Efflux as a new challenge in antibacterial chemotherapy



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□ 1: <u>Nature</u>, 1963 Oct 26;200:384-5.

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IZAKI K, ARIMA K.

PMID: 14087909 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]



Who remembers that car ?





Fig. 1. Accumulation of oxytetracycline in *E. coli K-12* at various concentrations of oxytetracycline added. The reaction mixture contains 1 ml. suspension (0.7 mg dry weight) oxytetracycline hydrochloride, 1 ml. (0.5-4.0 mg/ml.) and 1 ml. of 10 per cent (w/v) glucose, 2 per cent K₃HPO₄ and 0.1 per cent MgSO₄7H₈O respectively in a total volume of 10 ml. Incubation was carried out aerobically at 30° C for 90 min

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Table 1. Binding of [14C]chlortetracycline and [3H]tetracycline to sensitiveand resistant E. coli cells

Cells were cultured for 1 hr. in the presence of the drugs and harvested (about 6×10^8 sensitive cells and 9×10^8 resistant cells/ml. of medium), and the radioactivities of disrupted unfractionated preparations were determined. [¹⁴C]Chlortetracycline was undiluted with unlabelled drug. [³H]Tetracycline (0.02 μ C/ml. of medium) was diluted with unlabelled drug to give a final concentration of 10 μ g./ml. of medium.

	Radioactivity bound			
	Concn. of drug	by cells	Fraction of total	Drug bound by
	in medium	(disintegrations/min./mg	. drug bound by	cells
- Organism	$(\mu g./ml.)$	of protein)	cells (%)	(μ g./mg. of protein)
Sensitive	1.0	446	13 ·0	1.01
Resistant	1.0	50	2.5	0.11
Sensitive	10.0	5183	15.0	11.80
Resistant	10.0	172	0.8	0.39
Sensitive	10.0	12808	$4 \cdot 2$	2.90
$\mathbf{Resistant}$	10.0	2156	1.3	0.48
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Active efflux of tetracycline encoded by four genetically different tetracycline resistance determinants in *Escherichia coli*

(everted membrane vesicles/tetracycline transport/transposon Tn10/plasmids)

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FIG. 1. Tetracycline uptake by *E. coli* ML308-225 (sensitive) and by R222-containing induced (resistant) cells with (\bigcirc) and without (\bigcirc) 1 mM DNP. Cells were grown overnight in medium A containing glucose and uptake was measured in the absence of added energy source.



McMurry et al., PNAS 1980; 77:3974-3977



FIG. 2. Tetracycline (Tc) uptake by everted membrane vesicles made from sensitive ML308-225 cells and from uninduced and induced R222-containing cells. O, No energy; ●, D-lactate. Cells were grown in glycerol and vesicles were frozen in 5 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.2/70 mM KCl/0.25 mM dithiothreitol/50% glycerol. The assay was done at pH 6.6.

Historical trends ...



Historical landmarks ...



- Efflux has, slowly but surely, been shown to affect most if not all major antibiotic classes ...
 - ? Are they classes that will never show efflux-mediated resistance (glycopeptides [vancomycin...], lipoglycopeptides [telavancin], lipopeptides [daptomycin], ...)
 - ? Is efflux taken in full consideration in present teaching not only of microbiology but in everyday clinical practice (including in clinical microbiology reports) and is understood by clinicians ?

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- Why is efflux still so poorly taken into account in teaching, in textbooks, and, in general, in medical education and practice ?
 - efflux most often causes only low levels of resistance, which tends to make it "clinically insignificant" ... (see more about that later on)
 - Bacteria carrying the gene encoding macrolide efflux (i.e. the mefE gene) display relatively low-level resistance.
 Azithromycin, because of its ability to achieve concentrations at sites of infections, is capable of eradicating mefE-carrying strains.

(Int. J. Antimicrob. Agents 2001;18 Suppl 1:S25-8.

- Why is efflux so poorly taken into account in teaching, in textbooks, and, in general, in medical education ?
 - The multiplicity of structurally and pharmacologically unrelated substrates make efflux hard to grasp and difficult to enter in specific chapters or sections

http://www.idreference.com/content/default.cfm				
You are here: Home > 7.4				
 Antibiotic resistance can be divided into six basic groups depending on the mechanism involved: the presence of an enzyme that inactivates the antibiotic; the presence of an alternative enzyme for that inhibited by the antibiotic; mutation in the target, which reduces binding of the antibiotic to the target; modification of the target, which reduces binding of the antibiotic to the target; reduced uptake of the antibiotic; and active efflux of the antibiotic. 				

- Why is efflux so poorly taken into account in teaching, in textbooks, and, in general, in medical education ?
 - > the multiplicity of pumps with "hard to understand names" does not help...

Tableau I. Principales classes de pompes à efflux reconnues capables de transporter les antibiotiques au niveau des bactéries. Chaque classe contient un nombre élevé de transporteurs différents, dont les propriétés et la distribution dans le monde bactérien peuvent varier considérablement.

Famille (denomination?)	Acronyme	Source d'énergie			
ATP-Binding Cassette	ABC	ATP			
Major Facilitator Superfamily	MFS				
Resistance-Nodulation-cell Division	RND	Gradients d'ions			
Small Multidrug Resistance	SMR				
* Les dénominations sont celles données lors de la découverte des trans- porteurs, et correspondent souvent à des éléments contingents liés à cette découverte, ce qui explique qu'ils ne soient pas nécessairement en rapport avec les fonctions établies sur la base des travaux ultérieurs.					

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- The real challenges are about educating microbiologists, clinicians and responsible persons about the real impacts of efflux
 - For the set of the
 - efflux favours the emergence of "first-mutants" by subjecting bacterial targets to suboptimal concentrations
 - > efflux causes an overall decrease in antibiotic efficacy

Emergence of first mutants : the MPC concept...



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Dong et al; AAC 43:1756-1758

Mutant Prevention Concentration.



Mutant Prevention Concentration of ciprofloxacin and levofloxacin in *P. aeruginosa* (clinical isolates) with "normal" susceptibility (MIC = 0.33 and 0.9 mg/L) ...



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Hansen et al. I.J.Antimicrob. Agents 2006;27:120-124

Levofloxacin and pneumococci in the World



Levofloxacin and pneumococci in Belgium

Levofloxacin MIC distributions in Belgian isolates



- In original surveys of levofloxacin susceptibility in the mid 90's, most MICs were ≤ 0.25 mg/L
- Most Belgian isolates with MIC > 0.25 mg/L are carrying weak (in terms of MIC change) but clearly detectable reserpine-sensitive transporter(s)
- the limit of efficacy for the most commonly used dosage (500 mg) is 0.7 mg /L
- the presence of an efflux does contributes in reducing levofloxacin usefulness...

Fluoroquinolones and *P. aeruginosa* at an Academic Hospital in Belgium



Challenges

- Efflux is like QnR for quinolones or arm for aminoglycosides: it is "before our nose" and "known by experts" but not much beyond that...
- the challenge is, therefore to clearly and unambiguouly detect efflux in poorly sensitive isolates...

Challenges in Diagnostic

• Thesis:

Efflux will continue to be largely ignored (and go undetected) as long as clinical microbiologists swear only (sorry, report susceptibility) by breakpoints only, derived from "classical" antibiograms made with the antibiotics they use in their hospital...

• Action:

Since breakpoints will continue to exist and to be used, efflux needs to be detected by additional techniques to provide added-on warning...

You said "breakpoints" ?

- a magic number derived from *in vitro* susceptibility testing, and used by the clinical microbiologists use to tell the clinician whether the antibiotic will work, could work, or will fail with his/her <u>patient</u>.
- this number is usually derived from the measurement of a diameter ¹ of growth inhibition in an agar plate around a disk loaded with a standard amount of antibiotic;
- while what is measured is *per definition* a <u>continuous</u> variable (i.e. a diameter of any size [from 0 mm to the limit of the dish...), microbiologists <u>and authorities</u> like to cut the results it in 3 discrete categories
 - − less than x mm → RESISTANT
 - − larger than y mm → SUSCEPTIBLE
 - between x and y → INTERMEDIATE



which is what the clinician will get...

¹ may be converted into an MIC (see later); automatic machines use growth rates...



To be honest, I always wondered ...



Why do we need breakpoints ?

but perhaps...

- 1. Doctors like to know if the bug is "good" or "bad" ...
- 2. Regulators like to tell people "DO" or "Don't"
- 3. Industry likes to know "When can I" and "When I cannot"
- 4. Lawyers like you to be "guilty" or "innocent" ...
- 5. Microbiologists wish to give them all **simple answers**...


But, what is good ?







Ciprofloxacin / Escherichia coli Antimicrobial wild type distributions of microorganisms - reference database EUCAST vild type 50 The real question is how far above 40 the "wild type" level can the bacteria MIC go and ... the patient still being treatable by the antibiotic 30 0 <mark>१</mark> 20 10 0 0.002 0.004 0.008 0.016 0.032 0.064 0.125 0.25 0.25 Y٩. $\mathbf{00}$ 16 \mathbb{C}^{1} \sim 64 12812 mg/L LO1 6423 observations (9 data sources) MIC. Epidemiological cut-off: WT \leq 0.064 mg/L Clinical breakpoints: $S \leq 0.5 \text{ mg/L}, R > 1 \text{ mg/L}$ 9th

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Diagnostic approaches ...

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A combined phenotypic and genotypic method for the detection of Mex efflux pumps in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

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Diagnostic approaches ...



Correlation between the level of expression (PCR) of constitutive Mex pumps and the effect of PA β N on the MIC of reporter antibiotics (carbenicillin for mexA and gentamicin for mexX).

Data are grouped in two quadrants of potentially different diagnostic significance

- lower left, no or minimally meaningful efflux-mediated decrease of susceptibility
- upper right, efflux is likely to be the cause of the decreased susceptibility).

Mesaros et al., J Antimicrob Chemother. 2007; 59:378-86.

Diagnostic approaches ...

- Tests must be simple but also as accurate as possible...
 - Genomic techniques are being rapidly introduced in the clinical laboratory and can either be automated (PCR) or made into fast-test assays
 - Accurate phenotypic and genotypic tests could be combined (E-test combined with mRNA detection)
 - Proteomic tests (using antibody-based detection techniques) could be added also.





Antimicrobial wild type distributions of microorganisms - reference database

EUCAST



Better breakpoints in Europe



Fluoroquinolones - EUCAST clinical MIC breakpoints

2006-06-20 (v 2.2)

Fluoroquinolone ²		Species-related breakpoints (S <u><</u> /R>) N											Non-species
Click on antibiotic name to see		Entero- bacteriaceae ³	Pseudo-monas/	Acineto-bacter	Staphylo- coccus	Entero- coccus	Strepto- coccus	S.pneu- moniae ⁵	H.influenzae M.catarrhalis	N.gonorr- hoeae	N.menin- gitidis ⁸	Gram-negative anaerobes	breakpoints ¹
wild type MIC distributions							A,B,C,G	i					35/10
Ciprofloxacin	RD	0.5/1	0.5/1	1/14	1/1 ⁵			0.125/2	0.5/0.5 ⁷	0.03/0.06	0.03/0.06		0.5/1
		410	40	410	1/2		1/2	2/2	1117	IE	IE		1/2
Letenoxaeini		172	172	172	172		172	212	1/1				172
<u>Moxifloxacin</u>	RD	0.5/1			0.5/1		0.5/1	0.5/0.5	0.5/0.5 ⁷	IE	IE	IE	0.5/1
<u>Norfloxacin</u>	RD	0.5/1								IE			0.5/1
<u>Ofloxacin</u>	RD	0.5/1			1/1 ³			0.125/4	0.5/0.5 ⁷	0.12/0.25	IE		0.5/1

1. Non-species related breakpoints have been determined mainly on the basis of PK/PD data and are independent of MIC distributions of specific species. They are for use only for species that have not been given a species-specific breakpoint and not for those species where susceptibility testing is not recommended (marked with -- or IE in the table).

- 2. For breakpoints for other fluoroquinolones (eg. pefloxacin and enoxacin) refer to breakpoints determined by national breakpoint committees.
- 3. Salmonella spp there is clinical evidence for ciprofloxacin to indicate a poor response in systemic infections caused by Salmonella spp with low-level fluoroquinolone resistance (MIC>0.064 mg/L). The available data relate mainly to S.typhi but there are also case reports of poor response with other Salmonella species.
- 4. The S/I breakpoint has been increased from 0.5 to1 mg/L to avoid dividing the wild type MIC distribution. Thus there is no intermediate category for Acinetobacter species
- 5. Staphylococcus spp breakpoints for ciprofloxacin and ofloxacin relate to high dose therapy.
- 6. Streptococcus pneumoniae wild type S.pneumoniae are not considered susceptible to ciprofloxacin or ofloxacin and are therefore categorized as intermediate. For ofloxacin the I/R breakpoint was increased from 1.0 to 4.0 mg/L and for levofloxacin the S/l-breakpoint from 1.0 to 2.0 to avoid dividing the wild type MIC distribution. The breakpoints for levofloxacin relate to high dose therapy.
- 7. Strains with MIC values above the S/I breakpoint are very rare or not yet reported. The identification and antimicrobial susceptibility tests on any such isolate must be repeated and if the result is confirmed the isolate sent to a reference laboratory. Until there is evidence regarding clinical response for confirmed isolates with MIC above the current resistant breakpoint (in italics) they should be reported resistant. *Haemophilus/Moraxella* fluoroquinolone low-level resistance (ciprofloxacin MIC:s of 0.125 0.5 mg/L) may occur in *H.influenzae*. There is no evidence that low-level resistance is of clinical importance in respiratory tract infections with *H.influenzae*.
- 8. Neisseria meningitidis breakpoints apply to the use of ciprofloxacin in the prophylaxis of meningococcal disease.

-- = Susceptibility testing not recommended as the species is a poor target for therapy with the drug.

- IE = There is insufficient evidence that the species in question is a good target for therapy with the drug.
- RD =Rationale document listing data used for setting EUCAST breakpoints.

http://www.eucast.org

But we may do better: defining "safety" breakpoints

		Typical PK valu	ies	Proposed PK/PD upper limit				
Drug	Typical daily	C _{max} in mg/L total/free (dose)	$AUC_{24 h}$ (mg × h/L)	Efficacy ^b Prevention				
Diug	uosage	(0030)			resistance			
Norfloxacin	800 mg	1.4/1.1 (400 mg PO)	14/11	0.1–0.4	0.1			
Ciprofloxacin	1000 mg	2.5/1.75 (500 mg PO)	24/18	0.2–0.8	0.2			
Ofloxacin	400 mg	4/3 (400 mg PO)	40/30	0.3–0.9	0.4			
Levofloxacin	500 mg	4/2.8 (500 mg PO)	40/28	0.3–0.9	0.3			
Moxifloxacin	400 mg	3.1/1.8 (400 mg PO)	35/21	0.2–0.7	0.2			

Van Bambeke F, Michot JM, Van Eldere J, Tulkens PM.

Quinolones in 2005: an update. Clin Microbiol Infect. 2005 Apr;11(4):256-80. PMID: 15760423

Challenges...

Will diagnostic solve everything ?

- Level of efflux expression in vivo ?
- How can dosage adjustment help ?
- Combination of antibiotics ?
- Tissue accumulation of antibiotics ?
- Influence of other drugs that may share the same transporter(s)

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Thesis:

Yes you can if you specifically aim at OR if you exploit what good nature (or good chemists) give you, but be prepared for partial successes ...

Tigecycline...

- truly <u>made</u> to resist efflux-mediated resistance in Gram(-) bacteria
- broad spectrum including MRSA (MIC < 2 mg/L) and VISA
- tet(M) [ribosomal protection] or tet(K) [efflux] have no discernible effect on MICs (AAC 2006 Feb;50(2):505-10).
- approved by the FDA in 2005 and by the EMEA in 2006 for use in patients with complicated skin infections, skin-structure infections and intra-abdominal infections





Origin of tigecyclin



The final selection of tigecycline was the result of a systematic research to combine the hydrophobic moiety AND the additional aminogroup in a substituent attached to position 9

Table 2. In Vitro Antibacterial Activity of Compounds 13-25.

	Organism; minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) µg/mg											
	Rı	<i>E. coli</i> UBMS 88-1 Tet B	E coli PRP1 Tet A	E. coli J3272 Tet C	E. coli J3272 Tet D	<i>E. coli</i> UBMS 90-4 Tet M	<i>E. coli</i> UBMS 90-5 sensitive	S. aureus UBMS 88-7 Tet K	S. aureus UBMS 90-1 Tet M	<i>S. aureus</i> UBMS 90-3 sensitive	S. aureus Smith sensitive	Entero- coccus ATCC 29212
1 3	MeNH	1	16	8	0.5	NT	l	16	1	0.5	0.5	0.5
14	n-PTNH	0.5	2	0.5	0.12	0.25	0.5	2	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25
15	n-BuNH	0.5	1	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.5	2	0.5	0.25	0.12	0.12
16	t-BuNH	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.1 2	0.1 2	0.25	0.5	0.12	0.25	0.25	0.1 2
17	n-HexylNH	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.12	0.25	0.25	2	0.25	0.06	0.12	0.1 2
18	UndecyiNH	32	32	32	32	32	16	2	16	0.5	0.5	2
19		4	32	8	2	2	2	4	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.25
20		0.25	1	0.25	0.1 2	0.25	0.25	2	0.25	0.12	0.25	0.1 2
21		4	2	2	0.5	2	4	0.5	1	0.25	0.5	0.25
22	A.NH	0.5	1	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.12
23	∆_NH	0.5	4	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.5	4	1	0.5	0.5	0.25
24	PhCH ₂ NH	2	4	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	2	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25
25	NH	16	32	16	8	8	16	32	8	4	4	2

tigecyline

Tigecycline is significantly modified compared to minocycline



Here is the "next in the pipeline" of the tetracylines "insensitive to efflux-mediated resistance"



9-[[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)amino]methyl]-minocycline

MK-2764/PTK 0796 - the most advanced compound from a new class called the **aminomethylcyclines** (AMC) were derived from the tetracyclines. ... an <u>oral</u> and IV once-daily antibiotic antibiotic agent with activity against resistant and susceptible gram-positive, gram-negative, atypical and anaerobic bacteria... target community infections of the skin and respiratory tract as well as complicated skin, pneumonias and other infections requiring hospitalization. (from: http://www.paratekpharm.com/pt_tet_inhib.html)



Challenges of efflux in antibacterial chemotherapy

- the way we treat patients:
 - and what about efflux inhibitors ?

Thesis:

This will be very difficult because of

- complete changes in the basic rules of drug-design (no link to specific chemical structure) and (porbable) multiplicity of ligand-recognition sites in transporters;
- potential for unanticipated toxicities (related to unknown functions of eucaryotic homologues of the target efflux transporter(s)

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Thesis:

Many procaryotic transporters have eucaryotic homologues, and antibiotics are often (for that reason or another ...) substrate to them... (sometimes in an unanticipated fashion)

Efflux is widespread because it is a common mechanism of protection of both procaryotic and eucaryotic cells against membrane-permeant toxins...

and antibiotics are simply opportunistic substrates (in both types of cells !) ...



Van Bambeke et al. (2003) J Antimicrob Chemother 51: 1055-1065. Challenges in Chemotherapy:

a new approach (and new problems) in pharmacokinetics (and the potential modulation of antibiotic intracellular activity)



monocyte,

MRP1 🗇

macrophage

blood

MRP3

NPT1

Van Bambeke et al. (2003) J Antimicrob Chemother 51: 1055-1065.

- very bactericidal towards Gram (+) organisms through membrane destabilization (no need of proteinaceous receptor!)
- BUT intrinsically inactive against Gram(-) due to LPS protection
- spare mammalian cells because they lack phosphatidylglycerol (critical for binding to Gram(+) membranes
- got a fast track registration in the US because of activity against vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE)



Models of intracellular infection

L. monocytogenes





cytosol

phagolysosomes

Intraphagoytic S. aureus

A simple scheme



Carryn et al. Infect Dis Clin North Am. 2003 Sep;17(3):615-34.

Daptomycin activity against intracellular S. aureus (THP-1 macrophages)



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Challenges in pharmacokinetics

- efflux will tend to make intracellular activities suboptimal (fluoroquinolones, macrolides, daptomycin...)...
- but will it not make antibiotics more toxic ?
- and, incidentally, how can we explain/avoid recognition by eucaryotic efflux pumps ?

(quiz: daptomycin has a log P of -4.07 and a log D of -9.6 at pH 7... How can it be a substrate of the P-gp ?)
Modeling of P-glycoprotein 3d structure



Vandevuer et al. Proteins (Proteins-structure function and bioinformatics) (2006) 63:466-478



Challenges of efflux in antibacterial chemotherapy

- recognizing its existence: is it a major and general means of resistance ?
- its role: does it need to change our vision on (and decisions about) existing antibiotics ?
- the way we find it: how can we detect it (and do we need to do this ?)
- the way we treat patients:
 - can we make non-effluxed drugs ?
 - and what about efflux inhibitors ?
 - is efflux important in pharmacokinetics/drug interactions ?

Let us believe in pumps... (each has its own set of challenges)



Let us also believe in pumps operators... (each met her/his own set of challenges)



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