

Introduction

- Cefiderocol is a siderophore-conjugated cephalosporin with broad activity against Gram-negative bacteria, including multidrug-resistant (MDR) organisms. Based on its unique structure and unique mode of cell entry, cefiderocol remains active against Gram-negative bacteria that employ mechanisms that commonly confer resistance to carbapenems.^{1,2,3}

Objective

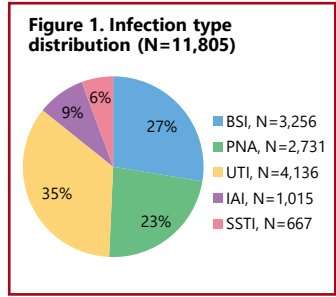
- To evaluate the *in vitro* activity of cefiderocol and comparator agents against Enterobacterales isolates collected during 2020–2022 in the SENTRY Antimicrobial Surveillance Program, stratified by infection type.

Methods

- Minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) were determined for 11,805 Enterobacterales from the USA, using Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) broth microdilution method, with cation-adjusted Mueller–Hinton broth (CAMHB) for comparators and iron-depleted CAMHB for cefiderocol.
- Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (CRE) was defined as resistance to imipenem and meropenem.
- MDR Enterobacterales was defined as non-susceptible to at least one drug from ≥3 classes, and extensively drug resistant (XDR) was defined as susceptible to ≤2 classes per 2022 CLSI criteria.

Results

- The most common infection type from which isolates were collected was urinary tract infection (UTI; N=4,136), followed by bloodstream infection (BSI; N=3,256), pneumonia (PNA; N=2,731), intra-abdominal infection (IAI; N=1,015), and skin and soft tissue infection (SSTI; N=667) (Figure 1).
- MDR was the most common phenotype observed, and the occurrence of CRE, MDR, and XDR phenotypes was highest among isolates from patients with pneumonia (Figure 3).
- Among CRE and MDR isolates, cefiderocol was the most active agent (>98% susceptible) for isolates from BSI, PNA, and UTI (Table 1).
- Among XDR isolates from BSI and PNA, susceptibility to cefiderocol was the highest (>97%) among all agents tested (Table 1).
- Of the β-lactam/β-lactamase inhibitor agents, ceftolozane-tazobactam and piperacillin-tazobactam demonstrated the lowest susceptibility rate for CRE and MDR isolates from BSI, PNA, UTI, and among XDR isolates from BSI and PNA (Table 1).



Conclusions

Cefiderocol demonstrated high *in vitro* activity against Enterobacterales, regardless of infection type. Susceptibility for comparator agents was generally lower against CRE, MDR and XDR phenotypes. Cefiderocol represents a potential early treatment option for infections caused by Enterobacterales with presumed or defined CRE, MDR, XDR phenotypes, regardless of infection type.

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Results

Table 1. <i>In vitro</i> activity of cefiderocol and comparators stratified by infection type from US hospitals 2020–2022					
Phenotype/ Antimicrobial agent	Percent susceptible per CLSI criteria				
	BSI	PNA	UTI	SSTI	IAI
Enterobacterales	N=3,256	N=2,731	N=4,136	N=667	N=1,015
Cefiderocol	99.8	99.8	100	99.7	99.5
Cefepime	86.7	86.0	90.1	87.4	90.0
Ceftazidime	84.5	80.4	88.5	84.4	86.1
Meropenem	99.2	97.7	99.5	98.8	99.2
Piperacillin-tazobactam	89.5	80.1	91.9	87.0	86.9
Ceftazidime-avibactam	99.8	99.7	99.9	99.9	99.8
Ceftolozane-tazobactam	95.4	89.4	96.3	93.0	92.8
Imipenem-relebactam	95.9	95.7	94.2	86.4	97.0
Meropenem-vaborbactam	99.7	99.8	99.9	99.9	99.9
CRE	N=16	N=55	N=14	N=6	N=6
Cefiderocol	100	98.2	100	100	83.3
Ceftazidime-avibactam	87.5	94.5	78.6	83.3	83.3
Ceftolozane-tazobactam	0.0	7.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Imipenem-relebactam	50.0	85.5	71.4	83.3	83.3
Meropenem-vaborbactam	50.0	90.9	71.4	83.3	83.3
MDR Enterobacterales	N=295	N=309	N=236	N=65	N=62
Cefiderocol	98.6	99.4	100	96.9	95.2
Cefepime	12.5	22.3	18.2	20.0	17.7
Ceftazidime	10.8	17.5	16.1	16.9	12.9
Meropenem	91.5	80.3	90.7	87.7	87.1
Piperacillin-tazobactam	44.6	27.2	40.7	36.9	32.3
Ceftazidime-avibactam	98.6	98.4	98.7	98.5	98.4
Ceftolozane-tazobactam	74.1	60.7	72.5	64.6	56.5
Imipenem-relebactam	96.3	93.2	94.9	93.8	98.4
Meropenem-vaborbactam	96.9	98.4	98.3	98.5	98.4
XDR Enterobacterales	N=19	N=35	N=9	N=6	N=2
Cefiderocol	100	97.1	100	100	50.0
Cefepime	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ceftazidime	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Meropenem	10.5	5.7	11.1	0.0	0.0
Piperacillin-tazobactam	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ceftazidime-avibactam	89.5	94.3	77.8	83.3	50.0
Ceftolozane-tazobactam	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Imipenem-relebactam	68.4	88.6	77.8	83.3	50.0
Meropenem-vaborbactam	68.4	91.4	77.8	83.3	50.0

