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Introduction

Eravacycline is a novel, fully-synthetic fluorocycline antibiotic currently under review by the EMA and FDA for the treatment of complicated intra-abdominal infections.

The purpose of this study was to evaluate the activity of eravacycline and comparators against global isolates of *Enterobacteriaceae*, *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*, *Staphylococcus aureus* (including methicillin-resistant *S. aureus*), and *Enterococcus* spp., including those that are multidrug-resistant (MDR).

Methods

- A total of 4544 clinical isolates collected in 2016 from urinary, intra-abdominal and respiratory infections were tested.
- Distribution of the isolates tested, including resistance phenotype, are shown in Figure 1.
- MDR was defined as resistance to ≥ 3 from cefepime/cefotaxime/ceftazidime/ceftrixon (any one), aztreonam, gentamicin, a carbapenem (meropenem or ertapenem) levofloxacin, piperacillin-tazobactam, tetracycline or tigecycline.
- The geographic origins of the clinical isolates are shown in Figure 2.
- Minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) values were determined by broth microdilution according to CLSI guidelines¹ for eravacycline and comparators.
- Quality control testing was performed each day of testing as specified by the CLSI using *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922, *E. coli* ATCC 35218, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* ATCC 700603, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 28753 *E. faecalis* ATCC 29212 and *S. aureus* ATCC 29213.
- Antibiotic susceptibility was determined using EUCAST breakpoints.²

Figure 1. Percent distribution of isolates tested and resistance phenotype.

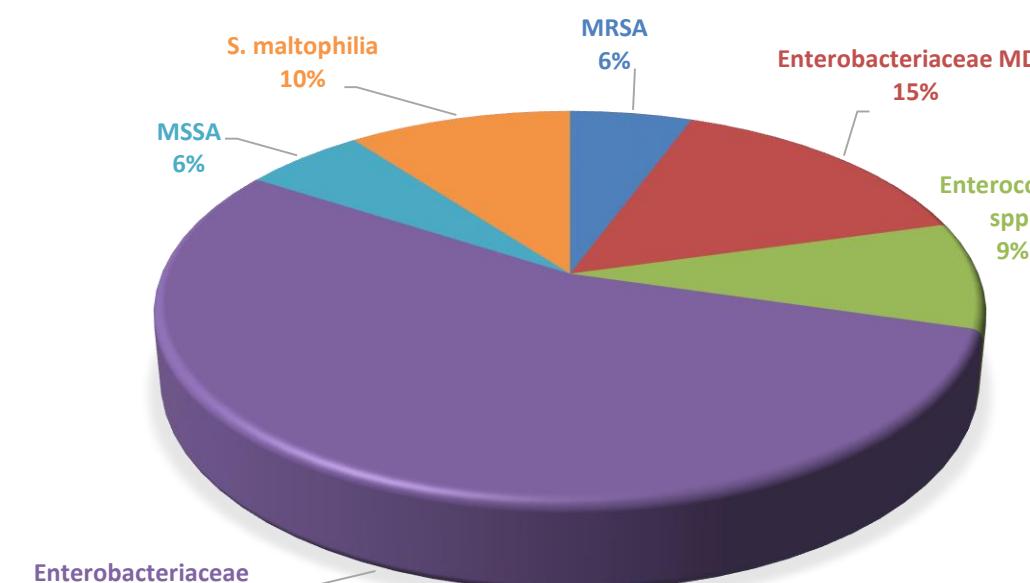
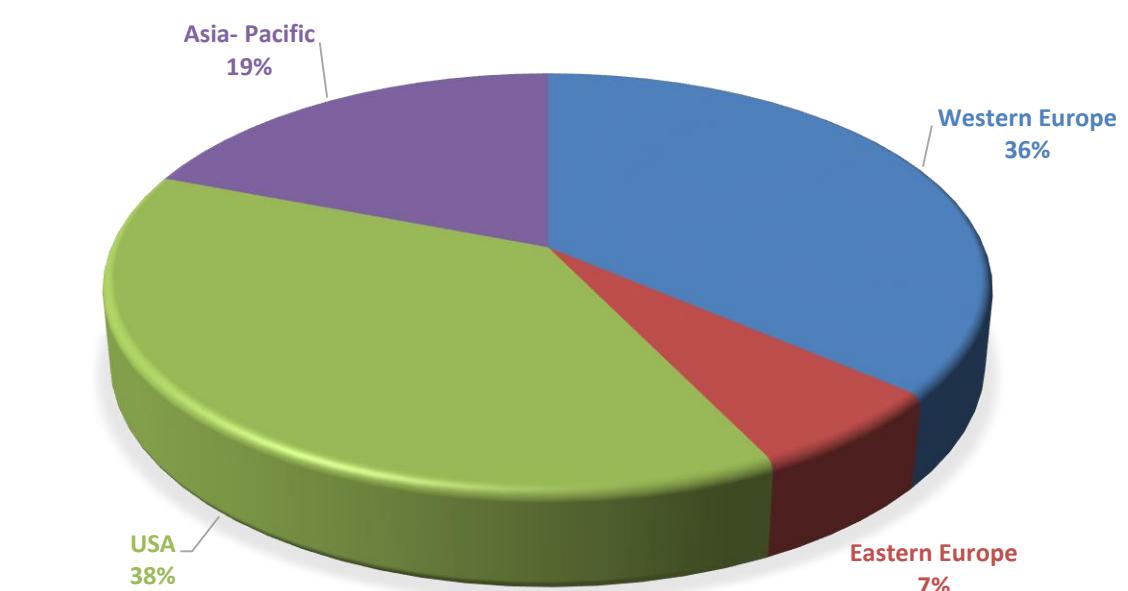


Figure 2. Percent distribution of all isolates by geographic origin.



Results

- Susceptibility data, MIC_{50/90} values, and MIC ranges for eravacycline and comparators are shown in Tables 1 - 7.
- The susceptibility range of MDR *Enterobacteriaceae* was from 13.9% for cefotaxime to 94% for meropenem, with 67.8% of isolates susceptible to tigecycline.
- 78.5%, 87.1%, and 93.8% of MRSA were susceptible to tetracycline, minocycline and tigecycline, respectively.
- 80.4% of *E. faecalis* and *E. faecium* were susceptible to tigecycline.
- The MIC₉₀ of eravacycline was at least 4-fold lower than tigecycline against *Enterobacteriaceae*, including against MDR isolates, MRSA and *Enterococcus* spp.

Table 1. Susceptibility of *Enterobacteriaceae* (n = 3,157) to eravacycline and comparators.

| Drug | Breakpoints [S][I R] | S (%) | I (%) | R (%) | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Min | Max |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Amikacin | $\leq 8 16 \geq 32$ | 97.5 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 1 | 4 | ≤ 0.25 | > 64 |
| Aztreonam | $\leq 1 2 \geq 8$ | 78.7 | 2.9 | 18.4 | 0.12 | > 16 | ≤ 0.03 | > 16 |
| Cefepime | $\leq 1 2 \geq 8$ | 85.4 | 3.4 | 11.3 | 0.06 | 8 | ≤ 0.008 | > 16 |
| Cefotaxime | $\leq 1 2 \geq 8$ | 75.1 | 1.9 | 23.0 | 0.12 | > 64 | ≤ 0.015 | > 64 |
| Ceftazidime | $\leq 1 2 \geq 8$ | 77.7 | 3.5 | 18.8 | 0.25 | 64 | ≤ 0.03 | > 128 |
| Ceftrixon | $\leq 1 2 \geq 8$ | 75.7 | 1.0 | 23.4 | 0.12 | > 4 | ≤ 0.015 | > 4 |
| Eravacycline | NB | - | - | - | 0.25 | 1 | 0.03 | 16 |
| Ertapenem | $\leq 0.5 1 \geq 2$ | 95.2 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 0.015 | 0.25 | 0.004 | > 2 |
| Gentamicin | $\leq 2 4 \geq 8$ | 87.6 | 1.2 | 11.3 | 0.5 | 16 | ≤ 0.12 | > 16 |
| Levofloxacin | $\leq 0.5 1 \geq 2$ | 78.8 | 3.4 | 17.7 | 0.06 | 8 | ≤ 0.004 | > 8 |
| Meropenem | $\leq 2 4 \geq 16$ | 98.6 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.03 | 0.12 | ≤ 0.004 | > 4 |
| Minocycline | NB | - | - | - | 2 | > 16 | ≤ 0.12 | > 16 |
| Piperacillin Tazobactam | $\leq 8 16 \geq 32$ | 81.6 | 5.3 | 13.1 | 2 | 64 | ≤ 0.25 | > 128 |
| Tetracycline | NB | - | - | - | 2 | > 64 | ≤ 0.25 | > 64 |
| Tigecycline | $\leq 1 2 \geq 4$ | 76.2 | 12.6 | 11.2 | 0.5 | 4 | 0.03 | 32 |

%S, %I, %R, percent susceptible, intermediate or resistant; NB, no defined breakpoint

Table 2. Susceptibility of MDR *Enterobacteriaceae* (n = 686) to eravacycline and comparators.

| Drug | Breakpoints [S][I R] | S (%) | I (%) | R (%) | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Min | Max |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Amikacin | $\leq 8 16 \geq 32$ | 90.1 | 2.6 | 7.3 | 2 | 8 | ≤ 0.25 | > 64 |
| Aztreonam | $\leq 1 2 \geq 8$ | 17.9 | 4.4 | 77.7 | > 16 | > 16 | ≤ 0.03 | > 16 |
| Cefepime | $\leq 1 2 \geq 8$ | 36.9 | 13.7 | 49.4 | 4 | > 16 | 0.015 | > 16 |
| Cefotaxime | $\leq 1 2 \geq 8$ | 13.9 | 1.6 | 84.6 | > 64 | > 64 | ≤ 0.015 | > 64 |
| Ceftazidime | $\leq 1 2 \geq 8$ | 17.9 | 6.6 | 75.5 | 32 | > 128 | ≤ 0.03 | > 128 |
| Ceftrixon | $\leq 1 2 \geq 8$ | 14.1 | 0.9 | 85.0 | > 4 | > 4 | ≤ 0.015 | > 4 |
| Eravacycline | NB | - | - | - | 0.25 | 2 | 0.06 | 16 |
| Ertapenem | $\leq 0.5 1 \geq 2$ | 79.6 | 7.4 | 13.0 | 0.12 | 2 | 0.004 | > 2 |
| Gentamicin | $\leq 2 4 \geq 8$ | 51.3 | 1.2 | 47.5 | 2 | > 16 | ≤ 0.12 | > 16 |
| Levofloxacin | $\leq 0.5 1 \geq 2$ | 35.0 | 6.9 | 58.2 | 4 | > 8 | 0.015 | > 8 |
| Meropenem | $\leq 2 4 \geq 16$ | 94.0 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.06 | 0.5 | ≤ 0.004 | > 4 |
| Minocycline | NB | - | - | - | 4 | > 16 | ≤ 0.12 | > 16 |
| Piperacillin Tazobactam | $\leq 8 16 \geq 32$ | 36.0 | 10.8 | 53.2 | 32 | > 128 | ≤ 0.25 | > 128 |
| Tetracycline | NB | - | - | - | 32 | > 64 | 0.5 | > 64 |
| Tigecycline | $\leq 1 2 \geq 4$ | 67.8 | 14.0 | 18.2 | 1 | 4 | 0.06 | 32 |

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Table 3. Susceptibility of *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Enterobacter cloacae*, including MDR strains, to eravacycline and tigecycline.

| Species | Eravacycline | | | | Tigecycline | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|-----|-------------------|-------------------|------|-----|
| | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Min | Max | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Min | Max |
| <i>E. coli</i> all (n = 503) | 0.12 | 0.25 | 0.03 | 2 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 0.06 | 4 |
| MDR (n = 128) | 0.12 | 0.25 | 0.06 | 2 | 0.25 | 1 | 0.06 | 4 |
| <i>K. pneumoniae</i> all (n = 513) | 0.25 | 1 | 0.06 | 16 | 0.5 | 2 | 0.06 | 8 |
| MDR (n = 138) | 0.5 | 2 | 0.12 | 16 | 1 | 4 | 0.12 | 8 |
| <i>E. cloacae</i> all (n = 391) | 0.25 | 0.5 | 0.06 | 8 | 0.5 | 2 | 0.12 | 8 |
| MDR (n = 117) | 0.5 | 1 | 0.12 | 4 | 0.5 | 4 | 0.12 | 4 |

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Table 4. Susceptibility of methicillin-susceptible *S. aureus*, MSSA (n = 256) to eravacycline and comparators.

| Drug | Breakpoints [S][I R] | S (%) | I (%) | R (%) | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Min | Max |
|------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|
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