

# Piperacillin pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics during continuous infusion in critically ill patients

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## Introduction and purpose

The purpose of this study was to describe the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of Piperacillin during continuous infusion in critically ill patients and to determine the frequency in which pharmacodynamic targets are achieved.

## Methods

Critically ill patients receiving Piperacillin (+Tazobactam) in 2013 were eligible for this study. A loading dose of 2000mg and individualised maintenance doses, based on renal function and applied renal replacement therapy (RRT), were administered by continuous infusion. Within the first 12-24(48) hours of therapy the first serum level was drawn and measured with validated HPLC-UV methods. Primary target concentration was a steady state concentration of > (16)32-100 mg/l. Overdose was defined by a serum level > 100 mg/l, reflecting a Piperacillin dose > 32g/24h in normal subjects.

Number of patients	Mean age [years]	Mean SAPS II (median; range)	Mean TISS (median; range)	Number of patients on RRT
180 (160m;64f)	71 (75;24-91)	37.2 (37;0-83)	10.4 (10;0-36)	35 (19.4%)
Patients with severe sepsis	Patients with septic shock	ICU mortality	Success of therapy	Mean duration of therapy
53 (29.4%)	50 (27.8%)	57 31.7 %	129 (72.1%)	6.5 (6; 2-19)

## Results

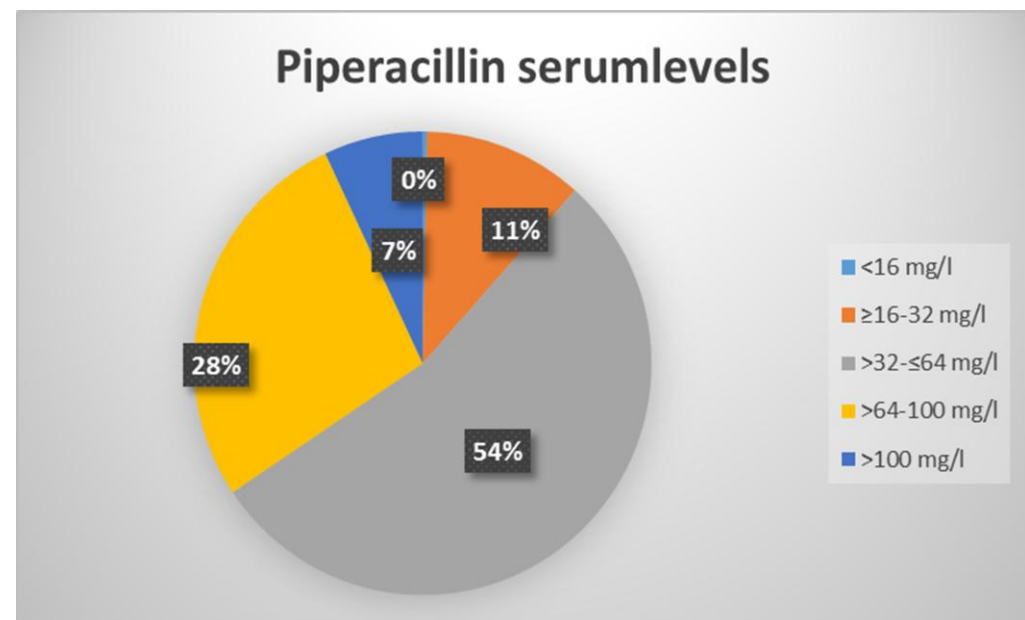
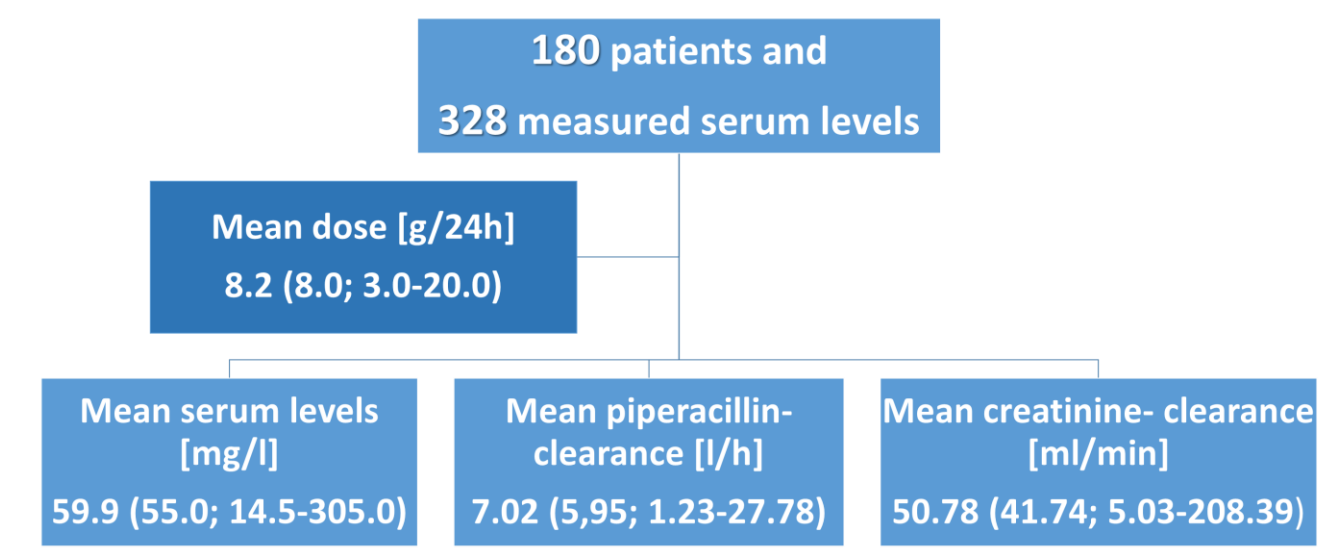


Table1: patient characteristics and clinical data; data are presented as the median and range or as a number with the percentage in parenthesis

## Conclusion

Piperacillin clearance in critically ill patients shows high variation, requiring a wide range of doses to achieve target levels. By individualising and optimisation of antibiotic dosing, PK/PD targets can be achieved in the majority of patients. Our study suggests that individual dosing strategies, as well as application of Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (TDM), are advisable to avoid the risk of treatment failure or doses dependent toxicity. These methods may also decrease the development of resistance.

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Dose adjustment after first measurement			Dose adjustment after following measurements		
	Number patients	[% ]		Number patients	[% ]
Dose maintained	136	75.6	Dose maintained	133	89.8
Dose increased	12	6.6	Dose increased	6	4.1
Dose decreased	32	17.8	Dose decreased	9	6.1

Table2: Need for dose adjustment after first and following TDM levels (presented as a number of patients or percentage)