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## ABSTRACT

*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* is one of the leading causes of nosocomial infections. Carbapenems are used as the last resort for treatment of multidrug resistant (MDR) gram-negative bacterial infection. Resistance to this life saving drug has been increasingly reported in *Pseudomonas* which is mainly due to production of metallo - lactamases. Therefore this present study was conducted with an objective to find the prevalence of *P. aeruginosa* in different samples along with their antimicrobial susceptibility profile, find out the burden of MDR among *P. aeruginosa* and the production of metallo - lactamases among those isolates.

Total of 5833 samples were analysed, at the microbiology department of Shree Birendra Hospital's, Chauni, Kathmandu from January 2013 to June 2013, for routine culture and antibiotic susceptibility testing. Organisms were identified by conventional microbiological method and antibiotic susceptibility test was performed by Kirby- Bauer disc diffusion method. Metallo - lactamases (MBLs) were detected by using combined disk test using imipenem with Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA). Out of 5833 samples analysed, 942 showed positive growth among which 114 (12.1%) were *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Most of the isolates (95.6%) were sensitive to Imipenem and highest resistance (57.0%) was observed towards Ceftadizime. Only 33.3% of *P. aeruginosa* were multidrug resistant and most were isolated from ICU patients. Prevalence of metallo - lactamases producing *P. aeruginosa* strains was 4.4% and all isolates were multidrug resistant. The study showed increasing trend of metallo - lactamase producing isolates indicating the need of routine surveillance and timely control of the spread of these isolates in different units of health institutions.

**Key words:** *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, Multidrug Resistance, Metallo - lactamase

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## ABBREVIATIONS

ADP	: Adenosine diphosphate
ATCC	: American Type Culture collection
BA	: Blood Agar
CAZ	: Ceftazidime
CDC	: Centre for Disease Control
CLSI	: Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute
CSF	: Cerebrospinal Fluid
CLED	: Cysteine lactose electrolyte deficient agar
DNA	: Deoxy Ribonucleic Acid
EDTA	: Ethylenediaminetetraacetic Acid
ESBL	: Extended Spectrum Beta Lactamase
ICU	: Intensive Care Unit
IMP	: Imipenemase
IPM	: Imipenem
ITCU	: Intensive Trauma Care Unit
LPS	: Lipopolysaccharide
MA	: Mac Conkey Agar
MBL	: Metallo - lactamase
MDR	: Multi Drug Resistance
MHA	: Muller Hinton Agar
MHB	: Muller Hinton Broth
NA	: Nutrient Agar
PBP	: Penicillin Binding Proteins
PCR	: Polymerase Chain Reaction
SPSS	: Statistical Package for Social Science
TSI	: Triple Sugar Iron
TUTH	: Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital
VIM	: Veronese Imipenemase
WHO	: World Health Organization