problems, bodily pain, general health, vitality, social function, role limitations due to emotional problems, and mental health).

**Methods.** An exploratory analysis evaluated HRQoL in patients who received LEF or MOX in LEAP 1 (IV-PO treatment) and LEAP 2 (PO-only treatment). SF-12 was measured at baseline (BL) and test-of-cure (TOC; 5–10 days after last study drug dose). SF-12 outcomes assessed included the 8 domains, physical component summary (PCS), and mental component summary (MCS) scores. SF-12 scores were normalized to the 2009 US population reference mean (SD) of 50 (10). A 3-point change on any scale represents a clinically meaningful difference.

**Results.** Analysis included 1,215 patients (LEF n = 607; MOX n = 608). At BL, all mean SF-12 scores in both treatment groups were well below the US reference mean, indicating a low HRQoL level, consistent with the acute illness of the study population (see figure). Clinically meaningful and significant improvements from BL to TOC were observed in all domain, PCS, and MCS scores in both groups. Mean scores were close to the reference mean, indicating an average HRQoL level. No significant differences in mean score improvements from BL to TOC were seen for LEF vs. MOX. SF-12 score improvements at TOC across predefined subgroups (age, sex, number of comorbidities, study, and PORT risk class) were comparable between treatment groups.

**Conclusion.** Our data indicate that adults with CABP experienced HRQoL improvements with LEF that were comparable with MOX, and treatment with either agent resulted in return to normal HRQoL. When combined with overall study results, these data suggest LEF as a potential alternative to MOX for treatment of adults with CABP.

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677. Activity of Novel β-Lactamase Inhibitor QPX7728 Combined with β-Lactam Agents When Tested Against Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) Isolates

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**Background.** CREs have been described worldwide and these isolates are often multidrug resistant with few therapeutic options remaining active against them. New β-lactam (BL)/β-lactamase inhibitor (BLI) combinations recently approved are active against KPC and some OXA-48 producers, but not against isolates producing metallo-β-lactamas (MBLs). We evaluated the activity of QPX7728 (QPX), a novel BLI paired with various BLs against a collection of CRE isolates characterized for the presence of carbapenemases.

**Methods.** A total of 508 CRE clinical isolates were susceptibility (S) tested by reference broth microdilution methods against meropenem (MER), teixobactam (TET), ceftazidime (CFT), cefepime (FEP), cefotaxime (CTX), and etrapenem (ETP), and meropenem (MEM) combined with QPX at fixed 2, 4, and 8 mg/L. Agents were provided by Qpex Biopharma except for FEP, ETP, and MEM. Carbapenemases were detected using PCR sequencing or whole-genome sequencing.

**Results.** All BLs had limited activity against CRE isolates (MICs >2 mg/L) and QPX lowered the MIC for all agents (figure). Against 157 isolates carrying serine-carbapenemase (SCarb) genes (153 KPC-producers), MEM or ETP plus QPX at fixed 4 or 8 mg/L displayed MICs ≥0.5 mg/L. QPX lowered the FEP or TOL MICs to ≤0.25 mg/L and MICs to 0.25, 0.5 or 1 mg/L depending on the BLI concentration. Over 98% of the 150 isolates harboring OXA-48-like genes were inhibited by FEP, TOL, ETP, or MEM plus QPX at 0.5 mg/L. Similarly, MEM, FEP, TOL, ETP, and ETP plus QPX inhibited >98% of the 51 CREs that did not carry carbapenemases at ≤2 mg/L when using a higher BLI concentration. The activity of FEP (MICs ≤0.06/1 mg/L), ETP, and MEM (MICs ≤0.25 mg/L) was mostly restored when 8 mg/L of QPX was combined with these agents and tested against 150 MBL-producing isolates.

**Conclusion.** QPX restored the activity of several BLs when tested against 508 CRE isolates that include 157 harboring SCarb, 150 OXA-48-like producers, and 150 MBL-producing isolates. Further development of this BLI with inhibitory activity against all carbapenemase types seems warranted.

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678. Galactomannan Is a Biomarker of APX001 (Fosmanogepix) Efficacy in Treating Experimental Invasive Pulmonary Aspergillosis

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**Background.** Invasive pulmonary aspergillosis (IPA) is a serious fungal infection afflicting immunocompromised patients. Galactomannan (GM) detection in biological samples using the Platelet ELISA has been shown to predict therapy response by azoles, and polyenes. We previously reported on the activity of APX001 (fosmanogepix) in treating murine IPA. Here, we investigated the potential use of GM as a biomarker of APX001 efficacy in an immunosuppressed murine model of IPA.

**Methods.** ICR mice (n = 8/group) were immunosuppressed with cyclophosphamide and cortisone acetate on days −2, +3, relative to infection with Aspergillus fumigatus via inhalation. Treatment with placebo (diluent control), APX001 (104 mg/kg, PO, a human equivalent dose), or posaconazole (POSA, 30 mg/kg, BID [equivalent to 6× the humanized dose]) began 16-hour post-infection and continued daily. To extend the half-life of APX001, mice were administered 50 mg/kg of the cytochrome P450 inhibitor 1-amino-2-benzonitrile (ABT) 2 hours prior to APX001 administration. Mice were sacrificed 48, 72, or 96-hour post-infection and their lungs, bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) and sera were collected. Lung fungal burden was determined by colony equivalent (CE) using qPCR, while GM was determined using the Platelet ELISA.

**Results.** Compared with placebo, APX001 or POSA treatment resulted in a gradual decrease in tissue fungal burden over time with APX001 or POSA showing significant reduction as early as 96 and 72 hours, respectively (P < 0.005). Although the super-therapeutic dose of POSA resulted in faster reduction in lung fungal burden after 72 hours, both drugs resulted in similar reduction (∼6–7 log) in lung CE vs. placebo after 96 hours. Changes in GM levels in BAL or serum samples mirrored reduction in lung CFU with significant decrease seen after 96 hours or 72 hours for APX001 or POSA, respectively, vs. placebo (P < 0.02) (figure).

**Conclusion.** A human equivalent dose of APX001 and a super humanized dose of POSA resulted in a time-dependent reduction of lung fungal burden and GM levels when compared with placebo. These results show that GM can be used as a biomarker of APX001 efficacy in immunosuppressed mice.

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679. In vitro Activity of Cefiderocol (CIF), a Novel Siderophore Cephalosporin, Against Difficult-to-Treat-Resistant (DTR) Gram-Negative Bacterial Pathogens From the Multi-National Sentinel Surveillance Study, SIDERO-WT (2014–2017)

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**Background.** Cefiderocol (CIF, APX001) is a novel siderophore cephalosporin that exhibits broad-spectrum activity against DTR Gram-negative bacteria including P. aeruginosa, E. coli, K. pneumoniae, and A. baumannii. CIF has exhibited activity against bacterial isolates harboring carbapenemase genes (KPC, VIM, IMP, NDM), MBLs, and CREs in prior studies.

**Methods.** Activity of CIF against a collection of CARBS was determined in vitro using an ETest system. E. coli 25922, ATCC 25922; P. aeruginosa 27853, ATCC 27853; K. pneumoniae 700603, ATCC 700603; A. baumannii 19660, ATCC 19660 were used as quality control strains. The MICs were determined in LB media with 2% (w/v) defibrinated horse blood.

**Results.** CIF was active against all bacterial isolates overlapping the CARBS with a mean MIC of 0.25 mg/L. CIF was active against NDM and IMP producers with a mean MIC of 0.25 mg/L. A significant difference was found between the activities of CIF and other major cephalosporins against VIM producing and CRE isolates (P < 0.05).

**Conclusion.** CIF is a promising agent with broad-spectrum activity against DTR Gram-negative bacteria including carbapenemase-producing isolates. CIF has the potential to be used as an agent of last resort for the treatment of DTR Gram-negative bacteria.

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