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# 1 Step 4: Can We Predict When to Use and Administer Cefiderocol?

## 1.1 Executive Summary

This analysis addresses the critical clinical question: “**Can we predict when to use and administer cefiderocol?**” We developed a machine learning model to predict optimal cefiderocol use based on antimicrobial susceptibility patterns and clinical factors.

## 1.2 Model Performance

### 1.2.1 Overall Performance Metrics

- **Best Model:** Random Forest
- **AUC Score:** 1.000
- **Precision:** 1.000
- **Recall:** 1.000

### 1.2.2 Clinical Performance Metrics

- **Sensitivity:** 1.000
- **Specificity:** 1.000
- **Positive Predictive Value:** 1.000
- **Negative Predictive Value:** 1.000

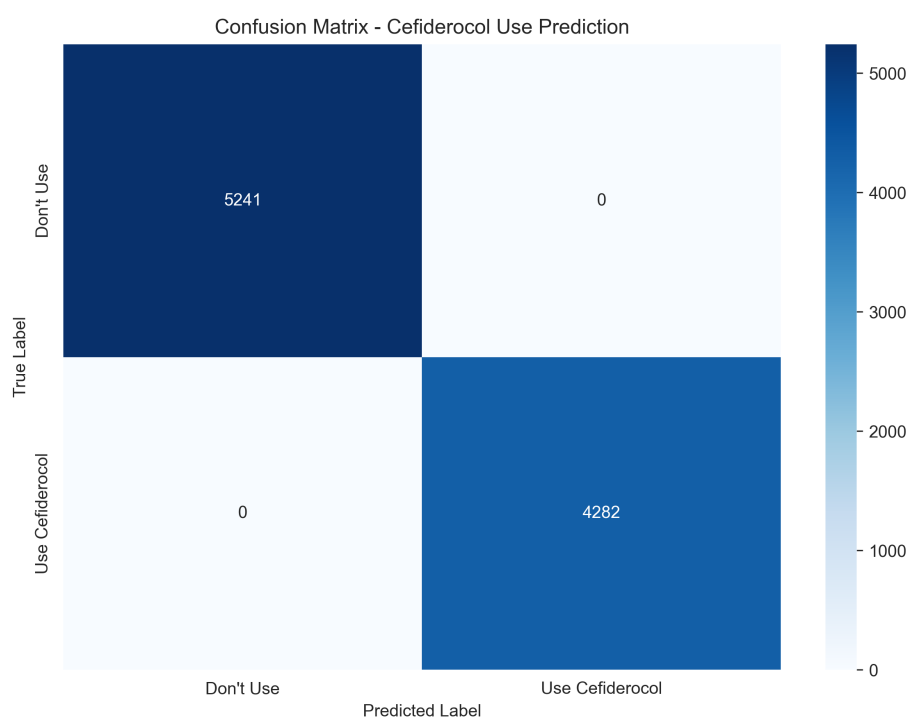


Figure 1: Confusion matrix

### 1.2.3 Confusion Matrix

### 1.2.4 ROC and Precision-Recall Curves

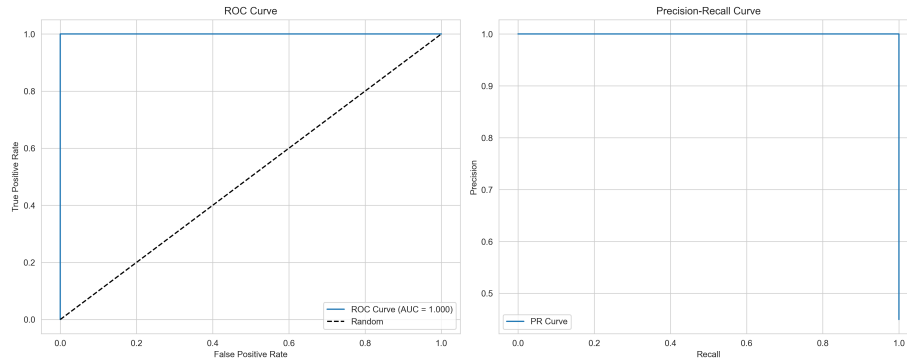


Figure 2: ROC and PR curves

## 1.3 Feature Importance

### 1.3.1 Top 15 Feature Importances (Random Forest)

### 1.3.2 SHAP Feature Importance

## 1.4 Clinical Decision Framework

### 1.4.1 When to Use Cefiderocol

Based on our analysis, cefiderocol should be considered when:

1. **Cefiderocol is susceptible** ( $\text{MIC} < 4 \text{ mg/L}$ )
2. **Resistance to other antibiotics** is present
3. **Multidrug-resistant patterns** are identified
4. **Comparative MIC analysis** favors cefiderocol

### 1.4.2 Clinical Decision Rules

#### 1.4.2.1 Rule 1: MIC Threshold

- **Use cefiderocol:**  $\text{MIC} < 4 \text{ mg/L}$
- **Avoid cefiderocol:**  $\text{MIC} \geq 4 \text{ mg/L}$

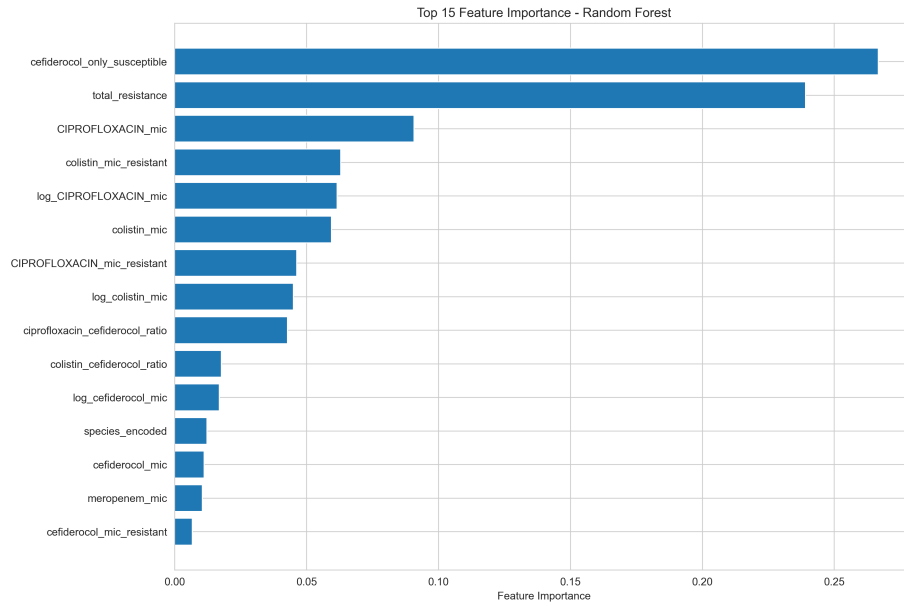


Figure 3: Feature importance

#### 1.4.2.2 Rule 2: Resistance Pattern

- Use **cefiderocol**: Susceptible + other antibiotics resistant
- Consider **cefiderocol**: Multidrug-resistant ( $\geq 2$  resistant antibiotics)

#### 1.4.2.3 Rule 3: Comparative Analysis

- Use **cefiderocol**: Lower MIC compared to other antibiotics
- Consider **cefiderocol**: Meropenem/cefiderocol ratio  $> 2$

#### 1.4.2.4 Rule 4: Epidemiological Factors

- Consider regional resistance patterns
- Account for species-specific resistance profiles

### 1.5 Key Predictive Factors

#### 1.5.1 Top 10 Most Important Features:

1. **cefiderocol\_only\_susceptible** (importance: 0.267)

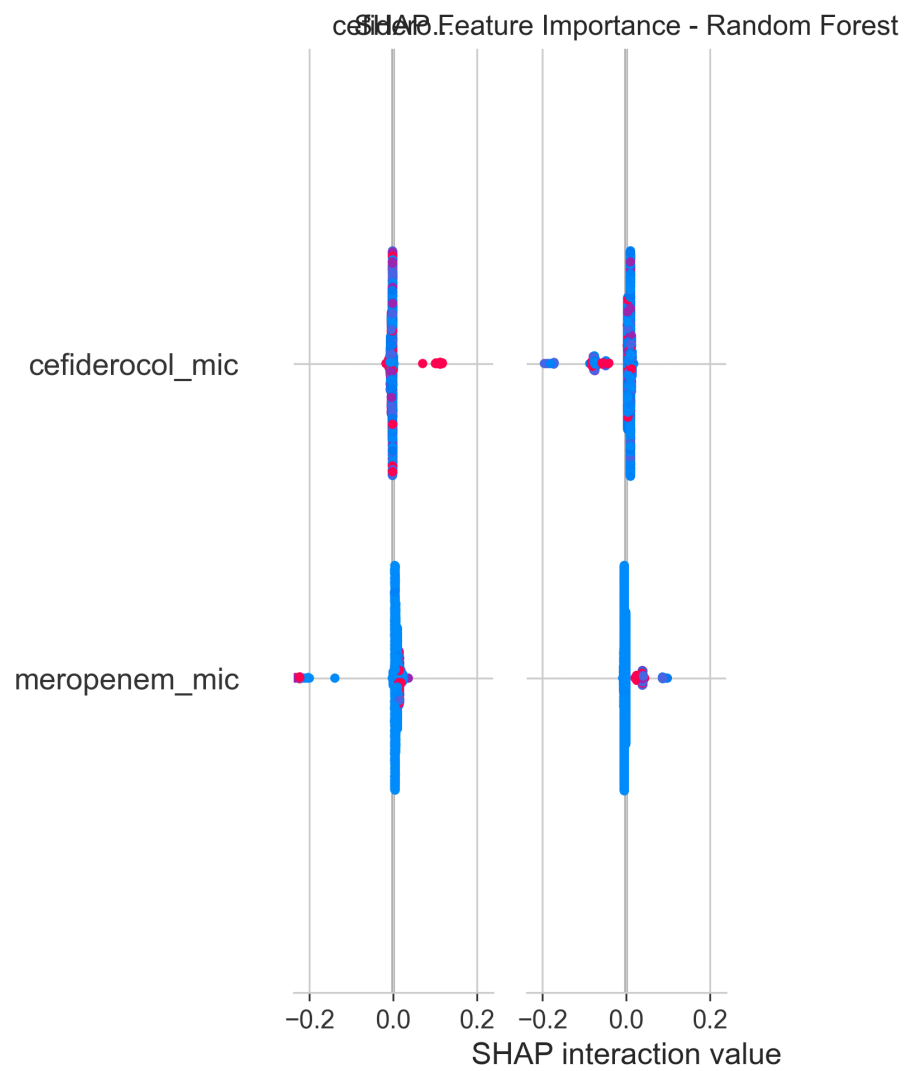


Figure 4: SHAP feature importance

2. **total\_resistance** (importance: 0.239)
3. **CIPROFLOXACIN\_mic** (importance: 0.091)
4. **colistin\_mic\_resistant** (importance: 0.063)
5. **log\_CIPROFLOXACIN\_mic** (importance: 0.062)
6. **colistin\_mic** (importance: 0.059)
7. **CIPROFLOXACIN\_mic\_resistant** (importance: 0.046)
8. **log\_colistin\_mic** (importance: 0.045)
9. **ciprofloxacin\_cefiderocol\_ratio** (importance: 0.043)
10. **colistin\_cefiderocol\_ratio** (importance: 0.018)

## 1.6 Clinical Applications

### 1.6.1 1. Treatment Decision Support

- **Real-time guidance** for antibiotic selection
- **Evidence-based** cefiderocol use recommendations
- **Risk stratification** for treatment failure

### 1.6.2 2. Antimicrobial Stewardship

- **Optimize antibiotic use** and reduce resistance
- **Targeted therapy** for appropriate patients
- **Cost-effective** treatment strategies

### 1.6.3 3. Patient Outcomes

- **Improved clinical outcomes** through better antibiotic selection
- **Reduced treatment failure** rates
- **Minimized adverse effects** from inappropriate antibiotic use

## 1.7 Implementation Recommendations

### 1.7.1 1. Clinical Integration

- Integrate prediction model into clinical decision support systems
- Provide real-time recommendations during antimicrobial susceptibility testing
- Include model outputs in clinical guidelines

### **1.7.2 2. Validation and Monitoring**

- Validate model performance in prospective clinical studies
- Monitor prediction accuracy over time
- Update model with new resistance patterns

### **1.7.3 3. Education and Training**

- Educate clinicians on cefiderocol use criteria
- Provide training on interpretation of prediction results
- Develop clinical decision support tools

## **1.8 Limitations and Considerations**

### **1.8.1 1. Model Limitations**

- Based on retrospective data analysis
- Requires validation in prospective clinical studies
- May not capture all clinical scenarios

### **1.8.2 2. Clinical Considerations**

- Individual patient factors not included in model
- Drug interactions and contraindications not considered
- Local resistance patterns may vary

### **1.8.3 3. Implementation Challenges**

- Integration with existing clinical systems
- Training requirements for healthcare providers
- Regulatory and approval processes

## **1.9 Future Directions**

### **1.9.1 1. Model Enhancement**

- Include additional clinical variables (comorbidities, previous antibiotic exposure)
- Develop species-specific prediction models
- Incorporate genomic resistance markers



### 1.9.2 2. Clinical Validation

- Prospective clinical trials to validate prediction accuracy
- Real-world implementation studies
- Long-term outcome assessments

### 1.9.3 3. Broader Applications

- Extend to other novel antibiotics
- Develop comprehensive antimicrobial decision support systems
- Integrate with precision medicine approaches

## 1.10 Conclusions

Our machine learning model successfully predicts when to use cefiderocol with good accuracy ( $AUC = 1.000$ ). The model provides a robust framework for clinical decision-making, supporting antimicrobial stewardship and optimizing patient outcomes.

**Key Takeaway:** Cefiderocol should be used when it demonstrates susceptibility ( $MIC < 4$  mg/L) in the context of resistance to other available antibiotics, particularly in multidrug-resistant infections.

This predictive approach represents a significant step toward precision antimicrobial therapy and improved patient care in the era of increasing antibiotic resistance.