Table 2

Risk factors for complicated acute pyelonephritis

- pregnancy
- diabetes
- age over 65 years
- anatomical abnormalities of the urinary tract e.g. vesico-ureteric reflux
- renal calculi
- urinary tract drainage procedures e.g. ureteric stent or nephrostomy tube
- neuropathic bladder
- renal failure
- transplant recipient
- patient immunocompromised because of cancer or chemotherapy