

Fantastic Bugs and How to Treat Them: Gram Negative Resistance



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Objectives

- ▶ Define Multidrug-, Extensively Drug-, and Pan-Drug Resistant Organisms
- ▶ Discuss literature for the management of MDROs
- ▶ Select antimicrobial therapy for patients with MDROs

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Background

- ▶ At least 2 million people are infected with antibiotic-resistant bacteria annually in the United States
 - ▶ At least 23,000 people die as a result
- ▶ Enterobacteriaceae cause approximately 30% of healthcare-associated infections in the United States
- ▶ Carbapenem use has increased with the increasing rate of extended-spectrum β -lactamase (ESBL) producing organisms
 - ▶ Resulting in carbapenem resistance among Enterobacteriaceae
- ▶ The percentage of carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella* isolates from US hospitals increased from <1% in 2000, to 8% in 2006–2007, to 12% in 2009–2010



Definitions

- ▶ **Multidrug-Resistant Organism (MDRO):** non-susceptibility to at least one agent in three or more antimicrobial categories

- ▶ **Extensively Drug-Resistant Organism (XDRO):** non-susceptibility to at least one agent in all but two or fewer antimicrobial categories
 - ▶ Bacterial isolates remain susceptible to only one or two categories

- ▶ **Pan-Drug Resistant Organism (PDRO):** non-susceptibility to all agents in all antimicrobial categories

MDR-*Acinetobacter* spp. or *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Definition

- ▶ Resistant to 3 of 5 antimicrobial agents:
 - ▶ Ciprofloxacin
 - ▶ Piperacillin-tazobactam OR piperacillin
 - ▶ Ceftazidime OR cefepime
 - ▶ Imipenem OR meropenem
 - ▶ Tobramycin

XDR-*Acinetobacter* spp. or *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Definition

Acinetobacter spp.

- ▶ Resistant to 6 of the 8 antimicrobial agents:
 - ▶ Gentamicin OR tobramycin
 - ▶ Piperacillin-tazobactam
 - ▶ Imipenem OR meropenem OR doripenem
 - ▶ Cefepime OR ceftazidime
 - ▶ Ciprofloxacin
 - ▶ Colistin
 - ▶ Doxycycline OR minocycline
 - ▶ Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole

P. aeruginosa

- ▶ Resistant to 4 of 6 antimicrobial agents:
 - ▶ Tobramycin
 - ▶ Piperacillin OR piperacillin-tazobactam
 - ▶ Imipenem OR meropenem OR doripenem
 - ▶ Cefepime OR ceftazidime
 - ▶ Ciprofloxacin
 - ▶ Colistin

How would you classify this isolate?

<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>		
Amikacin	32	I
Aztreonam	8	S
Cefepime	>16	I
Ceftazidime	16	I
Ciprofloxacin	>2	R
Gentamicin	> 8	R
Imipenem	>4	R
Levofloxacin	>4	R
Meropenem	>8	R
Pip/tazo	>128	R
Tobramycin	>16	R

- ▶ Multidrug-Resistant
Pseudomonas aeruginosa
- ▶ Very Drug-Resistant
Pseudomonas aeruginosa
- ▶ Extensively Drug-Resistant
Pseudomonas aeruginosa
- ▶ Pan-Drug Resistant
Pseudomonas aeruginosa

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Extended-Spectrum β -Lactamases (ESBLs)

- ▶ Produced by:
 - ▶ *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Klebsiella oxytoca*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Proteus* spp.
- ▶ May be plasmid-mediated or chromosomal
- ▶ Confer multidrug resistance
 - ▶ Temoneira (TEM) or Sulhydryl Variable (SHV) types
- ▶ Cefotaximase-Munich (CTX-M) type ESBLs are the most prevalent ESBL types worldwide
- ▶ Detected by *in vitro* resistance to ceftazidime and aztreonam
 - ▶ Confirmed by the microbiology lab with ESBL test
 - ▶ Ceftazidime + Ceftazidime-clavulanate
 - ▶ Cefotaxime + Cefotaxime-clavulanate

CRE (Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriaceae)

- ▶ 2015 CDC definition: resistant to imipenem, meropenem, doripenem, or ertapenem OR documentation that the isolate possess a carbapenemase (carbapenemase producing (CP-CRE))
- ▶ Non-Carbapenemase CRE caused by:
 - ▶ ESBL production
 - ▶ Overproduction of AmpC enzyme
 - ▶ Lose outer membrane porin expression (OMP)
- ▶ In the US carbapenem resistance is typically a combination of several mechanisms (ESBL + porin loss)
 - ▶ These CRE do not constitute a carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE)



Mechanisms of Carbapenem Resistance

Table 1. Prominent Mechanisms of Carbapenem Resistance Among Enterobacteriaceae

Carbapenemases	Ambler Molecular Class	Requirement for Enzymatic Activity	Gene Location	Geographic Distribution ^a [6, 11–14]
KPC	A	Serine	Plasmid	US, Colombia, Brazil, Argentina, Greece, Italy, Malta, Israel, China
NDM	B	Zinc	Plasmid	India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, United Kingdom
VIM	B	Zinc	Plasmid	Greece
IMP	B	Zinc	Plasmid	Japan, Taiwan
OXA-48-types	D	Serine	Plasmid	Turkey, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, India
Other mechanisms				
ESBL or AmpC-type β -lactamase + OMP mutation	A/C	Serine	Plasmid or chromosomal	Worldwide ^b

Abbreviations: ESBL, extended-spectrum β -lactamase; IMP, "active on imipenem"; KPC, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* carbapenemase; NDM, New Delhi metallo- β -lactamase; OMP, outer membrane porin; VIM, Verona integron–encoded metallo- β -lactamase.

Organism Threat Category

Organism/ Resistance	CDC Category (2013)	WHO Category (2017)	Infections/year	Deaths/year
CRE	Urgent	Critical	9,000	600
ESBL	Serious	Critical	26,000	1,700
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	Serious	Critical	7,300	500
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Serious	Critical	6,700	440



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Biggest Threats and Data [Internet]. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [Updated 2018 Nov 26]

WHO publishes list of bacteria for which new antibiotics are urgently needed [Internet] World Health Organization [2017

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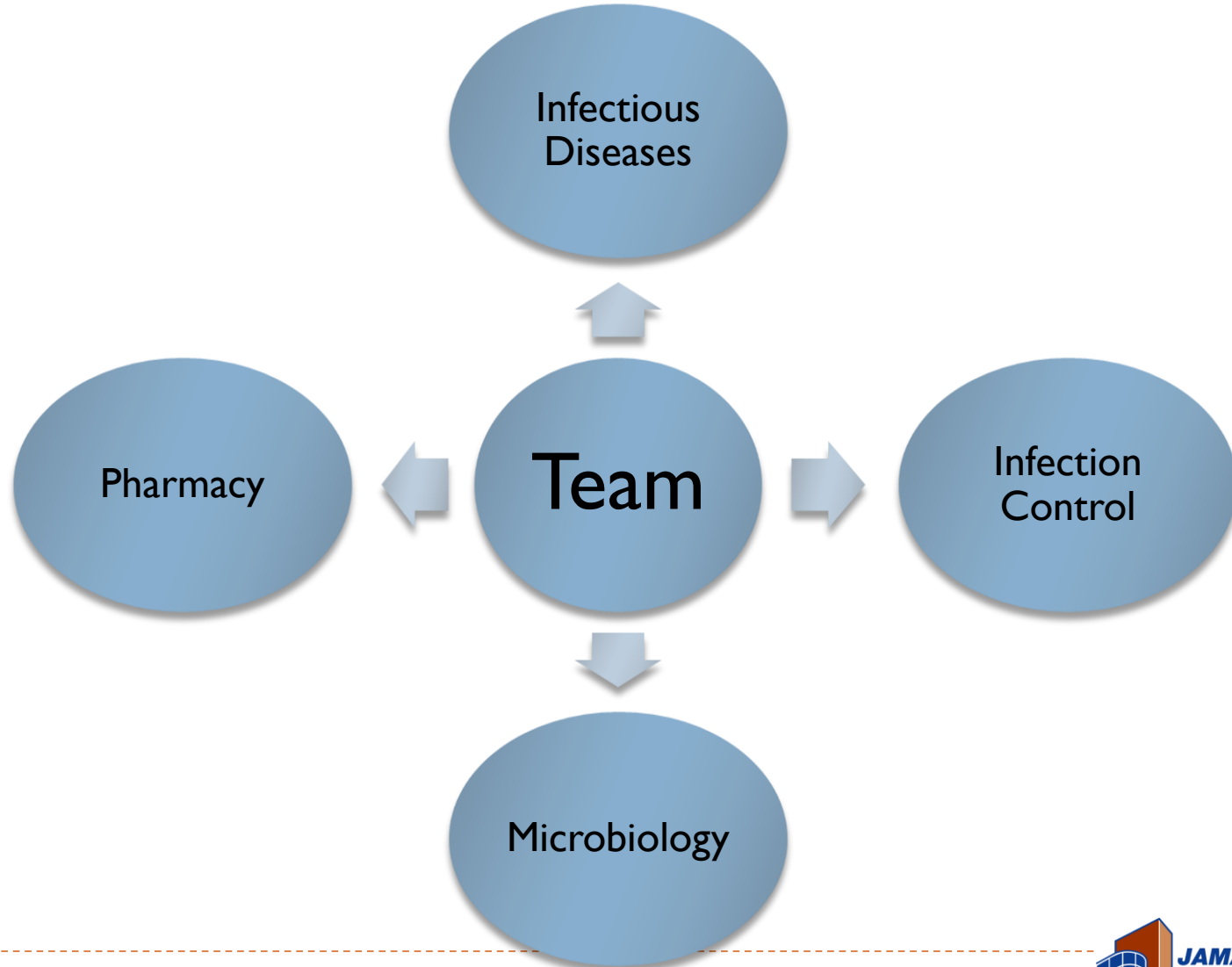
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Ambler Class

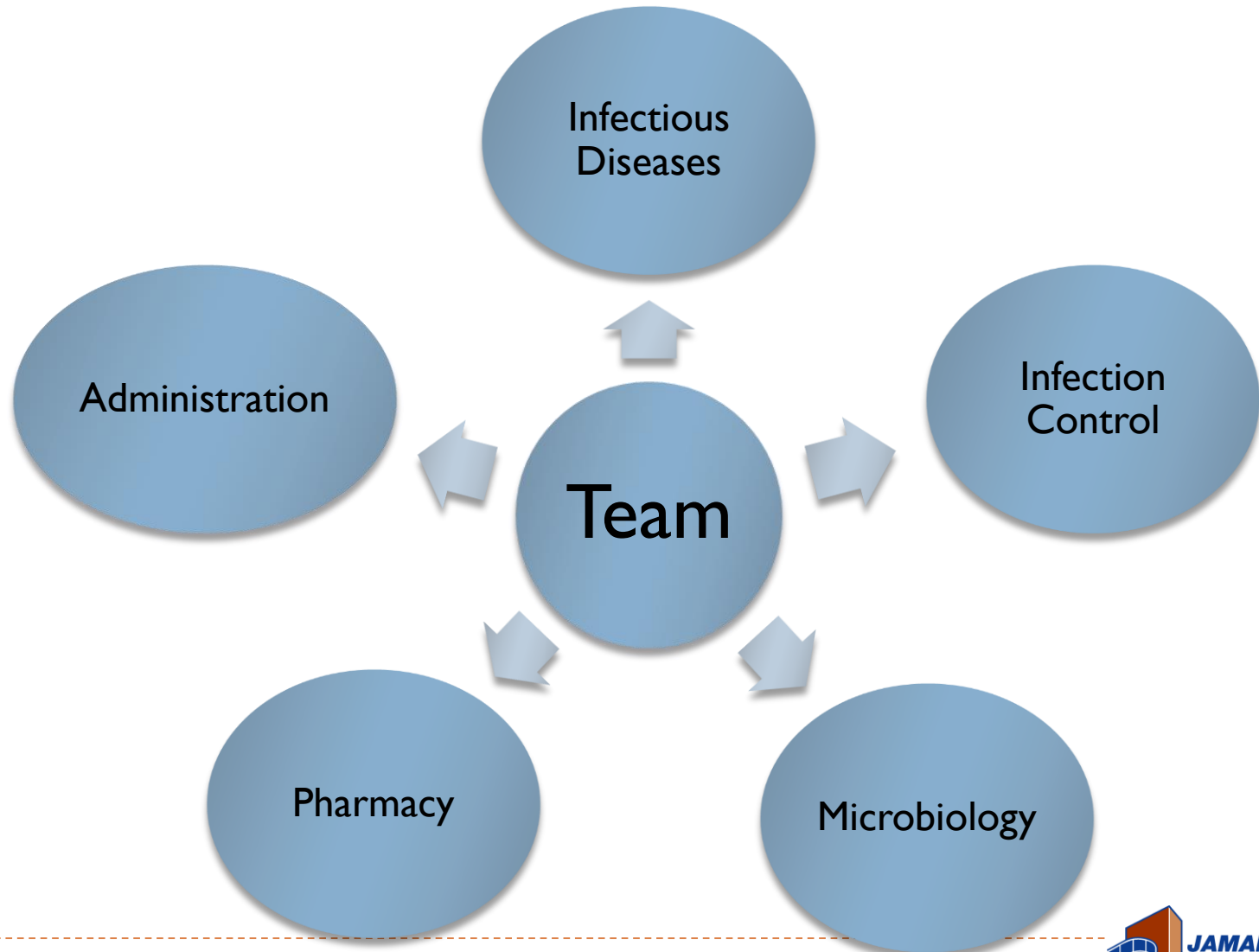


Ambler Class	Beta-lactamase Type	Activity	Enzyme Examples	Common Bacteria
A	Penicillinases	Hydrolizes penicillins and cephalosporins	CTX-M, KPC, SHV, TEM	<i>E. coli</i> , <i>Klebsiella</i> , <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i>
B	Metallo-beta-lactamases	Uses zinc for hydrolysis of beta-lactam ring	IMP, NDM, VIM	<i>Pseudomonas</i> , <i>Acinetobacter</i>
C	Cephalosporinases	Hydrolyzes broad and extended-spectrum cephalosporins	AmpC	<i>Enterobacter</i> , <i>Citrobacter</i> , <i>Proteus</i> , <i>Serratia</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i>
D	Oxacillinases	Beta-lactamase production and reduced permeability or increased efflux	OXA	<i>Acinetobacter</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i>

Who Should be on the Team?



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CLSI – Zone Diameter and MIC Breakpoints for *Enterobacteriaceae*

Test/Report Group	Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Interpretive Categories and Zone Diameter Breakpoints, nearest whole mm				Interpretive Categories and MIC Breakpoints, µg/mL				Comments
			S	SDD	I	R	S	SDD	I	R	
B	Doripenem	10 µg	≥ 23	-	20-22	≤ 19	≤ 1	-	2	≥ 4	(32) Breakpoints are based on a dosage regimen of 500 mg administered every 8 h.
B	Ertapenem	10 µg	≥ 22	-	19-21	≤ 18	≤ 0.5	-	1	≥ 2	(33) Breakpoints are based on a dosage regimen of 1 g administered every 24 h.
B	Imipenem	10 µg	≥ 23	-	20-22	≤ 19	≤ 1	-	2	≥ 4	(34) Breakpoints are based on a dosage regimen of 500 mg administered every 6 h or 1 g every 8 h.
B	Meropenem	10 µg	≥ 23	-	20-22	≤ 19	≤ 1	-	2	≥ 4	(35) Breakpoints are based on a dosage regimen of 1 g administered every 8 h.

Culture & Susceptibility vs. Molecular Testing

Antibiotic	Organism	NEW**	MALDI-TOF Mass Spectrometry	Enterobacter cloacae
	Enterobacter cloacae - cre	NEW**		Enterobacter cloacae complex
AMIKACIN	<=8 S		Disk Diffusion AST	
AMPICILLIN	>16 R			
AMPICILLIN + SULBACTAM	>16/8 R			
AZTREONAM	>16 R	NEW**	Antibiotic Name	Interpretation
CEFAZOLIN	>16 R	NEW**	Aztreonam	Susceptible
CEFEPIME	>16 R	NEW**	Ceftriaxone	Resistant
CEFOTAXIME	>32 R	NEW**	Cefepime	Resistant
CEFTAZIDIME	>16 R	NEW**	Ceftazidime	Resistant
CEFUROXIME	>16 R	NEW**	Donpenem	Resistant
CIPROFLOXACIN	>2 R	NEW**	Ertapenem	Resistant
		NEW**	Imipenem	Resistant
ERTAPENEM	>1 R	NEW**	Meropenem	Resistant
GENTAMICIN	>8 R			
IMIPENEM	>8 R	NEW**	Modified Carbapenem Inactivation Method	Carbapenemase detected
LEVOFLOXACIN	>4 R			
MEROPENEM	>8 R			
PIPERACILLIN + TAZOBACTAM	>64 R			
POLYMYXIN B	0.38			
TIGECYCLINE	<=2 S			
TRIMETH/SULFA	>2/38 R			

Rationale for the development of Aztreonam/avibactam

Test Name	Result
PCR Xpert Carb-a-I	
NEW** blaIMP	Not Detected
NEW** blaKPC	Not Detected
NEW** blaNDM	Detected
NEW** blaOXA-48-like	Not Detected
NEW** blaVIM	Not Detected

Culture & Susceptibility vs. Molecular Testing

Culture & Susceptibility

Antibiotic	Organism
	Enterobacter cloacae - cre
AMIKACIN	<=8 S
AMPICILLIN	>16 R
AMPICILLIN + SULBACTAM	>16/8 R
AZTREONAM	<=4 S
CEFAZOLIN	>16 R
CEFEPIME	>16 R
CEFOTAXIME	>32 R
CEFTAZIDIME	>16 R
CEFUROXIME	>16 R
CIPROFLOXACIN	>2 R
ERTAPENEM	>1 R
GENTAMICIN	<=4 S
IMIPENEM	>8 R
MEROPENEM	>8 R
PIPERACILLIN + TAZOBACTAM	>64 R
TIGECYCLINE	<=2 S
TRIMETH/SULFA	>2/38 R

MALDI-TOF Mass Spectrometry

Disk Diffusion AST

Antibiotic Name	Zone Diameter (mm)	Interpretation
Aztreonam	6	Resistant
Cefepime	26	Susceptible
Ceftazidime	6	Resistant
Ceftriaxone	6	Resistant
Doripenem	24	Susceptible
Ertapenem	19	Intermediate
Imipenem	23	Susceptible
Meropenem	23	Susceptible

Modified Carbapenem Inactivation Method

Negative

Carbapenemase not detected

CR Xpert Carba-R

blaIMP	Not Detected
blaKPC	Not Detected
blaNDM	Not Detected
blaOXA-48-like	Not Detected
blaVIM	Not Detected

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If you had an ESBL-*E. coli* isolate reported as sensitive to piperacillin/tazobactam, would you recommend it?

Yes

No

Depends on
the source

MERINO Trial

MERINO Trial

Objective

- To determine whether definitive therapy with piperacillin-tazobactam is noninferior to meropenem in patients with bloodstream infection caused by ceftriaxone-nonsusceptible *E. coli* or *K. pneumoniae*
- AKA ESBLs

Design

- International
 - 26 sites in 9 countries
- Multicenter
- Open-label
- Parallel group
- Randomized clinical trial

Inclusion Criteria

- Adult patients
 - Aged ≥ 18 years or ≥ 21 years in Singapore
- ≥ 1 positive blood culture with *E. coli* or *Klebsiella* spp testing nonsusceptible to ceftriaxone

Exclusion Criteria

- Allergy to trial drug/antibiotic class
- No expectation of survival >96 hours
- Treatment without curative intent
- Polymicrobial bacteremia
 - Likely skin contaminants excepted
- Previous enrollment in the trial
- Pregnancy or breastfeeding
- Requirement for concomitant antibiotics with activity against gram-negative bacilli

MERINO Trial

Intervention

- Meropenem 1 g IV q8hr, infused over 30 minutes
- Piperacillin-tazobactam 4.5 g IV q6h, infused over 30 minutes

Outcomes

- Primary: all-cause mortality at 30 days after randomization
- Secondary:
 - Time to clinical and microbiologic resolution of infection (days)
 - Clinical and microbiologic success at day 4 after randomization
 - Microbiologic resolution of infection (sterility of blood cultures) on or before day 4 after randomization
 - Relapsed bloodstream infection
 - Secondary infection with meropenem- or pip/tazo-resistant organism or *Clostridium difficile* infection
- Noninferiority margin of 5%

MERINO Trial – Demographics

Characteristic	Pip/Tazo (n = 188)	Meropenem (n = 191)
<i>E. coli</i>	162 (86.2%)	166 (86.9%)
Less severe infection	159 (84.6%)	162 (84.8%)
More severe infection	3 (1.6%)	3 (1.6%)
<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	26 (13.8%)	25 (13.1%)
Less severe infection	23 (12.2%)	25 (13.1%)
More severe infection	3 (1.6%)	1 (0.5%)
Age, median (IQR), y	70 (55-78)	68 (59-78)
APACHE II Score, mean (SD)	17.9 (6.1)	21.0 (6.9)
Central venous catheter	35 (18.6)	20 (10.5)
Appropriate empirical antibiotic	126 (67%)	127 (66.5%)
Time to randomization median (IQR), h	53.6 (44.9-65.6)	52.5 (46.0-63.7)
Time to appropriate antibiotics (IQR), h	5.5 (0.4-31.5)	9.6 (0.5-32.1)

MERINO Trial – Demographics

Source	Pip/Tazo (n = 188)	Meropenem (n = 191)
Urinary Tract	103 (54.8%)	128 (67%)
Intra-abdominal tract	34 (18.1%)	28 (14.7%)
Vascular catheter-related	3 (1.6%)	3 (1.6%)
Surgical site infection	8 (4.3%)	4 (2.1%)
Pneumonia	9 (4.8%)	3 (1.6%)
Mucositis/neutropenia	12 (6.4%)	7 (3.7%)
SSTI	4 (2.1%)	1 (0.5%)
Other	2 (1.1%)	1 (0.5%)
Unknown	12 (6.4%)	16 (8.4%)

Primary Outcome



12.3% of all-cause mortality at 30 days

Piperacillin-tazobactam

- 23 of 187 patients

Meropenem

- 7 of 191 patients

3.7% of all-cause mortality at 30 days

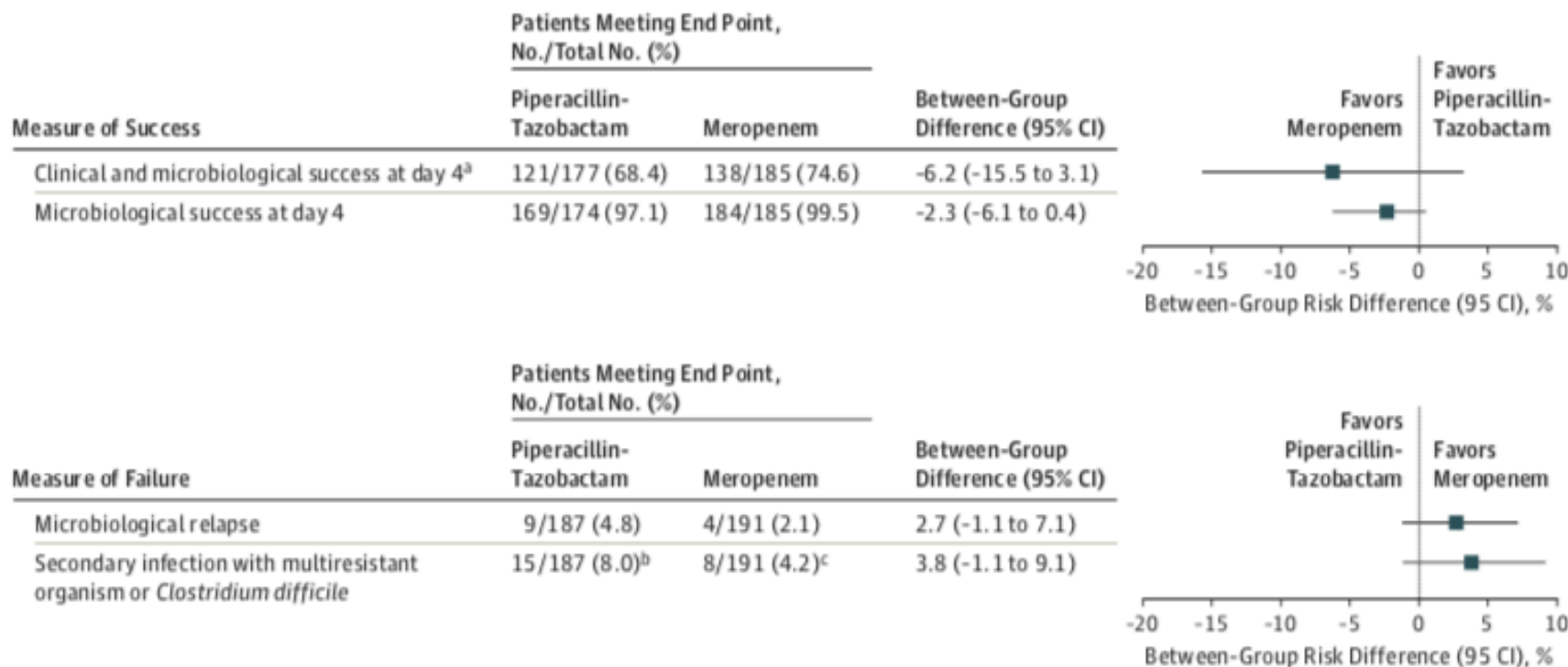
Risk difference, 8.6% [1-sided 97.5% CI, $-\infty$ to 14.5%]

$P = .90$ for noninferiority

Data and safety monitoring board (DSMB) terminated study

Secondary Outcomes

Figure 2. Secondary Outcomes



^a Clinical and microbiological success defined as survival, negative blood cultures, temperature of 38°C or less, and peripheral white blood cell count of less than or equal to 12 000/μL (to convert to ×10⁹/L, multiply by 0.001).

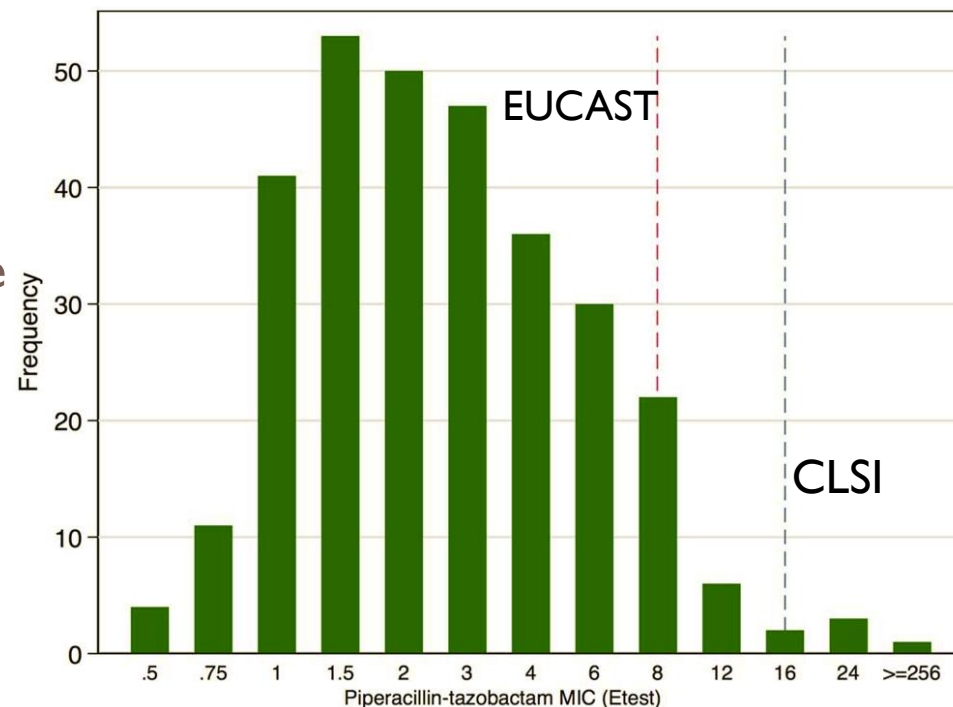
^b Twelve patients with meropenem- or piperacillin-tazobactam-resistant organism and 3 with *Clostridium difficile* infection.

^c Six patients with meropenem- or piperacillin-tazobactam-resistant organism and 2 with *Clostridium difficile* infection.

Susceptibility

- ▶ Local: 100% of isolates were sensitive to both pip/tazo and meropenem
- ▶ E-Test Confirmation
 - ▶ EUCAST: 12 (3.9%) nonsusceptible
 - ▶ CLSI: 4 (1.3%) nonsusceptible

European Committee for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (EUCAST)
Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI)



Discussion and Conclusion

▶ Limitations

▶ Empiric therapy

▶ Beta-lactam/beta-lactamase inhibitor

□ 39 (20.7) pip/tazo and 50 (26.2%) in meropenem group

▶ Carbapenem

□ 26 (13.8%) vs 29 (15.2%), respectively

▶ Carbapenem step down 38 (20.2%) in pip/tazo and 39 (20.4%) in meropenem group

▶ Only 2 patients were enrolled from North America (Canada)

▶ Conclusion

▶ Definitive treatment with piperacillin-tazobactam compared with meropenem did not result in noninferior 30-day mortality

▶ These findings do not support use of piperacillin-tazobactam in this setting

MDRO Risk Score

- ▶ Recent hospitalization for at least 48 hours during the preceding 90 days – 4 points
- ▶ Admission from a long-term care (LTC) facility – 3 points
- ▶ Chronic HD – 2 points
- ▶ Admitted to the ICU within 24 hours of evaluation in the ED – 1 point

- ▶ Maximum score of 10
 - ▶ Score >4 – high risk for MDRO

Empiric Therapy – ESBLs

Sensitivity: 51.0%

Specificity: 99.1%

κ value: 0.61

Positive predictive value: 90.8%

Negative predictive value: 91.9%

Does the patient have history of ESBL colonization or infection in prior 6 months?

No

Yes

Has the patient been hospitalized for ≥ 1 night in an ESBL high-burden region in prior 6 months?

No

Yes

7% ESBL Positive
(n = 1152)

Has patient received ≥ 6 days of antibiotics in prior 6 months

No

Yes

37% ESBL Positive
(n = 19)

100% ESBL Positive
(n = 17)

Did the patient have chronic indwelling vascular hardware present at bacteremia onset?

No

Yes

Is patient ≥ 43 years old?

No

Yes

25% ESBL Positive
(n = 8)

81% ESBL Positive
(n = 21)

92% ESBL Positive
(n = 71)



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Don't Forget...

▶ Asymptomatic bacteriuria (ASB)

- ▶ Patients without indwelling catheters is $\geq 10^5$ colony-forming units (CFU)/mL ($\geq 10^8$ CFU/L) in a voided urine specimen **without signs or symptoms** attributable to UTI

Screening and treatment of ASB is not recommended for:	Screening and treatment of ASB is recommended for:
• Infants and children • Healthy premenopausal, nonpregnant women or healthy postmenopausal women • Functionally impaired older women or men residing in the community • Older residents of Long-term Care Facilities • Indwelling catheters • Spinal cord injury • Renal transplant recipients (>1 month post-op) • Non-renal solid organ transplant recipients	• Pregnant women • Endoscopic urologic procedures

▶ Treatment of ASB found to contribute to inappropriate antimicrobial use

- ▶ Emergence of antimicrobial resistance

Carbapenems

- ▶ **Agents**

- ▶ Ertapenem, meropenem, doripenem, imipenem/cilastatin

- ▶ **MOA: inhibits bacterial cell wall synthesis**

- ▶ **Spectrum**

- ▶ Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamase (ESBL)
 - ▶ *Pseudomonas*, except ertapenem
 - ▶ *Acinetobacter*, except ertapenem

Ceftazidime/avibactam (Avycaz®)

- ▶ 3rd generation cephalosporin/non-beta-lactam beta-lactamase inhibitor
 - ▶ Avibactam has activity against Ambler class A and C carbapenemases TEM, SHV, CTX-M, KPCs, AmpC, and certain OXA
 - ▶ Limited activity against class D OXA β -lactamases
 - ▶ No activity against metallo- β -lactamases
- ▶ MOA: inhibition of cell wall biosynthesis
 - ▶ Bactericidal
- ▶ Spectrum
 - ▶ Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)
 - ▶ Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamase (ESBL)
 - ▶ MDR-*Pseudomonas*
 - ▶ Does NOT cover MDR-*Acinetobacter*
- ▶ Dose: ceftazidime 2 g/avibactam 0.5 g per vial
- ▶ Infused over 2 hours



Ceftolozane/tazobactam (Zerbaxa®) AKA “tol/taz”

- ▶ “Novel” cephalosporin/beta-lactamase inhibitor
- ▶ MOA: Inhibition of cell wall biosynthesis
- ▶ Tazobactam: irreversible inhibitor of some beta-lactamases (certain penicillinases and cephalosporinases), binds covalently to some chromosomal and plasmid-mediated bacterial beta-lactamases
 - ▶ Inhibitor of PBPs of *P. aeruginosa* (PBP1b, PBP1c, and PBP3) and *E. coli* (e.g., PBP3)
 - ▶ Bactericidal
- ▶ Spectrum
 - ▶ Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamase (ESBL)
 - ▶ MDR-*Pseudomonas*
 - ▶ Does NOT cover MDR-*Acinetobacter*
- ▶ Dose: ceftolozane 1 g/tazobactam 0.5 g per vial



ASPECT-NP

Design

- Multicenter
- Randomized
- Controlled
- Double-blind
- Phase 3
- Non-inferiority trial

Intervention

- Treatment of patients with ventilated nosocomial pneumonia (VNP)
- Ceftolozane/tazo 3g IV q8hr
- Meropenem 1g IV q8hr

Inclusion Criteria

- Intubated and mechanically ventilated adults (≥ 18 years of age)
- Diagnosed with VAP or vHABP

Exclusion

- Gram-positive on Gram stain
- Gram-negative pathogen resistant to study drug
- >24 hours of gram-negative therapy for nosocomial pneumonia within 72 hours of study drug
- Immunosuppression or neutropenia
- Hemodialysis



ASPECT-NP – Results

Endpoint	C/T n/N (%)	Meropenem n/N (%)	% Treatment Difference (95% CI) ^a
28-day all-cause mortality (ITT)	87/362 (24.0%)	92/364 (25.3%)	1.1 (-5.13, 7.39) ^b
VAP	63/263 (24.0%)	52/256 (20.3%)	-3.6 (-10.74, 3.52) ^c
vHAP	24/99 (24.2%)	40/108 (37.0%)	12.8 (0.18, 24.75) ^c
Clinical cure at TOC (ITT)	197/362 (54.4%)	194/364 (53.3%)	1.1 (-6.17, 8.29) ^b
VAP	147/263 (55.9%)	146/256 (57.0%)	-1.1 (-9.59, 7.35) ^c
vHAP	50/99 (50.5%)	48/108 (44.4%)	6.1 (-7.44, 19.27) ^c
Clinical cure at TOC (CE)	139/218 (63.8%)	143/221 (64.7%)	-1.3 (-10.21, 7.67) ^b
VAP	105/159 (66.0%)	111/172 (64.5%)	1.5 (-8.72, 11.62) ^c
vHAP	34/59 (57.6%)	32/49 (65.3%)	-7.7 (-24.99, 10.60) ^c

► Endpoints

- Primary: 28-day all-cause mortality (10% non-inferiority margin)
- Secondary: clinical response at test-of-cure (7-14 days after end-of-therapy) (12.5% non-inferiority margin)

► Legend

- C/T: Ceftolozane/tazobactam
- TOC: test of cure
- VABP: ventilator-associated bacterial pneumonia
- vHABP: ventilated hospital-associated bacterial pneumonia

ASPECT-NP – Microbiology

Pathogen	Ceftolozane/tazo (n = 264)	Meropenem (n = 247)	% Treatment Difference (95% CI)
Gram-negative pathogen	259 (98.1%)	240 (97.2%)	
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	63 (23.9%)	65 (26.3%)	
mITT Eradication	47/63 (74.6%)	41/65 (63.1%)	11.5 (-4.51-26.72)
ME Eradication	23/29 (79.3%)	21/38 (55.3%)	24.0 (1.11-43.01)
MDR	24 (9.1%)	11 (4.5%)	
XDR	10 (3.8%)	5 (2.0%)	
ESBL + Enterobacteriaceae	84 (31.8%)	73 (29.6%)	
mITT Eradication	56/84 (66.7%)	52/73 (71.2%)	-4.6 (-18.56 -9.93)
ME Eradication	33/45 (66.7%)	27/39 (69.2%)	-2.6 (-21.59-17.14)

Microbiological intention to treat: (mITT): received ≥ 1 dose of study treatment and ≥ 1 eligible culture

Microbiologically evaluable (ME): MITT who adhered to protocol, had evaluable clinical response at test-of-cure visit (7-14 days after end-of-therapy)

ASPECT-NP

▶ Conclusion

- ▶ Ceftolozane/tazobactam 3-gram dose regimen is non-inferior to meropenem for the treatment of nosocomial pneumonia
- ▶ Similar rates of microbiologic eradication for nosocomial pneumonia caused by ESBLs
- ▶ Higher rates of microbiologic eradication for nosocomial pneumonia caused by *Pseudomonas* in ME group

Meropenem/vaborbactam (Vabomere™)

- ▶ Carbapenem/beta-lactamase inhibitor
- ▶ MOA: inhibition of cell wall biosynthesis
 - ▶ Vaborbactam: non-suicidal beta-lactamase inhibitor that protects meropenem from degradation by certain serine beta-lactamases such as KPC
 - ▶ Does not have any antibacterial activity
 - ▶ Bactericidal
- ▶ Spectrum
 - ▶ Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)
 - ▶ Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamase (ESBL)
 - ▶ MDR-Pseudomonas
 - ▶ Does NOT cover MDR-Acinetobacter
- ▶ Infused over 3 hours
- ▶ Dose: meropenem 1 g/vaborbactam 1 g per vial



Imipenem / cilastatin / relebactam (Recarbrio™)

- ▶ Carbapenem/renal dehydropeptidase inhibitor/diazabicyclooctane beta lactamase inhibitor
- ▶ MOA: inhibition of cell wall biosynthesis by binding to PBP 2 and PBP 1B in Enterobacteriaceae and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
 - ▶ Relebactam: protects imipenem from degradation by certain serine beta lactamases such as SHV, TEM, CTX-M, *Enterobacter cloacae* P99 (P99), *Pseudomonas*-derived cephalosporinase (PDC), and KPC
 - ▶ Does not have any antibacterial activity
- ▶ Spectrum
 - ▶ Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)
 - ▶ Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamase (ESBL)
 - ▶ MDR-*Pseudomonas*
 - ▶ Does NOT cover MDR-*Acinetobacter*
- ▶ Dose: imipenem 0.5 g/cilastatin 0.5 g/relebactam 0.25 g per vial

Polymyxins

- ▶ Polymyxin B vs colistin (AKA Polymyxin E, Colistimethate)
- ▶ MOA: binds to phospholipids, alters permeability, and damages the bacterial cytoplasmic membrane permitting leakage of intracellular constituents
- ▶ Recommend to use in combination with another agent
 - ▶ Increased mortality when used as monotherapy
- ▶ Spectrum
 - ▶ Gram-negative bacilli (generally)
 - ▶ *Acinetobacter baumannii*
 - ▶ *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
 - ▶ *Klebsiella pneumoniae*
 - ▶ *Klebsiella aerogenes*
 - ▶ *Escherichia coli*
 - ▶ Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)
 - ▶ Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamase (ESBL)
- ▶ Intrinsic resistance
 - ▶ *Providencia spp.*
 - ▶ *Proteus spp.*
 - ▶ *Serratia spp.*
 - ▶ *Morganella spp.*
 - ▶ *Burkholderia spp.*

Polymyxins

Polymyxin B

- ▶ Use for systemic invasive infections
- ▶ 4% renally eliminated
 - ▶ No renal dose adjustments
 - ▶ Less nephrotoxic than colistin
- ▶ Loading dose: 2.0–2.5 mg/kg (TBW)



Colistin

- ▶ Use for treatment of UTI
- ▶ Prodrug
- ▶ Dosed in colistin base activity (CBA)
- ▶ Loading dose: 300 mg of CBA
 - ▶ AUC goal of 2 mg/L
 - ▶ <https://clinicalcalc.com/colistin/>

RESTORE-IMI 1

Objective

- To evaluate imipenem/relebactam for the treatment of imipenem-nonsusceptible infections

Design

- Randomized (2:1), controlled, double-blind, international, phase 3 trial of hospitalized patients with hospital-acquired/ventilator associated pneumonia (HAP/VAP), complicated intraabdominal infection (cIAls), or complicated urinary tract infection (cUTIs), caused by imipenem-nonsusceptible pathogens

Inclusion Criteria

- Hospitalized, adult patients (aged ≥ 18 years)
- Requiring treatment for HAP/VAP, cIAls, or cUTIs caused by imipenem-nonsusceptible pathogens

Exclusion Criteria

- APACHE II score >30
- Renal dysfunction: CrCL <15 mL/min, requiring hemodialysis/peritoneal dialysis
- Concomitant systemic/inhaled agents active against Enterobacteriaceae, *Pseudomonas* spp., and gram-negative anaerobic bacilli
- Prior colistin-based therapy
- Pulmonary obstructions (eg, lung cancer) in HAP/VAP; and complete obstruction of any portion of the urinary tract in cUTI

RESTORE-IMI 1

Intervention

- Imipenem/relebactam 500 mg/250 mg every 6 hours plus placebo (IMI/REL)
- Imipenem/relebactam plus colistimethate sodium IV (IMI/COL)
 - Colistimethate sodium loading dose: 300 mg colistin base activity (CBA), followed by maintenance doses up to 150 mg CBA q12hr

Outcomes

- Primary: overall response in the microbiologic modified intent-to-treat (mMITT) population
 - HAP/VAP: 28-day all-cause mortality
 - cIAI: day 28 clinical response
 - cUTI: composite clinical and microbiologic response at early follow-up visit
- Secondary
 - Day 28 clinical response (mMITT population)
 - 28-day all-cause mortality mMITT population)
 - Treatment-emergent nephrotoxicity

RESTORE-IMI 1 – Demographics

Characteristic	IMI/REL (n = 21)	IMI/COL (n = 10)
Age $\geq$ 65 years	6 (28.6%)	5 (50%)
APACHE II Score >15	7 (33%)	2 (20%)
Primary diagnosis		
HAP	1 (4.8%)	1 (10%)
VAP	7 (33.3%)	2 (20%)
cUTI (urinary tract abnormalities)	5 (23.8%)	3 (30%)
cUTI (pyelonephritis)	6 (28.6%)	2 (20%)
clAI	2 (9.5%)	2 (20%)
Bacteremia		
Yes	1 (4.8%)	1 (10%)
No	5 (23.8%)	2 (20%)
Unknown	15 (71.4%)	7 (70%)

RESTORE-IMI 1 – Microbiology

Pathogen	IMI/REL (n = 21)	IMI/COL (n = 10)
<i>Citrobacter freundii</i>	1 (4.8%)	0 (0%)
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	1 (4.8%)	0 (0%)
<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	0 (0%)	1 (10%)
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	3 (14.3%)	1 (10%)
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	16 (76.2%)	8 (80%)

β -lactamases	IMI/REL (n = 21)	IMI/COL (n = 10)
Class A: SHV-I, SHV-II	2 (9.5%)	1 (10%)
Class A: TEM	7 (33.3%)	3 (30%)
Class A: CTX-M	7 (33.3%)	4 (40%)
Class A: SHV-28	1 (4.8%)	0 (0%)
Class A: KPC	4 (19%)	1 (10%)
Class C: PDC*	16 (76.2%)	8 (80%)
Class D: OXA-48	0 (0%)	1 (10%)

Chromosomal AmpC - *Pseudomonas*-derived cephalosporinase (PDC)

RESTORE-IMI 1 – Results

Endpoint	IMI/REL (n = 21)		Colistin + IMI (n = 10)		Unadjusted Difference	Adjusted Difference ^a	
	n	% (95% CI) ^b	n	% (95% CI) ^a	%	%	90% CI
Primary endpoint							
Favorable overall response ^c	15	71.4 (49.8, 86.4)	7	70.0 (39.2, 89.7)	1.4	–7.3	(–27.5, 21.4)
Hospital-acquired bacterial pneumonia/ ventilator-associated bacterial pneumonia	7/8	87.5 (50.8, 99.9)	2/3	66.7		20.8	
Complicated intraabdominal infection	0/2 ^d	0.0	0/2 ^e	0.0		0.0	
Complicated urinary tract infection	8/11	72.7 (42.9, 90.8)	5/5	100.0 (51.1, 100.0)		–27.3 (–52.8, 12.8)	
Secondary endpoints							
Favorable clinical response (day 28)	15 ^f	71.4 (49.8, 86.4)	4 ^g	40.0 (16.7, 68.8)	31.4	26.3	(1.3, 51.5)
28-day all-cause mortality	2	9.5 (1.4, 30.1)	3	30.0 (10.3, 60.8)	–20.5	–17.3	(–46.4, 6.7)
Treatment-emergent nephrotoxicity ^h	3/29	10.3 (2.8, 27.2)	9/16	56.3 (33.2, 76.9)		–45.9 (–69.1, –18.4)	

Discussion and Conclusion

▶ Discussion

- ▶ Similar efficacy between arms
- ▶ Less nephrotoxicity in IMI/REL arm
- ▶ IMI/REL-treated patients had higher clinical response rates and lower 28-day mortality

▶ Limitations

- ▶ Small sample size
- ▶ Colistin vs. Polymyxin B

▶ Conclusion

- ▶ IMI/REL is a suitable treatment option for gram-negative infections, including those caused by carbapenem-nonsusceptible pathogens
- ▶ IMI/REL may be preferable to colistin-based therapy for the treatment of these pathogens



Ambler Class vs. Combo Agents

Ambler Class	Beta-lactamase Type	Enzyme Examples	Common Bacteria	Ceftaz /avi	Cefto /tazo	Mero/ vabor	Imip/ rele
A	Penicillinases	CTX-M, KPC, SHV, TEM	<i>E. coli</i> , <i>Klebsiella</i> , <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i>	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes
B	Metallo-beta-lactamases	IMP, NDM, VIM	<i>Pseudomonas</i> , <i>Acinetobacter</i>	No	No	No	No
C	Cephalosporinases	AmpC	<i>Enterobacter</i> , <i>Citrobacter</i> , <i>Proteus</i> , <i>Serratia</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i>	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes
D	Oxacillinases	OXA	<i>Acinetobacter</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i>	Yes	No	No	No



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A Comparison of Avycaz, Vabomere, and Zerbaxa [Internet] IDStewardship [updated 24 July 2019]

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Recarbrio™ (imipenem/cilastatin/relebactam) [package insert]. Whitehouse Station, NJ: Merck & Co., Inc.; 2019 July

Aminoglycosides

- ▶ Gentamicin, tobramycin, amikacin
- ▶ MOA: interferes with bacterial protein synthesis by binding to 30S ribosomal subunit resulting in a defective bacterial cell membrane
- ▶ Concentration dependent (time independent) kinetics
 - ▶ Goal peak 8-10x MIC of organism
 - ▶ Recommend extended interval dosing (higher peaks)
- ▶ Should be used in combination with a second agent
 - ▶ Could be considered for monotherapy for UTIs
- ▶ Nephrotoxicity and ototoxicity
- ▶ Spectrum
 - ▶ Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)
 - ▶ Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamase (ESBL)
 - ▶ MDR-*Pseudomonas*
 - ▶ *Acinetobacter* (amikacin only)

Fosfomycin (Monurol®) – Remember Me?

- ▶ Phosphonic acid derivative
 - ▶ Produced by *Streptomyces* spp.
- ▶ MOA: inhibits bacterial wall synthesis by inactivating the enzyme pyruvyl transferase
 - ▶ Bactericidal
- ▶ Treatment of UTI only
 - ▶ Low oral bioavailability
- ▶ Activity against KPC and New Delhi metallo- β -lactamases
- ▶ Spectrum
 - ▶ Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)
 - ▶ Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamase (ESBL)
 - ▶ MDR-Pseudomonas
 - ▶ Does NOT cover Acinetobacter
- ▶ Pipeline – IV formulation

Tigecycline (Tygacil®)

- ▶ Glycylcycline
- ▶ MOA: Inhibits protein synthesis by binding to the 30S ribosomal subunit
- ▶ Recommended in combination with other agents
- ▶ High dose: 100 mg IV q12hr
- ▶ Lipophilic
 - ▶ Extensive tissue distribution: gallbladder, lung, and colon
 - ▶ Avoid in bacteremia and UTIs
- ▶ BBW: an increase in all-cause mortality has been observed in a meta-analysis of phase 3 and 4 clinical trials in tigecycline-treated patients versus comparator
- ▶ Spectrum
 - ▶ Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)
 - ▶ Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamase (ESBL)
 - ▶ *Acinetobacter*

Sulbactam

- ▶ β -lactamase inhibitor
 - ▶ Inhibits Ambler class A enzymes
 - ▶ Binds to *A. baumannii* PBP1 and PBP3
 - ▶ Activity against *Acinetobacter*
- ▶ Only available in the US as ampicillin/sulbactam (Unasyn®)
- ▶ Recommended dose of sulbactam = 9 g/day
 - ▶ Ampicillin/sulbactam dose = 27 g/day
 - ▶ Consider ampicillin/sulbactam dosing of 3g IV q4hr
 - ▶ 6g of sulbactam/day

Administration: Extended or Continuous Infusion Beta-Lactams

▶ Ratio

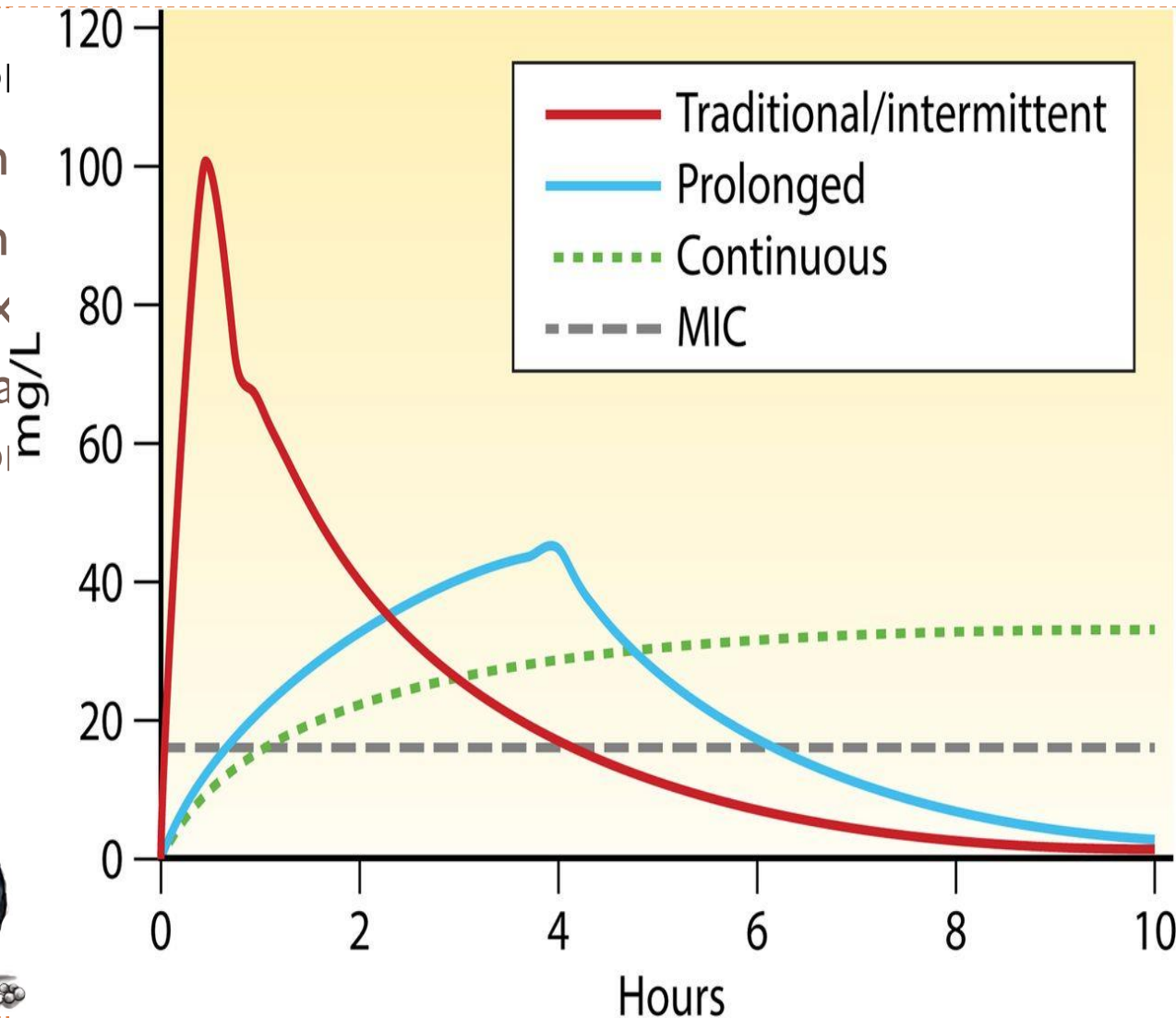
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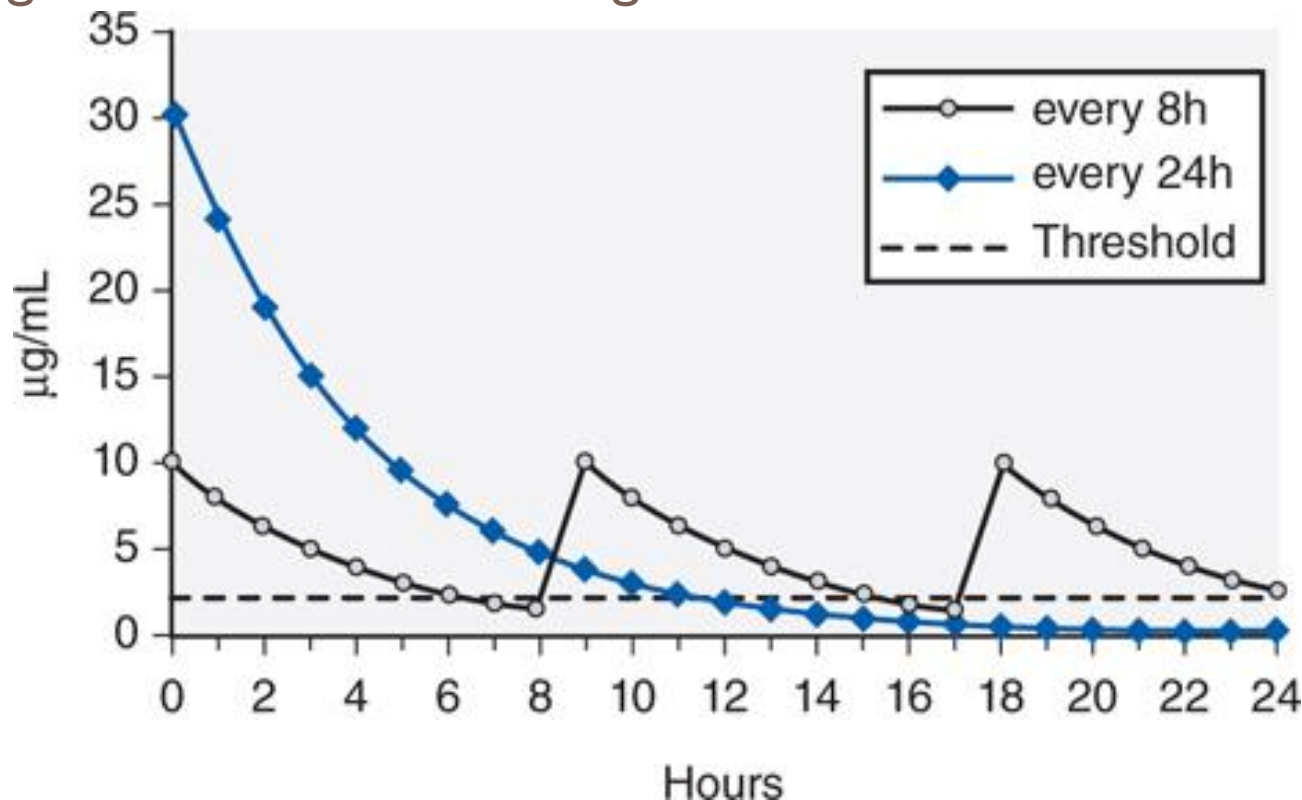


Administration: Extended Interval Aminoglycosides



► Rationale

- Concentration dependent pharmacokinetics
- Target: 8-10x MIC of the organism



Case

- ▶ 70 year old female presents to the ED from local nursing home with CC of fever and rigors
- ▶ PMH:
 - ▶ Subarachnoid hemorrhage status post trach/vent and PEG
 - ▶ Stage IV sacral ulcers
 - ▶ Diabetes mellitus type 2
 - ▶ COPD
 - ▶ Epilepsy
 - ▶ *Klebsiella pneumoniae* ESBL bacteremia (2 months prior)
 - ▶ *Proteus mirabilis* ESBL pneumonia (2 months prior)

Case

▶ Work up

- ▶ Blood cultures
- ▶ Sputum
- ▶ Urine culture
- ▶ Respiratory viral panel

Lab	Reference Range	Result
WBC	4.8-10.8 K/mcL	32.9
Lactate	0-2 mmol/L	4.35
Procalcitonin	0-0.09 mcg/mL	9.68
Temperature		102.8°F

What antimicrobial therapy would you initiate?



What antimicrobial therapy would you initiate?

Case

- ▶ Patient received 1x dose of vancomycin 1g and pip/tazo 3.375g in the ED
- ▶ Admitting team initiated meropenem 2g IV q8hr
- ▶ ID was consulted
 - ▶ Change to ceftolozane/tazobactam 1.5 g IV q8hr
 - ▶ History of ESBL organisms
 - ▶ Seizure history
- ▶ Microbiology
 - ▶ Blood cultures reveal GNR after 15.5 hours
 - ▶ Sputum Gram stain revealed GNR

Microbiology Results – Blood

<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>-CRE	
Amikacin	>32 R
Ampicillin	>16 R
Ampicillin/sul	>16 R
Aztreonam	>16 R
Cefazolin	>16 R
Cefepime	>16 R
Cefotaxime	>32 R
Ceftazidime	>16 R
Cefuroxime	>16 R
Ciprofloxacin	>2 R
Ertapenem	>1 R
Gentamicin	<=4 S
Imipenem	>8 R
Levofloxacin	>4 R
Meropenem	>8 R
Pip/tazo	>64 R
Trimeth/sulfa	<=2/38S

- ▶ Sent to NYC DOH
 - ▶ MALDI-TOF
 - ▶ Carbapenemase positive
 - ▶ KPC

Microbiology Result – Sputum

<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>-CRE	
Amikacin	<=8 S
Ampicillin	>16 R
Ampicillin/sul	>16 R
Aztreonam	>16 R
Cefazolin	>16 R
Cefepime	>16 R
Cefotaxime	>32 R
Ceftazidime	>16 R
Cefuroxime	>16 R
Ciprofloxacin	>2 R
Ertapenem	>1 R
Gentamicin	8 I
Imipenem	>8 R
Levofloxacin	>4 R
Meropenem	>8 R
Pip/tazo	>64 R
Trimeth/sulfa	<=2/38 S

<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>-ESBL	
Amikacin	<=8 S
Ampicillin	>16 R
Ampicillin/sul	<=8/4
Aztreonam	16 R
Cefazolin	>16 R
Cefepime	>16 R
Cefotaxime	>32 R
Ceftazidime	<=1 S
Cefuroxime	>16 R
Ciprofloxacin	>2 R
Ertapenem	0.5 S
Gentamicin	> 8 R
Levofloxacin	4 I
Meropenem	<=0.5 S
Pip/tazo	<=16 S
Trimeth/sulfa	>2/38 R

Case

- ▶ Based on these culture results, would you change therapy? If yes, to what?





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ESBL

Drug	Dose	Infusion	Cost/day (WAC)
Meropenem	1-2 g IV q8hr	Extended infusion – 3 hours	\$174.00
Ertapenem	1g IV q24hr	0.5 hour	\$117.07
Ceftazidime/avibactam	2.5 g IV q8hr	2 hours	\$1,076.43
Meropenem/vaborbactam	4g IV q8hr	3 hours	\$990.00
Imipenem/relebactam	500 mg/250 mg IV q6hr	0.5 hours	TBD
Ceftolozane/tazobactam	1.5-3 g IV q8hr	1 hour	\$352.82-651.64
Tigecycline	100 mg IV q12hr	1 hour	\$626.00
Fosfomycin (UTI only)	3 g PO q72hr x 3 days	N/A	\$86.92
Nitrofurantoin monohydrate	100 mg PO BID	N/A	\$6.00

CRE

Drug	Dose	Infusion	Cost/day (WAC)
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Meropenem/vaborbactam	4g IV q8hr	3 hours	\$990.00
Imipenem/relebactam	500 mg/250 mg IV q6hr	0.5 hours	TBD
Gentamicin, Tobramycin	5-7 mg/kg IV q24hr (extended interval)	2 hours	\$17.01
Amikacin	15 mg/kg IV q24hr (extended interval)	2 hours	\$23.20
Tigecycline	100 mg IV q12hr	1 hour	\$626.00
Polymyxin B	2.5 mg/kg/day divided q12hr	1.5 hours	\$44.00
Colistin	Defer to https://clincalc.com/colistin/	0.5 hours	\$90.00
Fosfomycin (UTI only)	3 g PO q72hr x 3 days	N/A	\$86.92

Pseudomonas aeruginosa

Drug	Dose	Infusion	Cost/day (WAC)
Ceftazidime/avibactam	2.5 g IV q8hr	2 hours	\$1,076.43
Meropenem/vaborbactam	4 g IV q8hr	3 hours	\$990.00
Imipenem/relebactam	500 mg/250 mg IV q6hr	0.5 hours	TBD
Ceftolozane/tazobactam	1.5-3 g IV q8hr	1 hour	\$352.82-651.64
Meropenem	1-2 g IV q8hr	Extended infusion – 3 hours	\$174.00
Cefepime	2 g IV q8hr	Extended infusion – 4 hours	\$29.40
Piperacillin/tazobactam	4.5 g IV infused over 60 minutes once, then 4.5 g IV q8hr	Extended infusion – 4 hours	\$41.19

Pseudomonas aeruginosa, cont.

Drug	Dose	Infusion	Cost/day (WAC)
Gentamicin, Tobramycin	5-7 mg/kg IV q24hr (extended interval)	2 hours	\$17.01
Amikacin	15 mg/kg IV q24hr (extended interval)	2 hours	\$23.20
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Colistin	Defer to https://clincalc.com/colistin/	0.5 hours	\$90.00
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Acinetobacter

Drug	Dose	Infusion	Cost/day (WAC)
Meropenem	2 g IV q8hr	Extended infusion – 3 hours	\$174.00
Cefepime	2 g IV q8hr	Extended infusion – 4 hours	\$29.40
Ampicillin/sulbactam	3g IV q6hr*	0.5 hours	\$36.00
Levofloxacin	750 mg IV/PO daily	1.5 hours	IV \$6.90 PO \$0.50
Amikacin	15 mg/kg IV q24hr (extended interval)	2 hours	\$23.20
Polymyxin B	2.5 mg/kg/day divided q12hr	1.5 hours	\$44.00
Colistin	Defer to https://clincalc.com/colistin/	0.5 hours	\$90.00

► *Defer to ID for higher dosing: 3g IV q4hr

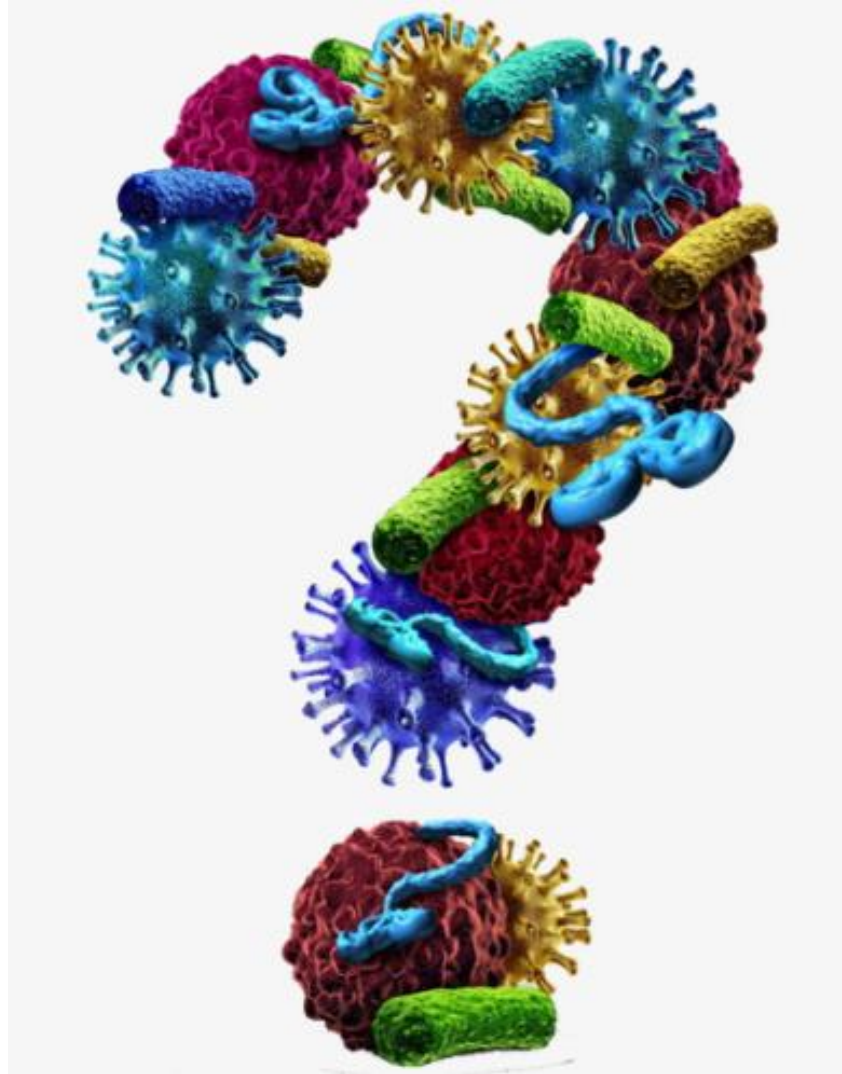
Pipeline

- ▶ IV fosfomycin
 - ▶ CRE, ESBL, MDR-*Pseudomonas*
 - ▶ Dose: 6 g IV q8hr
 - ▶ Phase 3 studies for UTI
- ▶ Aztreonam/avibactam
 - ▶ Mononactam/beta-lactamase inhibitor
- ▶ Cefiderocol
 - ▶ Siderophore cephalosporin
 - ▶ CRE and ***Acinetobacter***

Conclusion

- ▶ **Gram negative resistance is rising**
 - ▶ Emphasizes the importance of antimicrobial stewardship and appropriate duration of therapy
 - ▶ Avoid overuse of empiric carbapenems to prevent additional carbapenem resistance
- ▶ **Molecular testing plays a role in drug selection**
- ▶ **New drugs in the pipeline to treat XDRO pathogens**
- ▶ **ASB recommendations still apply for MDROs**

Questions



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