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Surveillance of Omadacycline Activity against Clinical Isolates from a Global Collection (North America, Europe, Latin America, Asia-Western Pacific), 2010-2011

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ABSTRACT Omadacycline is a broad-spectrum aminomethylcycline in late-stage clinical development for the treatment of acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections and community-acquired pneumonia as an oral and an intravenous oncedaily formulation. In this study, omadacycline and comparators were tested against 69,246 nonduplicate bacterial isolates collected prospectively during 2010 and 2011 from medical centers in Asia-Pacific (11,397 isolates), Europe (23,490 isolates), Latin America (8,038 isolates), and North America (26,321 isolates). Omadacycline was tested by broth microdilution following Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute M07-A10 (2015) methods. A total of 99.9% of Staphylococcus aureus isolates were inhibited by \leq 2 μ g/ml of omadacycline (MIC_{50/90}, 0.12/0.25 μ g/ml), including 100.0% of methicillin-susceptible S. aureus isolates and 99.8% of methicillin-resistant S. aureus isolates. Omadacycline potencies were comparable for Streptococcus pneumoniae (MIC_{50/90}, 0.06/0.06 μ g/ml), viridans group streptococci (MIC_{50/90}, 0.06/0.12 μ g/ml), and beta-hemolytic streptococci (MIC_{50/90}, 0.06/0.12 μ g/ml) regardless of species and susceptibility to penicillin. Omadacycline was active against Enterobacteriaceae and was most active against Escherichia coli (MIC $_{50/90}$, 0.5/2 μ g/ml), Enterobacter aerogenes (MIC_{50/90}, 2/4 μ g/ml), Klebsiella oxytoca (MIC_{50/90}, 1/4 μ g/ml), and Citrobacter spp. (MIC_{50/90}, 1/4 μ g/ml). Omadacycline was active against Haemophilus influenzae (MIC_{50/90}, 1/1 μ g/ml) regardless of β -lactamase status and against Moraxella catarrhalis (MIC_{50/90}, $0.12/0.25$ μ g/ml). The potent activity of omadacycline against Gram-positive and Gramnegative bacteria indicates that omadacycline merits further study in serious infections in which multidrug resistance and mixed Gram-positive and Gram-negative infections may be a concern.

KEYWORDS aminomethylcycline, omadacycline, resistance, surveillance

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a global problem that requires a coordinated response to prevent further erosion of the ability to address established and emerging threats to human health [\(1\)](#page-6-0). In the United States, AMR infections cost an estimated additional \$20 billion annually and associated production losses of \$35 billion per year [\(2\)](#page-6-1). In the United Kingdom, it is estimated that drug-resistant infections might account for 10 million deaths per year by 2050, with total costs of \$100 trillion in lost output [\(1\)](#page-6-0). Collection of AMR surveillance and antibiotic consumption data is an essential approach to both defining the scope of the resistance problem and developing interventions that improve appropriate use of antibiotics and decrease resistance selection pressure [\(1,](#page-6-0) [3\)](#page-6-2). Another important effort is to understand the mechanisms of resistance whereby bacteria avoid the effects of antibiotics and to use this information to develop new agents, or modify older agents, such that potent activity is retained against the key target pathogens [\(4](#page-6-3)[–](#page-6-4)[6\)](#page-6-5).

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Tetracyclines are broad-spectrum agents with activity against Gram-positive cocci (GPC) and Gram-negative bacilli (GNB), as well as intracellular Chlamydia, Mycoplasma, and Rickettsia and both protozoan and helminthic parasites [\(7\)](#page-6-6). Tetracyclines have been used extensively in clinical and veterinary medicine and in agriculture and for a variety of noninfectious conditions (e.g., acne) for many years [\(7,](#page-6-6) [8\)](#page-6-7). Broad use of tetracyclines has resulted in emergence of tetracycline-resistant bacteria and limited the use of the older members of this class (tetracycline, doxycycline, and minocycline) in treating bacterial disease [\(7,](#page-6-6) [8\)](#page-6-7). A great deal is known about resistance mechanisms that bacterial strains have developed to the tetracyclines. Genes encoding for efflux pumps and ribosomal protection proteins have been described in both GPC and GNB and confer resistance to tetracycline, doxycycline, and minocycline [\(7](#page-6-6)[–](#page-6-8)[10\)](#page-6-9). Chemical modification of minocycline has led to the development of tigecycline, a glycylcycline [\(11\)](#page-6-10), and omadacycline, an aminomethylcycline [\(9\)](#page-6-8), both of which specifically overcome tetracycline resistance mechanisms and are not affected by resistance to other classes of antibiotics [\(8,](#page-6-7) [9,](#page-6-8) [11\)](#page-6-10).

Omadacycline is a semisynthetic derivative of minocycline and the first member of the novel aminomethylcycline class [\(9,](#page-6-8) [12,](#page-6-11) [13\)](#page-6-12). Similar to the older tetracyclines (doxycycline, minocycline, and tetracycline), omadacycline binds to the 30S ribosomal subunit of target GPC and GNB with resultant inhibition of protein synthesis [\(7,](#page-6-6) [9,](#page-6-8) [12\)](#page-6-11). Notably, omadacycline remains active against ribosomal protection and efflux tetracycline resistance genes [\(8,](#page-6-7) [9,](#page-6-8) [13\)](#page-6-12). Omadacycline also maintains its activity against difficult-to-treat pathogens, such as methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE), and Enterobacteriaceae strains that produce a wide array of extended-spectrum β -lactamases (ESBLs) and carbapenemases, in addition to multidrug-resistant (resistant to \geq 3 classes of agents) strains of Acinetobacter spp. and Stenotrophomonas maltophilia [\(8\)](#page-6-7). Omadacycline does not have useful activity against Pseudomonas aeruginosa [\(8\)](#page-6-7). Omadacycline was shown to be noninferior to linezolid in a phase 2 study of the treatment of acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections (ABSSSI) [\(14\)](#page-6-13), and phase 3 studies for treatment of ABSSSI and communityacquired bacterial pneumonia (CABP) are ongoing and nearing completion [\(8\)](#page-6-7). A phase 1B study of omadacycline for treatment of uncomplicated urinary tract infections (UTIs) reported positive top-line pharmacokinetic proof-of-principle data in November 2016 (Paratek Pharmaceuticals, unpublished data).

In the present study, we evaluated the antimicrobial activity of omadacycline to establish its baseline activity against isolates of GPC and GNB collected in 2010 and 2011 from individual medical centers in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region (including China, Australia, and New Zealand), Europe (EU), Latin America (LA), and North America (NA) as part of the SENTRY Antimicrobial Surveillance Program. Evaluations of resistant subsets for most of the pathogen groups were included in the analysis.

A total of 69,246 nonduplicate bacterial isolates were collected prospectively from medical centers located in the APAC region (42 sites, 11,397 isolates), EU (45 sites, 23,490 isolates), LA (14 sites, 8,038 isolates), and NA (46 sites, 26,321 isolates) for the years 2010 and 2011. All organisms were isolated from hospitalized patients with bloodstream infection (22,791 isolates), community-acquired respiratory tract infection (RTI) (8,693 isolates), hospital-associated RTI (9,282 isolates), ABSSSI (10,755 isolates), or another type of infection (17,725 isolates). Isolates were identified to the species level at each participating medical center, and all identifications were confirmed by the monitoring laboratory (JMI Laboratories, North Liberty, IA, USA) using the Vitek 2 system (bioMérieux, Hazelwood, MO, USA) or matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization– time of flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF MS) (Bruker, Billerica, MA, USA), when necessary.

MIC values were determined by the monitoring laboratory (JMI Laboratories) using the reference Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) broth microdilution method [\(15\)](#page-6-14). The susceptibility testing for omadacycline for 2010 and 2011 surveillance was done with dry-form panels manufactured by TREK (Oakwood Village, OH, USA). Upon receipt of the panels at the monitoring laboratory (JMI Laboratories), each batch

of panels was tested against the appropriate CLSI quality control (QC) organisms in triplicate, and all MIC values were within the established testing range [\(16\)](#page-6-15). The quality of results was further ensured by concurrent testing of CLSI quality control organisms (strains S. aureus ATCC 29213, Enterococcus faecalis ATCC 29212, S. pneumoniae ATCC 49619, E. coli ATCC 25922, and H. influenzae ATCC 49247) on each day of testing. For the 2010 and 2011 surveillance years, respectively, 99.4% (489/492) and 98.7% (528/535) of omadacycline results were in range, and repeat testing provided in-range results. QC and interpretation of results were performed in accordance with CLSI M100-S26 and European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (EUCAST) 2016 guidelines [\(16,](#page-6-15) [17\)](#page-6-16). Escherichia coli, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Klebsiella oxytoca, and Proteus mirabilis isolates were grouped as an "ESBL screening-positive (SP) phenotype" based on the CLSI screening criteria for potential ESBL production (i.e., a ceftazidime and/or ceftriaxone and/or aztreonam MIC of $>$ 1 μ g/ml) [\(16\)](#page-6-15) for the purpose of analyzing susceptibility testing results. Although other β -lactamases, such as AmpC and Klebsiella pneumoniae carbapenemase (KPC), may also produce an ESBL SP phenotype, these strains were grouped together because they demonstrate resistance to various broad-spectrum β -lactam compounds. Isolates of the Enterobacter cloacae species complex (SC) were classified as ceftazidime susceptible (MIC, \leq 4 μ g/ml) and ceftazidime nonsusceptible (NS) (MIC, \geq 8 μ g/ml).

The 69,246 isolates tested included 18,577 S. aureus isolates, 2,992 coagulasenegative staphylococcus (CoNS) isolates, 5,519 Enterococcus species isolates, 1,955 Enterococcus faecium isolates, 6,253 S. pneumoniae isolates, 1,538 viridans group streptococcus isolates, 3,196 beta-hemolytic streptococcus isolates (including 1,576 Streptococcus pyogenes isolates, 1,570 Streptococcus agalactiae isolates, and 50 other betahemolytic isolates), 20,305 Enterobacteriaceae isolates (including 8,519 E. coli isolates, 4,181 K. pneumoniae isolates, 1,978 Enterobacter cloacae SC isolates, 816 Citrobacter species isolates, 846 indole-positive Proteus species isolates, 1,292 Serratia species isolates, and 204 Salmonella species isolates), 2,101 Acinetobacter baumannii-Acinetobacter calcoaceticus species complex isolates, 604 Stenotrophomonas maltophilia isolates, 3,383 Haemophilus influenzae isolates, and 1,226 Moraxella catarrhalis isolates [\(Table 1\)](#page-3-0). The frequency of key resistant phenotypes included 7,741 (41.7%) MRSA isolates, 2,155 (72.0%) methicillinresistant (MR) CoNS isolates, 936 (47.9%) vancomycin-nonsusceptible E. faecium isolates, 1,466 (23.4%) penicillin-resistant S. pneumoniae isolates, 1,947 (22.9%) ESBL SP phenotype E. coli isolates, 1,475 (35.3%) ESBL SP phenotype K. pneumoniae isolates, and 622 (31.4%) ceftazidime-NS E. cloacae SC isolates [\(Table 1\)](#page-3-0).

The MIC distributions for each organism or organism group from the 147 participating medical centers are shown in [Table 1.](#page-3-0) Although the isolates were tested in 2010 and 2011, the omadacycline MIC values for the key target pathogens establish a baseline level of activity for omadacycline. Omadacycline was very potent when tested against S. aureus isolates (18,577 isolates tested; MIC_{50/90}, 0.12/0.25 μ g/ml) [\(Table 1\)](#page-3-0). Of these, 18,560 (99.9%) isolates were inhibited by \leq μ g/ml of omadacycline (MIC range, \leq 0.015 to 4 μ g/ml), including 100.0% of methicillin-susceptible S. aureus (MSSA) and 99.8% of MRSA isolates [\(Table 1\)](#page-3-0). All CoNS isolates were susceptible to omadacycline at ≤2 μg/ml (MIC_{50/90}, 0.25/1 μg/ml).

Omadacycline was slightly more active against E. faecium (MIC $_{50/90}$, 0.06/0.12 μ g/ml) than against other *Enterococcus* spp. (MIC_{50/90}, 0.06/0.25 μ g/ml), and its activity was not adversely affected by vancomycin resistance when tested against organisms with resistance to this agent [\(Table 1\)](#page-3-0). The potencies of omadacycline against S. pneumoniae isolates (MIC_{50/90}, 0.06/0.06 μ g/ml), viridans group streptococci (MIC_{50/90}, 0.06/0.12 μ g/ml), and beta-hemolytic streptococci (MIC_{50/90}, 0.06/0.12 μ g/ml) were comparable regardless of species or susceptibility to penicillin [\(Table 1\)](#page-3-0). All streptococcal isolates were inhibited by an MIC of \leq 0.5 μ g/ml of omadacycline.

Omadacycline also has useful activity against most Enterobacteriaceae isolates except those of Proteus mirabilis (MIC_{50/90}, 16/32 μ g/ml) and indole-positive Proteus spp. (MIC_{50/90}, 8/32 μ g/ml) [\(Table 1\)](#page-3-0). Omadacycline was active against 20,305 Enterobacte*riaceae* isolates (MIC_{50/90}, 2/8 μ g/ml; 86.3% inhibited at \leq 4 μ g/ml; [Table 1\)](#page-3-0). It was most

active against E. coli (MIC_{50/90}, 0.5/2 μ g/ml), E. aerogenes (MIC_{50/90}, 2/4 μ g/ml; data not shown), K. oxytoca (MIC_{50/90}, 1/4 μ g/ml), and Citrobacter spp. (MIC_{50/90}, 1/4 μ g/ml) [\(Table 1\)](#page-3-0). Omadacycline activity was somewhat greater against the non-ESBL SP phenotype than against the ESBL SP phenotype strains of E. coli (MIC_{50/90}, 0.5/2 versus 1/4 μ g/ml, respectively) and K. pneumoniae (MIC_{50/90}, 2/4 versus 2/8 μ g/ml, respectively). Against ceftazidime-NS E. cloacae isolates (MIC, \geq 8 μ g/ml; AmpC-derepressed phenotype isolates), omadacycline was less active (MIC_{50/90}, 2/16 μ g/ml; 79.3% inhibited at \leq 4 μ g/ml) [\(Table 1\)](#page-3-0) than it was against ceftazidime-susceptible isolates (MIC_{50/90}, 2/4 μ g/ml; 93.6% inhibited at \leq 4 μ g/ml) [\(Table 1\)](#page-3-0).

Omadacycline (MIC_{50/90}, 2/4 μ g/ml) inhibited 91.5% of 2,101 A. baumannii isolates at \leq 4 μ g/ml [\(Table 1\)](#page-3-0). Against a collection of other Acinetobacter species isolates (n = 292), omadacycline (MIC_{50/90}, 0.25/4 μ g/ml) inhibited 95.5% of the isolates at ${\leq}4$ μ g/ml [\(Table 1\)](#page-3-0). Omadacycline demonstrated good in vitro activity against S. maltophilia (MIC_{50/90}, 2/8 μ g/ml; 81.6% inhibited at \leq 4 μ g/ml) [\(Table 1\)](#page-3-0). Omadacycline was not active against *P. aeruginosa* (MIC $_{50/90'}$ 32/ $>$ 32 μ g/ml).

Omadacycline was equally active against β -lactamase-negative (MIC_{50/90}, 1/1 μ g/ml) and β -lactamase-positive (MIC_{50/90}, 1/1 μ g/ml) isolates of H. influenzae [\(Table 1\)](#page-3-0). Omadacycline was also very active against the *M. catarrhalis* isolates tested (MIC_{50/90}, 0.12/0.25 μ g/ml) [\(Table 1\)](#page-3-0).

Antibiotic resistance is a growing problem worldwide [\(18\)](#page-6-17). Active surveillance and antimicrobial stewardship efforts are essential for combating this threat to patient safety across all health care settings [\(3,](#page-6-2) [19\)](#page-6-18). In the present survey, we have established the baseline in vitro susceptibility profiles of omadacycline for 69,246 isolates of GPC and GNB from medical centers in the APAC region, EU, LA, and NA for the years 2010 and 2011.

An additional approach to combating antimicrobial resistance is to develop antibacterials with novel mechanisms of action and greater potency against resistant strains of bacteria [\(4](#page-6-3)[–](#page-6-4)[6\)](#page-6-5). Chemical modifications to minocycline produces omadacycline, which has several advantages over the older tetracyclines, such as doxycycline and minocycline, including a low propensity for selection of resistance, enhanced binding to the 30S ribosomal subunit, an ability to overcome tetracycline resistance mechanisms, lack of effect of other resistance mechanisms, availability as an intravenous or oral formulation, a prolonged half-life, and once-daily administration [\(8\)](#page-6-7).

The data from the present survey document the in vitro activity of omadacycline against bacterial isolates from a global survey. Omadacycline was active against MRSA, MR-CoNS, VRE, viridans group streptococci, beta-hemolytic streptococci, and penicillinresistant S. pneumoniae [\(Table 1\)](#page-3-0). Omadacycline was also active against the ESBL SP phenotype strains of E. coli but less active against the ESBL SP phenotype strains of K. pneumoniae and ceftazidime-NS E. cloacae. Omadacycline demonstrated useful activity against Acinetobacter spp. and S. maltophilia.

These data build on information reported by previous investigators [\(8,](#page-6-7) [9,](#page-6-8) [12,](#page-6-11) [13\)](#page-6-12) and indicate that omadacycline merits further study in the treatment of ABSSSI, CABP, and UTIs, where mixed GPC and GNB infections are common.

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