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The First Report of CMY, AAC(6')-Ib and 16S rRNA Methylase Genes among *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Isolates from Iran



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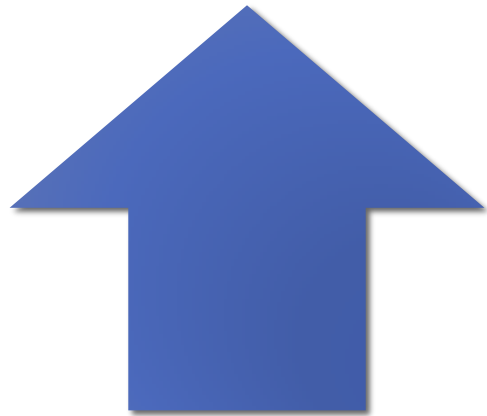
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What is The Problem?



THREAT OF ANTIBIOTIC
RESISTANCE



DEVELOPING NEW
ANTIBIOTICS

*If bacteria do not respond to the drugs designed to kill them,
we return to the times when simple infections were often
fatal.*

Background

For > 60 yrs, antibacterial drugs are regarded as the panacea to cure infections, whether or not their use is appropriate,

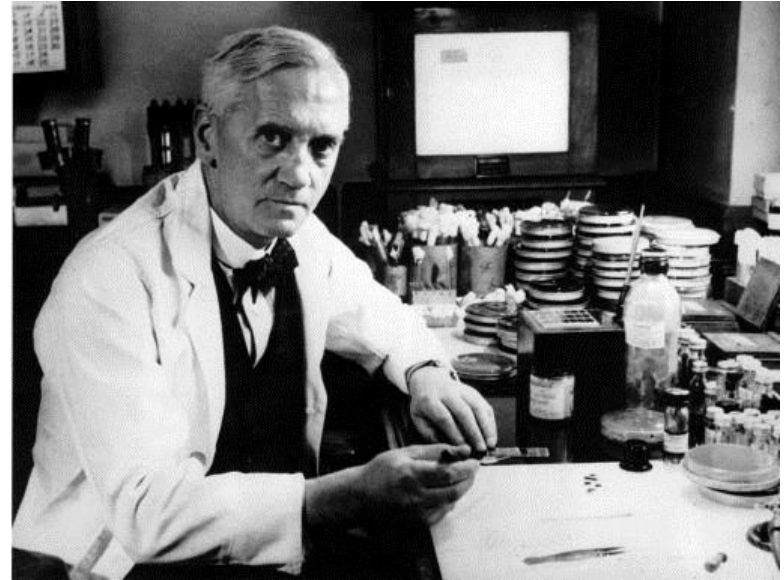
Development of resistance is a normal evolutionary process for microorganisms, but it is accelerated by selective pressure by widespread use of antibacterials.

ABR results in reduced efficacy of antibacterials, making treatment of patients difficult, costly, or even impossible.

Miracle Drug?

When penicillin - the first antibiotic - was discovered in 1928, it flipped medicine on its head ... in a good way.

It was called a "**miracle drug**," suddenly offering a cure for some of the most nefarious of diseases.



Sir Alexander Fleming, 1952

Superbug?

- It's a term coined by the media to describe bacteria that cannot be killed using multiple antibiotics.
- "It resonates because it's scary," - Stephen Calderwood, president of the IDSA.

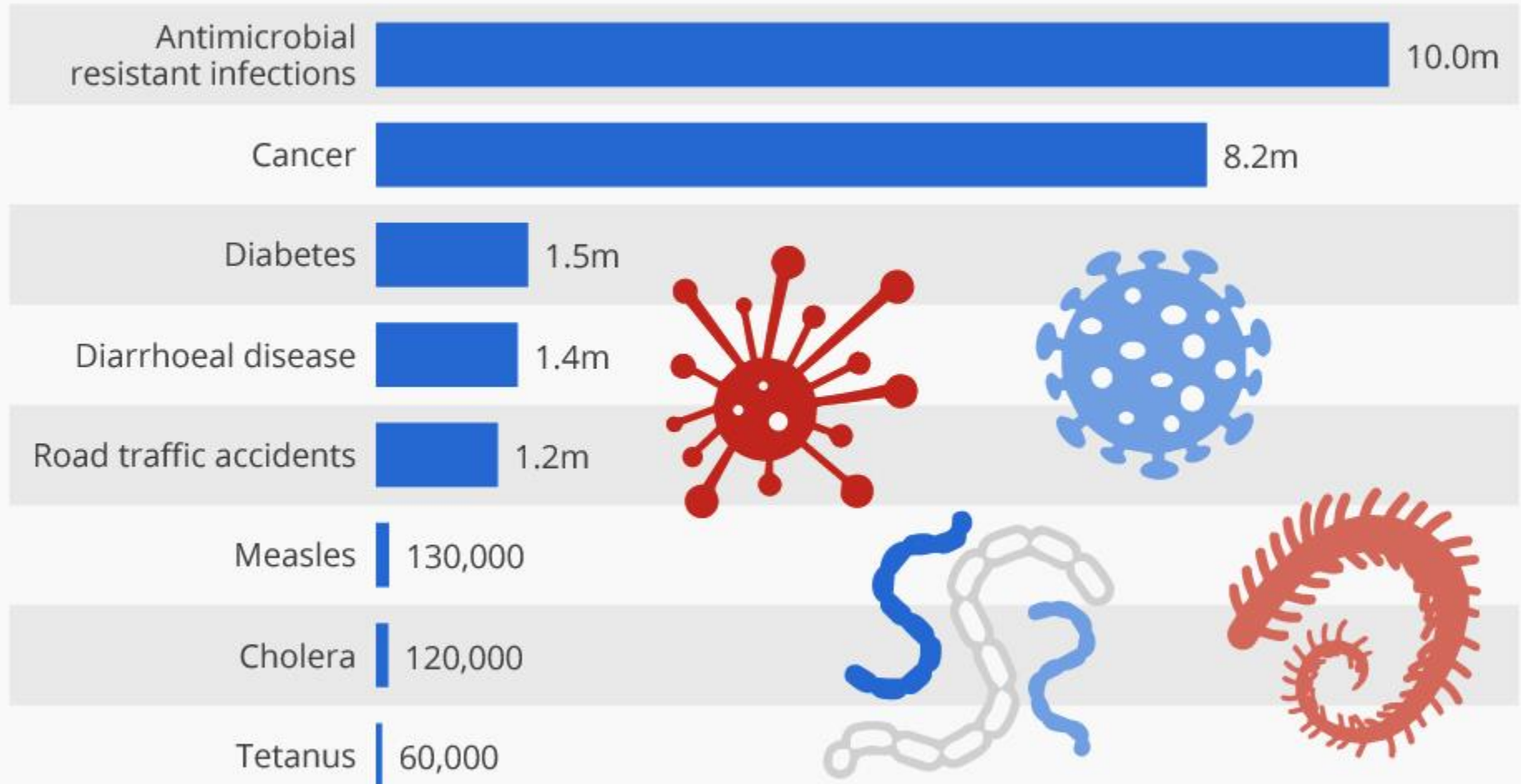


Should we be worried?

The WHO has identified antibiotic resistance as one of the greatest threats to human health today.

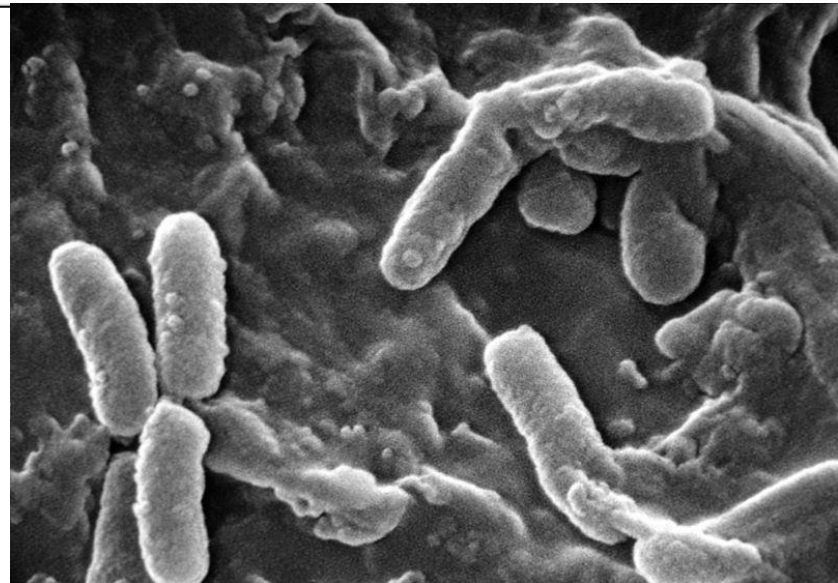
Deaths From Drug-Resistant Infections Set To Skyrocket

Deaths from antimicrobial resistant infections and other causes in 2050



P.aeruginosa

- Often resistant to multiple antibiotics & consequently has joined the ranks of ‘**superbugs**’ due to its enormous capacity to engender resistance.



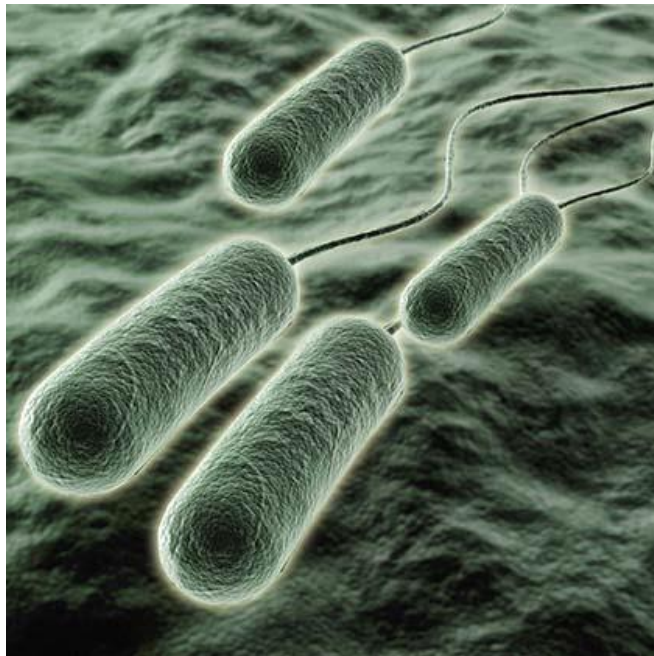
P. aeruginosa

P. aeruginosa is a common cause of HCAs including pneumonia, BSIs, UTIs, and SSIs.

Some strains of *P. aeruginosa* have been found to be resistant to nearly all or all antibiotics including AGs, CPs, FQs, and carbapenems.

Meaning several classes of antibiotics no longer cure these infections.

Microbiology



P. aeruginosa is a Gram-negative **opportunistic pathogen** that is commonly associated with HCAs.

Despite the wide distribution of *Pseudomonas* in the environment, this microorganism rarely colonizes humans.

The pathogenic potential of *Pseudomonas* manifest in situations in which the host's immune defenses are diminished or lacking.

The organism generally does not invade intact skin or mucous membranes.

The most important species that causes human disease is ***P. aeruginosa***.

At risk patients

- Poor mucociliary clearance (CF),
- Neutropenia (secondary to cancer chemotherapy),
- Damaged skin barrier (burn wound),
- Immunodeficiency,
- Malnourished,
- Receiving immunosuppressive therapy,
- Having indwelling devices.

Burn Wounds

- Burn wounds & skin grafts - frequently colonized by *pseudomonads* & other gram-negative organisms.
- *MRSA* and *P. aeruginosa* - most prevalent infectious agents.
- Burn wound infection - delays healing, encourages scarring, may result in bacteremia, sepsis or MODS.
- *P. aeruginosa* sepsis in burn patients has a mortality rates of up to **78%**.

Some Risk factors for Systemic Infections



- Prolonged use of IV / urinary catheters

- Antibiotics for prophylaxis – kill susceptible microbiologic flora but select for resistant strains of *P. aeruginosa*.

- Hydrotherapy

*Burn hospitals often harbor MDR *P. aeruginosa* –a source of infection.*

MDR *P. aeruginosa*

Resistance to at least 3 classes of currently available antimicrobials (Wang et al., 2006)

XDR

PDR



A pan-drug resistant isolate of Pseudomonas aeruginosa from a burn patient.

P.aeruginosa

Examples of antimicrobial susceptibility profiles that fit MDR, XDR & PDR definitions

Antimicrobial category	Antimicrobial agent	Isolate no. 1 (PDR)	Isolate no. 2 (XDR)	Isolate no. 3 (MDR)
Aminoglycosides	Gentamicin	X	X	
	Tobramycin	X		
	Amikacin	X		
	Netilmicin	X		
Antipseudomonal carbapenems	Imipenem	X	X	X
	Meropenem	X	X	
	Doripenem	X	X	
Antipseudomonal cephalosporins	Ceftazidime	X		X
	Cefepime	X	X	
Antipseudomonal fluoroquinolones	Ciprofloxacin	X	X	X
	Levofloxacin	X		
Antipseudomonal penicillins + β -lactamase inhibitors	Piperacillin-tazobactam	X		
	Ticarcillin-clavulanic acid	X	X	
Monobactams	Aztreonam	X	X	
Phosphonic acids	Fosfomycin	X		
Polymyxins	Colistin	X		
	Polymyxin B	X		

OBJECTIVE

To determine the prevalence of
CMY, AAC (6')-Ib & 16S rRNA methylase genes
among *P. aeruginosa* isolates from burn patients,

PATIENTS & METHODS



Isolation and Clinical Identification

From September 2011 to January 2012,

448 burn patients

level I Burn Care center in Tehran

100 isolates of *P. aeruginosa* were collected
by sterile swabs

Isolation

P. aeruginosa
is readily recovered
from clinical specimens
and usually is
recognized easily on
laboratory media.



Antibiogram of *P. aeruginosa*
on Mueller Hinton Agar

Methods...

Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (CLSI guideline):

- **Disk Diffusion** (Merck, Germany)
- **MIC** (broth microdilution method)

Zone Diameter and MIC Interpretive Standards for *P. aeruginosa*- CLSI guidelines

Testing Conditions

Medium:	Disk diffusion: MHA
Broth dilution:	CAMHB
Agar dilution:	MHA
Inoculum:	Growth method or direct colony suspension, equivalent to a 0.5 McFarland standard
Incubation:	35 ± 2 °C; ambient air;
Disk diffusion:	16 to 18 hours
Dilution methods:	16 to 20 hours

Minimal QC Recommendations (See Tables 3A and 4A for acceptable QC ranges.)

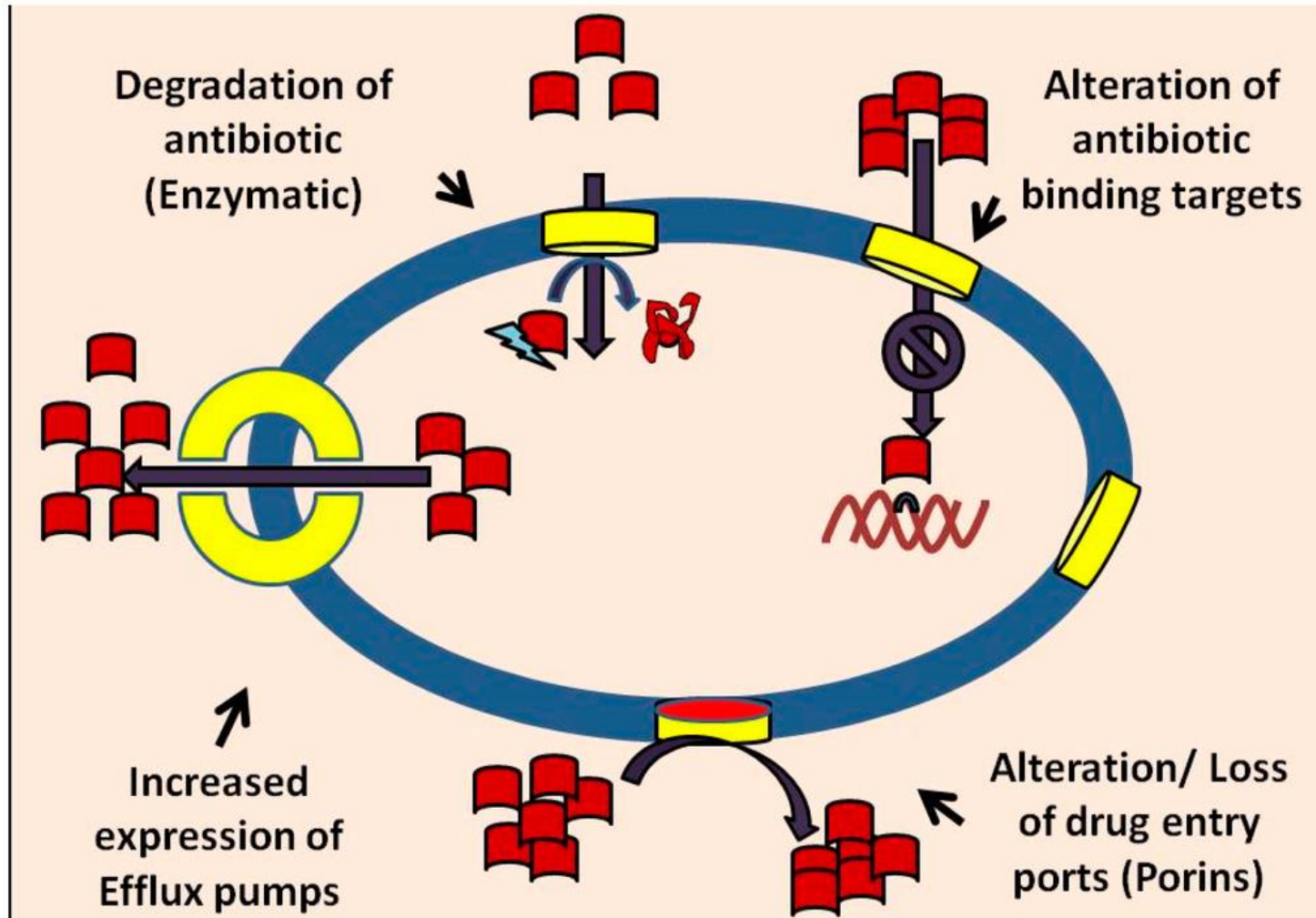
Escherichia coli **ATCC® 25922**

Pseudomonas aeruginosa **ATCC® 27853**

Escherichia coli **ATCC® 35218 (for β-lactam/β-lactamase inhibitor combinations)**

Test/Report Group	Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Zone Diameter Breakpoints, nearest whole mm			MIC Interpretive Standard ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)		
			S	I	R	S	I	R
PENICILLINS								
(5) <i>Rx</i> : The susceptible category for these drugs implies the need for high-dose therapy for serious infections caused by <i>P. aeruginosa</i> associated with clinical failure.								
A	Piperacillin	100 μg	≥ 18	–	≤ 17	≤ 64	–	≥ 128
B	Ticarcillin	75 μg	≥ 15	–	≤ 14	≤ 64	–	≥ 128
O	Azlocillin	75 μg	≥ 18	–	≤ 17	≤ 64	–	≥ 128
O	Carbenicillin	100 μg	≥ 17	14–16	≤ 13	≤ 128	256	≥ 512
O	Mezlocillin	75 μg	≥ 16	–	≤ 15	≤ 64	–	≥ 128
β-LACTAM/β-LACTAMASE INHIBITOR COMBINATIONS								
See comment (4).								
B	Piperacillin-tazobactam	100/10 μg	≥ 18	–	≤ 17	$\leq 64/4$	–	$\geq 128/4$
O	Ticarcillin-clavulanic acid	75/10 μg	≥ 15	–	≤ 14	$\leq 64/2$	–	$\geq 128/2$
CEPHEMS (PARENTERAL) (Including cephalosporins I, II, III, and IV. Please refer to Glossary I.)								
A	Ceftazidime	30 μg	≥ 18	15–17	≤ 14	≤ 8	16	≥ 32
B	Cefepime	30 μg	≥ 18	15–17	≤ 14	≤ 8	16	≥ 32
MONOBACTAMS								
B	Aztreonam	30 μg	≥ 22	16–21	≤ 15	≤ 8	16	≥ 32
CARBAPENEMS								
B	Imipenem	10 μg	≥ 16	14–15	≤ 13	≤ 4	8	≥ 16
B	Meropenem	10 μg	≥ 16	14–15	≤ 13	≤ 4	8	≥ 16
LIPOPEPTIDES								
O	Colistin	10 μg	≥ 11	–	≤ 10	≤ 2	4	≥ 8
O	Polymyxin B	300 units	≥ 12	–	≤ 11	≤ 2	4	≥ 8
AMINOGLYCOSIDES								
A	Gentamicin	10 μg	≥ 15	13–14	≤ 12	≤ 4	8	≥ 16
A	Tobramycin	10 μg	≥ 15	13–14	≤ 12	≤ 4	8	≥ 16
B	Amikacin	30 μg	≥ 17	15–16	≤ 14	≤ 16	32	≥ 64
O	Netilmicin	30 μg	≥ 15	13–14	≤ 12	≤ 8	16	≥ 32
FLUOROQUINOLONES								
B	Ciprofloxacin	5 μg	≥ 21	16–20	≤ 15	≤ 1	2	≥ 4
B	Levofloxacin	5 μg	≥ 17	14–16	≤ 13	≤ 2	4	≥ 8
U	Lomefloxacin or ofloxacin	10 μg	≥ 22	19–21	≤ 18	≤ 2	4	≥ 8
U	Norfloxacin	5 μg	≥ 16	13–15	≤ 12	≤ 2	4	≥ 8
U	Norfloxacin	10 μg	≥ 17	13–16	≤ 12	≤ 4	8	≥ 16
O	Gatifloxacin	5 μg	≥ 18	15–17	≤ 14	≤ 2	4	≥ 8

Bacterial Antibiotic Resistance Mechanisms



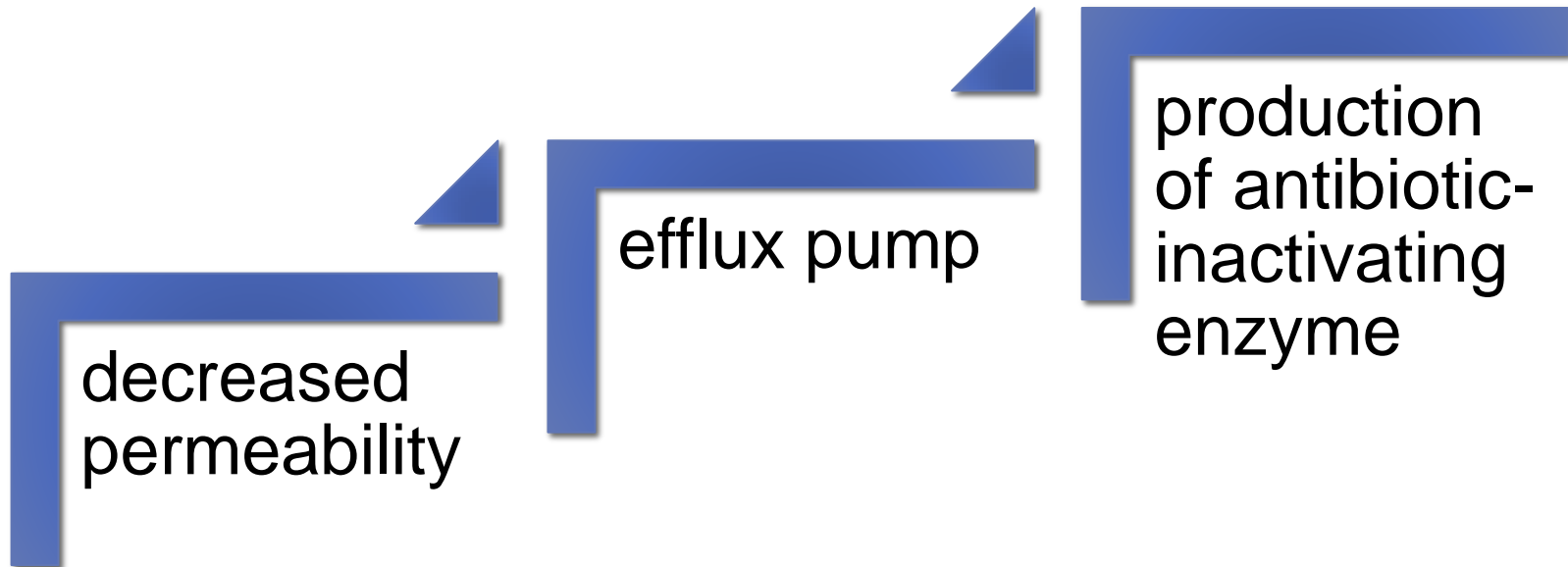
Antibiotic Resistance Mechanisms of *P. aeruginosa*

Intrinsic & Acquired

Intrinsic- A consequence of a large selection of genetically encoded mechanisms,

Acquired- Resistance that is achieved via the acquisition of additional mechanisms or is a consequence of mutational events under selective pressure.

Intrinsic resistance of *P. aeruginosa*



Acquired resistance of *P. aeruginosa*

Enzyme Production

Detection of Resistance Genes

All resistant *P. aeruginosa* isolates were screened for the presence of

- * CMY,
- * AAC(6')-Ib,
- * armA, rmtB, rmtC, rmtD,
- * IMP & VIM

by PCR

Oligonucleotide Primers Used in This Study

Nucleotide Sequence	Primer	Target	PCR Conditions			Size (bp)
			Denaturing	Anneal	Extension	
(5'-ATGATGAAAAATCGTTATG-3') (5'-TTGTAGCTTTTCAAGAATGC-3')	CMY-F, CMY-R	CMY	94°C, 45 s	55°C, 45 s	72°C, 45 s	635
(5'-GCTTTCGCGGGCGATGTAA-3') (5'-ATGCAATGCCGCGCTCGTAT-3')	rmtB-F, rmtB-R	rmtB	94°C, 45 s	55°C, 45 s	72°C, 45 s	173
(5'-CGAAGAAGTAACAGCCAAAG-3') (5'-ATCCCAACATCTCTCCCACT-3')	RmtC-F, RmtC-R	rmtC	94°C, 45 s	55°C, 45 s	72°C, 45 s	711
(5'-ATTCTGCCTATCCTAATTGG-3') (5'-ACCTATACTTATCGTCGTC-3')	ArmA-F, ArmA-R	armA	94°C, 45 s	55°C, 45 s	72°C, 45 s	315
(5'-CGGCACGCGATTGGGAAGC-3') (5'-CGGAAACGATGCGACGAT-3')	RmtD-F, RmtD-R	rmtD	94°C, 30 s	55°C, 30 s	72°C, 30 s	401
(5'-TTGCGATGCTCIATGAGTGGCTA-3') (5'-CTCGAATGCCTGGCGTGTIT-3')	aac(6 ⁻)-Ib-F, aac(6 ⁻)-Ib-R	aac(6 ⁻)-Ib	94°C, 45 s	55°C, 45 s	72°C, 45 s	482

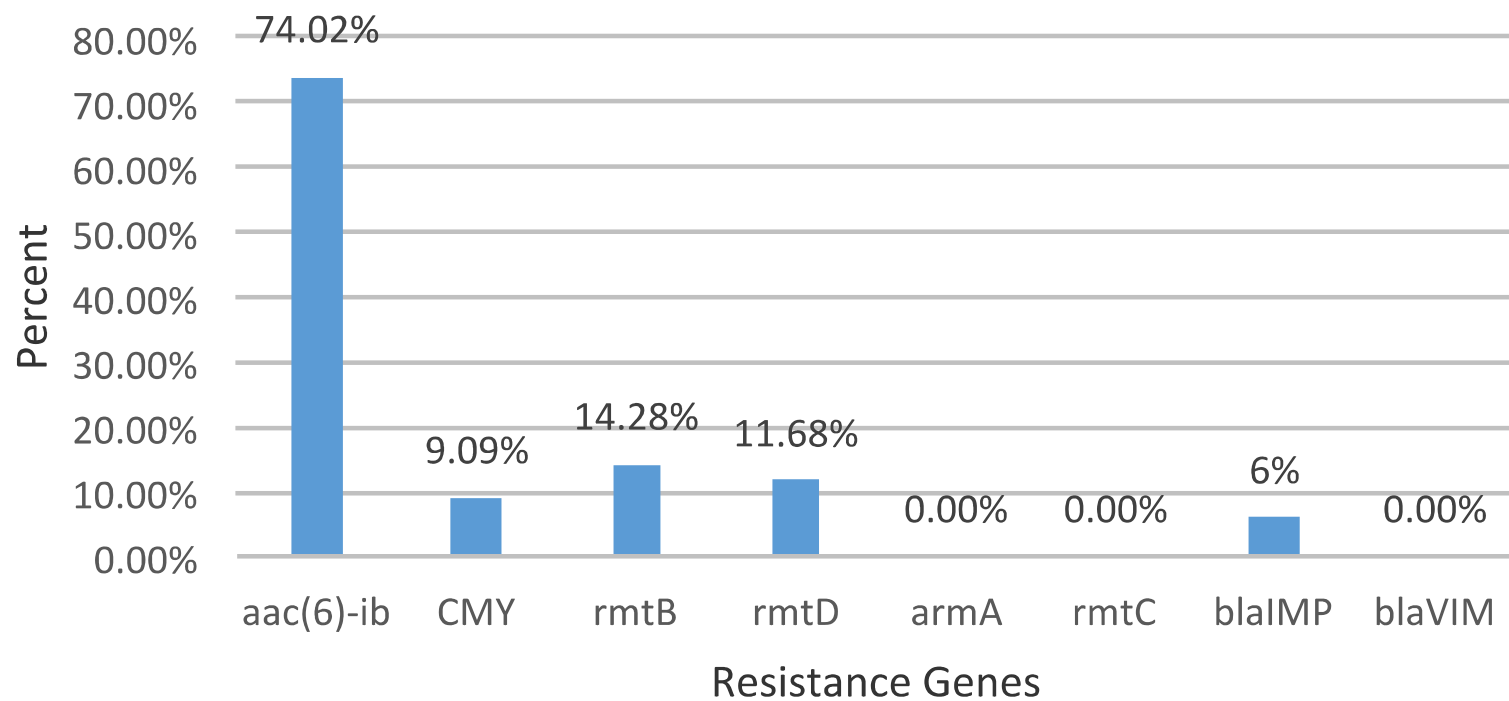
Nucleotide Sequence Accession Number

The nucleotide sequence data reported in this paper have been submitted to the Gene Bank sequence database and assigned accession No.

JX648311 & JX644173

RESULTS

The prevalence of resistance genes in *P. aeruginosa* isolated from burn patients



Results...

- **All *P. aeruginosa* isolates were resistant to**
 - Pen + B Lactamase inhib: Carbenicillin, & Piperacillin/Tazobactam
 - Ceph: Ceftriaxone, Cefepime,
 - Carb: Meropenem,
 - Monob: Aztreonam,
 - AGs: Amikacin, Tobramycin,
 - FQs: Ciprofloxacin,
- **77%** resistant to Imipenem & Ceftazidime
- **49%** resistant to Gentamicin

This study detected MDR in all P. aeruginosa isolates, including resistance to β -lactams, AGs, FQs and CBPs.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO COMBAT THIS GROWING THREAT?



Four Core Actions to Fight Resistance



PREVENTING INFECTIONS, PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF RESISTANCY



TRACKING RESISTANCE PATTERNS.



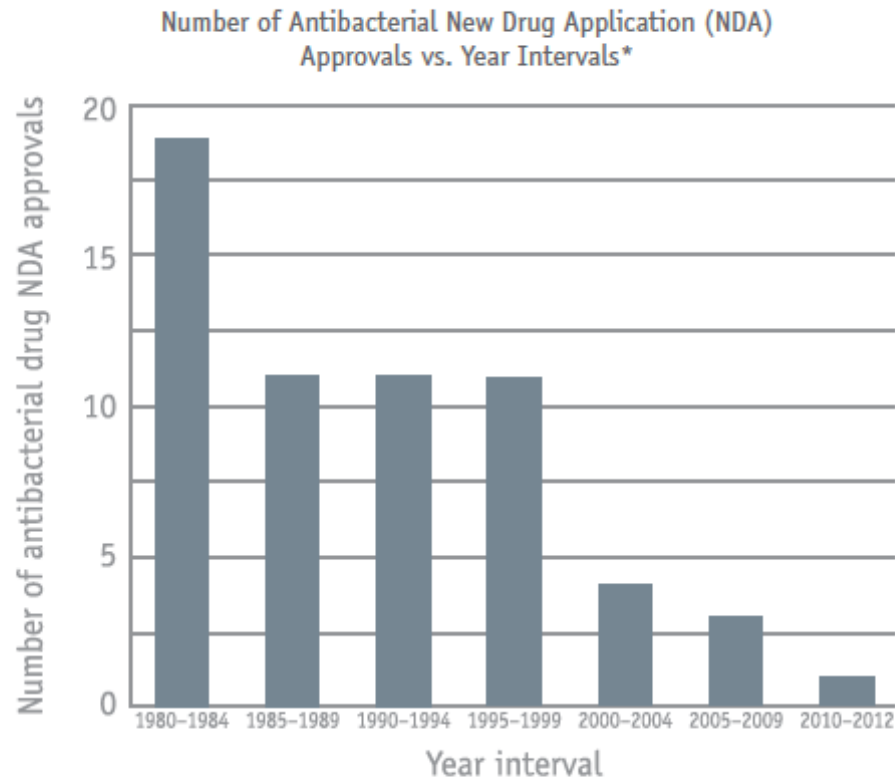
IMPROVING USE OF ANTIBIOTICS.



DEVELOPING NEW ANTIBIOTICS AND DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

Tomorrow's Antibiotics: The Drug Pipeline

The number of new antibiotics developed and approved has steadily decreased in the past three decades, leaving fewer options to treat resistant bacteria.



*Intervals from 1980-2009 are 5-year intervals; 2010-2012 is a 3-year interval. Drugs are limited to systemic agents. Data courtesy of FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER).



Bacteria will inevitably find ways of resisting the antibiotics we develop, which is why aggressive action is needed now to keep new resistance from developing and to prevent the resistance that already exists from spreading.



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IS

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LEADING TO

ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

AROUND THE WORLD





***"THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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