



(A) Relative incidence over time of the 6 most frequent pathogens reported in cohort studies including >10 patients reported for the middle year of the study period. (B) Studies describing causative pathogens performed in the following continents: Africa, 1 (651 cultured bacteria; time span 1952-2003); America, 16 (778 cultured bacteria; 1945-2010); Asia, 44 (2,005 cultured bacteria; 1940-2009); Australia, 3 (83 cultured bacteria; 1961-1986); and Europe, 41 (2,377 cultured bacteria; 1935-2011). All percentages have been rounded off without decimals to increase the clarity of the figure.