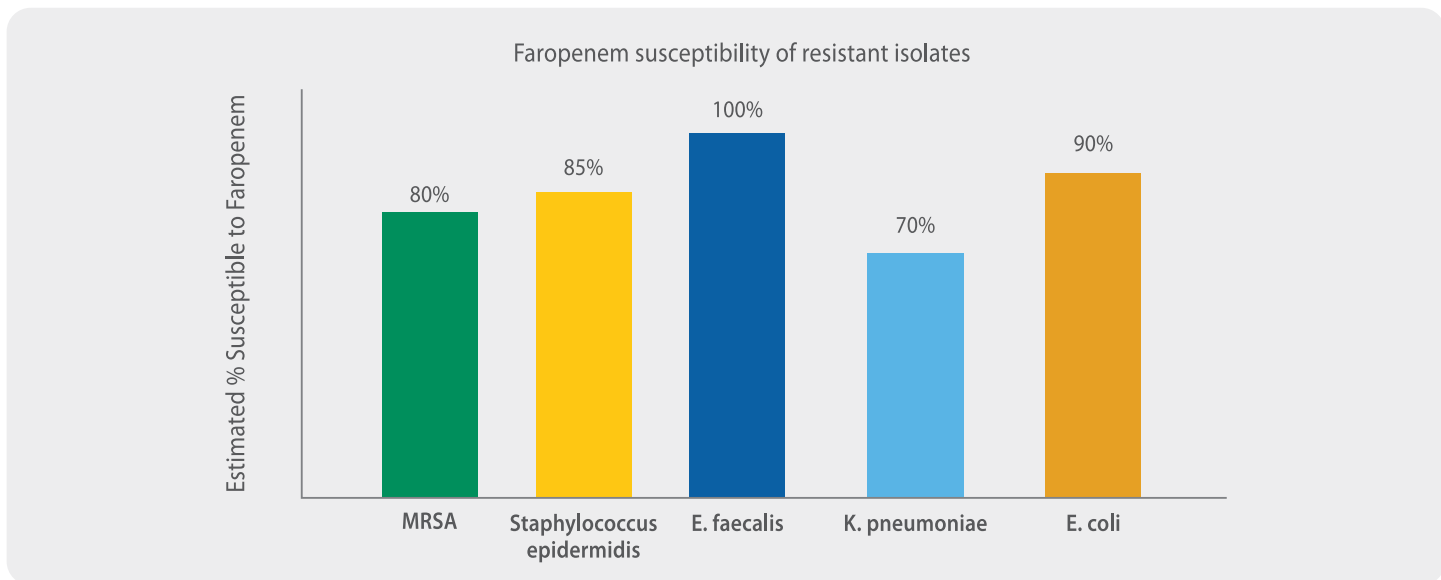


Faropenem susceptibility of multidrug-resistant contemporary clinical isolates from zhejiang province, China

- Faropenem is a novel oral carbapenem with strong activity against multidrug-resistant pathogens. Its oral availability and broad antibacterial spectrum make it highly valuable for clinical use.
- This study highlights Faropenem’s effectiveness against MRSA, coagulase-negative staphylococci, E. faecalis, K. pneumoniae, and E. coli, positioning it as a reliable option for resistant infections.

Study Design	In vitro susceptibility testing (broth microdilution)			
Population	Duration	Centre	Intervention	Outcome
141 resistant isolates (MRSA, Staphylococcus epidermidis, E. faecalis, K. pneumoniae, E. coli)	 8 months	16 hospitals, Zhejiang Province, China	Faropenem compared with other antimicrobials	High susceptibility in MRSA, Staphylococcus epidermidis, E. faecalis, E. coli, partial in K. pneumoniae;



Faropenem demonstrates excellent oral activity against critical multidrug-resistant pathogens including MRSA, Staphylococcus epidermidis, E. faecalis, and E. coli, with encouraging results in K. pneumoniae. Its oral formulation, potent spectrum, and safety profile make Faropenem a promising therapeutic choice in the fight against resistant infections.

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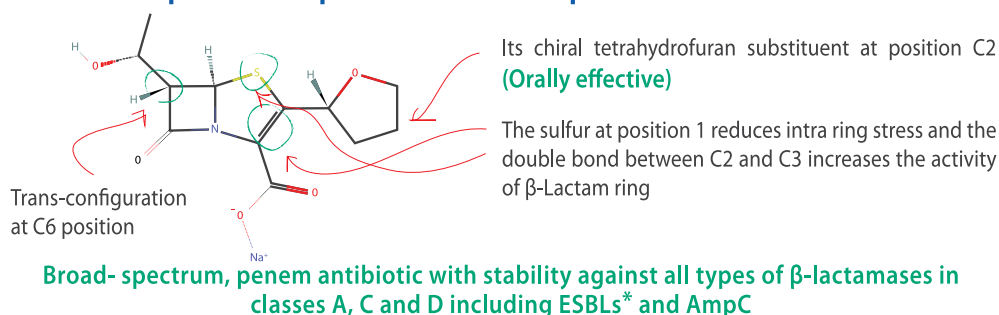
Drug Review

Antimicrobial resistance

- Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) has been prioritized by the World Health Organization (WHO) as one of the top 10 global public health threats facing humanity.²
- Resistance to beta-lactams is an alarming and growing phenomenon and, in turn, a public health challenge. Following are the mechanisms of resistance³ :
 - Inactivation by the production of beta-lactamases.
 - Decreased penetration to the target site (e.g., the resistance of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*).
 - Alteration of target site Penicillin Binding Proteins (PBPs) (e.g., penicillin resistance in *pneumococci*).
 - Efflux from the periplasmic space through specific pumping mechanisms.

The key distinguishing features of faropenem⁴⁻⁷

Faropenem- a penem with unique chemical structure



Time, concentration and oxygen dependent **bactericidal effect** against **Aerobic, Anaerobic, Gram-positive & Gram-negative** bacteria.

Faropenem has shown lower MICs (Minimum Inhibitory Concentrations) than other beta-lactam antibiotics against certain bacteria.

	Bacteria	Faropenem			Amox - clav		Cefuroxime		Imipenem	
		MIC ₅₀	MIC ₉₀	Range	MIC ₅₀	MIC ₉₀	MIC ₅₀	MIC ₉₀	MIC ₅₀	MIC ₉₀
Gram (+ve)	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MS)	0.12	0.12	0.03–0.5	1	2	1	2	≤ 0.5	≤ 0.5
	<i>S. aureus</i> (MR)	>32	>32	0.12– >32	8	16	>32	>32	32	32
	<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i> (All)	0.12	0.5	0.06 – >128	1	8	0.5	16	0.016	16
	<i>S. epidermidis</i> (MS)	0.12	0.5	0.06 – 4	1	2	0.5	1	0.016	0.016
	<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	0.03	0.03	≤ 0.015 – 0.06	0.03	0.03	≤ 0.015	≤ 0.015	≤ 0.008	≤ 0.008
	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	0.008	0.25	≤ 0.004 – 2	0.03	0.5	≤ 0.12	4	≤ 0.5	≤ 0.5
Gram (-ve)	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	0.5	1	0.12 – 32	4	16	4	8	≤ 0.5	≤ 0.5
	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	0.25	1	≤ 0.004 – 4	0.5	1	0.5	2	1	4
	<i>H. influenzae</i> (BLN)	0.25	1	≤ 0.004 – 4	0.5	1	0.5	2	1	2
	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	0.5	2	0.25 – >32	2	8	4	>32	0.25	1

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