

### Activity of the novel antimicrobial ceftolozane/tazobactam (CXA-201) tested against contemporary clinical strains from European hospitals

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**Objective:** To evaluate the in vitro activity of ceftolozane/tazobactam (CXA-201) against Gram-negative organisms isolated from patients in European (EU) hospitals in 2011. CXA-201 is a combination of the novel oxyimino-aminothiazolyl cephalosporin ceftolozane and tazobactam (TAZ), and is currently under clinical development for treatment of complicated intraabdominal (cIAI) and urinary tract infections (cUTI). **Methods:** CXA-201 and comparators were susceptibility (S) tested by CLSI broth microdilution methods against 3210 clinical strains, which included 519 *P. aeruginosa* (PSA; 25.8% ceftazidime [CAZ]-non-S and 28.5% meropenem [MER]-non-S), 1174 *E. coli* (17.2% ESBL-phenotype), 485 *Klebsiella* spp. (33.4% ESBL-phenotype and 3.3% MER-non-S), and 239 *Enterobacter* spp. (26.8% ceftriaxone-non-S), among others. **Results:** When tested against PSA, CXA-201 was at least 4-fold more active than CAZ or cefepime and inhibited 76.4% of MER-non-S strains at MIC of  $\leq 4$  mg/L. CXA-201 exhibited activity against PSA CAZ-non-S (MIC<sub>50/90</sub>, 4/ $>32$  mg/L), MER-non-S (MIC<sub>50/90</sub>, 2/ $>32$  mg/L) and both CAZ and MER-non-S strains (MIC<sub>50/90</sub>, 4/ $>32$  mg/L). Piperacillin/TAZ (P/T; MIC<sub>50/90</sub>, 8/ $>64$  mg/L) was active against 68.4% of PSA at S breakpoint of  $\leq 16$  mg/L. CXA-201 activity against ESBL-negative *E. coli* and *Klebsiella* spp. was similar to that of CAZ, in contrast, CXA-201 was 16- to 32-fold more active than CAZ when tested against ESBL producers. Against *Enterobacter* spp. and *Citrobacter* spp., CXA-201 was slightly more active than CAZ (Table). **Conclusions:** CXA-201 demonstrated higher activity than currently available anti-PSA cephalosporins (CAZ and CPM) and P/T when tested against PSA and Enterobacteriaceae strains from EU hospitals and may represent a valuable treatment option for Gram-negative infections, including those caused by resistant organisms causing cIAI, cUTI and HABP.

Table. Activity of ceftolozane/tazobactam tested against Gram-negative organisms from European hospitals

Organism (no. tested)	no. of isolates (cumulative %) inhibited at ceftolozane/tazobactam MIC (mg/L) of:								
	$\leq 0.12$	0.25	0.5	1	2	4	8	16	32
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (519)	0(0.0)	10(1.9)	201(40.7)	191(77.5)	36(84.4)	41(92.3)	10(94.2)	1(94.4)	4(95.2)
Ceftazidime-S (385)	0(0.0)	10(2.6)	200(54.5)	165(97.4)	10(100.0)	-	-	-	-
CAZ-non-S (134)	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	1(0.7)	26(20.1)	26(39.6)	41(70.1)	10(77.6)	1(78.4)	4(81.3)
MER-S (371)	0(0.0)	10(2.7)	181(51.5)	143(90.0)	19(95.2)	13(98.7)	5(100.0)	-	-
MER-non-S (148)	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	20(13.5)	48(46.0)	17(57.4)	28(76.4)	5(79.7)	1(80.4)	4(83.1)
CAZ & MER-non-S (80)	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	7(8.8)	10(21.3)	28(56.3)	5(62.5)	1(63.8)	4(68.8)
<i>E. coli</i> (1174)	493(42.0)	469(81.9)	125(92.6)	48(96.7)	16(98.0)	11(99.0)	4(99.3)	2(99.5)	3(99.7)
ESBL phenotype (202)	9(4.5)	43(25.7)	68(59.4)	44(81.2)	15(88.6)	11(94.1)	4(96.0)	2(97.0)	3(98.5)
ESBL negative (972)	484(49.8)	426(93.6)	57(99.5)	4(99.9)	1(100.0)	-	-	-	-
<i>Klebsiella</i> spp. (485)	104(21.4)	159(54.2)	77(70.1)	53(81.0)	22(85.6)	21(89.9)	10(92.0)	6(93.2)	9(95.1)
ESBL phenotype (162)	5(3.1)	6(6.8)	24(21.6)	36(43.8)	21(56.8)	21(69.8)	10(75.9)	6(79.6)	9(85.2)
ESBL negative (323)	99(30.7)	153(78.0)	53(94.4)	17(99.7)	1(100.0)	-	-	-	-
<i>Enterobacter</i> spp. (239)	26(10.9)	100(52.7)	48(72.8)	14(78.7)	16(85.4)	12(90.4)	9(94.1)	4(95.8)	4(97.5)
<i>Citrobacter</i> spp. (101)	18(17.8)	49(66.3)	9(75.2)	9(84.2)	1(85.1)	3(88.1)	3(91.1)	7(98.0)	1(99.0)
Indole-pos. Proteae (109)	19(17.4)	43(56.9)	37(90.8)	8(98.2)	2(100.0)	-	-	-	-
<i>P. mirabilis</i> (142)	3(2.1)	40(30.3)	79(85.9)	10(93.0)	4(95.8)	2(97.2)	2(98.6)	2(100.0)	-