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Susceptibilities of Gram-negative pathogens from hospitalised patients to colistin and fosfomycin in Germany, 2010

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Objectives: The treatment of infectious diseases caused by Gram-negative bacteria (GNB) has increasingly been threatened by the emergence and dissemination of multidrug resistant [MDR] strains. Colistin (COL) and fosfomycin (FOS) have been shown to be effective against MDR GNB. The objective of this study was to evaluate the susceptibilities (S) of clinical isolates of *Enterobacter* spp. (ENS), *Escherichia coli* (ECO), *Klebsiella oxytoca* (KOX), *K. pneumoniae* (KPN), *Proteus mirabilis* (PMI), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (PAE) and the *Acinetobacter-baumannii*-group (ABA) to COL, FOS and comparators. **Methods:** A total of 1,888 isolates were prospectively collected from 21 laboratories across Germany, which participated in the surveillance study conducted by the Paul-Ehrlich-Society in 2010. MICs of COL, FOS, ciprofloxacin (CIP), ceftazidime (CAZ), gentamicin (GEN) and meropenem (MEM) were determined by the microdilution method according to the standard ISO 20776-1 and interpreted by EUCAST species-related clinical breakpoints, if applicable. The CLSI MIC method was employed as screening test for ESBL-producing isolates. **Results:** Isolates were primarily recovered from wounds (23%), respiratory specimens (20%) and urine (19%). There were 544 ICU isolates and 1,344 non-ICU isolates. Of the ECO, KPN, KOX and PMI isolates, 18%, 17%, 14% and <1% showed an ESBL-phenotype. 4 KPN (2%) harboured a carbapenemase. MIC-50/90 values are displayed in the Table. Of the ECO isolates, 100% were S to COL and 99% to FOS, while 100% were S to MEM, 89% to GEN and 65% to CIP. S rates of ENS were 91% for COL and 62% for FOS compared to 68%, 91%, 97%, and >99% for CAZ, CIP, GEN and MEM, respectively. Among KPN and KOX, S rates were 98-100% and 78-82% for COL and FOS, respectively, and 78-88%, 89-97% and 98-100% for CIP, GEN and MEM, respectively. COL was not active against PMI, as expected. S in PMI to FOS was 81%, while S rates for MEM, GEN, and CIP were 100%, 87%, and 80%, respectively. COL was the most active drug against ABA and PAE, with S rates of >99% and 100%, respectively. For ABA, S of comparators varied between 79% (CIP) and 89% (MEM), and for PAE between 73% (CIP) and 91% (GEN). 10% and 3.5% of the ABA and PAE isolates, respectively, harboured a carbapenemase. **Conclusion:** S to COL was high (90%) among all GNB, except PMI, while S to FOS was seen in 99% of ECO and ca. 80% of the other enterobacterial isolates. Both drugs may thus play role as therapeutic options against MDR GNB.

Table: MIC-50/90 values of COL and FOS (mg/L)

Species / group (n)	COL		FOS	
	MIC-50	MIC-90	MIC-50	MIC-90
Enterobacter spp. (231)	≤1	2	32	≥256
Escherichia coli (465)	≤1	≤1	≤1	8
Klebsiella oxytoca (117)	≤1	≤1	16	128
Klebsiella pneumoniae (240)	≤1	≤1	16	64
Proteus mirabilis (128)	≥16	≥16	8	128
Acinetobacter-baumannii-group (167)	≤1	≤1	128	128
Pseudomonas aeruginosa (540)	≤1	≤1	128	≥256