

# MIC directed therapy: why, when and what are the pitfalls?

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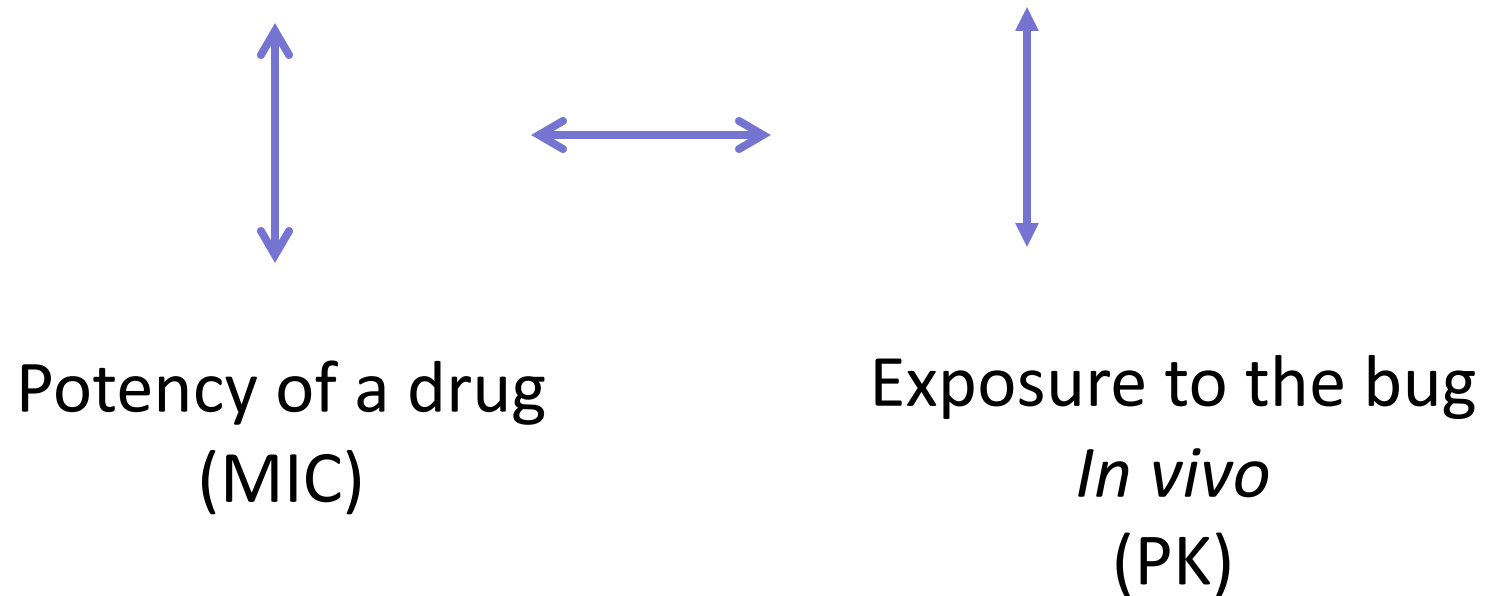
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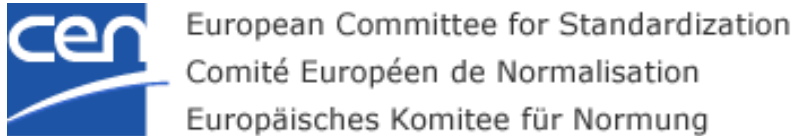
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# Antimicrobial therapy in general

## Efficacy of the drug

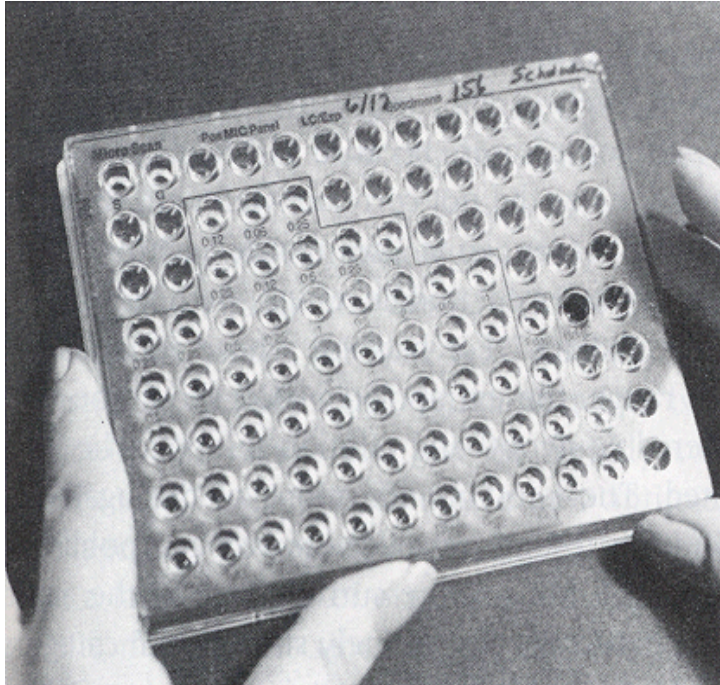


- The MIC is included in the indices:
  - % $fT > MIC$
  - AUC/MIC



- 2003 20 june DIN Berlin  
CEN TC140/WG10
- 2004 22 april DIN Berlin  
Combined meeting with  
ISO ISO/TC 212 WG4  
Vienna Agreement
- 2005 Vote on first draft and comments  
by all Member Countries
- 2006 Final version 27 October 2006,  
8th CEN, 6th ISO meeting  
ISO 20776-1
- 2007 Final version validation ISO 20776-2.

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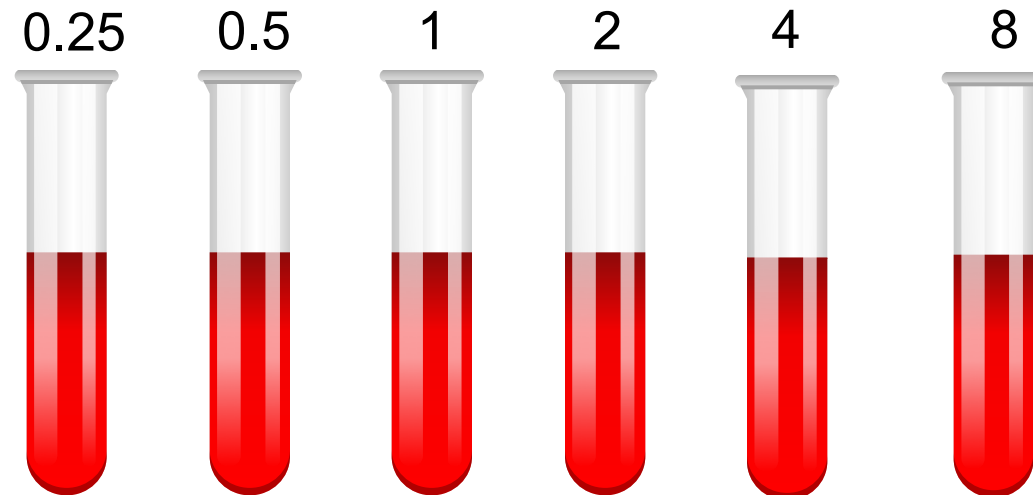
The reference method:  
microdilution

Measure of potency of the  
antibacterial effect

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2-fold increasing antibiotic concentrations in mg/L in Mueller Hinton

Zoom in at the wells



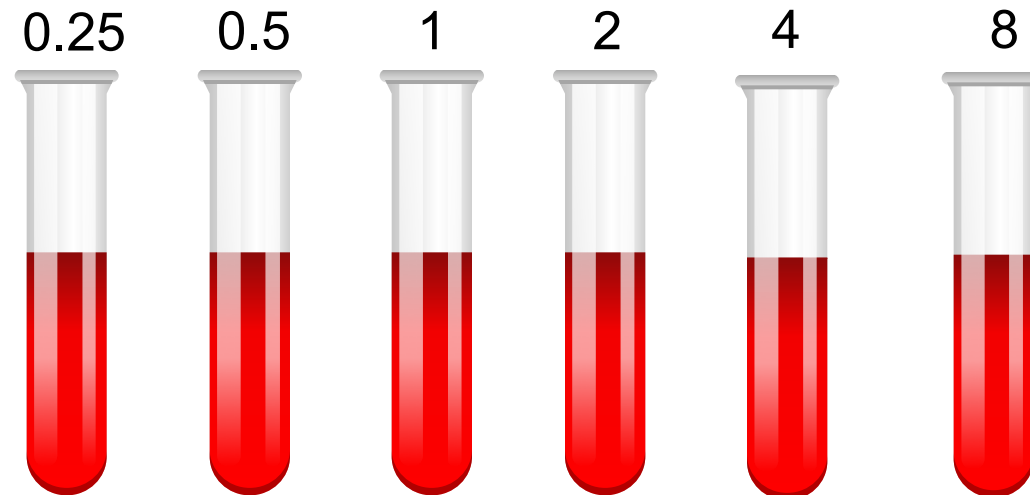
0.1ml suspension

Bacterial suspension: Inoculum 5 (2-8)  $\cdot 10^5$  cfu/ml

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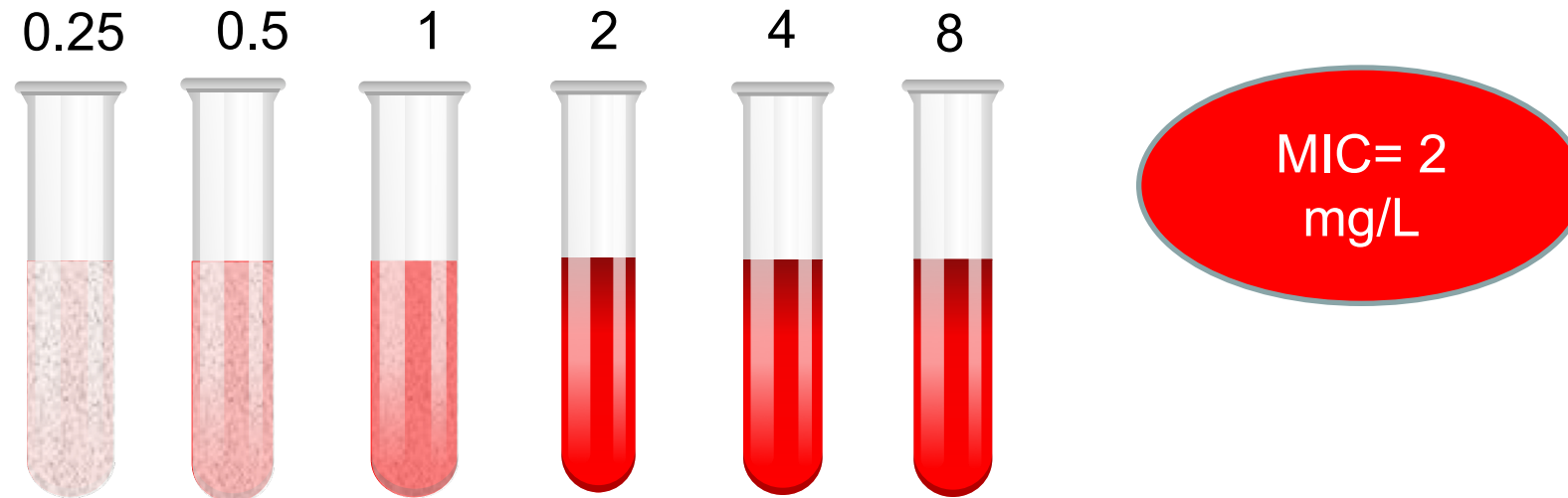
Incubate 36 +/- 1° C  
18 +/- 2 hours



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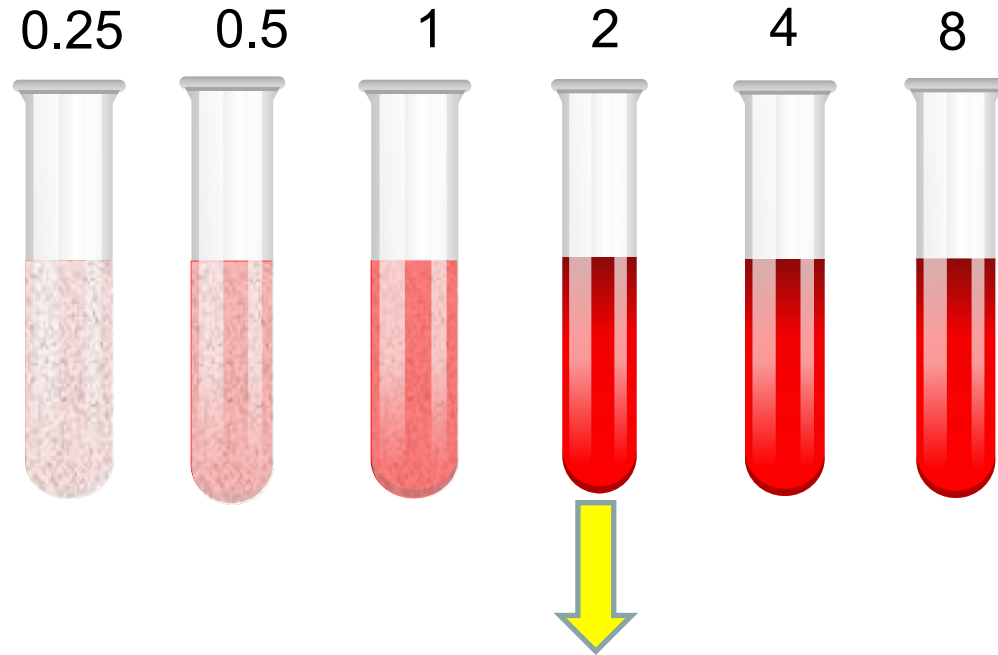


After incubation: MIC = Lowest concentration with no **visible** growth

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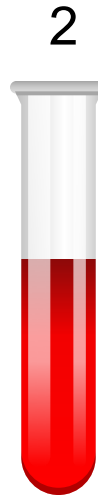


MIC= 2 mg/L

Number of bacteria in this tube varies between 0-10<sup>8</sup> CFU/ml

# What happened in the tubes?

Bacterial growth  
Bacterial kill  
Continuous process over time



MIC = 2  
mg/L

Growth
Kill

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$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \left\{ \lambda \cdot \left(1 - \frac{N}{N_{\max}}\right) - \varepsilon \cdot \frac{C^\gamma}{C^\gamma + EC_{50}^\gamma} \right\} \cdot N \quad (1)$$

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Growth rate
Max kill rate

MIC is the result of these processes over time

# “The” MIC

Does NOT Quantify bacterial growth

Does NOT Quantify bacterial kill

It is the result of these biological processes over time

High variability and is not very reproducible

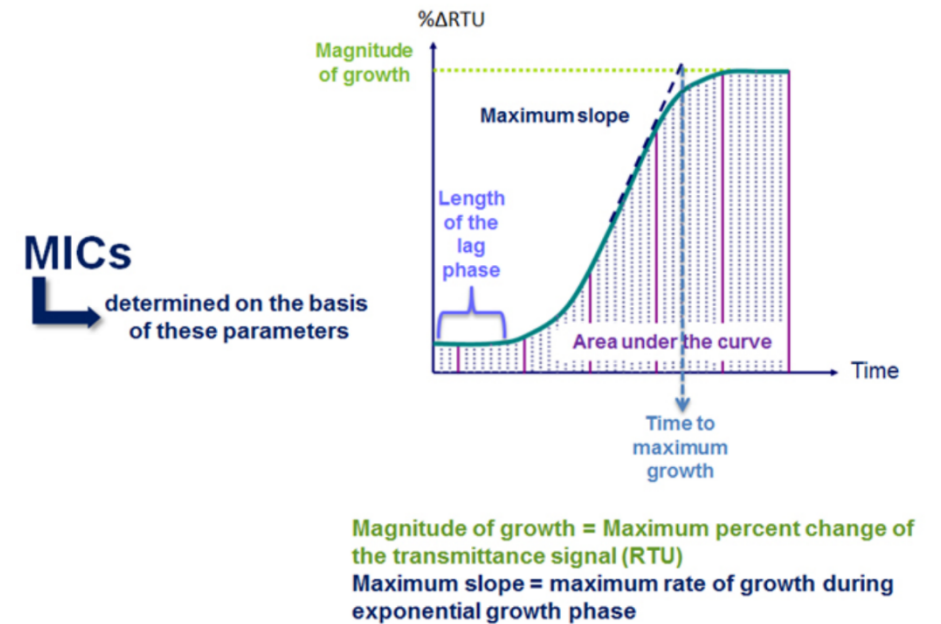
# The use of other methods

- All methods need to be validated versus the reference method



## Vitek 2 system, BioMérieux

- algorithm based on a few measurements.
- Not 2-fold dilution.
- Totally different approach
- repetitive turbidimetric monitoring of bacterial growth during an abbreviated incubation period.

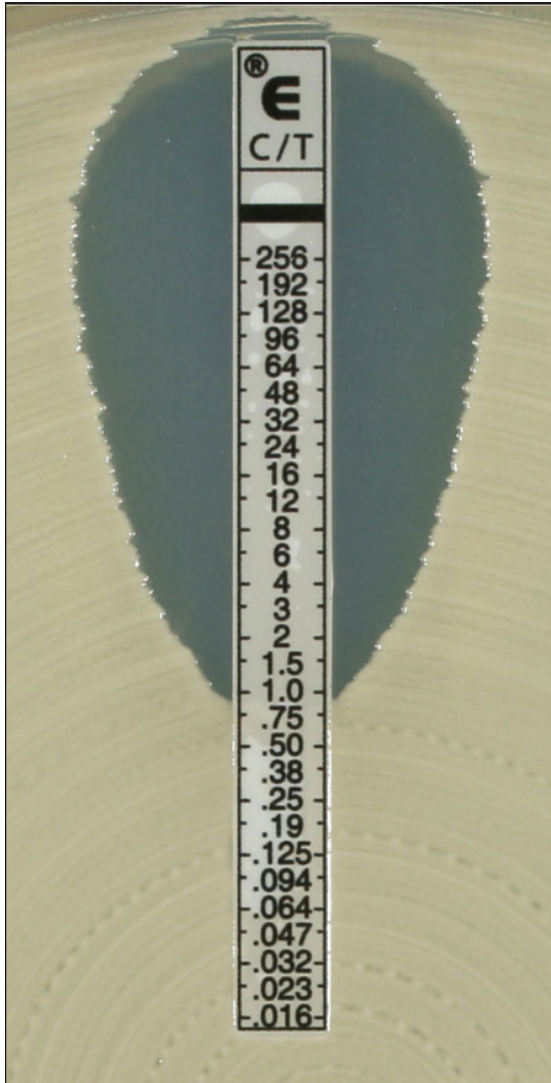




## Phoenix system, BD

- \* 2-fold dilution,
- \* micro-dilution,
- \* growth or no-growth (turbidometric and colorimetric (oxidation-reduction indicator) growth detection).
  
- \* different inoculum from the reference method

# Gradient-tests



- Increasing concentration on the strip
- Antibiotic diffuses into the agar

Ceftolozane/Tazobactam (C/T 256)



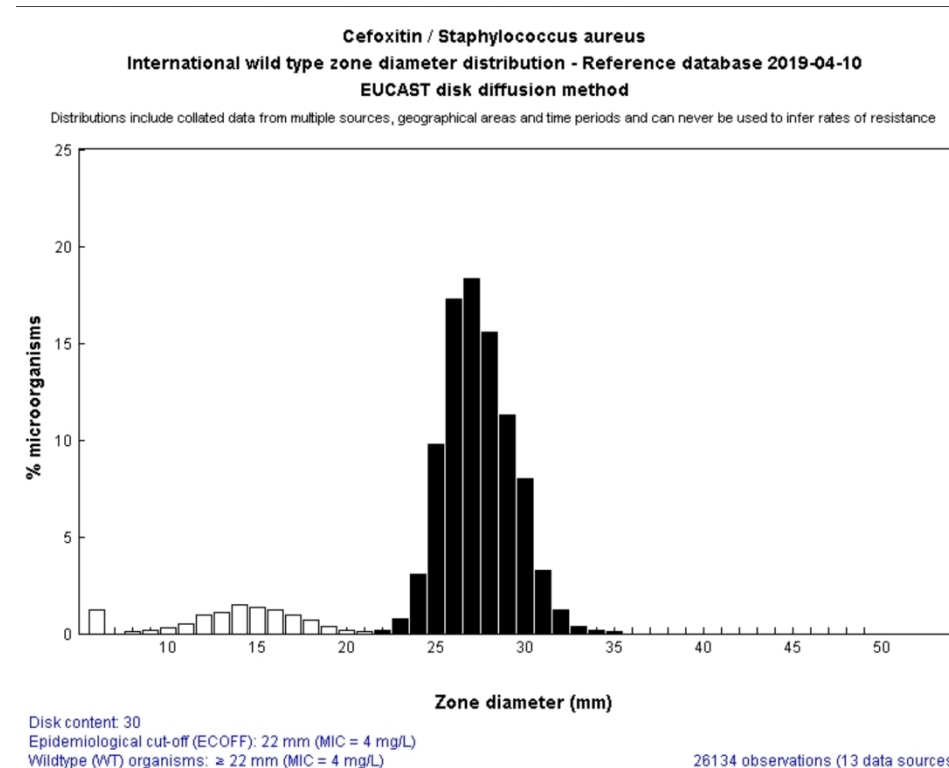
# Disc diffusion

- Do not result in a value in mg/L, but in mm of the zone.



- Biological variation within one strain
- between-strain variation
- between-laboratory variation
  - Materials
  - people

# Disc diffusion *S aureus* and cefoxitin



Different areas  
~26000 observations (strains)  
13 sources (different labs)  
Different time periods  
Susceptible strains: 22-35mm

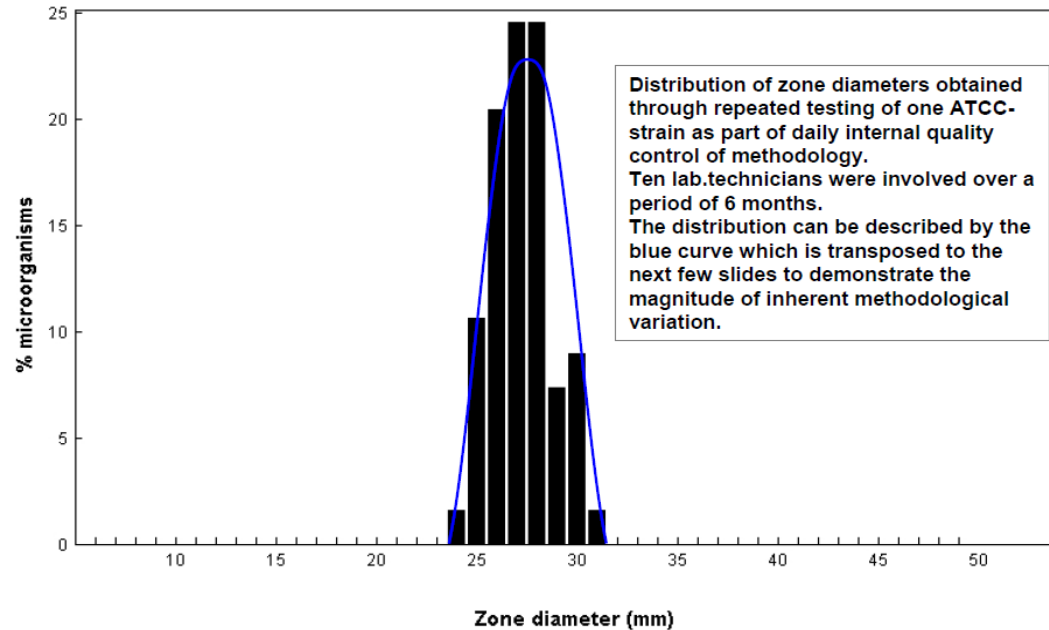
# Variation in measurements

- Biological variation within one strain
- ~~between-strain variation~~
- ~~between-laboratory variation~~

# *S aureus* ATCC 29213 in 1 laboratory

**Cefoxitin / Staphylococcus aureus ATCC 29213**  
**EUCAST zone diameter distribution - Reference database**  
**EUCAST disk diffusion method**

Distributions include collated data from multiple sources, geographical areas and time periods and can never be used to infer rates of resistance

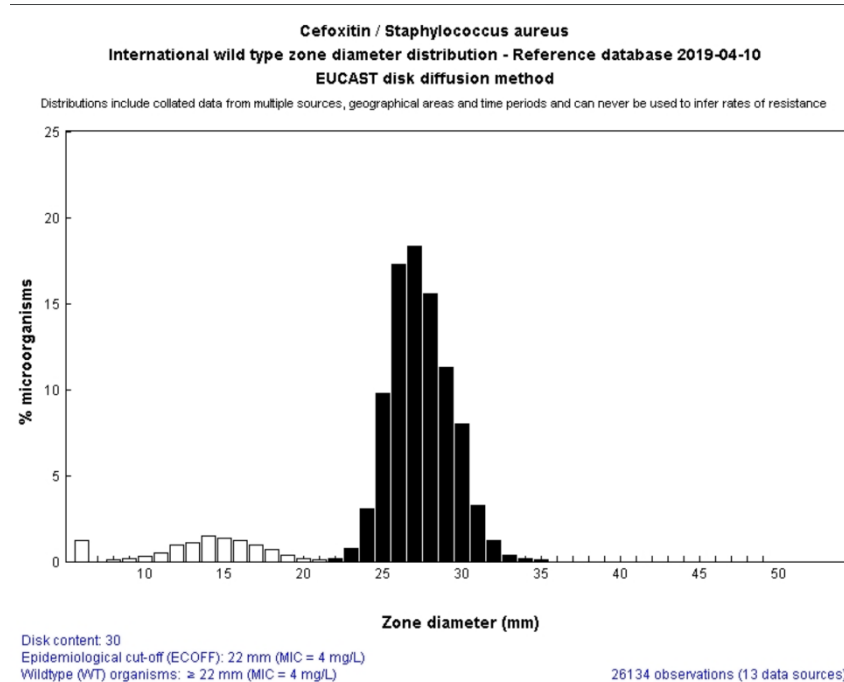


Disk content: 30  
 Epidemiological cut-off: WT  $\geq$  22 mm (MIC: -)

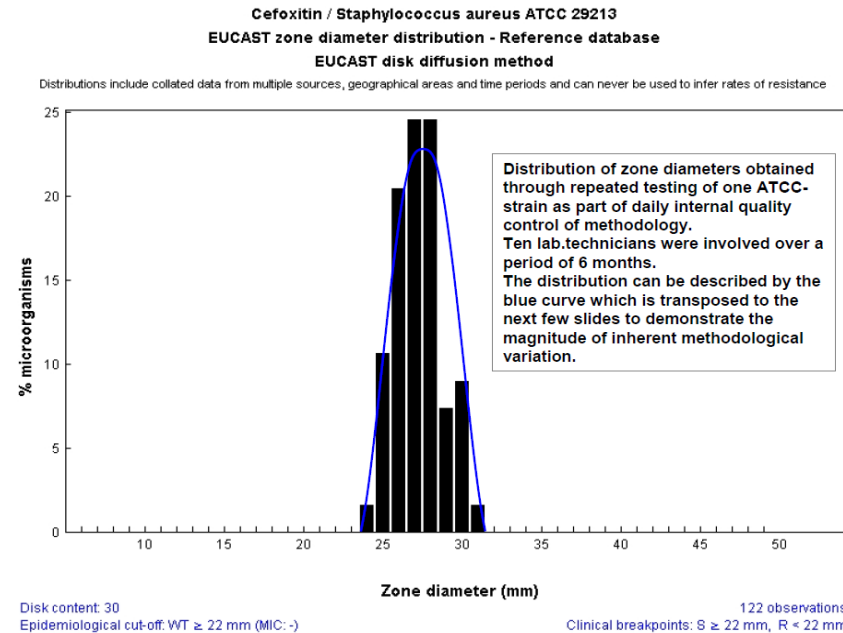
122 observations  
 Clinical breakpoints: S  $\geq$  22 mm, R  $<$  22 mm

1 strain  
 122 measurements  
 6 months  
 10 labtechnicians  
 Zones between 24-31 mm

# Compare the two distributions



~26000 strains



1 strain  
122 measurements

# Second example on the variability

*S aureus* and linezolid MIC determined by gradienttest (Etest®)

Analysis:

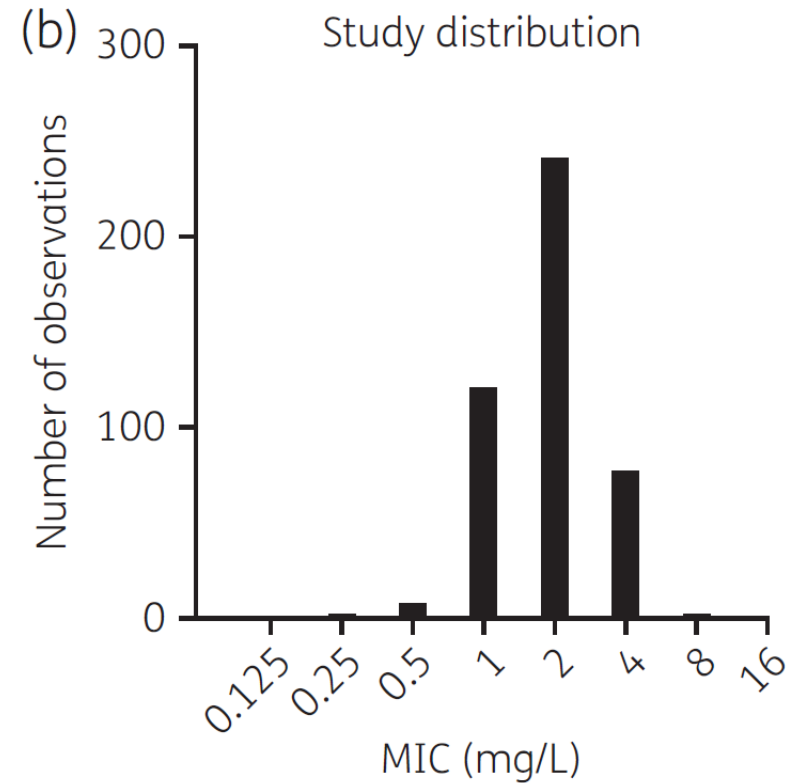
22 different strains

5 different laboratories

Sent in quadruplicate (blind fashion)

440 observations

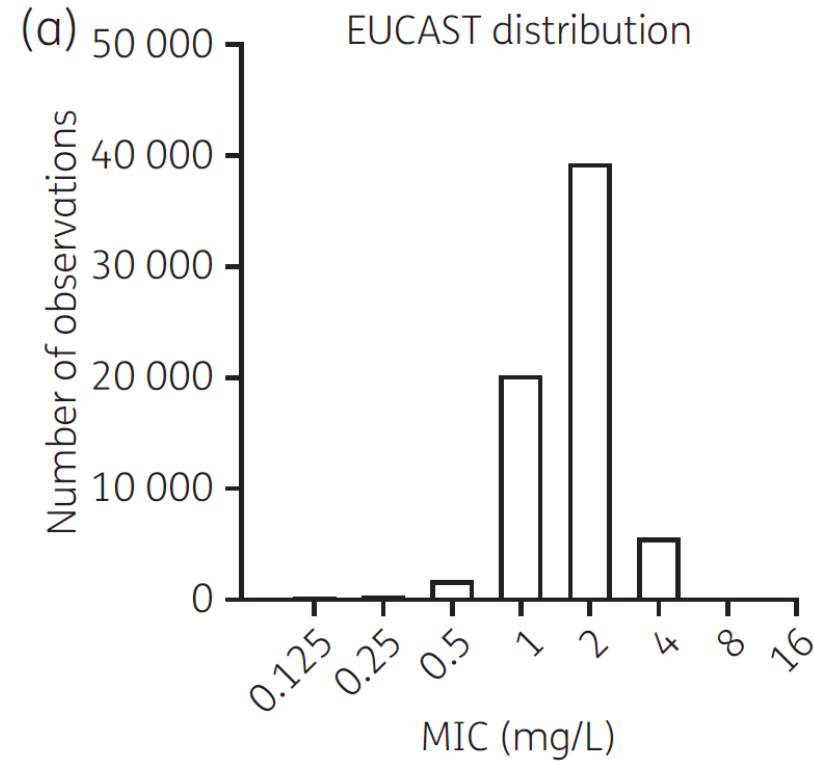
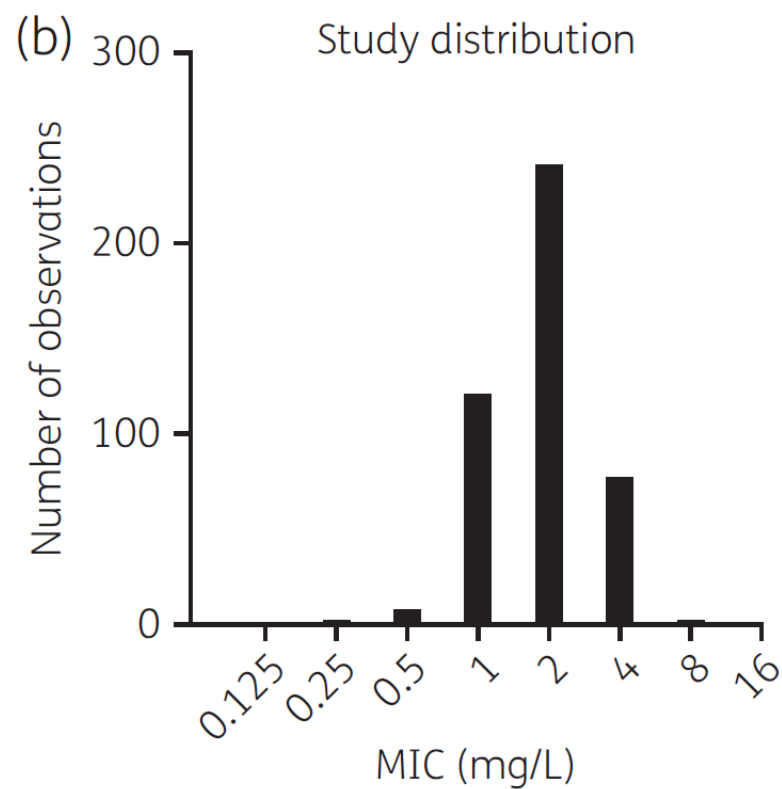
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## Source of the variation

|       | Observations (n) | Sum of squares (% of total error) |                  |                      | Explained      | $R^2$ | Unexplained assay variation |
|-------|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------------------|
|       |                  | total variation                   | strain variation | laboratory variation |                |       |                             |
| Total | 440              | 227.82 (100%)                     | 109.22 (47.9%)   | 23.57 (10.3%)        | 132.79 (58.3%) | 0.58  | 95.03 (41.7%)               |

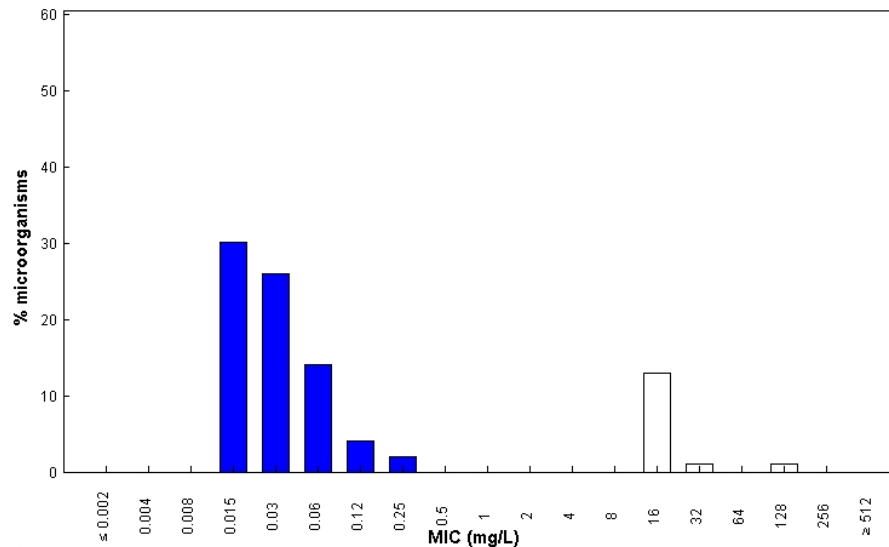
So, “the” MIC does not exist in the routine lab

# Wild-type distribution

- Distribution of MICs for micro-organisms without resistance mechanisms
- [www.eucast.org](http://www.eucast.org)

**Ceftobiprole / *Klebsiella pneumoniae***  
International MIC Distribution - Reference Database 2019-09-08

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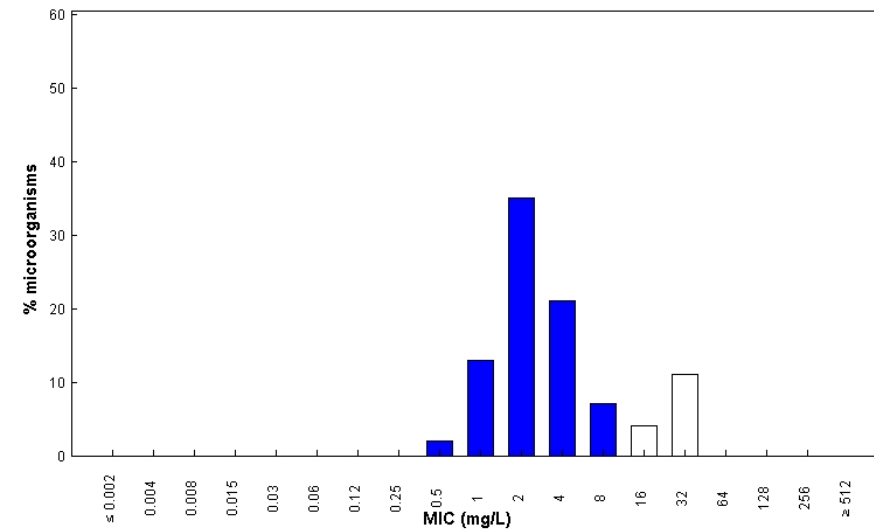


MIC  
Epidemiological cut-off (ECOFF): 0.25 mg/L  
Wildtype (WT) organisms: ≤ 0.25 mg/L

2732 observations (7 data sources)

**Cefuroxime / *Klebsiella pneumoniae***  
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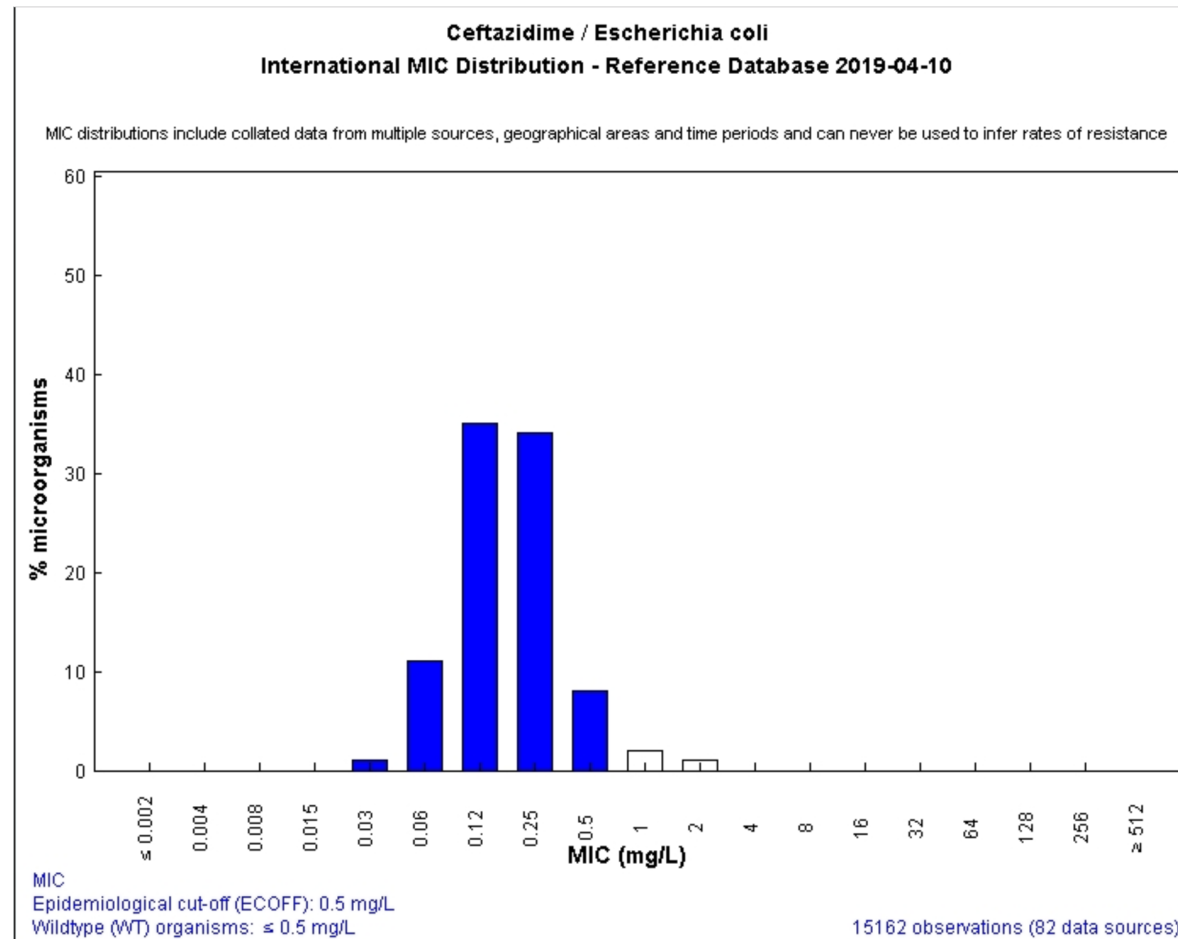
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MIC  
Epidemiological cut-off (ECOFF): 8 mg/L  
Wildtype (WT) organisms: ≤ 8 mg/L

42531 observations (20 data sources)

# Epidemiological cut-off (ECOFF)



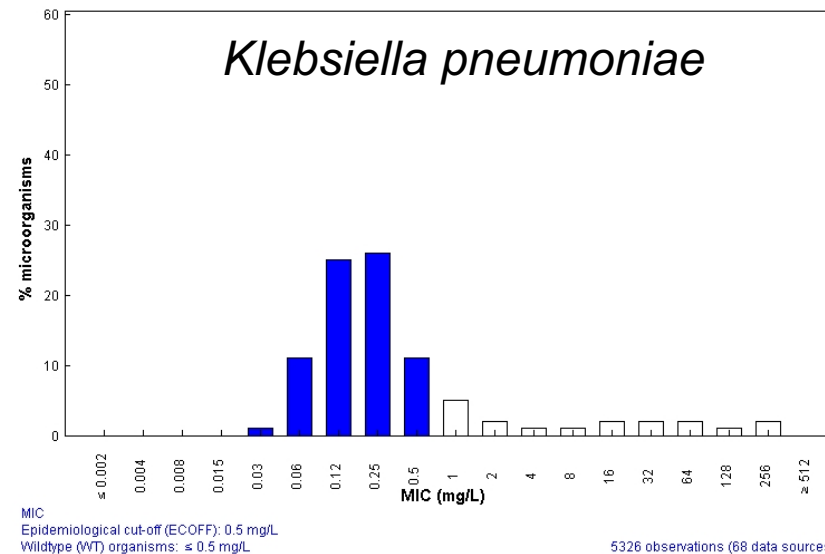
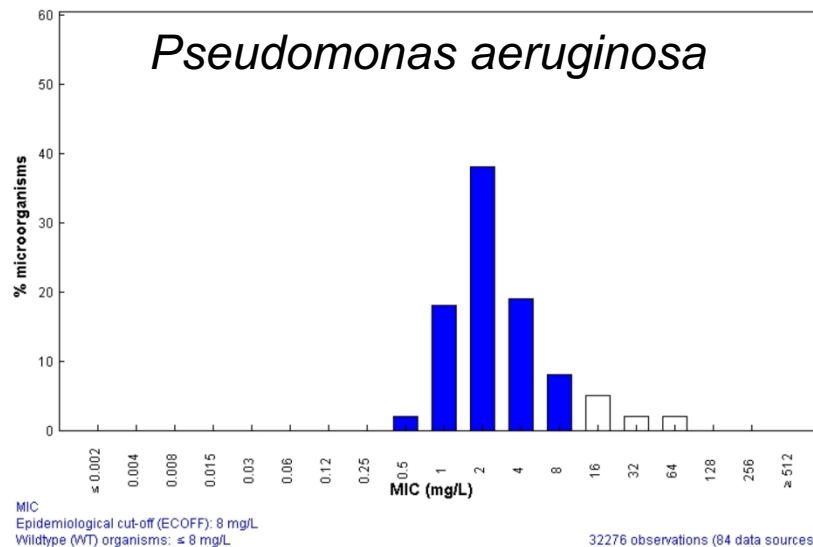
ECOFF: 0.5 mg/L

# Ceftazidime and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

- MIC

|  | 0.002 | 0.004 | 0.008 | 0.016 | 0.032 | 0.064 | 0.125 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 1    | 2     | 4    | 8    | 16   | 32  | 64  | 128 | 256 | 512 | ECOFF |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----|------|-------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| <a href="#">Klebsiella pneumoniae</a>  | 0     | 0     | 10    | 9     | 89    | 592   | 1346  | 1425 | 611 | 281  | 145   | 88   | 104  | 113  | 146 | 136 | 92  | 112 | 27  | 0.5   |
| <a href="#">Klebsiella spp</a>         | 0     | 0     | 0     | 15    | 125   | 343   | 351   | 158  | 71  | 43   | 13    | 3    | 3    | 0    | 2   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0.5   |
| <a href="#">Moraxella catarrhalis</a>  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 6     | 27    | 28    | 10    | 7    | 1   | 1    | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | ND    |
| <a href="#">Morganella morganii</a>    | 0     | 2     | 5     | 18    | 67    | 64    | 48    | 38   | 34  | 15   | 12    | 10   | 7    | 19   | 4   | 3   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0.25  |
| <a href="#">Neisseria gonorrhoeae</a>  | 0     | 2     | 3     | 12    | 16    | 5     | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | ND    |
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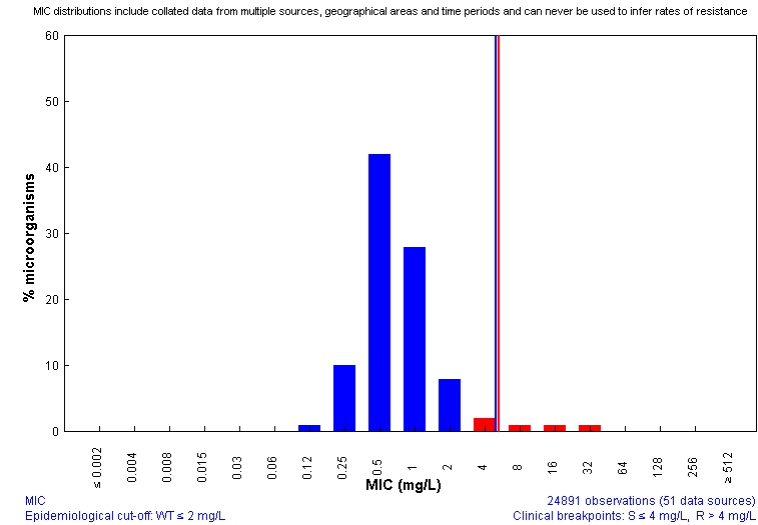
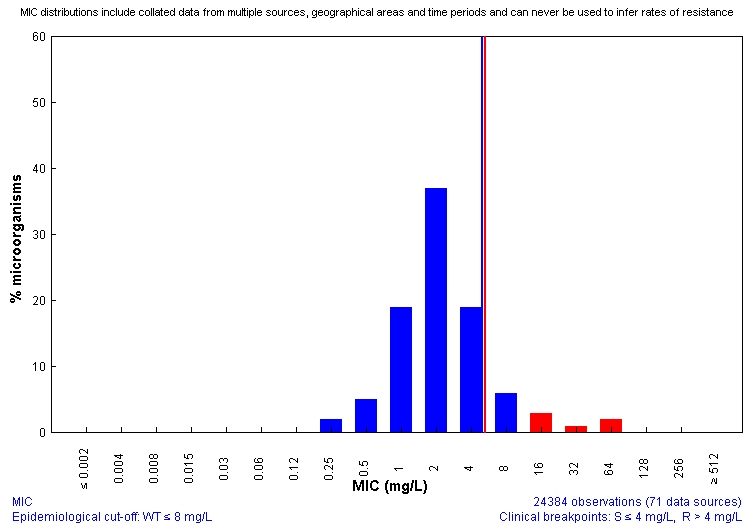


## Gentamicin

## Tobramycin

Gentamicin / *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*  
 EUCAST MIC Distribution - Reference Database 2012-11-19

Tobramycin / *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*  
 EUCAST MIC Distribution - Reference Database 2012-11-19



ECOFF 8 mg/L

ECOFF 2 mg/L

Pharmacokinetic profile is very similar  
 PK/PD targets similar

Dosing based on an individual MIC?

**NO!**

# Literature..... example

[Int J Antimicrob Agents](#). 2019 Mar 6. pii: S0924-8579(19)30054-8. doi: 10.1016/j.ijantimicag.2019.03.002. [Epub ahead of print]

## **Be careful about MICs to amoxicillin for patients with Streptococci-related infective endocarditis.**

[Pilmis B](#)<sup>1</sup>, [Lourtet-Hascoët J](#)<sup>2</sup>, [Barraud O](#)<sup>3</sup>, [Piau C](#)<sup>4</sup>, [Isnard C](#)<sup>5</sup>, [Hery-Arnaud G](#)<sup>6</sup>, [Amara M](#)<sup>7</sup>, [Merens A](#)<sup>8</sup>, [Farfour E](#)<sup>9</sup>, [Thomas E](#)<sup>10</sup>, [Jacquier H](#)<sup>11</sup>, [Zahar JR](#)<sup>12</sup>, [Bonnet E](#)<sup>13</sup>, [Le Monnier A](#)<sup>2</sup>, [Cattoir V](#)<sup>4</sup>, [Corvec S](#)<sup>10</sup>, [Boutolle D](#)<sup>14</sup>, [Péan de Ponfily G](#)<sup>11</sup>, [Reissier S](#)<sup>5</sup>; GMC Study Group.

In multivariate analysis, the only **factor associated with in-hospital mortality was MIC for amoxicillin** between 0.25 and 2mg/L (p=0.04; OR= 2.23 [1.03-4.88]) whereas protective factor was performance of cardiac surgery for IE (p=0.001, OR = 0.23 [0.1-0.56]).

- Population level, not individual level



# Conclusion MIC determination and dosing

- Considerable amount of variation
- The only conclusion that can be drawn is, whether the bacteria is within the wild-type distribution or not.
- Do not use such values in individual patient care

**Table 1.** Suggested interpretation of the MIC for target attainment under various conditions

| MIC found               | Interpretation for target attainment    |
|-------------------------|---|
| Within WT, $\leq$ ECOFF | ECOFF                                   |
| $>$ ECOFF               | MIC + two 2-fold dilutions <sup>a</sup> |

<sup>a</sup>Number of dilutions could be higher or lower than two depending on the proficiency of the lab and the drug-species distribution.

- Local lab results reports S for ceftazidime
  - Hopefully the lab does not report a value, such as 0.125mg/L
  - You know that the MIC is maximum 0.5 mg/L

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- Target value for TDM will be MIC of 0.5 mg/L