



In vitro activity of sulbactam-durlobactam against colistin-resistant and/or cefiderocol-non-susceptible, carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* collected in US hospitals



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BACKGROUND

Carbapenem-resistant *A. baumannii* (CRAb)

- Major cause of healthcare-associated infections
- Highly drug resistant
- High morbidity and mortality
- Lack of reliable treatment options

Sulbactam-durlobactam (SUL-DUR)

- Novel β -lactamase inhibitor combination
- SUL inhibits *A. baumannii* penicillin-binding protein 3 (PBP3)
- DUR inhibits class A, C, and D β -lactamases
- Non-inferior to colistin when combined with imipenem (IPM) in phase 3 trial
- Resistance mechanisms include:
 - metallo- β -lactamase production,
 - *ftsI* (encodes PBP3)
 - *adeJ* mutations

MATERIALS AND METHODS

- 87 CRAb isolates from US
- 68 were colistin-resistant (MIC, $>2 \mu\text{g/mL}$)
- 26 were cefiderocol-non-susceptible (MIC, $\geq 8 \mu\text{g/mL}$)
- 7 were both
- Whole genome sequence data evaluated for cgSNPs, β -lactamase gene content, *ftsI*, and *adeJ* gene mutations

RESULTS

Table 1. MIC_{50/90} for cefiderocol-non-susceptible isolates (n=26)

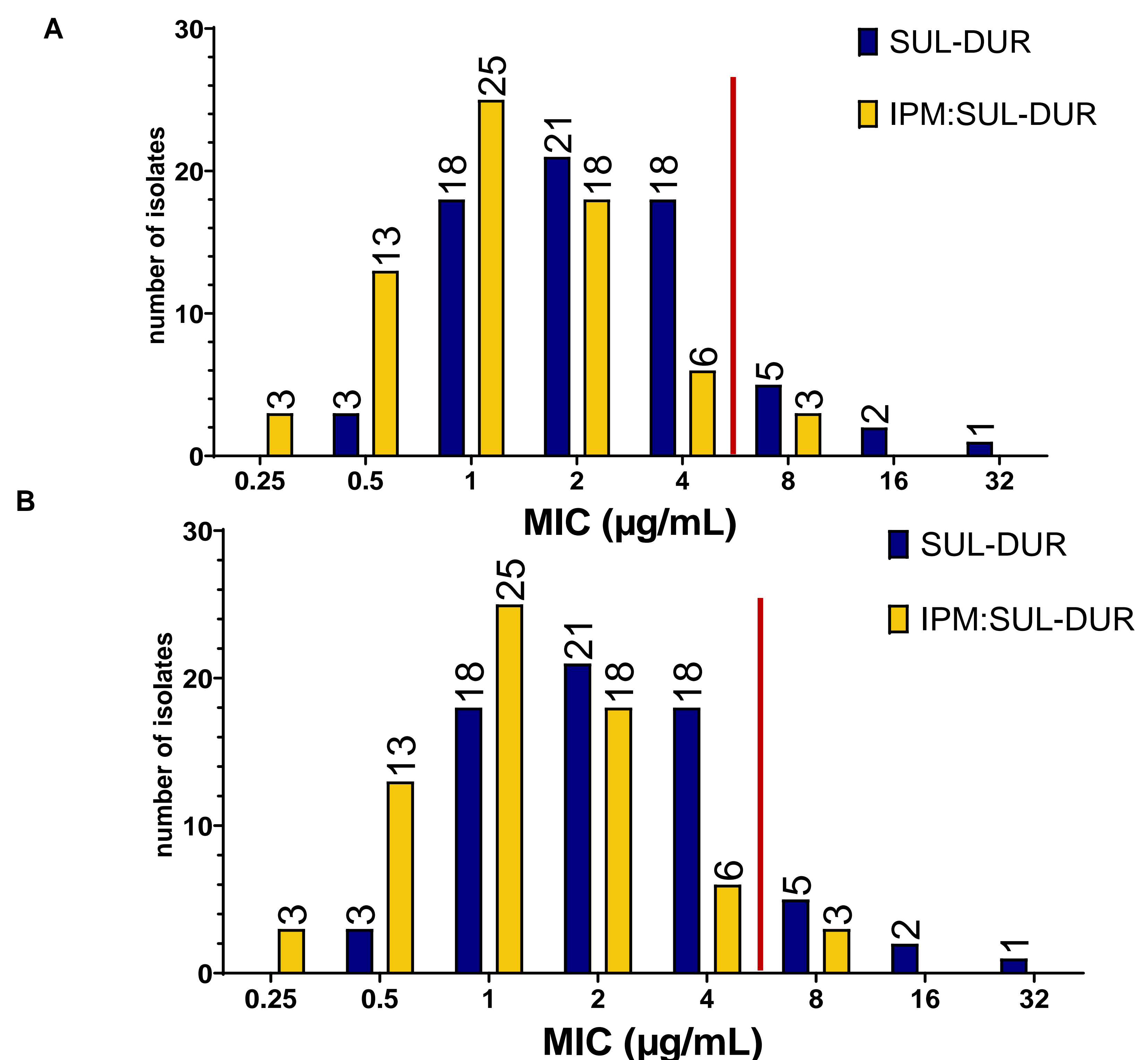
MIC ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	IPM	SUL	SUL-DUR	IPM:SUL-DUR
Min	4	1	1	0.5
Max	64	64	16	8
MIC ₅₀	32	16	4	1
MIC ₉₀	64	64	8	4

Table 2. MIC_{50/90} for colistin-resistant isolates (n=68)

MIC ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	IPM	SUL	SUL-DUR	IPM:SUL-DUR
Min	4	2	0.5	0.25
Max	64	64	32	8
MIC ₅₀	32	8	2	1
MIC ₉₀	64	32	8	4

- 10 isolates were resistant to SUL-DUR; 3 to IPM:SUL-DUR
- Genetically diverse: **cgSNPs of 1052** (range, 0 to 46634)
- PBP3 substitutions identified among the isolates: **Y196S, V346A, H370Y, K389E, T511S, A515V, T526S, and F548I**
- PBP3 substitutions were more common in SUL-DUR-resistant isolates however also present in susceptible isolates (5/10 [50%] vs 6/77 [8%]; $p=0.002$)
- *adeJ* mutations were identified in two isolates, one resistant, another susceptible
- No metallo- β -lactamases were identified

Figure 1. MICs of colistin-resistant (A) and cefiderocol-non-susceptible (B) isolates.



CONCLUSION

- SUL-DUR is active against majority of colistin-resistant and cefiderocol-non-susceptible CRAb
- IPM further lowers MIC₅₀ by 2- to 4-fold
- Additional mechanisms of resistance are present as 5/10 SUL-DUR resistant isolates did not possess known mutations