

Molecular Detection of Extended Spectrum β -Lactamase (ESBL) Genes PER-1, GES-1 & CTX-M in Clinical Isolate of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

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Background & Objectives: Hospital-acquired infections caused by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* are so intense and have a high mortality rate. Since that resistance to extended spectrum Cephalosporins in *P. aeruginosa* due to achieving the ESBLs genes being increasingly reported worldwide, this study aimed to consider molecular prevalence of ESBL genes blaPER-1, blaGES-1 & blaCTX-M in clinical isolate of *P. aeruginosa* strains.

Methods: Genome of 110 *P. aeruginosa* strains isolated from a variety of clinical samples such as sputum, blood and urine were extracted then the presence of ESBLs genes blaPER-1, blaGES-1 & blaCTX-M were analyzed by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) with choosing three pairs primers.

Results: According to PCR result among 110 considered *P. aeruginosa* strains, bla PER-1 was detected in 33.6% (37/110), blaGES-1 was detected in 39% (43/110) and bla CTX-M was detected in 65.4% (72/110) and among all strains 15.4% (17/110) appeared to produce each three genes.

Conclusion: In the present study it was confirmed that a high spreading of ESBL genes exist in clinical *P. aeruginosa* strains, in addition bla CTX-M ESBLs gene is the most prevalent gene, therefore performance of antibiogram test is necessary before using antibiotics.

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