Stenotrophomonas maltophilia is an emergent gram negative bacillus present in the environment. It has acquired relevance within a group of multidrug-resistant microorganisms as a cause of infection in different organs, both in hospitals and outside them. A case of respiratory failure with severe pneumonia due to S. maltophilia is reported. The immunocompetent patient got infected in the community and had a rapid response to trimethoprim sulphamethoxazol once the bacteria were cultured.

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