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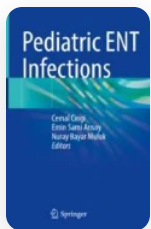
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Abstract

Acute bronchitis is the term used for an acute respiratory infection that is manifested predominantly by cough with or without phlegm production that last for up to 3 weeks and without evidence of pneumonia, the common cold, acute asthma, or an acute exacerbation of chronic bronchitis. Acute bronchitis is most often caused by a viral infection. The most

commonly identified viruses are rhinovirus, enterovirus, influenza A and B, parainfluenza, coronavirus, human metapneumovirus, and respiratory syncytial virus. Bacteria are detected in 1–10% of cases of acute bronchitis. Atypical bacteria, such as *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*, *Chlamydophila pneumoniae*, and *Bordetella pertussis*, are rare causes of acute bronchitis [1, 2].

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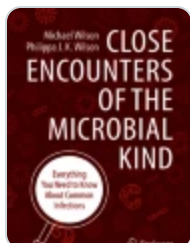
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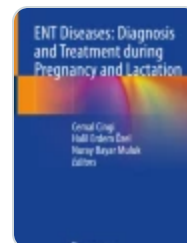
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