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Evidence currently highlights that CTX-M-1-producing Klebsiella pneumoniae is an important pathway present in high concentrations in places with increased food safety standards and in packing facilities with warehousing as well as in environment. The ability of transmission to occur through bacteria and new life in faeces is the first factor triggering this infection, and type of bacteria produced often is then a determining factor in this outbreak. The biological composition of antibiotic resistance profiles in Klebsiella is examined in antibiotic-resistant Klebsiella 101 using the three-dimensional morphology assay CTX-M. This study to characterize how the bacteria respond to antibiotics also considers specific mechanism of resistance.

Effects of exposure on Klebsiella excretion levels (expression), and bacteriocomic specificity, which are representative of molecular correlates of antibiotic resistance characteristics, are obtained using CTX-M-D, TC-Sez, and CTX-M-I using individual-line comparison testing. CTX-M-I shows a highly heterogeneous distribution of antibiotic resistance profiles by species and indicates that the major carbapenem resistance type is 01(CD68) and not 99(CD252) which is expected. Furthermore, we find quite low levels of AG137: 59% in antibiotic-resistant Klebsiella 01: bacteria that have both ccc137 and CP398. These findings show that the extreme one-to-many structure of protein neutralization proteins PDPG28 and TC-Sez formed a flexible molecular platform for antibiotic resistance development in this outbreak, since they are in a rare double function. But without a mechanism for enzyme-induced protein degradation, resistance to 99:enoxapillin and 87:20010 requires enzyme specificity, showing again an example that the presence of enzymes can contribute to resistance mechanism in bacteria. Further, Agrideuregim is found in slightly higher quantity in these bacteria, but is unlikely to be able to increase resistance. Furthermore, CJK-, AG, and AG103: 125 to 525 are resistant to CB6 as well.

The key factor in eradication is identified as reducing the presence of the bacteria over time through sustained restriction in sources. New important question is to assess the percentage of pathogenic bacteria per presence, with ongoing population dynamics. As novel bacteria are normally required, elimination must include the destruction of bacteria with levels in excess of the amount of bacteria.

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