

1 **Colistin resistance in *Acinetobacter baumannii* is driven by multiple genomic traits:**
2 **Evaluating the role of IS*Aba1*-driven *eptA* overexpression among Indian isolates**

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24 **Abstract**

25 Colistin resistance in *Acinetobacter baumannii* is mediated by multiple mechanisms. Recently,
26 mutations within *pmrAB* two component system and overexpression of *eptA* due to upstream
27 insertion of *ISAbal* play a major role. To characterize colistin resistance mechanisms among the
28 clinical isolates of *A. baumannii* in India. A total of 224 clinical isolates of *A. baumannii*
29 collected from 2016 to 2019 were included in this study. Mutations within lipid A biosynthesis
30 and *pmrAB* genes were characterized by Whole Genome Shotgun sequencing. Twenty eight
31 complete genomes were further characterized for insertional inactivation of *lpx* genes and the
32 association of *ISAbal-eptA* using hybrid assembly approach. Non-synonymous mutations like
33 M12I in *pmrA*, A138T and A444V in *pmrB* and E117K in *lpxD* were identified. Four of the five
34 colistin resistant *A. baumannii* isolates had insertion of *ISAbal* upstream *eptA*. No *mcr* genes
35 were identified. Overall, the present study highlights the diversity of colistin resistance
36 mechanisms in *A. baumannii*. *ISAbal*-driven *eptA* overexpression could be responsible for
37 colistin resistance among Indian isolates of colistin resistant *A. baumannii*.

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45 Introduction

46 *Acinetobacter baumannii* is a major nosocomial pathogen which is responsible for wide
47 range of infections and has been reported as a public health problem globally [1, 2]. Multi-drug
48 and extensively-drug resistant *A. baumannii* have been reported world-wide which results in the
49 paucity of treatment options against *Acinetobacter* infections [3]. Carbapenems are considered to
50 be the last-line antibiotics for treating *A. baumannii* infections and more than 80% resistance to
51 carbapenem was reported [4]. More than 60% mortality rates have been reported for the most
52 common carbapenem resistant *A. baumannii* (CRAB) infections like blood stream infections
53 (BSI) and hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP) [5].

54 Recently, World Health Organization (WHO) categorized CRAB as “Priority one”
55 pathogen in the global list of antibiotic-resistant bacteria for the development of new antibiotics
56 [3]. The most common antimicrobials considered for treating CRAB include colistin-based,
57 tigecycline-based and sulbactam-based combinations [6]. Unfortunately, increased usage of
58 colistin for treating *Acinetobacter* infection results in resistance to these last-line drugs [7].

59 In *A. baumannii* colistin resistance is mediated by multiple mechanisms [8]. This
60 includes, (i) Loss of lipopolysaccharide (LPS) production, due to mutations in lipid A
61 biosynthesis genes like *lpxA*, *lpxC* and *lpxD*. In addition, insertional inactivation of *lpxACD*
62 genes due to insertion element, *ISAbal1* causes both loss of LPS and increased colistin
63 resistance [9, 10]. (ii) Point mutations in *pmrA* and *pmrB* genes of *pmrAB* two component system
64 (TCS) results in decreased membrane permeability leading to colistin resistance [11]. (iii)
65 Recently, Gerson et al reported the presence of phosphoethanolamine (pEtN) transferase *eptA*, a
66 homologue of *pmrC* and insertion of *ISAbal* upstream *eptA* results in overexpression and high

67 colistin resistance [3] and (iv) Colistin resistance due to plasmid mediated pEtN transferase, *mcr*
68 genes [12].

69 In this study, a total of 224 clinical isolates of *A. baumannii* were characterized for their
70 susceptibility profile and multiple resistance mechanism that contributes to colistin resistance. In
71 addition, subset of complete genomes were characterized to investigate the inactivation of *lpxA*
72 or *lpxC* by *ISAbal1* and to decipher the presence of *ISAbal* upstream *eptA*.

73 **Materials and methods**

74 **Bacterial isolates**

75 A total of 1214 consecutive non-duplicate clinical isolates of *A. baumannii* collected
76 during January 2016 to December 2019 from the routine cultures of clinical samples, blood
77 (n=314) and endo-tracheal aspirate (ETA) (n=900) were included in this study. All the isolates
78 were identified up to the species level as *Acinetobacter baumannii calcoaceticus* complex (*Acb*
79 complex) using conventional biochemical methods [13]. MALDI-TOF was used to confirm at
80 the species level as *Acinetobacter baumannii*. Further confirmation of *Acb* complex as *A.*
81 *baumannii* was performed targeting chromosomally encoded *bla*_{OXA-51 like} gene by PCR [14].

82 **Anti-microbial susceptibility testing (AST)**

83 AST was performed for all the isolates against different classes of antibiotics by Kirby
84 Bauer disc diffusion (DD) method and interpreted according to Clinical Laboratory Standards
85 Institute (CLSI) guidelines [15]. The antibiotics tested includes ceftazidime, cefepime,
86 piperacillin/tazobactam , cefoperazone/Sulbactam, imipenem, meropenem , aztreonam,
87 amikacin, netilmycin, tobramycin, levofloxacin, tetracycline, minocycline, tigecycline and
88 trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole.

89 **Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) by broth micro dilution (BMD)**

90 As recommended by CLSI 2017 guidelines, colistin MIC was determined for all the
91 blood and ETA isolates using broth micro dilution (BMD) and interpreted accordingly [16].
92 *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922 and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853 were used as quality
93 control (QC) strains. Also, *mcr-1* positive *E. coli* was used as an internal control. Two in-house
94 quality controls, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* BA38416 with MIC of 0.5 µg/ml and *Klebsiella*
95 *pneumoniae* BA25425 with 16 µg/ml were also included in every batch of testing.

96 **Whole genome sequencing (WGS), assembly and annotation**

97 A subset of 224 clinical isolates of *A. baumannii* (Blood = 117 & ETA = 107) were
98 selected based on the susceptibility profile for further characterization by WGS. Genomic DNA
99 was extracted using QIAamp DNA Mini Kit (QIAGEN, Hilden, Germany) according to the
100 manufacturer's instructions and WGS was performed. In brief, short read sequencing was
101 performed using IonTorrent™ Personal Genome Machine™ (PGM) (Life Technologies,
102 Carlsbad, CA) with 400-bp read chemistry or Illumina MiSeq as per the manufacturer's
103 instructions. Long read sequencing was performed using SQK-LSK108 Kit R9 version (Oxford
104 Nanopore Technologies, Oxford, UK) using 1D sequencing method according to the
105 manufacturer's protocol. To obtain complete genome, hybrid assembly was performed for a
106 subset of 28 genomes (Blood = 21 and ETA = 7) using long reads from MinION and short reads
107 from either IonTorrent or Illumina as described previously [17].

108 All the genomes were assembled and annotated using the NCBI Prokaryotic Genome
109 Annotation Pipeline (PGAP). Furthermore, downstream analysis was done using tools from
110 Center for Genomic Epidemiology (CGE) server (<http://www.genomicepidemiology.org/>).

111 Antimicrobial resistance genes (ARG) were using ResFinder 3.0 database
112 (<https://cge.cbs.dtu.dk/services/ResFinder/>) [18]. Sequence type of the isolates was assigned by
113 MLST 2.0 tool using the Oxford scheme (*gltA*, *gyrB*, *gdhB*, *recA*, *cpn60*, *gpi*, and *rpoD* genes)
114 (<https://cge.cbs.dtu.dk/services/MLST/>) [19]. SNP based phylogenetic tree was constructed and
115 meta-data like colistin susceptibility, chromosomal mutation profile and International Clones
116 were added using iTOL (<https://itol.embl.de/>) [20].

117 **Mutation analysis of *lpxACD* and *pmrAB* genes**

118 *In-silico* mutation analysis of genes involved in lipid A biosynthesis pathway (*lpxA*,
119 *lpxC* and *lpxD*) and *pmrAB* TCS (*pmrA* and *pmrB*) were determined in all the genomes using
120 Blast analysis (<https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>) and compared with the reference strain of *A.*
121 *baumannii* ATCC 17978 (GenBank Accession Number CP000521). Other reference strains like
122 *A. baumannii* AYE (GenBank Accession Number NC010410), *A. baumannii* ACICU (GenBank
123 Accession Number NC010611) and ATCC 19606 (GenBank Accession Number CP046654)
124 were included in the analysis to identify the genetic polymorphisms. Plasmid mediated colistin
125 resistance determinant gene (*mcr*) were detected using Resfinder and by *in-silico* Blast analysis
126 against the reference sequences of *mcr* genes reported so far [21]. In addition to the mutation
127 analysis, all the 28 complete genomes were characterized manually for other colistin resistance
128 mechanisms like insertional inactivation of *lpxA*, *lpxC* and *lpxD* genes due to insertion sequence,
129 *ISAbal1* and over-expression of *pmrC* homologue, *eptA* due to upstream presence of *ISAbal*.

130 **Nucleotide accession numbers**

131 The Whole Genome Shotgun project has been deposited at DDBJ/ENA/GenBank under
132 BioProject numbers PRJNA603876, PRJNA604897, PRJNA610496 and PRJNA610503. The

133 complete genome project has been deposited at DDBJ/ENA/GenBank under accession numbers
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141 **Results**

142 **Bacterial isolates and AST**

143 All the study isolates (n=1214) were first identified as *Acb* complex and confirmed as *A.*
144 *baumannii* by MALDI-TOF. *bla*_{OXA-51} like PCR re-confirmed *Acb* complex as *A. baumannii*.
145 AST revealed that 99% (Blood, n=313 and ETA, n=899) of the study isolates were extensively
146 drug resistant (XDR) and showed resistance to all the tested antibiotics. Of the remaining two
147 isolates, one from ETA was pan-susceptible (AB01- Accession No. CP040080) while the other
148 from blood was multi-drug resistant (MDR). The MDR (AB025 - Accession No. CP050432)
149 isolate was resistant to cephalosporins, fluoroquinolones, aminoglycosides, tetracyclines,
150 tigecycline and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole while susceptible to carbapenems.

151 **Determination of colistin MIC by BMD**

152 Among the tested isolates, 10.8% (n=34) from blood and 8.2% (n=74) from ETA were
153 colistin resistant *A. baumannii* respectively. The colistin MIC range, MIC₅₀ and MIC₉₀ of the
154 blood and ETA isolates were tabulated (Table 1).

155 **Characterization of various colistin resistance mechanisms using WGS**

156 A subset of 224 clinical isolates of *A. baumannii* was subjected to WGS based on the
157 susceptibility profile. Of the 117 blood isolates, one isolate was MDR, 84 were carbapenem
158 resistant-colistin susceptible *A. baumannii* (CR-ColSAB) and 32 were carbapenem -resistant-
159 colistin resistant *A. baumannii* (CR-ColRAB). Similarly, among the 107 ETA, one was pan-
160 susceptible, 46 were CR-ColSAB while 61 were CR-ColRAB.

161 Sequencing of *lpx* genes in both CR-ColSAB (n=131) and CR-ColRAB (n=93) revealed
162 the presence of various amino acid substitutions. Within *lpxA*: Y131H, *lpxC*: C120R-P148S-
163 F230Y-N287D and *lpxD*: Q4K-V63I-V93I-E117K-G166S-T287I-S299P substitutions were
164 identified in comparison with the reference strain ATCC 17978. Three non-synonymous
165 mutations Q4K, V63I and E117K within *lpxD* were identified in both CR-ColSAB and CR-
166 ColRAB. Y131H, C120R and N287D substitutions were identified in all the three reference
167 strains and all the CR-ColSAB and CR-ColRAB. Other amino-acid substitutions like P148S and
168 F230Y in *lpxC*, V93I, G166S, T287I and S299P in *lpxD* were first described in this study. On the
169 other hand, sequencing of *pmrAB* genes identified the following amino acid substitutions, *pmrA*:
170 M12I and *pmrB*: A138T-L168S-A226T-V300E-G315A-P360Q-A444V. Single non-synonymous
171 mutation, M12I in *pmrA* and A138T in *pmrB* was identified in all the CR-ColSAB and CR-
172 ColRAB (Fig 1). None of the study isolates harbor any of the reported plasmid mediated colistin
173 resistance determinant, *mcr-1* or its homologues.

174 Among the 28 complete genomes of *A. baumannii*, 21 were from blood of which 17 were
175 CR-ColSAB while four were CR-ColRAB. Of the seven from ETA, five were CR-ColSAB, one
176 was CR-ColRAB and one was pan-susceptible. Characterization of complete genomes for other
177 colistin resistance mechanisms showed the presence of *ISAbal1* among two CR-ColSAB blood

178 isolates (AB016- Accession No. CP040259 & AB017- Accession No. CP050385), but no
179 disruption of *lpxACD* observed. Atleast one copy of *eptA* was identified among 10 and 6
180 genomes of CR-ColSAB from blood and ETA respectively whereas more than one copy was
181 present in 12 genomes (7 CR-ColSAB and 4 CR-ColRAB from blood while one CR-ColRAB
182 from ETA). *ISAbal* was found in opposite orientation upstream *eptA* in two genomes of CR-
183 ColRAB from blood (AB02- Accession No. CP035672 & AB05- Accession No. CP040047) and
184 in one CR-ColRAB from ETA (AB03- Accession No. CP050388). *ISAbal* was present in direct
185 orientation upstream *eptA* in one CR-ColRAB blood isolate (AB04- Accession No. CP040040).
186 Two CR-ColSAB from blood have IS4 transposase but not upstream *eptA* (AB010- Accession
187 No. CP040053 & AB011- Accession No. CP040056) whereas four CR-ColSAB from blood
188 (AB08- Accession No. CP038500, AB09- Accession No. CP038644, AB025- Accession No.
189 CP050432 and AB015- Accession No. CP050403) have other family transposases (Fig 2 - 3). In
190 one CR-ColRAB (AB06- Accession No. CP040050), only amino-acid substitutions, Y131H in
191 *lpxA*, C120R and N287D in *lpxC*, P148S and G315D in *lpxD* were identified while the other
192 colistin resistance mechanisms were absent. The overall colistin resistance mechanisms
193 characterized among the 28 hybrid genomes were described in (Table 2.)

194 **MLST**

195 MLST Finder revealed that both CR-ColSAB and CR-ColRAB were classified into
196 International Clones (ICs) - IC1, IC2, IC7, IC8, CC862 and singletons. Majority of the CR-
197 ColSAB isolates (n=90) (69%) belongs to IC2 with diverse sequence types like ST848, ST349,
198 ST451, ST218 and ST195. Whereas IC2 was the only lineage with ST848 among the CR-
199 ColRAB isolates (n=73) (78 %). Lineage specific non-synonymous mutations like Q4K, V63I
200 and E117K within *lpxD* belongs to IC8, IC7 and IC2 respectively. Single non-synonymous

201 mutation, M12I in *pmrA*, A138T in *pmrB* and the combination of A138T-A444V within *pmrB*
202 belongs to IC2.

203 **Discussion**

204 Colistin is considered as one of the few therapeutic options available against CRAB
205 infections and due to increased usage, colistin resistance rate is gradually increasing globally and
206 becoming a healthcare concern [22]. In the current study, 8% to 11% colistin resistance has been
207 observed. Reports from other countries showed increased colistin resistance rates of 16.7% from
208 Bulgaria, 19.1% from Spain and 27% from Greece [23 - 25]. Therefore, it is important to explore
209 and understand the mechanisms that contribute to colistin resistance which is an utmost need for
210 routine surveillance [3]. Several mutations and genetic polymorphisms have been reported within
211 *lpxACD* and *pmrAB* genes by various studies using WGS which is in concurrence with the
212 current study [9, 10].

213 In this study, clinical isolates of CR-ColRAB and CR-ColSAB were characterized for
214 multiple colistin resistance mechanisms. Mutation analysis in *lpxACD* identified three non-
215 synonymous mutations; Q4K, V63I and E117K within *lpxD* in both CR-ColRAB and CR-
216 ColSAB which concurs with previous studies [26, 27]. Recent studies report that mutations in
217 *pmrB* as the major contributor for colistin resistance in *A. baumannii* [24, 26, 28, 29]. The current
218 study identified a non-synonymous mutation, A138T in *pmrB* while previous studies report other
219 amino-acid substitutions together with A138T which is contrary to the current study [24, 26, 29].
220 In *pmrA*, a single non-synonymous mutation, M12I was first identified by Arroyo et al who also
221 reported the association of M12I with colistin hetero-resistance [24, 26, 30]. In contrast, other
222 studies reported G54E substitution within *pmrA* which was not identified in this study [29, 31].
223 Several studies reported the presence of mutations in *lpxD* along with *pmrB* genes [29]. In this

224 study, both CR-ColRAB and CR-ColSAB has *lpxD* mutation, E117K in combination with
225 A138T-A444V mutation in *pmrB*. This observation indicates that mutations in *lpxD* alone and
226 *pmrB* alone may not be sufficient to induce colistin resistance and support the presence of
227 synergistic activity of mutations within these genes in promoting colistin resistance [26].

228 Two MLST schemes, PubMLST (Oxford) and Pasteur MLST are available for *A.*
229 *baumannii* [32]. Earlier studies reported IC2/global clone 2 (GC2) as the predominant lineage
230 associated with outbreaks [8]. This finding correlates with the current study and identified in
231 both CR-ColRAB and CR-ColSAB In the present study, IC1/GC1 was identified among CR-
232 ColSAB which is contrast to Snyman et al where GC1 was identified in both CR-ColSAB and
233 CR-ColRAB [33]. Interestingly, lineage specific non-synonymous mutations, such as Q4K
234 which belongs to IC8, V63I which belongs to to IC7 and E117K-M12I-A138T which belongs to
235 IC2 were observed in this study and such findings have not been previously reported.

236 Moffatt et al was the first to report on the role of *ISAbalI* which causes insertional
237 inactivation of *lpxA* or *lpxC* and leads to loss of LPS production and colistin resistance [10].
238 Mutations in *lpxC* gene due to insertion of *ISAbalI* and increased colistin resistance were
239 recently reported by Marta et al [34]. The current study revealed the presence of *ISAbalI* in two
240 CR-ColSAB without disruption of *lpxA* or *lpxC* which is inconsistent with the previous studies.

241 *eptA* is a *pmrC* homologue with pEtN transferase activity [8]. In this study, *eptA* was
242 present in both CR-ColSAB and CR-ColRAB and comparable with previous studies [3, 7 - 8,
243 35]. However, the presence of *ISAbalI* upstream *eptA* was identified only among the CR-
244 ColRAB which results in overexpression of PetN transferase encoded either by *pmrC* or *eptA*
245 and responsible for colistin resistance. Such findings are comparable with other studies whereas
246 another study observed in both CR-ColSAB and CR-ColRAB [3, 7 - 8]. Presence of other family

247 transposases were noticed among the CR-ColSAB which could be novel and further studies are
248 necessary. Other colistin resistance mechanisms like disruption of *eptA* by *ISAbal25* and
249 increased expression of *eptA* due to the presence of *ISAbal* in reverse orientation upstream *eptA*
250 were reported recently [3]. Though difference in the orientation of *ISAbal* with respect to *eptA*
251 was identified in this study, no expression studies were done to confirm the same.

252 In 2016, plasmid mediated PetN transferase, *mcr-1* was identified from China that
253 contributed to colistin resistance to *E. coli* [36]. Currently, nine *mcr* types (*mcr* 1-9) and
254 approximately 56 *mcr* variants are available in the GenBank database [37]. Though recent
255 studies reported the presence of *mcr-4.3* in *A. baumannii* isolated from pig feces, food sample
256 and clinical strains, none of the current study isolates harbor *mcr* genes [37 - 39].

257 Though colistin-based combinations can be considered for treating CRAB infections,
258 various controversies have been reported recently with the usage of polymyxins [40]. Two global
259 organizations, CLSI and EUCAST revised the interpretive criteria for *in-vitro* polymyxin
260 susceptibility testing and suggested to prefer non-polymyxin agents for treating *Acinetobacter*
261 infections [41]. Such revision would effectively helpful in considering polymyxin as a treatment
262 option in selected cases [41]. Further clinical trials to determine the efficacy of novel agents like
263 cefiderocol and eravacycline against BSI and VAP are recommended [42]. None of the newly
264 available drug combinations have clinical activity against CRAB infections except for the novel
265 β -lactam- β -lactamase enhancer, cefepime-zidebactam [6, 42].

266 **Conclusion**

267 The current study provides characterization of multiple resistance mechanisms that could
268 be responsible for colistin resistance among clinical isolates of *A. baumannii*. Previously
269 reported non-synonymous mutations as well as other amino-acid substitutions that are not

270 described previously within *lpxD*, *pmrA* and *pmrB* genes were identified. Presence of *lpxD*
271 mutation, E117K along with *pmrB* mutations A138T-A444V indicates the synergistic activity of
272 mutations and results in colistin resistance. Recently, *mcr-4.3* on plasmids has been identified
273 among clinical isolates of *A. baumannii* which is alarming. Two colistin susceptible isolates
274 harbored *ISAbalI* and studies to understand the role of *ISAbalI* towards colistin resistance is
275 essential. Though *pmrC* expression and addition of pEtN transferase to lipid A was regulated by
276 *pmrAB* TCS, that alone doesn't considered as a sole contributor of colistin resistance. The
277 presence of *eptA* was quite common and insertion of *ISAbal* upstream *eptA* among colistin
278 resistant isolates could be associated with colistin resistance. The exact resistance mechanism
279 that contributes to colistin was not elucidated for one isolate and requires further investigation.
280 Overall, the present study highlights the diversity of colistin resistance mechanisms described in
281 *A. baumannii* and for complete understanding further extensive studies are necessary.

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401 **Figure Legends**

402 **Fig 1.** Phylogenetic tree of clinical isolates of colistin resistant and colistin susceptible *A.*
403 *baumannii*. The outer ring shows isolates belonging to different International Clones (ICs), the
404 middle rings depicts chromosomal mutations in both colistin resistant and susceptible isolates
405 and the stars in the inner ring represents the colistin susceptibility of the clinical isolates of *A.*
406 *baumannii*

407 **Fig 2:** Graphical representation of genetic arrangement of *pmrC* homologue, *eptA* with upstream
408 presence of *ISAbal* among complete genomes of colistin resistant *A. baumannii* (A, B, C and D).
409 The direction of arrow represents the orientation, *eptA* are shown as red-dotted arrow, *ISAbal* as
410 purple-dotted arrow, *pmrA* as blue arrow, *pmrB* as green arrow. The genetic arrangement of
411 isolate E has *eptA* without *ISAbal*

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413 **Fig 3:** Graphical representation of genetic arrangement of *pmrC* homologue, *eptA* among
414 complete genomes of colistin susceptible *A. baumannii*. The genetic arrangement of: A. *eptA*
415 without insertion element, B. *eptA* with IS26 transposase, C. *eptA* with IS6 like element, D & E.
416 *eptA* with IS4 transposase, F. *eptA* with IS256 transposase and G. *eptA* with IS66 transposase.
417 The direction of arrow represents the orientation. *eptA* are shown by red-dotted arrow, IS26, IS6,
418 IS256 and IS66 transposases as light green arrow, *pmrA* as blue arrows and *pmrB* as green arrow

tree scale: 1

Chromosomal mutations

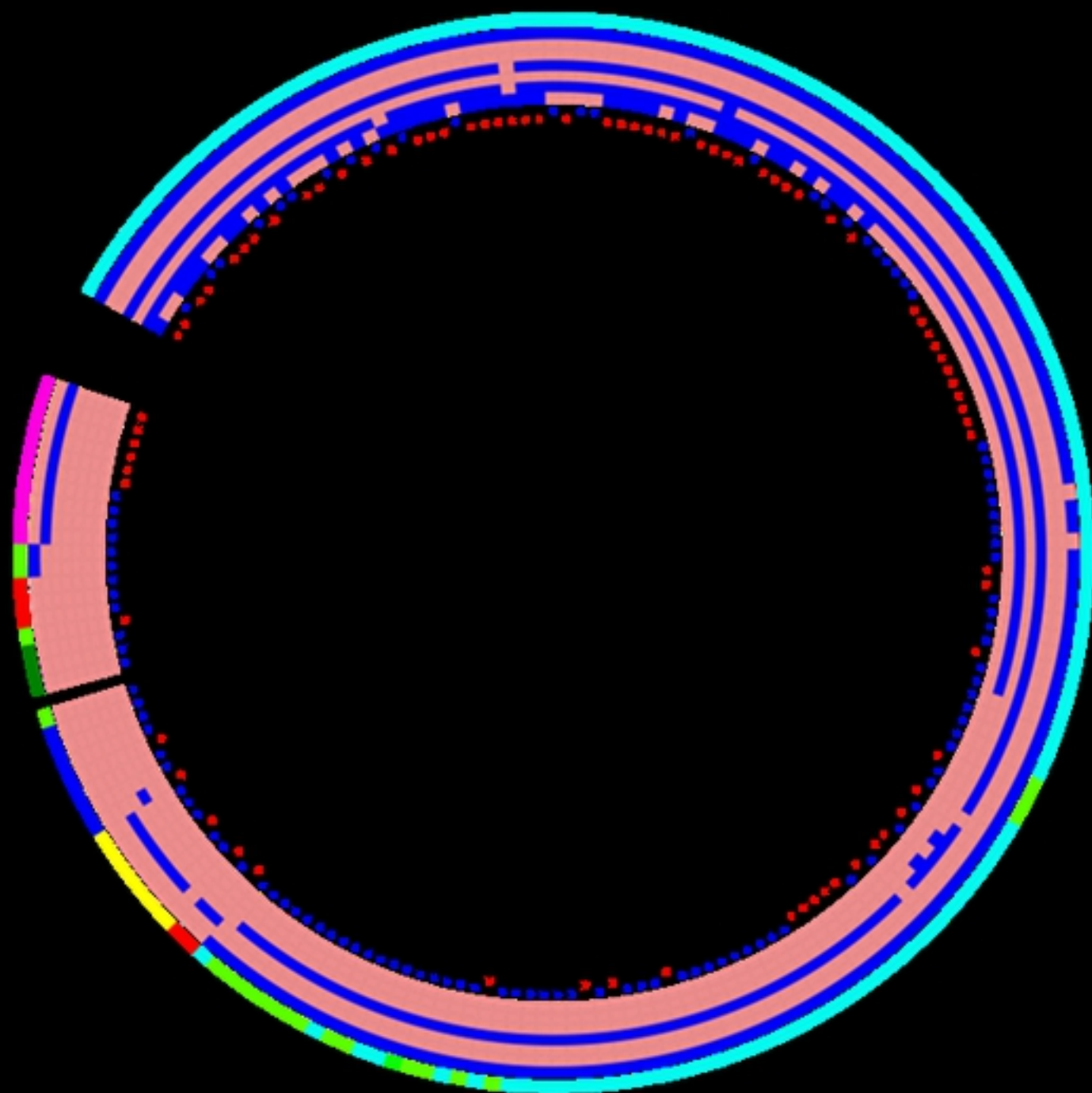
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Colistin susceptible/resistant

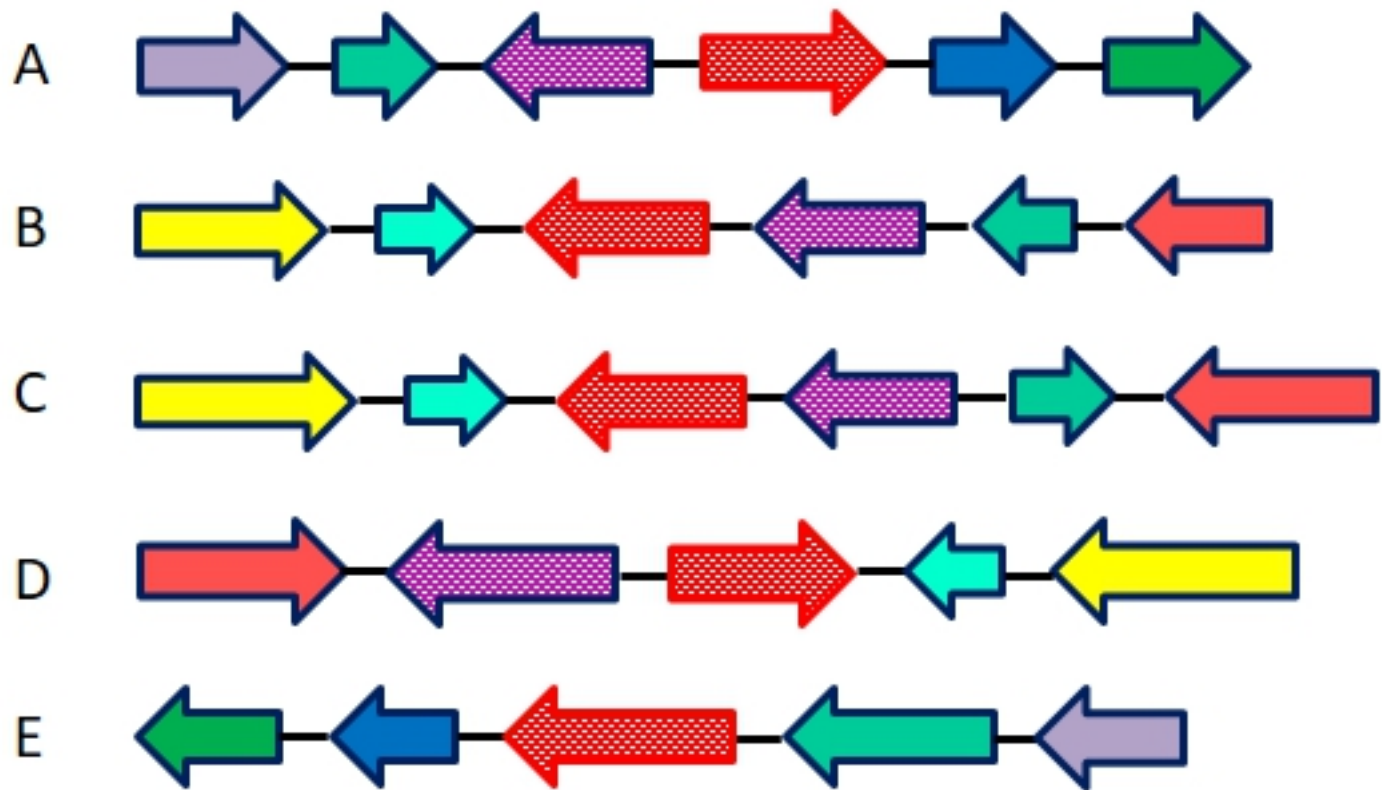
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International Clones

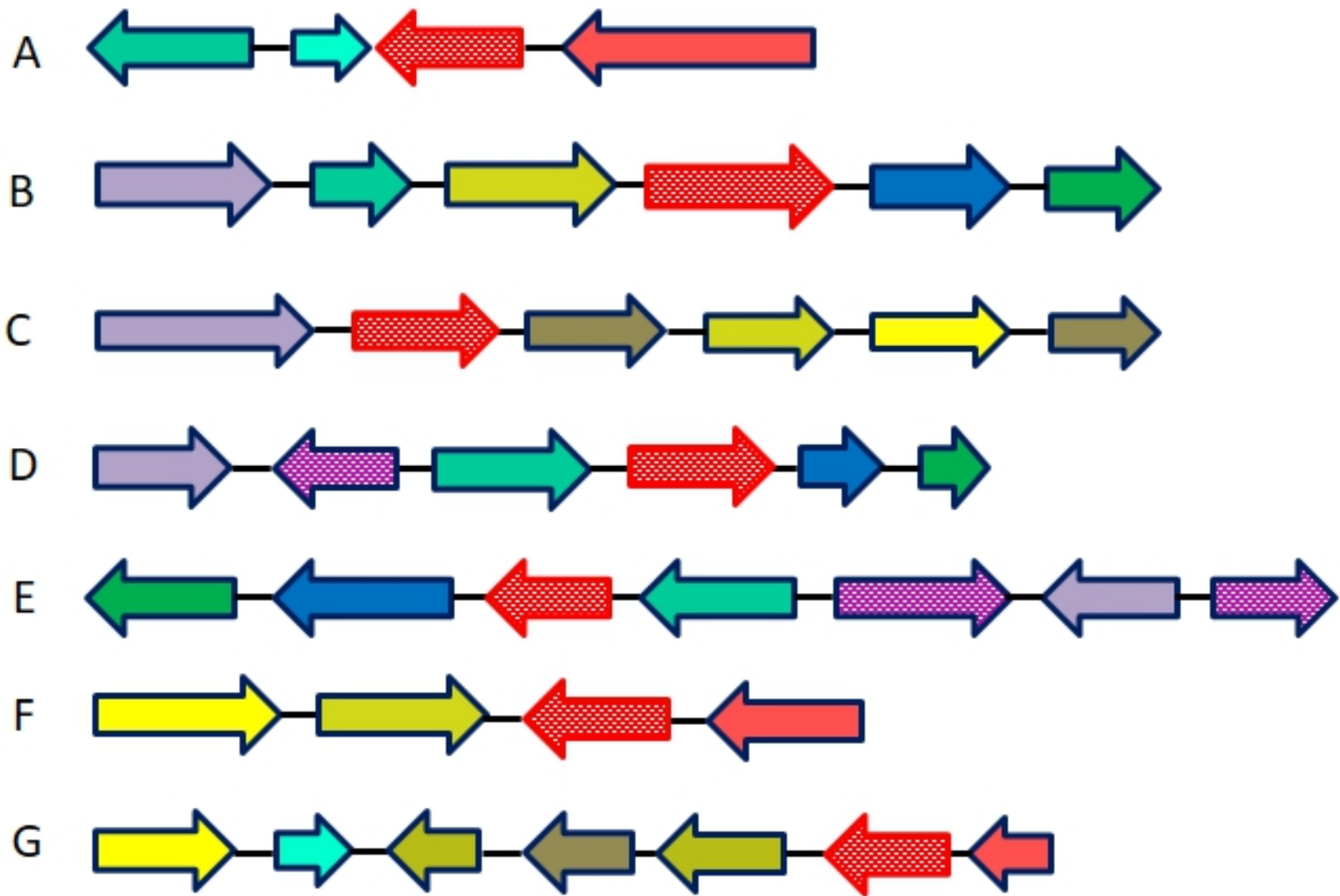
- IC1
- IC2
- IC7
- IC8
- CC862
- Novel
- Singleton



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Table 1. MIC range, MIC₅₀ and MIC₉₀ of colistin for clinical isolates of *A. baumannii*

Colistin MIC (µg/ml)	Blood (n=314)	Respiratory (n=900)
MIC range	0.12 - 64	0.12 - 64
MIC ₅₀	0.5	1
MIC ₉₀	2	2

Table 2. Cumulative findings of various colistin resistance mechanisms among complete genomes of *A. baumannii* (n=28)

Isolate ID	Colistin susceptibility	Mutation profile					IS <i>AbaI-epsA</i>	Insertional inactivation of <i>lpxACD</i> by IS <i>AbaI1</i>	Complete <i>lpxACD</i> genes	Accession number
		<i>lpxA</i>	<i>lpxC</i>	<i>lpxD</i>	<i>pmrA</i>	<i>pmrB</i>				
AB01	Pan-susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	CP040080
AB02	Resistant	Y131H	C120R, N287D	E117K	Absent	A444V	Present	Absent	<i>lpxA</i> absent	CP035672
AB03	Resistant	Y131H	C120R, N287D, D159N	Q4K	Absent	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	CP050388
AB04	Resistant	Y131H	Absent	E117K	M12I	A138T, A444V	Present	Absent	<i>lpxC</i> absent	CP040040
AB05	Resistant	Y131H	C120R, N287D	E117K	M12I	A138T, A444V	Present	Absent	Present	CP040047
AB06	Resistant	Y131H	C120R, N287D, P148S	Absent	Absent	G315D	Absent	Absent	Present	CP040050
AB07	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D, P148S	E117K	Absent	A444V	Absent	Absent	<i>lpxA</i> absent	CP035930
AB08	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D	Q4K	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	CP038500
AB09	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	CP038644
AB10	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D	Q4K	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	CP040053
AB11	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D, D159N	Q4K	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	CP040056
AB12	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D	E117K	Absent	A444V	Absent	Absent	Present	CP040084
AB13	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D, P148S	E117K	Absent	A444V	Absent	Absent	Present	CP040087
AB14	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	CP040259
AB05	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D	E117K	Absent	A444V	Absent	Absent	Present	CP050385
AB16	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D	V63I, G166S	Absent	Absent	Absent	IS <i>AbaI1</i> present without disruption	Present	CP050523

AB17	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	<i>ISAbal1</i> present without disruption	Present	CP050400
AB18	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D	E117K	Absent	A444V	Absent	Absent	Present	CP050390
AB19	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D, P148S	E117K	Absent	A444V	Absent	Absent	Present	CP050410
AB20	Susceptible	Y131H	Absent	E117K	M12I	A138T, A444V	Absent	Absent	Present	CP050412
AB21	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D	E117K	M12I	A138T, A444V	Absent	Absent	Present	CP050415
AB22	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D, P148S	Absent	Absent	G315D	Absent	Absent	Present	CP050425
AB23	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D	Q4K	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	CP050432
AB24	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	CP051474
AB25	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D	Q4K	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	CP050526
AB26	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D	E117K	Absent	A444V	Absent	Absent	Present	CP050401
AB27	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D, P148S	E117K	Absent	A444V	Absent	Absent	Present	CP050421
AB28	Susceptible	Y131H	C120R, N287D	V63I, G166S	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	CP050403