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Ketolides and respiratory fluoroquinolones

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Mechanisms of action and resistance





Mechanisms of action and resistance



Mechanisms of action and resistance : *S. pneumoniae* resistance in Belgium



Mechanisms of action and resistance

• Target modification

- Ribosomal modification via inducible or constitutive methylation (*erm* genes)
 - Most frequent mechanism in *S. pneumoniae*, less frequent in *S. pyogenes*
- Ribosomal modification via point mutations
 - Rare in streptococci, most frequent in *H. pylori*, *Campylobacter*, *M. avium*
- Drug efflux (*mef* genes)
 - Most frequent mechanism in *S. pyogenes*, less frequent in *S. pneumoniae*

Mechanisms of action and resistance

gene	Phenotype acronym	Phenotype 14-15 macrolides	Phenotype 16 macrolides	Phenotype ketolides
erm	MLS _B	R	R	S
mef	Μ	R	S	S

Mechanisms of action and resistance: telithromycin activity in Belgian pneumococci

- 392 Erythro-sus S.pneumoniae
 MIC_{50 Telithro}: 0.015
 MIC_{90Telithro}: 0.03
- 245 Erythro-res
 S.pneumoniae MIC_{50Telithro}: 0.06

 \Rightarrow MIC_{90Telithro}: 0.5



In vitro activity of telithromycin

	Erythro MIC ₉₀	Telithro MIC ₉₀	AUC _{24h} /MIC ₉₀
S. pneumoniae Pen S	0.06	0.015-0.03	276-416
<i>S. pneumoniae</i> Pen I / R	16-32	0.12-0.5	17-25
<i>H. influenzae</i> Bla + and -	4-8	2-4	2-3
<i>M. catarrhalis</i> Bla + and	0.25	0.06-0.12	69-104
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Legionella spp.	0.12-2	0.03-0.06	
M. pneumoniae	< 0.01	0.06	
C. pneumoniae	0.012-0.25	0.25	
S. pyogenes	0.12	0.015-0.03	

Felmingham, 97, Schülin, 98, Roblin, 98, Barry, 98, Hoban, 99, Pankuch, 98, Reinert, 98, Hamilton-Miller, 98, Karlowsky, 99, Torres, 98

In vitro activity of telithromycin

	Erythro MIC ₉₀	Telithro MIC ₉₀
S. aureus (methi-S)	2	0.12
S. aureus (methi-R)	>128	>128
E. faecalis	>128	2-4
E. faecium	>64	8
Listeria monocytogenes	0.5	0.06
U. urealyticum	4	2

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Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of telithromycin

	800 mg (single dose)	800 mg (7 days)
C _{max} (mg/L)	1.9	2.3
C _{24h} (mg/L)	0.03	0.07
AUC _{24h} (mg.h/L)	8.3	12.5
T _{1/2} (h)	7.2	9.8

Aventis, 2001

Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of telithromycin

		Mean concentration (mcg/mL)				
Tissue	Subject	2-3 h	6-8 h	12 h	24 h	48 h
Epithelial lining fluid	Healthy	5.4 ^a	4.2 ^d	-	1.17	0.30
	RTI patients	4.9 ^a	-	3.27	0.84	-
Alveolar macrophages	Healthy	65 ^a	100 ^d	-	41	2.15
	RTI patients	69 ^a	-	318	162	-
Bronchial tissue ^e	Healthy	0.68 ^a	2.2 ^d	-	3.5	LOQ
	RTI patients	3.88 ª	-	1.41	0.78	-
Tonsils ^e	Tonsilitis	3.95 ^b	-	0.88	0.72	-
WBC (Day 5)	Healthy	64.6 ^a	72.1°	39.4	14.1	-
(Day 10)	Healthy	83 ^a	60.9°	40.6	20.9	8.9

^a2h, ^b3h, ^c6h, ^d8h, ^e concentrations in mcg/g LOQ = Below the lower limit of quantification; - = No data collected

Breakpoints for telithromycin (MIC)

species	susceptible	intermediate	resistant	
S. pneumoniae	≤ 1	2	≥ 4	
S. aureus	≤ 1	2	≥ 4	
H. influenzae	<u>≤</u> 4	8	≥16	

CAP clinical studies: efficacy of telithromycin against *S. pneumoniae*

Telithromycin MIC	Ν	(presumed) eradicated %	Clinical cure %
0.004	4	100	100
0.008	125	98.4	96.8
0.015/0.016	113	96.5	93.8
0.3	23	91.3	91.3
0.6	6	100	100
0.12	6	66.7	66.7
0.25	1	100	100
0.5	3	100	100
1	5	100	100
total	286	96.5	94.8

Aventis, 2003

CAP clinical studies: efficacy of telithromycin against *H. influenzae*

Telithro MIC	Ν	(presumed) eradicated %
0.002	1	100
0.12	1	100
0.25	3	100
0.5	5	60
1	47	87.2
2	96	89.6
4	40	87.5
8	11	100
total	204	88.7

Clinical cure: 90.2%

Aventis, 2003

Summary of telithromycin efficacy in CARTIs from Phase IIIa studies

- Efficacy results consistent across all populations in all studies in four indications
- 5-day treatment effective in AECB, AMS, and tonsillitis/pharyngitis vs 10-day treatment with comparators
- 7- to 10-day treatment effective in CAP vs 10-day treatment with comparators
- Effective in infections caused by penicillin- and/or erythromycin-resistant *S. pneumoniae*

Efficacy of short-course telithromycin in treatment of CAP



Tellier et al. 42nd ICAAC San Diego. Abstract Pullman et al. 42nd ICAAC San Diego. Abstract

summary

- telithromycin offers alternative to existing therapies in RTI but additional data on activity against *H. influenzae* needed
- telithromycin still active on erythromycin-R streptococci, although MIC's are increased
- No significant resistance to telithromycin reported yet and potential for resistance selection *in vitro* lower than macrolides but long half-life is known to predispose to resistance development in macrolides

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The fluoroquinolone family

GROUP I

oral limited to UTI

Norfloxacin

GROUP II

broad systemic use

GROUP III

GROUP IV

improved vs. Gram-pos. atypicals

improved vs. Gram-pos. atypicals anaerobes Ciprofloxacin Ofloxacin Pefloxacin

Levofloxacin Sparfloxacin Grepafloxacin

Gatifloxacin Trovafloxacin Moxifloxacin Clinafloxacin

Int J Antimicrob Ag 1998;10:255-257

Mechanisms of action and resistance

- all FQ's kill bacteria rapidly by binding to enzymes that are needed to wind or unwind DNA
 - topoisomerase II or gyrase
 - encoded by gyrA and gyrB
 - topoisomerase IV
 - encoded by *parC* and *parE*

Mechanisms of action and resistance DNA is supercoiled



Mechanisms of action and resistance

• 1) target modification

- most common mechanism of resistance to FQ's
- due to point mutations in 'hot spots' (Quinolone Resistance Determining Regions) mostly of *gyrA* and *parC*
- spontaneous mutations in these regions appear with constant frequency during bacterial cell division
 - 1 per 10⁶ to 1 per 10⁹ cell divisions
- 2) efflux

resistance development & selection: stepwise increase



resistance development & selection: risk of emergence of resistance



resistance development & selection: effect of specific mutations

	cipro	levo	moxi
wild-type	0.5*	0.5*	0.12*
gyrA mutant	2*	2*	0.25*
<i>gyrA</i> + <i>parC</i> mutant	16*	16*	2*

*: MIC in mg/L for *S. pneumoniae* R6

Hartman-Neuman et al, AAC, 2001

resistance development & selection: peak concentration / MIC

	MIC ₉₀	Peak serum value
	S. pneumoniae	Single unit dose
cipro	1(-2)	3-4
oflox	2	4-5
levo	1	5
moxifloxacin	0.12	4-5

Bivemox, 2001 Fung-Tomc et al , AAC, 2000

epidemiological data on FQ resistance development

decreased FQ-susceptibility in S. pneumoniae in Canada



Chen et al. NEJM '99

Epidemiological data – USA



levofloxacin MIC distribution for S. pneumoniae

TRUST study

Clinical data on resistance development

 TABLE 1. MICROBIOLOGIC CHARACTERISTICS OF STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE ISOLATED

 BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER THERAPY WITH ORAL LEVOFLOXACIN FROM FOUR PATIENTS

 WITH COMMUNITY-ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA.*

PATIENT No.	SOURCE AND TIME OF CULTURE	SEROTYPE	PFGE PATTERNT	SUSCEPTIBILITY TO LEVOFLOXACIN‡	Min Co	IMAL INHIBIT	ORY	AMINO A	ACID
					LEVO- FLOXACIN	MOXI- FLOXACIN	GATI- FLOXACIN	IN PARC	IN GYRA
						μg/ml			
1	Sputum, before treatment	23F	А	S	1 (S)	0.12 (S)	0.25 (S)	-	-
	Sputum, after treatment	23F	A	R	8 (R)	1 (S)	2 (I)	S79F	S81F
2	Sputum, before treatment	6A	В	S	4 (I)	0.25 (S)	0.5 (S)	S79F	-
	Sputum, during treatment	6A	В	R	16 (R)	4 (R)	4 (R)	\$79F	S81F
3	Blood, before treatment	14	С	R	16 (R)	4 (R)	2 (I)	S79F	S81Y
	Pleural fluid, dur- ing treatment	14	С	R	16 (R)	4 (R)	2 (1)	S79F and D83Y	S81Y
4	Sputum, during treatment	ND	ND	R	16 (R)	4 (R)	8 (R)	S79Y	E85K

*PFGE denotes pulsed-field gel electrophoresis, S susceptible, R resistant, I having intermediate susceptibility, and ND not done. Dashes indicate that no mutation was found.

†Unique PFGE patterns are designated by arbitrary single letters.

\$Susceptibility was tested by the disk-diffusion method.

§The degree of susceptibility is indicated in parentheses.

Davidson, N Eng J Med, '02, 346, 747

resistance development & selection:

- peak/MIC > 10 prevents resistance development
- less potent FQ's will select first step mutants that will compromise more potent FQ's
- resistance mutations affect all FQ's, but to different extents
- differences in FQ resistance development are the result of different targets and different susceptibilities to efflux
- more potent FQ's select less resistance than less active FQ's

In vitro activity

	Cipro MIC ₉₀	levo MIC ₉₀	moxi MIC ₉₀
S. pneu – Peni S	1-2	1	0.12
S. pneu - Peni I or R	1-2	1	0.12
<i>H. influenzae</i> Bla + and -	0.015	0.03	0.03
<i>M. catarrhalis</i> Bla + and -	0.015	0.12	0.12
Legionella spp.	0.12	0.015	0.015
M. pneumoniae	0.5-8	0.5	0.12
C. pneumoniae	1-2	0.12	0.12
S. pyogenes	1-2	1	0.12

Blondeau, Miravitlis, Fuchs, Adis, Verhaegen

Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics : tissue penetration

tissue-vs serumconcentration (mg/l or mg/kg)



Summary of moxifloxacin efficacy in CARTIs from Phase III studies

- 5 days treatment effective in AECB vs 7 10 days treatment with comparators; more rapid reduction of symptoms compared to macrolides
- 10 days treatment with 400 mg moxi PO effective in CAP vs 10 days treatment with comparators
- TARGET study: switch from IV to PO moxi in CAP more effective clinically/bacteriologically than co-amoxyclav +/- clarithro IV to PO
- 7 and 10 days moxi effective in AMS vs 10 days treatment with comparators

Treatment of RTI and place of ketolides and FQ's : Key issues

• CAP

- *S. pneumoniae* is the most frequent pathogen in CAP and must be covered in all patients
- S. pneumoniae resistance in Belgium is predominantly of the intermediate type and can be effectively treated with adequately dosed β-lactams.
- Conflicting evidence regarding presence and pathogenic role of atypical bacteria in CAP. No effect on outcome in CAP I, II and III if not covered empirically
- \Rightarrow β -lactams remain preferred treatment for CAP

Treatment of RTI and place of ketolides and FQ's : Key issues

• AECB

Limited number of studies available

Antibiotics probably effective in severe patients

Cost-effective ?

➡ Type of AB :

- shift in bacterial resistance
- consequence for patients and community

Alternative approaches

Telithromycin: indications in Belgium

• CAP:

alternative treatment in CAP I in case of IgE-mediated allergy or intolerance to β-lactams

more data needed on activity against *H. influenzae* in CAP II

Telithromycin: indications in Belgium

• AECB:

further studies needed to confirm activity against *H. influenzae* in severe cases, to evaluate impact on infection-free interval and long term post-therapy costs

• AMS/ pharyngitis-tonsillitis:

no indications; existing treatment options suffice

Fluoroquinolones: indications in Belgium

• CAP:

- alternative treatment in CAP I in case of IgEmediated allergy or intolerance to β-lactams
- alternative treatment in CAP II in case of IgEmediated allergy or intolerance to β-lactams or if no improvement after 3 days of β-lactams
- Preferred treatment In CAP III when oral treatment possible and alternative treatment in CAP III in case of IgE-mediated allergy or intolerance to β-lactams or if no improvement after 3 days of βlactams

Fluoroquinolones: indications in Belgium

• AECB:

Alternative treatment in severe AECB in case of IgE-mediated allergy or intolerance to βlactams or in case of clinical failure with first-line antibiotics (β-lactams)

AMS/ pharyngitis-tonsillitis:
 no indications; existing treatment options suffice