



Meta-Analysis of Prevalence of CFTR Mutations in Middle East Populations Antimicrobial Resistance among Urinary Tract Isolates of Patients Suffering from Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs): A Retrospective Observational Study

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ABSTRACT

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The current study was performed to determine the frequency and drug resistance and biotypes of enterococcus-related urinary tract infections (UTI) in a center in Tehran. In this observational cross-sectional descriptive study, 2235 consecutive patients with suspected UTI were enrolled and evaluated for frequency, drug resistance, and biotypes of enterococcus-related urinary tract infections. Our findings revealed that 2589 subjects (6.5%) had established UTI among which 87 subjects (3.4%) exhibited enterococcus-related urinary tract infection. Among them 70 cases were evaluated for biotype and drug resistance that all cases were Faecalis biotype. The nitrofurantoin (6%) and gentamicin (85.9%) were found to be the lowest and most drug resistance, respectively. Cefprozime, ciprofloxacin, co-trimoxazole ampicillin, and nalidixic acid were among the least active agents for the UTI isolates of *E. coli*. Moreover, a diverse range of antibiotic resistance has been shown for other antibiotics in the present study. UTI isolates of *Klebsiella* showed resistance to ampicillin, followed by *Staphylococcus aureus* (penicillin and tetracycline), *Staphylococcus epidermidis* isolates (penicillin), *Staphylococcus saprophyticus* (gentamicin, penicillin, and cloxacillin), and *Streptococcus viridans* ciprofloxacin (44%) and tetracycline (83%). Our findings revealed that *E. coli* is the most common cause of urinary tract infection in both men and women. Enterococcus is responsible for three percent of urinary tract infections with dominant biotype of faecalis. The most sensitivity and resistance were related to nitrofurantoin and gentamicin, respectively.

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Introduction

Urinary tract infections are the most common bacterial infections in children and older people, resulting in clinic or emergency visits or hospital admissions and subsequent morbidity and mortality, where the loss of appropriate treatment can have serious consequences [1-3]. Nowadays, appropriate therapeutic strategy for UTIs is considered as a challenge because of high resistance to commonly used antibiotics world wide, especially in Gram-negative organisms [4-7]. The availability of new information about bacteria sensitivity and the familiarity with the common resistance among the local bacteria can be helpful in therapeutic management.

By assessing the antimicrobial susceptibility pattern, an increasing amount of antibiotic resistance associated with urinary tract infections such as cephazolin, gentamicin and ampicillin has been determined. Thus, the choice of appropriate agent and surveillance of antibiotic resistance patterns could be of great importance for empirical treatment, leading to prevention of drug resistance and recommendations of first choice antibiotic therapy need to be based on practical rationales including cultivation, particularly in complicated UTIs, antibiotic susceptibility data and promoting appropriate use of antibiotics [8]. While misuse of antibiotics has been suggested to be associated with antibiotic resistance through the mutant strains, and unresolved, relapsed UTIs [9-10]. Current study aimed to assess antibiotic resistance patterns and biotypes of enterococcus-related UTI, and to address challenges linked to this important issue.

Method

A total of 2235 people referred to a specialized center of Dr shariati hospital were included in the study. Our study population consisted of 1390 (62%) women and 842 (38%) men. Among 301 infected patients enrolled in the study, 224 (74%) were women and 77(26%) were men. Cultivation and antibiogram test were performed according to CLSI standard [11]. Data in relation to antimicrobials, and microbiological findings were also recorded for exploring the impact of antimicrobial resistance.

Results

As shown in Table 1, the number of the infected men and women in terms of the type of bacteria and their rate. The most common infection in women belonged to *Escherichia coli*, followed by *Staphylococcus*, *streptococcus viridians*, *klebsiella*, *staphylococcus epidermis*, *Enterococcus*, *Proteus*, *pseudomonas*, and *saprophyticus*, while *Escherichia coli*, *enterococcus*, *streptococcus viridans*, *Klebsiella*, *Proteus*, *pseudomonas*, *staphylococcus aureus*, *staphylococcus epidermis*, *staphylococcus saprophyticus* were among the most infection in men. Table 1 shows that, *Escherichia coli* is the most important pathogen from UTIs. Furthermore, UTIs are more common in women than men.

The results of antibiogram has been indicated in tables 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 according to the type of bacteria. Based on the results presented herein, *E.coli* was found to be highly sensitive to nitrofurantoin, and gentamycin, while many agents including ceftizoxime, ciprofloxacin, cotrimoxazole, ampicillin, nalidixic acid were among the least active agents

According to the Table 3, *Klebsiella* was sensitive ceftriaxone, gentamicin, ciprofloxacin, and ceftizoxime, while resistance to ampicillin among UTI isolates of *klebsiella* was also revealed. As shown in Table 4, among *staphylococcus aureus* isolates collected from UTI, resistant to penicillin and tetracycline were observed. in contrast, the use of vancomycin and nitrofurantoin were all highly active (100% and 94%). Among *staphylococcus epidermis* isolates, nitrofurantoin, gentamycin, vancomycin, and cloxacillin are considerably active ($\geq 80\%$), except for penicillin with 8% sensitivity (Table 5). Nitrofurantoin and Vancomycin were found to be the most active agents with 0% of the UTI isolates of *staphylococcus saprophyticus* being resistant, while gentamycin,

penicillin, and cloxacillin were identified to be the least active agents with 20% of the isolates being resistant (Table 6). Additionally, among the UTI isolates of *streptococcus viridans* vancomycin (100%) was one of the most active agents, followed by nitrofurantoin (91%) penicillin (74%), and ampicillin (70%), while ciprofloxacin (56%) and tetracycline (17%) was among the least active agents.

Table 1

The Number of the Infected Based on the Type of Bacteria

Bacteria	Women	Men
E.coli	149(66%)	45(58%)
klebsiella	18 (%8)	4 (%5)
aureus	13 (%5)	4 (% 5)
Enterococcus	8(%3)	9 (%11)
Proteus	3(%1)	4 (%5)
pseudomonas	3 (%1)	3 (% 3)
viridians	15 (%6)	6 (% 7)
epidermis	12 (%5)	2 (%2)
saprophyticus	3 (% 1)	0 (%0)
Total	224	77

Table 2

The Results of Antibiogram Based on the E.coli

Anti-biotic	Sensitive	Semi-sensitive	Refractory
Ciprofloxacin	%60	%39	1%
Cefotaxime	%67	%2	%31
Co-Trimoxazole	%29	%1	%70
Nitrofurantoin	%95	%1	%4
Ceftizoxime	%89	-	%11
Gentamycin	%71	%1	%28
Ampicillin	%23	%5	%72
Ceftriaxone	%65	%3	%32
Nalidixic Acid	%25	%2	%73

Table 3

The Results of Antibiogram based on the Klebsiella

Anti-biotic	Sensitive	Semi-sensitive	Refractory
Ciprofloxacin	%84	%5	%11
Ceftizoxime	%89	-	%11
Co-Trimoxazole	%69	-	%31
Nitrofurantoin	%35	%30	%35
Gentamycin	%85	%5	%10
Ampicillin	-	-	%100
Ceftriaxone	%100	-	-
Nalidixic Acid	%63	-	%37

Table 4
The Results of Antibiogram based on the Staphylococcus Aureus

Anti-biotic	Sensitive	Semi-sensitive	Refractory
Ciprofloxacin	%45	%11	%44
Gentamycin	%43	-	%57
Penicillin	-	-	%100
Vancomycin	%100	-	-
Cloxacillin	%36	-	%64
Nitrofurantoin	%94	-	%6
Tetracycline	-	-	%100
Co-Trimoxazole	%28	-	% 72

Table 5
The Results of Antibiogram based on the Staphylococcus Epidermis

Anti-biotic	Sensitive	Semi-sensitive	Refractory
Nitrofurantoin	%85	-	%15
Gentamycin	%80	-	%20
Penicillin	%8	-	%92
Vancomycin	%100	-	-
Cloxacillin	%82	-	%18

Table 6
The Results of Antibiogram based on the Staphylococcus Saprophyticus

Anti-biotic	Sensitive	Semi-sensitive	Refractory
Nitrofurantoin	%100	-	-
Gentamycin	%20	-	%80
Penicillin	%20	-	%80
Vancomycin	%100	-	-
Cloxacillin	%20	-	%80

Table 7
The Results of Antibiogram based on the Streptococcus Viridans

Anti-biotic	Sensitive	Semi-sensitive	Refractory
Ciprofloxacin	%56	-	%44
Ampicillin	%70	-	%30
Penicillin	%74	-	%26
Vancomycin	%100	-	-
Tetracycline	%17	%4	%79
Nitrofurantoin	%91	-	%9

Discussion

Our findings revealed that *E. coli* is the most common cause of urinary tract infection in both men and women. Nitrofurantoin, and gentamycin were found to be the most active agents for the UTI isolates of *E. coli*, while ceftizoxime, ciprofloxacin, co-trimoxazole ampicillin, and nalidixic acid were among the least active agents. Furthermore, a diverse range of antibiotic resistance has been shown for other antibiotics in the present study. UTI isolates of *Klebsiella* showed resistance to ampicillin, followed by *Staphylococcus aureus* (penicillin and tetracycline), *Staphylococcus epidermidis* isolates (penicillin), *Staphylococcus saprophyticus* (gentamycin, penicillin, and cloxacillin), and *Streptococcus viridans* ciprofloxacin (44%) and tetracycline (83%).

This resistance revealed in these antibiotics suggests that considerable caution should be taken in to consideration when choosing to use of broad-spectrum antibiotics as their widespread use may lead to resistance. van Driel et al. [8] reported that *E. coli* was the most frequently detected uropathogen (83%), followed by *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (5%) and *Klebsiella oxytoca* (1.5%). Aforementioned study indicated that the susceptibility of *E. coli* ranged from 66% for amoxicillin to 94% for ciprofloxacin and 100% for both nitrofurantoin and fosfomycin. Another study indicated increased pattern of resistance rate to co-amoxiclav along with amoxicillin in urinary pathogens among women in a UK hospital [12].

Escherichia coli has been reported as the most UTI isolates (76%). Furthermore, *Enterobacteriaceae* isolates were found previously to be considerably sensitive to amoxicillin-clavulanate, nitrofurantoin, and fosfomycin, while >20% were recorded as resistant to ciprofloxacin and co-trimoxazole (Ho et al, 2019). Additionally, *E. coli* represented as the most species in urine culture confirmed UTI of 538 women and exhibited resistance to the amoxicillin and trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole [13].

The increase in resistance to many antibiotics makes the treatment of UTIs a challenging issue for managing patients. While nitrofurantoin is an active agent against *E. coli* but it is found to be less active against *Klebsiella* as a therapeutic option for uncomplicated UTIs. Rising antimicrobial resistance are linked to many reasons including overuse and over-the-counter use, prescription without indications (inappropriate or suboptimal), and unregulated use in livestock [14].

The development of new agent for the treatment of UTIs is not currently on the priority, where no effort has been dedicated, therefore, rising resistance and multi-drug-resistant pathogens lead to limited weapons for fighting the threat in complicated UTIs. judicious use of antibiotics is highly required in this circumstance under consideration of health care system [15]. From the point of view for treatment, local levels of antimicrobial resistance may be capable of providing a better decision making for appropriate prescription choice in UTIs. Prospective, comparative investigations are required to address this issue.

Conflict of interest

None

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