

# **Spectrum of activity and in vitro susceptibility patterns (focus on CPE)**

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# Activity spectra

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# Substrate profiles in general

TABLE 4. Substrate and inhibition profiles of the carbapenemases

Molecular class	Functional group	Enzyme	Hydrolysis profile <sup>a</sup>					Inhibition profile <sup>b</sup>	
			Penicillins	Early cephalosporins	Extended-spectrum cephalosporins	Aztreonam	Carbapenems	EDTA	Clavulanic acid
A	2f	NMC	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
		IMI	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
		SME	+	+	±	+	+	-	+
		KPC	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
		GES	+	+	+	-	±	-	+
B1	3	IMP	+	+	+	-	+	+	-
		VIM	+	+	+	-	+	+	-
		GIM	+	+	+	-	+	+	-
		SPM	+	+	+	-	+	+	-
D	2d	OXA	+	+	±	-	±	-	±

# Class A: KPCs

- In general KPCs hydrolyse all clinically relevant  $\beta$ -lactams of broader use:

- penicillins (penicillinases)
- 1st & 2nd generation cephalosporins
- 3rd & 4th generation cephalosporins (ESCs)
- monobactams
- carbapenems (carbapenemases)

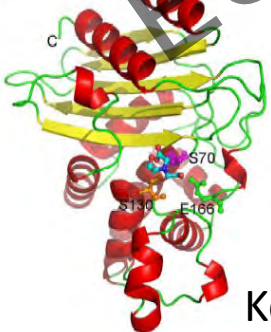
- Are inhibited by:

- $\beta$ -lactam inhibitors
- avibactam

- Details: weak hydrolysis of FOX & CAZ

Tzouveleki et al. 2012; Nordmann & Poirel 2014

KPC-2: $k_{cat}/K_m$ [ $\mu\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ ]	
Benzylpenicillin	1.4
Ampicillin	0.9
Piperacillin	1.3
Cephalothin	1.1
Cephaloridine	0.9
Cefoxitin	0.002
Cefotaxime	0.1
Ceftazidime	0.001
Aztreonam	0.06
Imipenem	0.3
Meropenem	0.3



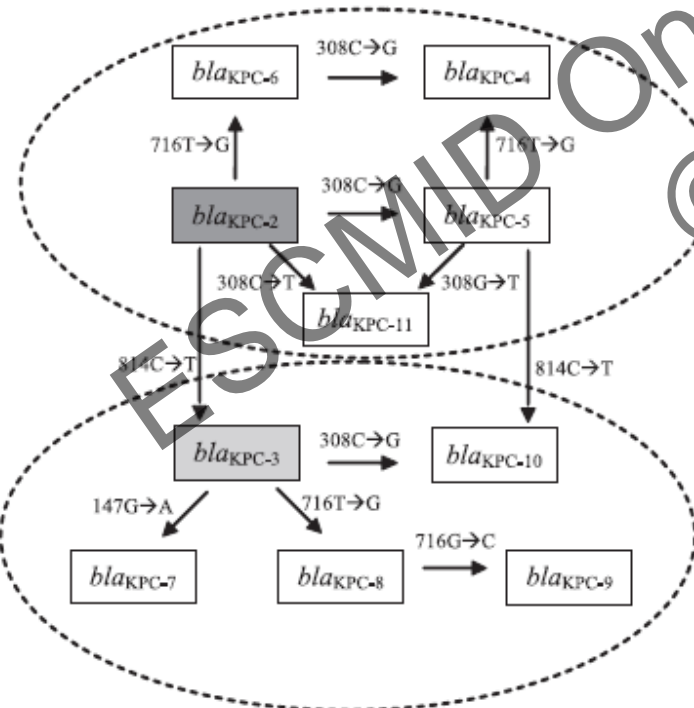
Ke et al. 2007

Yigit et al. 2001; Yigit et al. 2003

# KPCs

- **KPCs:**
- 23 variants ([www.Lahey.org/studies](http://www.Lahey.org/studies))
- mainly **KPC-2** i **KPC-3**
- few (?) polymorphic positions
- unclear evolution

Chen et al. 2011



KPC variant (mutations)	$k_{cat}/K_m$ [ $\mu\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ ]		
	AMP	IPM	CAZ
KPC-2	0.23	0.19	0.0008
KPC-5 (P104R)	0.22	0.12	0.009
KPC-11 (P104L)	0.1	0.22	0.002
KPC-6 (V240G)	0.46	0.16	0.004
KPC-3 (H274Y)	0.52	0.32	0.007
KPC-4 (P104R+V240G)	0.12	0.14	0.04
KPC-10 (P104R+H274Y)	0.3	0.15	0.06
KPC-9 (V240A+H274Y)	0.33	0.24	0.02
KPC-8 (V240G+H274Y)	0.18	0.22	0.03
KPC-7 (M49I+H274Y)	0.56	0.26	0.006

- **Substitutions P104R, V240G, H274Y:**
  - increase CAZ hydrolysis
  - especially in double combinations
- decrease thermal stability; still well-folded enzymes

Mehta et al. 2015

# Class A: GESes

- **ESBL family** with 27 variants known to date ([www.Lahey.org/studies](http://www.Lahey.org/studies))
- **Several carbapenemases: GES-2, -4, -5, -6, -11, -14, -18...** (CPE)
- **Position G170 in the  $\Omega$  loop:**
  - G170N: GES-1  $\rightarrow$  GES-2
  - G170S: GES-3  $\rightarrow$  GES-4; also in GES-5 & -6
- Rather weak carbapenemase activity upon mutations
- Changes in activity against ESCs & cephamycins

Catalytic efficiency,  $k_{cat}/K_m$  [ $\mu\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ ]

substrate	GES-1	GES-2	GES-3	<u>GES-4</u>
CTX	0.015	0.003	0.11	0.024
CAZ	0.188	NM	0.023	0.002
FOX	0.033	NH	NH	0.11
IPM	0.00007	0.009	NH	0.081

Stewart et al. 2015



Poirel et al. 2001; Wachino et al. 2004; Vourli et al. 2004; Kotsakis et al. 2010

# Class A: others

- Like KPCs, 3 types with likely ‘intrinsic’ carbapenemase activity:

- **NMC-A / IMI:**
  - 12 variants
- **SME:**
  - 5 variants
- **SFC-1**

	$k_{cat}/K_m$ [ $\mu\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ ]			
	KPC-2	IMI-1	SME-3	SFC-1
Benzylpenicillin	1.4	0.6	2.9	nd
Ampicillin	0.9	0.2	1.3	0.9
Cephalothin	1.1	0.9	nd	2.2
Cephaloridine	0.9	1.9	3.41	nd
Cefoxitin	0.002	0.007	0.0005	0.05
Cefotaxime	0.1	0.02	0.01	0.09
Ceftazidime	0.001	0.00002	0.0008	0.04
Aztreonam	0.06	0.6	0.2	0.3
Imipenem	0.3	0.5	2.1	0.7
Meropenem	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3

Sougakoff et al. 2002

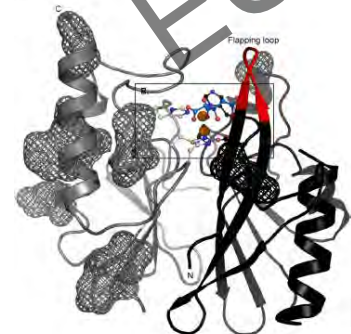


Naas et al. 1994; Mariotte-Boyer et al. 1996; Rasmussen et al. 1996; Majiduddin & Palzkill 2003; Queenan et al. 2006; Fonseca et al. 2007; [www.Lahey.org/studies](http://www.Lahey.org/studies)

# Class B: MBLs

- **MBLs hydrolyse most of clinically relevant  $\beta$ -lactams:**
  - penicillins
  - 1st & 2nd generation cephalosporins
  - ESCs
  - carbapenems (carbapenemases)
- **Spare monobactams**
- **Are inhibited by chelators**
  - EDTA
  - thiols (MPA, SMA)
  - rhodanine-derived thioenolates
- **Are not inhibited by  $\beta$ -lactam inhibitors**

- **MBL types in CPE:**
  - IMPs
  - VIMs, mainly **VIM-1** types
  - **NDMs**
  - rare: GIMs, KHM



Lassaux et al. 2011

Walsh et al. 2005; Tzouveleki et al. 2012;  
Nordmann & Poirel 2014; Brem et al. 2014;  
Wendel & MacKenzie 2015



# MBLs

- VIM-1 types evolve modifying activity against carbapenems and other  $\beta$ -lactams (penicillins, cephalosporins)

- Few positions:

- T33A
- N215K
- H224L
- S228R

		$k_{cat}/K_m$ [ $\mu\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ ]				
$\beta$ -Lactam	IMP-1	VIM-2	VIM-1	VIM-4	VIM-19	VIM-26
Benzylpenicillin	0.6	4.0	0.04	3.1	5.0	40.0
Ampicillin	nd	1.4	0.04	0.07	nd	21.0
Cephalothin	2.4	11.8	5.1	36.0	nd	nd
Cefoxitin	2.0	1.2	0.2	nd	0.5	0.01
Cefotaxime	0.4	5.8	0.7	nd	30.0	nd
Ceftazidime	0.2	0.05	0.08	nd	0.02	0.03
Aztreonam	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imipenem	1.2	3.8	1.3	23.0	6.0	0.3
Meropenem	0.1	2.5	0.3	0.9	2.0	0.2

Laraki et al. 1999; Docquier et al. 2003; Franceschini et al. 2000; Lassaux et al. 2011; Rodriguez-Fernandez et al. 2010; Leiros et al. 2015

# MBLs

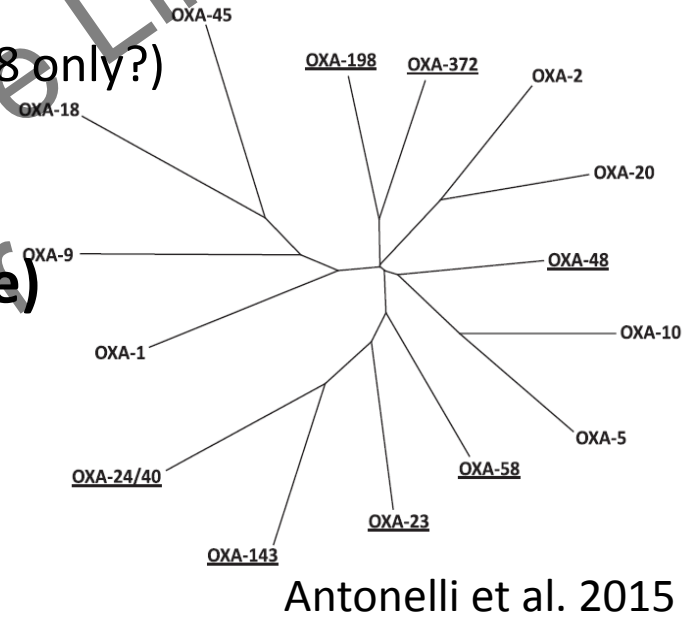
- The so far NDM evolution does not seem to cause major differences in carbapenem-hydrolysing activity

- differences in thermal stability
- more stable variants with higher MICs; biological relevance unclear

	$k_{cat}/K_m$ [ $\mu\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ ]						
$\beta$ -Lactam	NDM-1	NDM-3 D95N	NDM-4 M154L	NDM-5 M154L V88L	NDM-6 A233V	NDM-7 M154L D130N	NDM-8 M154L D130G
Ampicillin	4.1	2.8	2.9	2.6	3.0	2.3	1.2
Cephalothin	2.6	4.6	4.1	1.6	6.1	1.5	1.9
Cefoxitin	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Ceftazidime	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Imipenem	7.6	9.2	4.1	2.2	5.8	2.3	2.9
Meropenem	5.2	4.2	4.9	4.1	7.4	4.3	2.6
Doripenem	1.9	2.0	6.0	4.5	8.6	5.4	1.7

# Class D: CHDLs

- **CHDLs hydrolyse:**
  - penicillins (oxacillinases), incl. temocillin (OXA-48 only?)
  - 1st generation cephalosporins
  - carbapenems (carbapenemases)
- **Low carbapenemase activity (imipenemase)**
- **ESCs: poor (CTX) or no activity (CAZ, FEP)**
- Are inhibited by NaCl
- **Poorly inhibited by  $\beta$ -lactam inhibitors**
  - avibactam?



## • **CHDL types in CPE:**

- **OXA-48 types**
- **OXA-372**
- very rare if at all: OXA-23, -40, -51, -58

Poirel et al. 2010; Poirel et al. 2012; Łęski et al. 2013;  
Antonelli et al. 2015; Docquier & Mangani 2015; Lahiri et al. 2015

Docquier et al. 2009



# OXA-48 types & -372

- A number of enzymes differing by 1-5 amino-acids from OXA-48
  - similar activity profiles
- Some others (-163, -247, -405):
  - ESC & ATM-hydrolysing activity; in practice no carbapenemase activity
  - partial inhibition by CLA & TZB; lower temocillin-hydrolysing activity

	$k_{cat}/K_m [\mu\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}]$						
$\beta$ -Lactam	OXA-48	OXA-162	OXA-163	OXA-181	OXA-204	OXA-232	OXA-372
Ampicillin	2.4	0.8	0.07	1.3	0.9	0.6	1.0
Oxacillin	1.4	0.04	0.4	1.1	0.5	1.2	1.2
Temocillin	0.006	0.004	nd	0.005	0.007	0.0005	0.09
Cephalothin	0.2	0.07	0.3	0.05	0.05	0.1	0.003
Cefotaxime	0.01	0.01	0.2	0.01	0.01	0.06	nh
Ceftazidime	nh	nh	0.003	nh	nh	0.0001	nh
Imipenem	0.4	0.4	0.00006	0.6	0.4	0.02	0.2
Meropenem	0.006	0.001	0.00003	0.002	0.0008	0.0003	0.5

**In vitro susceptibility patterns =  
resistance phenotypes**

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# CPE resistance phenotypes

- **Two major issues:**
  - **resistance profiles:**
    - should reflect activity spectra but if no interfering mechanisms
  - **resistance levels:**
    - mainly to carbapenems
- **Early works on CPE:**
  - carbapenem resistance levels vary largely
  - often low or very low level (S)
  - interfering mechanisms (*e. g.* ESBLs)
    - Taiwan 1999-2000: *K. pneumoniae* IMP-8

<i>K. pneumoniae</i> IMP-8 (n=17)	
IPM MIC	0.25 – >256 (0.5 – 1)
IPM MIC <sub>50</sub>	1
IPM MIC <sub>90</sub>	4
MEM MIC	0.25 – 16 (0.25 – 0.5)
MEM MIC <sub>50</sub>	0.5
MEM MIC <sub>90</sub>	1
ATM MIC	0.25 – 2
+SHV-12 ATM MIC	64 – >256

# CPE resistance phenotypes

**TABLE 1.** Resistance phenotypes resulting from the expression of the main carbapenemases reported in *Enterobacteriaceae* without or with extended-spectrum  $\beta$ -lactamases (ESBLs)

	AMX	AMC	TZP	CTX	CAZ	IMP	ETP	MER	ATM
KPC	R	S	R	R	R	S/R	VR	S/R	R
KPC + ESBL	R	I/R	R	R	R	I/R	VR	I/R	R
IMP/VIM/NDM	R	R	VR	R	VR	S/R	VR	S/R	S
IMP/VIM/NDM + ESBL	R	R	VR	R	R	I/R	R	S/R	R
OXA-48/OXA-181	R	R	S/R	S/I	S	S/I	S/I	S/I	S
OXA-48/OXA-181 + ESBL	R	R	VR	R	R	I/R	VR	I/R	R

AMX, amoxicillin; AMC, amoxicillin-clavulanic acid; TZP, piperacillin-tazobactam; CTX, cefotaxime; CAZ, ceftazidime; IMP, imipenem; ETP, ertapenem; MER, meropenem; ATM, aztreonam.

Nordmann et al. 2012

**Presence and expression of a carbapenemase gene alone is not sufficient for conferring 'pharmacological' resistance:**

- even with the 'new' breakpoints
- 'biological' resistance
- clinical isolates
- transconjugants & transformants

**TABLE 2.** Breakpoint values for carbapenems according to the US (CLSI) and European (EUCAST) guidelines, as updated June 2010 (MIC values, mg/L)

	CLSI		EUCAST	
	S ( $\leq$ )	R ( $\geq$ )	S ( $\leq$ )	R ( $>$ )
Imipenem	1	4	2	8
Meropenem	1	4	2	8
Ertapenem	0.5	2	0.5	1
Doripenem	1	4	2	8

**TABLE 3.** Range of MICs of carbapenems for clinical *Enterobacteriaceae* expressing the main carbapenemases

	MIC (mg/L)		
	Imipenem	Meropenem	Ertapenem
KPC	0.5 to >32	0.5 to >32	0.5 to >32
IMP/VIM/NDM	0.5 to >32	0.5 to >64	0.38 to >32
OXA-48/OXA-181	0.25 to 64	0.38 to 64	0.38 to >32

# KPCs

## Recombinant strains demonstrate $\beta$ -lactamase-associated phenotypes:

- natural plasmids vs. expression vectors
  - plasmid copy number
  - promoter strength
  - additional AMR genes in natural plasmids

TABLE 1. Susceptibilities of the *K. pneumoniae* isolates and of the *E. coli* transconjugants obtained in the study

Isolate(s)	MIC <sup>a</sup> ( $\mu$ g/ml) of:														
	AMP	AMC	PIP	TZP	CAZ	CTX	FEP	IPM	MEM	AMK	GEN	CIP	TET	TGC	CST
Clinical isolates	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	128	>32	2–3	3–4	12–16	1–1.5	>32	32–48	3	0.38–0.75
KPC-2/TEM-1-producing transconjugant 2641/08	>256	24	96	48	3	2	1.5	3	0.75	1.5	0.25	0.023	2	0.38	0.25
SHV-12-producing transconjugants	>256	4–6	32–48	1–1.5	16	1.5–2	0.5	0.25	0.047	1–1.5	0.19–0.25	0.016	1.5–2	0.38–0.5	0.19–0.25
<i>E. coli</i> A15	3	4	1.5	1	0.25	0.047	0.047	0.25	0.032	1	0.19	0.023	2	0.38	0.25

- natural plasmid IncFII<sub>K</sub> pKpQIL-like
- Tn4401a variant with *bla*<sub>KPC-2</sub>
- *bla*<sub>TEM-1</sub>



# KPCs

## Does resistance level depend on a KPC variant?

*E. coli* RB791 transformants with *bla*<sub>NDM</sub> genes in the pTP123 vector:

Table 2. Minimum inhibitory concentrations (MIC's) of antibiotics for KPC variants.

		MIC (µg / mL)			
		AMP	CAZ	IMI	MERO
pTP123- <i>empty</i>		16	0.125	0.38	0.064
pTP123- <i>bla</i> <sub>KPC-2</sub>	(KPC-2)	128	0.38	1	0.38
P104R	(KPC-5)	64	2.0	0.75	0.25
P104L	(KPC-11)	64	0.5	0.75	0.25
V240G	(KPC-6)	128	1.5	1.0	0.25
H274Y	(KPC-3)	64	1.5	1	0.25
P104R:V240G	(KPC-4)	64	12	1	0.25
P104R:H274Y	(KPC-10)	32	16	1	0.125
V240A:H274Y	(KPC-9)	128	4	1	0.19
V240G:H274Y	(KPC-8)	128	32	2	0.25
M49I:H274Y	(KPC-7)	64	1.5	1	0.25

### Consistent with the kinetic data:

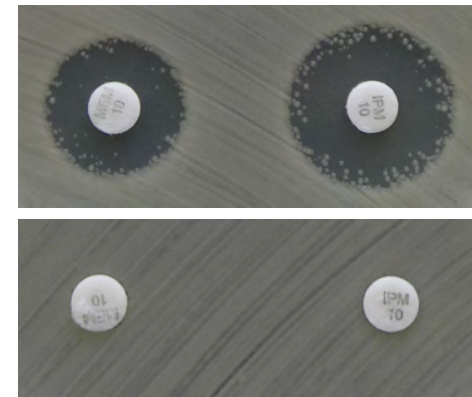
- natural KPC variants confer significant differences in CAZ-R levels
- but not in carba-R levels

# KPCs

$\beta$ -lactam	<i>Kpn</i> ST258 KPC-2 TEM-1	<i>Kpn</i> ST258 KPC-2 TEM-1	<i>Kpn</i> ST258 KPC-2 SHV-12 TEM-1	<i>Kpn</i> ST258 KPC-2 CTX-M-3 TEM-1	<i>Kpn</i> ST23 KPC-2 TEM-1
AMX / AMC	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256
PIP / TZP	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256
CAZ	24	32	>256	64	8
ATM	>256	>256	>256	>256	64
IPM	1*	>32	1	>32	1*
MEM	2*	>32	2	>32	2*
ETP	6*	>32	4	>32	2*
AMK	8	12	48	>256	2
GEN	2	1	2	>256	0.25
CIP	>32	>32	>32	>32	0.03
TGC	1.5	1	1	0.5	1
CST	0.38	0.38	0.25	0.19	0.38

## Issues:

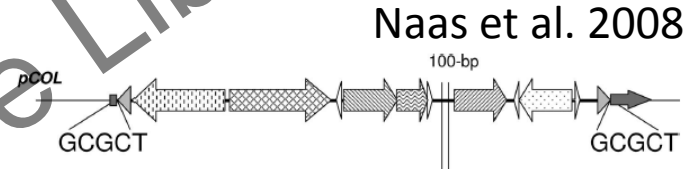
- all  $\beta$ -lactams
- no inhibitor effect
- variability:
  - carba-R level
  - CAZ
- \* heteroresistance
- other compounds:
  - MDR / XDR
- 'ST258 phenotype'



# KPCs

## Factors increasing the carba-R level:

- transcription efficiency:
  - Tn4401 microheterogeneity – ‘promoter-up deletions’
- gene dosage
- genetic background
  - porin deficiencies (OmpK36)
  - other  $\beta$ -lactamases (incl. carbapenemases)
  - clone-related factors etc. ?



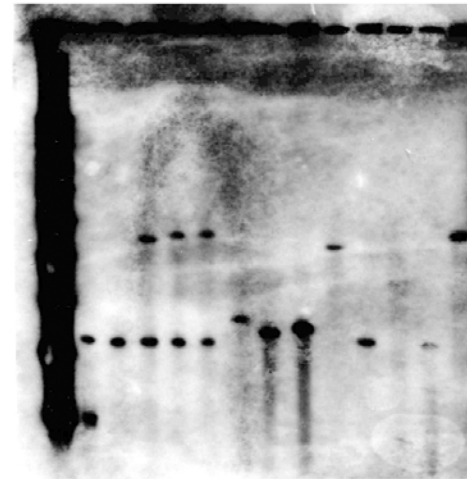
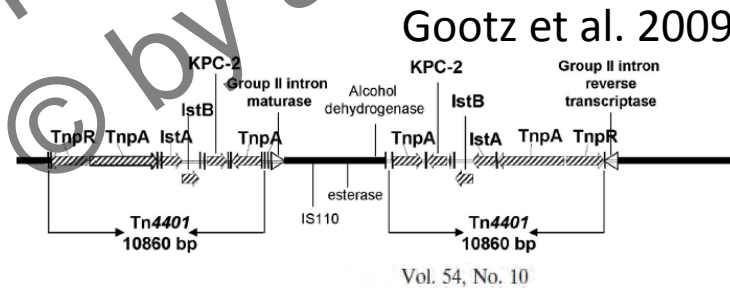
### Tn4401 variants:

- Tn4401a-g

Chmelnitsky et al. 2014

Baraniak et al. 2011

Kitchel et al. 2010



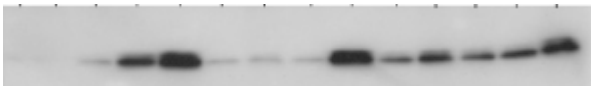
### Double Tn4401 copies

- in-plasmid
- different plasmids

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## Genetic Factors Associated with Elevated Carbapenem Resistance in KPC-Producing *Klebsiella pneumoniae*<sup>∇</sup>

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# GESes

## MICs [mg/L]

$\beta$ -lactam	<i>Eco</i> rec (GES-1)	<i>Eco</i> rec (GES-2)	<i>Pae</i> R <sup>+</sup> (GES-2)	<i>Eco</i> rec (GES-3)	<i>Eco</i> rec (GES-4)	<i>Kpn</i> cl.is. (GES-3)	<i>Kpn</i> cl.is. (GES-4)
amoxicillin	>512	>512	>512	>128	>128	>128	>128
amoxi-clav	>128	16	>512	32	>128	>128	>128
cephalothin	256	32	>512				
cefoxitin	8	4	>512	8	>128	128	>128
cefotaxime	4	1	128	2	1	64	16
ceftazidime	128	8	16	128	64	>1,024	1,024
ceftazidime-clav	8	0.5	16	0.25	8	256	512
aztreonam	1	0.5	8	4	2	64	32
imipenem	0.06	0.25	16	0.13	0.25	0.25	8
meropenem	0.06	0.06	2	0.015	0.25	0.5	8

**Low-level carbapenem resistance, consistent with the kinetic data**

# MBLs

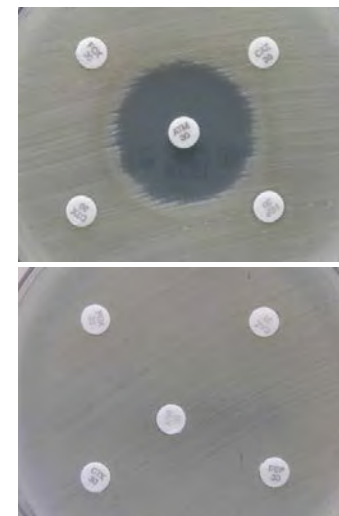
TABLE 1. Characteristics of 17 *bla*<sub>VIM-1</sub>-containing *K. pneumoniae* clinical isolates and 6 *E. coli* transconjugants

Isolate <sup>a</sup>	Hospital	Isolation date (day-mo-yr)	PFGE type	Etest MICs (μg/ml) of β-lactams <sup>b</sup>								Other resistance markers <sup>c</sup>
				PIP	TZP	CTX	CAZ	ATM	IPM	IPM-E	MEM	
Kp1 Ec(trc-1)	I	17-09-02	A	>256	256	128	256	256	32	<1	32	Gm, Net, Tb, An, Sxt, C
Kp2 Ec(trc-2)	I	18-10-02	A	>256	256	>256	>256	>256	8	<1	4	Gm, Net, Tb, An, Sxt, C
Kp3	I	06-11-02	A	128	128	128	256	128	16	<1	16	Gm, Net, Tb, An, Sxt, C
Kp4	I	10-11-02	A	>256	256	64	128	64	32	<1	32	Gm, Net, Tb, An, Sxt, C
Kp5	I	17-11-02	B	>256	256	64	>256	>256	4	<1	1	Gm, Net, Tb, An, Sxt
Kp6	I	12-12-02	A	256	128	128	256	128	8	<1	4	Gm, Net, Tb, An, Sxt, C
Kp7	II	10-10-02	C	>256	>256	256	256	0.12	32	<1	16	Net, Tb, An, Sxt
Kp8 Ec(trc-8)	II	11-10-02	C	>256	>256	128	256	0.25	32	<1	>32	Net, Tb, An, Sxt
Kp9	II	22-10-02	C	>256	256	64	>256	0.5	16	<1	8	Net, Tb, An, Sxt
Kp10	II	16-11-02	C	>256	256	64	256	0.5	32	<1	8	Net, Tb, An, Sxt
Kp11 Ec(trc-11)	II	27-11-02	C1	>256	>256	256	>256	0.12	4	<1	1	Net, Tb, An, Sxt
				>256	256	32	>256	0.06	2	<1	0.25	Net, Tb, An, Sxt

Giakkoupi et al. 2003

## Issues (1):

- resistance to all β-lactams and inhibitor combinations except for ATM
- qualitative differences: ATM-R due to ESBLs, AmpCs, KPCs ...
- quantitative differences: large variations in carba-R levels
  - recombinants usually with low-level resistance



Walsh et al. 2005; Tzouveleki et al. 2012; Nordmann & Poirel 2014

# MBLs

TABLE 1. Characteristics of 17 *bla*<sub>VIM-1</sub>-containing *K. pneumoniae* clinical isolates and 6 *E. coli* transconjugants

Isolate <sup>a</sup>	Hospital	Isolation date (day-mo-yr)	PFGE type	Etest MICs (μg/ml) of β-lactams <sup>b</sup>								Other resistance markers <sup>c</sup>
				PIP	TZP	CTX	CAZ	ATM	IPM	IPM-E	MEM	
Kp1	I	17-09-02	A	>256	256	128	256	256	32	<1	32	Gm, Net, Tb, An, Sxt, C
Ec(trc-1)				>256	128	128	>256	2	1	<1	0.25	Gm, Net, Tb, An, Sxt, C

Giakkoupi et al. 2003

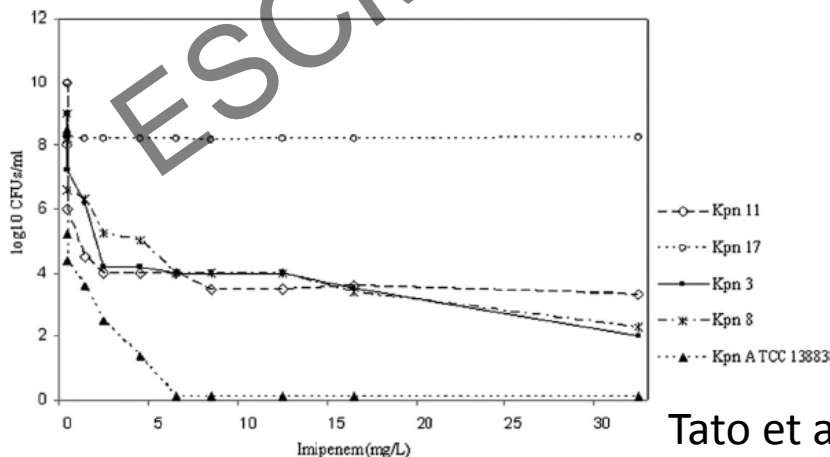
TABLE 1 Susceptibilities of the *E. coli* 5428/11 isolate producing NDM-1, CTX-M-15, TEM-1, and OXA-1 and its *E. coli* A15 Rif<sup>r</sup> transconjugant producing NDM-1 and TEM-1

Isolate	MIC (μg/ml) <sup>a</sup>																
	AMX	AMC	PIP	TZP	CAZ	CTX	FEP	ATM	ERT	IPM	MEM	AMK	GEN	CIP	TET	TGC	CST
<i>E. coli</i> 5428/11	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	32	32	>32 <sup>b</sup>	>32 <sup>b</sup>	>32 <sup>b</sup>	>256	>256	>32	>256	0.19	0.38
R <sup>+</sup> [5428/11] <sup>c</sup>	>256	>256	>256	4	>256	32	6	0.064	2	2	4	>256	>256	0.016	2	0.19	0.38

Fiett et al. 2014

## Issues (2):

- no specific differences between MBL types
- heteroresistance:
  - scattered colonies / population analysis profiles
  - possibly due to expression variations
- almost always MDR / XDR (like ST258 KPC):
  - IMPs & VIMs encoded by integrons



Tato et al. 2010

# MBLs

VIM variants confer varying carba-R levels, consistent with kinetics

*E. coli* TOP10 transformants with *bla*<sub>VIM</sub> genes cloned into the pCRBluntII TOPO vector

	MIC [mg/L]				
β-Lactam	VIM-1	VIM-4	VIM-19	VIM-1	VIM-26
AMP / AMX	>512	>512	>512	>256	>256
AMC	>512	>512	>512		
PIP	256	256	256	32	16
TZP	256	256	256	128	32
FOX	256	256	256	32	8
CTX	32	64	64	32	32
CAZ	512	32	32	>256	64
ATM	0.12	0.12	0.12		
IPM	1	4	8	2	4
MEM	0.25	0.5	1	0.25	0.125

Rodriguez-Fernandez et al. 2010;  
Leiros et al. 2015

# MBLs

## NDM variants confer varying carba-R levels:

- despite no significant differences in kinetics
- variants with more thermal stability (NDM-5, -7) produce higher MICs

MICs [mg/L]										
	NDM-1	NDM-2	NDM-4	NDM-5	NDM-7	NDM-1 ISAb <sub>a</sub> 125	NDM-2 ISAb <sub>a</sub> 125	NDM-4 ISAb <sub>a</sub> 125	NDM-5 ISAb <sub>a</sub> 125	NDM-7 ISAb <sub>a</sub> 125
AMP	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256
LOT	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256
FOX	24	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256
CAZ	>256	>256	>256	>256	32	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256
IPM	0.38	0.38	0.25	0.25	2	8	8	>32	>32	>32
MEM	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	1	4	4	8	>32	>32
ETP	0.38	2	2	2	2	8	16	16	>32	>32

*E. coli* TOP10 transformants with *bla*<sub>NDM</sub> genes in the pCRBluntII TOPO vector:  
 - only CDSes and entire genes with ISAb<sub>a</sub>125 promoters



# MBLs

## Factors increasing the carba-R level:

- structural mutations in MBL genes
- transcription efficiency:
  - $bla_{IMP}$  and  $bla_{VIM}$  genes within integronic arrays; IS $Aba125$  promoter for  $bla_{NDM}$ s
  - DNA rearrangements at the 5' end of  $bla_{VIM-1}$ -like genes (???)
- gene dosage:
  - duplications of  $bla_{VIM-1}$ -like genes
- genetic background
  - porin deficiencies (OmpK36)
  - other  $\beta$ -lactamases
  - clone-related factors etc. ?

Yan et al. 2001; Giakkoupi et al. 2003;  
Loli et al. 2006

### Most of MBL producers are high-level resistant:

- VIM producers in Greece
- NDM producers in the UK

Table 2. MIC distributions for Enterobacteriaceae<sup>a</sup> (n=306) and non-fermenters<sup>b</sup> (n=20) producing NDM carbapenemase

Antibiotic (range tested, mg/L)	Isolates	BSAC breakpoint(s) <sup>13</sup> ≤S/>R	Number of isolates with MIC (mg/L)											NA	% S	
			≤0.125	0.25	0.5	1	2	4	8	16	32	64	≥128			
Ertapenem (0.125–16)	Enterobacteriaceae	≤0.5/>1						1	1	2	10	290 <sup>c</sup>			2	0
	non-fermenters	NT														NT
Imipenem (0.06–128)	Enterobacteriaceae	≤2/>8					3	5	22	64	118	66	27		1	1
	non-fermenters	Ac≤2/>8 Ps≤4/>8										1	4	14	1	0
Meropenem (0.06–32)	Enterobacteriaceae	≤2/>8					1	5	9	35	92	164 <sup>c</sup>				0.3
	non-fermenters	≤2/>8								1		18 <sup>c</sup>			1	0
Amikacin (0.5–64)	Enterobacteriaceae	≤8/>16			1	19	17	19	10	15	6	1	218			22
	non-fermenters	≤8/>16				1	1	1			1	3	12		1	15
Gentamicin (0.125–32)	Enterobacteriaceae	≤2/>4			1	15	14	2		2	1	9	262 <sup>c</sup>			10
	non-fermenters	≤4/>4	1			1				1	1	1	14 <sup>c</sup>		1	10
Tobramycin (0.125–32)	Enterobacteriaceae	≤2/>4				10	8	3	2	9	19	17	238 <sup>c</sup>			7
	non-fermenters	Ac≤4/>4 <sup>d</sup> Ps≤4/>4			1				1	2	4	1	10 <sup>c</sup>		1	10
Ciprofloxacin (0.125–8)	Enterobacteriaceae	≤0.5/>1	18	14	5	4	8	7	7	243 <sup>c</sup>						12
	non-fermenters	Ac≤1/>1 Ps≤0.5/>1	1	1	1					1	15 <sup>c</sup>				1	15
Colistin (0.5–32)	Enterobacteriaceae	≤2/>2			171 <sup>e</sup>	98	7	1	7	4	3	7 <sup>c</sup>			8	90
	non-fermenters	Ac≤2/>2 Ps≤4/>4			11 <sup>e</sup>	7	1								1	95
Tigecycline (0.25–16)	Enterobacteriaceae	≤1/>2	49 <sup>e</sup>	74	61	68	34	10	3						7	60
	non-fermenters	Ac≤0.25/>0.5 <sup>d,f</sup>	3 <sup>e</sup>	2	2	3	3	1							6	15

Jain et al. 2014

# OXA-48 types

Some OXA-48 clinical isolates and often their *E. coli* recombinants show the enzyme-associated  $\beta$ -lactam resistance phenotype:

- resistance to penicillins & penicillin-inhibitor combinations
- increased carbapenem MICs but:
  - low-level or no resistance

	MICs [mg/L]		
	<i>E. co</i> J53	<i>K. pn</i> BEL OXA-48	<i>E. co</i> J53 OXA-48
AMX	4	>256	>256
AMC	4	>256	>256
PIP	1	>256	128
TZP	1	>256	128
CAZ	0.75	1	0.75
CTX	0.12	0.12	0.12
FEP	0.12	0.12	0.12
ATM	0.06	0.06	0.06
IPM	0.75	0.75	0.75
MEM	0.19	0.5	0.5
ETP	0.25	4	2

# OXA-48 types

## Consistent with the activity data:

OXA-48-like CHDLs confer similar resistance phenotypes

OXA-163 behaves like an ES-oxacillinase

Queslati et al. 2015; Antonelli et al. 2015

MICs [mg/L]

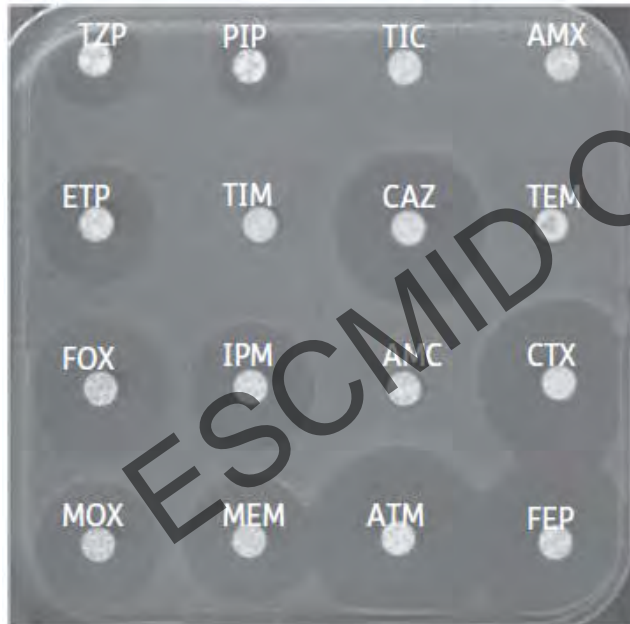
	<i>E.co</i> TOP10	OXA-48	OXA-162	OXA-163	OXA-181	OXA-204	OXA-232	<i>E.co</i> DH5α	OXA-372
AMP	8	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	4	128
TEM	8	>256	>256	32	>256	256	32	8	128
LOT	8	16	32	64	32	16	64	8	8
CTX	0.06	0.25	0.5	16	1	0.25	0.12	0.06	0.06
CAZ	0.12	0.25	0.5	64	0.5	0.5	1	0.125	0.25
IPM	0.25	2	2	0.5	4	2	1	0.125	2
MEM	0.06	0.25	0.5	0.06	0.5	0.25	0.25	≤0.015	0.06
ETP	0.01	0.5	0.5	0.06	1	0.5	0.5	≤0.015	0.03

*E. coli* TOP10 or DH5α transformants with *bla*<sub>OXA</sub> genes in pCRBluntII TOPO or pLBII

# OXA-48 types

**OXA-48 clinical isolates much vary in resistance phenotypes:**

- even having the same Tn1999-like element and plasmid type (IncL pOXA-48-like)
- **ESC-R** owing to frequent presence of ESBLs (and/or other  $\beta$ -lactamases)
- **high-level carba-R**
- **MDR / XDR**



ESBL-negative; low carba-R

ESBL-positive; low carba-R

ESBL-positive; high carba-R

# OXA-48 types

	MICs [mg/L]							
	<i>K. pn</i> BEL OXA-48	<i>K. pn</i> LEB OXA-48	<i>K. pn</i> EGY OXA-48 CTX-M-15	<i>K. pn</i> TUR OXA-48 CTX-M-15 SHV-5	<i>P. mi</i> TUR OXA-48 TEM-101	<i>E. cl</i> TUR OXA-48 SHV-5	<i>C. fr</i> TUR OXA-48 VEB-1	<i>E. co</i> TUR OXA-48 TEM-150
AMX	>256	>256	>512	>512	>256	>512	>512	>256
AMC	>256	>256	>512	>512	>256	>512	>512	>256
PIP	>256	96	>512	>512	>256	>512	>512	>256
TZP	>256	96	>512	>512	>256	>512	>512	>256
CAZ	1	0.75	512	512	512	>512	512	512
CTX	0.12	1.5	64	64	64	>512	64	64
ATM	0.06	0.06	512	512	512	>512	512	512
IPM	0.75	>16	2	>32	>32	0.5	>32	24
MEM	0.5	>16	2	>32	>32	0.5	>32	24
ETP	4	>16	3	>32	>32	0.5	>32	>32

# OXA-48 types

## The role of porins:

- in CHDLs large effect on carba MICs
- LOT & CTX

MICs [mg/L]								
	<i>E. coli</i> TOP10	<i>E. coli</i> HB4	OXA-48	OXA-162	OXA-163	OXA-181	OXA-204	OXA-232
AMP	8	8	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256	>256
TEM	8	32	>256	>256	64 (32)	>256	>256 (256)	>256 (32)
LOT	8	64	>256 (16)	>256 (32)	>256 (64)	>256 (32)	256 (16)	>256 (64)
CTX	0.06	0.5	8 (0.25)	8 (0.5)	128 (16)	8 (1)	4 (0.25)	2 (0.12)
CAZ	0.12	0.5	1 (0.25)	1 (0.5)	256 (64)	0.5 (0.5)	0.5 (0.5)	0.5 (1)
IPM	0.25	0.25	64 (2)	128 (2)	0.5 (0.5)	128 (4)	64 (2)	16 (1)
MEM	0.06	0.12	64 (0.25)	128 (0.5)	4 (0.06)	128 (0.5)	64 (0.25)	32 (0.25)
ETP	0.01	1	256 (0.5)	>256 (0.5)	32 (0.06)	>256 (1)	256 (0.5)	256 (0.5)

*E. coli* HB4 transformants with *bla*<sub>OXA</sub> genes in pCRBluntII TOPO

# CPE resistance phenotypes

- **Complex interplay of multiple factors:**
  - carbapenemase type general activity
  - carbapenemase variant specific activity (in some cases)
  - carbapenemase expression level
    - transcription efficiency
    - gene dosage
  - genetic background
    - other  $\beta$ -lactamases
    - cell permeability
- **Large quantitative and qualitative variations**
- **Continuous evolution:**
  - high-level resistance (more & more)
  - MDR / XDR phenotypes