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18 Abstract

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34 **Introduction:**

35 Over the last 3 decades, we have observed increased occurrence of multidrug-resistant
36 *Enterobacteriaceae*. These are constantly evolving as resistant pathogens posing the serious
37 problems in the choice of an appropriate antibiotic treatment in the hospital settings (Davies &
38 Davies 2010). *Klebsiella pneumoniae* are emerging as one of the primary opportunistic
39 pathogens causing a significant amount of mortality and morbidity (Peleg & Hooper 2010) in
40 hospitals, causing urinary tract infections, pneumonia, bloodstream infections, surgical site
41 infections, and meningitis (Davis et al. 2015; Ko et al. 2002; Pereira et al. 2015; Sunyoung Ahn
42 et al. 2016; Tae Sang Oh et al. 2015). Over the years, it has evolved to be multi-drug resistant,
43 showing high resistance to extended spectrum beta-lactam (ESBL), fluoroquinolones,
44 aminoglycosides and even the last resort 'carbapenems' (Fair & Tor 2014).

45 To validate these resistances various mechanisms have been illustrated, such as high level
46 production of AmpC β -lactamase and penicillinase, acquisition of genes encoding for Extended
47 Spectrum Beta-Lactamase (ESBL) or carbapenemase, change in the membrane permeability or
48 high level expression of efflux pump systems (Blair et al. 2015; Tsai et al. 2013). *K. pneumoniae*
49 producing AmpC β -lactamase, which is a plasmid mediated, has become major therapeutic
50 challenge due to their resistance to cephalothin, cefazolin, cefoxitin and β -lactam inhibitor
51 combinations. (Gonzalez Leiza et al. 1994; Horii et al. 1993; Jenks et al. 1995). Induction and
52 over expression of these enzymes has been linked with peptidoglycan recycling involving
53 AmpD-AmpR-AmpC gene regulatory networks in enterobacteriaceae (Anitha et al. 2015; Guerin
54 et al. 2015). ESBL are also plasmid-mediated, which are complex and rapidly evolving enzymes
55 that hydrolyze third- generation cephalosporins and aztreonam but are inhibited by clavulanic
56 acid (Rawat & Nair 2010). There are more than 200 ESBLs have been discovered originating

57 from more than 30 different countries (<http://www.lahey.org/studies/webt.htm>). Previous studies
58 indicate that *K. pneumoniae* consists of several large plasmids which carry vast number of
59 ESBLs and carbapenemases genes along with the genes for resistance to aminoglycosides,
60 trimethoprim, sulphonamides, tetracyclins and chloramphenicol. (Conlan et al. 2016; Paterson
61 2000; Tokajian et al. 2015) These plasmids are encoded with wide variety of adhesin-related
62 gene clusters, mobile genetic elements such as conjugation transfer genes such as *tra*,
63 transposons and insertion sequences which help in adaptive evolution, horizontal gene transfer,
64 thus spreading the antibiotic resistance from one species or genera to another. (Liu et al. 2012;
65 Rafiq et al. 2016; Ramos et al. 2014). Increased resistance to carbapenems and glycylycylcline has
66 also been facilitated by alterations in membrane permeability/potential or altered efflux pumps
67 (Cannatelli et al. 2014; Filgona et al. 2015; He et al. 2015; Seecoomar et al. 2013). Efflux pumps
68 such as *AcrAB*, *KexD*, *KdeA*, *KmrA*, *kpnEF* and *kpnGH* confer resistance to wide spectrum of
69 antimicrobial agents in *K. pneumoniae* (Ogawa et al. 2006; Ogawa et al. 2012; Padilla et al. 2010;
70 Ping et al. 2007; Srinivasan & Rajamohan 2013; Srinivasan et al. 2014).

71 Rapid development in the field of massive parallel sequencing (MPS) has enabled the clinical
72 microbiology laboratory to gain better insights into understanding the bacterial resistance
73 (Goldberg et al. 2015; Koser et al. 2012; Koser et al. 2014). Considering the severity of
74 incidence of *K. pneumoniae* infections we have constructed a panel of strains, consisting of
75 different resistance phenotypes. We have also elucidated the relationship between displayed
76 phenotypes with its corresponding genotypic profile using MPS technology. This study was
77 primarily designed for the preliminary screening of the efficacy of antimicrobial compounds on
78 *K. pneumoniae* expressing different resistance phenotypes in pharmaceutical industry. These
79 strains can be distributed to hospitals and institutions undertaking research on antimicrobial

80 resistance.

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82 **Materials and Methods:**

83 1) Bacterial isolates: *K. pneumoniae* isolates were collected during 2009 to 2013 from a tertiary
84 care university affiliated hospital in Seoul, Korea. Bacteria identification was performed using
85 VITEK 32 GN system (BioMérieux, Marcy l'Etoile, France), and was confirmed using the direct
86 colony method with MALDI-TOF MS (Bruker Daltonics, Bremen, Germany). These isolates
87 were screened for specific phenotypes such as high level acquired penicillinase, over produced
88 AmpC, ESBL, and carbapenemase based on Bonnet R, et al. in "Antibiogram" (Bonnet &
89 Bonomo 2010) and "From antibiogram to prescription" book (François J et al. 2004) from the
90 hospital database.

91 2) Susceptibility tests and MIC determinations: Around 3000 *K. pneumoniae* isolates were
92 shortlisted for antibiotic susceptibility test. This was performed by the disc diffusion method
93 using piperacillin, ampicillin, piperacillin/tazobactam, ceftazidime, cefepime, imipenem,
94 meropenem, ciprofloxacin, ceftazidime-clavulanate, ampicillin-sulbactam, aztreonam on
95 Mueller-Hinton agar. Further confirmatory tests were performed for the above antibiotics by
96 agar-dilution technique. All the results were interpreted according to the Clinical and laboratory
97 standards Institute (CLSI) guidelines (2015).

98 ESBL isolates were sorted out using double disk synergy test using cefepime and clavulanate and
99 Hodge test using ceftazidime. Imipenem and EDTA double disk synergy along with Hodge test
100 were used to select the carbapenemase-producing isolates. High level AmpC were selected using
101 ertapenem and aminophenyl boronic acid (APBA) double disk synergy test.

102 3) Resistance gene confirmation: Phenotypically confirmed isolates were cultured overnight and
103 suspended in distilled water, heated at 95°C for 10 minutes. The suspension was centrifuged for 1
104 minute at 6,000rpm and the supernatant was used as a DNA template. Primers were designed for
105 resistance genes (Table S1) and ordered from Macrogen (Seoul, Korea) and PCR was performed
106 using accupower PCR premix (Bioneer, Korea).

107 4) DNA isolation: Random strains were picked from each resistance phenotypes and cultured
108 overnight. Both genomic and plasmid DNA were isolated using Wizard genomic DNA
109 purification kit (Promega, WI, USA) with little modification to the manufacturer's protocol, and
110 Qiaprep spin miniprep kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany), respectively. DNA concentration was
111 estimated through Qubit dsDNA BR assay kit (molecular probes, OR, USA).

112 5) Ion Torrent PGM sequencing

113 Whole genome library was performed using Ionplus fragment library kit (Life technologies, CA,
114 USA). Emulsion PCR was carried out using the IonOnetouch 200 Template kit v2 DL (Life
115 technologies, CA, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Sequencing of the libraries
116 was carried out on a 318 chip using the Ion Torrent PGM system and Ion Sequencing 200kit
117 (Life technologies, CA, USA).

118 6) Sequence assembly, Annotation, Multilocus sequence typing (MLST) and Resistome analysis:
119 Reads from Ion Torrent PGM system were assembled using MIRA plug-in available in Torrent
120 suite software. Annotations were performed using the RAST annotation pipeline with manual
121 scrutiny. Genomic analysis was performed using Geneious pro 8.0(Kearse et al. 2012)
122 (<http://www.geneious.com>, Kearse et al., 2012). Resistance genes were screened using Resfinder
123 (Zankari et al. 2012) (<https://cge.cbs.dtu.dk/services/ResFinder/>) and they were further verified

124 using NCBI BLAST. All the references used to annotate the resistance genes are listed in Table
125 S2. Bacterial typing was performed using online tool MLST 1.8 (Zankari et al. 2013)
126 (<https://cge.cbs.dtu.dk/services/MLST/>).

127 7) OMP detection: Bacterial cells were grown in high-osmolarity MHB to the logarithmic phase
128 and lysed by sonication at 18-20% amplitude for 2 × 30s cycles, each comprised 6 × 5s
129 sonication steps separated by 1s of no sonication, and 30s of no sonication between the two
130 cycles. Unbroken cells were separated using centrifugation at 3000g for 5 minutes and Outer
131 membrane proteins (OMP) were extracted with Sodium lauroyl sarcosinate and recovered by
132 ultracentrifugation, as described previously (Hernandez-Alles et al. 1999). The OMP profiles
133 were determined using SDS-PAGE using Mini-Protean TGX gels followed by coomassie blue
134 staining (Bio-rad, USA). Additionally, OMP's were detected using Matrix-Assisted Laser
135 Desorption-Time of Flight Mass Spectrometry on Tinkerbell LT (ASTA, Suwon, Korea) as
136 described in cai *et al.*, (Cai et al. 2012). All the experiments were repeated thrice to check the
137 reproducibility of the results.

138 Results and Discussions:

139 Among 3000 *K. pneumoniae* collection, we could finally select eighteen isolates showing typical
140 phenotypes i.e. six ESBL producing, nine carbapenemase producing, one isolate expressing High
141 level penicillinase, one high level AmpC β -lactamase producing and one wild-type strain
142 susceptible to antibiotics except ampicillin. MIC's of these strains are illustrated in Table 1 and
143 Table S3. YMC2011/8/B10311 (High level acquired penicillinase); YMC2011/7/B774,
144 YMC2013/7/B3993, YMC2011/11/B7578, YMC2011/7/B7207 (ESBL); YMC2010/8/B2027
145 (High level AmpC β -lactamase) and YMC2012/8/C631 (Carbapenemase) were sequenced to
146 obtain the complete genotypic and phenotypic correlation (Table 2). The assembly statistics and
147 the annotation overview are indicated in Table 3. Consistent with the previous sequencing
148 studies of *K. pneumoniae*, the genomic size was about 5-9 -mbp sequences with an average G+C
149 content of 57%. More than 650,000 high quality reads were assembled to produce the draft
150 genomes of an average 30 fold coverage. (Table S4). There are more than 5,000 predicted
151 protein coding sequences and 96 RNA's within the genomes of sequences panel strains. Table S5
152 indicates the number of subsystems which reveal the number of genes involved in specific
153 biological process. To characterize further, SDS-PAGE for detection of OMP analysis was
154 performed for these strains (Figure S1), which was confirmed using MALDI-TOF. Figure S2 and
155 S3 indicates the alignment of OmpK35 and OmpK36 genes of panel strains including their
156 promoter regions. The draft genome sequences of strains YMC2011/8/B10311,
157 YMC2011/7/B774, YMC2013/7/B3993, YMC2011/7/B7207, YMC2011/11/B7578,
158 YMC2010/8/B2027 and YMC2012/8/C631 have been deposited at DDBJ/ENA/GenBank under
159 the accession LYPQ00000000, LYPS00000000, LDWV00000000, LYPU00000000,
160 LYPT00000000, LYPV00000000 and LYPW00000000, respectively.

161 1) High level acquired Penicillinase:

162 *K. pneumoniae* YMC2011/8/B10311 was susceptible to piperacillin-tazobactam, ceftazidime,
163 cefepime, imipenem, meropenem, ciprofloxacin, ceftazidime-clavulanate and ceftazidime but
164 resistant to piperacillin, ampicillin, and ampicillin-sulbactam. WGS analysis shows the presence
165 of *bla*_{SHV-11} and *bla*_{TEM-1} genes. Resistance to the piperacillin, ampicillin and ampicillin-
166 sulbactam are due to hyperproduction of penicillinase TEM-1 and SHV-11 beta- lactamase.
167 OmpK35 gene was present while OmpK36 gene expression was truncated or terminated due to
168 the mutations present as observed in the WGS. It was also confirmed using SDS-PAGE, which
169 revealed OmpK35 porin alone. TEM-1 beta-lactamase offers resistance to α - amino and - carboxy
170 - penicillins in *E. coli* and *Enterobacteriaceae*. Generally, in high level acquired penicillinase
171 strains, there was increased production of TEM-1, which can be inhibited by piperacillin-
172 tazobactam efficiently than the ampicillin-sulbactam combination (Livermore & Seetulsingh
173 1991), as confirmed above.

174 2) Extended spectrum beta-lactamase: ESBL producing strains were phenotypically confirmed
175 using the double disk and Hodge test. Most of these strains belonged to ST11, which are
176 predominant in Korea since 2010 (Ko et al. 2010).

177 i) YMC2011/7/B774: This strain was susceptible to imipenem, meropenem and ceftazidime-
178 clavulanate, intermediate to piperacillin-tazobactam but resistant to piperacillin, cefepime,
179 ceftazidime, ciprofloxacin, ampicillin, and ampicillin-sulbactam. The resistance is due to the
180 presence of *bla*_{CTX-M15} along with *bla*_{OXA-1}. The *bla*_{OXA-1} gene has been frequently found to be
181 associated with genes encoding ESBL's. This, along with the OmpK36 porin loss can cause
182 reduced susceptibility to cefepime (Beceiro et al. 2011; Torres et al. 2016). *bla*_{OXA1} was found in

183 the following genetic environment, *IS26-catB4-bla_{OXA-1}-aac(6')-Ib-cr-IS26*. The presence of
184 multiple aminoglycoside resistance genes such as *aac(6')Ib-cr*, *strA*, *strB*, *QnrB66* and *oqxB*
185 have offered resistance to ciprofloxacin. Cefoxitin resistance was mediated by loss of porins
186 which is well described in *K. pneumoniae* strains (Ananthan & Subha 2005).

187 ii) YMC2013/6/B3993: This multidrug-resistant strain was unique because it contained multiple
188 copies of ESBL gene (*bla_{SHV-12}*). This was susceptible to imipenem, meropenem and
189 ceftazidime-clavulanate but resistant to piperacillin, piperacillin-tazobactam, ceftazidime,
190 cefepime, cefoxitin, ciprofloxacin, ampicillin, and ampicillin-sulbactam. In-depth analysis of the
191 strain revealed 2 copies of *bla_{SHV-12}* and one copy of *bla_{CTX-M-15}* genes. In-addition, we also found
192 one copy of *bla_{OXA-9}* and three copies of *bla_{TEM-1}*. The strain belonged to ST11. The insertion of
193 *Tn1331* was detected, consisting of *bla_{OXA-9}*, *bla_{TEM-1}*, *aac(6')-Ib-cr* and *aadA1* genes.
194 Ciprofloxacin resistance was notably high (MIC 128mg/dl), which was due the additive effect of
195 both quinolone resistance-determining regions (QRDR) and plasmid-mediated quinolone
196 resistance (PMQR). Mutations in QRDR were noticed at Ser83Ile and Ser80Ile in *gyrA* and *parC*
197 genes, respectively. PMQR analysis indicated the presence of *aac(6')-Ib-cr* and *qnrB*, with efflux
198 pumps *oqxA* and *oqxB*. In silico analysis of the strain confirmed the presence of OmpK35 and
199 OmpK36 porins. However, the OmpK35 gene has been interrupted by *IS1*, thus providing
200 resistance to cefoxitin (Ananthan & Subha 2005; Palasubramaniam et al. 2007). OmpK36 belong to
201 the OmpK36_v1 variant with the amino acid substitution at Arg357His with a nucleotide
202 substitution from A to T at -10 box. Reduced susceptibility to cefepime was due to the multiple
203 copies of *bla_{TEM-1}* along with truncated OmpK36 porin, which is consistent with the previous
204 studies (Beceiro et al. 2011).

205 iii) YMC2011/7/B7207: This strain was susceptible to imipenem, meropenem and ceftazidime-
206 clavulanate, intermediate to piperacillin-tazobactam and cefepime but resistant to piperacillin,
207 ceftazidime, cefoxitin, ciprofloxacin, ampicillin, and ampicillin-sulbactam. Similar to the
208 strain YMC2011/7/B774, this strain has *bla*_{CTX-M15} and *bla*_{OXA-1} along with the *bla*_{SHV-187}.
209 Reduced susceptibility to cefepime is due to the *bla*_{OXA-1} (Torres et al. 2016). The presence of
210 multiple aminoglycoside resistance genes such as *aac(6')Ib-cr*, *strA*, *strB*, *oqxA*, *oqxB* and
211 *QnrB66* offered resistance to ciprofloxacin. SDS-PAGE for OMP's revealed the presence of the
212 OmpK35 alone. *OmpK36* gene included several mutations (Table S6) leading to the termination
213 of its expression, presumably leading to cefoxitin resistance.

214 iv) YMC2011/11/B7578: This was susceptible to imipenem, meropenem, ceftazidime-
215 clavulanate and intermediate to piperacillin-tazobactam but resistant to piperacillin, ceftazidime,
216 imipenem, cefoxitin, cefepime, ciprofloxacin, ampicillin, ampicillin-sulbactam. The presence of
217 *bla*_{SHV-158}, *bla*_{SHV-12} along with AmpC gene *bla*_{DHA-1} explains the resistance to cefoxitin similar
218 to the above strain. Ciprofloxacin resistance was due to the presence of fluoroquinolone resistant
219 genes such as *QnrB4*, *OqxA* and *OqxB*. OmpK35 was present and there was a deletion (313G) in
220 OmpK36, which might have caused disruption in its expression leading to cefepime resistance.
221 We could not explain the ceftazidime-clavulanate susceptibility of the strain in spite of the
222 presence of AmpC gene, *bla*_{DHA-1}. We are performing additional experiments to understand this
223 specific phenotype.

224 3) High level AmpC beta-lactamase:

225 *K. pneumoniae* YMC 2010/8/B2027 was found to be susceptible to cefepime, imipenem and
226 meropenem and intermediate to ciprofloxacin but resistant to piperacillin, piperacillin-

227 tazobactam, ceftazidime, ceftazidime-clavulanate, ceftazidime, ampicillin and ampicillin-sulbactam.
228 The resistance phenotype can be because of the presence of AmpC genes i.e. *bla*_{DHA-1} and *bla*<sub>CMY-
229 2</sub>. It also carries the broad spectrum beta-lactamase *bla*_{SHV-11} and penicillinase gene *bla*<sub>TEM-
230 1</sub>. Ciprofloxacin resistance has been conferred by the presence of *aac(6')Ib-cr*, *strA* and *strB*.

231 4) Carbapenemases

232 *K. pneumoniae* YMC 2012/8/C631 was found to be susceptible to piperacillin-tazobactam and
233 ciprofloxacin but resistant to piperacillin, ceftazidime, imipenem, meropenem, ceftazidime-
234 clavulanate, ceftazidime, ampicillin and ampicillin-sulbactam. The ceftazidime resistance was due to
235 the presence of *bla*_{DHA-1}. Even though IMP-1 enzyme is known to hydrolyze piperacillin and
236 tazobactam, this strain appeared susceptible. Similar cases have been reported earlier (Chen et al.
237 2009; Koh et al. 2004; Mushtaq et al. 2004; Picao et al. 2013; Santella et al. 2010; Scheffer et al.
238 2010), which may be due to inherent susceptibility to the particular antibiotics. Other resistances
239 are conferred due to the presence of 3 copies of *bla*_{TEM-1} and *bla*_{SHV-11}. While SDS-PAGE
240 revealed the presence of OmpK35, in silico analysis of *OmpK35* gene showed the insertion of
241 *IS102*, thus affecting antibiotic passage through the membrane.

242 In addition, as opposed to the findings by Zankari E et.al (Zankari et al. 2012) we found few
243 discrepancy in the identification of antimicrobial resistance genes by using Resfinder using the
244 whole genome sequencing, such as few genes were identified as *bla*_{LEN-11} instead of *bla*<sub>SHV-
245 11</sub>/*bla*_{SHV-12} in the above panel strains. Hence the above panel strains needed to be further
246 evaluated for accurate identification. This software consists of database of resistance genes,
247 which helps us to easily identify the resistance mechanism. However, manual scrutiny of the
248 Resfinder results is essential to identify the true antibiotic resistance genes present in the

249 pathogen. Figure S4 indicates the encoded amino acid alignment of the SHV type genes found in
250 the panel strains. *bla*_{SHV-11} is a broad spectrum β -lactamase gene, encodes 286 amino acid, in
251 which the mutations Gly₂₃₄-Serine₂₃₄ and Glu₂₃₅-Lys₂₃₅ results in SHV-12 β -lactamase, Gln₃₁-
252 Leu₃₁ results in SHV-187 β -lactamase and Thr₅₄-Ala₅₄ leads to SHV-158 β -lactamase .

253 The advent of NGS in clinical laboratory field has helped us to gain better insights of resistant
254 mechanisms in detail compared to the traditional phenotypic detection. The analysis of WGS will
255 also help us to understand the collective molecular network of pathogen offering the specific
256 MIC with the relevant antibiotics (Tsai et al. 2013). In addition, it also plays an important role in
257 clarifying the discrepancy observed due to false negative results generated from existing
258 diagnostic assays (Koser et al. 2014). These assays mostly target the single resistance mechanism
259 or phenotype, which is not sufficient to understand the complete underlying mechanism. Using
260 WGS to predict the antibiotic resistance has demonstrated sensitivity and specificity of 96% and
261 97% respectively, compared to the phenotypic detection assays (Goldberg et al. 2015).

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263 **Conclusions**

264 Complete characterization of the phenotypic and molecular mechanism of the panel strain will
265 hold a great importance in pharmaceutical industry during the initial screening to evaluate the
266 adequacy of antimicrobial drugs. The efficacy of the drug can be verified on pathogens
267 displaying different resistant profiles, hence enabling their role before entering into clinical trials.
268 These strains can also be used as standard reference strains and its antimicrobial resistance
269 profile can be used in laboratory settings. Additionally, this would improve our understanding of
270 resistance phenotypes with its in-depth mechanism responsible for the same.

271 Table 1: Selected list of panel strains and its MIC

Strains		PIP	CAZ	FEP	IMI	MER	CAZ/CLV	FOX	AMP	SAM
ESBL	MLST	R	R	R	S	S	S	S	R	V
YMC2011/7/B774	551	256(R)	256(R)	128(R)	0.25(S)	0.25(S)	1(S)	32(R)	256(R)	64(R)
YMC2013/7/B3993	11	256(R)	256(R)	64(R)	0.25(S)	0.25(S)	1(S)	32(R)	256(R)	128(R)
YMC2011/7/B7207	711	256(R)	64(R)	16(I)	0.25(S)	0.25(S)	1(S)	32(R)	256(R)	64(R)
YMC2011/11/B7578	11	256(R)	256(R)	64(R)	64(R)	1(S)	1(S)	128(R)	256(R)	64(R)
High level Ampe β-lactamase		R	R	S	S	S	R	R	R	R
YMC2010/8/B2027	517	256(R)	256(R)	2(S)	0.5(S)	0.25(S)	64(R)	256(R)	256(R)	128(R)
Carbapenemase		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
YMC2012/8/C631	354	256(R)	256(R)	32(R)	64(R)	64(R)	32(R)	256(R)	256(R)	128(R)
High level acquired penicillinase		R	S	S	S	S	S	S	R	R
YMC2011/8/B10311	17	256(R)	2(S)	4(S)	0.5(S)	2(I)	2(S)	8(S)	256(R)	128(R)

272 Note:

273 MLST, Multilocus sequence typing; R, Resistant; I, Intermediate; S, susceptible; PIP,
 274 piperacillin; PIP/TZ, piperacillin-tazobactam; CAZ, ceftazidime; FEP, cefepime; AZT,
 275 aztreonam; IMI, imipenem; MER, meropenem; CIP, ciprofloxacin, CAZ/CLV, ceftazidime-
 276 clavulanate; FOX, ceftazidime; AMP, ampicillin; SAM, Ampicillin/Sulbactam.

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278 Table 2: Resistome analysis of the selected panel strain

	β-Lactam										Aminoglycoside						Quinolone				Phenicol		TET	TMP	Sulfonamide		P							
	DHA-1	CMY-2	CTX-M-15	IMP-1	OXA-1	OXA-9	SHV-11	SHV-12	SHV-158	SHV-187	TEM-1	aac(6')-Ib	Aac(6')-IIa	aadA1	aadA2	armA	strA	strB	QnrB66	QnrB4	aac(6')Ib-cr	oqxA	oqxB	catA2	catB3	tet(A)	dfrA14	sul1	sul2	OxaV25				
ESBL																																		
YMC2011/7/B774			●		●		●				●	●				●	●	●	●		●		●		●		●				●	●	●	●
YMC2013/7/B3993			●			●					●		●				●	●	●		●		●		●		●				●	●	●	●
YMC2011/7/B7207			●		●				●		●	●				●	●	●	●		●		●		●		●				●	●	●	●
YMC2011/11/B7578	●													●	●	●	●	●	●			●		●		●				●	●	●	●	
High level Ampc β-lactamase																																		
YMC2010/8/B2027	●	●					●				●	●				●	●	●	●		●			●		●				●	●	●	●	
Carbapenemase																																		
YMC2012/8/C631	●			●							●	●				●	●	●	●											●	●	●	●	●
High level acquired penicillinase																																		
YMC2011/8/B10311							●				●											●	●			●		●						●

280 Table 3: Assembly statistics and annotation overview of the panel strains.

Strains	Size(bp)	Assembled reads(bp)	Coverage	Contigs	N50(bp)	N90(bp)	N95(bp)	GC(%)	Sub systems	Coding sequences	RNA
ESBL											
YMC2011/7/B774	5,459,074	678,178	26.27 X	90	121,292	35,800	22,360	57.3	587	5175	107
YMC2013/7/B3993	5,908,460	851,171	30.63 X	188	115,815	21,473	7,508	57	590	5714	114
YMC2011/7/B7207	5,307,765	839,982	31.96 X	61	209,753	55,148	33,204	57.5	581	5039	113
YMC2011/11/B7578	5,635,222	693,699	30.89 X	104	143,377	32,570	21,435	57.2	588	5488	112
High level Ampc β-lactamase											
YMC2010/8/B2027	5,848,366	1,054,071	38.08 X	132	123,629	29,379	18,824	56.5	592	5911	111
Carbapenemase											
YMC2012/8/C631	5,879,989	909,372	32.32 X	233	84,557	10,295	5,587	56.7	589	5727	112
High level acquired penicillinase											
YMC2011/8/B10311	5,478,035	739,898	26.42 X	78	145,826	36,572	26,851	57.3	588	5242	96

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