

Supplementary Information - Modelling antimicrobial resistance transmission to guide personalized antimicrobial stewardship interventions and infection control policies in healthcare setting: a pilot study.

Scoping review

Supplementary Table S1. Search terms used for the scoping review

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| Pathogen search terms: | "Enterobacteriaceae Infections"[Mesh] OR "Klebsiella Infections"[Mesh] OR "Klebsiella"[Mesh] OR "Klebsiella pneumoniae"[Mesh] OR "Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae"[Mesh] OR "Pseudomonas aeruginosa"[Mesh] OR "Pseudomonas Infections"[Mesh] OR "Acinetobacter baumannii"[Mesh] OR "Acinetobacter Infections"[Mesh] OR "Staphylococcal Infections"[Mesh] OR "Staphylococcus"[Mesh] OR "Staphylococcus aureus"[Mesh] OR "Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus"[Mesh] OR "Enterococcus"[Mesh] OR "Vancomycin Resistance"[Mesh]) |
| Intervention search terms: | "Cross Infection/prevention and control"[Mesh] OR "Health Facilities"[Mesh]) AND ("Bacterial Infections/prevention and control"[Mesh] OR "Bacterial Infections/drug therapy"[Mesh] OR "Anti-Bacterial Agents"[Mesh] OR "Drug Prescriptions/statistics and numerical data"[Mesh] OR "Behavior Therapy/methods"[Mesh] OR "Disinfectants/administration and dosage"[Mesh]) AND ("Cross Infection/transmission"[Mesh] OR "Drug Resistance, Microbial"[Mesh] OR "Drug Resistance, Multiple"[Mesh]) |

Supplementary Table S2. List of the retrieved variables from the systematic reviews

| Variable | Description |
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| Article | Title, first author |
| Year | Year |
| Article type | To clarify the type of article, e.g. systematic review, meta-analysis |
| Number of articles included | To clarify how many articles are included in the systematic review |
| Year data | Year/years to which data refer to |
| Setting | Type of setting from which data were |
| Interventions | Type of antimicrobial stewardship or infection control interventions |
| Pathogen | Resistant pathogens for which effectiveness of interventions were analysed |
| Parameters | Parameters utilized in the article to assess the intervention effectiveness, e.g. Incidence ratio (IR), odds ratio (OR), risk ratio (RR), risk difference (RD) |
| Impact of interventions | To clarify whether the impact of a specific intervention on a specific pathogen was calculated |

Model

Supplementary Table S3. List of interventions and description of related model parameters

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| Cohorting | Cohorted contacts reduces HCW-patient mixing, by reducing the number of HCWs contributing to transmission ^[1] . For example, one-to-one nursing by a fraction of HCWs ($H = H_F + H_S + H_R$) corresponds to an effective reduction $H(1-q)$ in HCWs number in the model. |
| Isolation and pre-emptive isolation | HCW-patient mixing can be decreased by reducing the number of daily contacts between HCWs and patients, through the respective parameter K_H . |
| Antibiotic consumption policies | <p>By reducing the antibiotic DOTs or choosing antibiotics with lower risk of selecting resistant strains ^[1,2], it is possible to decrease the emergence and spread of resistant strains. In their study, Austin <i>et al</i> antibiotic restriction policies are introduced into the model to simulate reduction in selection pressure (and hence probability of patient colonization) ^[1]. They estimate that, if antibiotic selection pressure gives an increased relative risk ξ of acquisition whilst the patient is receiving treatment, and patients receive antibiotics for a fraction ϵ of their LOS, then the probability per contact of colonization is increased by a factor of $A = 1 + \epsilon(\xi - 1)$. Within our case study, we estimate ϵ from the days of therapy (DOT) per pd of the resistance selecting antibiotics, as:</p> $\epsilon = \frac{\text{avg. treatment duration}}{LOS} = \frac{DOT \text{ per pd} * \text{pd} / \text{admitted patients}}{LOS}$ $= \frac{DOT \text{ per pd} * LOS}{LOS} = DOT \text{ per pd} = 0.231$ <p>where the average treatment duration is meant to be as if the daily doses observed had been distributed to all the patients admitted, thus it must not be confused with the average treatment duration calculated only on the patients who received an antibiotic treatment. The increased relative risk estimate is $\xi = 3.15$ for the pre-intervention period and $\xi = 2.94$ for post-intervention, as the average of the resistance selecting antibiotics increased risks from [6]. The average is computed on literature risks weighted on hospital data DOTs of β-lactam, cephalosporins, carbapenems and fluoroquinolones antibiotics. Antibiotic prescription for the</p> |

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| | <p>patients was considered as independent from the epidemiological status, in the sense that the DOTs were considered to be the same for each epidemiological compartment (P_F, P_S, P_R).</p> |
| Hand hygiene | <p>Hand hygiene compliance h contributes to the probability of bacterial transmission during the contacts between contaminated and un-colonized individuals [3]. To estimate h, we consider the following equation:</p> $h = \frac{C_h}{C} = \frac{\# \text{ of contacts followed by sanitizations}}{\# \text{ of contacts}}$ <p>In particular, we can estimate:</p> $C_h = \# \text{ of contacts followed by sanitization} \\ = \text{total gel consumption} / \text{single gel dose}$ <p>In which the recommended single gel dose is 0.004 litres, as indicated in the WHO Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care.</p> <p>Since we don't know the total amount of gel consumption, we can estimate it from our data as follows:</p> $\text{total gel consumption} = \text{gel consumption per } pd * pd$ <p>where the gel consumption per pd is 0.04427 litres per patient-days (pd). Patient days (pd, with values in Supplementary Table S5) are defined as the sum of the LOS of all patients admitted in the observation period (equal to 14382 pd in the pre-intervention period).</p> <p>The total number of contacts C can be estimated as:</p> $C = \# \text{ of contacts} = K_H * H * P * \text{days}$ <p>Where K_H is the number of daily contacts per HCW per patient (Table 1), $H=17$ is the HCWs number, $P = 0.79$ bed occupancy * 46 beds = 36.34 is the average number of patients, and $days=399$ is the duration of the pre-intervention period. Thus, we can calculate h as follows:</p> $h = \frac{C_h}{C} = \frac{\text{gel consumption per } pd * pd / \text{single gel dose}}{K_H * H * P * \text{days}}$ <p>In our case study, both h and K_H must be estimated, but through this relation, only one need to be fitted.</p> |
| Screening at admission | <p>Universal screening was modelled through the parameter describing the resistance prevalence at admission as it usually results in patient isolation thus decreasing the entry of individuals colonized/infected with resistant strains. The fraction of patients colonized and or infected at admission had been extracted from the hospital data. To simulate the effect of the screening at admission, followed by isolation, we decreased or increased this rate of infected people at admission.</p> |

Clinical data (SAVE intervention)

To estimate prevalence of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* samples collected within the 72 hours from admission and on weekly basis were selected. The samples comprised rectal swabs from screening activities and clinical specimens from different sources collected at the discretion of the attending physicians (e.g. blood, wound swabs, urine, sputum, bronchoalveolar lavage). Patients colonized and/or infected by carbapenem resistant *K.pneumoniae* (CRKP) were those with a sample positive for carbapenem resistant strain; patients colonized and/or infected by carbapenem susceptible strain (CSKP) were those with a sample holding a negative result for CRKP (e.g. samples of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* ESBL-producers were considered in this category); uncolonized or “free” patients were defined as those with negative microbiological samples or positive for pathogens other than *K. pneumoniae*. AMC data (including defined daily dose-DDD and days of therapy-DOT) were collected for a list of antibiotics for which exposure has been associated with the development of the carbapenem-resistance: carbapenems (ertapenem, meropenem, imipenem/cilastatin), betalactams-betalactamases inhibitors combinations (BLBLI) (amoxicillin-clavulanate and piperacillin-tazobactam), third and fourth generation cephalosporins (ceftazidime, ceftriaxone, and cefepime), and fluoroquinolones (ciprofloxacin and levofloxacin) [2]. Bed occupancy, number of admissions, length of hospital stay, staffing (nurses) levels were also recorded (Tables 5, 6, 7).

Supplementary Table S4. A) Variables collected for model validation. AMC: antimicrobial consumption; DDD: defined daily dose; DOT: days of therapy; HCW: health care worker; PF: not colonized/free; PR: colonized/infected by resistant strain; PS: colonized/infected by susceptible strain. B) DOTs per patient-day for the different antibiotic classes.

(a)

| Variable | Description |
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| Prevalence on admission | Percentage of colonized/infected patients (S and R) at admission |
| Weekly point prevalence | Percentage of colonized/infected (S and R) patients hospitalized at time of data collection |
| Number of beds | Number of beds available in the ward considered |
| Length of stay for P _F - P _S - P _R | Average days spent in the hospital by patients |
| HCW to patient ratio | Number of HCW in relation to the number of patients. |
| Patient days | Total number of days spent by patients in the hospital |
| Number of admissions | Total number of patients hospitalized in the time period considered |

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| AMC data | DDDs and DOTs of antibiotics associated to carbapenem-resistance development |
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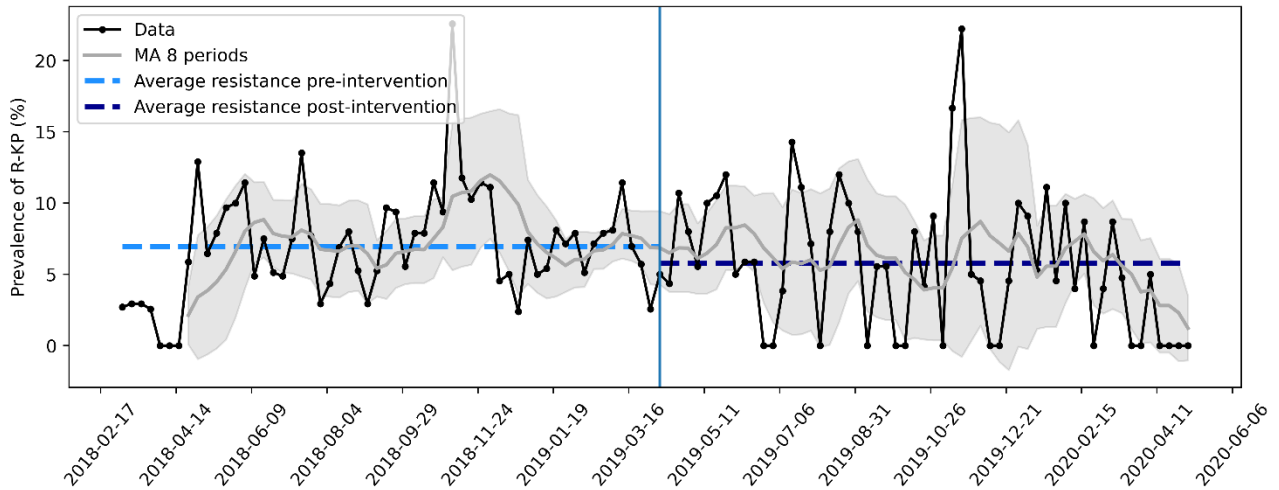
(b)

| Antibiotic class | DOTs per 1000 pd pre-intervention | DOTs per 1000 pd post-intervention |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Penicillins | 100.46 | 90.23 |
| Cephalosporins | 47.66 | 28.87 |
| Carbapenems | 61.05 | 19.93 |
| Fluoroquinolones | 21.64 | 6.48 |

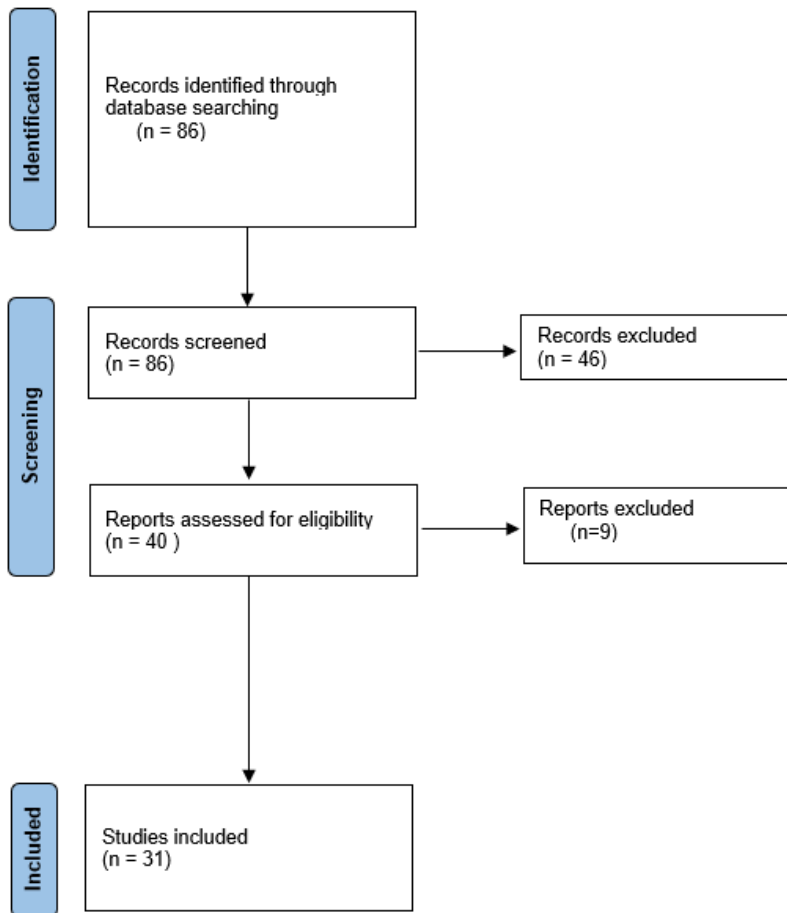
Supplementary Table S5. Summary of SAVE data from pre and post-intervention periods. CSKP: carbapenem-susceptible *Klebsiella pneumoniae*; CRKP: carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae*; DOT:; KP: *Klebsiella pneumoniae*.

| Variables | Pre-intervention N (%) | Post-intervention N (%) |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Prevalence on admission | | |
| Total isolates (<72h from admission) | 883 (100%) | 223 (100%) |
| CSKP | 22 (2.5%) | 3 (1.3%) |
| CRKP | 5 (0.6%) | 16 (7.2%) |
| Free KP | 856 (96.9%) | 204 (91.5%) |
| Weekly point prevalence | Pre-intervention (N) | Post-intervention (N) |
| CSKP | 117 | 62 |
| CRKP | 139 | 69 |
| Free KP | 1760 | 1061 |
| CRKP prevalence | 7.0% | 5.8% |
| Mean CRKP/week | 2.4 | 1.2 |
| Length of stay | Pre-intervention days (d) | Post-intervention days (d) |
| CSKP | 32.4 d | 34 d |
| CRKP | 60 d | 45 d |
| Free KP | 10,05 d | 8,69 d |
| Ward data | Pre-intervention (N) | Post-intervention (N) |
| Number of beds | 46 | 46 |
| Number of nurses/patient ratio | 6,2 | 6,2 |
| Bed occupancy | 79% | 71% |
| Admissions | 1357 | 1421 |
| Patient days | 14382 | 13008 |
| Total consumption of alcohol gel | 357,6 | 446,9 |
| Alcohol gel consumption per 1000 patient days | 24,19 | 34,36 |
| Antibiotic consumption DOT per 1000pd | 231 | 146 |

Supplementary Figure S1. CRKP weekly point prevalence over time, plotted both as raw data and as a moving average on 8 periods-weeks with the standard deviation as confidence interval. Dashed lines represent the average resistance prevalence before (light blue) and after (dark blue) the intervention.



Supplementary Figure S2. Flow chart of the scoping review.



Supplementary Table S6. List of publications analysing the impact of Infection Prevention and control (IPC) or Antibiotic stewardship (AMS) interventions included in this study. SR: systematic review; MA: meta-analysis; LTCF: Long-term care facilities; MRSA: Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus; MDRO: Multidrug-resistant organisms; Vancomycin-resistant Enterococci (VRE); CDI: Clostridium difficile infection; CRE: Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales; CRAB: Carbapenem-resistant Acinetobacter baumannii; CRPA: Carbapenem-resistant Pseudomonas aeruginosa; DDD: defined daily dose; ESBL: Extended spectrum beta-lactamase; NA: Not available; Trend: Range of change in slope of the outcome between pre- and post-intervention; IC: Immediate change in the level of outcome between pre- and post-intervention; LOS: Length of stay; RR: Pooled risk ratio, reduction in colonization and/or infection rate after intervention; RaRa: Pooled rate ratio, rate ratio of infections and/or colonisation between standard of care and intervention period; IRaRa: Incidence rate ratio, incidence rate ratio of infections and/or colonisation between standard of care and intervention; IRs: Incidence ratio, ratio between infection/colonisation before and after intervention; %r: Percentage of reduction, reduction expressed in percentage of specific infection caused by a specific pathogen; IRD: Incidence rate difference, difference in incidence rate per 1000 patient days of resistant bacteria; OR: odds ratio, change in incidence of infection and/or colonisation.

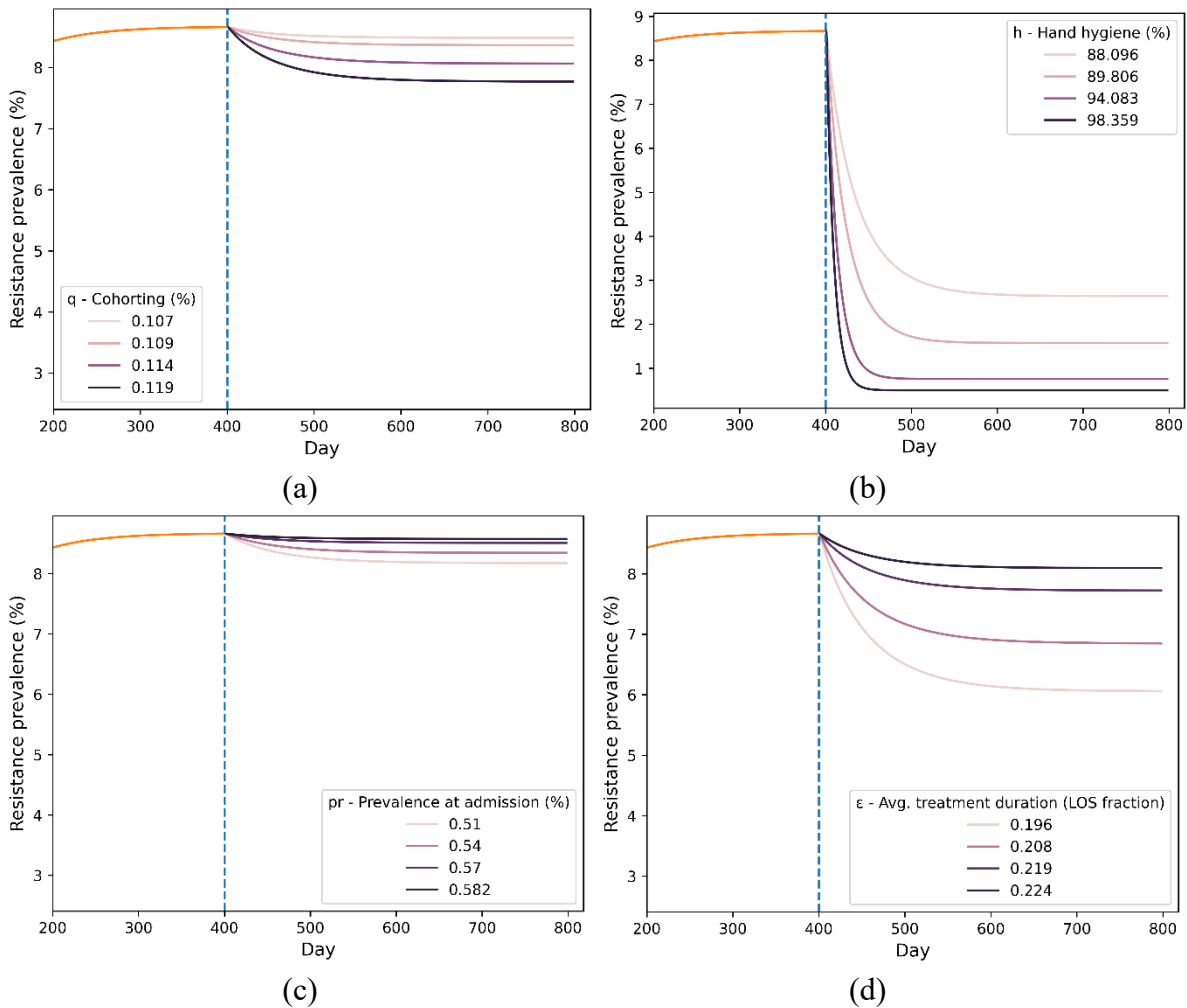
| First author Year of publication | Study type | Setting | Intervention | Pathogen | Parameters | Other outcomes |
|---|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tomczyk S. 2019 ⁵ | SR | Healthcare | IPC | CRE, CRAB, CRPA | Trend, IC | |
| Lee M.H. 2019 ⁵ | SR | LTCF | IPC | MDRO | Descriptive | |
| Fan C.Y. 2019 ⁶ | MA | Hospital | IPC | CRAB | RR | |
| Chang N.C.N. 2019 ⁸ | SR, MA | Healthcare | IPC | MRSA, VRE | IRaRa | CDI |
| Nathwani D. 2019 ⁹ | SR | Hospital | AMS | MDRO | Descriptive | LOS, mortality, costs |
| Bertollo L.G. 2018 ¹⁰ | SR | Hospital | AMS | MDRO | Descriptive | LOS, mortality, DDD, costs, CDI |
| Moralejo D. 2018 ¹¹ | SR | Healthcare | IPC | MRSA | Descriptive | |
| Baur D. 2017 ¹² | SR, MA | Hospital | AMS | MRSA, VRE, ESBL | IRs | CDI |
| Davey P. 2017 ¹³ | SR, MA | Hospital | AMS | MDRO | RD | LOS, CDI |
| Teerawattanapong 2017 ¹⁴ | SR, MA | Hospital | IPC and AMS | ESBL, CRE, CRAB, CRPA | RaRa | Mortality |
| Honda H. 2017 ¹⁵ | SR, MA | Healthcare | AMS | MRSA, ESBL, CRAB, CRPA | ARD | LOS, mortality, DDD, costs |
| Marra A.R. 2017 ¹⁶ | SR, MA | Hospital | IPC | MRSA, VRE | RR | CDI |
| Van Dijck C. 2017 ¹⁷ | SR | Hospital | AMS | MDRO | Descriptive | Mortality, DDD |
| Kizny Gordon A.E. 2017 ¹⁸ | SR | Healthcare | IPC | CRE, CRAB, CRPA | Descriptive | |

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| Gould D.J. 2017 ¹⁹ | SR, MA | Healthcare | IPC | MRSA | Descriptive | |
| Karanika S. 2016 ²⁰ | SR, MA | Hospital | AMS | MRSA, ESBL, CRPA | %c, RD | LOS, Mortality, DDD, CDI |
| Nair R. 2016 ²¹ | SR, MA | Healthcare | IPC | MRSA | RR | Mortality |
| Frost S.A. 2016 ²² | SR, MA | Hospital | IPC | MRSA, VRE | IRR | CDI |
| Schuts E.C. 2016 ²³ | SR, MA | Healthcare | AMS | MDRO | Descriptive | LOS, mortality, costs, nephrotoxicity |
| Campos A.C. 2016 ²⁴ | SR | Healthcare | IPC and AMS | CRKP | Descriptive | |
| Kim H.Y. 2015 ²⁴ | MA | Hospital | IPC | MRSA, VRE | RR | |
| Zaky A. 2015 ²⁶ | SR | Hospital | IPC and AMS | MDRO | OR | LOS, mortality |
| López-Alcalde J. 2015 ²⁷ | SR | Hospital | IPC | MRSA | na | |
| De Angelis G. 2014 ²⁸ | SR, MA | Hospital | IPC | VRE | RR | LOS, mortality, costs |
| zur Wiesch P.A. 2014 ²⁹ | SR, MA | Hospital | AMS | MDRO | IRD | |
| Kock R. 2014 ³⁰ | SR | Hospital | IPC | MRSA | Descriptive | |
| Daneman N. 2013 ³¹ | SR, MA | Hospital | IPC | MRSA, VRE, ESBL | OR | |
| Hughes C. 2013 ³² | SR | LTCF | IPC | MRSA | na | |
| Chen A.F. 2013 ³³ | SR | Hospital | IPC | MRSA | %r | Costs |
| Karki S. 2012 ³⁴ | SR, MA | Healthcare | IPC | MRSA, VRE | IRaRa | |
| Kaki R. 2011 ³⁵ | SR | Hospital | AMS | MRSA, ESBL | Descriptive | DDD, costs |

Supplementary Table S7. List of publications analysing the impact of Infection Prevention and control (IPC) or Antibiotic stewardship (AMS) interventions limited to carbapenem resistant Klebsiella pneumoniae and carbapenem resistant Enterobacteriaceae. RR: Pooled risk ratio, reduction in colonization and/or infection rate after intervention; RaRa: Pooled rate ratio, rate ratio of infections and/or colonisation between standard of care and intervention period; IRaRa: Incidence rate ratio, incidence rate ratio of infections and/or colonisation between standard of care and intervention; IRs: Incidence ratio, ratio between infection/colonisation before and after intervention.

| Intervention | Value | Indicator | First author, Year of publication |
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| Active AMS | 0,52 | IR of infection or colonization per 1000 pd | Baur D, 2017 ¹¹ |
| | 0,39 | RaRa of colonization, infection or acquisition | Teerawattanapong N, 2017 ¹³ |
| Antibiotic cycling | 0,49 | IR of infection or colonization per 1000 pd | Baur D, 2017 ¹¹ |
| | -7,22 | IRD per 1000 pd | Abel zur Wiesch P, 2014 ²⁸ |
| Antibiotic restriction | 0,77 | IR of infection or colonization per 1000 pd | Baur D, 2017 ¹¹ |
| Audit and Feedback | 0,66 | IR of infection or colonization per 1000 pd | Baur D, 2017 ¹¹ |
| IPC | -0,01 to -4,81 | Change in slope (ie, trend) between pre- and post-intervention | Tomczyk S, 2019 ⁴ |
| | -0,02 to -48,86 | Change in level (ie, immediate change) between pre- and post-intervention | Tomczyk S, 2019 ⁴ |
| | 0,17 | RaRa of colonization, infection or acquisition | Teerawattanapong N, 2017 ¹³ |
| Isolation | -0,01 to -4,81 | Change in slope (ie, trend) between pre- and post-intervention | Tomczyk S, 2019 ⁴ |
| | -1,19 to -48,86 | Change in level (ie immediate change) between pre- and post-intervention | Tomczyk S, 2019 ⁴ |
| Decolonisation | 0,44 | RaRa of colonization, infection or acquisition | Teerawattanapong N, 2017 ¹³ |
| | 0,45 | RR for acquisition | Kim HY, 2016 ²⁴ |
| Hand hygiene | -0,01 to -4,81 | Change in slope (ie, trend) between pre- and post-intervention | Tomczyk S, 2019 ⁴ |
| | -0,02 to -48,86 | Change in level (ie immediate change) between pre- and post-intervention | Tomczyk S, 2019 ⁴ |
| Environmental cleaning | 0,38 | RaRa of colonization, infection or acquisition | Teerawattanapong N, 2017 ¹³ |
| Active surveillance | -0,01 to -4,81 | Change in slope (ie, trend) between pre- and post-intervention | Tomczyk S, 2019 ⁴ |
| | -0,02 to -48,86 | Change in level (ie immediate change) between pre- and post-intervention | Tomczyk S, 2019 ⁴ |
| Active AMS, IPC | 0,07 | RaRa of colonisation, infection or acquisition | Teerawattanapong N, 2017 ¹³ |

Supplementary Figure S3. Model predictions of CRKP prevalence over time (% of resistant patients w.r.t. total) when implementing interventions. Before day 400 is the pre-intervention period. After day 400, multiple scenarios are simulated corresponding to stricter interventions (3%, 5%, 10%, 15% stricter than the initial value). a) Cohorting level, b) hand hygiene, c) screening at admission aimed to reduce prevalence at admission, d) antibiotic restriction policies aimed to reduce treatment duration.



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