

Revised Abstract

**Background:** Tigecycline (TIG) is a new glycycline with enhanced activity against many multidrug resistant (MDR) pathogens including ESBL and AmpC producing *Enterobacteriaceae*, methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA), carbapenem resistant *Acinetobacter* and fluoroquinolone resistant gram-negative rods. The TEST study evaluated the activity of TIG and comparators to pathogens in Canada 2004-2008. **Methods:** A total of 2578 pathogens were collected from 25 participating sites in Canada from 2004-2008. Isolates were identified to the species level and CLSI specified MICs were performed at each site. CLSI or FDA breakpoints were used, where applicable, to determine % susceptibility. **Results:** Tigecycline MICs are recorded in the following table:

Organisms (n=2578)	Tigecycline MICs (mg/L)		
	MIC <sub>50</sub>	MIC <sub>90</sub>	Range
<i>Acinetobacter</i> spp (n=204)	0.12	1	0.015 - 2
<i>Enterobacter</i> spp. (n=356)	0.5	1	0.12 - 8
<i>E. coli</i> (n=384)	0.12	0.5	≤0.008 - 8
<i>Klebsiella</i> spp. (n=371)	0.5	2	0.12 - 16
ESBLs (n=14)	1	2	0.25 - 2
<i>Enterococcus</i> spp. (n=230)	0.06	0.12	0.03 - 0.25
VREs (n=9)	0.03	0.06	0.03 - 0.06
<i>Serratia</i> spp (n=150)	1	2	0.25 - 8
<i>H. influenzae</i> (n=200)	0.25	0.5	0.03 - 2
<i>S. aureus</i> (n=341)	0.12	0.25	0.06 - 0.5
MRSA (n=46)	0.12	0.25	0.06 - 0.5
<i>S. agalactiae</i> (n=139)	0.03	0.06	≤0.008 - 0.12
<i>S. pneumoniae</i> (n=203)	0.03	0.03	≤0.008 - 0.12

**Conclusions:** Tigecycline showed excellent *in vitro* activity against a diverse collection of pathogens isolated in Canada between 2004-2008. MIC<sub>90</sub> values of ≤0.5mg/L against most *Enterobacteriaceae* including ESBL and MIC<sub>90</sub> of ≤0.12mg/L against most gram-positive pathogens document the *in vitro* potency of tigecycline, a new glycycline.

Introduction

Tigecycline belongs to the glycycline class of antimicrobials and demonstrates expanded broad-spectrum activity. Tigecycline inhibits protein synthesis by binding to the 30S ribosomal subunit and has shown some bactericidal activity against key targeted pathogens [1, 2]. Tigecycline was developed to provide activity against tetracycline and multi-drug-resistant pathogens and has demonstrated broad-spectrum activity against aerobic and anaerobic gram-positive and gram-negative microorganisms [2-4].

With the exception of *P. aeruginosa*, tetracycline-resistant bacteria with either tetracycline efflux pumps or ribosomal protective features are sensitive to tigecycline [2-4]. Tigecycline has shown to be active against multi-resistant *Acinetobacter* spp. Similar activity has been observed against *Enterobacteriaceae*, including extended-spectrum β-lactamase (ESBL) and AmpC producing strains [5]. Tigecycline has demonstrated MIC<sub>90</sub> values of ≤0.5 mg/L against methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and other gram-positive organisms [2,4].

This study was designed to better define the *in vitro* activity of tigecycline in selected clinical isolates collected from 25 study centers in Canada and is part of the global Tigecycline Evaluation Surveillance Study (TEST).

Materials & Methods

- All isolates were derived from blood, respiratory tract, urine (no more than 25% of all isolates), skin, wound, fluids and few other defined sources. Only one isolate per patient was accepted.
- Clinical isolates (n=2578) were collected tested between January 2004 – December 2008 from 25 study centers across Canada.
- Custom broth microdilution panels were supplied by MicroScan (Dade MicroScan, Sacramento, CA, USA) with the following antimicrobial agents and concentrations (expressed in mg/L); gram-positive panel: amoxicillin/clavulanic acid (0.03/0.015-8/4, tested using a 2:1 ratio of amoxicillin:clavulanic acid; reported concentrations refer to amoxicillin); ampicillin (0.06-16); ceftriaxone (0.03-64); imipenem (0.06-16); linezolid (0.5-8); levofloxacin (0.06-32); minocycline (0.25-8); tigecycline (0.008-16); penicillin (0.06-8); piperacillin/tazobactam (0.25/4-16/4) and vancomycin (0.12-32). Gram-negative panel: amikacin (0.5-64); amoxicillin/clavulanic acid (0.12/0.06-32/16, tested using a 2:1 ratio of amoxicillin:clavulanic acid; reported concentrations refer to amoxicillin); ampicillin (0.5-32); cefepime (0.5-32); ceftriaxone (0.06-64); ceftazidime (8-32); imipenem (0.06-16); levofloxacin (0.008-8); minocycline (0.5-16); tigecycline (0.008-16) and piperacillin/tazobactam (0.06/4-128/4).
- MIC interpretive criteria followed published guidelines established by the CLSI where applicable [6].
- MIC interpretive criteria for Tigecycline followed published guidelines established by the FDA where applicable [7].
- Isolates were identified to genus and species by the local laboratory. Each site tested the isolates using broth microdilution.
- Quality control of broth microdilution panels followed manufacture's and CLSI guidelines using the following ATCC strains: *Enterococcus faecalis* ATCC 29212; *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922; *Haemophilus influenzae* ATCC 49247; *Haemophilus influenzae* ATCC 49766; *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 29213; *Streptococcus pneumoniae* ATCC 49619; and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853.
- ESBL determinations: *E. coli*, *K. pneumoniae* and *K. oxytoca* were screened and confirmed for ESBL activity according to CLSI guidelines. Preliminary ESBL activity was determined by screening ceftriaxone with MICs >1 mg/L using broth microdilution panels. ESBL presence was confirmed by testing the following antibiotic disks: cefotaxime (30-mcg), cefotaxime/clavulanic acid (30/10-mcg) and ceftazidime (30-mcg), ceftazidime/clavulanic acid (30/10-mcg). Antimicrobial disks were manufactured by Oxoid, Inc. (Ogdensburg, NY, USA). Mueller-Hinton agar used in testing was manufactured by Remel, Inc. (Lenexa, KS, USA). An organism was interpreted as containing an ESBL if there was an increase of >5mm in the inhibition zone of the combination disk when compared to that of the cephalosporin alone. Quality control of antimicrobial disks followed manufacturer's guidelines (Oxoid) using the following ATCC strains: *K. pneumoniae* ATCC 700603 (positive ESBL control) and *E. coli* ATCC 25922.
- The collection and transportation of organisms and the confirmation of identification, as well as, construction and management of a centralized database were conducted and coordinated by Laboratories International for Microbiology Studies (LIMS), a subsidiary of International Health Management Associates, Inc. (IHMA, Schaumburg, IL, USA).

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Table 1. *In vitro* activity of tigecycline and comparative agents against various species of *Enterobacteriaceae*.

Organism	Drug	%Sus %Int %Res			MIC (mg/L)	
		MIC <sub>50</sub>	MIC <sub>90</sub>	MIC <sub>95</sub>	MIC <sub>50</sub>	MIC <sub>90</sub>
All <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> (n=1,261)	Tigecycline	97.4	1.8	0.8	0.5	1
	Amikacin	99.8	0.1	0.2	2	4
	Amox/Clav	50.4	7.1	42.6	8	>32
	Ampicillin	15	8.5	76.5	>32	>32
	Cefepime	97.5	0.5	2	<0.5	1
	Ceftazidime	93.3	2	4.7	<8	<8
	Ceftriaxone	92	2.5	5.5	<0.06	4
	Imipenem	100	0	0	0.12	0.5
	Levofloxacin	88.2	2.1	9.8	0.06	4
	Minocycline	86.9	6.8	6.3	2	8
	Pip/Tazo	94.2	2.6	3.2	1	8
	<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i> (n=65)	Tigecycline	96.9	0	3.1	0.5
Amikacin		100	0	0	2	4
Amox/Clav		3.1	3.1	93.8	>32	>32
Ampicillin		100	0	0	<32	<32
Cefepime		100	0	0	<0.5	<0.5
Ceftazidime		89.2	4.6	6.2	<8	16
Ceftriaxone		96.9	3.1	0	0.12	2
Imipenem		100	0	0	0.25	1
Levofloxacin		95.4	1.5	3.1	0.06	1
Minocycline		87.7	10.8	1.5	2	8
Pip/Tazo		93.8	6.2	0	2	16
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> (n=284)		Tigecycline	96.5	2.8	0.7	0.5
	Amikacin	100	0	0	2	2
	Amox/Clav	1.4	0.7	97.9	>32	>32
	Ampicillin	0.7	5.6	93.7	>32	>32
	Cefepime	98.2	1.1	0.7	<0.5	2
	Ceftazidime	84.2	3.5	12.3	<8	<32
	Ceftriaxone	83.1	4.2	12.7	0.25	64
	Imipenem	100	0	0	0.12	0.5
	Levofloxacin	96.1	2.1	1.8	0.03	0.25
	Minocycline	85.6	8.1	6.3	2	8
	Pip/Tazo	87.3	6	6.7	2	64
	<i>Escherichia coli</i> (n=384)	Tigecycline	100	0	0	0.12
Amikacin		99.5	0.3	0.3	2	4
Amox/Clav		75.5	15.6	8.9	8	16
Ampicillin		48.1	0.8	51.1	32	>32
Cefepime		95.1	0.3	4.7	<0.5	1
Ceftazidime		95.8	1.6	2.6	<8	<8
Ceftriaxone		93	1.3	5.7	<0.06	0.5
Imipenem		100	0	0	<0.06	0.25
Levofloxacin		74	1.3	24.7	0.03	<8
Minocycline		87	7.3	5.7	1	8
Pip/Tazo		97.1	1.6	1.3	1	4
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> (n=297)		Tigecycline	94.6	4.4	1	0.5
	Amikacin	100	0	0	1	2
	Amox/Clav	91.2	5.7	3	2	8
	Ampicillin	0.7	21.2	78.1	32	>32
	Cefepime	98.3	0.3	1.3	<0.5	<0.5
	Ceftazidime	95.6	1.7	2.7	<8	<8
	Ceftriaxone	95.3	2	2.7	<0.06	0.25
	Imipenem	100	0	0	<0.06	0.5
	Levofloxacin	93.3	1.7	5.1	0.06	1
	Minocycline	82.8	6.7	10.4	2	16
	Pip/Tazo	97.3	1	1.7	2	8
	<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i> (n=71)	Tigecycline	98.6	0	1.4	0.25
Amikacin		100	0	0	2	2
Amox/Clav		85.9	4.2	9.9	2	16
Ampicillin		0	7	93	>32	>32
Cefepime		100	0	0	<0.5	0.5
Ceftazidime		100	0	0	<8	<8
Ceftriaxone		97.2	1.4	1.4	<0.06	2
Imipenem		100	0	0	<0.06	0.5
Levofloxacin		97.2	2.8	0	0.03	0.12
Minocycline		97.2	2.8	0	1	4
Pip/Tazo		88.7	0	11.3	1	4
<i>S. marcescens</i> (n=145)		Tigecycline	97.9	1.4	0.7	1
	Amikacin	99.3	0	0.7	2	4
	Amox/Clav	2.1	1.4	96.6	>32	>32
	Ampicillin	0.7	7.6	97.7	>32	>32
	Cefepime	99.3	0	0.7	<0.5	<0.5
	Ceftazidime	98.6	0.7	0.7	<8	<8
	Ceftriaxone	95.2	4.1	0.7	0.25	1
	Imipenem	100	0	0	0.12	1
	Levofloxacin	92.4	4.1	3.4	0.12	1
	Minocycline	92.4	4.1	3.4	2	4
	Pip/Tazo	96.6	2.1	1.4	1	4
	All ESBL producers	Tigecycline	100	0	0	0.25
Amikacin		100	0	0	2	8
Amox/Clav		44.4	47.2	8.3	16	16
Ampicillin		0	0	100	>32	>32
Cefepime		44.4	5.6	50	16	>32
Ceftazidime		38.9	19.4	41.7	16	>32
Ceftriaxone		16.7	16.7	66.7	>64	>64
Imipenem		100	0	0	0.25	0.25
Levofloxacin		25	5.6	69.4	<8	<8
Minocycline		61.1	19.4	19.4	<8	<8
Pip/Tazo		91.7	5.6	2.8	4	16
Levofloxacin Resistant <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> (n=123)		Tigecycline	95.9	2.4	1.6	0.25
	Amikacin	97.6	0.8	1.6	2	8
	Amox/Clav	50.4	28.5	21.1	8	>32
	Ampicillin	14	1.7	84.3	>32	>32
	Cefepime	80.5	1.6	17.6	>32	>32
	Ceftazidime	81.3	4.9	13.8	<8	<32
	Ceftriaxone	70.7	5.7	23.6	0.12	>64
	Imipenem	100	0	0	0.25	0.5
	Levofloxacin	0	0	100	<8	<8
	Minocycline	69.9	12.2	17.9	2	16
	Pip/Tazo	89.4	4.9	5.7	2	32
	AmpC positive <i>Enterobacter</i> spp. & <i>S. marcescens</i> (n=50)	Tigecycline	92	8	0	0.5
Amikacin		100	0	0	2	4
Amox/Clav		0	0	100	>32	>32
Ampicillin		0	0	100	>32	>32
Cefepime		100	0	0	4	8
Ceftazidime		0	0	100	>32	>32
Ceftriaxone		0	0	100	>64	>64
Imipenem		100	0	0	0.25	0.5
Levofloxacin		88	4	8	0.03	4
Minocycline		80	12	8	4	8
Pip/Tazo		4	40	56	128	>128

Results

Table 2. *In vitro* activity of tigecycline and comparative agents against *Acinetobacter baumannii* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

Organism	Drug	%Sus %Int %Res			MIC (mg/L)		
		MIC <sub>50</sub>	MIC <sub>90</sub>	MIC <sub>95</sub>	MIC <sub>50</sub>	MIC <sub>90</sub>	
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> (n=161)	Tigecycline	na	na	na	0.25	1	
	Amikacin	91.9	1.9	6.2	2	16	
	Cefepime	79.5	9.3	11.2	4	32	
	Ceftazidime	82.0	10.6	7.5	<8	16	
	Ceftriaxone	45.3	41.0	13.7	16	64	
	Imipenem	98.7	0	1.3	0.5	1	
	Levofloxacin	83.9	6.8	9.3	0.12	4	
	Minocycline	98.8	1.2	0	<0.5	<0.5	
	Pip/Tazo	85.7	8.1	6.2	0.25	64	
	<i>Acinetobacter</i> spp. Carbapenem R (n=6)	Tigecycline	na	na	na	1	2
		Amikacin	66.7	0	33.3	16	>64
		Cefepime	0				