Antimicrobial Activity of Aztreonam-**Avibactam Against a Large Collection** of Stenotrophomonas maltophilia and Burkholderia cepacia Species Complex **Causing Infections in United States** (US) Medical Centers (2016–2021)

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CONCLUSIONS



Aztreonam-avibactam demonstrated potent in vitro activity against S. maltophilia and B. cepacia from US hospitals and may represent a valuable option to treat infections caused by these organisms.



Clinical studies are urgently warranted to evaluate the efficacy of aztreonam-avibactam against infection caused by these organisms.



Susceptibility breakpoints for S. maltophilia and B. cepacia should be re-evaluated for antimicrobials currently used to treat infections caused by these organisms.



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INTRODUCTION

- S. maltophilia has become a major cause of hospital-associated pneumonia in US medical centers.
- Aztreonam is a monobactam stable to hydrolysis by metallo-β-lactamases (MBLs), including those intrinsically produced by S. maltophilia.
- Avibactam is a non–β-lactam β-lactamase inhibitor that inhibits most clinically relevant serine β-lactamases, such as ESBLs, KPCs, AmpCs, and some OXAs.
- Aztreonam-avibactam is being developed for treatment of serious infections caused by Gram-negative bacteria, including MBL producers.
- We evaluated the activity of aztreonam-avibactam against S. maltophilia and B. cepacia from US hospitals.

METHODS

- 1,565 S. maltophilia and 219 B. cepacia were consecutively collected (1/patient) in 77 US medical centers in 2016–2021.
- This isolate collection was recovered mainly from patients with pneumonia and bloodstream infection (BSI; Figure 1).
- Only isolates determined to be the probable cause of infection were included.
- Susceptibility testing was performed by the CLSI broth microdilution method.
- CLSI/US FDA breakpoints were applied when available.

Figure 1. Distributions of S. maltophilia (1A) and B. cepacia (1B) isolates by infection type





Abbreviations: BSI, bloodstream infection; UTI, urinary tract infection; SSSI, skin and skin structure infection.





RESULTS

- respectively (Figure 2).
- TMP-SMX (83.5%S), and minocycline (80.0%S; Figure 3).

Figure 2. Antimicrobial susceptibility of S. maltophilia (n=1,565) from US medical centers (2016–2021)



Criteria as published by CLSI (2022) and US FDA (2022) unless noted ^{b, c, d} Values in brackets indicate % inhibited at: ≤8 mg/L ^(b), ≤1 mg/L ^(c), and ≤2 mg/L ^(d) for comparison. Abbreviations: ATM-AVI, aztreonam-avibactam; TMP-SMX, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole.

Figure 3. Antimicrobial susceptibility of *B. cepacia* species complex (*n*=219) from US medical centers (2016–2021)



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• Aztreonam-avibactam was very active against S. maltophilia, with MIC_{50/90} values of 2/4 mg/L.

 Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (TMP-SMX; MIC_{50/90}, ≤0.5/1 mg/L; 95.7% susceptible [S]) and minocycline (MIC_{50/90}, 0.5/2 mg/L; 99.2%S) also were very active against S. maltophilia (Figure 2).

• Ceftazidime and levofloxacin were active against 21.3% and 76.2% of S. maltophilia isolates per CLSI criteria,

 Aztreonam-avibactam was also very active against B. cepacia, with MIC_{50/90} values of 4/16 mg/L and 88.1% inhibited at ≤8 mg/L (Figure 3), including 93.3% and 87.3% of isolates from BSI and pneumonia, respectively.

• The most active comparators tested against *B. cepacia* were ceftazidime (84.9%S), meropenem (84.5%S),