

Supplementary Table I. Comparative summary of *In vitro* activity of cefepime–enmetazobactam (CPM–EMT) against gram-negative infections (GNIs) (selected studies)

Study (yr)	Isolates and region	Resistance mechanisms	CPM–EMT MIC ₉₀ (µg/mL)	% Susceptible	Incremental benefit of EMT over cefepime alone	Key notes
Morrissey <i>et al</i> ¹⁷ , 2019	1,993 <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> + <i>P. aeruginosa</i> (US/EU, 2014–15)	<i>ESBLs</i> (CTX-M, TEM, SHV); non- <i>ESBLP. aeruginosa</i>	<i>E. coli</i> : 0.12; <i>K. pneumoniae</i> : 0.5; <i>E. cloacae</i> : 1; <i>E. aerogenes</i> : 0.25; <i>P. aeruginosa</i> : 16	<i>E. coli</i> : 99.9%; <i>K. pneumoniae</i> : 96.4%; <i>E. cloacae</i> : 97.0%; <i>E. aerogenes</i> : 100%; all <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> : 98.1%; <i>P. aeruginosa</i> : 82.8%	128-fold for <i>E. coli</i> (16→0.12); ≥128-fold for <i>K. pneumoniae</i> (>64→0.5); 16-fold for <i>E. cloacae</i> (16→1); none for <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Definitive large-scale surveillance baseline
Jean <i>et al</i> ³⁷ , 2022	Bloodstream <i>Enterobacterales</i> (n = 651), <i>P. aeruginosa</i> (n = 271), <i>A. baumannii</i> (n = 187) (Taiwan, SMART 2020)	<i>ESBL</i> , <i>AmpC</i> , carbapenem-nonsusceptible isolates	<i>Enterobacterales</i> : ≤0.5; <i>P. aeruginosa</i> : ~16; <i>A. baumannii</i> : >16	<i>Enterobacterales</i> : ≥97%; <i>P. aeruginosa</i> : ~80%–85%; <i>A. baumannii</i> : minimal	Large MIC reductions for <i>Enterobacterales</i> ; negligible for non-fermenters	Regional SMART programme confirms global trends
Bonnin <i>et al</i> ⁶ , 2025	Carbapenem-resistant <i>Enterobacterales</i> (CRE; 2,212 isolates: <i>OXA-48</i> -like, <i>KPC</i> , <i>NDM</i> , <i>VIM</i> , others) + 50 <i>P. aeruginosa</i> + 30 <i>A. baumannii</i> (France, 2023)	CRE (<i>OXA-48</i> , <i>KPC</i> , <i>MBL</i> ; <i>NDM/VIM</i>)	<i>OXA-48</i> : ~1; <i>KPC</i> : variable (≤0.25 for resistant variants); <i>MBL</i> : >16; non-fermenters: >16	<i>OXA-48</i> : 96.7%; <i>KPC</i> : 63.3%; <i>MBL</i> : <5%; <i>P. aeruginosa</i> Minimal activity (largely cefepime-driven); <i>A. baumannii</i> : no benefit	≥16× reduction for <i>OXA-48</i> ; none for <i>MBLs</i> or non-fermenters	Validates limited CPM–EMT utility beyond <i>OXA-48</i> CRE
Bhowmick <i>et al</i> ³³ , 2025	Multinational clinical <i>Enterobacterales</i> (3GC-R, <i>ESBL</i> + <i>OXA-48</i> producers)	<i>ESBL</i> , <i>AmpC</i> , <i>OXA-48</i> CRE	MIC ₉₀ generally ≤1 for <i>ESBL/OXA-48</i> producers	>95% susceptibility	High fold-reduction relative to cefepime	Narrative review summarizes global <i>in vitro</i> findings
Bakthavatchalam <i>et al</i> ⁴ , 2025	566 Indian 3GC-R <i>Enterobacterales</i> + <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	CTX-M, <i>AmpC</i> (CMY, DHA), <i>OXA-1</i> ; MDR <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	<i>ESBL</i> : ≤2 <i>AmpC</i> : ≤4 <i>K. pneumoniae</i> : ≤1	100% <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; high <i>Enterobacterales</i>	Clear reduction in MIC across all	Strong bactericidal effect against Indian MDR isolates
Jasmine A ^c , 2025	<i>ESBL/AmpC Enterobacterales</i> (India – institutional isolates)	<i>ESBL</i> , <i>AmpC</i>	Not specified	~91% clinical response	Not quantified	Supports <i>in vitro</i> trends qualitatively

CPM–EMT, cefepime–enmetazobactam (fixed 8 µg/mL enmetazobactam); MIC₉₀, minimum inhibitory concentration inhibiting 90% of isolates. SMART, study for monitoring antimicrobial resistance trends; CMY, cephamycin hydrolysing; DHA, Dhahran hospital; 3GC-R, third-generation cephalosporin-resistant; CRE, carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacterales*; Fold-reduction, Decrease in MIC when comparing cefepime alone to CPM–EMT; Cells marked ‘Not specified’ indicate the original study did not report numerical MIC₉₀ values. For *P. aeruginosa*, EMT component offers little inhibition of prevalent resistance mechanisms; observed activity largely reflects cefepime susceptibility. The combination is not a targeted option for difficult-to-treat *P. aeruginosa*; agents such as ceftolozane–tazobactam or imipenem–relebactam may be preferred depending on susceptibility and local guidance (IDSA 2024)