

Table 2 Distribution of the 2961 biological specimens by site

Site	No. of specimens
<i>Pulmonary samples</i>	
Sputum	709
Bronchial aspirates	239
Pleuritic fluid	169
Bronchoalveolar lavage	203
Bronchial washings	654
Total	1974
<i>Non-pulmonary samples</i>	
Whole blood	480
Urine	357
Ascitic fluid	78
Arthritic fluid	72
Total	987