

# Pseudomonas 환자의 치료

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- Key Question

For patients with pseudomonas infection after confirming the culture result, should be considered for combination antibiotics?

- Proportion & resistance of Pseudomonas in HAP/VAP
- Role of combination therapy versus monotherapy in definitive therapy for pseudomonas
  - HAP/VAP
  - Bacteremia
  - MDR

Proportion & resistance of  
pseudomonas in HAP/VAP

# High Prevalence of Multidrug-Resistant Nonfermenters in Hospital-acquired Pneumonia in Asia

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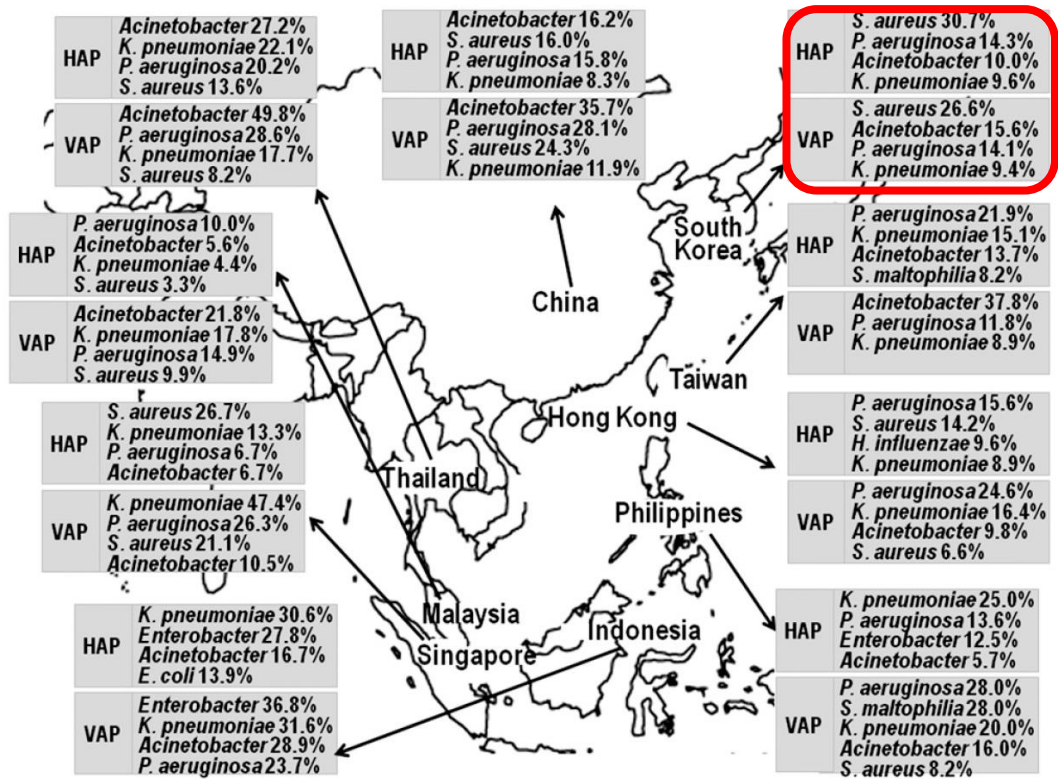


Figure 1. Comparison of major microorganisms isolated from hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP) and ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) in Asian countries.

A prospective surveillance study  
73 hospitals in 10 Asian countries from  
2008–2009.  
A total of 2,554 cases with HAP or VAP  
in adults were enrolled and 2,445  
bacterial isolates were collected from  
1,897 cases



# Characteristics, Management, and Clinical Outcomes of Patients with Hospital-Acquired and Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia: A Multicenter Cohort Study in Korea

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- 전체 17%
- Gram (-) 중 21.6%

from June 1 to December 31, 2019 13 hospitals

**Table 3.** Bacterial pathogen identified in patients with hospital-acquired and ventilator-associated pneumonia

Variable	No. (n=211)
Gram-positive pathogens	
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	24
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	7
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	5
<i>Nonstaphylococcus aureus Staphylococcus species</i>	4
Others*	5
Gram-negative pathogens	
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	68
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	36
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	35
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	11
<i>Sternotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	11
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	10
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	5
<i>Proteus species</i>	4
<i>Klebsiella aerogenes</i>	3
<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>	2
<i>Burkholderia cephalica</i>	2
<i>Citrobacter species</i>	2
Others†	2
MDR pathogen identified‡, n (%)	138 (70.4)
<i>Acinetobacter species</i>	67
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	30
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	27
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	19
<i>Enterococcus species</i>	4

\*Others included one *Streptococcus pyogenes*, one *Streptococcus mitis*, one *Streptococcus agalactiae*, one *Streptococcus anginosus*, and one *Listeria monocytogenes*. †Others included one *Klebsiella oxytoca* and one *Raoultella planticola*. ‡Data were available for 196 patients.

MDR: multidrug resistance.



In vitro activity of ceftolozane/tazobactam against Gram-negative isolates collected from ICU patients with lower respiratory tract infections in seven Asian countries—SMART 2017–2019

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**Table 1**

Species distribution of Gram-negative isolates collected from ICU patients with lower respiratory tract infections.

Species	n (%), rank order							
	All	Hong Kong	South Korea	Malaysia	Philippines	Taiwan	Thailand	Vietnam
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	898 (27.3), 1	14 (15.6), 2	97 (20.9), 3	141 (36.8), 1	47 (27.5), 1	201 (22.0), 2	182 (31.5), 1	216 (31.4), 2
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> complex <sup>a</sup>	780 (23.7), 2	3 (3.3), 7	157 (33.8), 1	85 (22.2), 3	18 (10.5), 3	141 (15.4), 3	135 (23.4), 2	241 (35.0), 1
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	761 (23.1), 3	24 (26.7), 1	102 (22.0), 2	96 (25.1), 2	41 (24.0), 2	267 (29.2), 1	126 (21.8), 3	105 (15.3), 3
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	181 (5.5), 4	14 (15.6), 2	25 (5.4), 4	10 (2.6), 5	18 (10.5), 3	78 (8.5), 4	34 (5.9), 4	2 (0.3), 10
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	172 (5.2), 5	11 (12.2), 4	16 (3.4), 6	10 (2.6), 5	13 (7.6), 5	60 (6.6), 5	24 (4.2), 5	38 (5.5), 4
<i>Klebsiella aerogenes</i>	78 (2.4), 6	5 (5.6), 6	25 (5.4), 4	7 (1.8), 7	5 (2.9), 7	14 (1.5), 9	8 (1.4), 8	14 (2.0), 6
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	75 (2.3), 7	7 (7.8), 5	12 (2.6), 7	3 (0.8), 9	0	30 (3.3), 7	13 (2.2), 6	10 (1.5), 7
<i>Acinetobacter nosocomialis</i>	67 (2.0), 8	2 (2.2), 8	4 (0.9), 9	6 (1.6), 8	1 (0.6), 8	31 (3.4), 6	6 (1.0), 9	17 (2.5), 5
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	66 (2.0), 9	2 (2.2), 8	5 (1.1), 8	13 (3.4), 4	7 (4.1), 6	23 (2.5), 8	13 (2.2), 6	3 (0.4), 9
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	21 (0.6), 10	0	2 (0.4), 10	2 (0.5), 10	0	9 (1.0), 10	4 (0.7), 10	4 (0.6), 8
Other species	189 (5.7)	8 (8.9)	19 (4.1)	10 (2.6)	21 (12.3)	60 (6.6)	33 (5.7)	38 (5.5)
Total	3288 (100)	90 (100)	464 (100)	383 (100)	171 (100)	914 (100)	578 (100)	688 (100)

<sup>a</sup> Defined as isolates of *A. baumannii* and isolates assigned to the complex based on the matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionisation-time of flight (MALDI-TOF) score.

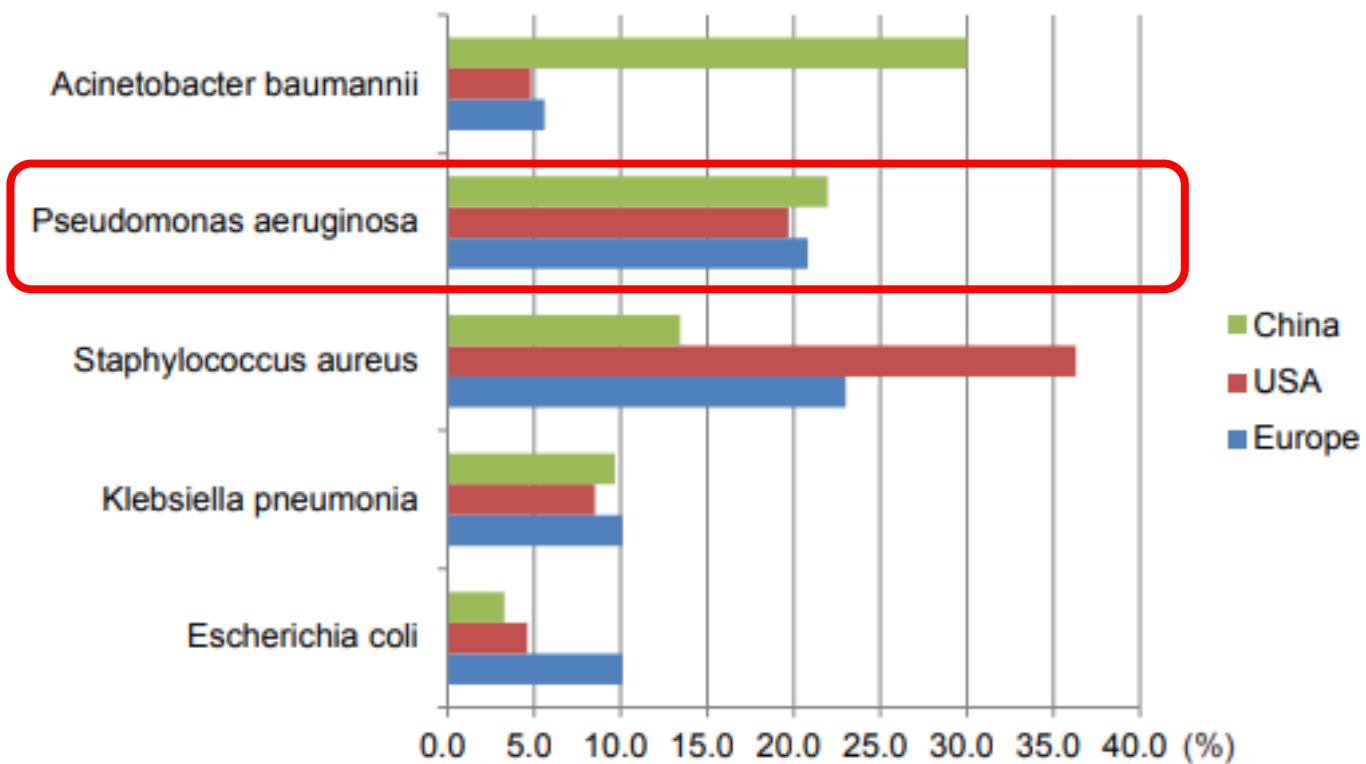
In 2017–2019, up to 100 consecutive, aerobic Gram-negative LRTI isolates were collected per year at each of 37 hospitals

## Different microbiological and clinical aspects of lower respiratory tract infections between China and European/American countries

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**Figure 2** Regional incidence (%) of pathogens isolated from patients with hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP).

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# Antimicrobial Susceptibility Trends and Risk Factors for Antimicrobial Resistance in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Bacteremia: 12-Year Experience in a Tertiary Hospital in Korea

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retrospectively reviewed the medical records of patients with *P. aeruginosa* bacteremia admitted to Inje University Busan Paik Hospital, Busan, South Korea, from January 2009 to October 2020

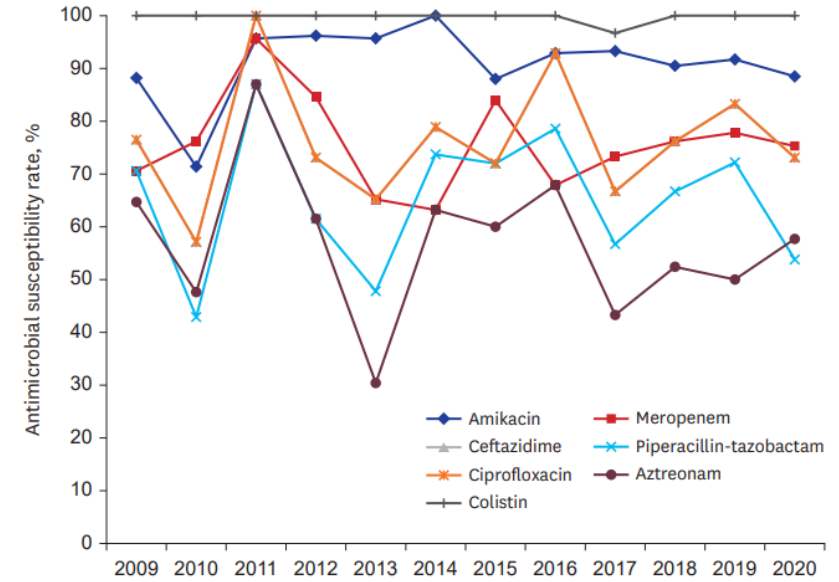


Fig. 1. Annual antimicrobial susceptibility trends in *P. aeruginosa* bacteremia.

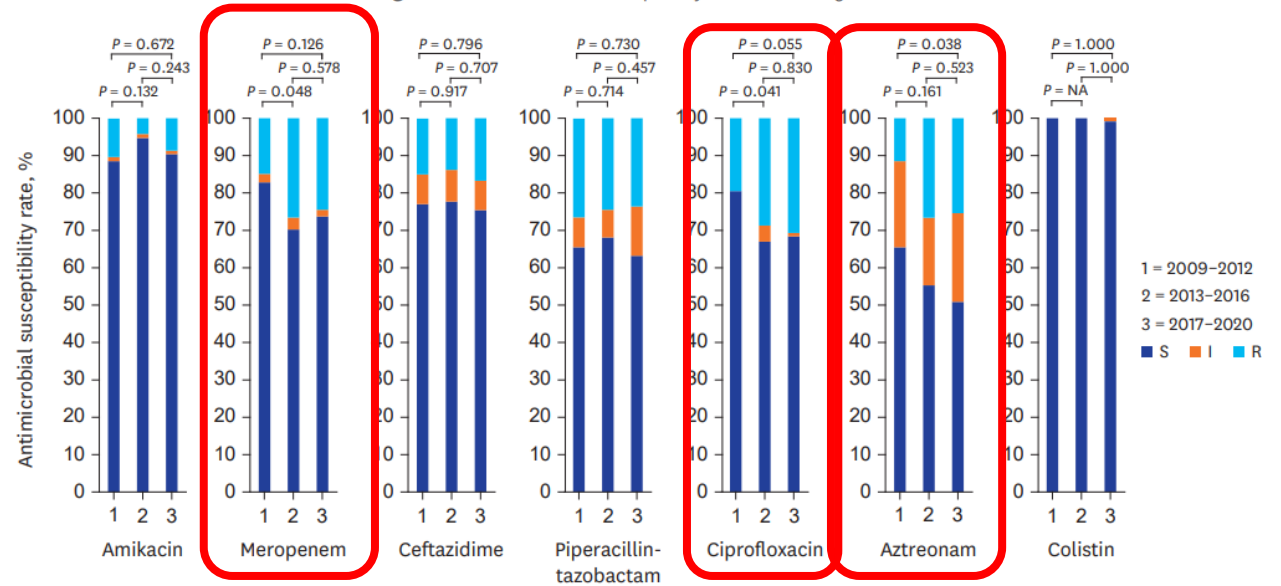
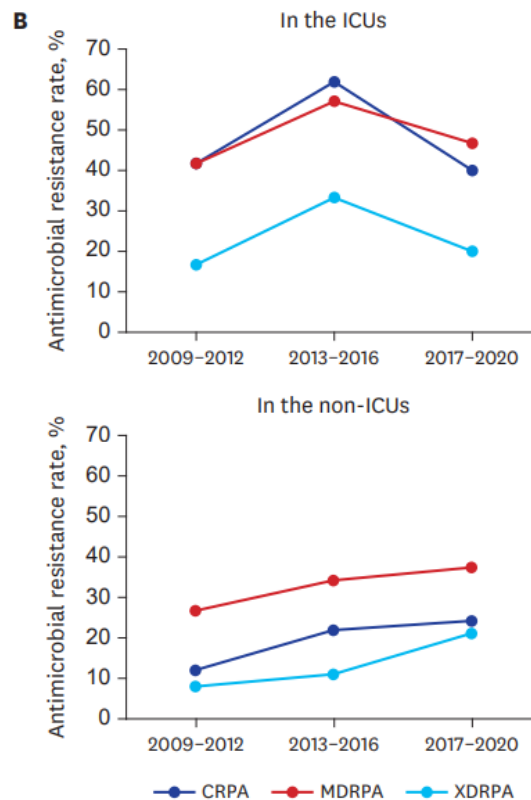
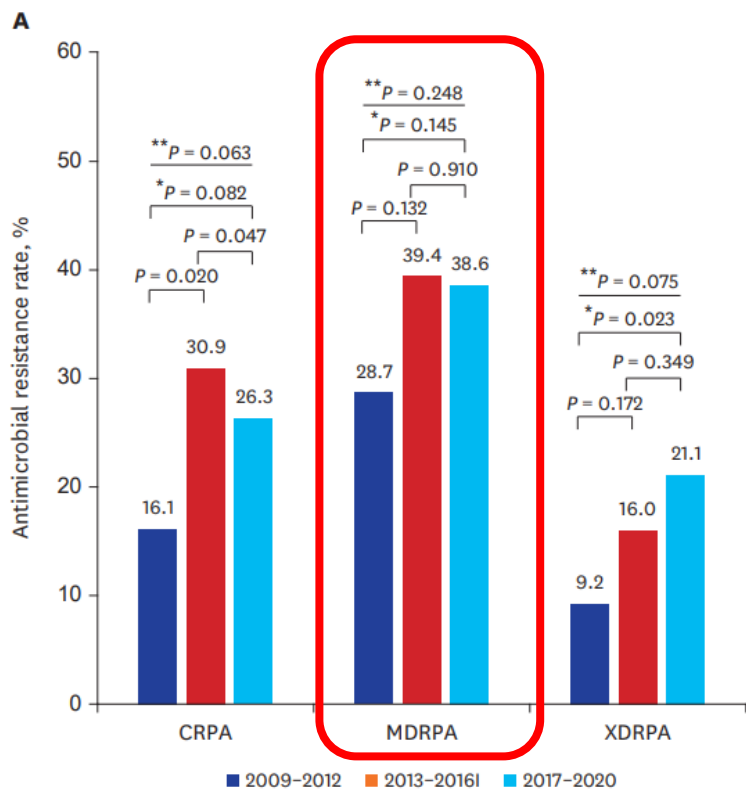


Fig. 2. Results of antimicrobial susceptibility in *P. aeruginosa* bacteremia for 2009–2012, 2013–2016, and 2017–2020. The P value was a comparison between susceptible and non-susceptible. NA = not applicable, S = susceptible, I = intermediate, R = resistant.

**Table 1.** Antimicrobial susceptibility rates in *P. aeruginosa* bacteremia

Characteristics	Total (n = 295)	2009–2012 (n = 87)	2013–2016 (n = 94)	2017–2020 (n = 114)	P
Amikacin	269 (91.2)	77 (88.5)	89 (94.7)	103 (90.4)	0.316
Gentamicin	246 (83.4)	75 (86.2)	82 (87.2)	89 (78.1)	0.147
Imipenem	220 (74.6)	71 (81.6)	65 (69.1)	84 (73.7)	0.151
Meropenem	222 (75.3)	72 (82.8)	66 (70.2)	84 (73.7)	0.131
Cefepime	228 (77.3)	68 (78.2)	76 (80.9)	85 (74.6)	0.551
Ceftazidime	226 (76.6)	67 (77.0)	73 (77.7)	86 (75.4)	0.926
Piperacillin-tazobactam	193 (65.4)	57 (65.5)	64 (68.1)	72 (63.2)	0.758
Ticarcillin-clavulanate	99 (33.6)	23 (26.4)	37 (39.4)	39 (34.2)	0.181
Ciprofloxacin	211 (71.5)	70 (80.5)	63 (67.0)	78 (68.4)	0.087
Aztreonam	167 (56.6)	57 (65.5)	52 (55.3)	58 (50.8)	0.111
Colistin	294 (99.7)	87 (100)	94 (100)	113 (99.1)	1.000

Values are presented as number of patients (%).



- 1) CRPA : when resistance or intermediate resistance was confirmed with one or more carbapenems having antipseudomonal activity
- 2) MDRPA : when the organism was not susceptible to one or more agents in at least three antimicrobial categories
- 3) XDRPA : when the organism was not susceptible to at least one agent in all but two or fewer antimicrobial categories
- 4) pandrug-resistant *P. aeruginosa* (PDRPA) : when the organism was not susceptible to all antimicrobial categories

**Fig. 3.** Antimicrobial resistance trends in *P. aeruginosa* bacteremia. (A) Antimicrobial resistance rates in *P. aeruginosa* bacteremia. (B) Comparison of antibiotic resistance rates of the ICUs vs. the non-ICUs setting.

CRPA = carbapenem-resistant *P. aeruginosa*, MDRPA = multidrug-resistant *P. aeruginosa*, XDRPA = extensively drug-resistant *P. aeruginosa*, ICU = intensive care unit. \*Comparison between 2009–2013 and 2017–2020; \*\*Comparison of the three groups.

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## The Distribution of Multidrug-resistant Microorganisms and Treatment Status of Hospital-acquired Pneumonia/Ventilator-associated Pneumonia in Adult Intensive Care Units: a Prospective Cohort Observational Study

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A multicenter prospective observational cohort study was conducted among patients with HAP/VAP admitted to the medical intensive care unit of 5 tertiary referral centers between August 2012 and June 2015

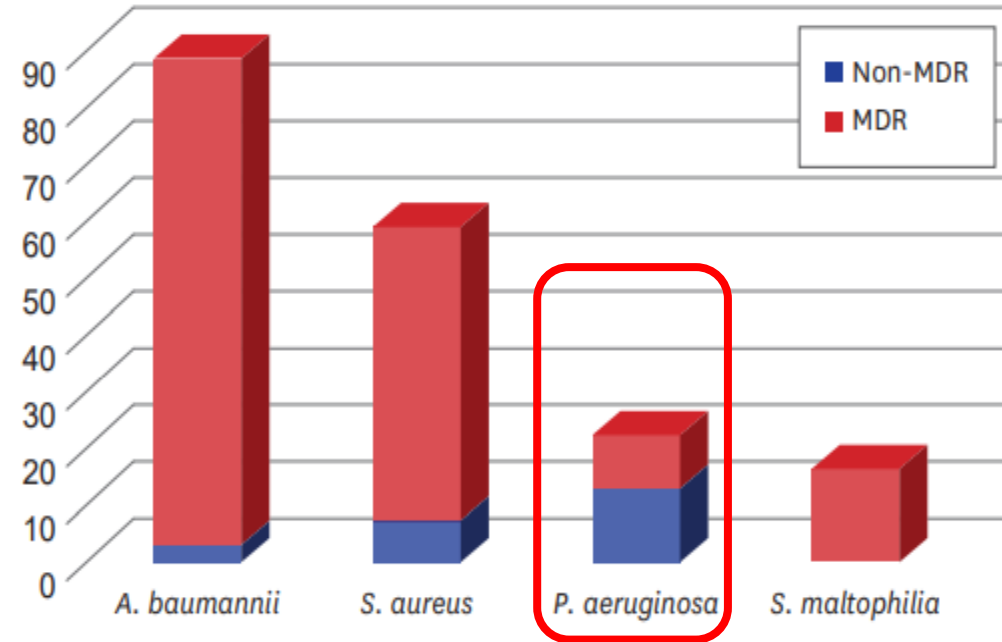


Fig. 1. Ratio of MDR bacteria in each major group of bacterial pathogens. MDR = multidrug-resistant.

## An international multicenter retrospective study of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* nosocomial pneumonia: impact of multidrug resistance

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**Table 3 Antibiotic susceptibility by country**

Antibiotic class	France	Germany	Italy	Spain	United States
Aminoglycosides	141(76.6)	120 (58.3)	101 (75.2)	112 (58.9)	257 (80.2)
Antipseudomonal carbapenems	139 (60.4)	119 (52.1)	107 (57.9)	112 (47.3)	257 (79.0)
Antipseudomonal cephalosporins	140 (77.1)	120 (60.8)	101 (74.3)	111 (59.5)	258 (81.4)
Antipseudomonal fluoroquinolones	138 (66.7)	118 (61.0)	100 (75.0)	111 (52.3)	257 (75.9)
Antipseudomonal penicillins + β-lactamase inhibitors	141 (64.5)	118 (46.5)	108 (70.3)	110 (63.6)	253 (82.6)
Multidrug-resistant	141 (33.3)	120 (44.2)	108 (22.2)	113 (43.4)	258 (20.5)
Extensively drug-resistant	141 (17.7)	120 (34.2)	108 (2.8)	113 (13.3)	258 (3.5)

Data presented as number of isolates tested (% susceptible). Multidrug-resistant: non-susceptible to one or more agents in three or more antibiotic classes. Extensively drug-resistant: non-susceptible to one or more agents in all but two or fewer antibiotic classes.

# Role of combination therapy versus monotherapy – definitive

HAP/VAP

# Optimal management therapy for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ventilator-associated pneumonia: An observational, multicenter study comparing monotherapy with combination antibiotic therapy\*

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**Objective:** To evaluate whether one antibiotic achieves equal outcomes compared with combination antibiotic therapy in patients with *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ventilator-associated pneumonia.

**Design:** A retrospective, multicenter, observational, cohort study.

**Setting:** Five intensive care units in Spanish university hospitals.

**Patients:** Adult patients identified to have monomicrobial episodes of ventilator-associated pneumonia with significant quantitative respiratory cultures for *P. aeruginosa*.

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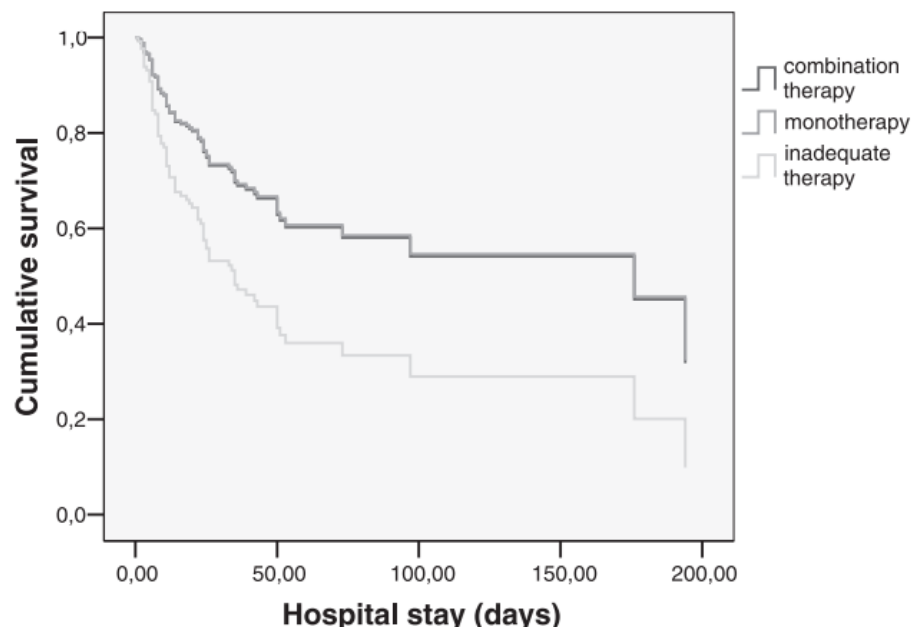


Figure 1. Cumulative survival curves of patients with inappropriate empirical antibiotic therapy compared with patients with effective monotherapy or effective combined therapy in the empirical therapy.

Table 5. Variables independently associated with mortality using Cox proportional regression analysis

	aHR	95% CI	p
Age	1.02	1.01-1.04	.005
Chronic cardiac failure	1.90	1.04-3.47	.035
Effective empirical therapy			.02
Combined therapy	1		
Monotherapy	0.90	0.50-1.63	.73
Inappropriate therapy	1.85	1.07-3.10	.02

aHR, adjusted hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval.

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## Impact of combination therapy and early de-escalation on outcome of ventilator-associated pneumonia caused by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

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**Table 3.** Risk factors for ICU mortality.

	Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
	HR (95% CI)	<i>p</i>	HR (95% CI)	<i>p</i>
Characteristics at ICU admission				
Female sex	0.91 (0.41–2.04)	0.83		
Age (>5 years)	1.12 (0.98–1.29)	0.09		
Comorbidities	1.12 (0.27–4.68)	0.88		
Characteristics upon PAVM onset				
SAPS II $\geq 40$ versus <40	3.08 (1.36–6.99)	<0.01	2.58 (1.13–5.88)	0.02
Shock	4.71 (2.03–10.89)	<0.01	4.31 (1.74–10.71)	<0.01
Multiresistant strains	1.15 (0.55–2.39)	0.71		
Empirical antibiotherapy				
Start <24 h	1.08 (0.44–2.62)	0.87		
Guided by previous endotracheal aspirate	0.89 (0.43–1.86)	0.76		
Combination versus monotherapy	0.84 (0.34–2.03)	0.69	1.53 (0.46–5.09)	0.49
Use of aminoglycoside	1.07 (0.52–2.19)	0.85		
Use of fluoroquinolone	1.02 (0.44–2.36)	0.96		
Appropriate initial antibiotherapy	0.81 (0.28–2.32)	0.70		
De-escalation	0.72 (0.33–1.56)	0.41	0.71 (0.31–1.62)	0.41

Between 1994 and 2014, all 100 patients with VAP caused by *P. aeruginosa* in our intensive care unit (ICU) were included in a retrospective cohort study to evaluate the prognostic impact of initial combination antibiotic therapy, France

# Role of combination therapy versus monotherapy – definitive

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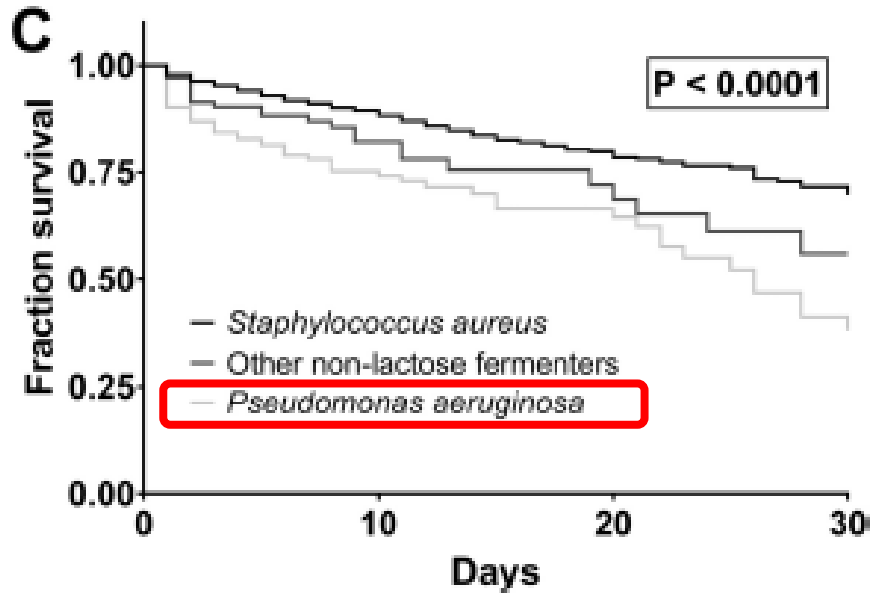


Results from a 13-Year Prospective Cohort Study Show Increased Mortality Associated with Bloodstream Infections Caused by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Compared to Other Bacteria

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prospectively ascertained cohort of 2,659 hospitalized patients with BSI over a 13-year period from a single center in USA



**TABLE 4** Multivariable Cox regression analysis of clinical and bacterial factors influencing *Staphylococcus aureus* and Gram-negative bloodstream infection mortality in inpatients at Duke University Medical Center from 2002 to 2015<sup>a</sup>

Parameter	Hazard ratio	95% CI	P
Age	1.376	1.286–1.475	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
Female gender	1.129	0.936–1.359	0.203
Race <sup>b</sup>			
Black	1.223	0.991–1.501	0.058
Other	0.804	0.485–1.253	0.366
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> BSI	1.435	1.043–1.933	<b>0.021</b>
APACHE-II chronic health score	1.168	1.101–1.244	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
MDR	1.051	0.869–1.269	0.609
Appropriate antibiotic therapy <sup>c</sup>	1.435	0.967–2.202	0.085
Days to line removal <sup>d</sup>			
1	0.537	0.192–1.305	0.194
2	0.606	0.232–1.424	0.271
≥3	0.904	0.259–2.468	0.857
No line-associated infection	7.227	0.392–37.881	0.060
BSI era (2005-2015) <sup>e</sup>	2.581	1.863–3.690	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
BSI source <sup>f</sup>			
Biliary	0.607	0.303–1.105	0.127
Pneumonia	2.264	1.628–3.169	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
Line	5.411	0.299–26.650	0.103
Skin/soft tissue	0.531	0.322–0.847	<b>0.010</b>
Abscess	0.721	0.387–1.254	0.273
Other	1.035	0.726–1.476	0.850
Source not identified	2.073	1.549–2.810	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>

<sup>a</sup>Abbreviations: BSI, bloodstream infection; CI, confidence interval; MDR, multidrug resistant. Statistically significant values are indicated in boldface.

<sup>b</sup>The reference group was composed of white patients.

<sup>c</sup>This is a time-dependent variable in which "no appropriate antibiotic therapy" is the reference.

<sup>d</sup>The reference group is composed of patients with line-associated infections and line removal on day 0.

<sup>e</sup>The reference group is composed of BSI from 2002 to 2004.

<sup>f</sup>The reference group is BSI from a urine/pyelonephritis source.



## Antimicrobial Susceptibility Trends and Risk Factors for Antimicrobial Resistance in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Bacteremia: 12-Year Experience in a Tertiary Hospital in Korea

**Table 4.** Risk factors for 30-day mortality in patients with *P. aeruginosa* bacteremia

Characteristics	Non-survivor (n = 80)	Survivor (n = 215)	Univariable HR (95% CI)	P	Multivariable HR (95% CI)	P
Age ≥ 65	49 (61.3)	128 (59.5)	1.2 (0.8–1.9)	0.418		
Male sex	59 (73.8)	138 (64.2)	0.7 (0.4–1.1)	0.146		
Underlying conditions						
Cardiovascular disease	9 (11.3)	21 (9.8)	1.0 (0.5–1.9)	0.892		
Cerebrovascular accident	5 (6.3)	35 (16.3)	0.3 (0.1–0.9)	0.021		
Chronic kidney disease	10 (12.5)	14 (6.5)	1.5 (0.8–3.0)	0.206		
COPD or chronic lung disease	2 (2.5)	5 (2.3)	1.0 (0.3–4.2)	0.967		
Dementia	1 (1.3)	13 (6.0)	0.3 (0.1–2.5)	0.294		
Diabetes	26 (32.5)	58 (27.0)	1.2 (0.8–2.0)	0.384		
Heart failure	5 (6.3)	9 (4.2)	1.9 (0.7–4.6)	0.183		
Hypertension	27 (33.8)	85 (39.5)	0.8 (0.5–1.2)	0.270		
Liver disease	3 (3.8)	9 (4.2)	0.9 (0.3–2.9)	0.882		
Solid cancer	44 (55.0)	111 (51.6)	1.1 (0.7–1.9)	0.519		
Hematologic malignancy	16 (20.0)	10 (4.7)	2.8 (1.6–4.9)	< 0.001	2.3 (1.3–4.0)	0.005
Immunosuppressive therapy	35 (43.8)	67 (31.2)	1.5 (0.9–2.3)	0.071		
Neutropenia	28 (35.0)	26 (12.1)	2.7 (1.7–4.3)	< 0.001		
Transplantation	2 (2.5)	5 (2.3)	1.1 (0.3–4.3)	0.931		
CCI score ≥ 5	49 (61.3)	121 (56.3)	1.2 (0.8–1.9)	0.439		
Healthcare-associated infection	65 (81.3)	180 (83.7)	0.8 (0.5–1.4)	0.400		
Previous surgery within 90 days	20 (25.0)	46 (21.4)	1.1 (0.7–1.9)	0.587		
Any antibiotic exposure within 90 days	65 (81.3)	156 (72.6)	1.3 (0.7–2.2)	0.397		
Colonization with MDROs						
CRE	1 (1.3)	3 (1.4)	1.6 (0.2–11.6)	0.638		
ESBL	4 (5.0)	23 (10.7)	0.5 (0.2–1.2)	0.126		
MRAB	9 (11.3)	7 (3.3)	2.0 (1.0–4.1)	0.049		
MRSA	2 (2.5)	3 (1.4)	1.2 (0.3–5.2)	0.738		
VRE	9 (11.3)	10 (4.7)	1.8 (0.9–3.6)	0.095		

retrospectively reviewed the medical records of patients with *P. aeruginosa* bacteremia admitted to Inje University Busan Paik Hospital, Busan from January 2009 to October 2020

Characteristics	Non-survivor (n = 80)	Survivor (n = 215)	Univariable HR (95% CI)	P	Multivariable HR (95% CI)	P
ICU stay	25 (31.3)	23 (10.7)	2.3 (1.5–3.8)	< 0.001	1.7 (1.1–2.8)	0.025
Devices during time at risk						
Central venous catheter	35 (43.8)	72 (33.5)	1.2 (0.8–1.9)	0.342		
Ventilator	17 (21.3)	12 (5.6)	2.6 (1.5–4.5)	< 0.001		
Indwelling urinary catheter	34 (42.5)	66 (30.7)	1.4 (0.9–2.2)	0.132		
Antimicrobial resistance						
CRPA	22 (27.5)	51 (23.7)	1.1 (0.7–1.8)	0.774		
MDRPA	28 (35.0)	78 (36.3)	0.9 (0.6–1.4)	0.669		
XDRPA	14 (17.5)	33 (15.3)	1.0 (0.6–1.8)	0.904		
Polymicrobial infection	21 (26.3)	29 (13.5)	1.8 (1.1–3.0)	0.017	1.8 (1.1–3.1)	0.032
Shock on the first day of bacteremia	56 (70.0)	28 (13.0)	8.5 (5.3–13.8)	< 0.001	6.4 (3.8–10.7)	< 0.001
Primary site of infection						
Hepato-biliary tract	15 (18.8)	64 (29.8)	0.6 (0.4–1.1)	0.096		
Gastrointestinal tract	7 (8.8)	12 (5.6)	1.2 (0.7–3.3)	0.283		
Respiratory tract	35 (43.8)	34 (15.8)	3.4 (2.2–5.2)	< 0.001	1.7 (1.0–2.8)	0.034
Urinary tract	7 (8.8)	43 (20.0)	0.4 (0.2–0.9)	0.023		
Central venous catheter	7 (8.8)	32 (14.9)	0.5 (0.2–1.1)	0.088		
Skin and soft tissue	2 (2.5)	10 (4.7)	0.5 (0.1–2.1)	0.372		
Surgical site	1 (1.3)	1 (0.5)	3.3 (0.5–23.7)	0.239		
Primary bloodstream	6 (7.5)	19 (8.8)	0.9 (0.4–2.1)	0.824		
Invasive drainage procedures	9 (11.3)	53 (24.7)	0.5 (0.2–0.9)	0.024		
Active antimicrobial therapy	67 (83.8)	177 (82.3)	0.7 (0.4–1.3)	0.292		
Concordant empirical antimicrobial therapy	56 (70.0)	125 (58.1)	1.4 (0.9–2.3)	0.141		
Single antibiotics	42 (52.5)	109 (50.7)				
Aminoglycoside	0 (0)	6 (2.8)				
Anti-pseudomonal cephalosporine	12 (15.0)	23 (10.7)				
Anti-pseudomonal penicillin	5 (6.3)	39 (18.1)				
Carbapenem	17 (21.3)	31 (14.4)				
Fluoroquinolone	1 (1.3)	8 (3.7)				
Colistin	7 (8.8)	2 (0.9)				
Combination antibiotics	14 (17.5)	16 (7.4)				
Anti-pseudomonal cephalosporine + aminoglycoside	1 (1.3)	2 (0.9)				
Anti-pseudomonal cephalosporine + fluoroquinolone	1 (1.3)	1 (0.5)				
Anti-pseudomonal penicillin + fluoroquinolone	9 (11.3)	12 (5.6)				
Carbapenem + aminoglycoside	2 (2.5)	0 (0)				
Carbapenem + fluoroquinolone	1 (1.3)	1 (0.5)				

Values are presented as number (%).

HR = hazard ratio, CI = confidence interval, COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, CCI = Charlson comorbidity index, MDRO = multidrug-resistant organism, CRE = carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacteriaceae*, ESBL = extended-spectrum beta-lactamase-producing bacteria, MRAB = multi-drug resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii*, MRSA = methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, VRE = vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus*, ICU = intensive care unit, CRPA = carbapenem-resistant *P. aeruginosa*, MDRPA = multidrug-resistant *P. aeruginosa*, XDRPA = extensively drug-resistant *P. aeruginosa*.

## Effect of Adequate Single-Drug vs Combination Antimicrobial Therapy on Mortality in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Bloodstream Infections: A Post Hoc Analysis of a Prospective Cohort

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A post hoc analysis of patients with PA bacteremia carried out in 10 public hospitals located in 4 areas of Spain between January 2008 and December 2009

**Table 3. Cox Regression Analysis of Relation Between Empirical and Definitive Antimicrobial Therapy and 30-Day Mortality**

Characteristic	AHR	95% CI	PValue
<b>Empirical antimicrobial therapy</b>			
AECT	1.0 (reference)		
AESD	1.17	.70–1.96	.54
IET	1.70	.99–2.92	.052
<b>Definitive antimicrobial therapy</b>			
ADCT	1.0 (reference)		
ADSD	1.34	.73–2.47	.35
IDT	0.86	.36–2.02	.73

Abbreviations: ADCT, adequate definitive combination therapy; ADSD, adequate definitive single-drug therapy; AECT, adequate empirical combination therapy; AESD, adequate empirical single-drug therapy; AHR, adjusted hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval; IDT, inadequate definitive therapy; IET, inadequate empirical therapy.

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## Impact of adequate empirical combination therapy on mortality from bacteremic *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* pneumonia

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retrospective cohort study, Asan medical center  
n=100

- The 28-day mortality was significantly higher in the inadequate therapy group than the adequate therapy group (68.6% [24/35] vs. 41.5% [27/65],  $p = 0.01$ )
- Multivariate logistic regression analysis identified the **absence of septic shock** at the time of bacteremia (AOR, 0.07; 95% CI, 0.01-0.49;  $p = 0.008$ ), and **combination therapy** (AOR, 0.05; 95% CI, 0.01-0.34;  $p = 0.002$ , univariate OR 0.38 (0.14-1.06)) as variables that were independently associated with decreased all-cause 28-day mortality



## Beta-lactam monotherapy or combination therapy for bloodstream infections or pneumonia due to *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*: a meta-analysis

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# Definitive – bacteremia or pneumonia

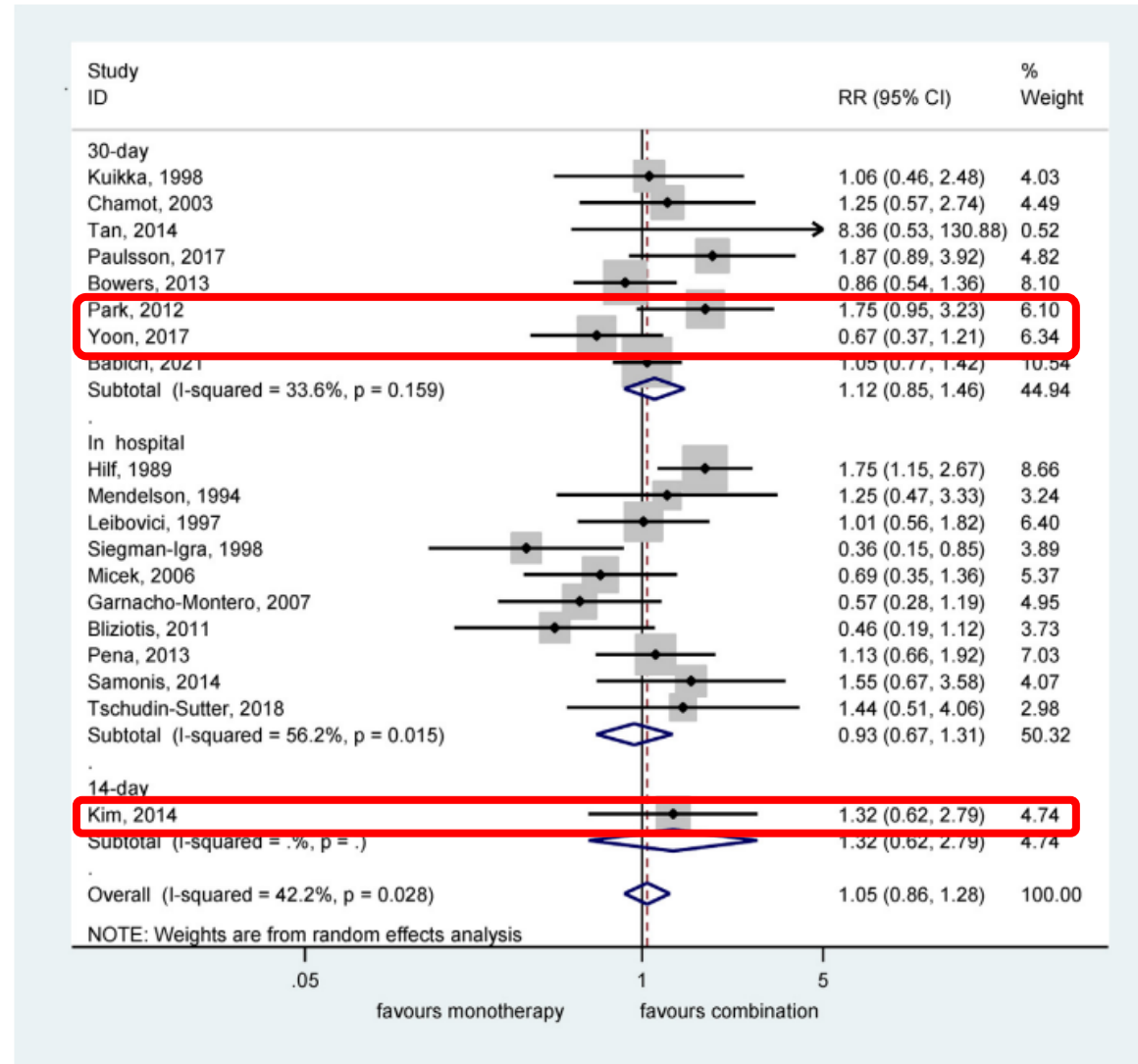


Figure 3. Forest plot of RRs of mortality in patients treated with definitive combination or monotherapy

# Role of combination therapy versus monotherapy – definitive

Antibiotics selection

**Table 2**Risk factors associated with 30-day mortality in patients given appropriate empiric therapy ( $n=58$ ).

Variable	Univariate analysis OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> value	Multivariate analysis <sup>a</sup> OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> value
Age	1.05 (1.00–1.12)	0.06	1.11 (1.02–1.20)	0.02
Total length of hospital stay	1.00 (0.99–1.02)	0.62		
Length of hospital stay before culture	1.01 (0.99–1.03)	0.24 <sup>b</sup>		
Comorbidities				
Congestive heart failure	3.00 (0.74–12.18)	0.12		
COPD	2.51 (0.52–12.09)	0.25		
Diabetes mellitus	1.53 (0.39–5.99)	0.55		
APACHE II	1.09 (0.99–1.19)	0.07		
Functional aminoglycoside monotherapy <sup>c</sup>	3.33 (0.76–14.58)	0.11	12.54 (1.51–103.99)	0.02
Source of bacteremia				
Line	1.22 (0.12–12.26)	0.87		
Urinary tract	0.30 (0.03–2.60)	0.27		
Abdomen	4.67 (1.01–21.49)	0.05		

<sup>a</sup> Receiver operating characteristic area under the curve = 0.784.<sup>b</sup> *P* value = 0.17 with the variable log-transformed (0 day assigned a value of 1).<sup>c</sup> Compared to beta-lactams.

single-center, retrospective, cohort study conducted from January 2002 through December 2015 in an 850-bed academic teaching hospital in Houston, Texas

Carbapenems vs. alternative  $\beta$ -lactams for the treatment of nosocomial pneumonia: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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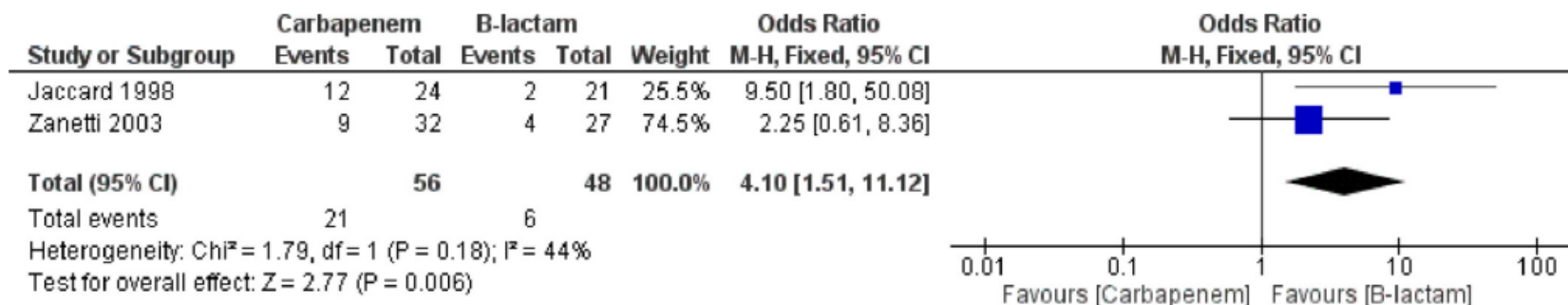


Fig. 3. Forest plot of odds ratios for clinical failure in patients with nosocomial pneumonia caused by *P. aeruginosa*

Patients treated with imipenem were more than twice as likely to experience clinical failure in pneumonia caused by *P. aeruginosa* (Fig. 3; OR 2.64, 95% CI 1.51-11.12,  $I^2=44\%$ )

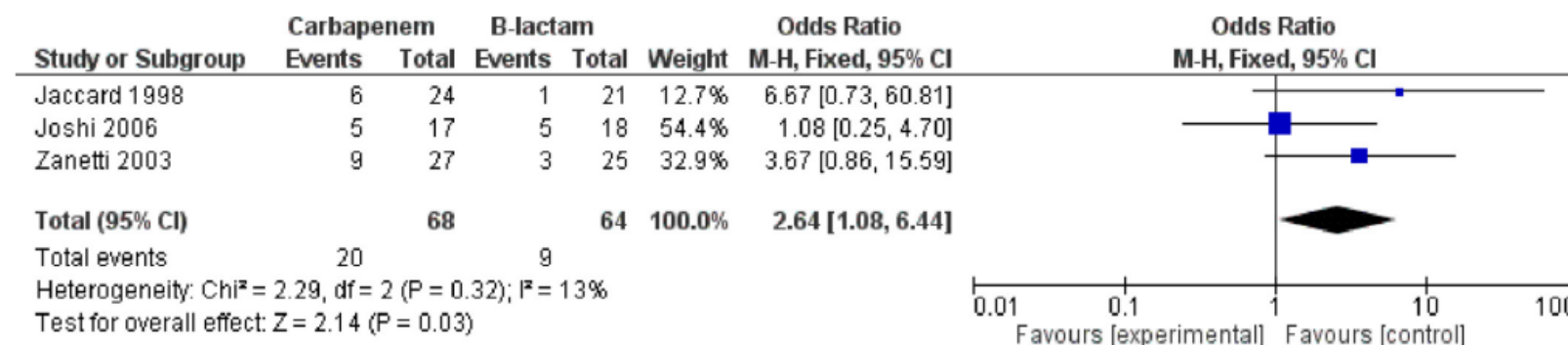


Fig. 5. Forest plot of odds ratios for development of resistance to the study drug in patients with nosocomial pneumonia caused by *P. aeruginosa*

Among patients infected with *P. aeruginosa*, resistance was more likely to develop in patients treated with imipenem compared with those treated with TZP or cefepime (Figure 5; OR 2.64, 95% CI 1.08-6.44,  $I^2=0\%$ )

# Ceftazidime, Carbapenems, or Piperacillin-tazobactam as Single Definitive Therapy for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Bloodstream Infection: A Multisite Retrospective Study

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retrospective, observational, multinational, and multicenter cohort study from 25 centers in 9 countries across Europe, Australia and Israel hospitalized patients from 1 January 2009 until 31 October 2015

**Table 3. Multivariate Analyses for Risk Factors for 30-day All-cause Mortality: Entire Cohort and Propensity Score–Adjusted Cohort**

Variable	Odds Ratio (95% CI)		
	Univariate Analysis	Multivariate Logistic Regression Analysis (n = 767)	Multivariate Logistic Regression Analysis, Propensity Score Adjusted (n = 542)
Definitive treatment (carbapenem as reference)			
Ceftazidime	0.84 (.52–1.37)	0.92 (.5–1.67)	1.14 (.52–2.46)
Piperacillin-tazobactam	0.76 (.48–1.18)	1.17 (.69–1.67)	1.3 (.67–2.51)

Table 4. Secondary Outcomes According to Drug Group

Outcome	Ceftazidime (n = 213)	Piperacillin-Tazobactam (n = 344)	Carbapenem (n = 210)	Total Cohort (n = 767)	P
<b>Clinical outcomes</b>					
7-day mortality, n (%)	13 (6.1)	17 (4.9)	16 (7.6)	46 (6)	.435
Clinical failure, n/N (%)	78/170 (45.9)	114/306 (37.3)	80/180 (44.4)	272/656 (41.5)	.119
Late septic shock, n (%)	11 (5.4)	10 (3.1)	14 (7)	35 (4.8)	.110
Late need for respiratory support, n (%)	11 (5.6)	8 (2.5)	10 (5.1)	29 (4.1)	.167
<b>Hospital duration, days</b>					
Entire cohort (N = 721)	13 (9–23)	13 (7–24)	14 (8–28)	13 (8–24)	.363
Alive at day 30 (N = 587)	14 (9–31)	13 (8–27.5)	15 (9–38)	14 (9–31)	.16
Microbiological failure (N = 727), n/N (%)	23/205 (11.2)	37/325 (11.4)	31/196 (15.7)	91/723 (12.5)	.278
<b>Fever duration, days</b>					
Entire cohort (N = 641)	1 (1–3)	1 (0.75–3)	1 (1–4)	1 (1–3)	.14
Alive at day 30 (N = 526)	1 (1–3)	1 (1–2)	2 (1–4)	1 (1–3)	.094
<b>Adverse events</b>					
Renal failure, n (%)	(N = 195)	(N = 334)	(N = 209)	(N = 738)	.217
No	169 (86.7)	289 (86.5)	181 (86.6)	639 (86.6)	
Risk	14 (7.2)	22 (6.6)	8 (3.8)	44 (6)	
Injury	6 (3.1)	8 (2.4)	6 (2.9)	20 (2.7)	
Failure	0	7 (2.1)	9 (4.3)	16 (2.2)	
Loss	3 (1.5)	2 (0.6)	3 (1.4)	8 (1.1)	
ESKD, n (%)	3 (1.5)	6 (1.8)	2 (1)	11 (1.5)	
Any diarrhea, n/N (%)	26/204 (12.7)	55/333 (16.5)	26/209 (12.4)	107/746 (14.3)	.313
<i>Clostridium difficile</i> infection, n/N (%)	3/205 (1.5)	8/339 (2.4)	2/209 (1)	13/753 (1.7)	.446
Anaphylactic shock	0	0	0	0	
Any rash, n/N (%)	4/190 (2.1)	9/330 (2.7)	4/207 (1.9)	17/727 (2.3)	.813
Seizures, n/N (%)	4/191 (2.1)	5/330 (1.5)	1/207 (0.5)	10/728 (1.4)	.369
Drug discontinuation due to adverse events, n/N (%)	2/191 (1)	3/330 (0.9)	4/207 (1.9)	9/728 (1.2)	.558
<b>New resistance profile, n/N (%)</b>					
Resistant PA	25/201 (12.4)	28/332 (8.4)	36/206 (17.5)	89/739 (12)	.007
Resistant GNRs <sup>a</sup>	15/204 (7.4)	29/333 (8.7)	22/206 (10.7)	66/743 (8.9)	.491
MRSA	6/200 (3)	7/323 (2.2)	4/205 (2)	17/728 (2.3)	.756
VRE	3/202 (1.5)	4/323 (1.2)	5/206 (2.4)	12/731 (1.6)	.565

Continuous variables are presented as median (IQR) or mean  $\pm$  SD according to distribution of variable; categorical variables are presented as no. (%). Definitions of secondary outcomes, including new resistance profile are presented in Appendix 3.

Abbreviations: ESKD, end-stage kidney disease; IQR, interquartile range; GNR, gram-negative rod; MRSA, methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*; PA, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*; SD, standard deviation; VRE, vancomycin-resistant enterococci.

<sup>a</sup>Gram-negative bacteria other than *Pseudomonas*.

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Characteristics	Alive without Recurrence within 14 Days (n = 202)	Treatment Failure within 14 Days (n = 112)	Univariate P Value	Multivariate*	
				SHR (95% CI)	P Value
<b>Between admission and the day of the first PA-VAP</b>					
Aminoglycosides	93 (46)	57 (50.9)	0.4	—	—
Penems	39 (19.3)	31 (27.7)	0.05	—	—
Fosfomycin	6	2 (1.8)	0.5	—	—
Macrolides	44 (21.8)	29 (25.9)	0.3	—	—
<b>Fluoroquinolones</b>	<b>49 (24.3)</b>	<b>40 (35.7)</b>	<b>0.044</b>	<b>2.1 (1.4–3.2)</b>	<b>0.0007</b>
Ceftazidime	16 (7.9)	3 (2.7)	0.09	—	—
Ureido-carboxypenicillins	77 (38.1)	40 (35.7)	0.8	—	—
Cefpirome/cefepime	16 (7.9)	10 (8.9)	0.6	—	—
<b>On first PA-VAP</b>					
PA-bacteremia	2 (1)	5 (4.5)	0.003	4.1 (1.6–10.4)	0.003
Delay to first PA-VAP onset < 12 d	97 (48)	54 (48.2)	0.9	—	—
Susceptibility of pathogen, resistant/multiresistant <sup>†</sup>	83 (41.1)	52 (46.4)	0.4	—	—
<b>Prescribed treatments</b>					
Aminoglycosides	150 (74.3)	82 (73.2)	0.8	—	—
Penems	69 (34.2)	49 (43.8)	0.09	—	—
Fosfomycin	17 (8.4)	9 (8)	0.9	—	—
Macrolides	24 (11.8)	19 (17)	0.9	—	—
<b>Fluoroquinolones</b>	<b>88 (43.6)</b>	<b>35 (31.3)</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.5 (0.3–0.7)</b>	<b>0.0006</b>
Ceftazidime	76 (37.6)	41 (36.6)	0.8	—	—
Ureido-carboxypenicillins	114 (56.4)	55 (49.1)	0.3	—	—
Cefpirome/cefepime	25 (12.4)	7 (6.3)	0.11	—	—
<b>Initial adequate treatment</b>					
None	33 (16.3)	20 (17.9)	0.6	—	—
Monotherapy	55 (27.2)	35 (31.3)	—	—	—
Bitherapy/tritherapy	114 (56.4)	57 (50.9)	—	—	—
<b>Timing of adequate treatment<sup>‡</sup></b>					
Delayed	73 (36)	21 (30.9)	0.8	—	—
Early	130 (64)	47 (69.1)	—	—	—

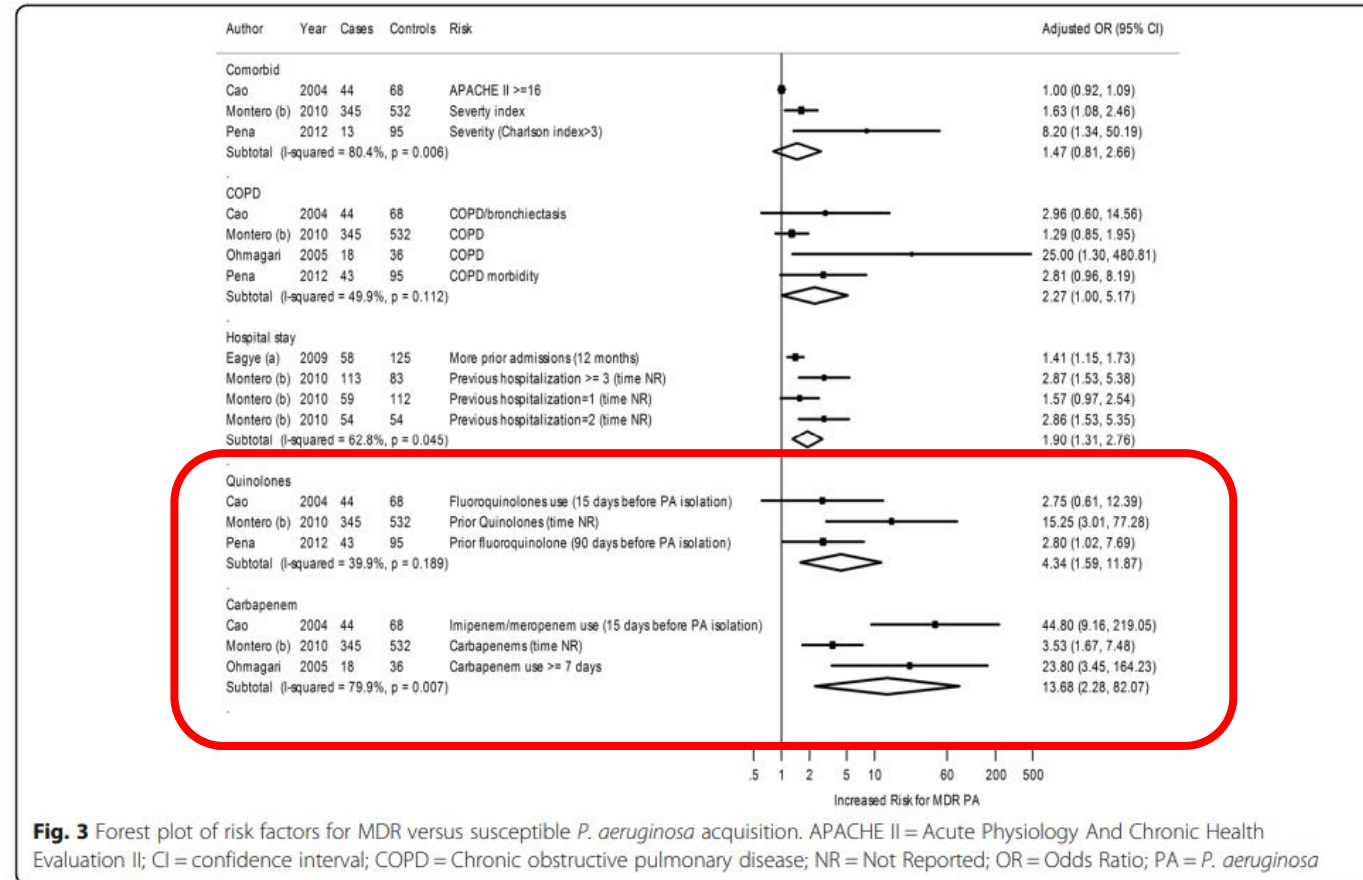
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Risk factors for hospitalized patients with resistant or multidrug-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infections: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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**Fig. 3** Forest plot of risk factors for MDR versus susceptible *P. aeruginosa* acquisition. APACHE II = Acute Physiology And Chronic Health Evaluation II; CI = confidence interval; COPD = Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; NR = Not Reported; OR = Odds Ratio; PA = *P. aeruginosa*

**Antimicrobial combination treatment including ciprofloxacin decreased the mortality rate of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* bacteraemia: a retrospective cohort study**

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All cases of *P. aeruginosa* bacteraemia (n = 292) in southwest Skåne County, Sweden (years 2005–2010, adult population 361,112) and the whole county (2011–2012, 966,130) were identified. Available medical and microbiological records for persons aged 18 years or more were reviewed (n = 235)

**Table 3** The antimicrobial treatment choice influences 30-day mortality

	30-Day mortality, empirical treatment (n = 219)					
	n	Died (%)	OR (95%)	p-value	adj. OR (95% CI)	adj. p-value
Cefotaxime or cefuroxime	100	23 (23.0)	1.06 (0.56–2.00)	0.87	0.68 (0.31–1.49)	0.34
Benzylpenicillin	8	4 (50.0)	3.51 (0.85–14.42)	0.08	3.09 (0.52–18.38)	0.22
Imipenem or meropenem	34	5 (14.7)	0.55 (0.20–1.51)	0.25	0.84 (0.23–3.12)	0.79
Piperacillin–tazobactam	37	7 (18.9)	0.78 (0.32–1.90)	0.58	0.61 (0.20–1.89)	0.39
Ciprofloxacin	11	1 (9.1)	0.33 (0.04–2.64)	0.30	0.57 (0.06–5.56)	0.63
Combination including tobramycin	40	10 (25.0)	1.20 (0.54–2.66)	0.66	1.10 (0.39–3.11)	0.85
Any other combination	39	6 (15.4)	0.58 (0.23–1.48)	0.30	0.40 (0.13–1.27)	0.12
No empirical antibiotic treatment	15	8 (53.3)	4.52 (1.55–13.20)	0.007	<b>5.84 (1.43–23.84)</b>	<b>0.01</b>
Adequate antipseudomonal treatment	104	16 (15.4)	0.45 (0.23–0.88)	0.02	<b>0.37 (0.16–0.89)</b>	<b>0.03</b>
	30-Day mortality, definitive treatment (n = 203)					
	n	Died (%)	OR (95% CI)	p-value	adj. OR (95% CI)	adj. p-value
Cefotaxime or cefuroxime	10	4 (40.0)	3.93 (1.04–14.81)	0.043	5.59 (0.94–33.35)	0.06
Imipenem or meropenem	43	5 (11.6)	0.65 (0.23–1.80)	0.41	1.26 (0.35–4.49)	0.73
Piperacillin–tazobactam	67	11 (16.4)	1.05 (0.47–2.32)	1.00	1.07 (0.40–2.87)	0.89
Ceftazidime	21	1 (4.8)	0.24 (0.03–1.88)	0.18	0.19 (0.02–1.91)	0.16
Ciprofloxacin, monotherapy	25	2 (8.0)	0.43 (0.10–1.92)	0.27	0.32 (0.06–1.83)	0.20
<b>Combination including ciprofloxacin</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>5 (6.4)</b>	<b>0.25 (0.09–0.68)</b>	<b>0.006</b>	<b>0.16 (0.05–0.55)</b>	<b>0.003</b>
Combination including tobramycin	35	4 (11.4)	0.65 (0.21–1.97)	0.44	1.23 (0.31–4.91)	0.77
Adequate antipseudomonal treatment	174	20 (11.5)	0.17 (0.07–0.41)	<0.001	<b>0.17 (0.05–0.62)</b>	<b>0.007</b>

The effect of empiric and definitive antimicrobial treatment on 30-day mortality. Correlations to 30-day mortality presented as odds ratio (OR) with 95% confidence interval (95% CI) and p-values. The multivariable model contained age, sex, lung disease, vascular graft, peripheral vascular disease, chemotherapy in the last 6 months, metastasis, haematological disease, diabetes mellitus and neurological paresis, coinfections, treatment in the intensive care unit, tracheal intubation and urinary catheter. Significant adjusted p-values are in **bold**. Treatment regimens given to less than five patients are not shown in this table

# Role of combination therapy versus monotherapy – definitive

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## Review

## Systematic review and meta-analysis of in vitro efficacy of antibiotic combination therapy against carbapenem-resistant Gram-negative bacilli



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**Table 4**

In vitro synergy of antibiotic combinations against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* assessed by pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic (PK/PD) and time-kill (TK) studies

Antibiotic regimen	Assay	No. of strains	No. of studies	No. of tests	ES	95% CI	Synergy rate
Ceftazidime/avibactam + amikacin	PK/PD	3	1	1	0.33	0.06–0.79	Low
Colistin + doripenem	PK/PD	3	2	6	0.57	0.03–1.00	Moderate
Imipenem + amikacin	PK/PD	1	1	2	1.00	0.21–1.00	High
Ceftolozane/tazobactam + colistin	TK	4	1	1	0.50	0.15–0.85	Moderate
Ceftolozane/tazobactam + aztreonam	TK	4	1	1	0.00	0.00–0.49	No synergy
Ceftolozane/tazobactam + amikacin	TK	4	1	1	0.00	0.00–0.49	No synergy
Colistin + imipenem	TK	2	1	2	0.67	0.08–1.00	Moderate
Colistin + meropenem	TK	7	1	4	0.43	0.16–0.75	Moderate
Imipenem + amikacin	TK	87	4	7	0.35	0.23–0.47	Low
Imipenem + tobramycin	TK	2	1	8	0.39	0.04–0.80	Moderate
Meropenem + amikacin	TK	63	2	1	0.43	0.31–0.55	Moderate

ES, effect size; CI, confidence interval.

NOTE: Pooled synergy or antagonism rate was defined based on the ES as follows: high,  $ES \geq 0.75$ ; moderate,  $0.35 < ES < 0.75$ ; low,  $ES \leq 0.35$ ; and absence of synergy,  $ES = 0$ . Positive trends were reported for synergistic combination regimens showing no significant 95% CI.

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# The role of combination therapy in the treatment of severe infections caused by carbapenem resistant gram-negatives: a systematic review of clinical studies

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Network meta-analysis could not be performed for any of the selected outcome given the presence of too many disconnected components

Patients	Total	Acinetobacter	Enterobacteriaceae	Mixed Gram Negative	Pseudomonas
<b>Single-antibiotic regimen</b>					
Aminoglycoside	174	39	96		39
BLBLs	46				46
Carbapenem	97		97		
Cefepime	88				88
Ceftazidime/avibactam	120		107	13	
Ceftolozane/tazobactam	12				12
Fosfomycin	8		8		
Meropenem/Vaborbactam	50		50		
Polymyxin	2,383	1,066	252	976	89
Sulbactam	142	142			
TMP-SMX	12		12		
Tetracycline	21		21		
Tigecycline	416	221	179	16	
<b>Dual-antibiotic regimen</b>					
Aminoglycoside + Carbapenem	37		37		
Aminoglycoside + Fosfomycin	11		11		
Aminoglycoside + Polymyxin	42		42		
Aminoglycoside + Sulbactam	8	8			
Aminoglycoside + Tetracycline	20		20		
Aminoglycoside + Tigecycline	73	13	60		
BLBLs + Polymyxin	27	17			10
BLBLs + Cefepime	24		24		
Carbapenem + Ertapenem	73		73		
Carbapenem + Fosfomycin	41		16		25
Carbapenem + Polymyxin	608	388	134	50	36
Carbapenem + Rifampin	20	20			
Carbapenem + Sulbactam	180	180			
Carbapenem + Tigecycline	48	28	20		
Fosfomycin + Polymyxin	5		5		
Fosfomycin + Tigecycline	22		22		
Glycopeptide + Polymyxin	71	29			42
Polymyxin + Rifampin	246	246			
Polymyxin + Sulbactam	153	153			
Polymyxin + Tetracycline	7				7
Polymyxin + Tigecycline	210	88	103	19	
<b>Triple-antibiotic regimen</b>					
Aminoglycoside + Carbapenem + Tigecycline	9		9		
Aminoglycoside + Fosfomycin + Tigecycline	32		32		
Aminoglycoside + Polymyxin + Tigecycline	6		6		
Carbapenem + Ertapenem + Polymyxin	14		14		
Carbapenem + Fosfomycin + Polymyxin	24				24
Carbapenem + Fosfomycin + Tigecycline	8		8		
Carbapenem + Glycopeptide + Polymyxin	4	4			
Carbapenem + Polymyxin + Rifampin	24				24
Carbapenem + Polymyxin + Tigecycline	33		33		
Carbapenem + Polymyxin + Tigecycline	15	15			
Polymyxin + Rifampin + Tigecycline	19	19			

**Fig. 1** Antibiotic regimens assessed in the included studies stratified by bacterial phenotype and number of patients. Legend: The antibiotics belonging to same classes are grouped. Carbapenem classes includes Group A carbapenem (doripenem, imipenem, meropenem). Tigecycline is the only agent belongs to the class of glycyglycine. Sulbactam was grouped separately for Acinetobacter. The computation of patients referred to the outcome mortality (or clinical cure, if mortality was not reported by the individual study). In case of multiple outcomes, the number of patients for each antibiotic regimen was computed for only one outcome. BLBLs: beta lactam-beta lactam inhibitors

## Polymyxin B in Combination with Antimicrobials Lacking *In Vitro* Activity versus Polymyxin B in Monotherapy in Critically Ill Patients with *Acinetobacter baumannii* or *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Infections

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**TABLE 3** Cox proportional hazards regression model for 30-day mortality<sup>a</sup>

Variable	HR <sup>b</sup>	95% CI <sup>c</sup>	P value
Combination therapy	0.33	0.17–0.64	0.001
APACHE II score at polymyxin B initiation	1.06	1.02–1.10	0.005
Creatinine clearance of $\geq 60$ ml/min	0.42	0.22–0.81	0.009
Polymicrobial infection	2.01	1.01–4.0	0.05

<sup>a</sup> Inclusion of the time to initiate therapy ( $P = 0.33$ ) and the propensity score ( $P = 0.36$ ) in the model did not change the results of the other variables. The propensity score for prescribing combination therapy included polymicrobial infection, *Acinetobacter baumannii* infections, connective tissue disease, and polymyxin B daily dose in a logistic regression model using a parsimonious backward stepwise method (Hosmer-Lemeshow goodness-of-fit test:  $\chi^2 = 5.182$ ;  $P = 0.64$ ). Body mass index, *Acinetobacter baumannii* infections, lymphoproliferative disease, Charlson score, polymyxin B dose (Table 2), and connective tissue disease (Table 1) were also evaluated in the model but did not remain because their  $P$  values were greater than 0.10.

<sup>b</sup> HR, hazard ratio.

<sup>c</sup> CI, confidence interval.

a retrospective analysis of a cohort study at two tertiary-care teaching hospitals in Porto Alegre, Brazil

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the combination of polymyxin B with an antimicrobial lacking in vitro activity, mainly one of the carbapenems, was able to significantly and importantly decrease the risk of mortality in critically ill patients infected by XDR *A. baumannii* or *P. aeruginosa*



Short communication

## Colistin therapy for microbiologically documented multidrug-resistant Gram-negative bacterial infections: a retrospective cohort study of 258 patients

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**Table 2**

Outcome of infection due to different pathogens, according to the specific therapeutic regimen received.

Pathogen	Infection outcome	Regimen					All regimens
		COL monotherapy <sup>a</sup>	COL + MER <sup>b</sup>	COL + PIP/TAZ	COL + SAM	COL + other agents <sup>c</sup>	
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	Cure [n/N (%)]	20/23 (87.0) <sup>*</sup>	99/118 (83.9) <sup>†</sup>	4/6 (67.7)	8/11 (72.7)	7/12 (58.3)	138/170 (81.2)
	Deterioration [n/N (%)]	3/23 (13.0) <sup>*</sup>	19/118 (16.1) <sup>†</sup>	2/6 (33.3)	3/11 (27.3)	5/12 (41.7)	32/170 (18.8)
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Cure [n/N (%)]	9/12 (75.0)	24/28 (85.7)	6/10 (60)	1/1	11/17 (64.7)	51/68 (75.0)
	Deterioration [n/N (%)]	3/12 (25.0)	4/28 (14.3)	4/10 (40)	0/1	6/17 (25.3)	17/68 (25.0)
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	Cure [n/N (%)]	0	11/15 (73.3)	1/1	–	1/2	15/18 (83.3)
	Deterioration [n/N (%)]	0	4/15 (26.7)	0/1	–	1/2	5/18 (27.8)
All pathogens	Cure [n/N (%)]	30/36 (83.3) <sup>**</sup>	135/162 (83.3) <sup>††</sup>	11/17 (64.7)	9/12 (75.0)	19/31 (61.3)	204/258 (79.1)
	Deterioration [n/N (%)]	6/36 (16.7) <sup>**</sup>	27/162 (16.7) <sup>††</sup>	6/17 (35.3)	3/12 (25.0)	12/31 (38.7)	54/258 (20.9)

COL, colistin; MER, meropenem; PIP/TAZ, piperacillin/tazobactam; SAM, ampicillin/sulbactam.

Relative comparisons for infections caused by *P. aeruginosa* and *K. pneumoniae* were not meaningful because of the small number of cases.

<sup>a</sup> Statistically significant differences between groups of patients—COL monotherapy vs. COL + PIP/TAZ or COL + SAM or COL + other agents: <sup>\*</sup>*P* = 0.076 (not significant) for infections caused by *A. baumannii*; <sup>\*\*</sup>*P* = 0.05 for infections caused by all pathogens.

<sup>b</sup> Statistically significant differences between groups of patients—COL + MER vs. COL + PIP/TAZ or COL + SAM or COL + other agents: <sup>†</sup>*P* = 0.026 for infections caused by *A. baumannii*; <sup>††</sup>*P* = 0.003 for infections caused by all pathogens.

<sup>c</sup> Other agents included aminoglycosides (11 patients), imipenem (10 patients), cephalosporins (7 patients), aztreonam (2 patients) and ciprofloxacin (1 patient).

**Colistin alone versus colistin plus meropenem for treatment of severe infections caused by carbapenem-resistant Gram-negative bacteria: an open-label, randomised controlled trial**



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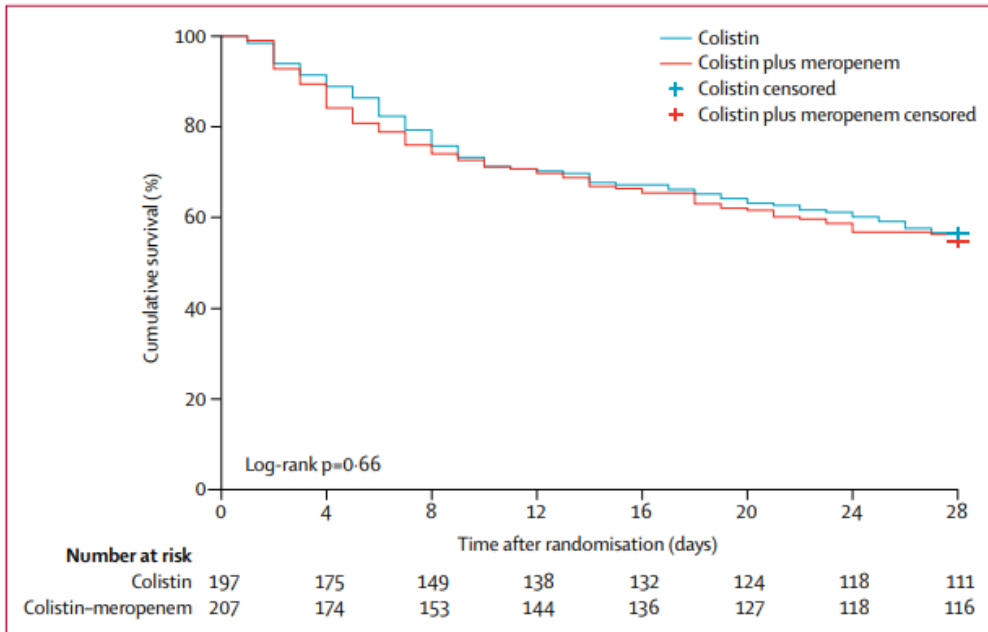


Figure 2: Survival analysis to day 28 after randomisation

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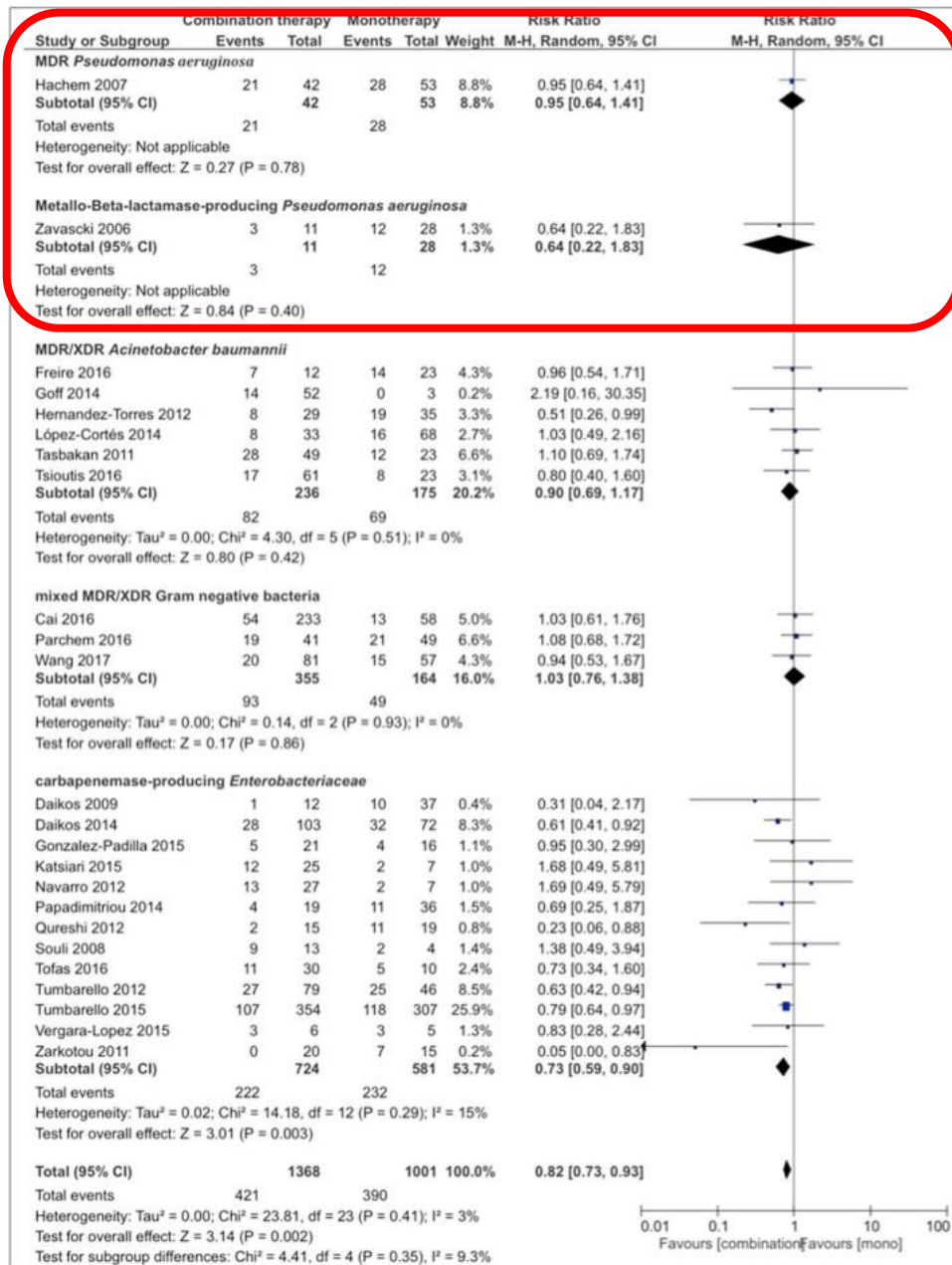
**Colistin based**

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	Colistin	Colistin and meropenem	Risk ratio (95% CI) for outcome with combination	p value
<b>Per protocol population*</b>				
n	169	185	..	..
Clinical failure	129 (76%)	131 (71%)	0.92 (0.82–1.05)	0.220
28-day mortality	69 (41%)	75 (41%)	0.97 (0.76–1.25)	0.840
14-day mortality	48 (28%)	53 (29%)	1.00 (0.72–1.39)	0.992
<b>Inappropriate empirical antibiotic treatment†</b>				
n	92	105	..	..
Clinical failure	74 (80%)	76 (72%)	0.91 (0.78–1.07)	0.254
28-day mortality	40 (43%)	44 (42%)	0.98 (0.71–1.36)	0.910
14-day mortality	34 (37%)	28 (27%)	0.74 (0.49–1.13)	0.166
<b>Bloodstream infection, ventilator-associated pneumonia, or hospital-acquired pneumonia</b>				
n	173	182	..	..
Clinical failure	141 (82%)	133 (73%)	0.9 (0.8–1.004)	0.059
28-day mortality	77 (45%)	81 (45%)	0.99 (0.79–1.25)	0.931
14-day mortality	55 (32%)	60 (33%)	1.04 (0.78–1.38)	0.804
<b>Main pathogen</b>				
n	198	208	..	..
Clinical failure				
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	125 (83%), n=151	130 (81%), n=161	0.97 (0.87–1.09)	0.643
Enterobacteriaceae‡	23 (68%), n=34	18 (46%), n=39	0.78 (0.54–1.13)	0.185
<b>Pseudomonas or others§</b>	<b>8 (62%), n=13</b>	<b>4 (50%), n=8</b>	<b>0.81 (0.36–1.84)</b>	<b>0.673</b>
28-day mortality				
<i>A baumannii</i>	70 (46%), n=151	84 (52%), n=161	1.11 (0.87–1.41)	0.404
Enterobacteriaceae	12 (35%), n=34	8 (21%), n=39	0.62 (0.29–1.36)	0.235
<b>Pseudomonas or others</b>	<b>4 (31%), n=13</b>	<b>2 (25%), n=8</b>	<b>0.81 (0.19–3.47)</b>	<b>1.0</b>
14-day mortality				
<i>A baumannii</i>	54 (36%), n=151	62 (39%), n=161	1.11 (0.82–1.52)	0.495
Enterobacteriaceae	6 (18%), n=34	6 (15%), n=39	0.90 (0.32–2.51)	0.838
Pseudomonas or others	4 (31%), n=13	2 (25%), n=8	0.81 (0.19–3.47)	1.0

n values indicated for outcomes assessed in a specific patient subgroup. \*Surviving 48 h and no modification in the first 5 days after randomisation. †No covering treatment until day 3 after culture taken. Appropriate empirical antibiotic treatment consisted of colistin in all but nine patients who received aminoglycosides (three patients), co-trimoxazole, tigecycline, ampicillin-sulbactam, minocycline, gentamicin plus chloramphenicol and gentamicin plus tigecycline (one patient each). ‡Includes polymicrobial infections in which at least one of the carbapenem-resistant Gram-negative bacteria were Enterobacteriaceae; 66 of 72 patients had *Klebsiella pneumoniae* infections. §Includes *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *A baumannii* polymicrobial infections; 19 of 21 patients had *P aeruginosa* infections. Unstratified analysis due to small numbers.

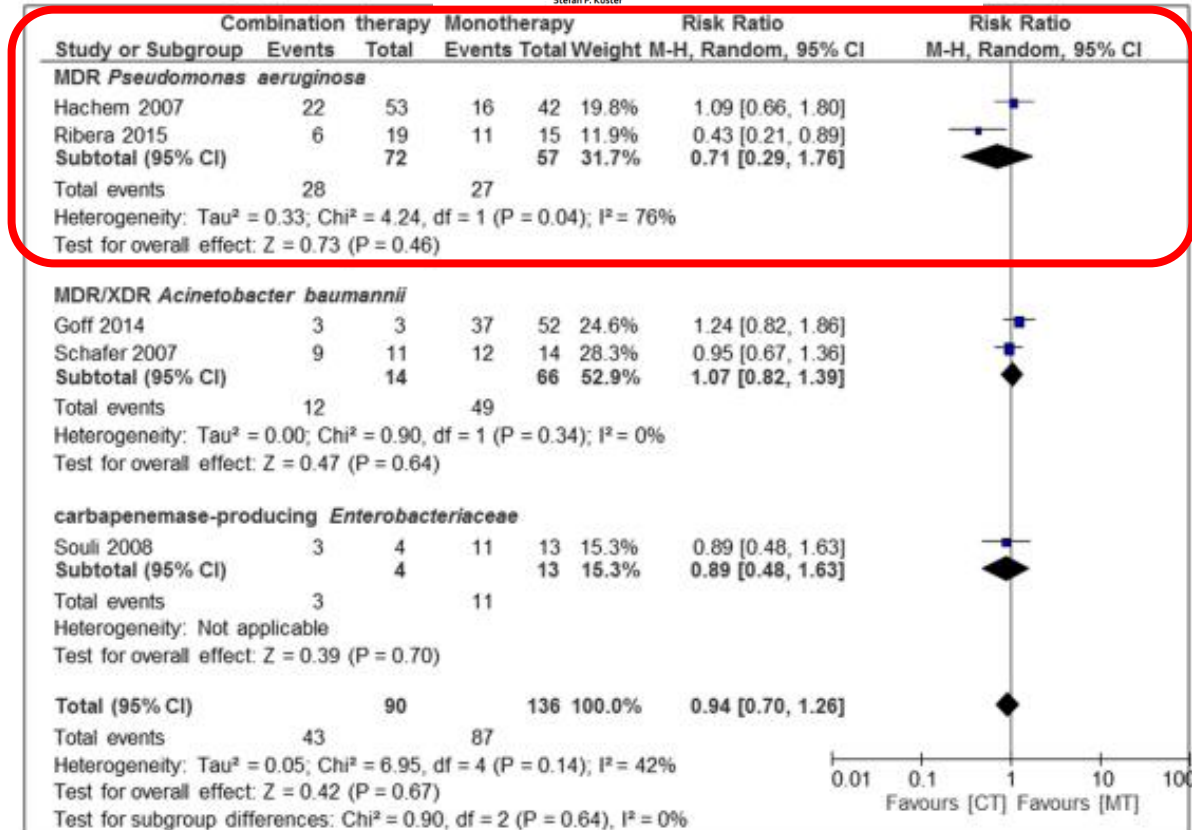
Table 4: Subgroup analyses



**Figure 3.** Risk ratios for mortality rates of case series and cohort studies stratified by different bacteria. Combination therapy with at least two *in vitro* active substances. Data markers indicate RRs and error bars indicate 95% CIs.

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**Figure 5.** Risk ratios for clinical cure rates of case series and cohort studies stratified by different bacteria. Combination therapy with at least two *in vitro* active substances. Data markers indicate Risk ratios and error bars indicate 95% CIs.

## XVII. Should Monotherapy or Combination Therapy Be Used to Treat Patients With HAP/VAP Due to *P. aeruginosa*?

### *Recommendations*

1. For patients with HAP/VAP due to *P. aeruginosa* who are not in septic shock or at a high risk for death, and for whom the results of antibiotic susceptibility testing are known, we recommend monotherapy using an antibiotic to which the isolate is susceptible rather than combination therapy (*strong recommendation, low-quality evidence*).
2. For patients with HAP/VAP due to *P. aeruginosa* who remain in septic shock or at a high risk for death when the results of antibiotic susceptibility testing are known, we suggest combination therapy using 2 antibiotics to which the isolate is susceptible rather than monotherapy (*weak recommendation, very low-quality evidence*).
3. For patients with HAP/VAP due to *P. aeruginosa*, we recommend against aminoglycoside monotherapy (*strong recommendation, very low-quality evidence*).

Remarks: High risk of death in the meta-regression analysis was defined as mortality risk >25%; low risk of death is defined as mortality risk <15%. For a patient whose septic shock resolves when antimicrobial sensitivities are known, continued combination therapy is not recommended.

# Novel beta lactams

**Table 1** Initial treatment of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* pneumonia<sup>a</sup>

One of the following

Ceftazidime	IV 2 g Q8–12 h
Cefepime	IV 1–2 g Q8 h
Piperacillin-tazobactam	IV 4.5 g Q6 h
Meropenem	IV 2 g Q8 h
Imipenem	IV 500 mg Q6 h or 1 g Q8 h
Aztreonam <sup>b</sup>	IV 2 g every 8 h

Plus one of the following if treating with combination therapy

Tobramycin	IV 7 mg/kg od <sup>c</sup>
Gentamicin	IV 7 mg/kg od <sup>c</sup>
Levofloxacin	IV or PO 750 mg od
Ciprofloxacin	IV or PO 400 mg od
Amikacin	IV 20 mg/kg od <sup>d</sup>

Antimicrobial options for MDR-*P. aeruginosa* pneumonia

Ceftolozane-tazobactam	IV 3 g Q8 h
Ceftazidime-avibactam	IV 2.5 g Q8 h
Imipenem-cilastatin-relebactam	IV 1.25 g Q6 h
Cefiderocol	IV 2 g Q6–8 h

IV intravenous, MDR multi-drug resistant, od once daily, PO oral, Q every

<sup>a</sup>Dosages recommended based on normal renal and hepatic function

<sup>b</sup>Typically reserved for patients with beta-lactam allergy

<sup>c</sup>Dose should be adjusted for serum trough concentration < 1 µg/mL

<sup>d</sup>Dose should be adjusted for serum trough concentration < 5 µg/mL

Although a newer b-lactam may be considered for empiric treatment of MDR-PSA in some cases, these agents remain largely omitted from treatment guidelines.

# Ceftolozane/Tazobactam vs Polymyxin or Aminoglycoside-based Regimens for the Treatment of Drug-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

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Retrospective, observational cohort study performed at 6 centers in USA from 1 January 2010 through 30 May 2018

**Table 3. Comparative clinical outcomes between Ceftolozane/Tazobactam and Polymyxin or Aminoglycoside treated patients**

Outcome	Ceftolozane/Tazobactam (N = 100)	Polymyxin/Aminoglycoside (N = 100)	PValue	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	Adjusted Odds Ratio <sup>a</sup> (95% CI)
Clinical cure	81	61	.002	2.72 (1.43–5.17)	2.63 (1.31–5.30)
In-hospital mortality	20	25	.40	0.75 (0.38–1.46)	0.62 (.30–1.28)
Acute kidney injury	6	34	<.001	0.12 (0.05–0.31)	0.08 (.03–.22)

**Table 2. Infection and Treatment-related Characteristics**

Covariate	Ceftolozane/Tazobactam (N = 100)	Polymyxin/Aminoglycoside (N = 100)	PValue
<b>Severity of illness and infection-related variables</b>			
Intensive care unit at infection onset	70	68	.76
No sepsis	14	11	.67
Sepsis	48	43	.57
Severe sepsis	15	23	.21
Septic shock	23	23	1.00
Severe sepsis or septic shock	38	46	.22
Vasopressors during therapy	30	34	.54
SOFA (sequential organ failure assessment) score <sup>a</sup>	8 (6–10) (n = 54) <sup>b</sup>	8 (5–10) (n = 63) <sup>b</sup>	.48
Polymicrobial infection	40	46	.39
<b>Site of infection</b>			
Ventilator-associated pneumonia	52	51	1
Hospital-acquired pneumonia	12	24	.04
Urinary tract	16	11	.41
Wound	13	8	.36
Other	7	6	
Presence of bacteremia	6	8	.58
<b>Treatment-related variables</b>			
Infectious diseases consult	100	92	.004
Time to active therapy (hours) <sup>a</sup>	55.5 (23–80.25)	43.5 (4.2–72.3)	.10
Time to study drug (hours) <sup>a</sup>	63.5 (45.3–92)	53.3 (5–93)	.08
Combination therapy	15	72	<.001
Aminoglycoside	0	2	
Polymyxin	0	2	
Ciprofloxacin	3	6	
Meropenem	0	36	
Cefepime	0	8	
Ceftazidime	0	2	
Piperacillin/Tazobactam	0	9	
Aztreonam	0	2	
Inhaled colistin	9	1	
Inhaled aminoglycoside	3	4	
<b>In vitro activity of combination agent</b>			
Susceptible	15	24	
Intermediate	0	17	
Resistant	0	31	
Duration of therapy (days) <sup>a</sup>	9.5 (7–14)	9 (6–14)	.17

<sup>a</sup>Median (interquartile range), otherwise data are presented as n (and percent as n = 100).  
<sup>b</sup>Number of patients where all variables were available to calculate SOFA score.

# Infectious Diseases Society of America Guidance on the Treatment of Extended-Spectrum $\beta$ -lactamase Producing Enterobacterales (ESBL-E), Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacterales (CRE), and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* with Difficult-to-Treat Resistance (DTR-*P. aeruginosa*)

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**Question 3:** What are preferred antibiotics for the treatment of infections outside of the urinary tract caused by DTR-*P. aeruginosa*?

**Recommendation:** Ceftolozane-tazobactam, ceftazidime-avibactam, and imipenem-cilastatin-relebactam as monotherapy are the preferred treatment options for the treatment of infections outside of the urinary tract caused by DTR-*P. aeruginosa*.

**Question 4:** What is the role of combination antibiotic therapy for the treatment of infections caused by DTR-*P. aeruginosa*?

**Recommendation:** Combination antibiotic therapy is not routinely recommended for infections caused by DTR-*P. aeruginosa* if in vitro susceptibility to a first-line antibiotic (ie, ceftolozane-tazobactam, ceftazidime-avibactam, or imipenem-cilastatin-relebactam) has been confirmed.

## European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) guidelines for the treatment of infections caused by multidrug-resistant Gram-negative bacilli (endorsed by European society of intensive care medicine)

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### 3. Carbapenem-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

**Question 3.1: What is the antibiotic of choice for CRPA**

#### Recommendations

- In patients with **severe infections** due to DTR-CRPA, we suggest therapy with **ceftolozane-tazobactam** if active *in vitro* (**conditional recommendation for use, very low certainty of evidence**). Insufficient evidence is available for imipenem-relebactam, ceftiderocol and ceftazidime-avibactam at this time.
- In patients with **non-severe or low-risk CRPA infections** under the consideration of antibiotic stewardship, we consider it good clinical practice to **use the old antibiotic**, chosen from among the *in vitro* active antibiotics on an individual basis and according to the source of infection (**good practice statement**).

**Question 3.2: Should combination therapy be used for the treatment of CRPA?**

#### Recommendations

- Lacking evidence, we cannot recommend for or against the use of combination therapy with the new BLBLI (ceftazidime-avibactam and ceftolozane-tazobactam) or ceftiderocol for CRPA infections.
- When treating **severe infections** caused by CRPA with **polymyxins, aminoglycosides, or fosfomycin**, we suggest treatment with **two *in vitro* active drugs** (**conditional recommendation for use, very low certainty of evidence**). No recommendation for or against specific combinations can be provided.
- In patients with **non-severe infections** or low-risk CRPA infections, under the consideration of antibiotic stewardship, we consider it good clinical practice to use **monotherapy** chosen from among the drugs active *in vitro*, on an individual basis and according to the source of infection (**good practice statement**).

#### Review of the evidence

Similar to the choice of monotherapy, there is a paucity of data on combination therapy for DTR-CRPA.

# Summary

- Pseudomonas 15-20%, Resistance increasing (MDR up to 40%)
- DST based definite therapy
  - Remain septic shock or high risk for death – double (when emergent resistance is high and bacteremia in high risk)
  - **Without risk – single**
    - Non MDR: based on DST
      - Aminoglycoside mono x
      - No need to choose carbapenem if other b-lactam is possible
    - MDR: based on DST
      - Colistin (combination in severe case?), ceftolozane/tazobactam?

## Key Question

For patients with pseudomonas infection after confirming the culture result, should be considered for combination antibiotics?

- There is no definite evidence to choose a combination therapy in non severe non MDR pseudomonas pneumonia
- New beta lactam may decrease the practical use of colistin based combination therapy for MDR pseudomonas pneumonia

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