Molecular epidemiology of KPCproducing *Enterobacteriaceae* (ETB) in Argentina: An update 2006-2012

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AIM

To describe the progress of KPC-producing Enterobacteria in Argentina

Cumulative number of institutions affected by KPC in Argentina from Dec 2006 – Feb 2012.



- 142 health institutions from 14 provinces, referred at least one isolate of KPC-producing ETB to the National Reference Laboratory (NRL).
- Many of them suffered outbreaks.
- A total of 401 KPC-producing ETB were referred to the NRL for molecular confirmation and characterization.-

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION AND SPECIES OF ETB CARRYING *bla*_{KPC}



142 Health Institutions

Molecular characterization of KPC-producing *K. pneumoniae* isolates.



• 152/318 K. pneumniae were studied by PFGE (10 provinces, 127 htals.)

87% belonged to PFGE type K1 and ST258, harbored *bla*_{KPC-2} and were associated with Tn4401a, mostly from Buenos Aires area (97%). The rest: ST11, ST476, ST526.
PBRT of 62 selected isolates revealed that 77% of the strains harbored FIIs plasmids. A/C, L/M and N were also detected.

The ESBLs detected in KPN were 4/318 bla_{PER-2} and 6/318 bla_{CTX-M2}.

Molecular characterization of KPC-producing *E. cloacae* isolates.

Distribution of ECL-KPC



ECL PULSOTYPES



Xbal - PFGE



E3: 69%

- 26/42 were evaluated by PFGE: Eight clonal types were identified (8 provinces, 18 hosp) being E3 the dominant clone (18/26, 69%).
- Multiple PBRT (A/C, FIIs, and N) were detected.
- The ESBLs detected were: 11/42 *bla*_{PER-2}, 4/42 *bla*_{CTX-M2} and 1/42 *bla*_{CTX-M15}.

Molecular environment of KPC-producing ETB isolates.



 KPN-PFGE types ≠ from K1 (13%): bla_{KPC-2} was flanked by ISKpn8-∆bla_{TEM-1} and ISKpn6-like (Variant 1a) or ISKpn8 and ISKpn6-like.-

* ECL: 24/26 harbored bla_{KPC-2} in Variant 1a, and the other 2 were harbored in genetic platforms derived from pKP048.

* ECO, KOX, CFR, SMA harbored *bla*_{KPC-2} in Variant 1a.



Conclusions

- The spread of *bla*_{KPC} in Argentina continues to be clonal due to the dissemination of ST258/Tn4401a in the Metropolitan Area of Buenos Aires.
- In parallel, increasing number of provinces suffer the slow but constant spread of bla_{KPC-2} in diverse ETB species and genetic platforms.



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