

Conclusion. CAZ-AVI demonstrated very good *in vitro* activity against Enterobacteriales and *P. aeruginosa* isolates from China, including those that harbor KPC.

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1269. Infection, Clinical Syndromes and Antimicrobial Resistance by *Aeromonas* species: 13-Year Experience with an Emerging Pathogen at a Tertiary Care Center

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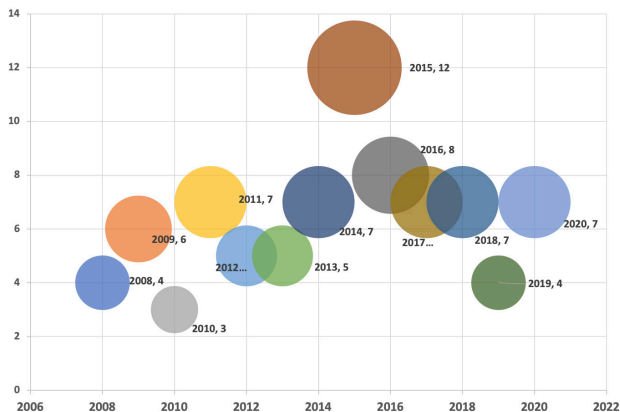
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Background. *Aeromonas* spp. are emerging pathogens that cause a wide breadth of clinical syndromes, ranging from acute gastroenteritis to skin and soft tissue infections, sepsis, and “flesh-eating” necrotizing fasciitis. Aeromonads have been associated with natural disasters and have predominance in estuarine ecosystems, generating a negative impact on the fishing industry and aquaculture, as well as morbidity and mortality in human populations at risk. Antimicrobial resistance patterns differ by geographic locations worldwide, and studies to guide the therapy in the era of multidrug resistance are lacking in the US.

Methods. A retrospective case series was designed to chart review all adult subjects who had culture proven *Aeromonas* spp. infections during the period 2008-2020. Demographic data, water exposure, clinical syndromes on presentation, origin (community-acquired vs. nosocomial) and severity of infection, antibiograms, empirical antibiotics, time-to-appropriate therapy, and treatment outcomes were collected.

Results. Eighty-two subjects were included in the analysis. Demographic and clinical data is summarized in Table 1. Near 20% individuals had water exposure, including 53% of those with traumatic wound infections. Skin and soft tissue infection (including traumatic and surgical wound infections) was the most frequent clinical syndrome (51.2%). Sepsis was present on admission in 33% inpatients. Appropriate antibiotics were instituted in a median of 2 days (IQR=1-5), and the most prescribed empiric agents were piperacillin-tazobactam (48%) and meropenem (13.3%). Most isolates were susceptible to cefepime (70/71, 98.6%), levofloxacin (72/78, 92.3%) and TMP-SMX (69/78, 88.5%). Resistance to meropenem was reported in 18/31 isolates (58.1%) after 2015. Treatment failure was identified in 32.3% cases.

Timeline of *Aeromonas* spp. Cases in the Period 2008-2020



Most cases (55%) were encountered during the months of spring and summer, which have warmer temperatures and seasonal heavy rains. Tropical storms caused significant flooding in the Galveston Bay area and Southeast Texas during the summer of 2015, which interestingly coincides with the high number of cases. However, following Hurricane Ike in 2008 or Hurricane Harvey in 2017, the number of cases did not significantly increase.

Table 1. Demographic and clinical data of 82 subjects with infections by *Aeromonas* spp.

Variable	n	(%)	Variable	n	(%)
Age	45.15 (SD 18.13)		Specimen source		
Sex			Blood	9	(11)
Male	52	(63.4)	Wound	47	(57.3)
Female	30	(36.6)	Stool	2	(2.4)
Immune status			Urine	5	(6.1)
Diabetes	18	(58.1)	Other body fluid	14	(17.1)
Cirrhosis	4	(12.9)	Quantitative	10	(12.2)
HIV	1	(3.2)	Clinical Setting		
Transplant	1	(3.2)	Outpatient	16	(19.5)
Autoimmune or rheumatologic disease	1	(3.2)	Inpatient	66	(80.5)
Corticosteroid therapy	1	(3.2)	Monomicrobial infection	22	(26.8)
Active malignancy	11	(35.5)	Polymicrobial infection	60	(73.2)
Ongoing chemotherapy	2	(6.5)	Severity of disease		
Ongoing other immunosuppressants	2	(6.5)	Uncomplicated	46	(56.1)
Clinical Syndrome on presentation			Complicated	36	(43.9)
Intraabdominal			Sepsis		
Diarrhea	3	(3.7)	Present on admission	22	(26.8)
Gastroenteritis	4	(4.9)	Hospital-acquired	5	(6.1)
Colitis	1	(1.2)	No sepsis	55	(67.1)
Cholecystitis	2	(2.4)	ICU admission		
Cholangitis	5	(6.1)	Yes	31	(37.8)
Peritonitis	3	(3.7)	No	51	(62.2)
Community-acquired pneumonia	1	(1.2)	Treatment outcome		
Skin & soft tissue infection	16	(19.5)	Successful	48	(58.5)
Traumatic wound infection	15	(18.3)	Failure	23	(28)
Surgical wound infection	9	(11)	Unable to determine	11	(13.4)
Necrotizing fasciitis	2	(2.4)	30-day All-cause Mortality		
Urinary tract infection	4	(4.9)	Yes	8	(9.8)
Burns	21	(25.6)	No	70	(85.4)
			Unable to determine	4	(4.9)

Conclusion. Aeromonads are emerging pathogens that cause mainly intraabdominal and skin and soft tissue infections. Their incidence is seasonal (55% cases in spring and summer) and it is associated with water exposure in more than half of those with traumatic wound infections. In subjects with specific risk factors, the use of carbapenem-sparing strategies, such as 3rd or 4th generation cephalosporins, fluoroquinolones or TMP-SMX, may improve outcomes.

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1270. Molecular Characterization of Carbapenemase Producing Enterobacteriales, *Acinetobacter* spp. and *Pseudomonas* spp. in Nosocomial and Community-acquired Clinical Isolates in Bogota, Colombia

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Background. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs) is a public health problem. AMR is a concerning problem in Gram-negative bacteria such as Enterobacteriales, which are frequently carbapenem-resistant pathogens (CRP), and few therapeutic options are available. However, scarce data is known regarding the clinical, molecular characteristics, and clinical outcomes of patients infected with carbapenem-resistant pathogens in LMICs. Thus, this study will attempt to bring novel data in these regards.

Methods. This is a retrospective cohort study conducted in two reference hospitals in Colombia, South America. All consecutive patients infected with CRPs between 2017 and 2021 were included. Clinical data were gathered by retrospective chart review. Bacterial pathogens and antibiotic susceptibility were prospectively identified and stored by each hospital. Molecular characterization was performed by PCR in isolated bacteria.