

In Vitro Activity of Sulbactam-Durlobactam against Global Clinical *Acinetobacter baumannii-calcoaceticus* Complex Isolates Collected in 2024

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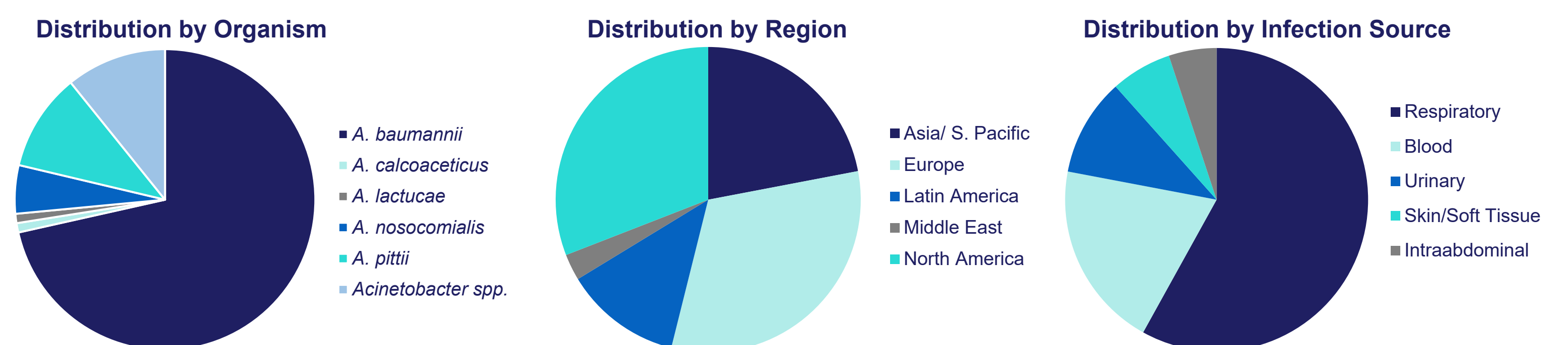
Background:

- Sulbactam-durlobactam (SUL-DUR) is a targeted β -lactam/ β -lactamase inhibitor combination approved by the US FDA in May 2023 for the treatment of hospital-acquired and ventilator-associated bacterial pneumonia (HABP/VABP) caused by susceptible isolates of *Acinetobacter baumannii-calcoaceticus* complex (ABC) in adults 18 years of age and older¹
- Durlobactam (DUR) is a diazabicyclooctane (DBO) β -lactamase inhibitor with broad spectrum activity against serine β -lactamases from Ambler classes A, C and D²
- Sulbactam (SUL) is a β -lactam penicillin derivative β -lactamase inhibitor with intrinsic antibacterial activity against *Acinetobacter* spp. through the inhibition of PBP3³
- In vitro* activity of SUL-DUR against 799 geographically diverse ABC isolates collected in 2024 was measured

Methods:

- 799 unique *Acinetobacter baumannii-calcoaceticus* complex (ABC) isolates were collected during 2024 from 153 medical centers in 45 countries
- Identities of all isolates were confirmed using MALDI-TOF spectrometry (Bruker Daltonics, Billerica, MA, USA)
- Susceptibility was performed by broth microdilution at IHMA (Schaumburg, IL, USA) according to CLSI guidelines⁴
- SUL-DUR non-susceptible isolates were subjected to whole genome sequencing

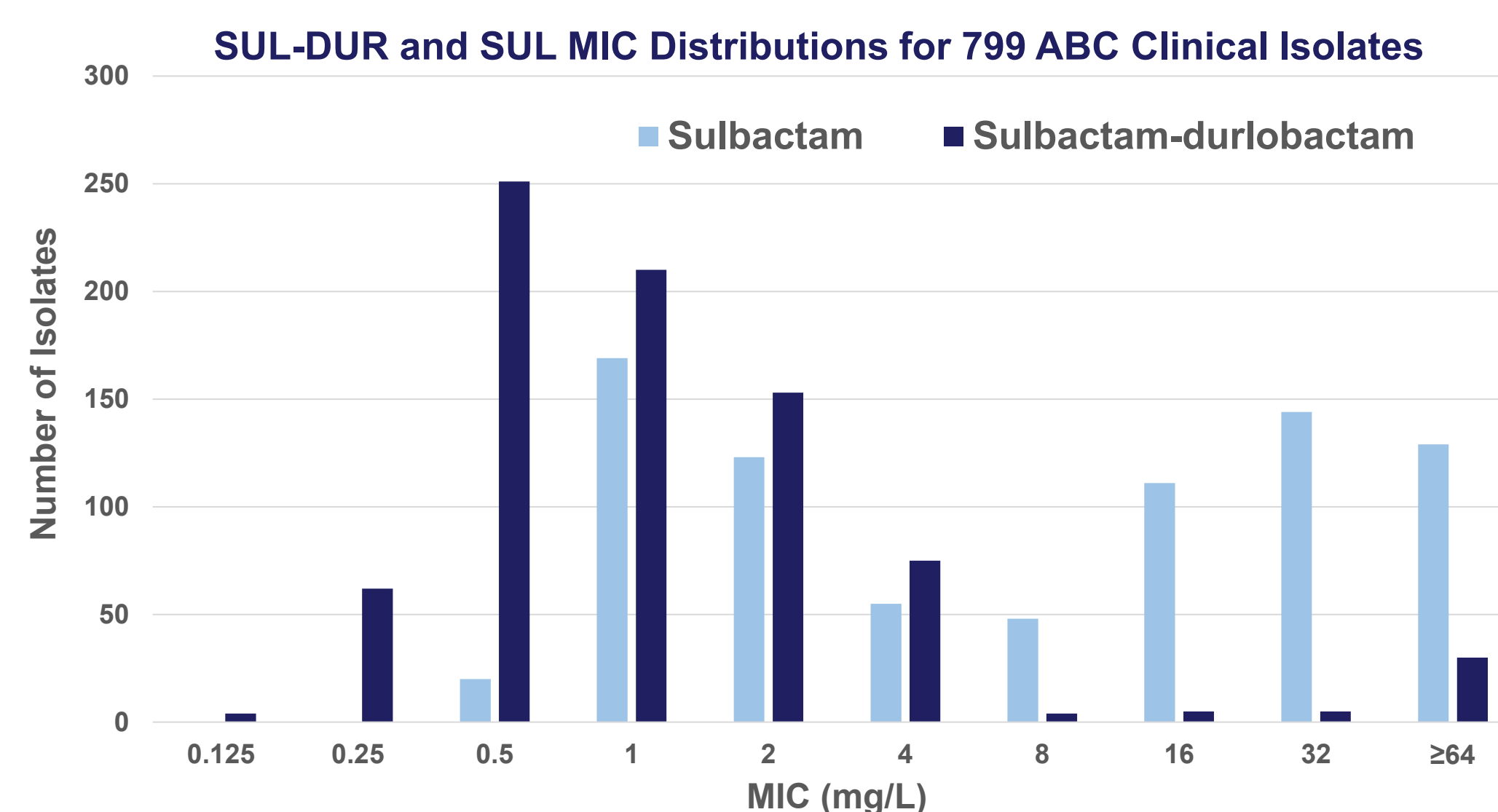
Study Design:



Results:

Antibiotic Susceptibility of *Acinetobacter baumannii-calcoaceticus* Complex Clinical Isolates

- DUR restored SUL activity: addition of 4 mg/L DUR decreased the SUL MIC₉₀ 16-fold from 64 mg/L to 4 mg/L
- 94.5% of 799 global ABC clinical isolates collected in 2024 were susceptible to SUL-DUR based on CLSI interpretive criteria⁵
- ~55% of isolates were carbapenem non-susceptible



Antibacterial Agent	mg/L			%S (CLSI ⁶)	%S (EUCAST ⁶)
	MIC ₅₀	MIC ₉₀	MIC Range		
Sulbactam-durlobactam	1	4	0.12 - >64	94.5	NA
Sulbactam	8	64	0.5 - >64	NA	NA
Amikacin	4	>64	≤0.5 - >64	57.1	57.1
Ciprofloxacin	>4	>4	≤0.06 - >4	43.3	NC
Colistin	0.5	0.5	≤0.25 - >4	0	96.9
Cefiderocol	0.5	2	≤0.03 - >32	95.4	NA
Imipenem	32	>32	0.12 - >32	45.2	45.2
Meropenem	32	>32	0.06 - >32	44.7	44.7
Minocycline	1	16	≤0.12 - >16	54.1	IE
Tigecycline	1	2	0.06 - 8	NA	IE

IE= Insufficient Evidence; NA= Not Available; NC=Not Calculated as dilution range did not cover susceptible breakpoint; %S = Percent susceptible

SUL-DUR Activity against Subsets of Isolates

- SUL-DUR *in vitro* activity was consistent across *Acinetobacter* species, geographical regions and sources of infection
- ~90% of carbapenem-resistant isolates were susceptible to SUL-DUR
- Among the 37 cefiderocol-non-susceptible isolates (by CLSI criteria⁵), ~60% were susceptible to SUL-DUR

Species	N	SUL-DUR (mg/L)			%S (CLSI ⁵)
		MIC ₅₀	MIC ₉₀	MIC Range	
<i>A. baumannii</i>	571	1	4	0.12 - >64	93.2
Other <i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.	228	0.5	2	0.12 - >64	97.8
Carbapenem-resistant*	438	2	8	0.25 - >64	89.95
Colistin-resistant*	25	2	32	0.5 - >64	88.0
Cefiderocol-non-susceptible*	37	4	>64	0.5 - >64	59.5
Geographical Region	N	MIC ₅₀	MIC ₉₀	MIC Range	%S
Europe	255	1	4	0.25 - >64	94.9
North America	247	1	2	0.12 - >64	99.2
Asia / South Pacific	176	0.5	8	0.25 - >64	89.2
Latin America	99	2	4	0.25 - 64	93.9
Infection Source	N	MIC ₅₀	MIC ₉₀	MIC Range	%S
Respiratory	463	1	4	0.12 - >64	94.6
Urinary	83	1	4	0.12 - >64	92.8
Bloodstream	159	1	4	0.12 - >64	93.1
Skin / Soft Tissue	52	0.5	2	0.25 - 4	100
Intraabdominal	41	1	4	0.25 - 64	95.1

*based on CLSI interpretive criteria⁵ %S = Percent susceptible

Profile of SUL-DUR Non-Susceptible Isolates

44 isolates were identified as non-susceptible to SUL-DUR (MIC > 4 mg/L)

- All were carbapenem-resistant
- 88.6% (39/44) of isolates were *A. baumannii*
 - 1 *A. nosocomialis*, 1 *A. pittii*, 3 *Acinetobacter* spp.
- Majority of isolates originated from Thailand (31.8%) and Romania (20.5%)
- 79.5% encoded a metallo- β -lactamase (MBL): NDM-5 (14/35) or NDM-1 (21/35)
- Non-MBL-encoding isolates (20.5%) encoded amino acid substitution near the active site of PBP3 (mostly T526S)

SUL-DUR Resistance Determinant	No. of Isolates	MLST(s)*	Origin (n of isolates)	SUL-DUR MIC Range (mg/L)	Other Encoded Resistance Mechanisms
NDM-5 (MBL)	14	2	Thailand (13), US (1)	32 - >64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> β-lactamases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADC-73, OXA-23, OXA-66, +/- TEM-1 PBP3 A515V (14/14) Efflux: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AdeS G186V (13/14) AdeR and AdeS disrupted (1/14)
NDM-1 (MBL)	21	2, 108, 126, 193, 457, 570, 600, 654, novel	US, Greece, Guatemala, Colombia, Germany, Qatar, Italy, Malaysia, Thailand (each 1); Jordan (3); Romania (9)	16 - >64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> β-lactamases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADC-73, ADC-20, ADC-50, ADC-132, ADC-32, or ADC-165 OXA-23, OXA-66 or OXA-336, +/- TEM-1 PBP3 A515V (15/21) PBP3 Q488K (1/21) Efflux: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AdeS G186V (15/21) AdeR, AdeS and/or AdeN disrupted (10/21) AdeJ mutations (2/21)
PBP3 T526S	7	2, 25, 734	Argentina (3), Turkey (1), China (4), Guatemala (1)	8 - 32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> β-lactamases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADC-73, ADC-25, ADC-30, ADC-259 or ADC-novel OXA-23; OXA-66 (4/7) OXA-23; OXA-64 (1/7) OXA-23; OXA69 (1/7)
PBP3 A515V (without an MBL)	2	2	Argentina (1), China (1)	8 - 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> β-lactamases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADC-73, OXA-23, OXA-66 (2/2) Efflux: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AdeS G186V (1/2) AdeS G186V; disrupted AdeN (1/2)

*MLST = Multi-Locus Sequence Type based on the Pasteur Scheme

Conclusions:

- SUL-DUR demonstrated potent antibacterial activity against recent, geographically diverse clinical isolates of ABC, including carbapenem-resistant isolates, in the first full year following introduction of SUL-DUR into the US market in 2023
- Addition of durlobactam to sulbactam reduced the MIC₉₀ 16-fold from 64 mg/L to 4 mg/L
- Activity of SUL-DUR was consistent across *Acinetobacter* species, geographical regions and sources of infection
- The majority SUL-DUR non-susceptible isolates (79.5%) encoded for metallo- β -lactamases NDM-1 or NDM-5, which durlobactam does not inhibit
- Among the SUL-DUR non-susceptible isolates negative for NDM, all encoded a PBP3 variant with a single amino acid substitution (majority T526S) near the active site serine, which has been shown to reduce sulbactam binding affinity⁷
- All SUL-DUR non-susceptible isolates had alterations in genes associated with efflux, but always in combination with other genetic determinants known to decrease susceptibility to SUL-DUR, making assessment of the contribution to efflux hard to determine
- These data support the use of SUL-DUR for the treatment of antibiotic-resistant infections caused by *Acinetobacter baumannii-calcoaceticus* complex

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