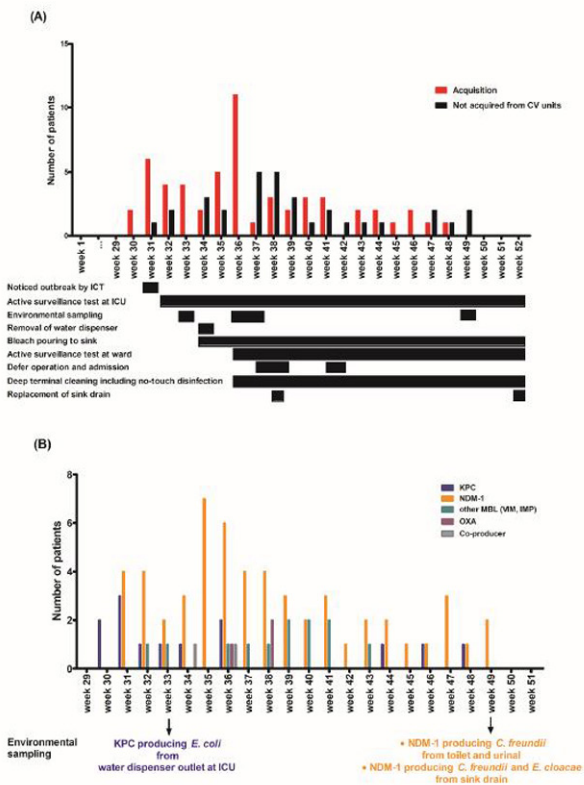


Figure 1. Epicurve and interventions to control outbreak. (A) Epicurve stratified by acquisition sites (cardiology units or other units) and intervention. (B) Epicurve stratified by genotype of carbapenemase and results from environmental sampling.



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2456. *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia* (SM) Pseudo-outbreak Associated with Bronchoscope

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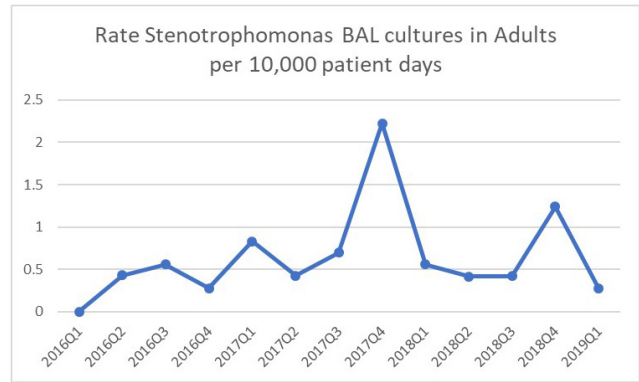
Background. *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia* (SM) is a multi-drug-resistant Gram-negative organism that typically impacts patients with long hospital stays or severe immunocompromise. In Q4 2017, an increase in rates of SM from adult bronchoscopic alveolar lavage (BAL) specimens was detected.

Methods. The charts of all patients with SM from BAL specimens during the time frame in question were reviewed for commonalities, clinical symptoms and antibiotic treatment for *Stenotrophomonas*. Incidence rate ratios for the 21 months prior to, 3 months during and 15 months after the increase were compared using Fisher exact test.

Results. Quarter 4 2017 rates of SM isolated from BALs performed in patients >= 18 years of age increased significantly from baseline of 0.46 to 2.22 per 10,000 patient-days. Upon chart review 75% (12/16) of patients with SM during the increase had BALs performed with a specific bronchoscope. Q4 2017, 22 patients had a BAL performed with the scope in question with 16 sent for culture. 75% (12/16) of the BALs done with this scope during Q4 2017 grew SM. The scope was pulled from use once the association was identified. ATP and high-level disinfection records were reviewed with no failures noted. The scope was sent to an independent lab where boroscope evaluation showed epoxy lifting. Cultures from the scope were unrevealing. After the scope was removed from service, rates of SM from adult BALs dropped significantly back to 0.58 per 10,000 patient-days (Figure 1). Upon clinical review, SM was deemed clinically insignificant in all but 1 case, however, 8 of the 12 patients received antibiotic treatment for this pathogen. To date, none of the patients in question had subsequent cultures with SM. No adverse events due to antibiotic therapy have been noted 10 of the patient isolates were retrieved and sent for pulsed-field gel electrophoresis testing. All came back with identical PFGE patterns strongly suggesting a point source.

Conclusion. While the bronchoscope culture did not grow SM, the identical PFGE patterns in patients without evidence of active infection suggested a point

source. Return of SM rates to baseline following removal of the scope from service strongly suggest a pseudo-outbreak resulting from a reusable bronchoscope.



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2457. Data Science for Outbreak Investigation: Identifying Risk Factors, Tracing Contacts, and Eliciting Transmission Pathways in a Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococci (VRE) Outbreak

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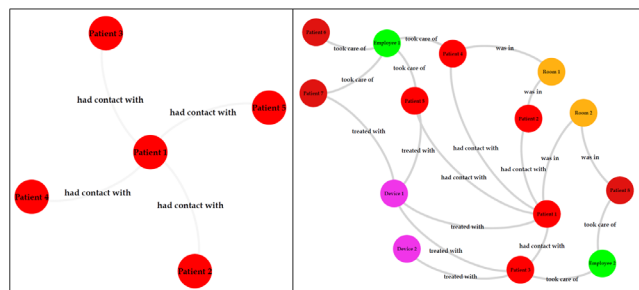
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Background. In 2018 we experienced a nosocomial outbreak due to vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE) in our hospital network. Our goals were to characterize risk factors for VRE acquisition, elicit potential hot spots of transmission, and delineate an optimized approach to tracing contacts.

Methods. We assembled diverse datasets of variable quality and covering different aspects of care from electronic medical records generated during the outbreak period (1/2018–9/2018). Patients who tested VRE-positive during this period were compared with controls with up to 3 negative screenings. First, we identified risk factors for VRE colonization by means of uni- and multivariate analyses. Next, we elicited transmission pathways by detecting commonalities between VRE cases, and determined whether patients with characteristics and connections similar to VRE cases were missed by our current contact tracing strategy.

Results. We compared 221 VRE patients to 33,624 controls. Independent predictors of VRE colonization were ICU admission (OR 4.9, with 95% confidence interval [3.7–6.5], $P < 0.001$), number of records in the database (a proxy for severity-of-illness, OR 1.1 [1.1–1.1], $P < 0.001$), length of hospital stay (OR 2.7 [2.0–3.5], $P < 0.001$), age (OR 1.3 [1.2–1.4], $P < 0.001$), and weeks of antibiotics (OR 1.2 [1.1–1.3], $P < 0.001$). By using complex network analysis, we were able to establish three main pathways by which the 221 VRE cases are connected: healthcare personnel, medical devices, and patient rooms. This multi-dimensional network extends beyond our current contact tracing strategy, which captures inpatients based on geographical proximity (cf. figure).

Conclusion. In this outbreak investigation based on a large electronic healthcare data collection, we found three main risk factors for being a VRE carrier (ICU admission, length of hospital stay, antibiotic exposure), along with three important links between VRE cases (healthcare personnel, medical devices, patient rooms). Data science is likely to provide a better understanding of outbreaks, but interpretations should take data maturity, the scope of included sources, and potential confounding factors into account.



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2458. A comprehensive approach to ending an outbreak of rare OXA-72 producing carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* at a Community Hospital, Kansas City, MO, 2018

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Background. In 2018, an outbreak of carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* (CRAB) containing a rare β -lactamase (OXA-72) was detected at Research Medical Center, a 511 bed community hospital in Kansas City, MO. We describe a coordinated effort among hospital infection control personnel and public health to control the outbreak.

Methods. We defined a case as isolation of OXA-72-producing CRAB from any clinical culture collected from a hospitalized patient during 2018. We assessed infection control practices, including adherence to transmission-based precautions and hand hygiene, environmental cleaning and patient transfers. After patients with CRAB were discharged, terminal cleaning was performed using bleach and environmental cultures were collected; rooms were closed to new patients until CRAB was not isolated. Whole-genome sequencing and bioinformatics analyses were performed.

Results. From January through October, CRAB was isolated from clinical cultures among 20 patients; 6 OXA-72-positive cases were identified during June and July. We found practices for cleaning and disinfection of shared medical equipment were not clearly delineated among nursing and environmental services staff and we ensured responsibilities were well defined. We restricted all patients with CRAB to certain medical units in order to limit the spread. In total, 248 environmental cultures were collected; 151 (61%) from inside patient rooms and 97 (39%) from shared medical equipment or surfaces outside patient rooms. Overall, *Acinetobacter baumannii* was isolated from 39 (16%) environmental cultures (21 from inside rooms and 18 from outside rooms); 5 isolates were confirmed to contain OXA-72. Using WGS, we compared 6 clinical and 5 environmental OXA-72 CRAB isolates; all were determined to be genetically related (0-6 single nucleotide polymorphisms, 88.4% core genome) (figure). No additional cases were identified after these interventions.

Conclusion. We identified widespread CRAB environmental contamination, illustrating the challenges of eradicating CRAB from the hospital environment. We developed a comprehensive approach focusing on infection control, environmental cleaning and culturing, and patient movement to stop the outbreak.

Figure: Single Nucleotide Polymorphism Analysis Matrix of OXA-72 CRAB Isolates obtained from Clinical and Environmental cultures*

	Environmental Isolates						Clinical Isolates					
	ICU medicine cabinet	Patient chart	Computer (patient room)	Nursing station	Cabinet (patient room)	Case 1: Blood	Case 2: Foot wound	Case 3: Sperm	Case 4: Hip wound	Case 5: Abdominal wall abscess	Case 6: Bronchoalveolar lavage	
Environmental isolates	ICU medicine cabinet	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	
	Patient chart	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	
	Computer (patient room)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	Nursing station	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	Cabinet (patient room)	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
	Case 1: Blood	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	
Clinical isolates	Case 2: Foot wound	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	
	Case 3: Sperm	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	
	Case 4: Hip Wound	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	
	Case 5: Abdominal wall abscess	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	
	Case 6: Bronchoalveolar lavage	4	5	4	5	4	6	4	4	4	4	

*All isolates are multilocus sequence type 2 and 208/1806 (Pasteur and Oxford schemes, respectively)

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2459. Control of a Healthcare-associated Infection Outbreak with Carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae* at a Respiratory Intensive Care Unit (RICU) in an Acute Care Hospital

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Background. Carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (CRKP) is among the most serious pathogens of healthcare-associated infections and accounts for significant morbidity and mortality. The study was conducted in a tertiary 1,600-bed hospital where we once reported a suspicious outbreak of ventilator-associated pneumonia caused by *Burkholderia cepacia* at a surgical intensive care unit (SICU) in 2015. From April 2017, the infection control team (ICT) reported that more cases with positive CRKP cultures from endotracheal aspirate and bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (BALF) were detected than previously in a respiratory intensive care unit (RICU).

Methods. ICT embarked on a field epidemiology investigation immediately to confirm the possibility of a healthcare-associated infection outbreak. The quick reaction to probable outbreak consisted of a serial protocols including contact precaution and antibiotic prescribing to support urgent contain of potential risks. Microbiological investigation was done for patients with epidemiologic traces of any with CRKP infection and colonization in RICU. VITEK 2 compact was used for initial antimicrobial susceptibilities. For those suspected CRE isolates, E-tests were performed as a

confirmation for the resistance. The Carbapenem Inactivation Method (CIM) was utilized for detecting the production of carbapenemase. The homology was analyzed by pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) and multilocus sequence typing (MLST).

Results. Between April and October in 2017, 13 cases with CRKP infection were identified (Figure 1 and Table 1). Multiple environmental samples of 668 were collected during 7 months. Nearly 75 percent of the involved patients received the first anus swab screening within 48 hours upon RICU admission. The number of the resistance positivity was 26 clinical specimens, 39 anal swabs, and 6 environmental samples. Most of the isolated strain ID and genetic characterization was illustrated as the Figure 2 and 3.

Conclusion. The origin of the CRKP isolates in RICU probably due to the dissemination of diverse groups. The standardization of the novel and more innovative interventions in tackling such the epidemicity should be implemented further.

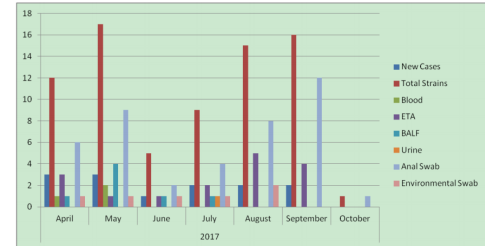


Fig. 1. The number of CRKP infected cases associated with healthcare and CRKP positivity strains in AST between April and October in 2017
Note. CRKP, carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae*; AST, antimicrobial susceptibility test; ETA, endotracheal aspirate; BALF, bronchoalveolar lavage fluid

Table 1. Clinical characteristics of patients with CRKP positivity in AST

Age (years)	Gender	Date from Admission to Discharge (RICU) (day/month/year)	Major Diagnosis (On Admission)	Underlying Disease (day/month/year)	Duration of Ventilator Care (Date Range; Total Utilization Hours)	Clinical Specimen	Date of Isolation (day/month/year)	Source	Antimicrobial Susceptibility	Treatment before Isolation	Treatment after Isolation	Outcome
54	Male	05/24/18, 2017 (13 Days)	IP	No other illness	04/18/14, 2017; 477	ETA	11/02/17	CRE	IPM+TLC	TLC+CEP+MIN		Deceased
70	Male	11/02/18, 2017 (13 Days)	IP	Metabolic syndrome	11/02/18, 2017; 295	BALF	17/02/17	PFGE	CEP+TLC	IPM		Deceased
63	Male	04/15/15, 2017 (18 Days)	Severe pneumonia/Liver cancer		12/15/15, 2017; 784	Blood	2/02/17	PFGE	ETP/PM+LVX	IPM+CTM		Survived
79	Male	05/17/15, 2017 (17 Days)	Severe pneumonia/Lung cancer		05/17/15, 2017; 173	BALF	3/02/17	CRE	AZM+NOB+OPM	IPM+CEP+TLC		Survived
49	Male	05/21/15, 2017 (14 Days)	Peritonitis	Severe pneumonia	05/15/15, 2017; 209	BALF	1/02/17	PFGE	MOX+IPM+L	IPM+CTC		Survived
51	Male	04/26/16, 2017 (14 Days)	Severe pneumonia	PFIB	Nonventilator ventilator	BALF	27/02/17	CRE	IPM+LVX	MOX+TLC+CEP		Deceased
88	Male	04/12/16, 2017 (19 Days)	Severe pneumonia/CPFD	Silicosis	04/12/16, 2017; 202	BALF	06/20/17	PFGE	IPM+AMX+AZM	CEP+AMK+LVX		Deceased
58	Male	11/04/17, 2017 (12 Days)	Severe pneumonia/Lung cancer		21/02/18 & 05/15/15, 2017; 501	ETA & Urine	07/18/17, 2017	CRE/PCR	CEP+LVX+VIO	No treatment received		Deceased
80	Male	07/22/17, 2017 (18 Days)	IP	Metabolic syndrome	07/15/17, 2017; 133	BALF	10/20/17	PFGE	PIP+LVX+CEZ	CEZ+TLC		Deceased
73	Male	06/25/16, 2017 (17 Days)	Severe pneumonia	Metabolic syndrome	20/5/16, 2017; 431	BALF	2/02/17	PFGE	IPM+MIN+TLC	TLC+LVX+AMK		Deceased
73	Male	25/05/16, 2017 (15 Days)	Severe pneumonia	Metabolic syndrome	18/5/16, 2017; 777	ETA	1/02/17	PFGE	IPM+VOR	CEP+TLC+AMK		Deceased
82	Male	29/09/18, 2017 (19 Days)	Severe pneumonia	Metabolic syndrome	12/04/18/18, 2017; 688	ETA	2/02/17	PFGE	LVX+CTZ+MEM+MEM+AMK+CTZ			Deceased
31	Male	12/04/18, 2017 (48 Days)	IP	No other illness	12/04/18	ETA	2/02/17	PFGE	CTZ+MEM+MEM+AMK+CTZ+VAN			Survived

Note: IP, idiopathic interstitial pneumonia; CPFD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; PFIB, pulmonary fibrosis; ETA, endotracheal aspirate; BALF, bronchoalveolar lavage fluid; CRE, carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae; ventilator care, invasive ventilator care; ETA, endotracheal aspirate; BALF, bronchoalveolar lavage fluid; CEZ, carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae; PIP, piperacillin; AMK, ampicillin; AZM, aztreonam; TLM, tigecycline; TLC, tigecycline; CEP, ceftazidime; MOX, moxifloxacin; ETP, eropenem; LVX, levofloxacin; AMX, amoxicillin; VOR, voriconazole; PIP, piperacillin and sodium; TLM, ticlopidine; MEM, meropenem.

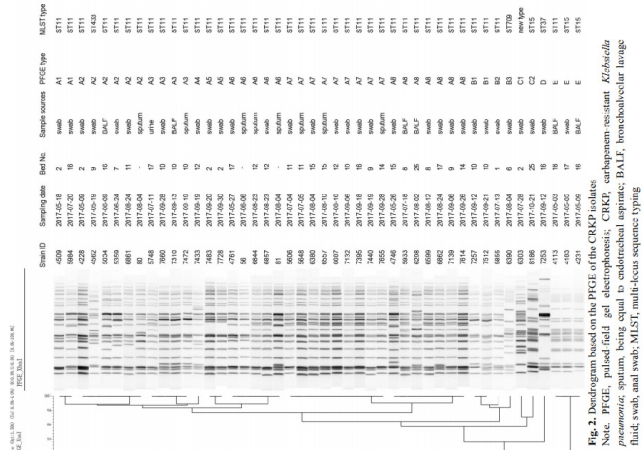


Fig. 2. Dendrogram based on the PFGE of the CRKP isolates
Note. PFGE, pulsed-field gel electrophoresis; CRKP, carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae*; sporum, being equal to endotracheal aspirate; BALF, bronchoalveolar lavage fluid; swab, anal swab; MLST, multi-locus sequence typing

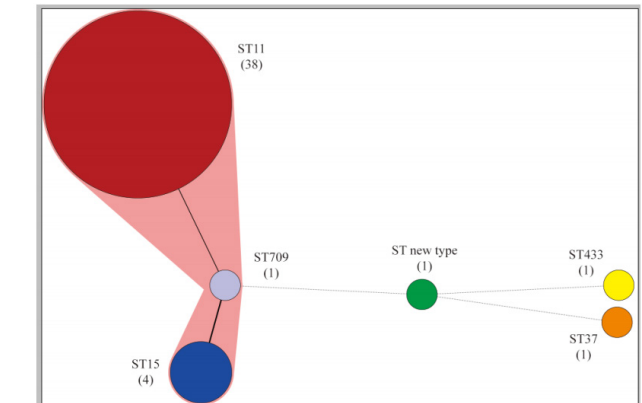


Fig. 3. Dendrogram based on the MLST tree of the CRKP isolates
Note. MLST, multi-locus sequence typing; CRKP, carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae*.

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