

The Antibacterial Activity of Sulbactam and the Novel β-lactamase Inhibitor ETX2514 Combined with Imipenem or Meropenem Against Recent Clinical Isolates of *Acinetobacter baumannii* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

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Abstract

Background

ETX2514 is a novel, diazabicyclooctenone inhibitor of serine β-lactamases that restores β-lactam activity against multidrug-resistant Gram negative bacteria. ETX2514 is more potent and has a broader spectrum of inhibition than the recently approved related β-lactamase inhibitor, avibactam. ETX2514 combined with sulbactam is currently in clinical development for the treatment of *Acinetobacter baumannii* infections. We sought to determine the relative potency of imipenem or meropenem with and without sulbactam-ETX2514 against recent, geographically diverse *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *A. baumannii* isolates.

Methods

Approximately 600 *P. aeruginosa* and 600 *A. baumannii* isolates collected during 2013, 2014 and 2015 from geographically diverse medical centers in the United States, Europe, Latin America and the Asia-Pacific region were chosen for testing. Susceptibility testing was performed according to CLSI guidelines, and data analysis was performed using CLSI breakpoint criteria.

Results

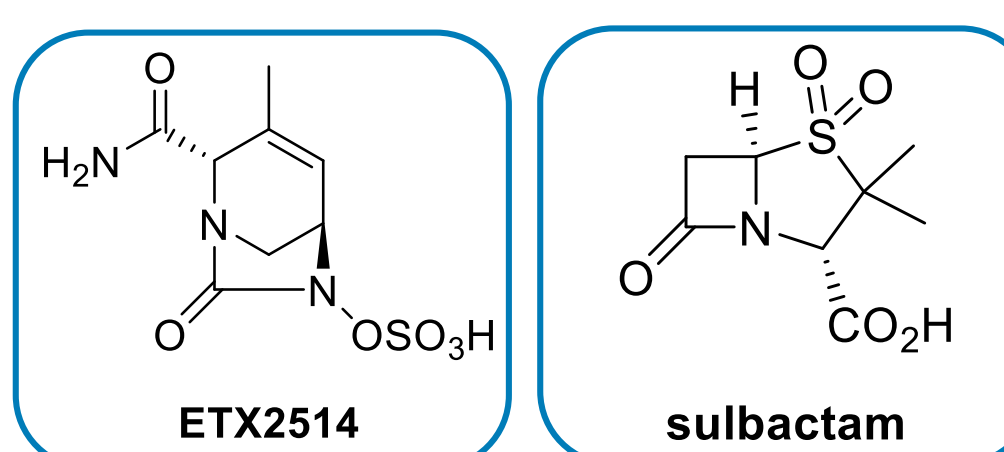
Sulbactam plus ETX2514 (fixed at 4 mg/L) was highly active against the *A. baumannii* isolates, with MIC_{50/90} values of 1/2 mg/L, corresponding to 93.3% of strains inhibited at ≤2 mg/L. A total of 28.9% and 26.8% of isolates were susceptible to imipenem and meropenem, respectively, which improved to 46.5% and 42.8% in the presence of ETX2514 and to 98.7% and 99.0% when sulbactam and ETX2514 (each fixed at 4 mg/L) were added to the carbapenem. A total of 73.6% and 75.4% of the *P. aeruginosa* isolates tested were susceptible to imipenem and meropenem, respectively, which improved to 94.7% and 82.6% in the presence of ETX2514. Adding sulbactam (fixed at 4 mg/L) to these combinations did not improve the potency of the carbapenem-ETX2514 combinations against *P. aeruginosa*.

Conclusions

A triple combination of imipenem or meropenem plus sulbactam and ETX2514 demonstrated potent antibacterial activity against recent, geographically diverse clinical isolates of *A. baumannii* and *P. aeruginosa*. These data support the continued development of ETX2514 in combination with sulbactam and/or a carbapenem against *A. baumannii* and *P. aeruginosa*.

Introduction

Sulbactam-ETX2514 is a β-lactam/β-lactamase inhibitor combination currently in clinical development for the treatment of resistant *A. baumannii* infections (Durand-Réville et al. (2017) *Nature Microbiol.* in press)



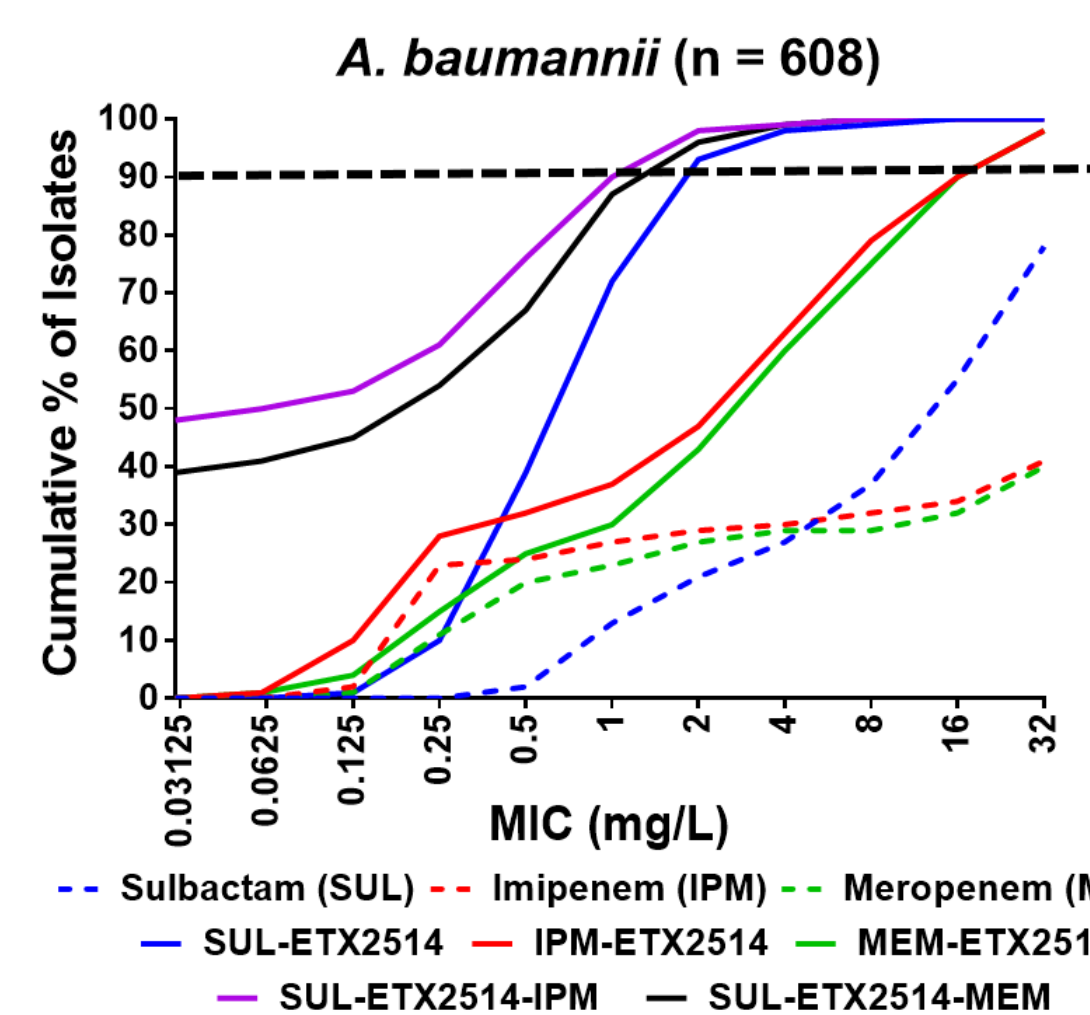
ETX2514 is a novel BLI from a series of diazabicyclooctenones with best-in-class broad spectrum activity against Class A, C and D β-lactamases. Here we measure the antibacterial potency of a triple combination of sulbactam, ETX2514, and imipenem or meropenem against recent and geographically diverse *P. aeruginosa* and *A. baumannii* isolates.

Study Design

Methods: Broth microdilution susceptibility testing was conducted at JMI Laboratories according to CLSI guidelines using cation-adjusted Mueller-Hinton broth.

Organisms: All isolates were collected from geographically diverse medical centers located in United States, Europe, Latin American and the Asia-Pacific region as part of the SENTRY surveillance program during 2013, 2014 and 2015.

MIC Distributions of ETX2514 Combinations against 608 Geographically Diverse *A. baumannii*



| Drug | Number (cumulative %) of isolates inhibited at MIC (mg/L) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|------------|------------|--------|
| | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 32 | > 32 | |
| IPM | 0 | 13 | 126 | 6 | 19 | 12 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 44 | 360 | 100.0% | |
| IPM-ETX2514 | 1 | 3 | 58 | 109 | 23 | 32 | 57 | 97 | 100 | 70 | 47 | 11 | 100.0% |
| MEM | 0 | 4 | 62 | 53 | 23 | 21 | 13 | 3 | 18 | 47 | 364 | 100.0% | |
| MEM-ETX2514 | 0 | 4 | 21 | 69 | 55 | 33 | 78 | 107 | 87 | 93 | 47 | 14 | 100.0% |
| SUL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 67 | 49 | 37 | 58 | 115 | 138 | 133 | 100.0% |
| SUL-ETX2514 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 55 | 178 | 200 | 129 | 31 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 100.0% |
| SUL-ETX2514-IPM | 291 | 10 | 19 | 50 | 91 | 85 | 49 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 100.0% |
| SUL-ETX2514-MEM | 237 | 14 | 20 | 60 | 79 | 120 | 55 | 14 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 100.0% |

MIC₉₀ value is highlighted with a red box and MIC₅₀ value is highlighted with a blue box. ETX2514 was tested at a fixed concentration of 4 mg/L. IPM and MEM were added to SUL-ETX2514 at a fixed concentration of 2 mg/L.

-Sulbactam-ETX2514 was highly active against *A. baumannii*
-98.4% of isolates were inhibited by 4 mg/L sulbactam-ETX2514
-Only 27% of isolates were inhibited by 4 mg/L sulbactam alone

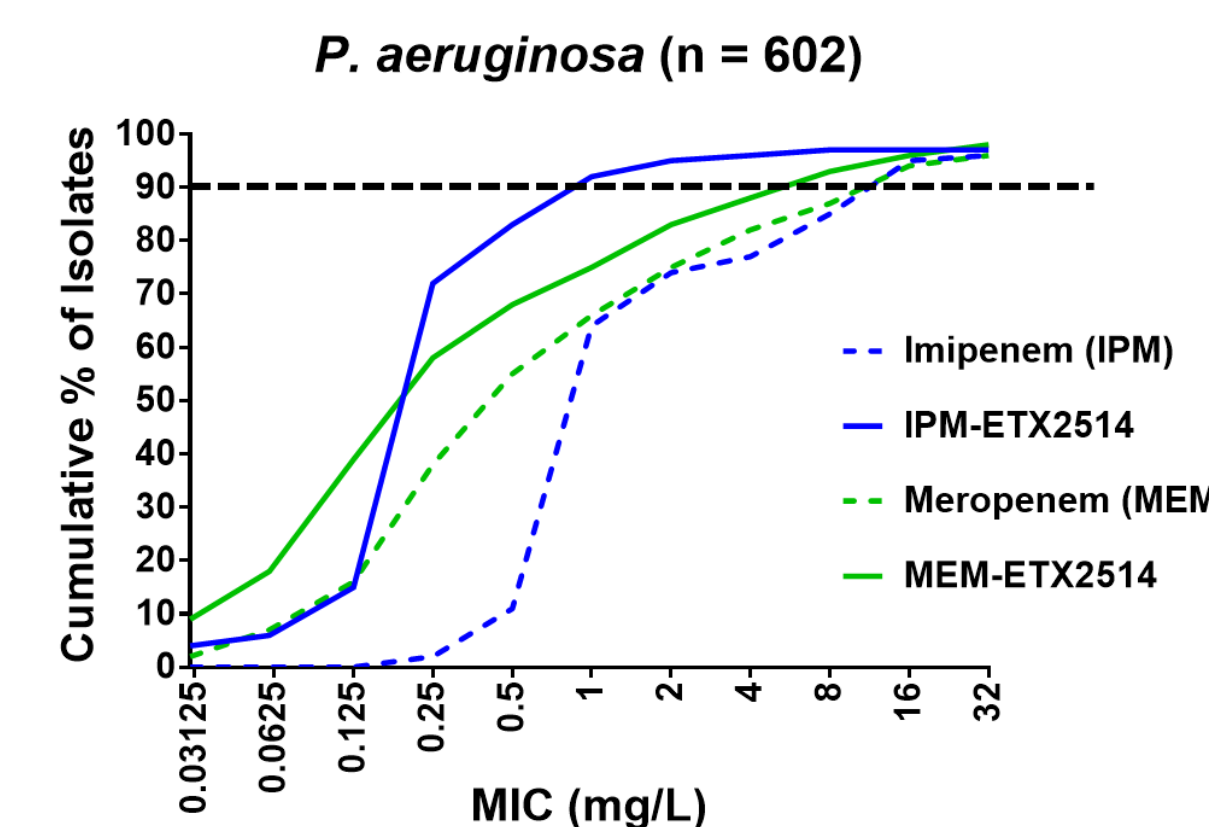
-Carbapenem-ETX2514 combinations were less active against *A. baumannii*
-Addition of either carbapenem (fixed at 2 mg/L) did not improve the MIC₉₀ of sulbactam-ETX2514 (red squares) but significantly improved the MIC₅₀ (blue squares)

The activity of sulbactam-ETX2514 is stable over time, across regions and sources of infection

| Year | n | SUL | | | SUL-ETX2514 | | | SUL-ETX2514-IPM | | | SUL-ETX2514-MEM | | |
|---------------------|-----|---------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ |
| 2013 | 201 | 0.5->32 | 16 | >32 | 0.06-16 | 1 | 4 | ≤0.03-16 | 0.25 | 2 | ≤0.03-16 | 0.25 | 2 |
| 2014 | 205 | 0.5->32 | 16 | >32 | 0.12->32 | 1 | 2 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.12 | 1 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 2 |
| 2015 | 202 | 0.5->32 | 16 | >32 | 0.12-16 | 1 | 2 | ≤0.03-8 | ≤0.03 | 1 | ≤0.03-16 | 0.12 | 1 |
| Region | n | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ |
| Asia-Pacific | 107 | 0.5->32 | 32 | >32 | 0.06-16 | 1 | 2 | ≤0.03-16 | 0.5 | 2 | ≤0.03-8 | 0.5 | 2 |
| Europe | 196 | 0.5->32 | 32 | >32 | 0.12->32 | 1 | 2 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 2 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 2 |
| North America | 194 | 0.5->32 | 4 | >32 | 0.12-16 | 1 | 2 | ≤0.03-8 | ≤0.03 | 1 | ≤0.03-16 | 0.25 | 1 |
| Latin America | 111 | 0.5->32 | 16 | >32 | 0.12-4 | 1 | 2 | ≤0.03-4 | ≤0.03 | 1 | ≤0.03-4 | 0.5 | 1 |
| Source of Infection | n | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ |
| Blood | 106 | 0.5->32 | 16 | >32 | 0.25-4 | 1 | 2 | ≤0.03-4 | 0.25 | 2 | ≤0.03-8 | 0.25 | 2 |
| Respiratory | 301 | 0.5->32 | 16 | >32 | 0.12-16 | 1 | 2 | ≤0.03-16 | 0.25 | 1 | ≤0.03-16 | 0.25 | 2 |
| Skin/Soft Tissue | 122 | 0.5->32 | 16 | >32 | 0.06->32 | 1 | 2 | ≤0.03->32 | ≤0.03 | 1 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 2 |
| Urinary Tract | 33 | 1->32 | 8 | >32 | 0.25-2 | 0.5 | 2 | ≤0.03-1 | ≤0.03 | 1 | ≤0.03-4 | ≤0.03 | 1 |
| Other | 46 | 1->32 | 16 | >32 | 0.12-8 | 1 | 2 | ≤0.03-2 | ≤0.03 | 2 | ≤0.03-4 | 0.06 | 2 |
| Total | 608 | 0.5->32 | 16 | >32 | 0.06->32 | 1 | 2 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.12 | 2 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 2 |

ETX2514 was tested at a fixed concentration of 4 mg/L. IPM and MEM were added to SUL-ETX2514 at a fixed concentration of 2 mg/L.

MIC Distributions of ETX2514 Combinations against 602 Geographically Diverse *P. aeruginosa*



| Drug | Number (cumulative %) of isolates inhibited at MIC (mg/L) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 32 | > 32 | |
| IPM | 0 | 3 | 8 | 54 | 321 | 57 | 21 | 47 | 59 | 10 | 22 | 100.0% | |
| IPM-ETX2514 | 25 | 10 | 56 | 342 | 68 | 54 | 15 | 9 | 4 | 197.0% | 1 | 17 | 100.0% |
| IPM-ETX2514-SUL | 4.7% | 5.6% | 15.4% | 72.4% | 83.6% | 92.2% | 94.7% | 96.2% | 96.8% | 97.2% | 97.2% | 100.0% | |
| MEM | 11 | 29 | 55 | 132 | 104 | 69 | 54 | 42 | 27 | 42 | 15 | 22 | 100.0% |
| MEM-ETX2514 | 57 | 52 | 128 | 113 | 61 | 38 | 48 | 30 | 30 | 19 | 11 | 15 | 100.0% |
| MEM-ETX2514-SUL | 59 | 52 | 121 | 131 | 48 | 38 | 51 | 29 | 28 | 20 | 10 | 15 | 100.0% |

MIC₉₀ value is highlighted. ETX2514 was tested at a fixed concentration of 4 mg/L. Sulbactam was added at a fixed concentration of 4 mg/L.

-Imipenem-ETX2514 was highly active against *P. aeruginosa*
-92% of isolates were inhibited by 1 mg/L imipenem-ETX2514
-Only 64% of isolates were inhibited by 1 mg/L of imipenem alone

-Meropenem-ETX2514 combinations were less active against *P. aeruginosa*
-Addition of sulbactam (fixed at 4 mg/L) did not improve the MIC₉₀ of either carbapenem in the presence of ETX2514 (fixed at 4 mg/L) (red squares)

The activity of imipenem-ETX2514 is stable over time, across regions and sources of infection

| Year | n | Imipenem | | | Imipenem-ETX2514 | | | Meropenem | | | Meropenem-ETX2514 | | |
|---------------------|-----|----------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ |
| 2013 | 202 | 0.12->32 | 1 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 1 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.5 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 8 |
| 2014 | 196 | 0.12->32 | 1 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 1 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.5 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 8 |
| 2015 | 204 | 0.12->32 | 1 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 1 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.5 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 8 |
| Region | n | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ |
| Asia-Pacific | 103 | 0.25->32 | 1 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 1 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.5 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 16 |
| Europe | 200 | 0.25->32 | 1 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 1 | ≤0.03->32 | 1 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.5 | 8 |
| Latin America | 106 | 0.5->32 | 1 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 2 | ≤0.03->32 | 1 | 32 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.5 | 16 |
| North America | 193 | 0.12->32 | 1 | 8 | ≤0.03-8 | 0.25 | 0.5 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.5 | 8 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 2 |
| Source of Infection | n | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ | Range | MIC ₅₀ | MIC ₉₀ |
| Blood | 72 | 0.5->32 | 1 | 8 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 1 | 0.06->32 | 0.5 | 4 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 4 |
| Respiratory | 301 | 0.12->32 | 1 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 1 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.5 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 8 |
| Skin/Soft Tissue | 143 | 0.12->32 | 1 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 1 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.5 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 8 |
| Urinary Tract | 34 | 0.5->32 | 1 | 8 | 0.06->32 | 0.25 | 1 | 0.06->32 | 0.5 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 4 |
| Other | 52 | 0.5->32 | 1 | 16 | 0.12->32 | 0.25 | 1 | 0.06->32 | 1 | 8 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.5 | 4 |
| Total | 602 | 0.12->32 | 1 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 1 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.5 | 16 | ≤0.03->32 | 0.25 | 8 |

ETX2514 was tested at a fixed concentration of 4 mg/L.

Conclusions

- ETX2514 restores sulbactam antibacterial activity against a global collection of 608 *A. baumannii* clinical isolates with an MIC₉₀ of 2 mg/L
- Addition of 2 mg/L imipenem or meropenem does not change the MIC₉₀ of sulbactam-ETX2514 versus *A. baumannii*
- ETX2514 restores imipenem antibacterial activity against a global collection of 602 contemporary *P. aeruginosa* clinical with an MIC₉₀ of 1 mg/L
- These data support development of ETX2514 in combination with sulbactam for the treatment of *A. baumannii* and ETX2514 in combination with imipenem against *P. aeruginosa*.