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Multidrug resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* – a decade of the successful clone in Croatia

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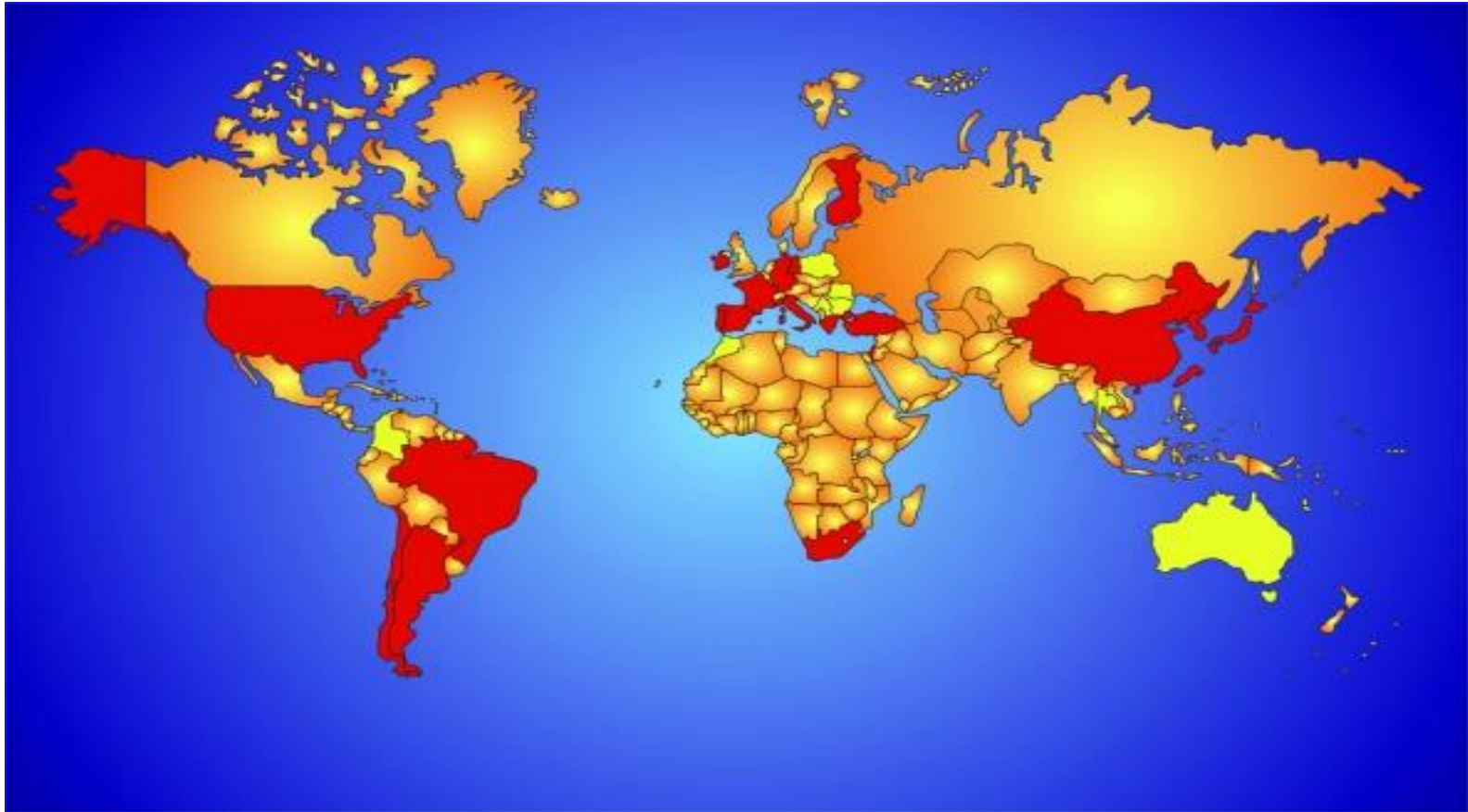


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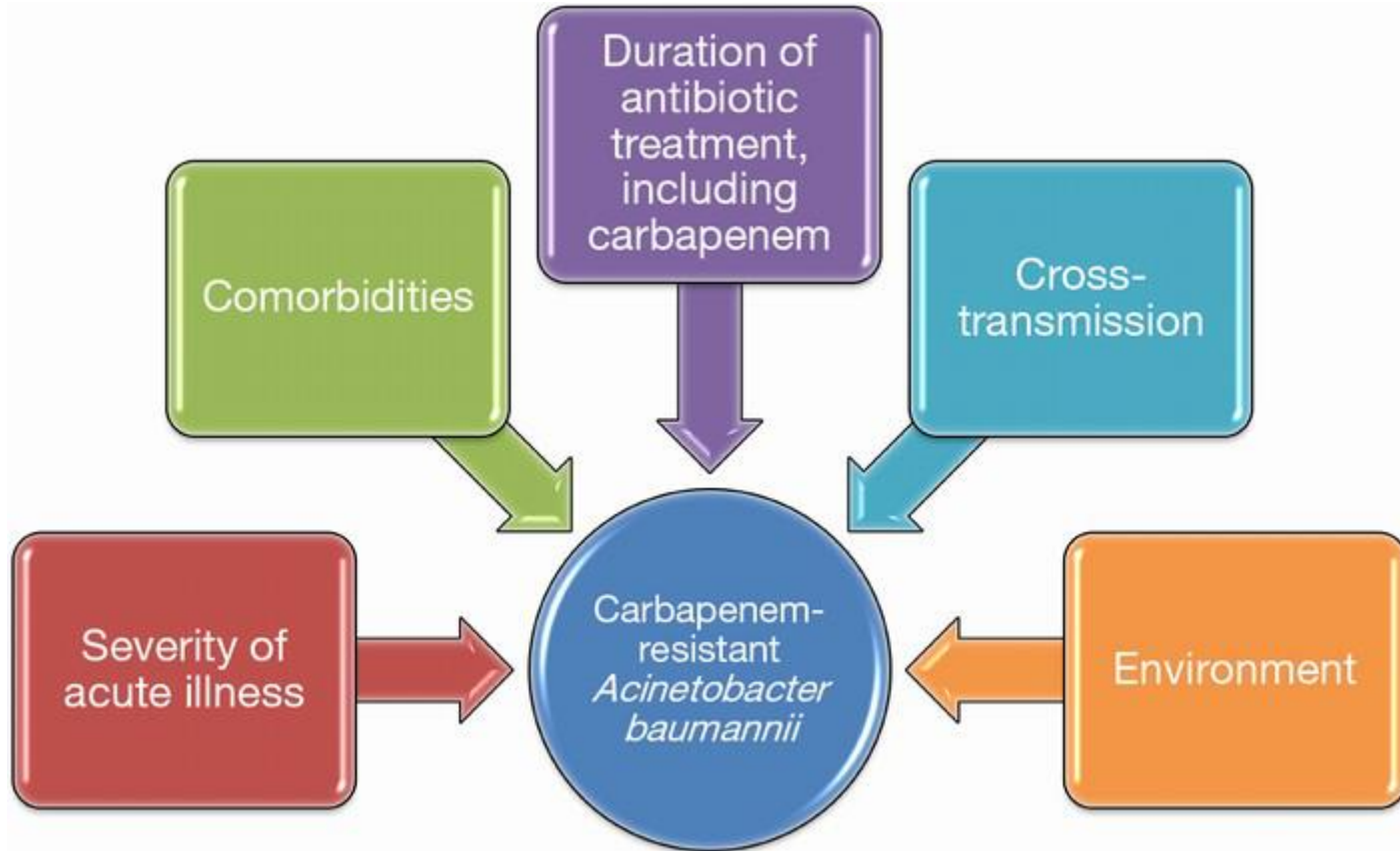
Bacteria (WHO category)	WHO	CDC	ESKAPE
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> , carbapenem-R	Critical	Serious (MDR)	Yes
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> , carbapenem-R	Critical	Serious (MDR)	Yes
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> , carbapenem-R, 3 rd -gen cep-R (ESBL+)	Critical	Urgent (carbapenem-R) Serious (ESBL+)	Yes
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i> , vancomycin-R	High	Serious (VRE)	Yes
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , methicillin-R, vancomycin-I/R	High	Serious (MRSA) Concerning (VRSA)	Yes
<i>Helicobacter pylori</i> , clarithromycin-R	High		
<i>Campylobacter</i> spp., fluoroquinolone-R	High	Serious (drug-R)	
<i>Salmonellae</i> spp., fluoroquinolone-R	High	Serious (drug-R)	
<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> , 3 rd -gen cep-R, fluoroquinolone-R	High	Urgent (drug-R)	
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> , penicillin-NS	Medium	Serious (drug-R)	
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> , ampicillin-R	Medium		
<i>Shigella</i> spp., fluoroquinolone-R	Medium	Serious	
<i>Clostridium difficile</i>		Urgent	
<i>Candida</i> spp. fluconazole-R		Serious (Flu-R)	
<i>M. tuberculosis</i>		Serious (drug-R)	
Group A <i>Streptococcus</i>		Concerning (erythro-R)	
Group B <i>Streptococcus</i>	WHO PPL, CDC, & ESKAPE	Concerning (clinda-R)	1

Acinetobacter baumannii: Emergence of a Successful Pathogen



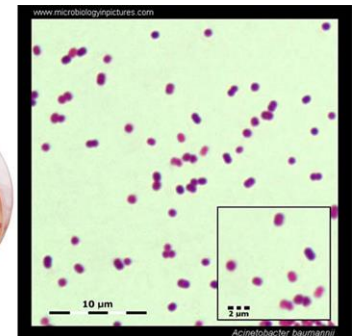
Countries that have reported an outbreak of carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii*. Red signifies outbreaks reported before 2006, and yellow signifies outbreaks reported since 2006.

MDR *Acinetobacter baumannii*



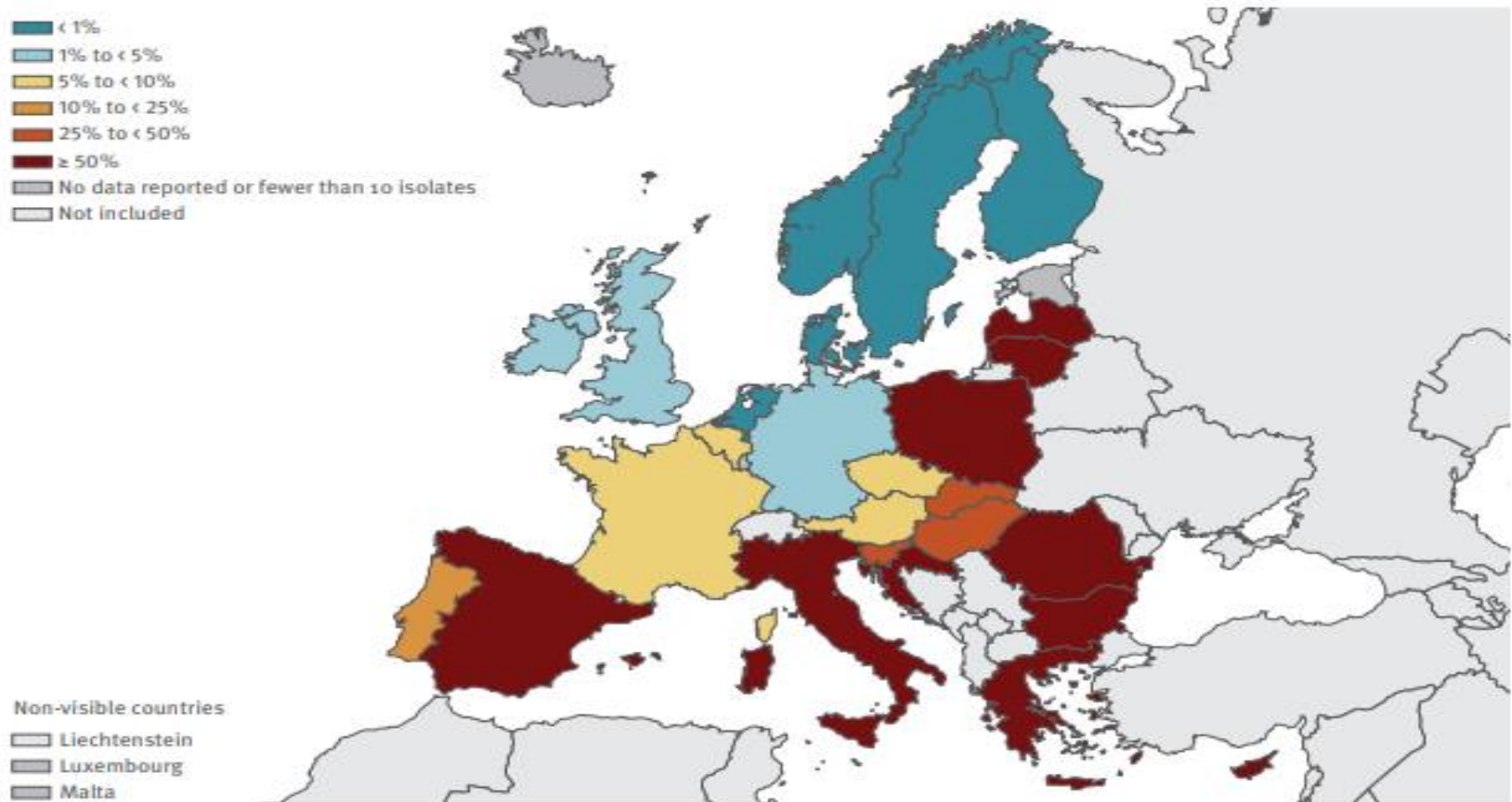
MDR *Acinetobacter baumannii*

- crude mortality rates in patients with *A. baumannii* bacteremia varied between 30 and 76%
- factors associated with worse prognosis include immunosuppression, drug resistance, severity of underlying illness, inappropriate antimicrobial therapy, septicemia, and prior antibiotic exposure



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Figure 3.23. *Acinetobacter* spp. Percentage (%) of invasive isolates with combined resistance to fluoroquinolones, aminoglycosides and carbapenems, by country, EU/EEA countries, 2017



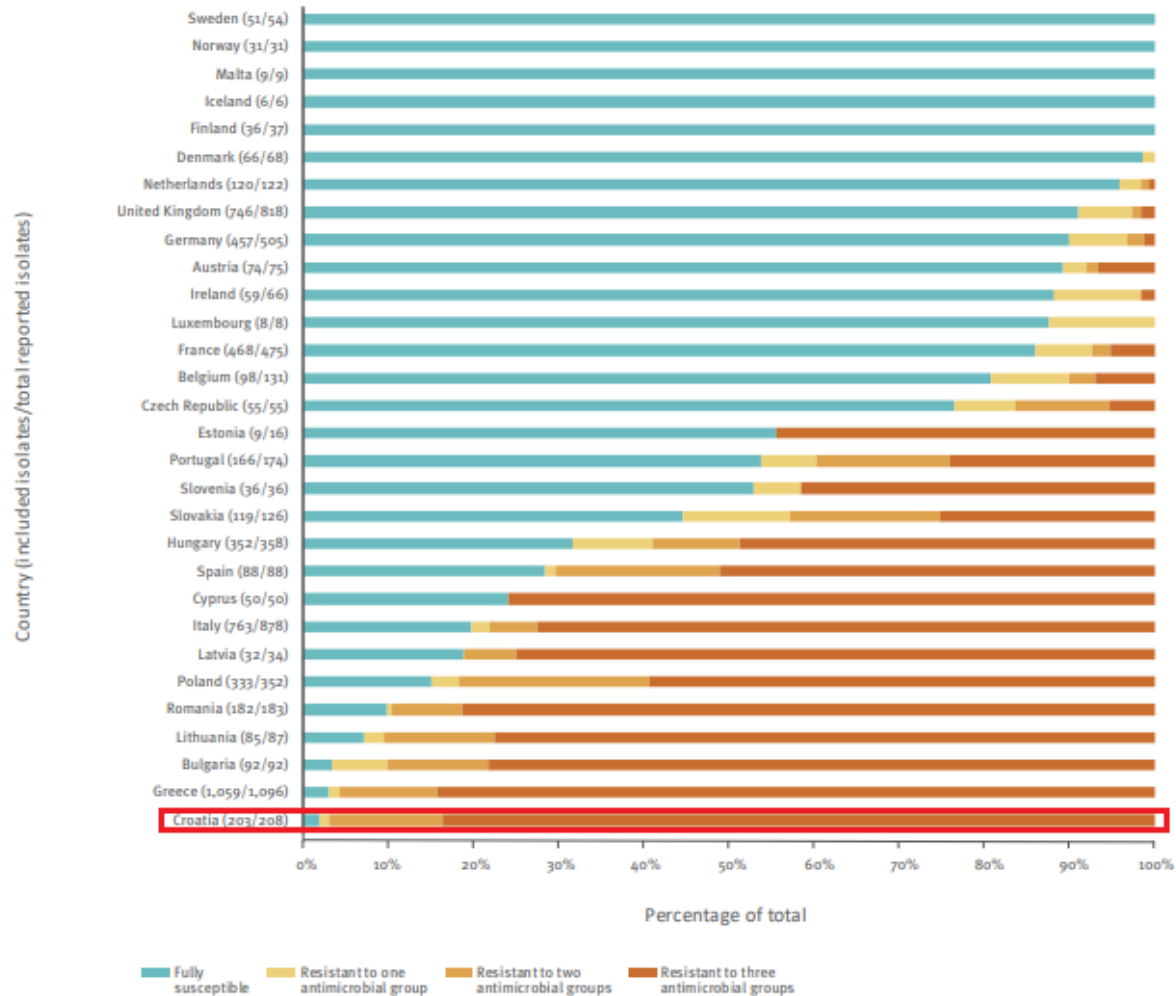
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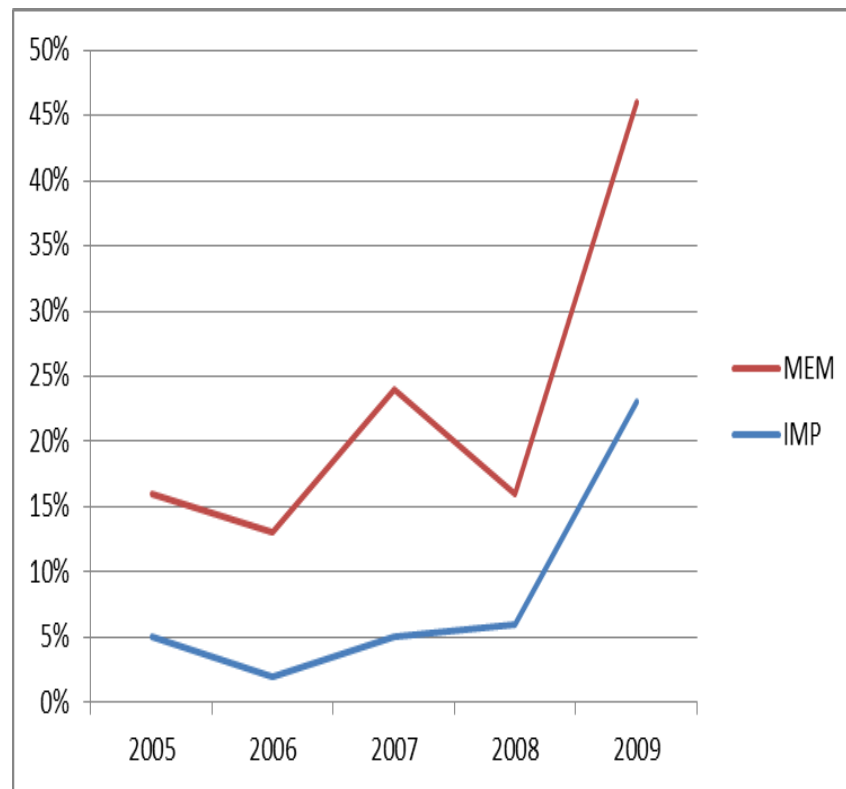
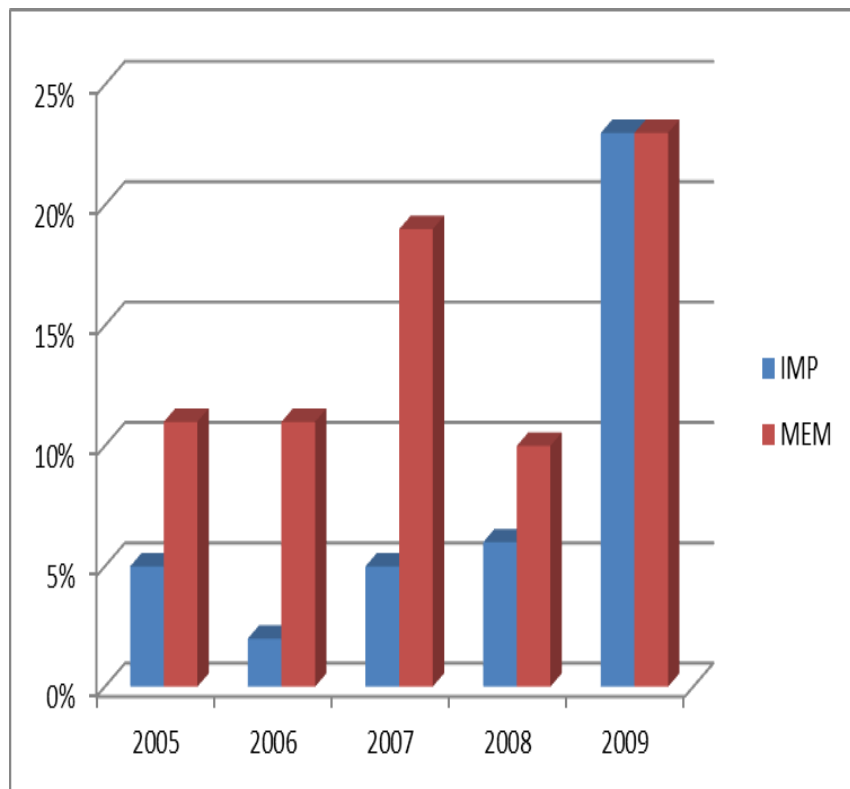


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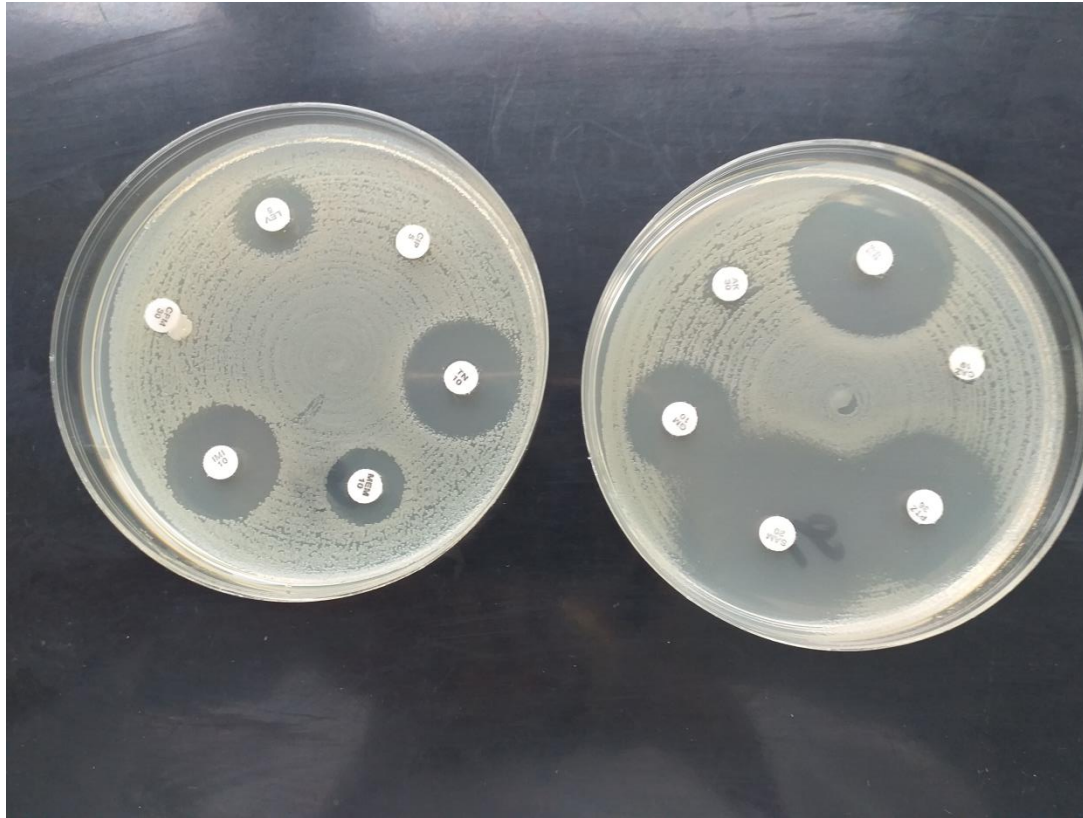


Resistance to carbapenems in Croatia 2005-2009

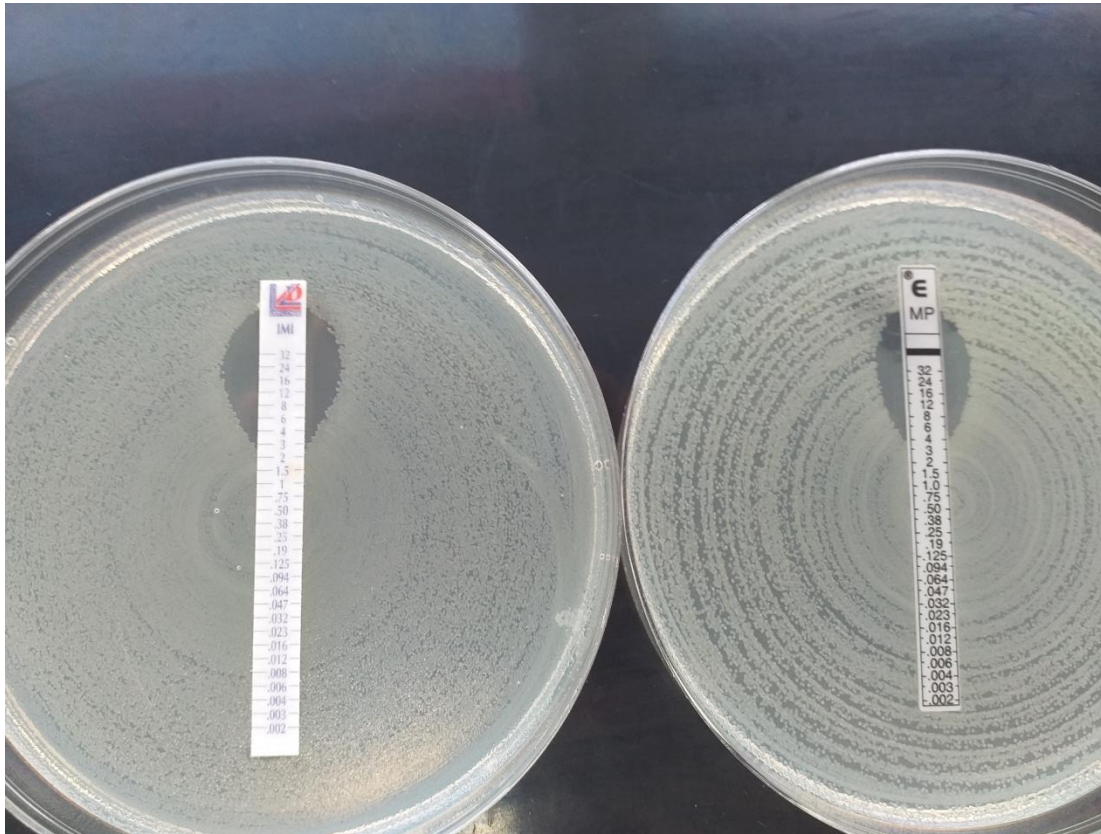


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Clinical isolate from UHS in 2004



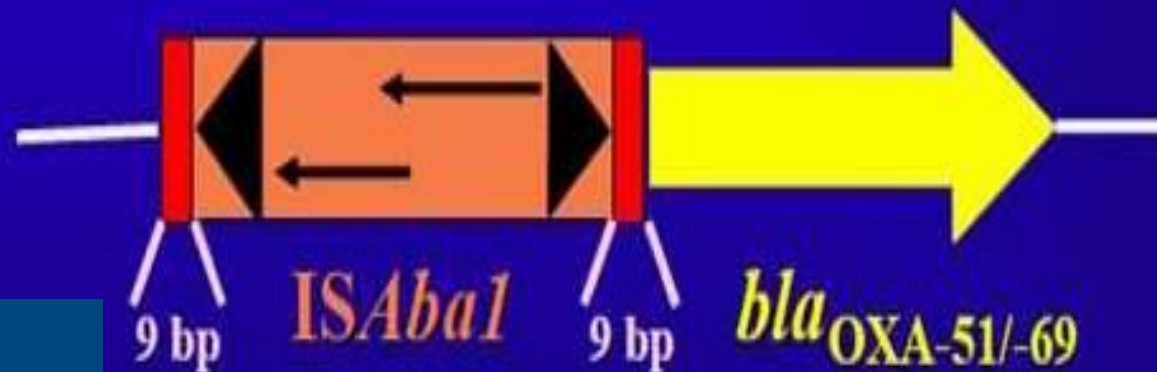
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The role of *ISAbal* in expression of OXA carbapenemase genes in *Acinetobacter baumannii*

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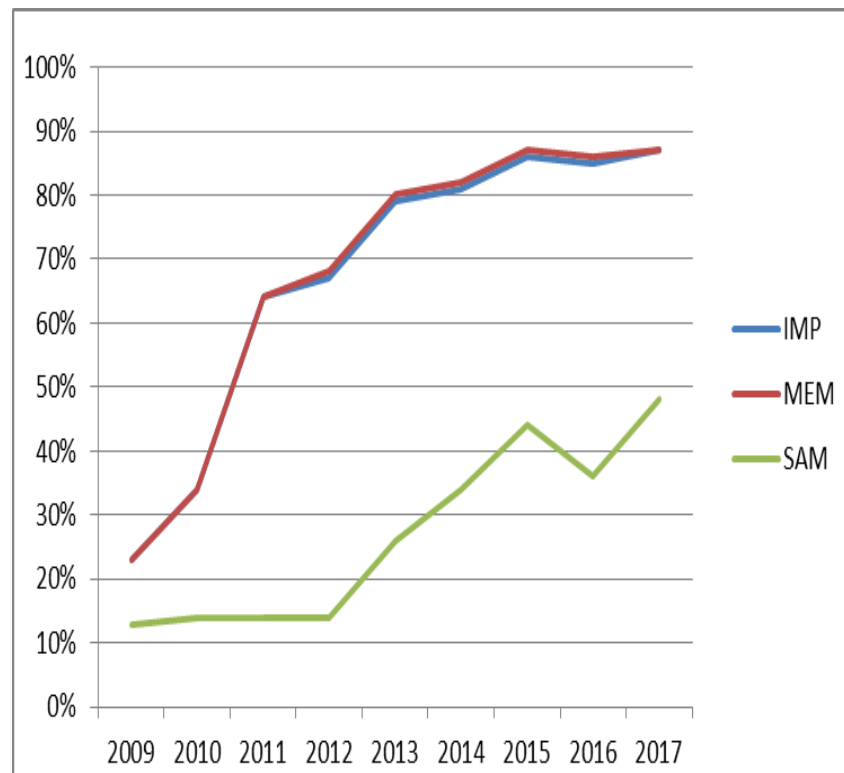
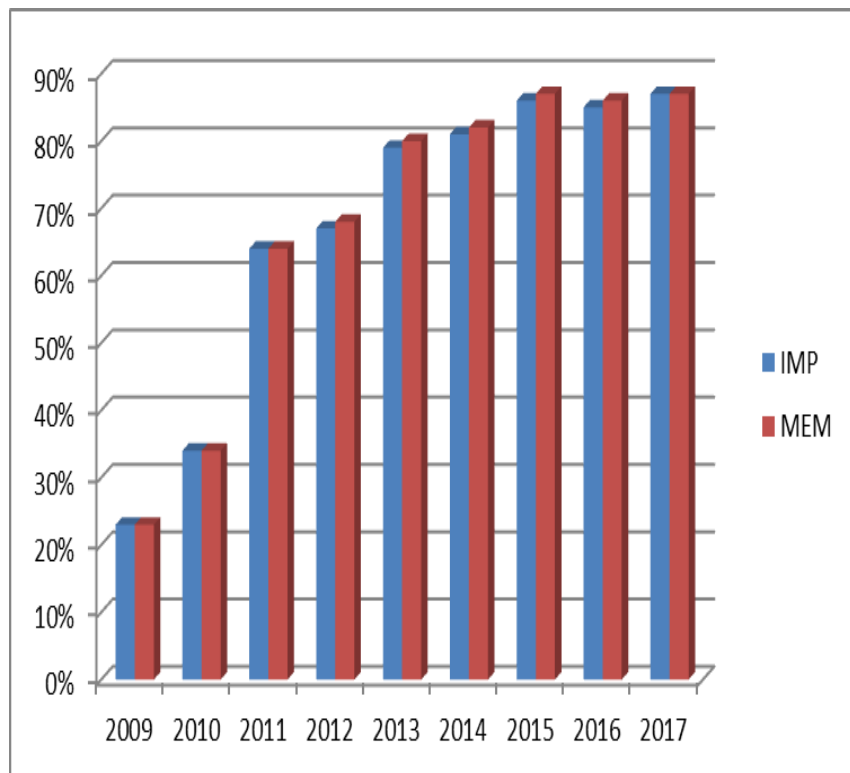
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Occurrence of OXA-107 and *ISAbal* in Carbapenem-Resistant Isolates of *Acinetobacter baumannii* from Croatia

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Resistance to carbapenems in Croatia 2009-2017



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Letter to the Editor

Outbreak in Croatia caused by a new carbapenem-resistant clone of *Acinetobacter baumannii* producing OXA-72 carbapenemase

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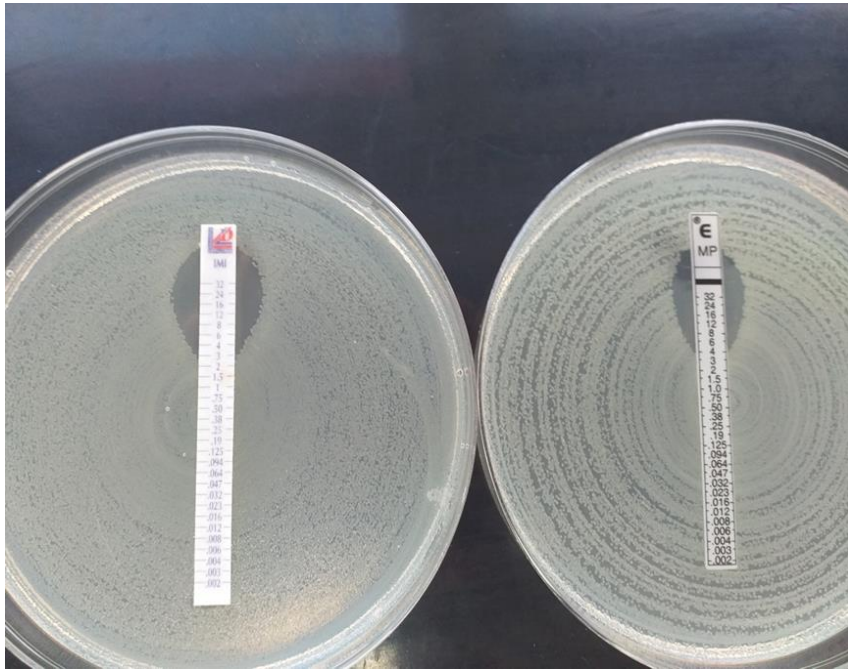
Acinetobacter baumannii is a multidrug-resistant opportunistic pathogen that causes nosocomial infections and outbreaks, particularly in the intensive care unit (ICU) setting.¹ Many outbreak strains belong to one of three worldwide lineages, known originally as European clones I, II and III. These correspond to sequence groups 2.1 and 3, respectively, each of which includes a number of different genotypes defined by pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE).² Only

During the next 6 months (January to July 2009), 32 similar consecutive isolates were obtained from blood cultures, urine samples, catheter tip specimens, cerebrospinal fluid, throat and nasal swabs, and bronchial secretions collected from 23 different patients hospitalised in two ICUs and three different departments at Split University Hospital. PFGE following macrorestriction of genomic DNA with *Apal* revealed that all isolates belonged to the European clone 2 lineage. All isolates also displayed the same multidrug resistance pattern (with no inhibition zone around imipenem or meropenem discs), but susceptibility to sulbactam and colistin (Table I).

Bacterial DNA was extracted using a DNAze kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The presence of genes encoding class D carbapenemases was detected by multiplex polymerase chain reaction using primers specific for the



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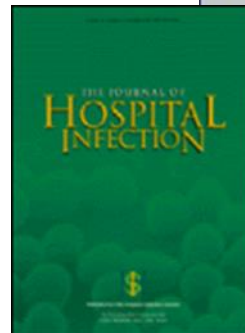
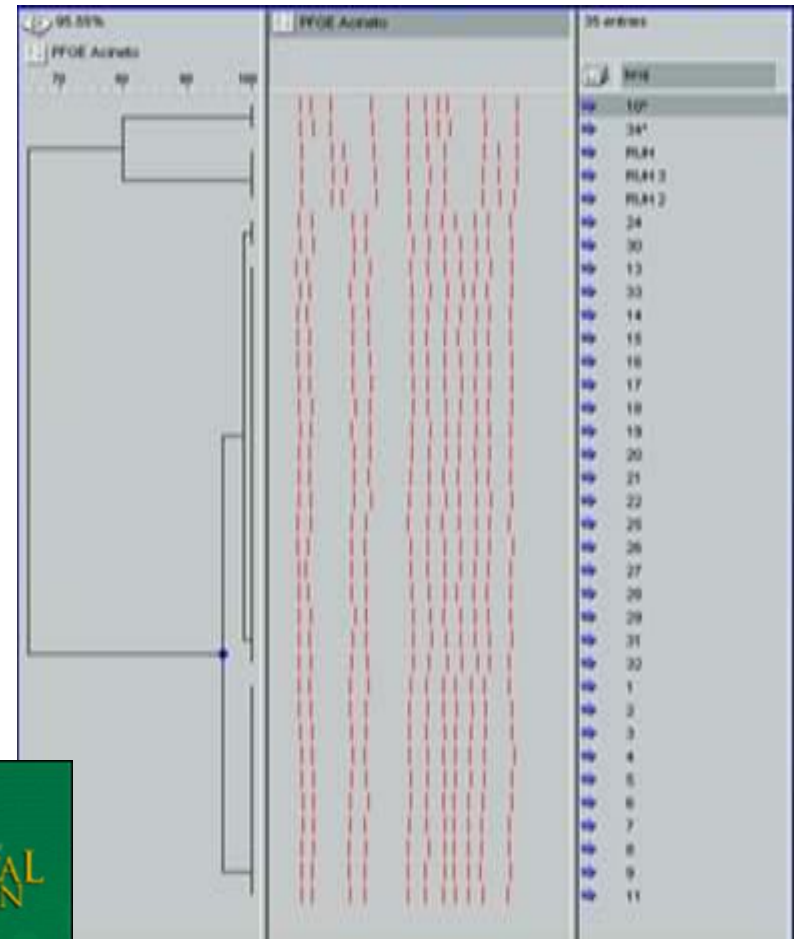
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Goić-Barišić I.

Molecular investigation - PFGE

- PFGE typing of new clone in UHC Split
- similarity in PFGE profile
- similarity in antibiotic resistance
- OXA-40 (OXA-72) carbapenemase (Macrogen, Europe)



Carbapenem-resistant isolates (2012-2016)

	CC Ox	CC Pas	OXA-51 variant
IC1	CC109	CC1	OXA-69
IC2	CC92	CC2	OXA-66
IC3	CC929	CC124	OXA-71
IC4	CC103	CC15	OXA-51
IC5	CC227	CC79	OXA-65
IC6	CC944	CC78	OXA-90
IC7	CC110	CC25	OXA-64
IC8	CC447	CC10	OXA-68
IC9	CC1078	CC464	OXA-94

Croatia



Each IC has an OXA-51 variant

courtesy Paul Higgins, 2019

MLST typing IC2 from 2009-2016

- According to the MLST analysis by using Oxford scheme fragments of seven housekeeping genes (gltA, gyrB, gdhB, recA, cpn60, gpi and rpoD) were amplified by PCR
- Previously most common ST-195 inside CC 2
- ST – 231 in Pula and Zagreb

Ladavac R et al., J Glob Antimicrob Resist 2017

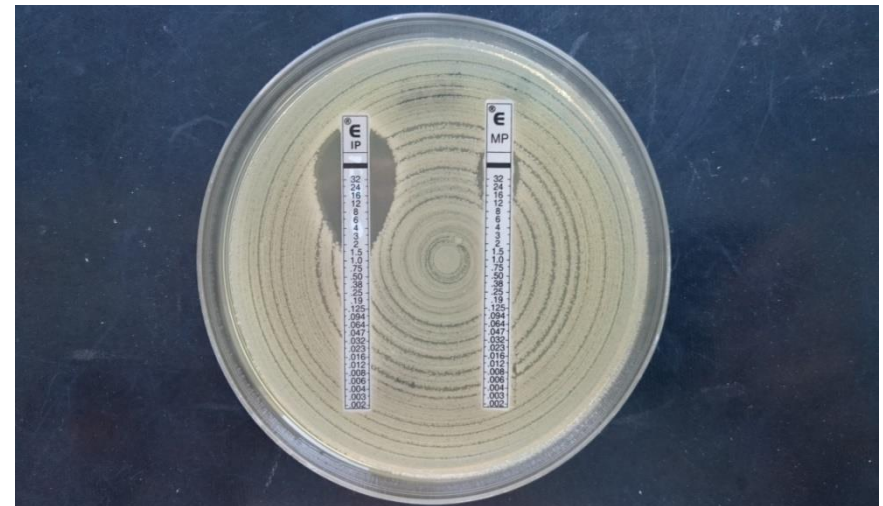
Isolate	Origin	Date of isolation	Sequence type	Clonal complex	IC type
OB 3831	Sputum	11.09.2015	1421 ^a	92	2
OB 3929	Tracheal aspirate	18.09.2015	195	92	2
OB 4027	Sputum	24.09.2015	1421 ^a	92	2
OB 4138	Bronchial aspirate	02.10.2015	195	92	2
S2/1	Hospital	27.08.2015	195	92	2
S2/2	wastewater		195	92	2
S2/3			195	92	2
S2/4			195	92	2
S1/1		06.10.2015	195	92	2
S2/5			195	92	2
S2/6			195	92	2
S2/7			195	92	2
S2/8			195	92	2
S2/9			195	92	2
IN32	Urban sewage	23.09.2015	195	92	2
Sava3	River	11.10.2015	1421 ^a	92	2
Sava4	water		195	92	2
Sava5			1421 ^a	92	2
Sava6			1421 ^a	92	2

Seruga Music et al., J Hosp Infect, 2017

MLST typing IC2 in 2017

- New resistotype and new ST 502 in UHS in 2017
- OXA-72 carbapenemase
- Unusual resistance pattern with MIC for imipenem inside susceptible range according EUCAST rules and high level of resistance to meropenem

Isolate	Gene locus/allele							Sequence type	Clonal complex	IC type
	<i>gltA</i>	<i>gvrB</i>	<i>gdhB</i>	<i>recA</i>	<i>cpn60</i>	<i>gpi</i>	<i>rpoD</i>			
2777	1	12	3	2	2	100	3	502	92	2
3058	1	12	3	2	2	100	3	502	92	2
3084	1	12	3	2	2	100	3	502	92	2

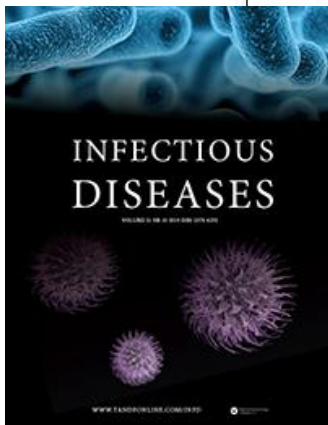


CC 92 inside IC 2

- dominant clone in hospitals in Croatia
- biofilm formation
- survival in the environmental conditions, including seawater
- reduced susceptibility to disinfectants of *A. baumannii* biofilms

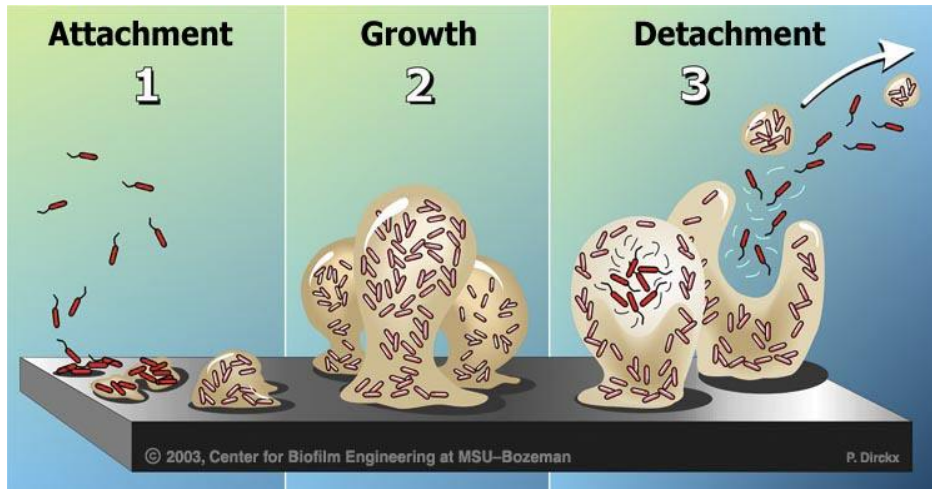
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Multicenter investigation in Croatia



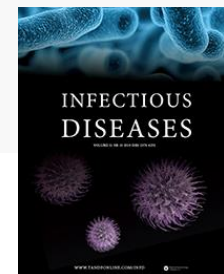
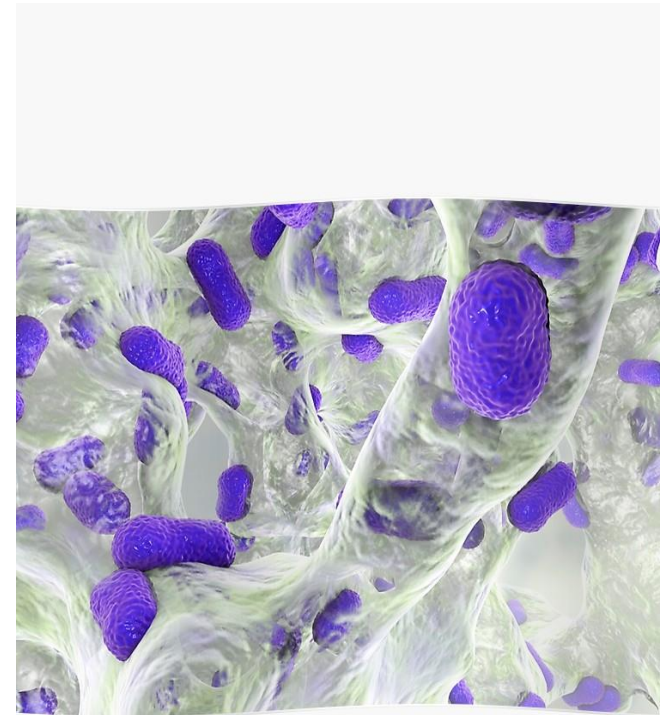
- more than 100 clinical isolates of *A. baumannii* (2009)
- focused on ability to form biofilm in correlation to genotypes (clones), origin of tested isolates and resistance to antibiotics

Kaliterna V., Goić-Barišić I.,
Croatian Committee for Antibiotic Resistance Surveillance,
2014

Ability to form biofilm

Stronger ability to form biofilm

- from respiratory specimens
- in ICUs
- in susceptible and intermediate susceptible isolates to imipenem, meropenem and amikacin

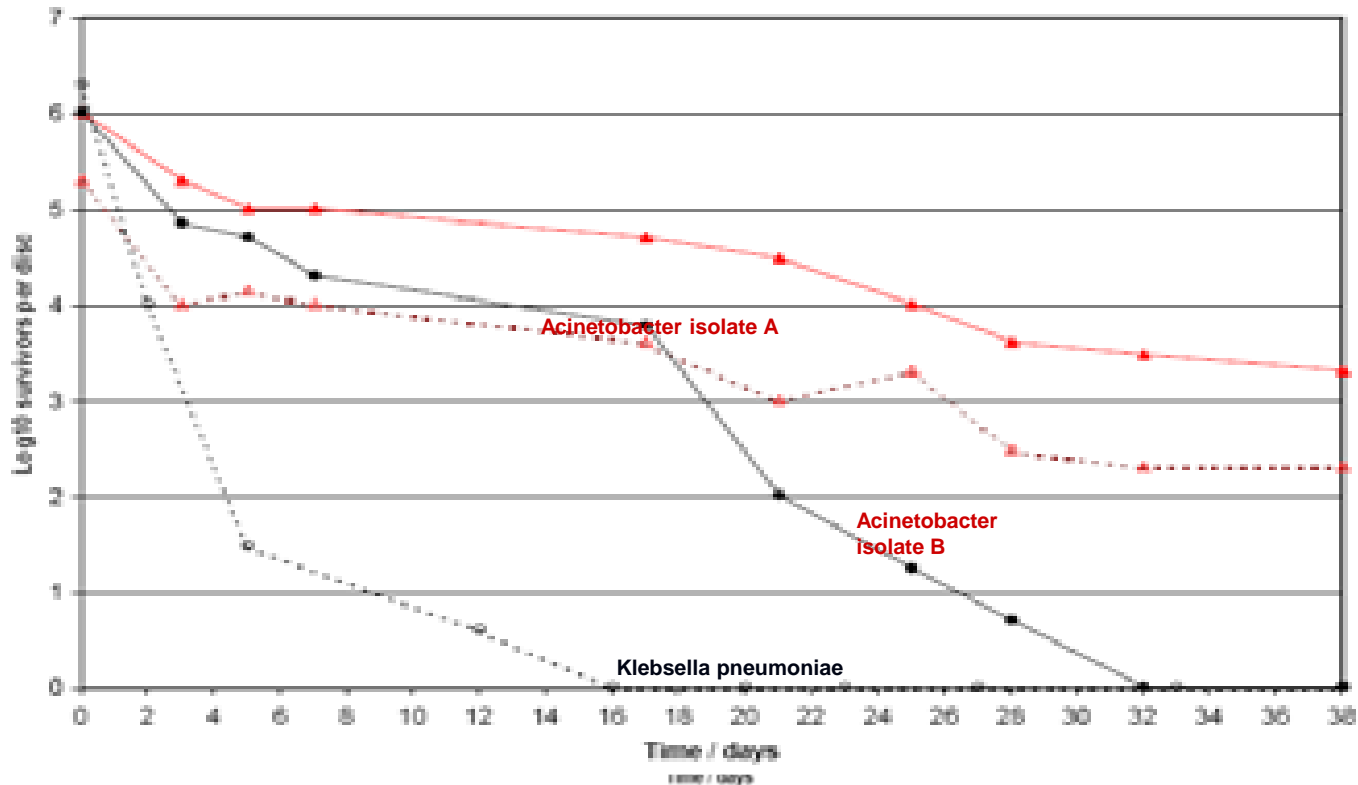


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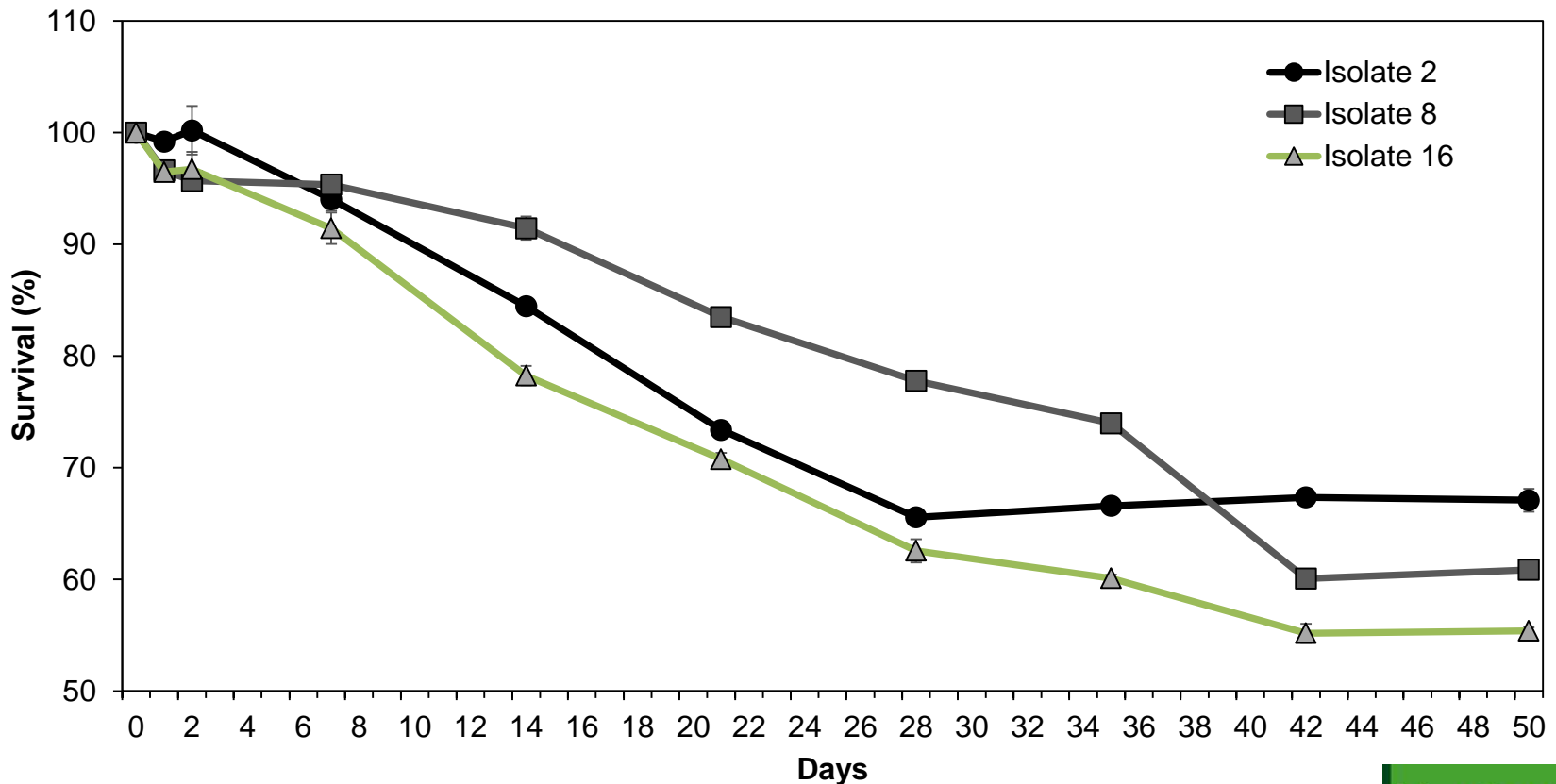
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survival in seawater during **50 days** of monitoring

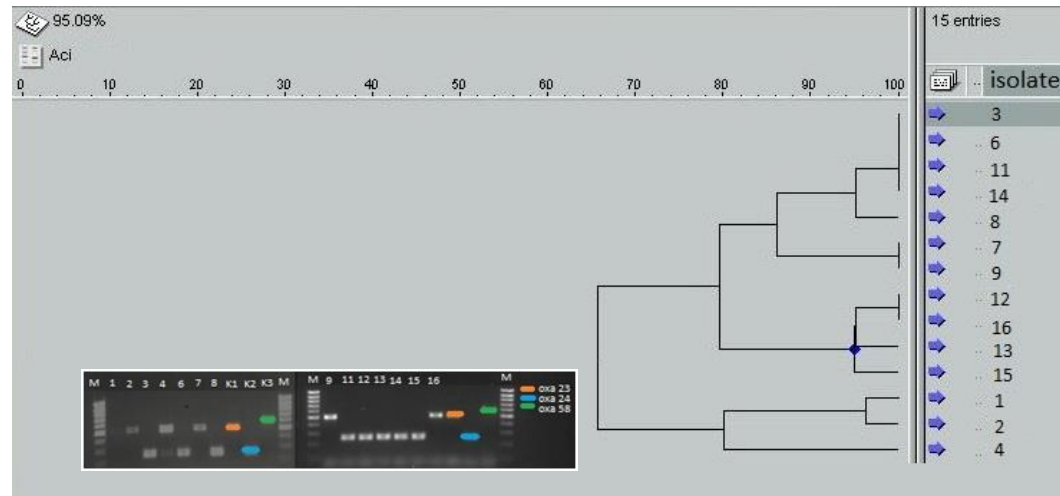


Kovačić A. et al., 2017



Transmission and survival of carbapenem resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* outside hospital setting

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First prospective study in Croatia

Wastewater was sampled for five times, in the period from October 2014 until April 2015. 10 isolates of *A. baumannii* were recovered from hospital wastewater and compared with 4 isolates from hospitalized patients.



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Susceptibility to disinfectants

- benzalkonium chloride and chlorhexidine

Table 1 A. *baumannii* isolates used in the experiments

Designation	Origin
ATCC	ATCC 19606 strain
EU1	Hospital isolate, UHCS, 2004
EU2	Hospital isolate, UHCS, 2009
ST4	Hospital isolate, UHC, 2009
ST10	Hospital isolate, UHC, 2009
IN12	Environmental isolate, WWTP of Zagreb, 2014, influent
IN21	Environmental isolate, WWTP of Zagreb, 2014, influent
EF4	Environmental isolate, WWTP of Zagreb, 2014, effluent

UHCS - University Hospital Centre Split, Croatia; WWTP Zagreb – Central wastewater treatment plant of the city of Za

EU2 and ST4 showed the highest resistance to both disinfectants

Ivanković T., Goić-Barišić I., Hrenović J., 2017

Susceptibility to disinfectants

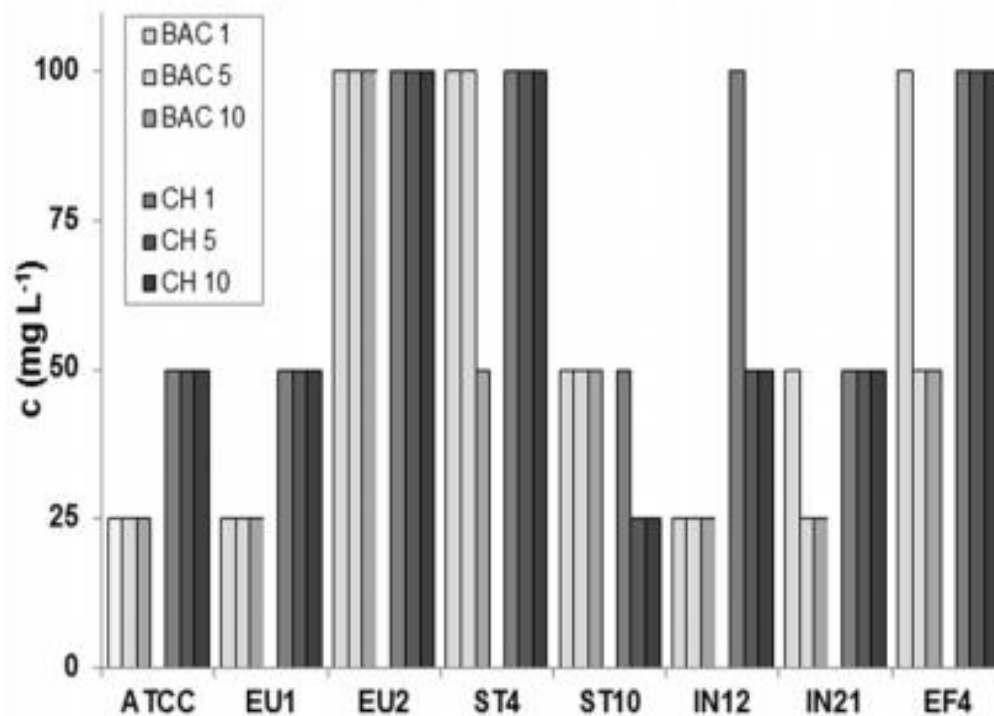


Figure 3 Minimal bactericidal concentrations of benzalkonium chloride (BAC) and chlorhexidine digluconate (CH) against environmental and hospital isolates of *A. baumannii* after 1, 5, and 10 min of contact

Ivanković T., Goić-Barišić I., Hrenović J., 2017

Susceptibility to disinfectants

- The biofilm bacteria were more resistant to disinfectants than the planktonic populations, as more than 50 % of the biofilm population and none of the planktonic population survived 5-minute exposure to disinfectants tested in this study
- The biofilm populations on ceramic tiles were significantly more resistant than those on glass coverslips, even though the amount of biofilm was practically the same on ceramics and glass

Conclusion

- decade of persistence CC 92 in Croatia
- similar results from Iran, China, Brazil, Colombia, India
- OXA-72 and OXA-23 most common oxacillinases in CRAB
- ability to form biofilm and reduced susceptibility to disinfectants
- **endemic** in hospitals in Croatia

Conclusion

- Once endemic in a healthcare unit, *A. baumannii* is extremely difficult to eradicate.
- Nevertheless, it is still possible to eradicate these organisms from a unit when an uncompromising approach is taken to infection control.

In any event, we are closer to the much-threatened 'end of antibiotics' for *A. baumannii* more than for any other common pathogen

David M. Livermore,
Trends in Microbiology 2006;14: 413-20

Thank you

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