

# ALGORITHM OF ETIOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS OF BOCAVIRUS INFECTION IN CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA EXACERBATION

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*Abstract*

In order to develop the algorithm of etiological diagnosis of bocavirus infection 74 children aged 3 months to 6 years with exacerbation of asthma and recurrent episodes of obstructive bronchitis were examined. In 90.3 % of patients with asthma respiratory viruses have been revealed. Human bocaviruses held first place in the etiological structure of diseases and in 33.8 % of cases were identified as a mono-infection and in 3 % as co-infection with rhino- and adenoviruses. These findings were the basis for development of the etiological diagnosis algorithm, which included a set of methods: detection of influenza A / B, RS-virus and adenovirus by rapid tests, real-time polymerase chain reaction in a multiplex format to identify human bocavirus and other respiratory viruses and real time polymerase chain reaction for atypical pathogens. The algorithm can be recommended for use in pediatric practice.

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