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Colonization of lower respiratory tract with anaerobic bacteria in mechanically ventilated patients

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Due to an unfortunate Error Figure 1 was published incorrectly. The correct Figure is shown below.

There is another mistake in the Result section of this article, second paragraph, first and second sentence. The exact number of patients colonized with aerobic bacteria is 21 (and not 22, corresponding to the total number of colonized patients). The sentences should read:

Colonization occurred early in 16 of 21 patients (71.5%) from whom aerobic bacteria were isolated, four of these patients being colonized on admission. Colonization by aerobic bacteria occurred late in 6 of 21 patients (28.5%).

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Fig. 1 Distribution of the patients with and without tracheal colonization with aerobic and anaerobic bacteria and with and without ventilatory-acquired pneumonia (VAP)