

# Prevalence of multidrug resistance among bacterial pathogens obtained from patients in hospitals and the role of tigecycline: results of the PEG 2013 study

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## Background

The treatment of infectious diseases has increasingly been threatened by multidrug-resistant (MDR) pathogens such as extended-spectrum  $\beta$ -lactamase (ESBL)-producing *Escherichia coli* (ECO) and *Klebsiella* species, carbapenem-resistant (CR) Enterobacteriaceae, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (PAE), and *Acinetobacter baumannii* (ABA) as well as methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and vancomycin-resistant (VR) *Enterococcus* species (1, 2). Tigecycline has been shown to be active against many Gram-negative and Gram-positive bacteria, except PAE and *Proteaeae* (3-5). The objectives of the present study were i) to determine the prevalence of MDR pathogens among clinical isolates obtained from hospital patients in 2013, and ii) to assess the activity of tigecycline against these MDR pathogens.

## Material/methods

In a surveillance study conducted by the Paul-Ehrlich-Society (PEG) between October and December 2013, 25 laboratories across Germany (n=22), Switzerland (n=2) and Austria (n=1) were requested each to collect 240 non-duplicate isolates. Isolates were identified by MALDI-TOF. Minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) were determined by broth microdilution (BMD) according to ISO 20776-1 (6). Breakpoints (BP) approved by EUCAST (v. 5.0) were applied, if available (7). ESBL testing was performed according to CLSI criteria (8). CR in Gram-negative bacteria was defined as resistance to imipenem and/or meropenem. Molecular methods were those described previously (9-13). Data from the following bacterial species was evaluated: ABA, *A. pittii*, ECO, *Klebsiella oxytoca* (KOX), *K. pneumoniae* (KPN), PAE, *Proteus mirabilis* (PMI), *Enterococcus faecalis* (EFS), *E. faecium* (EFM), and *S. aureus* (SAU).

## Results

The data of 3.646 isolates was analyzed. Twenty-four percent derived from patients in intensive care units (ICU). Fifty-eight percent of the patients were male. Data on the prevalence of MDR pathogens among the bacterial species analyzed is given in Table 1 and data on the prevalence of resistance determinants or epidemiological subtypes is shown in the Figure. Susceptibility data to tigecycline for the MDR pathogens of nine species is given in Table 2.

## Members of the Working Party

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## Conclusions

In comparing the results from the present surveillance with those from the PEG study conducted in 2010, the rate of ESBL-ECO decreased (-2.5%), while the rate of ESBL-KPN increased (+2.7%). CR was still low in Enterobacteriaceae species, >10% in PAE (-6%), and nearly 30% in ABA (+10%) (14). As for the Gram-positive species, VR increased in EFM (+3.9%), while the prevalence of MRSA decreased (-3.2%). The resistance situation of tigecycline did not change for any of the tested species.

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Table 1: Prevalence of resistance phenotypes

Bacterial species (no. tested)	Resistance phenotype % (n)			
	ESBL	Resistant to carbapenems	MRSA	VR
<i>E. coli</i> (596)	14.9 (89)	0 (0)		
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> (304)	17.4 (53)	1.3 (4)		
<i>K. oxytoca</i> (132)	8.3 (11)	0 (0)		
<i>P. mirabilis</i> (216)	2.3 (5)	0 (0)		
<i>A. baumannii</i> (88)	n.d.	30.7 (27) <sup>a)</sup>		
<i>A. pittii</i> (85)	n.d.	1.8 (1)		
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (733)	n.d.	11.3 (83)		
<i>S. aureus</i> (748)			13.5 (101)	
<i>E. faecium</i> (320)				16.6 (53)
<i>E. faecalis</i> (424)				0.2 (1)

Abbreviations: n.d., not determined. <sup>a)</sup> Revised data compared to abstract

Table 2: *In vitro* activity of tigecycline against MDR bacterial pathogens

Bacterial species, phenotype (no. tested)	MIC <sub>50</sub> (mg/L)	MIC <sub>90</sub> (mg/L)	%-S	%-I	%-R
<i>E. coli</i> , ESBL+ (89)	0.25	0.5	100	0	0
<i>K. oxytoca</i> , ESBL+ (11)	0.5	1	100	0	0
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> , ESBL+ (53)	0.5	1	94.3	3.8	1.9
<i>P. mirabilis</i> , ESBL+ (5)	4	8	0	20.0	80.0
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> , CR (4)	1	1	100	0	0
<i>A. baumannii</i> , CR (27) <sup>a)</sup>	1	2	No EUCAST BP available		
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> , CR (83)	Not determined				
<i>S. aureus</i> , MR (101)	0.125	0.25	100	–	0
<i>E. faecium</i> , VR (53)	0.063	0.125	96.2	1.9	1.9
<i>E. faecalis</i> , VR (1)	–	–	100	0	0

Abbreviations: ESBL+, ESBL phenotype; CR, carbapenem-resistant; MR, methicillin-resistant; VR, vancomycin-resistant; BP, breakpoint; <sup>a)</sup> Revised data compared to abstract

Figure: Prevalence of resistance determinants or epidemiological subtypes among most common resistance phenotypes

