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| Time on antibiotics (hrs) | Positive BAL/number patients (%) | p value |
| None | 3 / 4 (75.0) | NS |
| <24 hours | 18/ 33 (54.5) |
| 24-48 hours | 16/ 52 (30.8) |
| >48 hours w/o change | 27/ 89 (30.3) |
| >48h, but with change | 42/118 (35.6) |
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| 0-24 hours | 21/37 (56.8) | <0.01 |
| > 24 hours | 85/259 (32.8) |

**Table 2.** Stratification of patients by time on antibiotics and the likelihood of a positive bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) result. (NS = not significant)