

## The Determination of Antibiotic Resistance of Burn Patients at Al-Imam Al-Hussein Hospital in Thi-Qar Province - Iraq

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### Abstract:

In the case of burned infections, the current study aims to identify and study the antimicrobial susceptibility of bacterial isolates. Between October 2012 to June 2013, 90 burn swabs were obtained between patients and 42 environment swabs who had both-sex bacterial burn disease admitted to the Al-Imam Al-Hussein hospital. *Enterobacter spp.* (25.6%) has originate to be the most public isovlate followed by *Staphylococcus epidermiditis* (17.8%), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ( 12.2%), *Acinetobacter baumannii* ( 11.1%) , *Aeromonas hydrophila* ( 5.6%) , while (3.33%) for each from *Klebsiella pneumonia*, *E . coli*, *Streptococcus spp.* and *Citrobacter spp.* , (2.22%) for each from *Photobacter dansela* , *Proteus mirabilis* , *Lactobacillus spp.* and *Pantoea spp.* finally (1.1%) for each from *Bacillus spp.*, *Staphylococcus aureus* , *Flavinous oryzihabitans* , *Morganella morganii* and *Burkholderia cepacia* . Bacterial isolates were tested for antimicrobial susceptibility against 10 antibiotics, where Levofloxacin was shown to become the most effective medicine to most Gram-negative and Gram-positive isolates led by Gentamicin, whereas Cephalothin and Ceftriaxone are extremely resistant (100%).

## Introduction

Antibiotic resistance (ABR) has been described to be one of the major health troubles. Antibiotic resistance problems affect nearly every species of bacteria in which antibiotic therapy may be available. (Salih, 2008). It has been shown that antibiotic resistance rises through the treatment duration; hence, as long as a clinically active minimum (depending on the antibiotics involved and organism) was observed, by the medical community, using shorter antibiotic courses is likely to decrease resistant levels, reduce costs as well as achieve better results leading to less risks such as diarrhea and *Clostridium difficile* infection (Li et al., 2007). Rising resistance prevalence was confirmed in many pathogens in different regions of the world over the years, which include advanced countries (Byarugaba, 2005). That was related with altering microbic features, specific antibacterial use constraints, and technological and societal changes that improve drug-resistant organism transmission and development. Even though antibiotic confrontation was a natural phenomenon in biology, it is sometimes enhanced by adapting infectious agents to antimicrobial use in humans and by the widespread use of household disinfectants (Walsh, 2000). It's now believed that that use of antimicrobials is the most important factor responsible for increased antimicrobial resistance (Aarestrup et al., 2001; Byaarugaba, 2004).

Burning is among the most devastating and common types of

trauma. Patients with severe heat trauma require extensive immediate

care to reduce mortality and morbidity (Church et al. 2006). The risk of burning injury contamination is correlated with the severity of burning and is consistent with reduced tolerance arising from mechanical integrity destruction of the skin and widespread immune suppression. (Agnihotri et al. 2001; Bowler et al. 2004). Burn patients were at large infection risk because of the burn injury nature, the burns immunocompromising effects, therapeutic procedures, intensive diagnostic and prolonged hospital stays (Lari and Alaghebandan, 2000). After the initial trauma age, sepsis was the main complicating factor in burn injuries as well as it's predicted that sepsis are associated with about 75% of burned-related mortality, particularly in developing countries. Moreover, overcrowding in burning units is an important cause of cross-infection requiring frequent surveillance of bacterial species and their antimicrobial susceptibility, as significant changes in these information the correlate with changes in medical management with respect to the choice of medication for therapy (Liwimbi and Komolafe, 2007).

## Methods and Materials

### Specimens Collection for Identification and Isolation:

One hundred –fifty isolates are collected from burns unit, (108) swabs

from patients including (90) swabs gave positive growth from different genres and (18) swabs gave negative, (42) swabs from burns unit environments including (18) swabs gave positive growth and (24) swabs gave negative. Both those swabs have been transported and labeled within one hour to the lab, then splattered on MacConkey Agar, Blood Agar and Nutrient Agar. Both plates are protected for 24 hrs. at 37 °C in the incubator and then analyzed for isolation and bacterial growth. All isolates with differential colony morphology have been picked in a given plate. The isolates are purified after isolation and identified by a Gram stain test. With the help of Bergey's Manual for the bacterial isolates identification, a variety of biochemical experiments are carried out. The API 20E was also used to further validate the identification of different bacterial isolates (Biomurex) kit (Tassadaq et al., 2013). The unadulterated crops are sub-cultivated in nutrient agar slants and kept at 4°C in the fridge until the study was required.

#### Antibiotic susceptibility:

Disc diffusion approach was used to assess the resistance to the study isolates (Bauer et al., 1966). The antibiotic used in the analysis (content per disc) are Ax: Amoxycillin (25 µg); TE: Tetracycline (30 µg); NA: Nalidixic acid (30 µg); Ak: Amikacin (30 µg); CRO: Ceftriaxone (30 µg); CN: Gentamicin (10 µg); KF: Cephalothin (30 µg); CAZ: Ceftazidime (30 µg); CIP: Ciprofloxacin (5 µg); LEV:

Levofloxacin (5 µg). Bioanalysis, Turkey, bought the antibiotic discs. Results have been recorded as for (CLSI, 2007).

#### Results

Out of 150 swabs, 90 clinical isolates, 23/90 (25%) were gave *Enterobacter spp.* 16/90 (17.8%) were gave *Staphylococcus epidermiditis* . 11/90 (12.2%) were gave *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* . 10/90 (11.1%) were gave *Acinetobacter baumannii* . 5/90 (5.6%) were gave *Aeromonas hydrophila* . 3/90 (3.33%) were gave each from *Klebsiella pneumonia*, *E. coli* , *Streptococcus spp.* and *Citrobacter spp.* 2/90 (2.22%) were gave each from *Photobacter dansela* , *Proteus mirabilis* , *Lactobacillus spp.* and *Pantoea spp.* 1/90 (1.1%) were gave each from *Bacillus spp.*, *Staphylococcus aureus* , *Flavinous oryzihabitans* , *Morganella morganii* and *Burkholderia cepacia*. As in table (1) . 18 environmental isolates, 3/18 (16.6%) were gave each from *Bordetella spp.* , *Pantoea spp.* , *Enterobacter spp.* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* . 1/18 (5.5%) were gave each from *Klebsilla spp.* , *Lactobacillus spp.* , *Staphylococcus epidermiditis* , *Citrobacter spp.*, *Pseudomonas fluorescence* and *Bacillus spp.* as in table (2). Both isolate evolved on nutrient agar, blood agar, and MacConkey agar to vary from Gram negative to Gram positive as well as Gram staining, catalase test, IMVC test, and motility. API 20 E system verified the classification of the isolates.

Table 1: Number and percentage of clinical samples

Bacteria	No .	%	Type
<i>Klebsiella pneumonia</i>	3	3.33	Gram negative
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	10	11.1	Gram negative
<i>Photobacter dansela</i>	2	2.22	Gram negative
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	2	2.22	Gram negative
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	11	12.2	Gram negative
<i>E . coli</i>	3	3.33	Gram negative
<i>Enterobacter spp.</i>	23	25.6	Gram negative
<i>Pantoeaspp.</i>	2	2.22	Gram negative
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	1	1.1	Gram negative
<i>Flavinous oryzihabitans</i>	1	1.1	Gram negative
<i>Citrobacter spp.</i>	3	3.33	Gram negative
<i>Aeromonas hydrophila</i>	5	5.6	Gram negative
<i>Morrganella morrganii</i>	1	1.1	Gram negative
<i>Burkholderia cepacia</i>	1	1.1	Gram negative
<i>Staphylococcus epidermiditis</i>	16	17.8	Gram negative
<i>Lactobacillus spp.</i>	2	2.22	Gram negative
<i>Bacillus spp.</i>	1	1.1	Gram negative
<i>Streptococcus spp.</i>	3	3.33	Gram negative
Total	90	100	

Table 2: Number and percentage of environmental samples

Swab Site	Swabs number	Bacteria	No.
Bed of patient	20	<i>Bordetella spp.</i>	3
		<i>Pantoea spp.</i>	3
		<i>Klebsilla spp.</i>	1
		<i>Lactobacillus spp.</i>	1
		<i>Enterobacter spp.</i>	1
		<i>Staphylococcus epidermiditis</i>	1
		<i>Citrobacter spp.</i>	1
		<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	1
Transport Vehicle of patients	5	<i>Pseudomonas areuginosa</i>	1
Sinks	8	<i>Enterobacter spp.</i>	1
		<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	1
Patients room floor	4	<i>Enterobacter spp.</i>	1
		<i>Pseudomonas fluorescence</i>	1

Vehicle of the bandaging	5	<i>Bacillus spp.</i>	1
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### Antibiotic susceptibility

During this study the sensitivity of 108 bacterial specimens to 10 anti-microbial agents from different classes were identified using Kirby-Bauer disk diffusion system Bauer et al., 1966. Table (3) indicates that 100% of isolations are immune to ceftriaxone and cephalothin, 98% were resistant to amoxicillin, ceftazidime and tetracycline, 96.3% are resistance to nalidixic acid, 81.5% are resistance to amikacin, 77% are resistance to ciprofloxacin, as well as 74% are resistance to levofloxacin (55.6%).

**Table (3): percentage of isolate resistance to antibiotics as per CLSI 2007. (N=108)**

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Antibiotic Type	No.(%) of Resistant Isolates		No. (%) of Sensitive Isolates	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Amikacin (AK)</b>	88	81.5	20	18.5
<b>Amoxicillin (AX)</b>	106	98	2	2
<b>Ceftazidime (CAZ)</b>	106	98	2	2
<b>Ceftriaxone (CRO)</b>	108	100	0	0
<b>Cephalothin (KF)</b>	108	100	0	0
<b>Ciprofloxacin (CIP)</b>	83	77	25	23
<b>Gentamicin (CN)</b>	80	74	28	26
<b>Levofloxacin (LEV)</b>	60	55.6	48	44.4
<b>Nalidixic acid (NA)</b>	104	96.3	4	3.7
<b>Tetracycline (TE)</b>	106	98	2	2

### Discussion

Alternatively, resistance may arise through mutation or DNA transfer in previously susceptible organisms (David, 2003). Resistance may arise from alteration of an antibacterial target or operational bypass of that target, or

impermeability, efflux, or enzymatic inactivation may be conditional. It may be immune to all representatives of a

genus. The resistance shape of microorganisms was evolving due to the antibiotics widespread use, specifically in improving countries, as

demonstrated by increasing presence of antibiotic resistance in bacterial populations (Farra, 1985; O'Brien, 1986). Ciprofloxacin, amikacin, nalidixic acid, tetracycline, ceftazidime, amoxicillin, cephalothin and high resistance against ceftriaxone has been shown in this study. while the resistance lower percentage was for levofloxacin . These results are according to (Rezaei et al., 2011).

Bacterial infection remains a critically important concern for burn patients following advancements in topical and parenteral antimicrobial treatment. A defective immune system, moist wounds and necrotic, gastrointestinal system transduction of infectious agents and severe invasive diagnostic, prolonged hospitalization and bacterial colonization and therapeutic procedures all relate to disease (Macedo and Santos, 2006). For patients and contamination of the hospital environment, we studied the evaluated bacterial resistance to

antibiotics. Our findings showed that the gram-negative entity isolation level is more than gram-positive, the findings are dependable with those stated by (Kehinde et al., 2004; Muhammad et al., 2011). Enterobacter spp was the most widespread pathogen isolated from burn wounds. (25.6%) and, in accordance with other reports, Staphylococcus epidermiditis (17.8) (Ozumba and Jiburum, 2000; Kaushik et al., 2001; Komolafe et al., 2003). There has been a direct relationship regarding antibiotic use and the proliferation of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in numerous studies (McGowan, 1983; Ringertz and Kronvall, 1987; Moller, 1989 and Mouton et al., 1990). Studies also suggest that decreasing antibiotic use may reduce the frequency of bacteria resistant to antibiotics (McGowan, 1983; Ballou and Schentag, 1992). The focus has been on reducing inappropriate uses in reducing antibiotic use.

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## تحديد مقاومة المضادات في مرضى حروق مستشفى الامام الحسين في محافظة ذي قار \ العراق

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### الخلاصة

في حالة اصابات الحروق ، تهدف الدراسة الحالية إلى تحديد ودراسة قابلية العزلات البكتيرية لمضادات الميكروبات. بين أكتوبر ٢٠١٢ إلى يونيو ٢٠١٣ ، تم الحصول على ٩٠ مسحة حروق بين المرضى و ٤٢ مسحة بيئية من المصابين بمرض الحروق الجرثومي من الجنسين تم إدخالهم إلى مستشفى الإمام الحسين حيث تم الحصول على عدد من الاجناس البكتيرية وبنسب مختلفة. تم اختبار العزلات البكتيرية عن قابلية مضادات الميكروبات مقابل ١٠ مضادات حيوية ، حيث تبين أن الليفوفلووكساسين هو الدواء الأكثر فعالية لمعظم العزلات سالبة الجرام وإيجابية الجرام بقيادة الجنتاميسين ، بينما سيفالوثين وسيفترياكسون ذات مقاومة عالية (١٠٠٪).