9%
Diabetic ketoacidosis	1	2.4%
Organophosphorus poisoning	1	2.4%
Sepsis	15	36.6%
Renal	1	2.4%

Distribution of diagnosis in infected and colonized study participants were given in the table below.

**Table 10: Distribution of diagnosis among infected and colonized groups**

DIAGNOSIS	INFECTED	COLONIZED	P VALUE
Multiorgan failure	3 (11.1%)	2 (14.3%)	0.564
Cardiac	1 (3.7%)	0 (0%)	0.659
Pancreatitis	1 (3.7%)	1 (7.1%)	0.572
Respiratory disease	10 (37%)	6 (42.9%)	0.487
CNS	4 (14.8%)	2 (14.3%)	0.672
Liver disease	3 (11.1%)	0 (0%)	0.274
Gastrointestinal	1 (3.7%)	1 (7.1%)	0.572
Diabetes	1 (3.7%)	0 (0%)	0.659
Organophosphorus poisoning	1 (3.7%)	0 (0%)	0.659
Sepsis	7 (25.9%)	8 (57.1%)	0.053
Renal	1 (3.7%)	0 (0%)	0.659



**Figure 8: Distribution of diagnosis in infected and colonized groups**

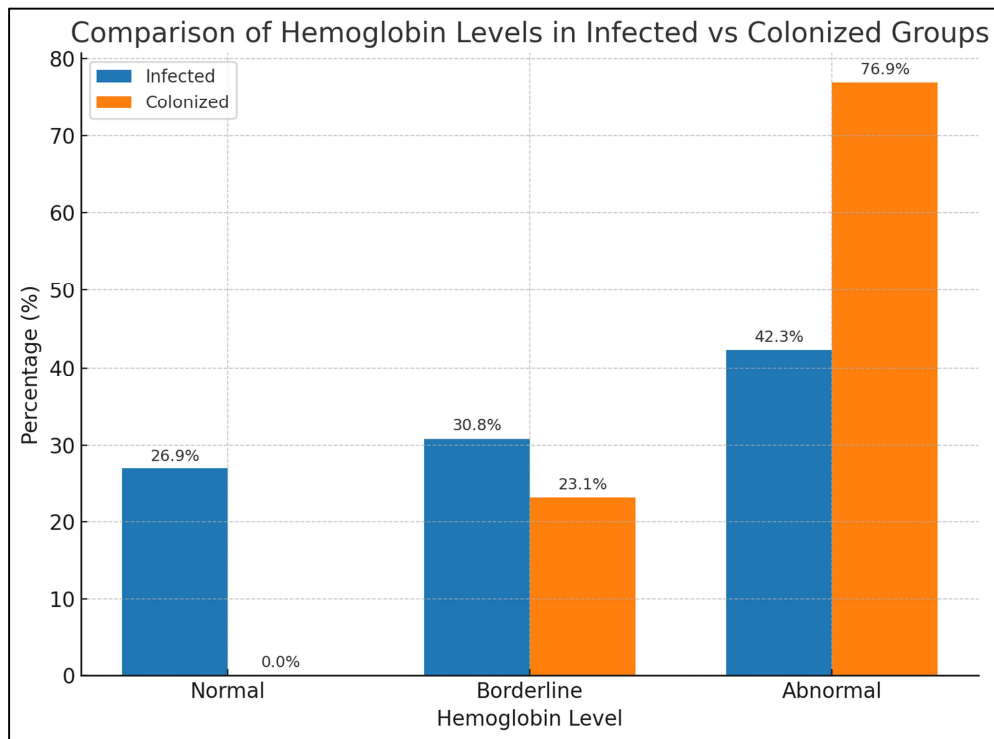
**Clinical investigations**

**Hemoglobin**

Normal hemoglobin levels (12-17) were reported in 7 (17.9%) of the study participants. Abnormal (<10) and borderline (10-12) hemoglobin levels were reported in 21 (53.8%) and 11 (28.2%) of the study participants.

**Table 11: Hemoglobin among infected and colonized groups**

HEMOGLOBIN	INFECTED	COLONIZED	TOTAL	P VALUE
Normal	7 (26.9%)	0 (0%)	7 (17.9%)	0.060
Borderline	8 (30.8%)	3 (23.1%)	11 (28.2%)	
Abnormal	11 (42.3%)	10 (76.9%)	21 (53.8%)	



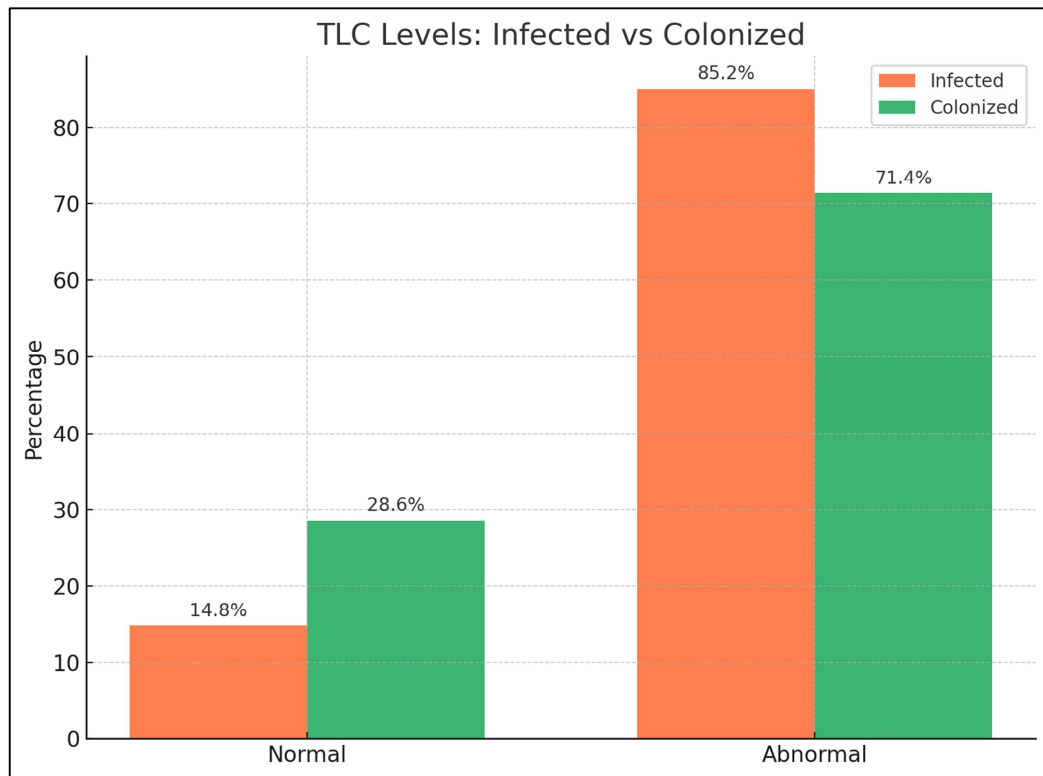
**Figure 9: Comparison of hemoglobin levels in infected vs colonized groups**

**Total leukocyte count**

The normal total leukocyte count (TLC) was observed in 8 (19.5%) of the study participants and abnormal total leukocyte levels were observed in 33 (80.5%) of the study participants.

**Table 12: TLC levels in infected and colonized groups**

TLC	INFECTED	COLONIZED	TOTAL	P VALUE
Normal	4 (14.8%)	4 (28.6%)	8 (19.5%)	0.257
Abnormal	23 (85.2%)	10 (71.4%)	33 (80.5%)	



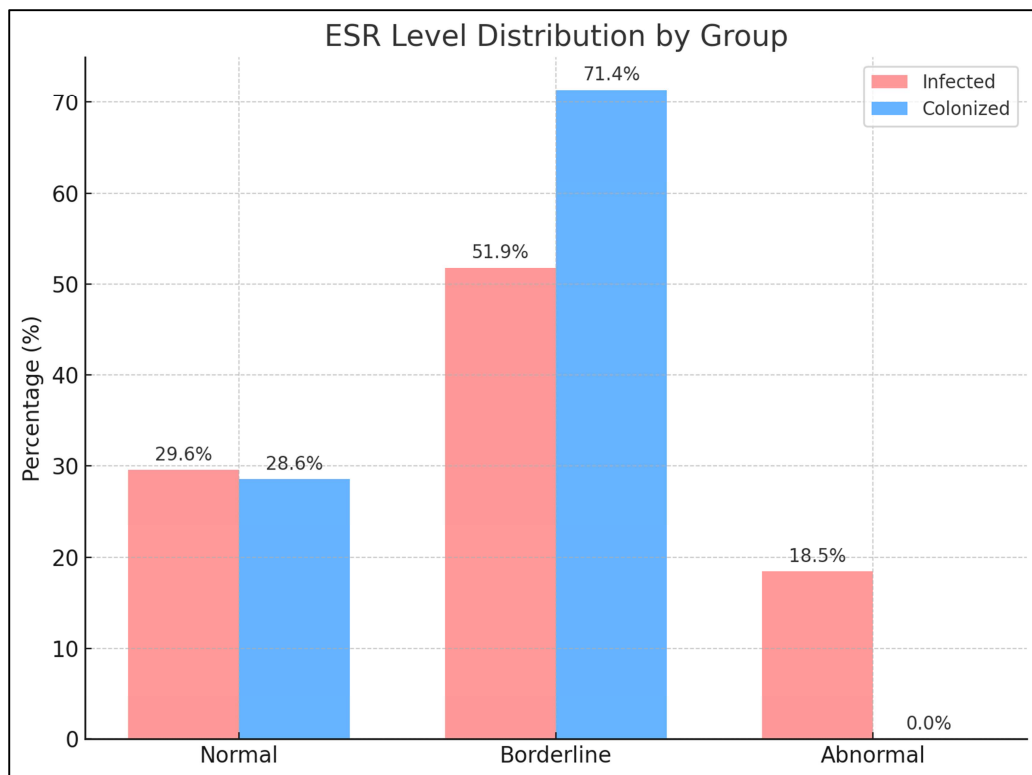
**Figure 10: TLC levels in infected and colonized groups**

**Erythrocyte sedimentation rate**

Erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) was normal in 29.3% (n=12), borderline in 58.5% (n=24) and abnormal in 12.2% (n=5).

**Table 13: ESR among infected and colonized groups**

ESR	INFECTED	COLONIZED	TOTAL	P VALUE
Normal	8 (29.6%)	4 (28.6%)	12 (29.3%)	0.202
Borderline	14 (51.9%)	10 (71.4%)	24 (58.5%)	
Abnormal	5 (18.5%)	0 (0%)	5 (12.2%)	



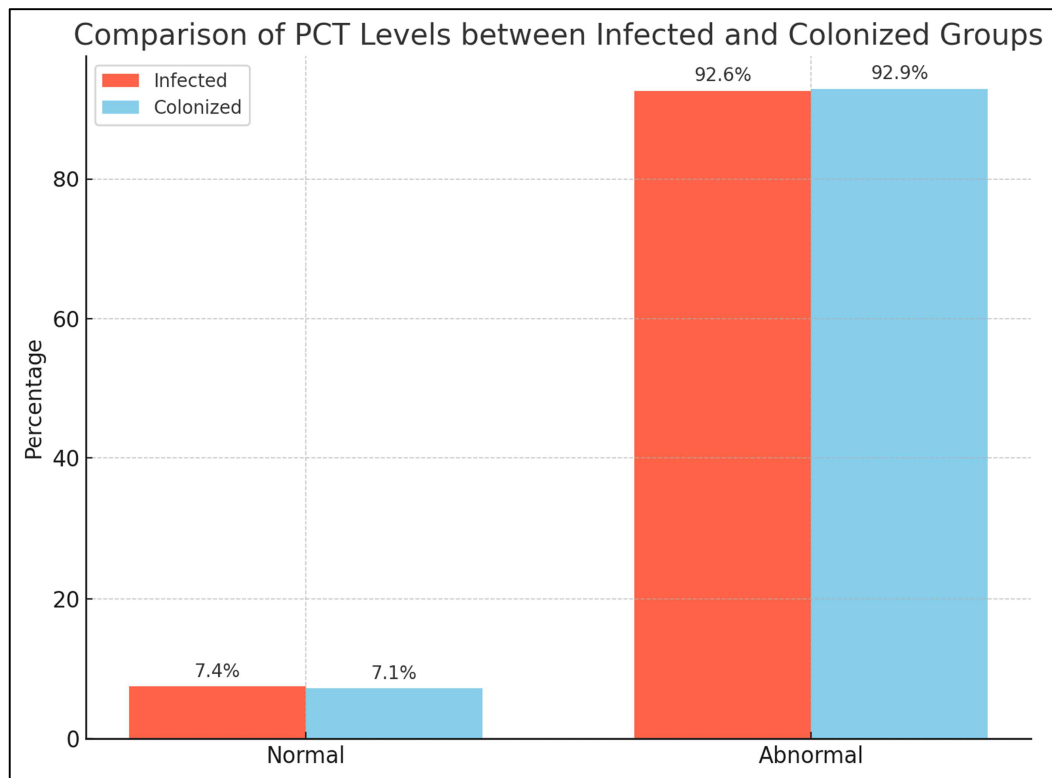
**Figure 11: ESR levels in infected and colonized groups**

**Procalcitonin test**

Procalcitonin test (PCT) reported 92.7% (n=41) abnormal levels and 7.3% (n=3) normal levels.

**Table 14: PCT among infected and colonized groups**

PCT	INFECTED	COLONIZED	TOTAL	P VALUE
Normal	2 (7.4%)	1 (7.1%)	3 (7.3%)	0.735
Abnormal	25 (92.6%)	13 (92.9%)	41 (92.7%)	



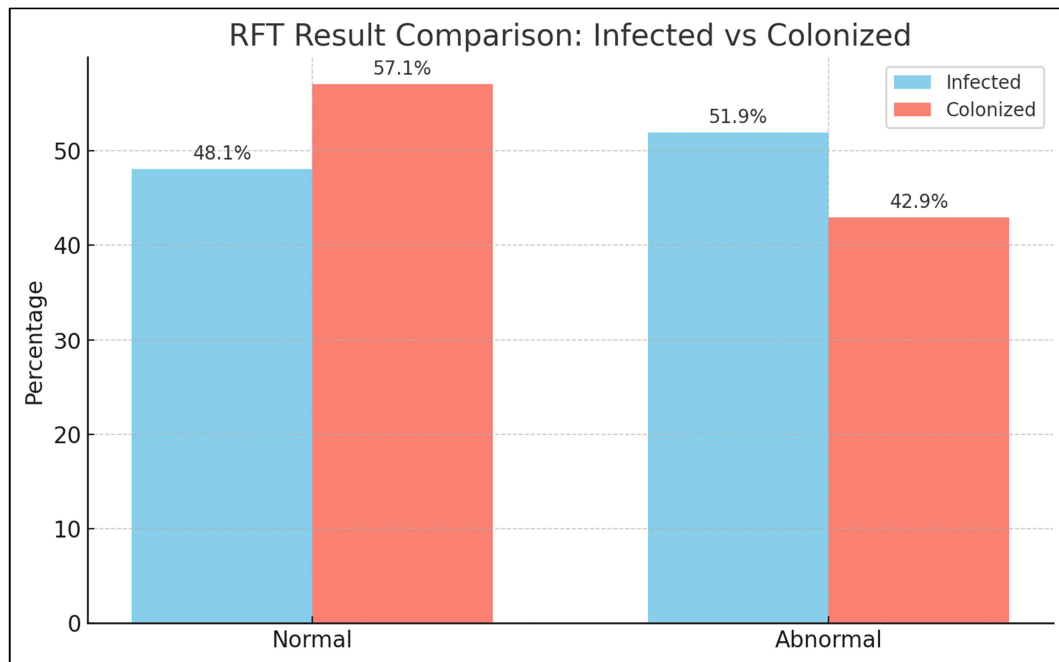
**Figure 12: Comparison of PCT levels in infected and colonized groups**

**Renal function test**

Renal function test (RFT) reported normal levels in 51.2% (n=21) of the study participants and abnormal levels in 48.8% (n=20) of the study participants.

**Figure 13: RFT among infected and colonized groups**

<b>RFT</b>	<b>INFECTED</b>	<b>COLONIZED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>P VALUE</b>
Normal	13 (48.1%)	8 (57.1%)	21 (51.2%)	0.415
Abnormal	14 (51.9%)	6 (42.9%)	20 (48.8%)	



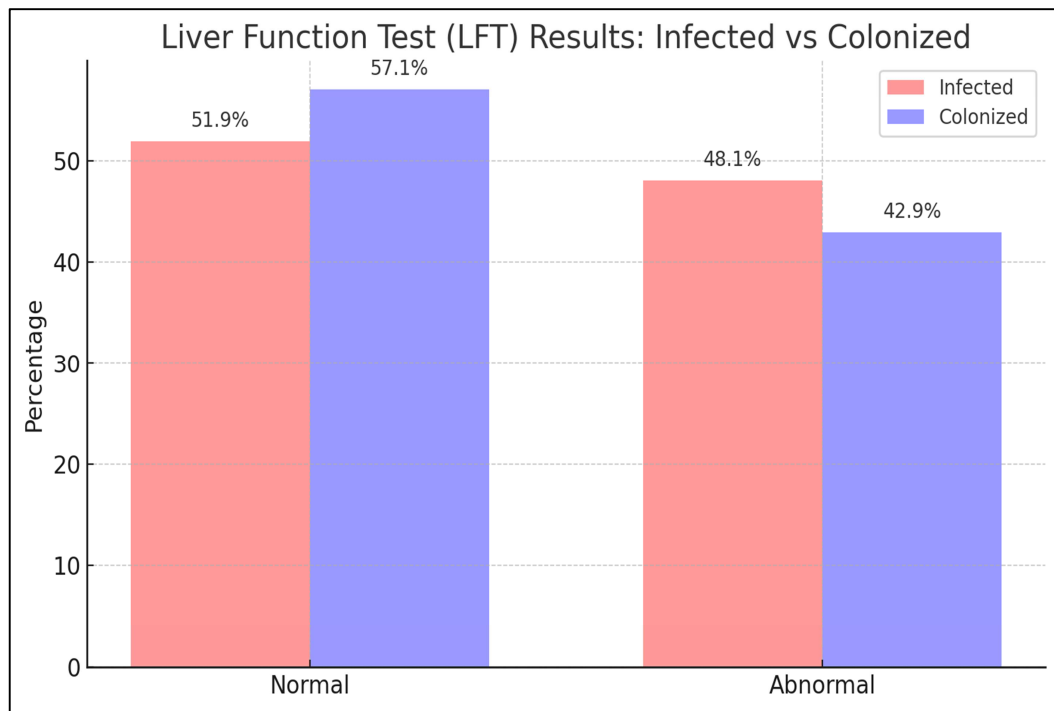
**Figure 14: Comparison of RFT among infected and colonized groups**

**Liver function test**

Liver function test (LFT) was reported normal levels in 53.7% (n=22) and abnormal levels in 46.3% (n=19) of the study participants.

**Figure 15: LFT among infected and colonized groups**

LFT	INFECTED	COLONIZED	TOTAL	P VALUE
Normal	14 (51.9%)	8 (57.1%)	22 (53.7%)	0.504
Abnormal	13 (48.1%)	6 (42.9%)	19 (46.3%)	



**Figure 16: Comparison of LFT among infected and colonized groups**

**Antibiotics use**

Among the study participants, amikacin was used in 19.5% (n=8), colistin was used in 36.6% (n=15), polymyxin-B was used in 17.1% (n=7), Cefoperazone-Sulbactam was used in 39% (n=16), Piperacillin-Tazobactam was used in 31.7% (n=13), meropenem was used in 24.4% (n=10), cefpirome was used in 2.4% (n=1), minocycline was used in 14.6% (n=6), clindamycin was used in 4.9% (n=2) and tigercycline was used in 36.6% (n=15) of the study participants.

**Table 15: Antibiotics use among infected and colonized groups**

<b>ANTIBIOTICS</b>	<b>INFECTED</b>	<b>COLONIZED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>P VALUE</b>
Amikacin	5 (18.5%)	3 (21.4%)	8 (19.5%)	0.565
Colistin	7 (25.9%)	8 (57.1%)	15 (36.6%)	0.053
Polymyxin-B	5 (18.5%)	2 (14.3%)	7 (17.1%)	0.551
Cefoperazone-Sulbactam	9 (33.3%)	7 (50%)	16 (39%)	0.241
Piperacillin-Tazobactam	10 (37%)	3 (21.4%)	13 (31.7%)	0.257
Meropenem	8 (29.6%)	2 (14.3%)	10 (24.4%)	0.246
Cefpirome	1 (3.7%)	0 (0%)	1 (2.4%)	0.659
Minocycline	4 (14.8%)	2 (14.3%)	6 (14.6%)	0.672
Clindamycin	1 (3.7%)	1 (7.1%)	2 (4.9%)	0.572
Tigercycline	11 (40.7%)	4 (28.6%)	15 (36.6%)	0.339

Use of antibiotics in the infected and colonized study participants was given in the figure below.

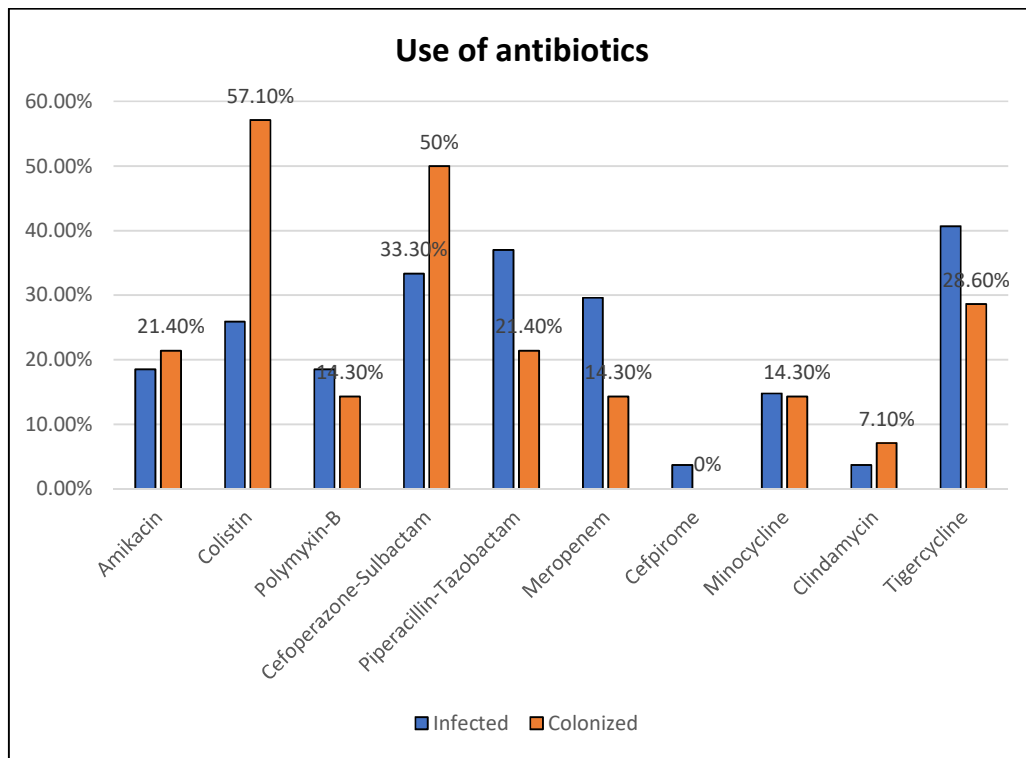


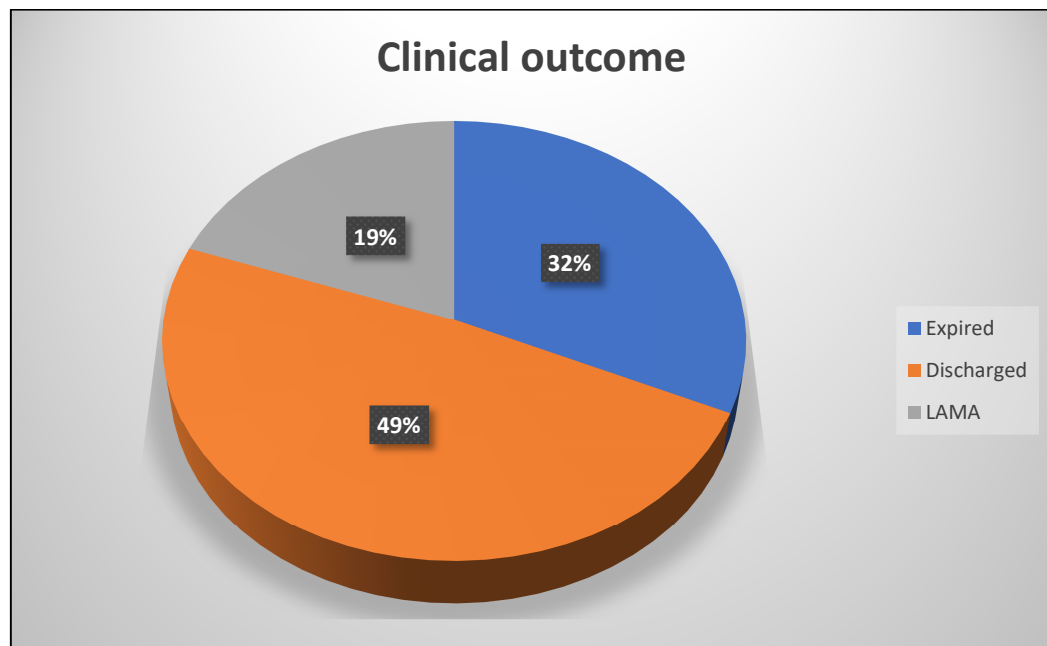
Figure 17: Antibiotics used in infected and colonized groups

**Clinical outcomes**

Among the study participants, the mortality rate was 31.7% (n=13). Among the study participants, 48.8% (n=20) were discharged and LAMA was 19.5% (n=8).

**Table 16: Clinical outcomes**

<b>CLINICAL OUTCOMES</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
Expired	13	31.7%
Discharged	20	48.8%
LAMA	8	19.5%



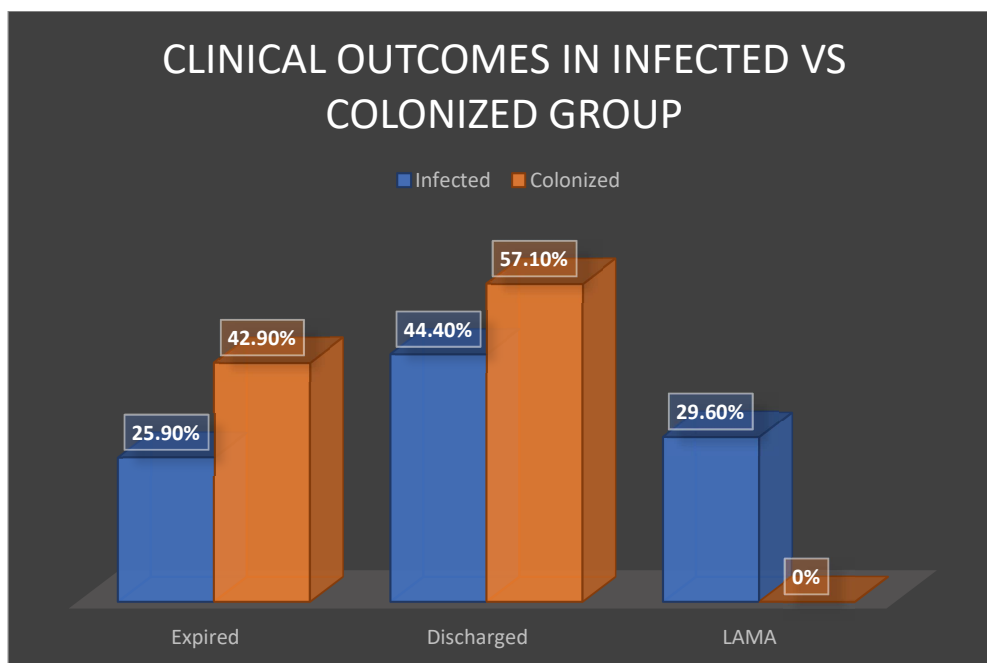
**Figure 18: Clinical outcomes**

Distribution of clinical outcome in infected and colonized study participants were given in the table below.

Mortality rate among the infected and colonized groups were 25.9% and 42.9% respectively. It was statistically significant (p=0.049).

**Table 17: Clinical outcome among infected and colonized groups**

OUTCOME	INFECTED	COLONIZED	P VALUE
Death	7 (25.9%)	6 (42.9%)	0.049
Discharged	12 (44.4%)	8 (57.1%)	
LAMA	8 (29.6%)	0 (0%)	



**Figure 19: Clinical outcomes among infected and colonized groups**

## **DISCUSSION**

*A baumannii* is a common cause of nosocomial infection. The present study aimed to compare the clinical profile and outcomes of *A baumannii* in infected and colonized patients in ICU. A total of 41 study participants were included in the study. In total 41, 65.9% (n=27) were infected and 34.1% (n=14) were colonized with *A baumannii* in the present study.

In the study conducted by Martin-Aspas et al<sup>41</sup> the prevalence of *A baumannii* infected and colonized were 40% and 60% respectively. In the study conducted by Molina J et al<sup>39</sup>, 46.2% showed colonized and 53.8% showed infected *A baumannii* cases. In the study conducted by Sileem AE et al, 45% were infected and 55% were colonized by *A baumannii*<sup>37</sup>.

### **Age**

In the present study, the mean age of the study participants was  $55.05 \pm 18.77$  years. In the study conducted by Martin-Aspas et al, the mean age of the study participants was  $61 \pm 17$  years. In the study conducted by Guddeti PK et al.<sup>25</sup>, the mean age of the study participants was  $54.36 \pm 16.80$  years. Majority of the study participants in the Sileem AE et al study were below 60 years of age (68.2%).

### **Gender**

Among the study participants in the present study, 82.9% (n=34) were males and 17.1% (n=7) were females. Similarly, majority of the study participants were males in studies conducted by Martin-Aspas et al.<sup>41</sup>, Guddeti PK et al<sup>25</sup>, and Sileem AE et al.<sup>37</sup>.

### **Culture report**

In the present study, in the blood culture among the study participants, 46.4% (n=19) reported *A baumannii*. Other organisms were reported as 7.2% (n=3) and 46.4% (n=19) showed no growth.

In the urine culture, *A baumannii* was reported in 12.3% (n=5). Other organisms were reported as 14.5% (n=6) and no growth was reported in 73.2% (n=30) study participants.

In sputum culture, *A baumannii* was reported in 43.9% (n=18). Other organisms were reported as 12.1% (n=5) and no growth was reported in 46.4% (n=19).

In the study conducted by Martin-Aspas et al<sup>41</sup>, the isolate sites for *A baumannii* in infected and colonized patients in sputum were 14% and 8% respectively, in blood were 6% and 0% respectively, and in urine were 0% and 14% respectively.

### **Diagnosis**

Most common diagnosis among the study participants was respiratory diseases contributing to 39% (n=16), followed by sepsis contributing to 36.6% (n=15). Other diseases include 14.6% (n=6) of central nervous system, 12.2% (n=5) of multiorgan failure, 7.3% (n=3) of liver disease, 4.9% (n=2) of gastrointestinal and pancreatitis each, and 2.4% (n=1) of cardiac, diabetes, organophosphorus poisoning and renal disease each.

In the study conducted by Martin-Aspas et al<sup>41</sup>, the prevalence of pneumonia, tracheobronchitis, primary bacteremia, and secondary bacteremia were 78%, 19%, 3% and 16% respectively.

In the study conducted by Guddeti PK et al<sup>25</sup>, the common diagnosis was aspiration pneumonia or pneumonia in 35% of the patients, followed by, 30.7% in cerebrovascular events or hemorrhagic shock, 24% in respiratory failure, 18% in accelerated hypertension, 8.4% in septicemia, 7.7% in acute kidney injury and 5.5% in trauma or burns.

In Sileem AE et al<sup>37</sup> study, the most common underlying disease were of pulmonary origin (65%).

### **Antibiotics use**

Among the study participants, amikacin was used in 19.5% (n=8), colistin was used in 36.6% (n=15), polymyxin-B was used in 17.1% (n=7), Cefoperazone-Sulbactam was used in 39% (n=16), Piperacillin-Tazobactam was used in 31.7% (n=13), meropenem was used in 24.4% (n=10), cefpirome was used in 2.4% (n=1), minocycline was used in 14.6% (n=6), clindamycin was used in 4.9% (n=2) and tigercycline was used in 36.6% (n=15) of the study participants. Colistin, tigercylin, and piperacillin/tazobactam were 85%, 97.5% and 20% sensitive cultures in the study conducted by Sileem AE et al<sup>37</sup>.

### **Clinical outcomes**

Among the study participants, the mortality rate was 31.7% (n=13). Among the study participants, 48.8% (n=20) were discharged and LAMA was 19.5% (n=8).

In the study conducted by Martin-Aspas et al<sup>41</sup>, the mortality rate at 30 days was 24%.

In Molina J et al study, the mortality rate was 18.7%.

In our present study, the mortality rate in infected and colonized group were 25.9% and 42.9% respectively. In the study conducted by Sileem AE et al.<sup>37</sup>, the mortality rate in infected and colonized groups were 50% and 13.6% respectively.

### **STRENGTHS OF THE STUDY**

1. **Focused Clinical Relevance:** The study addresses *Acinetobacter baumannii*, a significant nosocomial pathogen associated with high mortality, particularly in critical care settings, making the findings clinically relevant.
2. **Comprehensive Microbiological Sampling:** Multiple sampling sites (blood, urine, ET, sputum) were used to assess the distribution and prevalence of *A. baumannii*, providing a more complete picture of infection patterns.
3. **Differentiation Between Colonization and Infection:** The study distinguishes between colonization and true infection with *A. baumannii*, which is clinically important for appropriate management decisions.
4. **Multiple Parameter Assessment:** The study incorporates various laboratory parameters (RFT, LFT, HB, TLC, ESR, serum PCT) to correlate with infection status, providing insight into potential biomarkers.
5. **Outcome Analysis:** The study includes clinical outcomes (discharge, LAMA, death), allowing for assessment of the impact of *A. baumannii* infection on patient prognosis.
6. **Antibiotic Usage Documentation:** Detailed documentation of antibiotics prescribed provides valuable information on current treatment practices for *A. baumannii* infections.
7. **Statistical Analysis:** Appropriate statistical tests were used to assess associations between *A. baumannii* status and clinical/laboratory parameters, with significant findings in relation to RFT and LFT abnormalities.

## **LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY**

1. **Sample Size:** With only 41 patients total and further subdivided into colonization vs. infection groups, the statistical power may be limited, particularly for subgroup analyses.
2. **Potential Selection Bias:** The method of patient selection is not clearly detailed in the results, raising concerns about potential selection bias that could affect generalizability.
3. **Limited Demographic Analysis:** While age and gender distribution are provided, there's limited analysis of how these factors might influence susceptibility to *A. baumannii* infection or outcomes.
4. **Heterogeneous Patient Population:** The study includes patients with diverse primary diagnosis (from acute pancreatitis to CVA to septic shock), making it difficult to isolate the specific impact of *A. baumannii*.
5. **Incomplete Outcome Assessment:** While mortality data is provided, there's no information on length of stay, duration of mechanical ventilation, or long-term outcomes among survivors.
6. **Lack of Risk Factor Analysis:** The study doesn't appear to analyze factors predisposing patients to *A. baumannii* acquisition, such as prior antibiotic use, invasive procedures, or ICU stay duration.
7. **Unclear Temporal Relationships:** It's not apparent whether laboratory abnormalities preceded or followed *A. baumannii* infection, making causality difficult to establish.
8. **Missing Data on Treatment Effectiveness:** While antibiotics given are listed, there's no analysis of treatment success rates or factors associated with treatment failure.

9. Limited Statistical Significance: Several of the comparisons (like TLC, ESR, serum PCT) between colonization and infection groups failed to reach statistical significance, possibly due to small sample size or high variability.

## **CONCLUSION**

The percentage of infection and colonization of *A. baumannii* in ICU patients were 65.9% (n=27) and 34.1% (n=14) respectively. The mean age of the study participants was  $55.05 \pm 18.77$  years with majority being male (82.9%). In blood culture among the study participants, 46.4% (n=19), urine culture 12.3% (n=5), and sputum culture 43.9% (n=18) reported *A. baumannii*. Most common diagnosis among the study participants was respiratory diseases contributing to 39% (n=16). Among the study participants, the mortality rate was 31.7% (n=13). Among the study participants, 48.8% (n=20) were discharged and LAMA was 19.5% (n=8). The mortality rate in infected and colonized groups were 25.9% and 42.9% respectively. The discharged rate in infected and colonized groups were 44.4% and 57.1% respectively. Mortality of patients from whom *A. baumannii* was isolated was influenced by the presence of infection by *A. baumannii* rather than colonization.

## **SUMMARY**

A cross-sectional study conducted for a period of one year among the patients admitted to ICU wards of KLE's Dr Prabhakar Kore Hospital, Belagavi aimed to compare clinical profile and outcomes of *Acinetobacter baumannii* causing infection versus colonization.

A total of 41 study participants were included in the study with infection and colonization group of 65.9% and 34.1% respectively. The mean age of the study participants was  $55.05 \pm 18.77$  years. Majority of the study participants were males. In blood culture among the study participants, 46.4% (n=19), urine culture 12.3% (n=5), and sputum culture 43.9% (n=18) reported *A. baumannii*.

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**ANNEXURE – I - INFORMED CONSENT FORM**

**“ TO COMPARE CLINICAL PROFILE AND OUTCOMES OF  
ACINETOBACTER BAUMANII CAUSING INFECTION VS  
COLONIZATION IN ICU PATIENTS”**

**Name of Student/Principal Investigator**

**Name of Guide/Co Investigators:**

**Introduction:**

-*Acinetobacter baumannii* is the most important in the clinical context since it is the most frequently isolated in nosocomial infections[2] and also the one associated with the highest mortality rate

-Acinetobacter is nonfermenting , gram negative, aerobic coccobacillus

- Acinetobacter baumannii is also known to cause both infection vs sedentary colonization.

-Owing to characteristics of patients from whom A.baumannii is isolated , it is often difficult to differentiate colonization and infection[3-4].

**Explanation of procedure:**

-Patients older than 18 years from whom A.Baumannii is isolated from clinical samples from two days after patients who got admitted in KLE ICU for the year 2023 and 2024

-Culture samples like sputum, urine ,blood will be included

-Cases will be divided into infection and colonization as defined in the introduction and will be followed from day 2 of admission till the patient stays in hospital

-All the participants fulfilling the inclusion criteria with willingness to participate will be included with their consent taken and protocol explained

**Withdrawal from participation in the study:** Participation in this study is voluntary. You will be free to decide whether to participate in this study or continue participation once enrolled. In case you decide to withdraw your participation, you are free to do so. However, please convey the decision to the principal investigator.

**Possible benefits from participating in the study:** You will get benefits by participating in this study. The data gathered will help population at large.

**Possible risks from participating in the study:** There are no risks involved in participating in this study.

**Privacy and confidentiality:** The information collected from you will be coded, to prevent any person to identify you. Your identity will never be revealed. The data collected from you will be kept confidential and only processed or aggregated data will be used for publication.

**Financial incentives:** You will not receive any payment for participating in this study.

**Cost of investigations** done during the course of study will be paid by

**Authorization for publication of aggregated data:** Results obtained after processing of the aggregated data will be published for scientific purpose and or presented to scientific groups. However, your identity will never be revealed.

**Questions:** In case of any questions with regard to this study, you are free to contact;

If you have any question or complaints with regard to your right as study participant you may contact Dr Harsha Hegde, Chairperson, Ethical committee of JNMC, 0831-2473777 Extension 4052.

**Legal rights:** By signing this consent form, we are not waving any of your legal rights

**CONSENT STATEMENT**

I am making a voluntary decision to participate in the study:

**“TO COMPARE CLINICAL PROFILE AND OUTCOMES OF ACENITOBACTER BAUMANII CAUSING INFECTION VS COLONIZATION IN ICU PATIENTS”**

My signature below indicates that I have decided to participate and I have read the information provided above or the information provided above has been read to me in the language that I understand best. I was given the opportunity to ask questions and that they have been answered to my satisfaction.

Name of the participant:

Signature or left thumb impression of the participant:

Name of the witness:

Signature or left thumb impression of the witness:

Name of the investigator:

**ANNEXURE – II – DATA COLLECTION FORMAT****DATA COLLECTION FORMAT**

## • Demographic Details

Date:

1. Name of the patient :
2. IP Number:
3. Age:
4. Sex:
5. Address:
6. Occupation:
7. Phone Number:

Chief Complaints:	
Past History	
Personal History	
Treatment History	

## • Vitals:

Temperature	
Pulse	
Blood Pressure	
Respiratory Rate	

## • Physical Examination:

Index	Yes	No
Pallor		
Icterus		
Cyanosis		
Clubbing		
Lymphadenopathy		

• Systemic Examination:

CVS	
RS	
P/A	
CNS	

8. Please list all medication(s) you take, including dosage :

9. Any history of diabetes /hypertension/thyroid abnormalities

10. Any history of Ischemic Heart Disease:

11. Any history of Stroke:

12. Risk Factors:

Smoking	Alcohol	Hypertension
Thyroid Disease	Stroke	Cardiovascular Disease
High Cholesterol/Triglycerides	Others:	:

• Investigations:

Investigations	Values	Investigations	Values
Hemoglobin		White Total Count	
Platelets count		Liver fuction test	
MCV		Renal function tests	
MCH		Urine culture	
MCHC		Blood culture	
RDW		Sputum culture and sensitivity	
Serum pct			
ESR			

**ANNEXURE III**  
**MASTER CHART**

AGE	SEX	IPNO	BLOOD CULTURE	URINE CULTURE	SPUTUM CULTURE	ET CULTURE	HB	TLC	ESR	SERUM PCT	RFT	LFT	Clinical outcome	Antibiotics Given	Primary Diagnosis
40	MALE	10053980	NOG	NOG	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	7.2	14	42	0.92	WNL	TB:4.26,DB:3.89	Discharged	Meropenem,Clindamycin,Sulbactam	Septic shock secondary to aspiration pneumonia
70	MALE	10058445	NOG	CANDIDA TROPICALIS	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	8.9	16.4	32	0.46	WNL	WNL	Expired	Colistin, Cefoperazone-Sulbactam	Septic Shock
68	MALE	10053931	COAGULASE -VE STAPTH SPECIES	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	10.7	16.6	22	1.26	CREATININE:4	WNL	Expired	Tigecycline, Cefoperazone-Sulbactam, Minocycline	Organophosphorus compound poisoning
59	FEMALE	10048288	NOG	ENTEROBACTER CLOACA	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	10	15	48	3.2	CEATININE:2.1	WNL	Discharged	Colistin, Cefoperazone-Sulbactam	Septic shock secondary to bacterial pneumonia
80	MALE	10054966	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	9.8	13	48	3.2	CREATININE:1.9	WNL	Discharged	Tigecycline, Piperacillin-Tazobactam, Minocycline	Viral pneumonia
61	MALE	10057950	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	ENTEROCOCCUS FEACIALIS	NOG	PSEUDOMONAS AUERGINOSA	8.8	12	24	0.27	CREATININE:1.4	ALBUMIN:2.4	LAMA	Colistin, Cefoperazone-Sulbactam	Acute Pancreatitis
60	MALE	10054545	NOG	NOG	KLEBSIELLA PNEUMONIA	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	9	33.4	28	3.52	CREATININE:3.0	ALBUMIN:1.5	Expired	Meropenem, Cefoperazone-Sulbactam, Minocycline	Sepsis with multiorgan dysfunction
54	MALE	10057864	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	10.1	18	20	2.4	CREATININE:2.4	ALBUMIN:2.3	LAMA	Tigecycline, Piperacillin-Tazobactam, Polymyxin B	Acute respiratory distress syndrome
83	MALE	10058212	NOG	NOG	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	9.2	13.2	48	1.4	CREATININE:2	ALBUMIN:2.3	Discharged	Colistin, Amikacin, Polymyxin B	Sepsis with multiorgan dysfunction
37	MALE	10005315	NOG	NOG	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	8.5	12.9	28	2.28	WNL	TB:3.04,DB:2.07	Expired	Tigecycline, Piperacillin-Tazobactam, Polymyxin B	Pulmonary tuberculosis
45	MALE	10008226	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	NOG	11.9	37.7	3	4.14	CREATININE:3.40	TB:1.90,DB:3.24,IB:2.66	Discharged	Tigecycline, Cefoperazone-Sulbactam	Decompensated chronic liver disease with hepatic encephalopathy and UGI bleed
48	MALE	10038588	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	NOG	14.1	2.8	80	2.4	CREATININE:4.78	TB:5.44,DB:5.27,IB:0.17	Discharged	Colistin, Piperacillin-Tazobactam	Septic shock with multiorgan dysfunction
82	MALE	10038670	BURKHOLDERIA CEPACIA	ENTEROCOCCUS FEACIALIS	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	10.5	5.7	18	5.52	WNL	WNL	Discharged	Colistin, Cefoperazone-Sulbactam	Septic shock secondary to aspiration pneumonia
35	MALE	10038800	NOG	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	14	12	40	3.2	CREATININE:1.5	WNL	Discharged	Colistin, Piperacillin-Tazobactam	Neuroendocrine tumor of liver
29	MALE	10040640	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	WNL	NOG	NOG	13.7	10.7	52	1.32	WNL	WNL	LAMA	Meropenem, Cefoperazone-Sulbactam, Polymyxin B	Right sides hemiparesis with left thalamic bleed
68	FEMALE	10041823	NOG	NOG	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	12	14	48	3.2	WNL	WNL	Expired	Colistin, Cefoperazone-Sulbactam	Septic sock
73	MALE	10042608	NOG	NOG	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	8.5	8.3	40	5.81	CREATININE:2.15	WNL	Discharged	Colistin, Piperacillin-Tazobactam	Septic shock with bilateral pneumonia
58	MALE	10059459	NOG	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	11	13	80	2.4	CREATININE:1.9	WNL	Discharged	Piperacillin-Tazobactam	Acute CVA -Right mca-pca infarction
32	MALE	10013077	NOG	NOG	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	8.7	10.8	28	4.67	WNL	TB:1.86,DB:1.55,IB:0.31	Expired	Tigecycline, Piperacillin-Tazobactam	Acute on chronic pancreatitis
33	FEMALE	10020068	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	NOG	12	15	20	2.3	WNL	ALBUMIN:3.2	Expired	Meropenem, Piperacillin-Tazobactam	Multi-organ Dysfunction
60	MALE	10020813	NOG	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	8.9	15.4	86	0.47	WNL	WNL	Discharged	Meropenem, Amikacin, Polymyxin B	Severe Pneumonia
77	MALE	10023024	NOG	STREPTOCOCCUS AGALAGICTAE	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	8.8	8.2	18	0.74	WNL	WNL	Discharged	Tigecycline, Amikacin	Acute on chronic subdural hematoma
60	MALE	10024419	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	NOG	15.4	11.8	38	2.4	WNL	WNL	LAMA	Meropenem ,cefprome	Hypertensive encephalopathy
29	MALE	10026405	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	NOG	12.3	17.2	38	1.2	WNL	WNL	Expired	Colistin, Cefoperazone-Sulbactam	Severe Pneumonia
59	FEMALE	10029608	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	NOG	8.3	15	28	0.78	WNL	TB:10 ,DB:9.72,IB:8.78	Expired	Tigecycline, Cefoperazone-Sulbactam, Minocycline	Acute Respiratory Failure
63	MALE	10030961	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	8.9	14.8	10	3.2	CREATININE:11	WNL	Discharged	Meropenem, Tigecycline	Urosepsis with acute kidney injury
24	MALE	10030691	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	NOG	7.5	2.1	41	2.2	WNL	SGOT:1031 SGPT:827	Expired	Tigecycline, Amikacin, Minocycline	Acute Respiratory distress syndrome
48	MALE	10031537	KLEBSIELLA PNEUMONIA	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	STAPHYLOCOCCUS HEMOLYTICUS	NOG	11	11.4	10	4.96	WNL	TB:1.46,ALBUMIN:2.4	Expired	Colistin, Cefoperazone-Sulbactam	Septic shock with multiorgan dysfunction
68	MALE	10031651	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	NOG	10.4	16.7	24	2.97	WNL	WNL	LAMA	Meropenem, clindamycin	Recurrent stroke-right MCA-PCA infarction
74	MALE	10032151	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	NOG	8.1	16.8	20	2.39	POTTASIUUM:6.18	WNL	Discharged	Piperacillin-Tazobactam	Acute pulmonary edema
60	MALE	10033443	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	NOG	11.2	13.4	42	1.8	CREATININE:2.1	WNL	Discharged	Meropenem, Piperacillin-Tazobactam	Septic Shock
94	MALE	10033572	NOG	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	9.7	11.1	48	4.5	WNL	ALBUMIN:2.9	LAMA	Colistin, Piperacillin-Tazobactam, Polymyxin B	Septic shock with Bilateral pneumonia
67	MALE	10035166	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	PSEUDOMONAS AUERGINOSA	8.4	17.5	22	1.59	WNL	ALBUMIN:2.9	Discharged	Colistin, Amikacin, Polymyxin B	Septic shock
70	MALE	10063721	NOG	NOG	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	8.6	21.4	16	83.3	CREATININE:6.14	WNL	Discharged	Tigecycline, Cefoperazone-Sulbactam, Minocycline	Acute exaceberation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
34	MALE	10067021	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	KLEBSIELLA PNEUMONIA	15.6	27	28	3.4	WNL	WNL	Discharged	Tigecycline, Amikacin	Right subarachnoid hemorrhage
81	MALE	10067631	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	KLEBSIELLA PNEUMONIA	NOG	NOG	9.4	0.9	16	1.52	CREATININE:4.08	ALBUMIN:3.3	Expired	Tigecycline, Cefoperazone-Sulbactam	Septic shock secondary to aspiration Pneumonia
42	FEMALE	10068129	NOG	NOG	NOG	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	11	12.6	48	3.2	CREATININE:5.87	TB:3.89,DB:1.26,IB:2.63	Expired	Colistin, Amikacin	Small bowel obstruction s/p exploratory laparotomy
38	FEMALE	10033848	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	NOG	8.3	39	67	3.3	WNL	ALBUMIN:2.2,SGOT:148,SGPT:102	Discharged	Tigecycline, Cefoperazone-Sulbactam	Diabetic ketoacidosis
42	MALE	10039959	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	E.COLI	15.7	18	10	2.4	CREATININE:4.2	WNL	LAMA	Tigecycline, Amikacin	Septic shock
30	FEMALE	10070409	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	NOG	11.3	28.7	40	1.54	POTTASIUUM:2.98	ALBUMIN:2.1	LAMA	Meropenem, Piperacillin-Tazobactam	Acute Respiratory Failure
22	MALE	10083894	ACINETOBACTER BAUMANNI	NOG	NOG	NOG	8.8	14.4	WNL	4.2	WNL	WNL	Discharged	Colistin,Sulbactam	Subarachnoid hemorrhage