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# Efficacy of Ceftazidime-avibactam Plus Aztreonam in Patients With Bloodstream Infections Caused by Metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase-Producing Enterobacterales

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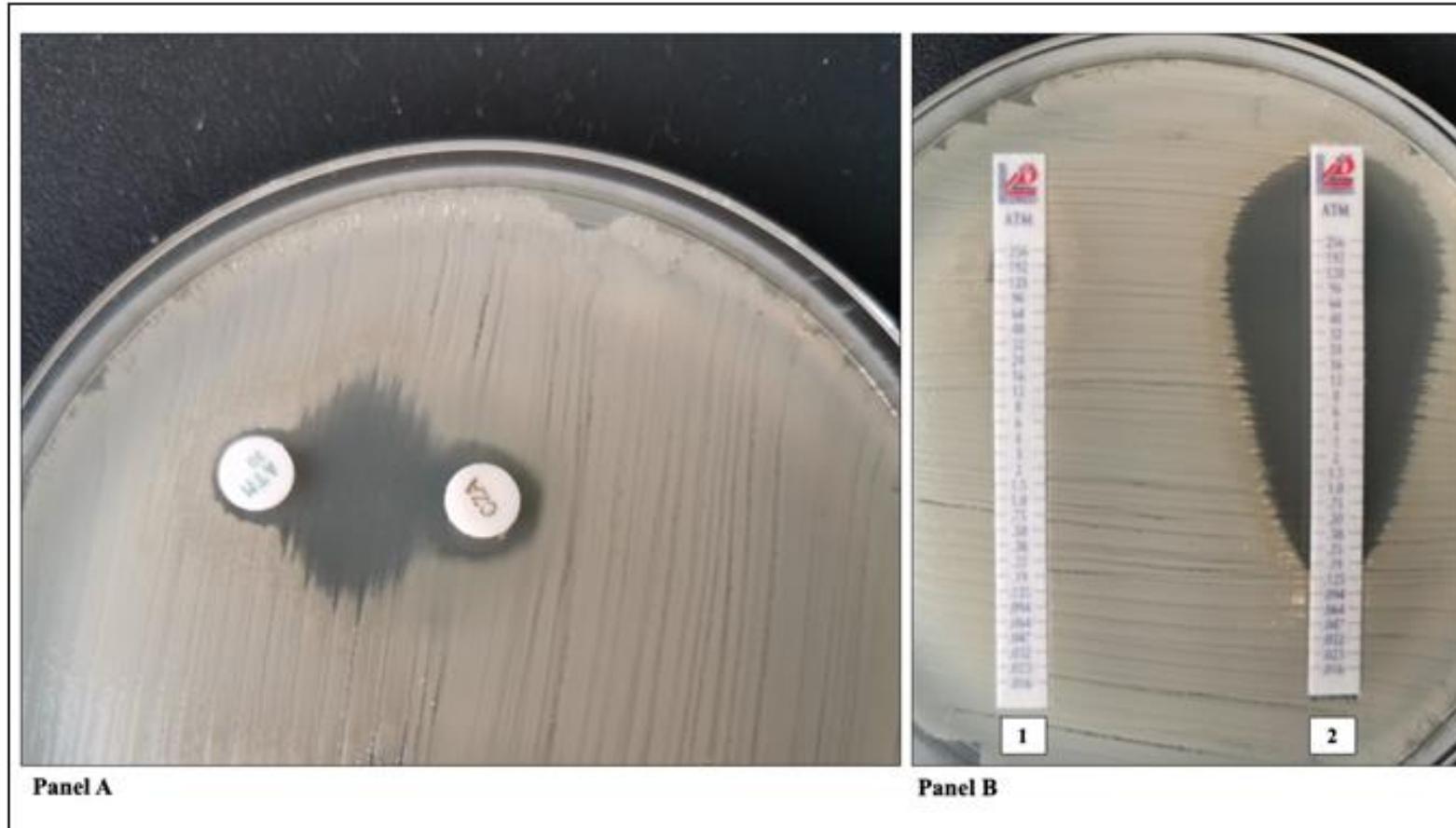
# Hintergrund

- Zunahme der Metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase (MBL) produzierenden Enterobacterales in Europa und weltweit
- Mortalität bei Bakteriämie > 30%
- NDM, VIM und IMP inaktivieren alle  $\beta$ -Lactame ausser Aztreonam
- Optimale Therapie bei Bakteriämien mit MBL ist unklar
- Mögliche Alternativtherapie: Ceftazidim/Avibactam und Aztreonam

# Methodik (1)

- Observationelle, prospektive Studie
- Dauer: Nov. 2018 – Dez 2019
- Einschlusskriterien: >18j, positive Blutkulturen mit MBL-produzierenden Enterobacterales, Therapie mit  $\geq 1$  in-vitro wirksamen Antibiotikum für min. 48h
- Follow-up: Bis Tag 30 nach der Bakteriämie

# Synergie-Testung



**Panel A:** double-disk synergy test - distance of 20 mm from each other (center to center); **Panel B:** gradient-test superposition method (1: ATM strip applied in a place without CAZ-AVI; 2: ATM strip applied in the position where CAZ-AVI was previously placed)

# Endpunkte

- Primärer Endpunkt:
  - 30-Tage all-cause Mortalität
- Sekundäre Endpunkte:
  - Klinisches Therapieversagen an Tag 14
  - Hospitalisationsdauer nach Bakteriämie

# Resultate

- 107 Bakteriämien im Studienzeitraum dokumentiert
- 102 Patienten eingeschlossen
  - NDM: *K. pneumoniae* (n=79), *E. coli* (n=3)
  - VIM: *K. pneumoniae* (n=14), *Enterobacter spp* (n=5), *M. morgani* (n=1)

**Table 1. In Vitro Susceptibilities of 102 Metallo-β-Lactamase-Producing Blood Isolates**

| Bacterial Species and Antimicrobial Agent Tested | MIC, mg/L       | Susceptibility Rate, % |           |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|
|  | Range           | Susceptible            | Resistant |
| <b>NDM-producing (n = 82)</b>                    |                 |                        |           |
| Ciprofloxacin                                    | >1              | ...                    | 100       |
| Levofloxacin                                     | >8              | ...                    | 100       |
| Amikacin   | <2 to >32       | 6.1                    | 93.9      |
| Gentamicin                                       | <1 to >16       | 8.5                    | 91.5      |
| Meropenem  | ≤0.125 to 64    | 6.1                    | 93.9      |
| Ertapenem  | 1 to >2         | ...                    | 100       |
| TMP-SMX  | ≤2/38 to >8/152 | 2.4                    | 97.6      |
| Tigecycline                                      | ≤0.25 to >4     | 84.1                   | 15.9      |
| Colistin   | ≤0.5 to >8      | 90.2                   | 9.8       |
| Fosfomycin                                       | 4 to 64         | 72                     | 28        |
| Aztreonam  | <2 to >32       | 7.3                    | 92.7      |
| CAZ-AVI  | >32             | ...                    | 100       |
| <b>VIM-producing (n = 20)</b>                    |                 |                        |           |
| Ciprofloxacin                                    | >1              | ...                    | 100       |
| Levofloxacin                                     | >8              | ...                    | 100       |
| Amikacin   | <2 to >32       | 5                      | 95        |
| Gentamicin                                       | <2 to >16       | 20                     | 80        |
| Meropenem  | 2 to >64        | 25                     | 75        |
| Ertapenem  | 1 to >2         | ...                    | 100       |
| TMP-SMX  | >4/76           | ...                    | 100       |
| Tigecycline                                      | <0.5 to 6       | 50                     | 50        |
| Colistin   | ≤0.5 to >8      | 80                     | 20        |
| Fosfomycin                                       | 4 to 64         | 80                     | 20        |
| Aztreonam  | <2 to >32       | 50                     | 50        |
| CAZ-AVI  | >32             | ...                    | 100       |

**Table 3. Clinical Characteristics and Outcomes of Patients With Bloodstream Infection Due to Metallo- $\beta$ -Lactamase-Producing Enterobacterales, by Treatment Regimen**

| Characteristic                                  | Overall<br>(N = 102) | CAZ-AVI + ATM<br>(n = 52) | OAAAs<br>(n = 50) | P Value     |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Age, y, median (IQR)                            | 70 (55–78)           | 69 (49.75–77)             | 70.5 (57.5–78)    | .247        |
| Male sex  | 69 (67.6)            | 36 (69.2)                 | 33 (66)           | .727        |
| Ward of hospitalization                         |                      |                           |                   |             |
| Medical ward                                    | 49 (48)              | 21 (40.4)                 | 28 (56)           | .115        |
| ICU ward  | 35 (34.3)            | 26 (50)                   | 9 (18)            | <b>.001</b> |
| Surgery   | 18 (17.6)            | 5 (9.6)                   | 13 (26)           | <b>.030</b> |
| Comorbidities                                   |                      |                           |                   |             |
| Cardiovascular disease                          | 41 (40.2)            | 22 (42.3)                 | 19 (38)           | .657        |
| Solid cancer                                    | 35 (34.3)            | 16 (30.8)                 | 19 (38)           | .442        |
| COPD  | 20 (19.6)            | 6 (11.5)                  | 14 (28)           | <b>.036</b> |
| Diabetes  | 34 (33.3)            | 20 (38.5)                 | 14 (28)           | .263        |
| Chronic renal disease                           | 15 (14.7)            | 8 (15.4)                  | 7 (14)            | .844        |
| Chronic liver failure                           | 10 (9.8)             | 3 (5.8)                   | 7 (14)            | .162        |
| Solid organ transplantation                     | 8 (7.8)              | 2 (3.8)                   | 6 (12)            | .126        |
| Charlson comorbidity index, median (IQR)        | 4 (2–6.25)           | 4 (1–6)                   | 4.5 (2–7)         | .339        |
| Immunosuppressive therapy, previous 30 d        | 35 (34.3)            | 10 (19.2)                 | 25 (50)           | <b>.001</b> |
| Source of infection                             |                      |                           |                   |             |
| Unknown   | 14 (13.7)            | 5 (9.6)                   | 9 (18)            | .219        |
| Urinary tract                                   | 33 (32.4)            | 13 (25)                   | 20 (40)           | .105        |
| Intravascular device                            | 27 (26.5)            | 17 (32.7)                 | 10 (20)           | .146        |
| Skin and soft tissue                            | 12 (11.8)            | 9 (17.3)                  | 3 (6)             | .076        |
| Respiratory tract                               | 9 (8.8)              | 6 (11.5)                  | 3 (6)             | .324        |
| Intra-abdominal                                 | 7 (6.9)              | 2 (3.8)                   | 5 (10)            | .219        |
| Source control                                  | 58 (56.9)            | 34 (65.4)                 | 24 (48)           | .076        |
| SOFA score, median (IQR)                        | 4 (2–7)              | 4 (2–6)                   | 5 (2–7.5)         | .383        |
| Septic shock                                    | 27 (26.5)            | 13 (25)                   | 14 (28)           | .731        |
| Mechanical ventilation                          | 31 (30.4)            | 17 (32.7)                 | 14 (28)           | .607        |
| Time to in vitro active therapy $\leq$ 48 h     | 71 (69.6)            | 40 (76.9)                 | 31 (62)           | .101        |
| Drug-induced AKI                                | 11 (10.8)            | 1 (1.9)                   | 10 (20)           | <b>.003</b> |
| Duration of antibiotic therapy, d, median (IQR) | 10 (7–14)            | 11 (8–14)                 | 9 (5.75–12.5)     | .081        |
| Primary outcome                                 |                      |                           |                   |             |
| 30-d mortality                                  | 32 (31.4)            | 10 (19.2)                 | 22 (44)           | <b>.007</b> |
| Secondary outcome measures                      |                      |                           |                   |             |
| Clinical failure at day 14                      | 39 (38.2)            | 13 (25)                   | 26 (52)           | <b>.005</b> |
| LOS after BSI <sup>a</sup> , median (IQR)       | 16.5 (10–31.5)       | 14 (10–20.25)             | 23 (9.5–42.75)    | .135        |

**Table 2. Targeted Antibiotic Regimens Administered in 102 Bloodstream Infections Due to Metallo- $\beta$ -Lactamase-Producing Enterobacterales**

| Antibiotic Regimen                           | No. (%) (N = 102) | Mortality, No. (%) |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| CAZ-AVI + ATM <sup>a</sup>                   | 52 (51)           | 10/52 (19.2)       |
| OAAs   |                   |                    |
| Colistin-containing regimens                 | 27 (26.5)         | 16/27 (59.3)       |
| Colistin + fosfomycin + tigecycline          | 7                 | 6/7                |
| Colistin + fosfomycin                        | 7                 | 5/7                |
| Colistin + meropenem                         | 5                 | 3/5                |
| Colistin + ATM $\pm$ piperacillin-tazobactam | 4                 | 1/4                |
| Colistin + gentamicin                        | 1                 | 0/1                |
| Colistin + cotrimoxazole                     | 1                 | 0/1                |
| Colistin alone                               | 2                 | 1/2                |
| Regimens not containing colistin             | 23 (22.5)         | 6/23 (26.1)        |
| Tigecycline + aminoglycosides                | 8                 | 2/8                |
| Fosfomycin + aminoglycosides                 | 5                 | 0/5                |
| Tigecycline + fosfomycin                     | 2                 | 2/2                |
| Tigecycline + meropenem                      | 1                 | 0/1                |
| ATM + aminoglycosides                        | 4                 | 1/4                |
| ATM + fosfomycin                             | 1                 | 0/1                |
| ATM alone                                    | 2                 | 1/2                |

Abbreviations: ATM, aztreonam; CAZ-AVI, ceftazidime-avibactam; OAAs, other active antibiotics.

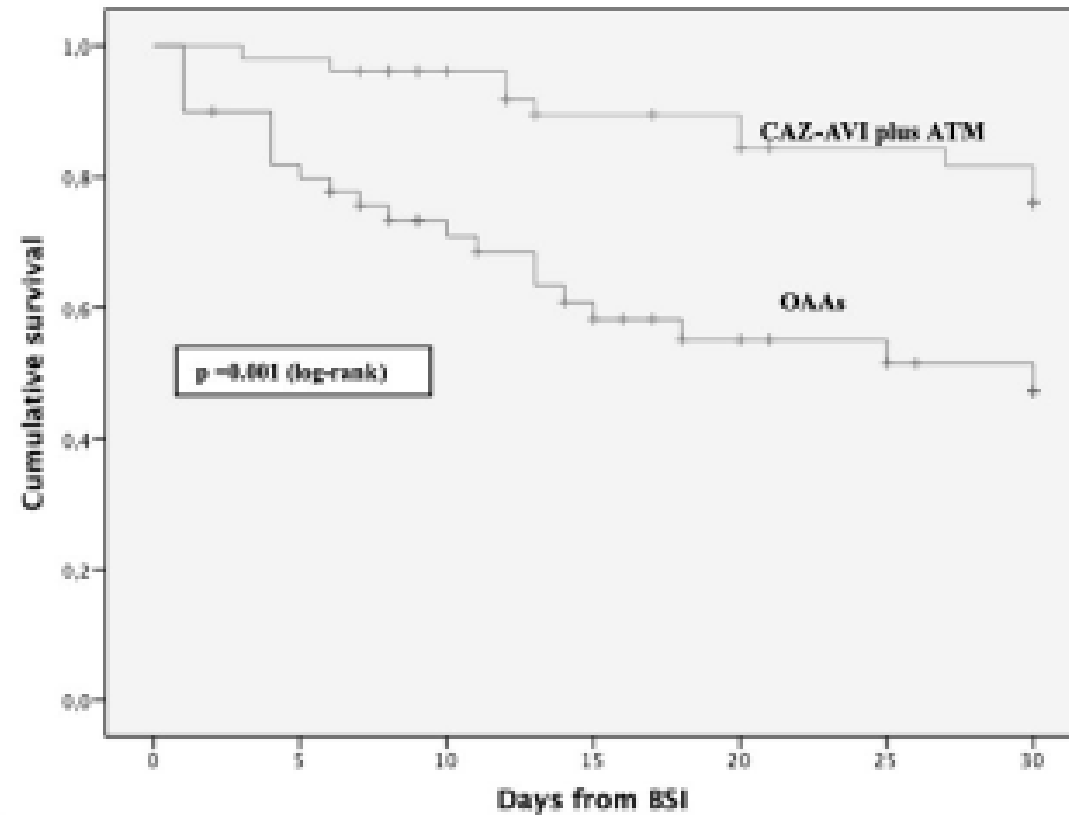
<sup>a</sup>In vitro activity is supported by in vitro synergistic tests.

**Table 4. Cox Regression Analysis of Factors Independently Associated With 30-Day Mortality**

| Factor                         | HR (95% CI)       | P Value |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Cardiovascular disease         | 6.62 (2.77–15.78) | < .001  |
| Solid organ transplantation    | 3.52 (1.42–8.69)  | .006    |
| SOFA score (1-point increment) | 1.21 (1.1–1.32)   | < .001  |
| CAZ-AVI + ATM (vs OAAs)        | 0.17 (.07–.41)    | < .001  |

Abbreviations: ATM, aztreonam; CAZ-AVI, ceftazidime-avibactam; CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; OAAs, other active antibiotics; SOFA, Sequential Organ Failure Assessment.





Number at risk

|                  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| CAZ-AVI plus ATM | 52 | 51 | 50 | 47 | 45 | 45 | 42 |
| OAAAs            | 50 | 40 | 36 | 31 | 30 | 29 | 28 |

**Figure 1.** Kaplan-Meier survival curves according to treatment regimen (ceftazidime-avibactam plus aztreonam vs other active antibiotics). Abbreviations:

# Diskussion

- Mortalität mit Ceftazidim/Avibactam und Aztreonam reduziert
- Resultate bestärken Synergismuseffekt
- Colistin mit Morbidität und Mortalität vergesellschaftet
- Optimale PK/PD für Avibactam in Kombination mit Ceftazidim und Aztreonam ist noch nicht bekannt

# Limitationen

- Nicht-randomisierte, observationelle Studie
- Geringe Patientenzahlen
- Möglicher «prescription bias»
- Keine Pharmakokinetik/-dynamik Untersuchung erfolgt