

**MULTIRESISTANT GRAM-  
NEGATIVE BACTERIA:  
INTERVENTIONAL STRATEGIES,  
CURRENT CLINICAL  
EXPERIENCE**

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# Multidrug-resistant enterobacteriae

- The first reports of carbapenemases (hydrolyzing  $\beta$ -lactamases) were reported in the early 1990s .
- Enterobacteriaceae that produce K. pneumoniae carbapenemases (KPCs) have subsequently spread worldwide, where they are associated with serious, nosocomial, systemic infections.
- There remain limited therapeutic options to treat infections caused by carbapenem-resistant enterobacteria.

# Carbapenemases

- Organized based on amino acid homology in the Ambler molecular classification system.
- Class A, C, and D beta-lactamases all share a serine residue in the active site.
- Class B enzymes require the presence of zinc for activity.
- Classes A, B, and D are of greatest clinical importance among nosocomial pathogens

# Klebsiella pneumoniae carbapenemase (KPC)

- The most clinically important of the Class A carbapenemases.
- Reside on transmissible plasmids and confer resistance to all beta-lactams (E. coli, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Enterobacter spp, ect.)

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Organism	MBLs (class B)	Class A KPC (GES)	OXA (class D)
<b>Pseudomonads</b>			
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	++	+	+
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i>	+	+	
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	+ <sup>a</sup>		++
<i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.	+		+
<b>Enterobacteria</b>			
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	+ <sup>a</sup>	++	+
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	+	+	+
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	+		+
<i>Providencia</i> spp.	+		
<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	+	+	
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	+ <sup>a</sup>	+	
<i>Enterobacter</i> spp.	+ <sup>a</sup>	+	

# Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC)

- Necessary to choose optimal therapy for infection.
- Most *K. pneumoniae* and *E. coli* without carbapenemases have MICs to imipenem and meropenem that are  $\leq 0.5$  mcg/ mL.

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# Carbapenems MICs

- Carbapenem MICs for CPKP isolates may vary within a broad range of values (0.12 to >256 mg/L).
- Depends on both the *geographical origin* and *the type of carbapenemase*.
- the EUCAST and the CLSI routine revised their susceptibility breakpoints for carbapenems.

Breakpoint values of carbapenems: US (CLSI) & European (EUCAST) guidelines  
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Organisms	CLSI		EUCAST	
	S ( $\leq$ )	R ( $\geq$ )	S ( $\leq$ )	R ( $>$ )
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>				
Imipenem	4	8	2	8
Meropenem	4	8	2	8
Ertapenem	2	4	0.5	1
Doripenem	ND	ND	1	4
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>				
Imipenem	4	16	4	8
Meropenem	4	16	2	8
Doripenem	ND	ND	1	4
<i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.				
Imipenem	4	16	2	8
Meropenem	4	16	2	8
Doripenem	ND	ND	1	4

ND, not defined.



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

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

Range of MICs of carbapenems for clinical  
Enterobacteriaceae expressing the main carbapenemases

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MIC (mg/L)

Imipenem

Meropenem

Ertapenem

KPC	0.5 to >32	0.5 to >32	0.5 to >32
IMP/VIM/NDM	0.5 to >32	0.5 to >64	0.38 to >32
OXA-48/OXA-181	0.25 to 64	0.38 to 64	0.38 to >32

# Efficacy of antimicrobial regimens used to treat infections caused by CPKP

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Antibiotic regimen	No. of patients (%)	Outcome success (%)	Failure (%)
<b>Monotherapy</b>			
Colistin	64 (24.2)	35 (54.7)	29 (45.3)
Tigecycline	8 (4.7)	5 (62.5)	3 (37.5)
Aminoglycoside	16 (6.8)	12 (75.0)	4 (25.0)
Carbapenem	23 (9.8)	18 (78.3)	5 (21.7)
Total	111 (47.5)	70 (63.1)	41 (36.9)
<b>Combination therapy</b>			
Two or more active drugs (carbapenem not included)	52 (22.2)	38 (73.1)	14 (26.9)
Two or more active drugs (carbapenem included)	30 (12.8)	28 (93.3)	2 (6.7)
Total	82 (35.0)	66 (80.5)	16 (19.5)
'Inappropriate' therapy	41 (17.5)	23 (56.1)	18 (43.9)
Total	234 (100)	159 (67.9)	75 (32.1)

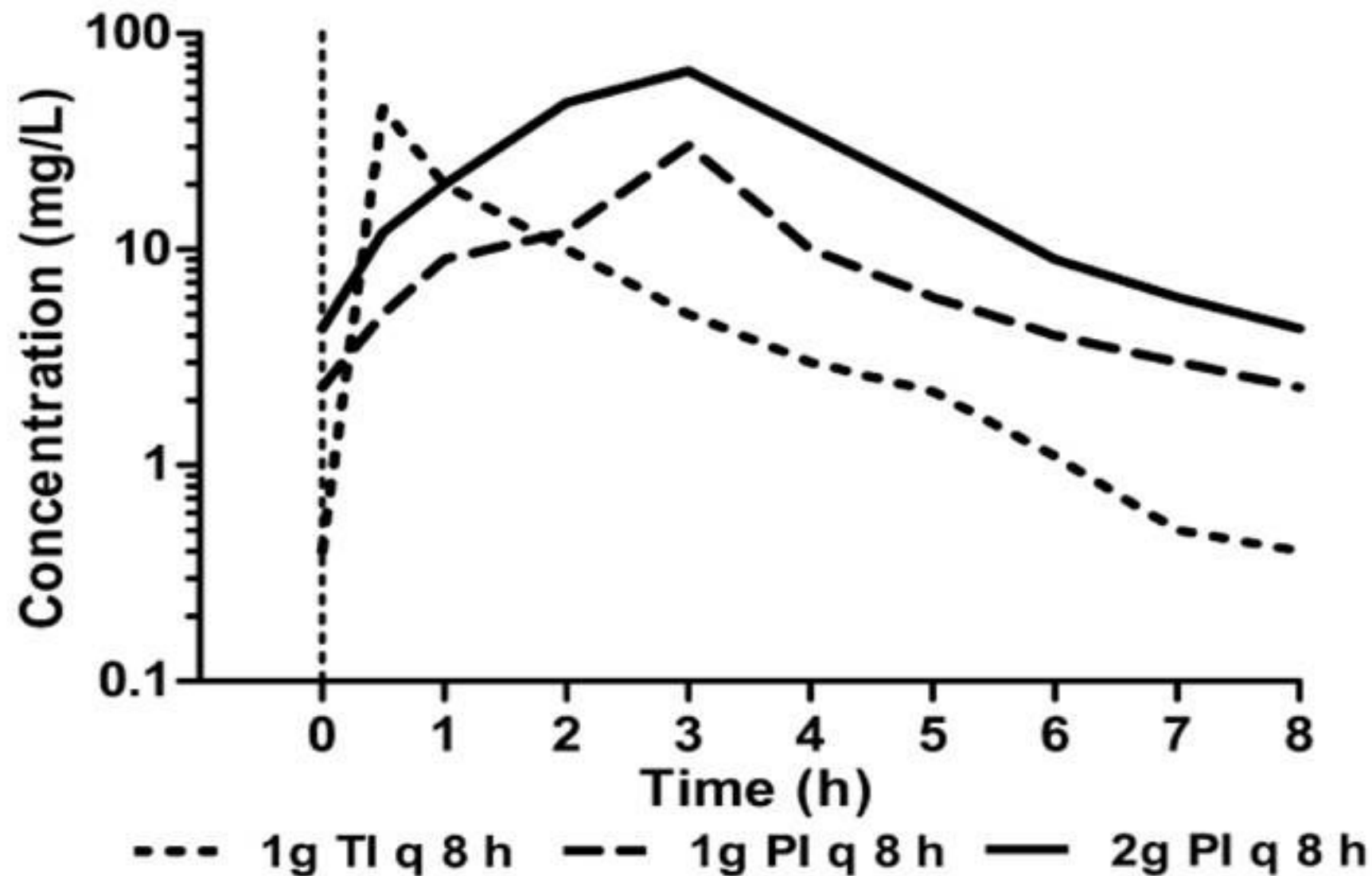
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# Human PK and PD Studies

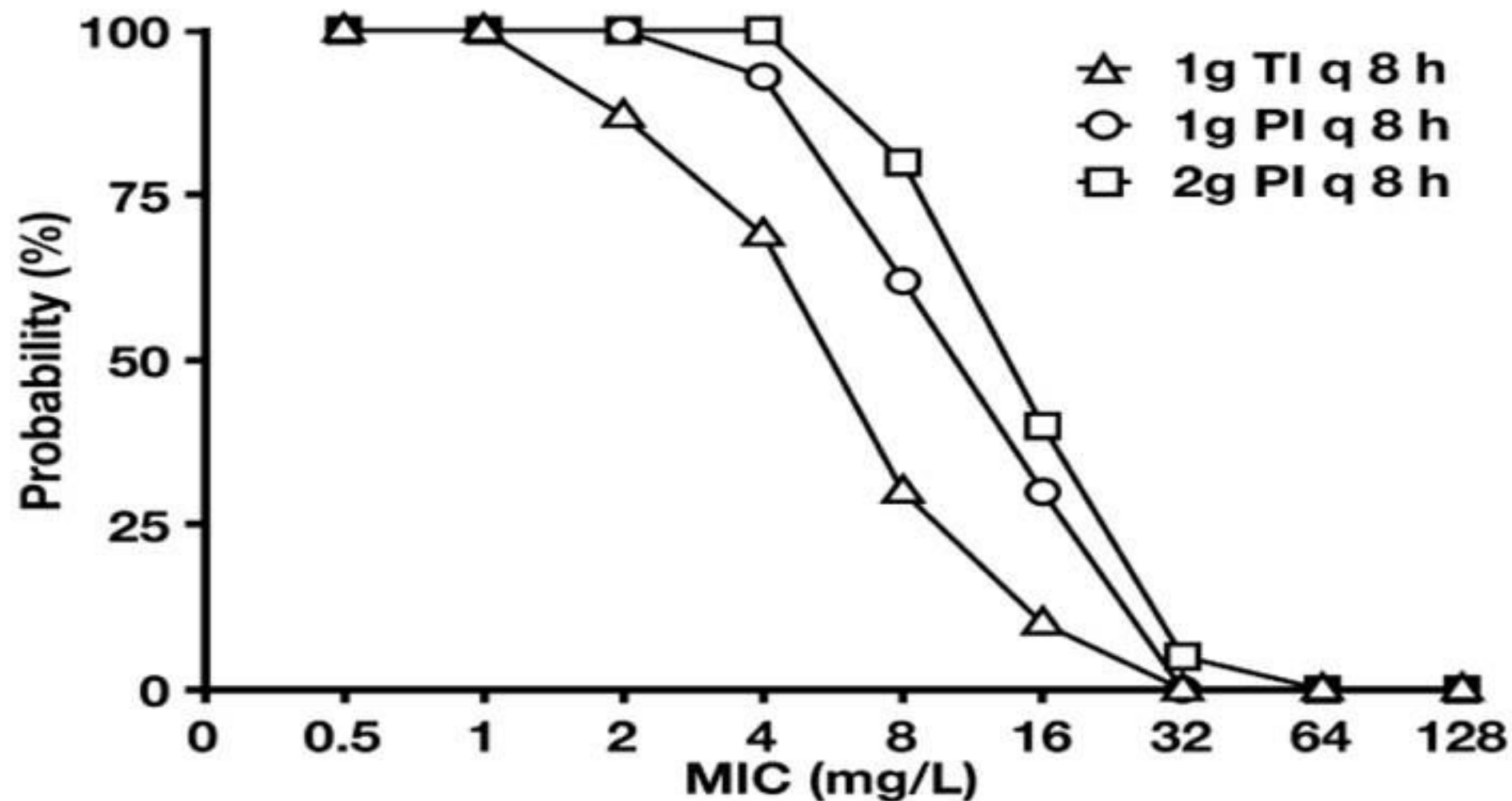
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**FIG. 1.** Simulated concentration–time profiles of three different dosing regimens of meropenem. TI, traditional 30-min infusion; PI, prolonged 3-h infusion. Adapted from [35,45,47].

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**FIG. 2.** Simulated target attainment probabilities for 50% time above the MIC (50%  $T > \text{MIC}$ ) of three different regimens of meropenem. TI, traditional 30-min infusion; PI, prolonged 3-h infusion. Adapted from [36].

# ATTENTION!!

- This is an **in vitro** therapeutic.
- Imipenem is not considered for this therapeutic
- The safety and stability of the compounds.
  - Lower stability at elevated room temperatures.
  - Lower tolerability when administered in higher dosages
- The majority of the patients infected with CPKP isolates are critically ill and have altered renal function

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# **MDR Gram Negative at Children Hospital 2, from Jan 1, 2012 to October 2012**

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**Klebsiella pneumoniae**

<b>Kháng sinh</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>nR</b>	<b>nl</b>	<b>nS</b>	<b>%R</b>	<b>%I</b>	<b>%S</b>
Ampicillin	473	473	0	0	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Amikacin	473	32	33	408	6.76%	6.97%	86.25%
Amo/Clavu	473	282	100	91	59.61%	21.14%	19.23%
Piperacillin+Tazo	473	128	89	256	27.06%	18.81%	54.12%
Ticarcilin/A. Clavu	473	308	109	56	65.11%	23.04%	11.83%
Cefotaxime	471	401	10	60	85.13%	2.12%	12.73%
Ceftriaxone	147	104	7	36	70.74%	4.76%	24.48%
Ciprofloxacin	473	212	69	192	44.82%	14.58%	40.59%
Imipenem	473	62	30	381	13.10%	6.34%	80.54%
Ceftazidime	471	315	41	115	66.87%	8.70%	24.41%
Chloramphenicol	444	181	16	247	40.76%	3.60%	55.63%
Gentamicin	473	277	3	193	58.56%	0.63%	40.80%
Levofloxacin	447	172	2	273	38.47%	0.44%	61.07%
Cefoperazone/sul	470	101	91	278	21.48%	19.36%	59.14%
Cefoxitin	471	203	1	267	43.09%	0.21%	56.68%
Ampi(sulbactam)	472	397	25	50	84.11%	5.29%	10.59%
Meropenem	473	59	18	396	12.47%	3.80%	83.72%
Trimetho. (sul)	473	393	8	72	83.08%	1.69%	15.22%
Fosfomycine	144	5	9	130	3.47%	6.250%	90.27%

## Acinetobacter spp

Kháng sinh	n	nR	nl	nS	%R	%I	%S
Amikacin	195	60	34	101	30.76%	17.43%	51.79%
Piperacillin+Tazo	190	171	7	12	90.00%	3.68%	6.31%
Ticarcilin/A.Clavu	195	177	5	13	90.76%	2.56%	6.66%
Cefotaxime	190	181	9	0	95.26%	4.73%	0.00%
Cefepime	194	178	1	15	91.75%	0.51%	7.73%
Ciprofloxacin	193	152	3	38	78.75%	1.55%	19.68%
Imipenem	195	166	1	28	85.12%	0.51%	14.35%
Ceftazidime	193	161	6	26	83.41%	3.10%	13.47%
Gentamicin	193	134	20	39	69.43%	10.36%	20.20%
Levofloxacin	189	150	0	39	79.36%	0.00%	20.63%
Cefoperazone/sul	192	159	13	20	82.81%	6.77%	10.41%
Ampi(sulbactam)	194	165	8	21	85.05%	4.12%	10.82%
Meropenem	195	167	0	28	85.64%	0.00%	14.35%
Trimetho. (sul)	191	172	0	19	90.05%	0.00%	9.94%
Fosfomycine	66	60	5	1	90.90%	7.57%	1.51%

# CONCLUSION

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