

Characterization and Profiling of Multi-Drug Resistant (MDR) *Enterobacteriaceae* from Europe 2013 - 2016 (TEST Program)

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Revised Abstract

Background: MDR *Enterobacteriaceae* are becoming more prevalent as various species continue to acquire and transfer genetic resistance elements. Multiple countries in Europe now document significant bacterial resistance problems, particularly in enteric species. To analyze the most recent situation in Europe, four years of data from the Tigecycline European Surveillance Trial (TEST) were analyzed for MDR rates and the impact on seven broad spectrum antimicrobial agents.

Methods: Five species of *Enterobacteriaceae* presented 9583 isolates with a MDR phenotype (R to ≥3 drugs) obtained from patients with numerous infection sources in 21 European countries during 2013-2016. MICs were determined using supplied broth microdilution panels. Susceptibility was interpreted according to EUCAST guidelines.

Results: The % of MDR isolates susceptible to tigecycline and comparative antimicrobial agents are shown for each of the five organism groups analyzed in the following table:

Drug	Organism (n)/%Sus				
	<i>C. freundii</i> (448)	<i>E. coli</i> (2442)	<i>Enterobacter</i> spp. (3323)	<i>Klebsiella</i> spp. (2659)	<i>Serratia</i> spp. (524)
AMK	97.3	93.7	96.0	79.6	88.0
FEP	67.2	30.6	43.9	12.4	64.1
CRO	8.3	26.2	7.7	7.7	14.4
LXV	63.3	8.2	62.4	22.4	51.7
MEM	96.5	98.8	96.3	76.3	94.3
TZP	40.0	70.0	30.3	34.6	54.2
TGC	95.5	98.9	92.4	73.6	60.3

Conclusions: The MDR phenotype substantially impacts the % susceptibility for several different agents used to manage infections caused by *Enterobacteriaceae*, regardless of the genus or species being considered. The fluoroquinolones and advanced generation cephalosporins appeared to be most affected, while TGC, AMK, and MEM exhibited the highest level of activity against MDR phenotypes. The serious impact that the MDR phenotype can have on therapeutic choices warrants careful and continuous monitoring of this phenotype.

Introduction

Enterobacteriaceae species are important pathogens responsible for a wide variety of serious infections involving the bloodstream, the lower respiratory tract, the urinary tract, and other body sites. The tendency of these organisms to develop or acquire resistance to key antimicrobials can lead to multi-drug resistant (MDR) strains for which antibiotic therapeutic choices become limited. Tracking and profiling of the susceptibility of MDR strains is an important aspect of any surveillance initiative. In this study data from the Tigecycline European Surveillance Trial (TEST) program were analyzed to evaluate the profiles and characteristics of MDR populations from Europe.

Materials & Methods

- Between 2013 and 2016, 9583 MDR isolates of *Enterobacteriaceae* from Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom were collected from multiple infection sources, identified, and susceptibility determined at each participating laboratory using sponsor-supplied broth microdilution panels.
- Organism collection, transport, confirmation of organism identification, and development and management of a centralized database were coordinated by International Health Management Associates, Inc., Schaumburg, IL, USA. The data were centralized at IHMA for analysis of the MDR populations. MDR was defined as resistance to drugs from three or more different antimicrobial classes.
- Minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) were determined by the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) recommended broth microdilution testing method using MicroScan (Siemens Medical Solutions Diagnostics, West Sacramento, CA) panels [1].
- MIC interpretive criteria followed published EUCAST guidelines [2].
- Quality control testing was performed on each day of testing using appropriate ATCC control strains and following CLSI and manufacturer guidelines. Results were included in the analysis only when corresponding QC results were within the acceptable ranges [3].

Results

Figure 1. *Enterobacteriaceae* and MDR *Enterobacteriaceae* Distribution by Country

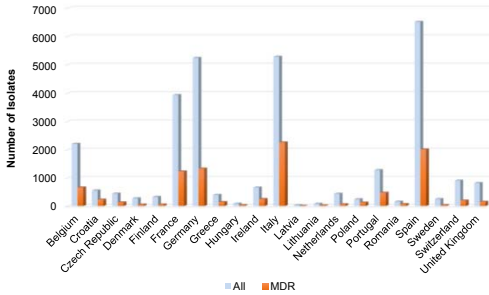
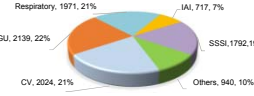


Figure 2. Source Distribution of MDR *Enterobacteriaceae*



* CV, Cardiovascular; IA, Intra-abdominal Infections; GI, Gastrointestinal; SSSI, Skin and Skin Structure Infections

Figure 3. Species Distribution of MDR *Enterobacteriaceae*

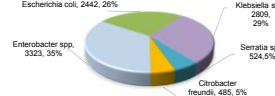


Figure 4. Patient Location Distribution of MDR *Enterobacteriaceae*

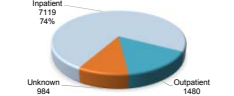


Table 2. Antimicrobial Susceptibility Profiles for MDR *Enterobacteriaceae* by Country (13 countries with > MDR 100 isolates)

Country	Drug	%S	%I	%R	MIC ₅₀	MIC ₉₀	
Italy (2267)	Tigecycline	81.5	10.9	7.6	0.5	2	
	Amikacin	77.3	13.6	9.1	4	16	
	Cefepime	22.1	13.3	64.7	16	>32	
	Ceftriaxone	11.0	1.8	87.2	>32	>32	
	Levofloxacin	23.1	2.0	74.9	8	>8	
	Meropenem	75.8	3.3	20.9	0.12	>16	
	Pip-Tazo	38.9	9.5	51.7	32	>128	
Spain (2018)	Tigecycline	83.5	9.0	7.5	0.5	2	
	Amikacin	95.8	2.3	1.9	2	8	
	Cefepime	40.7	15.5	43.8	4	>32	
	Ceftriaxone	20.2	3.8	76.0	32	>32	
	Levofloxacin	33.3	3.1	63.6	4	>8	
	Meropenem	94.7	3.2	2.1	0.12	1	
	Pip-Tazo	48.1	10.3	41.7	16	>128	
Germany (1345)	Tigecycline	85.6	7.9	6.5	0.5	2	
	Amikacin	95.6	2.3	2.1	2	8	
	Cefepime	40.2	20.7	39.1	2	>32	
	Ceftriaxone	14.0	2.6	83.4	32	>32	
	Levofloxacin	47.5	4.2	48.3	1	>8	
	Meropenem	96.7	1.8	1.6	0.12	0.5	
	Pip-Tazo	45.0	11.6	43.4	16	>128	
France (1243)	Tigecycline	84.6	9.0	6.4	0.5	2	
	Amikacin	95.0	2.8	2.2	2	8	
	Cefepime	29.8	18.3	52.0	8	>32	
	Ceftriaxone	7.2	1.9	90.8	>32	>32	
	Levofloxacin	42.2	6.3	51.5	2	>8	
	Meropenem	98.8	0.5	0.7	0.12	0.25	
	Pip-Tazo	44.4	14.8	40.0	16	>128	
Belgium (667)	Tigecycline	85.5	8.1	6.5	0.5	2	
	Amikacin	93.6	4.5	2.0	2	8	
	Cefepime	44.4	16.1	37.5	2	>32	
	Ceftriaxone	15.9	4.2	79.9	32	>32	
	Levofloxacin	39.7	5.6	54.7	2	>8	
	Meropenem	96.1	2.3	1.7	0.12	0.5	
	Pip-Tazo	40.5	14.5	45.0	16	>128	
Portugal (477)	Tigecycline	79.9	10.1	10.1	0.5	4	
	Amikacin	94.6	3.8	1.7	4	8	
	Cefepime	36.9	14.7	48.4	4	>32	
	Ceftriaxone	15.9	2.1	82.0	>32	>32	
	Levofloxacin	35.6	4.4	60.0	4	>8	
	Meropenem	96.4	1.3	2.3	0.12	0.5	
	Pip-Tazo	37.5	17.4	45.1	16	>128	
Ireland (251)	Tigecycline	86.1	7.6	6.4	0.5	2	
	Amikacin	95.6	2.8	1.6	2	4	
	Cefepime	29.5	18.3	52.2	8	>32	
	Ceftriaxone	9.6	2.8	87.7	>32	>32	
	Croatia (232)	Tigecycline	79.3	15.5	5.2	0.5	2
		Amikacin	89.7	8.2	2.2	4	16
		Cefepime	14.2	9.9	75.9	32	>32
Ceftriaxone		6.0	0.4	93.5	>32	>32	
Levofloxacin		39.2	9.1	51.7	2	>8	
Meropenem		93.1	5.6	1.3	0.12	1	
Pip-Tazo		45.7	12.9	41.4	16	>128	
Switzerland (196)	Tigecycline	92.9	4.1	3.1	0.5	1	
	Amikacin	98.0	1.5	0.5	2	4	
	Cefepime	55.1	14.8	30.1	1	>32	
	Ceftriaxone	11.2	1.5	87.2	32	>32	
	Levofloxacin	57.7	2.0	40.3	0.25	>8	
	Meropenem	100	0.0	0.0	<0.06	0.25	
	Pip-Tazo	54.1	12.2	33.7	8	128	
U. Kingdom (152)	Tigecycline	80.9	4.6	14.5	0.5	4	
	Amikacin	94.7	0.7	4.6	2	8	
	Cefepime	43.4	25.7	30.9	2	>32	
	Ceftriaxone	14.5	5.3	80.3	32	>32	
	Levofloxacin	67.1	4.6	28.3	0.5	>8	
	Meropenem	96.1	3.3	0.7	0.12	1	
	Pip-Tazo	53.3	5.3	41.5	8	>128	
Greece (144)	Tigecycline	81.3	9.7	9.0	0.5	2	
	Amikacin	96.7	20.8	12.5	4	32	
	Cefepime	27.8	13.2	59.0	16	>32	
	Ceftriaxone	16.0	4.2	79.9	>32	>32	
	Levofloxacin	25.0	1.4	73.6	8	>8	
	Meropenem	58.3	6.9	34.7	0.5	>16	
	Pip-Tazo	28.5	6.3	65.3	128	>128	
Czech Republic (132)	Tigecycline	88.6	5.3	6.1	0.5	2	
	Amikacin	94.7	3.8	1.5	4	8	
	Cefepime	25.0	11.4	63.6	16	>32	
	Ceftriaxone	7.5	1.5	90.9	>32	>32	
	Levofloxacin	42.4	9.9	47.7	1	>8	
	Meropenem	99.2	0.8	0.0	0.12	0.25	
	Pip-Tazo	53.0	10.6	36.4	8	128	
Poland (124)	Tigecycline	78.2	16.1	5.7	0.5	2	
	Amikacin	79.0	9.7	11.3	4	>64	
	Cefepime	25.0	11.3	63.7	16	>32	
	Ceftriaxone	10.15	2.4	87.1	>32	>32	
	Levofloxacin	16.9	11.3	71.8	8	>8	
	Meropenem	99.2	0.8	0.0	0.12	0.25	
	Pip-Tazo	41.9	12.9	45.2	16	128	

Conclusions

- The MDR rate among *Enterobacteriaceae* is high in many European countries and approaches 41% in some countries.
- Meropenem, amikacin and tigecycline were the most active drugs *in vitro* against the MDR population.
- The MDR phenotype was prevalent among *Enterobacteriaceae* isolates from all sites of infection.
- The prevalence and critical importance of the MDR phenotype warrants careful and ongoing surveillance in European countries.

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