Prolonged infusions + TDM of β-lactam antibiotics

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The PK of β-lactams in the critically ill are very unpredictible

Great PK inter and intra-individual variability¹⁻²



Fig. 1. Comparison of unbound piperacillin concentrations with pharmacodynamic target concentrations for therapy in patients (*n* = 49) with known or suspected Enter-obacteriaceae infection. MIC, minimum inhibitory concentration; TDM, therapeutic drug monitoring.



Fig. 2. Box plot of individual patient piperacillin concentrations, also showing the individual concentrations [□, individual values; ●, extreme outlier (outside three times the interquartile range)]. The horizontal black line represents the target minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* according to the European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (EUCAST) breakpoint (16 mg/L).

Roberts JA et al. Int J Antimicrob Agents. 2010; 36: 332-39.
Carlier M et al. Int J Antimicrob Agents. 2014; 43: 470-73.

PI of β-lactam antibiotics will result in:



- More predictive PK profiles than with II
- Better chances of PK/PD target attainment

Theoretically TDM will increase our chance of best tailoring the treatment regimen to individual patient's needs

PI + TDM of Meropenem to treat an infection due to a multi-R strain of *P. aeruginosa*



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Therapeutic drug monitoring-based dose optimisation of piperacillin and meropenem: a randomised controlled trial

- Inclusion criteria: ICU patients needing TZP or MEM with a normal renal function
- CLCR:
 - Control group: 108 mL/min
 - Intervention group: 99 mL/min
- Doses were 33-100% higher than standard dosage regimens

Intensive Care Med (2014) 40: 380-87.



Can therapeutic drug monitoring optimize exposure to piperacillin in febrile neutropenic patients with haematological malignancies? A randomized controlled trial

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- RCT in hematology patients with febrile neutropenia needing TZP
- 32 patients included
 - Controls: 16 pts
 - Intervention: 16 pts
- No differences in:
 - duration of fever
 - recovery from neutropenia



In studies performed in the ICU, few RCTs have shown a benefit over mortality

Table 2 Some interventions that have not been shown to be useful in large multicenter trials targeting mortality.

- Tight blood glucose control
- Growth hormone
- Intraaortic balloon counterpulsation
- ScvO₂ monitoring
- Glutamine administration
- Blood transfusions
- Albumin solutions
- Steroids in septic shock
- Early parenteral nutrition
- NOS inhibitor in septic shock
- · Hemoglobin solution in polytrauma
- HES solutions for fluid therapy
- Glutamine supplementation
- Beta-stimulants in ARDS
- Activated protein C in sepsis
- Bicarbonate in metabolic acidosis
- · High-frequency ventilation in ARDS
- Antioxidant supplementation
- Craniectomy in severe brain injury
- Talactoferrin in sepsis
- Embolectomy in stroke
- Pulmonary artery catheter

ARDS acute respiratory distress syndrome, HES hydroxyethyl starch, NOS nitric oxide synthase, $ScvO_2$ central venous oxygen saturation

Benefits have been shown in sub-groups In favor of individualized, personalized therapy • PI + TDM have their place in this setting!

Vincent JL et al. Critical Care. 2015; 19:S10

A ONE-SIZE FITS ALL APPROACH TO DOSING OF B-LACTAM ANTIBIOTICS IN A HETEROGENEOUS POPULATION WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IN IMPROVING PATIENT OUTCOMES!



Algorithm for β-lactam dose optimization in critically ill patients



Taccone FS et al. Intensive Care Med. (2015) 42: 1604-06.

Thank you for your attention!

Case report on PI + TDM of β-lactam antibiotics

Critically ill patient with ARC

Table 1 of 1 Table I. Meropenem therapeutic drug monitoring and dosing regimen changes.

Day of treatment	Unbound meropenem trough concentration	Dosing regimen changes
1		Starting dose of 2 g 8-hourly
2		
3	3.2 mg/L	
4		8 a MFM/day
5		
6		(3h extended
7	5 mg/L	infusions
8		initusions)
9 10	12 mg/L	Changed to 2 g 6-hourly as extended infusions over 3 h

Cotta MO et al. 2015. J Infect Dis. 47(10): 739-42.

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TDM + PI:

- Only 1 serum sample needed
- Serum sample can be taken at any time



TDM + II:

- ≥ 2 serum samples are most informative
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The PK of β-lactam antibiotics in critically ill patients are different than in healthy volunteers



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