

# Antimicrobial Activity of Tigecycline and Comparators from Inpatient and Outpatient Pathogens in North America

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## REVISED ABSTRACT

**Background:** Tigecycline, a new glycolcycline, has potent expanded broad spectrum activity against commonly encountered species responsible for community and hospital acquired infections. The T.E.S.T. program determined the in vitro activity of tigecycline compared to broad spectrum antimicrobials against gram negative and gram positive species collected from hospitals within North America throughout 2004-2006. **Methods:** A total of 21,792 clinical isolates were identified to the species level. Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MICs) were determined by the local laboratory using supplied broth microdilution panels and interpreted according to CLSI guidelines. **Results:** Results are in the table as follows:

Organism (N)	ESBLs				Acinetobacter spp.			
	IP (n=258)	OP (n=29)	IP (n=1168)	OP (n=348)	%S MIC <sub>50</sub>	%S MIC <sub>90</sub>	%S MIC <sub>50</sub>	%S MIC <sub>90</sub>
Tigecycline	53	2	83	NA	2	NA	2	NA
Amikacin	88	32	97	16	82	32	88	32
Cefepime	50	>32	62	>32	45	>32	65	>32
Ceftazidime	7	>32	14	>32	46	>32	65	78
Imipenem	86	8	100	0.5	87	8	91	4
Levofloxacin	20	>8	24	>8	48	>8	67	>8
Minocycline	67	>16	59	>16	88	8	92	<0.5
PipTazo	52	>128	59	>128	56	>128	74	1

  

Organism (N)	S. aureus				Enterococcus spp.			
	IP (n=2289)	OP (n=711)	IP (n=1429)	OP (n=308)	%S MIC <sub>50</sub>	%S MIC <sub>90</sub>	%S MIC <sub>50</sub>	%S MIC <sub>90</sub>
Tigecycline	99	0.25	99	0.12	99	0.12	99	0.12
Levofloxacin	47	>32	60	32	41	>32	47	>32
Linezolid	100	2	100	2	98	2	99	2
Minocycline	99	<0.25	99	0.5	8	8	8	8
Vancomycin	100	1	100	1	76	>32	85	>32

**Conclusion:** Tigecycline's in vitro activity was comparable to or greater than most commonly prescribed antimicrobials. The presented data suggest that tigecycline may be an effective and reliable therapeutic option against pathogens in both inpatient and outpatient clinical settings.

## INTRODUCTION

Tigecycline (formerly GAR-936) is a member of a new class of antimicrobial agents, the glycolcyclines. This synthetic analogue of the tetracyclines exhibits significant antibacterial activity that is both bacteriostatic and, in certain instances, bactericidal with killing activity that is as much as fourfold better than vancomycin and daptomycin [1, 2]. The development of tigecycline is important in that the glycolcycline and other glycolcyclines are active against bacterial strains carrying either or both of the two major forms of tetracycline resistance: efflux and ribosomal protection. Certain substituents at the 9-position of the tetracycline molecule restored activity against bacteria harboring genes encoding either or both efflux and ribosomal protection. A single chemical modification of tigecycline overcomes the two molecularly distinct forms of resistance while maintaining activity against susceptible gram-positive, gram-negative, aerobic, and anaerobic bacteria [3]. Furthermore, resistance to tigecycline is difficult to produce even in the laboratory.

Previous studies have demonstrated excellent in vitro activity for tigecycline against clinical and laboratory strains of gram-positive and -negative bacteria with minimum inhibitory concentrations for the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile inhibited at or below 2 mcg/ml, including difficult-to-treat methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE) and extended-spectrum beta-lactamase (ESBL) producing *Enterobacteriaceae* [4-6]. This study was undertaken to document the in vitro activity of tigecycline against significant numbers of clinical isolates collected in North America from in-patient and out-patient populations. This study is part of the larger ongoing global Tigecycline Evaluation and Surveillance Trials (T.E.S.T.) program.

## MATERIALS & METHODS

- All isolates were derived from blood, respiratory tract, urine, skin, wound, body fluids and other defined sources. Only one isolate per patient was accepted into the study. Clinical isolates were collected and tested between 2004 and 2006 from hospitals within North America. Isolates were identified to the species level and tested at each site by the participating laboratory.
- Organism collection, transport, confirmation of organism identification, as well as development and management of a centralized database was coordinated by Laboratories International for Microbiology Studies (LIMS), a division of International Health Management Associates, Inc. located in Schaumburg, IL, USA.
- All organisms were deemed clinically significant by local participant criteria. Isolate inclusion was independent of medical history, antimicrobial use, age or gender. All sites identified each study isolate utilizing local laboratory site criteria.
- Minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) were determined by the CLSI recommended broth microdilution testing method [7]. Tigecycline was supplied by Wyeth Pharmaceuticals (Collegeville, PA, USA). All other agents were supplied by the panel manufacturer, MicroScan (Dade Behring Inc., Sacramento, CA, USA). The following antimicrobial agents were included on the panels with their dilution ranges (expressed in mcg/mL): amikacin (0.5-64); amoxicillin/clavulanic acid (0.12/0.06-32/16); ampicillin (0.5-32, Gram-negative panel) and (0.06-16, Gram-positive panel); cefepime (0.5-32); ceftazidime (0.06-64); ceftazidime (8-32); imipenem (0.06-16); linezolid (0.5-8); levofloxacin (0.008-8); minocycline (0.5-16); tigecycline (0.008-16); penicillin (0.06-8); piperacillin/tazobactam (0.06/4-128/4) and vancomycin (0.12-32). MIC interpretive criteria followed published guidelines established by the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute [8] and recent US Food and Drug Administration packaging insert for tigecycline [9], where applicable.
- Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, and *Klebsiella oxytoca* were screened for ESBL activity when MIC results for ceftazidime were <1mcg/ml using broth microdilution panels. ESBL activity was confirmed using the CLSI (2006) phenotypic confirmatory disk test (Oxoid, Ogdensburg, NY, USA) on Mueller-Hinton agar (Remel Inc., Lenexa, KS, USA) according to CLSI (2006) guidelines. ESBL presence was confirmed by testing the following antibiotic disks: cefotaxime (30-mcg), cefotaxime/clavulanic acid (30/10-mcg), ceftazidime (30-mcg), and 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 >5 mm in the inhibition zone of the combination disk when compared to that of the cephalosporin alone.
- Quality controls (QC) were performed by each testing site on each day of testing using the corresponding ATCC control strains: *E. coli* ATCC 25922; *E. coli* ATCC 35218; *Klebsiella pneumoniae* ATCC 700603; and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853. Results were included in the analysis only when corresponding QC isolates tested within the acceptable range according to CLSI (2006) guidelines [8].

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## RESULTS

The results are listed in the following Tables.

Table 1. In Vitro Activity of Tigecycline and Comparative Antimicrobial Agents Against Gram-Negative Clinical Pathogens Isolated from In-Patients and Out-Patients - North American Results.

Organism (N)	Drug	In-Patients		Out-Patients			
		MIC <sub>50</sub>	MIC <sub>90</sub>	MIC <sub>50</sub>	MIC <sub>90</sub>		
<i>E. coli</i>	Tigecycline	0.25	97.3	0.25	97.3		
<i>K. oxytoca</i>	Amikacin	2	4	98.7	2	4	99.7
In-Patient (n=4,314)	AmoxClav	4	32	79.3	4	16	83.6
Out-Patient (n=1,387)	Ampicillin	>32	>32	22.6	>32	>32	28.1
	Cefepime	<0.5	2	95.9	<0.5	95.9	98.7
	Ceftazidime	<8	<8	90.1	<8	<8	95.2
	Ceftroxone	<0.06	4	92	<0.06	0.25	98.8
	Imipenem	0.25	0.5	99.2	0.25	0.5	99.9
	Levofloxacin	0.06	>8	81.6	0.03	8	86.1
	Minocycline	1	8	85.8	1	8	85.9
	PipTazo	1	8	92.7	1	4	96.6
All ESBLs <sup>†</sup>	Tigecycline	0.5	2	93	0.5	4	82.8
In-Patient (n=258)	Amikacin	8	2	88.4	4	16	86.6
Out-Patient (n=29)	AmoxClav	16	>32	25.6	32	>32	24.1
	Ampicillin	>32	>32	0.8	>32	>32	0
	Cefepime	16	>32	49.6	8	>32	62.1
	Ceftazidime	>32	>32	7.4	>32	>32	15.8
	Ceftroxone	64	>64	24	32	>64	31
	Imipenem	0.5	8	86.4	0.25	0.5	100
	Levofloxacin	>8	>8	19.8	8	>8	24.1
	Minocycline	4	>16	67.4	4	>16	58.6
	PipTazo	16	>128	51.6	16	>128	58.6
<i>E. aerogenes</i>	Tigecycline	0.5	1	94.9	0.5	1	93.5
In-Patient (n=529)	Amikacin	2	4	99.1	2	4	99.4
Out-Patient (n=155)	AmoxClav	>32	>32	3.2	>32	>32	0.6
	Ampicillin	>32	>32	0	>32	>32	0
	Cefepime	<0.5	1	98.1	<0.5	1	97.4
	Ceftazidime	<8	<8	90	<8	91.6	95.8
	Ceftroxone	0.12	8	91.5	0.12	4	94.2
	Imipenem	1	1	100	1	2	100
	Levofloxacin	0.06	1	82.6	0.06	0.25	95.5
	Minocycline	2	2	89.4	2	4	91.6
	PipTazo	2	32	85.3	2	16	92.3
<i>E. cloacae</i>	Tigecycline	0.5	2	91.7	0.5	2	94
In-Patient (n=1,405)	Amikacin	2	4	99.3	2	4	99.5
Out-Patient (n=366)	AmoxClav	>32	>32	1.6	>32	>32	1.1
	Ampicillin	>32	>32	0	>32	>32	0
	Cefepime	<0.5	4	95.3	<0.5	2	97.3
	Ceftazidime	<8	<8	98.9	<8	92	94.4
	Ceftroxone	0.25	64	73.2	0.25	16	86.6
	Imipenem	0.5	1	100	0.5	1	100
	Levofloxacin	0.03	4	89.6	0.03	2	92.1
	Minocycline	2	2	83	2	4	83.9
	PipTazo	2	64	77.9	2	32	89.6
<i>E. coli</i>	Tigecycline	0.12	0.25	99.5	0.12	0.25	99.5
In-Patient (n=2,131)	Amikacin	2	4	99.5	2	4	99.7
Out-Patient (n=793)	AmoxClav	4	32	74.4	4	16	78.4
	Ampicillin	>32	>32	45.8	32	>32	49.2
	Cefepime	<0.5	<0.5	97.3	<0.5	<0.5	99
	Ceftazidime	<8	<8	93.6	<8	<8	96.3
	Ceftroxone	<0.06	1	93.9	<0.06	0.12	97.4
	Imipenem	0.25	0.5	100	0.25	0.5	100
	Levofloxacin	0.03	>8	75.4	0.03	>8	80.2
	Minocycline	1	8	86	1	8	86.3
	PipTazo	4	>16	85.9	4	32	87.5
<i>E. coli</i> , ESBL <sup>†</sup>	Tigecycline	0.25	0.5	100	-	-	100
In-Patient (n=54)	Amikacin	4	16	100	-	-	100
Out-Patient (n=99) <sup>‡</sup>	AmoxClav	16	32	20.4	-	-	11.1
	Ampicillin	>32	>32	3.7	-	-	0
	Cefepime	32	>32	33.3	-	-	33.3
	Ceftazidime	32	>32	20.4	-	-	11.1
	Ceftroxone	>64	>64	20.4	-	-	22.2
	Imipenem	0.25	0.5	98.1	-	-	100
	Levofloxacin	>8	>8	9.3	-	-	11.1
	Minocycline	2	>16	72.2	-	-	66.7
	PipTazo	4	64	85.2	-	-	66.7
<i>H. influenzae</i>	Tigecycline	0.12	0.5	na	0.12	0.25	na
In-Patient (n=845)	Amikacin	4	8	na	8	8	na
Out-Patient (n=459)	AmoxClav	0.5	1	99.9	0.5	1	99.8
	Ampicillin	<0.5	32	74	<0.5	>32	67.1
	Cefepime	<0.5	<0.5	98.7	<0.5	<0.5	98.5
	Ceftazidime	<8	<8	0	<8	<8	0
	Ceftroxone	<0.06	<0.06	99.9	<0.06	<0.06	99.8
	Imipenem	0.5	1	100	0.5	1	100
	Levofloxacin	0.015	0.03	100	0.015	0.015	100
	Minocycline	<0.5	1	na	<0.5	1	na
	PipTazo	<0.06	<0.06	100	<0.06	<0.06	99.3
Beta-lactamase Negative	Tigecycline	0.12	0.5	na	0.12	0.25	na
<i>H. influenzae</i>	Amikacin	4	8	na	8	8	na
In-Patient (n=630)	AmoxClav	0.25	1	100	0.25	1	100
Out-Patient (n=314)	Ampicillin	<0.5	<0.5	99.2	<0.5	1	98.1
	Cefepime	<0.5	<0.5	99.2	<0.5	<0.5	97.8
	Ceftazidime	<8	<8	0	<8	<8	0
	Ceftroxone	<0.06	<0.06	100	<0.06	<0.06	99.7
	Imipenem	0.5	1	100	0.5	1	100
	Levofloxacin	0.015	0.03	100	0.015	0.03	100
	Minocycline	<0.5	1	na	<0.5	2	na
	PipTazo	<0.06	<0.06	100	<0.06	<0.06	99.3
<i>K. oxytoca</i>	Tigecycline	0.25	1	98.6	0.25	1	98
In-Patient (n=360)	Amikacin	2	4	99.4	2	4	100
Out-Patient (n=99)	AmoxClav	2	16	85.6	2	8	92.9
	Ampicillin	>32	>32	0.3	>32	>32	0
	Cefepime	<0.5	1	98.9	<0.5	<0.5	99
	Ceftazidime	<8	<8	93.6	<8	<8	97
	Ceftroxone	<0.06	2	95	<0.06	0.25	98
	Imipenem	0.5	0.5	100	0.5	0.5	100
	Levofloxacin	0.03	0.5	95.6	0.03	0.5	96
	Minocycline	1	4	93.9	1	2	96
	PipTazo	1	16	90	1	4	94.9
<i>K. oxytoca</i> , ESBL <sup>†</sup>	Tigecycline	1	2	91.7	-	-	100
In-Patient (n=12)	Amikacin	8	16	100	-	-	100
Out-Patient (n=1) <sup>‡</sup>	AmoxClav	8	16	83.3	-	-	0
	Ampicillin	>32	>32	0	-	-	0
	Cefepime	2	8	91.7	-	-	100
	Ceftazidime	>32	>32	8.3	-	-	0
	Ceftroxone	8	32	50	-	-	100
	Imipenem	0.5	0.5	100	-	-	100
	Levofloxacin	1	4	75	-	-	0
	Minocycline	4	8	66.7	-	-	100
	PipTazo	4	>128	83.3	-	-	100
<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	Tigecycline	0.5	2	94.5	0.5	1	94.9
In-Patient (n=1,823)	Amikacin	2	4	97.8	2	2	99.6
Out-Patient (n=495)	AmoxClav	2	32	83.7	2	16	89.9
	Ampicillin	>32	>32	0	>32	>32	0
	Cefepime	<0.5	4	93.6	<0.5	<0.5	98.2
	Ceftazidime	<8	<32	85.5	<8	<8	92.9
	Ceftroxone	<0.06					