**Conclusions:**

- Three new VIMs were identified in Poland and Belgium. The genes from two different species of VIM were similar to bla\textit{VIM}, and were located in an identical integron structure that included a signature duplication of the \textit{bla\textit{VIM}} gene.
- A high prevalence of MBL-encoding genes was noticed in several European countries, including Poland and Belgium (see Poster #1339). These strains seem to be endemic in some countries and might limit the use of carbapenems and newer \textit{b}l\textit{a}\textit{VIM}-lactamase inhibitors that only target serine-enzymes.

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