

## Resistance to $\beta$ -lactam in *Enterobacteriaceae* and non-fermentative gram-negative bacilli in Tunisia: An endless story

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In Tunisia, resistance trends have changed greatly over the 14 years (1998-2012). In the center-east region of Tunisia (Sousse, Monastir and Mahdia), resistance mechanisms were described. Carbapenem resistance in *Acinetobacter baumannii* is due to Ambler class D: OXA-97 and OXA-23 enzymes and in second degree to GES-11. In *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* strains, resistance to beta-lactams is due essentially to SHV-2a, VIM-2 and hyperproduction of cephalosporinase. It is due also to non enzymatic mechanisms (loss of outer membrane protein).

In *Enterobacteriaceae*, resistance concerns essentially extended-spectrum cephalosporins, fluoroquinolones and rarely carbapenems. The most prevalent enzyme is CTX-M-15. However, other enzymes were described (SHV-12, SHV-2a...). Resistance to quinolones is related to the spread of plasmid-mediated quinolone resistant determinants: QnrB1, qnrB2, qnrA6 and qnrS1.

The application of rigorous hygiene regulations and the revision of the politics of antibiotic treatment will be key parameters allowing to encircle these multi resistant bacteria and to limit their scattering.

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