

ICU lower respiratory isolates. Significant declines in FEP and TZP susceptibility were observed in institutions that demonstrated higher CRPA frequency ($p < 0.00001$) (Table 1) with >25% of isolates showing resistance in CR2 and CR3. In contrast, C/T susceptibility remained above 90% for all categories. I/R susceptibility remained above 90% for CR1 and CR2.

Table 1. *P. aeruginosa* susceptibility among ICU lower respiratory tract isolates stratified by unit specific frequency of carbapenem resistance

Antimicrobial	CR Group 1 (N = 37) (n = 264, %)	CR Group 2 (N = 25) (n = 363, %)	CR Group 3 (N = 18) (n = 244, %)
Cefepime	83.7	74.9	63.1
Piperacillin-tazobactam	79.6	68.9	52.9
Meropenem	91.3	73.6	47.5
Levofloxacin	68.6	66.1	48.0
Ceftolozane-tazobactam	96.6	94.2	90.6
Imipenem-relebactam	98.1	91.7	81.6

N = number of institutions
n = number of isolates
CR Group 1: institutions with $\leq 20\%$ carbapenem resistance
CR Group 2: institutions with 21 – 40% carbapenem resistance
CR Group 3: institutions with $\geq 41\%$ carbapenem resistance

Conclusion. C/T and I/R provide robust activity against PA isolates obtained from the lower respiratory tract of critically ill patients, regardless of CR frequency. Assessing CRPA frequency may be useful for identifying inflection points in which novel agents could be considered. In settings where CRPA frequency exceeded 20%, additional testing or early switch to C/T or I/R may be warranted.

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1451. Genetic Analysis of Antibiotic Resistance Profiles of *Acinetobacter baumannii* Using Whole Genome Sequencing

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Background. *Acinetobacter* is known to quickly develop resistance to commonly used antibiotics. Previously we performed whole genome sequencing (WGS) and whole genome multilocus sequence typing (wgMLST) analysis in clinical *Acinetobacter* isolates to determine sequence types (ST) of these isolates and mapped their distribution. In this study, we sought to characterize the genetic antibiotic resistance patterns in these isolates.

Methods. Sixty-two clinical *Acinetobacter* isolates collected in two distinct large tertiary care hospitals in Detroit were analyzed. The samples were subjected to WGS using the NextSeq instrument (Illumina). The contigs were *de novo* assembled using SPAdes (v3.7.1) and wgMLST analysis was performed using BioNumerics software v7.6. The genomic sequence for each isolate was uploaded in ResFinder 3.2 and known antibiotic resistance genes were analyzed.

Results. The most common resistance gene found is blaADC-25 conferring resistance to beta-lactams across all STs. Sulphonamide (sul1) and macrolide resistance (mphE/msrE) among STs were also common. ST2 (52%) was predominant for both hospitals (H1 and H2). ST2 in H2 exhibited the presence of the maximum number of resistance genes including resistance to aminoglycosides, macrolides (2), tetracyclines (tetB), beta-lactams, fluoroquinolones (aac(6)-Ib-cr), sulphonamides (sul1, sul2). ST2 had a slightly different resistance profile of beta-lactams in H1 when compared to H2. ST406 and ST15 exhibited similar antibiotic profiles in both hospitals and a single isolate of ST20 from H2 is highly antibiotic resistant.

Table 1. Antimicrobial Drug Resistance Profiles of all *Acinetobacter* Sequence Types (STs) in H1 and H2.

Hospital 1		
Strain Type (ST)	Total Number of Isolates	Resistance to Antibiotic Drugs
ST2	11	β -lactam, aminoglycoside, sulphonamide, phenicol, macrolide, tetracycline
ST15	2	β -lactam, aminoglycoside, sulphonamide
ST36	2	β -lactam
ST49	1	β -lactam
ST93	5	β -lactam
ST119	2	β -lactam
ST212	1	β -lactam
ST406	4	β -lactam, aminoglycoside, sulphonamide
ST667	1	β -lactam

Hospital 2		
Strain Type (ST)	Total Number of Isolates	Resistance to Antibiotic Drugs
ST2	20	β -lactam, aminoglycoside, sulphonamide, phenicol, macrolide, tetracycline
ST15	1	β -lactam, aminoglycoside, sulphonamide
ST20	1	β -lactam, aminoglycoside, sulphonamide, phenicol, macrolide, tetracycline
ST214	1	β -lactam
ST268	1	β -lactam
ST395	1	β -lactam
ST406	1	β -lactam, aminoglycoside, sulphonamide
ST427	2	β -lactam

Table 2. Antibiotic Resistance Gene Profiles of Sequence Type 2 (ST2) isolates in H1 and H2.

Hospital Unit 1			Hospital Unit 2			
ST2	Antibiotic Resistance Genes	% of Isolates with Antibiotic Resistance Genes	ST2	Antibiotic Resistance Genes	% of Isolates with Antibiotic Resistance Genes	
AMINOGLYCOSIDE	aadA1	72	AMINOGLYCOSIDE	aadA1	30	
	aadA2	5		aadA2	15	
	armA	72		armA	70	
	ami(2)-Ia	5		ami(2)-Ia	15	
	aph(3)-Ib	81		aph(3)-Ib	80	
	aph(3)-Via	5		aph(3)-Via	40	
	aph(3)-Ia	81		aph(3)-Ia	70	
	aph(6)-Id	81		aph(6)-Id	80	
	aac(3)-Ila	5		aac(3)-Ila	5	
	aac(6)-Ib	63		aac(6)-Ib	5	
PHENICOL	aac(6)-Ib-cr	63	PHENICOL	aac(6)-Ib-cr	30	
	catB8	63		catB8	30	
MACROLIDE	mph(E)	72	MACROLIDE	mph(E)	80	
	msr(E)	72		msr(E)	80	
SULPHONAMIDE	sul1	90	SULPHONAMIDE	sul1	40	
	sul2	5		sul2	10	
TETRACYCLINE	tet(B)	5	TETRACYCLINE	tet(B)	80	
	blaADC-25	100		blaADC-25	100	
BETALACTAM	blaOXA-23	27	BETALACTAM	blaOXA-23	5	
	blaOXA-66	81		blaOXA-25	80	
	blaOXA-82	18		blaOXA-66	20	
	blaTEM-1D	72		blaOXA-82	15	
			blaTEM-1D	35		

Conclusion: This study provides us with a snapshot of antibiotic resistant genes among circulating *Acinetobacter* isolates prevalent in an area. All hospital isolates demonstrated resistance to beta-lactams. Multidrug resistant ST2 isolates from both hospitals demonstrate similar antibiotic resistance gene profiles suggesting a common circulating strain in the area. No colistin resistance genes were detected in any isolates. Because *Acinetobacter* infections are predominantly hospital acquired, it is important to continually monitor resistance profiles to determine the trends that may better serve both the patients and infection control practices.

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1452. Molecular Profile of β -Lactamase Genes and Siderophore-Dependent Iron Transporter Genes of Cefiderocol High MIC Isolates from SIDERO-WT Studies Yoshinori Yamano, PhD¹; Miki Takemura, MSc¹; Krystyna Kazmierczak, PhD²; Mark G. G. Wise, PhD²; Meredith Hackel, MPH³; Daniel F. Sahn, PhD³; Roger Echols, MD⁴; ¹Shionogi & Co., Ltd., Osaka, Osaka, Japan; ²IHMA, Schaumburg, Illinois;

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Background. Cefiderocol (CFDC) is a novel siderophore cephalosporin with efficacy against Gram-negative (GN) bacteria, including carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriales and non-glucose-fermenters such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Acinetobacter baumannii*. In consecutive multinational surveillance (SIDERO-WT) studies (2014–2017), CFDC demonstrated activity with minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) of ≤ 4 mg/mL against 99.4% of 28,629 GN clinical isolates. We conducted molecular characterization of 161 isolates with CFDC MICs > 4 mg/mL from the SIDERO-WT studies.

Methods. A total of 161 isolates underwent whole genome sequencing by Illumina HiSeq. Analyses were done using the CLC genomics workbench (Qiagen) for possible resistance-related genes (e.g. β -lactamases, porin channels or penicillin-binding protein genes) and some TonB-dependent siderophore uptake receptor genes (*fiu*, *cir*, *piu*, *pir*). *Fiu* and *Cir* in *Escherichia coli* and *Piu* in *P. aeruginosa* are the iron transporters involved in CFDC transport.

Results. Of 161 isolates with CFDC MIC > 4 mg/mL, 128 were *A. baumannii*, 22 Enterobacteriales, 7 *Burkholderia multivorans*, 2 *P. aeruginosa*, and 2 *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*. Genes encoding PER/VEB extended-spectrum β -lactamases and NDM-type metallo- β -lactamases were detected in some isolates, but other β -lactamase genes (*bla*) were not shown to be linked to high CFDC MICs. *bla*_{PER}/*bla*_{VEB} were found only in *A. baumannii* and *bla*_{NDM} was found in *A. baumannii* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. In 128 *A. baumannii* isolates, 103 harbored PER or VEB, including PER positive isolates from Russia (n=87) and Turkey (n=6) and 4 VEB positive isolates from USA. Nine NDM-positive isolates (7 *K. pneumoniae*, 2 *A. baumannii*) were found. Disruption of iron transport genes was also detected in some isolates, including *piuA* (11 *A. baumannii*, 1 *P. aeruginosa*), *pirA* (2 *A. baumannii*), and *fiuA* (4 *B. multivorans*, 1 *Proteus mirabilis*). No *cir* homologs were found in 2 *B. multivorans*.

Conclusion. PER and NDM could reduce susceptibility to CFDC, as such isolates have been seen in some countries. Iron transporter disruption was also observed in some isolates with high CFDC MICs; the contribution of these deficiencies in *A. baumannii* and *B. multivorans* requires further study.

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1453. PBP2, PBP2a and PBP4 Clone-specific Polymorphisms are not Associated to Ceftaroline (CPT) Susceptibility in Chilean Clinical Isolates of Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)

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Background. CPT is a last-generation cephalosporin active against MRSA due to its affinity for PBP2a. CPT-resistance (CPT-R) is well-described, with mutations in the active transpeptidase domain of PBP2a associated to high-level resistance. The accumulation of changes in the non-penicillin-binding domain of PBP2a has been linked to elevations of the minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) to CPT to levels around 2–4 µg/mL. PBP4 and PBP2 have also been implicated as potentially relevant *mecA*-independent mechanisms of CPT-R. We recently reported high rates of CPT-non-susceptibility in clinical MRSA strains from Chile. However, the mutational landscape of PBPs in clinical MRSA isolates from Chile and its relation to CPT susceptibility has not been assessed.

Methods. We analyzed 180 MRSA isolates collected from 2000–2018 in Santiago, Chile. Identification was confirmed by MALDI-TOF and methicillin resistance with cefoxitin disk-diffusion. CPT susceptibility was performed by BMD

following CLSI-2019 guidance. Whole-genome sequencing was performed for all isolates; the mutational profile of PBPs was determined using reference sequences for PBP2 (AGY89563.1), PBP2a (NG_047938.1) and PBP4 (X91786.1).

Results. All isolates were phenotypically-confirmed MRSA and harbored *mecA*. The MIC₅₀/MIC₉₀ by BMD was 2/2 µg/dL; only 71 (39%) isolates were CPT-susceptible (MIC < 1 µg/mL). Most isolates belonged to ST5/SCCmecI (70%, 126/180), ST105/SCCmecII (10%, 18/180) and ST8/SCCmecIV (5%, 9/180). All ST5/SCCmecI isolates carried the mutations in PBP2 (Y156D), PBP2a (M122I and E150K), and PBP4 (T189S, L234H, and T409A); CPT-susceptibility among ST5/SCCmecI was only 22%. On the other hand, all ST105/SCCmecII isolates had mutations in PBP2 (S707L) and PBP4 (T189S, L234H, and T409A) and exhibited a higher CPT-susceptibility rate (67%). All 9 isolates belonging to the ST8/SCCmecIV lineage harbored a non-coding mutation in PBP2a (g-6t) and the previously observed L234H change in PBP4. Importantly, no association between specific polymorphisms and MIC to CPT was found.

Table 1. PBPs mutations compared to CPT MICs by MLST and SCCmec

MLST	SCCmec	Mutational profile			MIC					
		PBP2	PBP2a	PBP4	0.125	0.25	0.5	1	2	4
ST 5	SCCmec I	Y156D	M122I/E150K	T189S, L234H, T409A	1		5	22	86	12
ST 5	SCCmec IV	-	g-6t	T189S, L234H, T409A		1				
ST 105	SCCmec II	S707L	-	T189S, L234H, T409A		1	8	3	3	3
ST 225	SCCmec II	S707L	-	T189S, L234H, T409A			1	1		
ST 125	SCCmec IV	-	g-6t	T189S, T409A			1	1		
ST 72	SCCmec IV	-	g-6t	T25A, T189S, P235S, Q383K, T409A			4	2		
ST 72	SCCmec VI	-	g-6t	T25A, T189S, P235S, Q383K, T409A			3	1		
ST 1472	SCCmec IV	-	g-6t	T25A, L234H, T409A			1			
ST 22	SCCmec IV	-	g-6t	T25A, D98E, E988A, T409A		1				
ST 2602	SCCmec IV	-	g-6t	P235S			2			
ST 2039	SCCmec III	-	-	P235S			1			
ST 923	SCCmec IV	-	g-6t	P235S		1	1			
ST 8	SCCmec IV	-	g-6t	L234H			8		1	
ST 239	SCCmec III	-	-	L234H			3	1		
ST UN	SCCmec IV	-	g-6t	L234H			1			

Conclusion: Changes in the studied PBPs were frequent among MRSA circulating in Chile and were conserved among different genetic backgrounds. However, these changes were not associated with the level of CPT MIC among these isolates.

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1454. Plazomicin Activity against Enterobacteriales Isolates Producing Extended-Spectrum β -Lactamases (ESBLs), Carbapenemases, and Aminoglycoside-Modifying Enzymes (AMEs) from United States (US) Hospitals

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Background. Limited therapeutic options are available for the treatment of multi-drug resistant (MDR) organisms. Plazomicin (PLZ) is an aminoglycoside developed to overcome common aminoglycoside-resistance mechanisms. We evaluated the activity of PLZ and comparators against *Enterobacteriales* isolates collected in 2018–2019 carrying genes encoding ESBLs, carbapenemases, and AMEs.

Methods. Among 3,899 *Enterobacteriales* isolates from US hospitals susceptibility (S) tested using reference broth microdilution method, 619 isolates from selected species displaying elevated MIC values for cephalosporins, carbapenems and/or resistance (CLSI criteria) to amikacin (AMK), gentamicin (GEN) and tobramycin (TOB) were submitted to whole genome sequencing for detection of resistance genes.

Results. Most isolates producing ESBLs (n= 418) carried *bla*_{CTX-M} (n= 386). The activity of PLZ (99.3% susceptible [S]) was comparable to that of colistin and higher than other comparators against ESBL isolates (Figure). AMK inhibited 96.4% of the isolates and GEN and TOB inhibited 57.9% and 43.5%, respectively. Only 34 isolates produced carbapenemases, including 19 KPC-2, 10 KPC-3, 1 each with VIM-1, OXA-181, NDM-5 and KPC-2-like plus 1 isolate carrying the genes encoding NDM-1 and OXA-232. These isolates displayed higher resistance rates to comparators and only PLZ, and tigecycline inhibited $> 90\%$ of these isolates. AMK and GEN inhibited 67.6% and 55.9% of these isolates, respectively. PLZ was active against 97.7% of isolates carrying AME genes (n= 306) that carried *aac(6)-Ib-cr* (n=177), *aac(3)-IIa* (n= 159) and *aac(3)-IIIa* (n=81), among others. Most of these isolates were resistant to GEN and TOB (only 10.8–14.1% S), but 92.8% were S to AMK. Three *K. pneumoniae* isolates carried 16S rRNA methyltransferases, 1 *armA* (also harboring NDM-1) and 2 *rmtB1*.

Conclusion. The activity of PLZ against *Enterobacteriaceae* isolates carrying AMEs, ESBLs, and carbapenemases was greater than the activity of other aminoglycosides tested and comparable to those of tigecycline and colistin against carbapenemase-producing organisms. Isolates carrying genes encoding ESBLs, AMEs and carbapenemases are usually MDR and PLZ had activity against these organisms collected in the US.