

The role of pharmacokinetic monitoring in the clinical management of severe infections: **colistin**

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Colistin: the re-emerging antibiotic for multidrug-resistant Gram-negative bacterial infections

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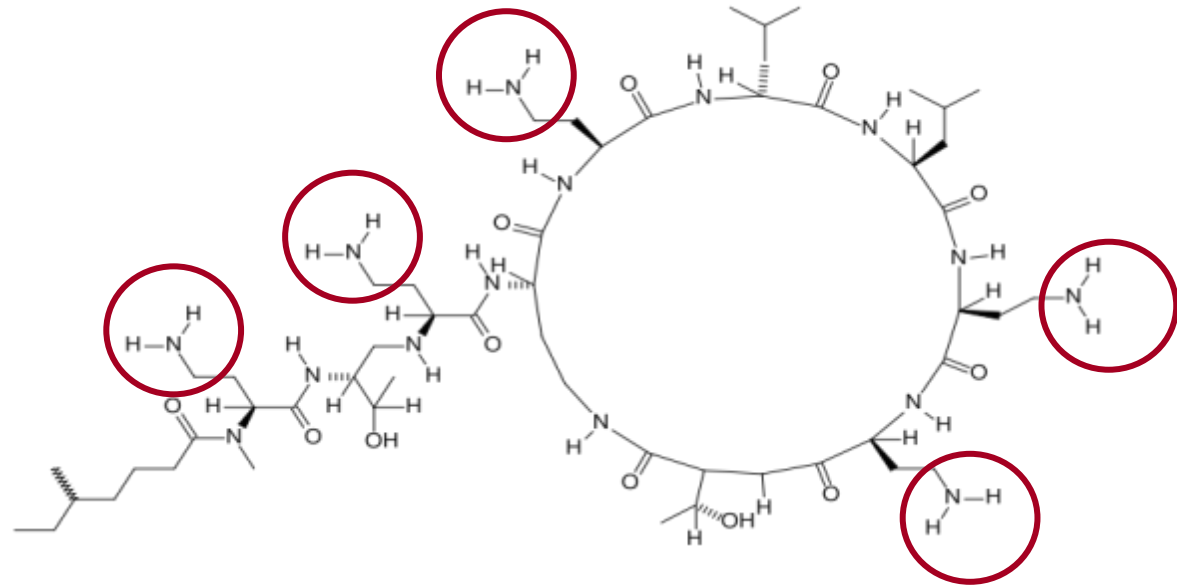
Increasing multidrug resistance in Gram-negative bacteria, in particular *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Acinetobacter baumannii*, and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, presents a critical problem. Limited therapeutic options have forced infectious disease clinicians and microbiologists to reappraise the clinical application of colistin, a polymyxin antibiotic discovered more than 50 years ago. We summarise recent progress in understanding the complex chemistry, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacodynamics of colistin, the interplay between these three aspects, and their effect on the clinical use of this important antibiotic. Recent clinical findings are reviewed, focusing on evaluation of efficacy, emerging resistance, potential toxicities, and combination therapy. In the battle against rapidly emerging bacterial resistance we can no longer rely entirely on the discovery of new antibiotics; we must also pursue rational approaches to the use of older antibiotics such as colistin.

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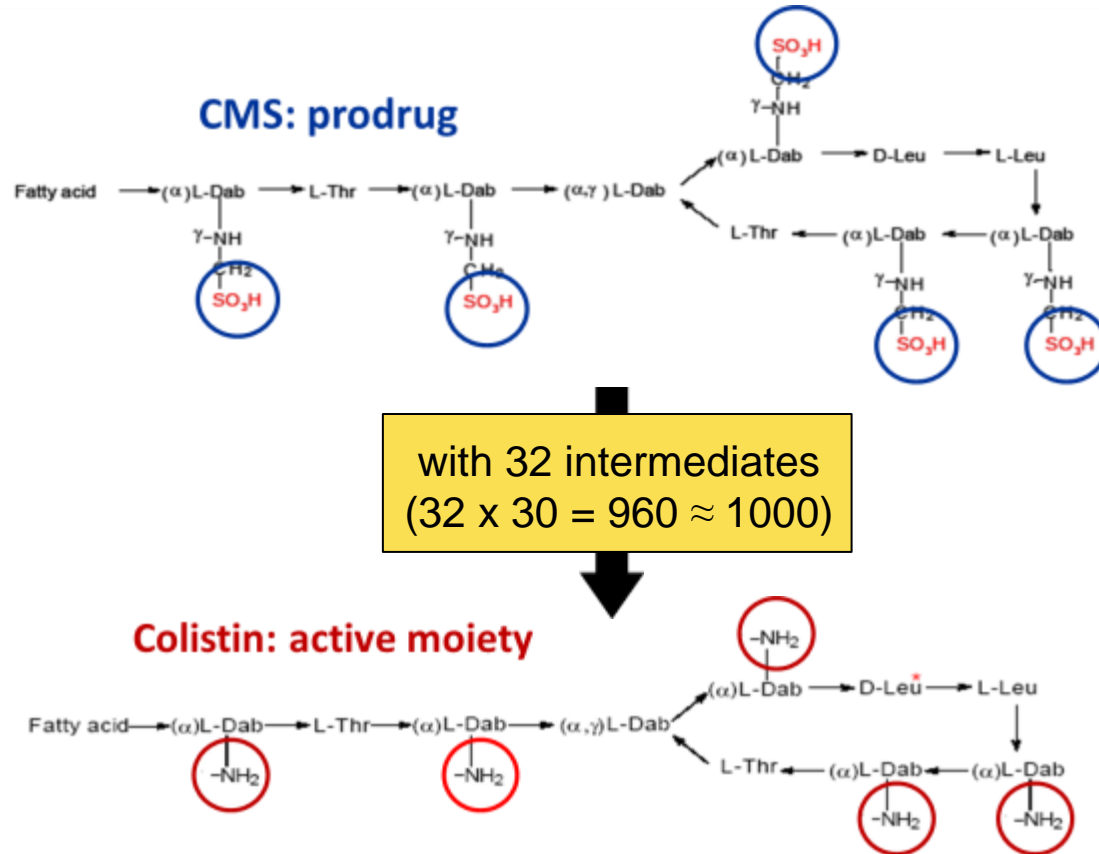
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Mixture of about 30 cationic compounds...

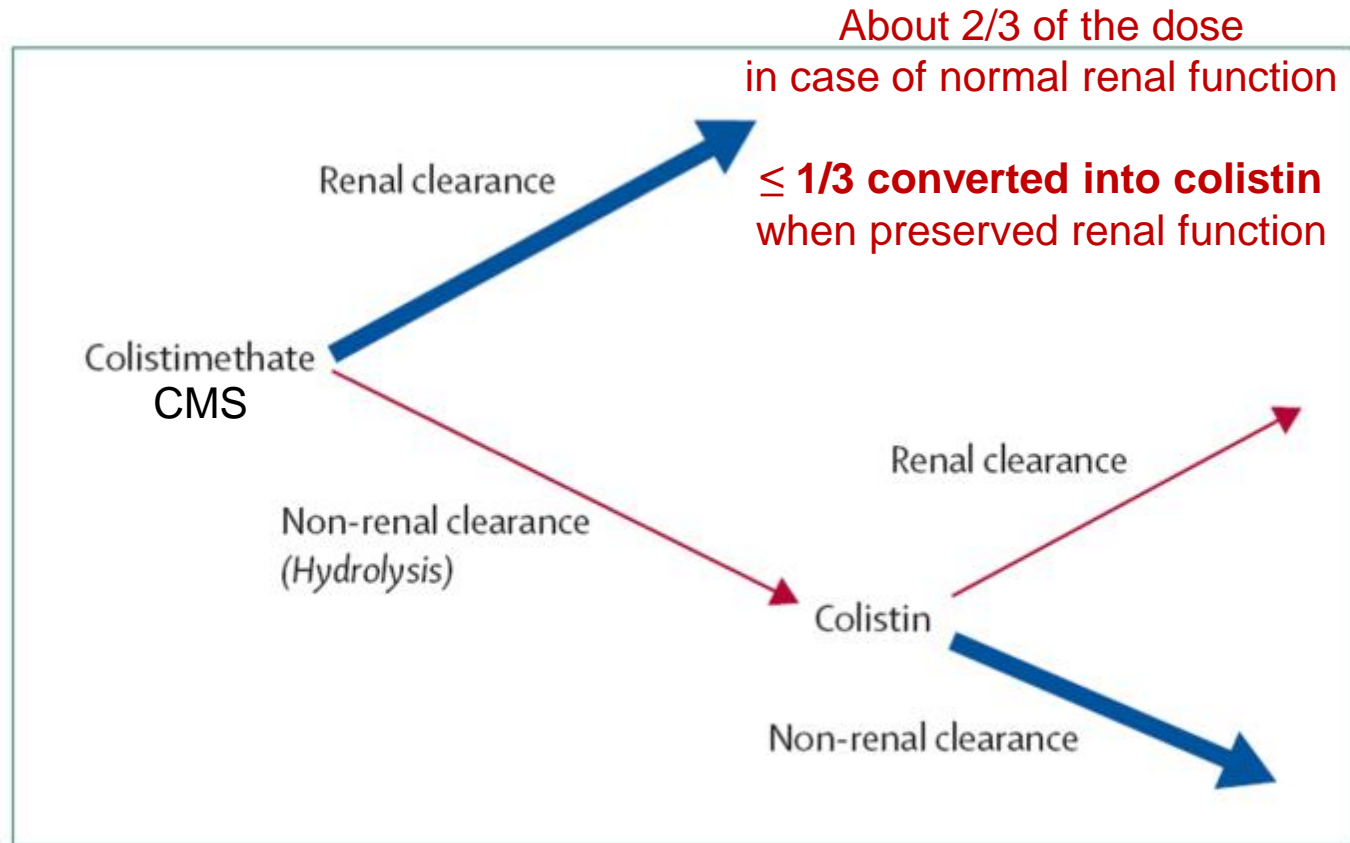


... with coli A and coli B accounting for about 80% of total

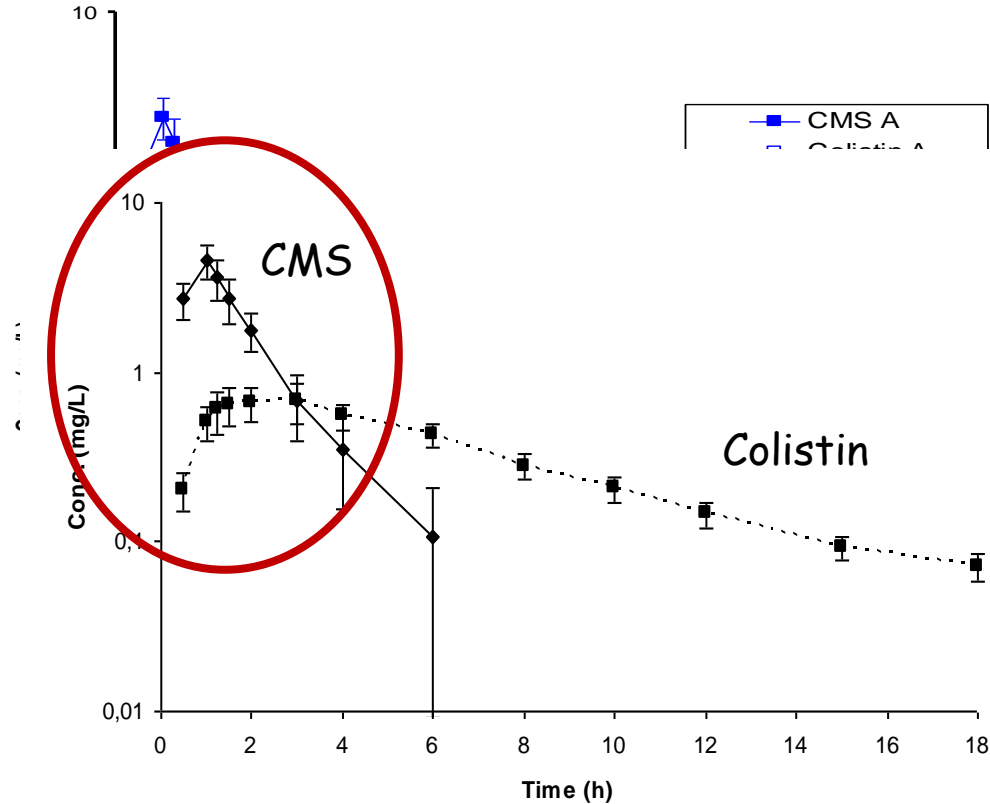
Colistin is administered as an inactive anionic prodrug: CMS



Schematic Colistin PK

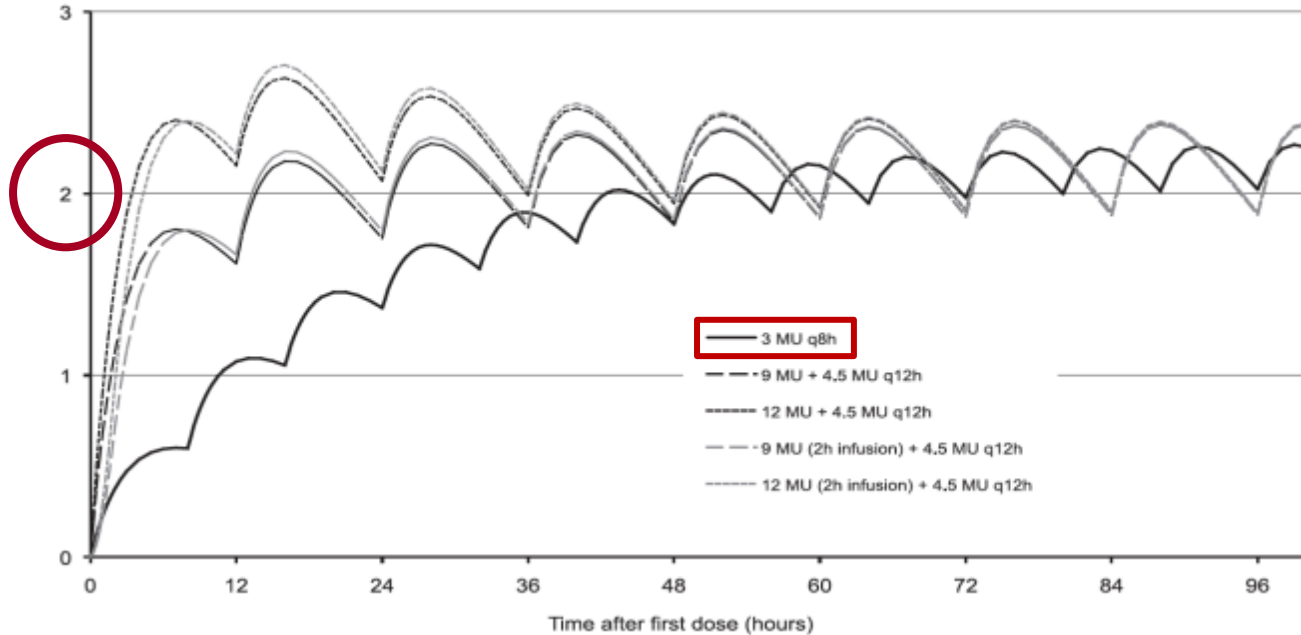


Colistin PK in healthy volunteers (1 MIU single dose)



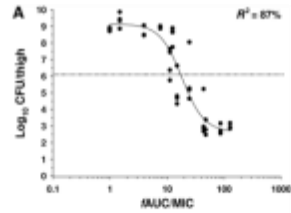
(Couet W, et al, CPT, 2011)

Colistin PK in ICU patients with preserved renal function (3 MIU / 8h)



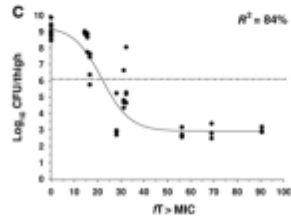
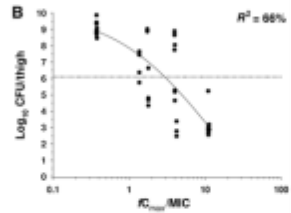
(Plachouras D. et al., AAC, 2009)

Colistin PK-PD index



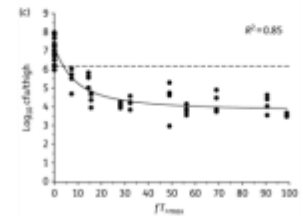
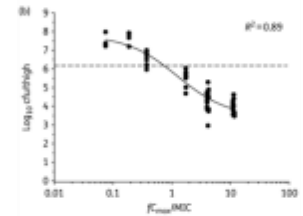
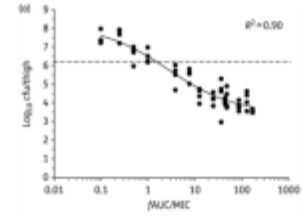
f.AUC/MIC

48



Pseudomonas aeruginosa

Antimicrob Agents Chemother. 2010 54(3):1117-24.



Acinetobacter baumannii

J Antimicrob Chemother. 2010 65(9):1984-90.

- Efficacy

$$\frac{AUC_{u_0-24h}}{MIC} = \frac{C_{ss,u}^{avg} \times 24}{MIC} \approx 48$$

$$\hookrightarrow C_{ss,u}^{avg} \approx 2 \times MIC$$

Assuming
fu = 50%

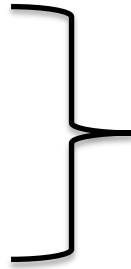
$$C_{ss}^{avg} \approx 4 \times MIC$$

Is colistin a good candidate for TDM ?

1- Increase activity

2- Limit toxicity

3- *Avoid resistance*

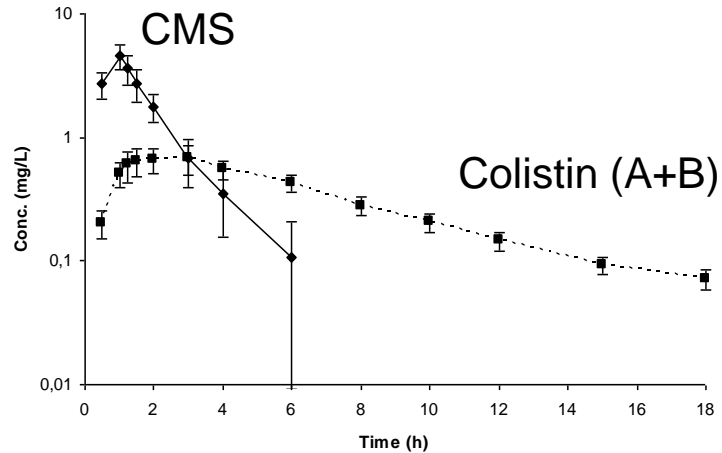
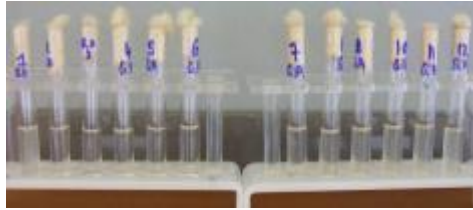


Narrow therapeutic window
and high PK variability

What are the challenges ?

1 – Measure concentrations

From bioassay...



... to HPLC and LC-MS/MS assay

Only Colistin (not CMS) is quantified

Due to potential pre-analytical CMS degradation, avoid « Cmax » determination

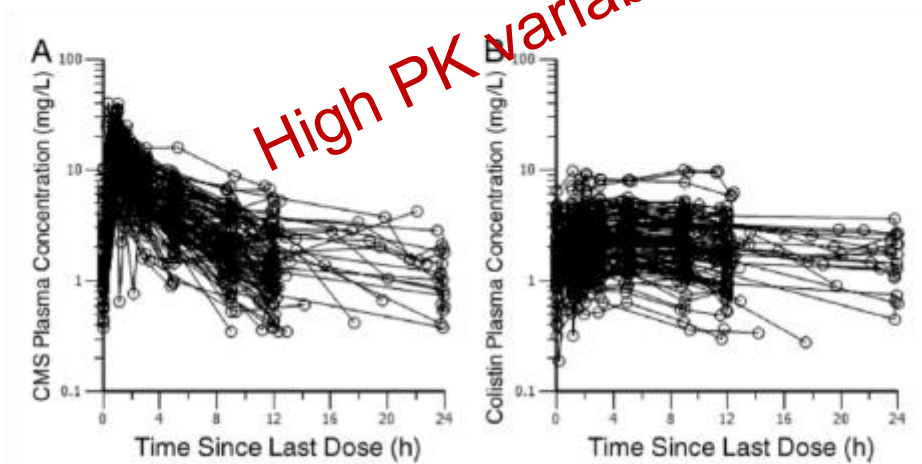
What are the challenges ?

1 - Measure concentrations

2 - Manage PK variability

Population Pharmacokinetics of Colistin Methanesulfonate and Formed Colistin in Critically Ill Patients from a Multicenter Study Provide Dosing Suggestions for Various Categories of Patients[∇]

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Colistin concentrations at steady-state = 2 µg/mL

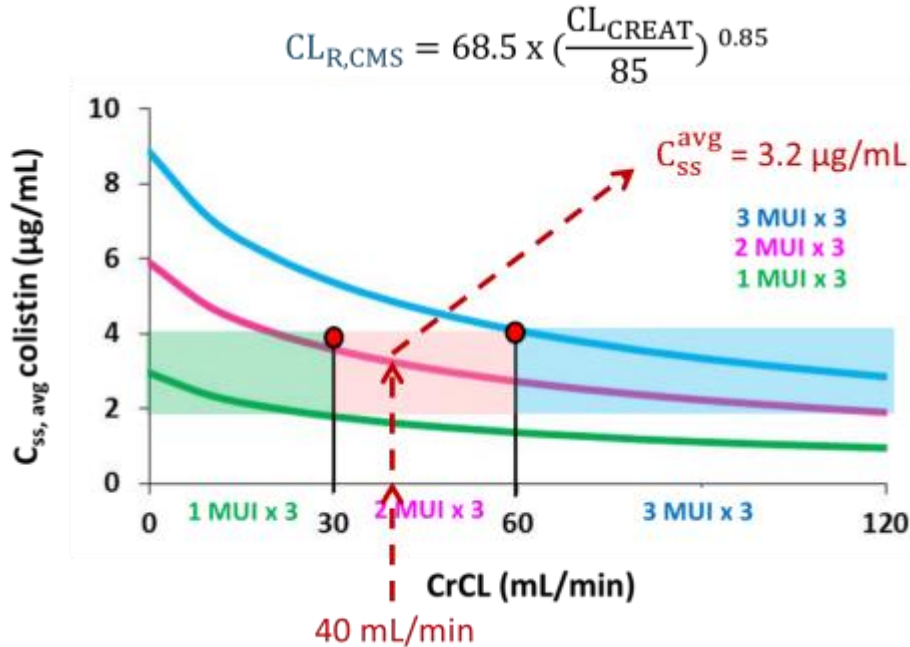
Rate of formation = Rate of elimination

$$\frac{fm \cdot Dose}{\tau} = CL_{coli} \cdot C_{SS}$$

The diagram shows the equation $C_{SS} = \frac{Dose}{\tau \cdot (CL_R + CL_{NR})}$ with several annotations:

- C_{SS} is written in red.
- CL_R is circled in blue, with a blue arrow pointing to it from the label "GFR" below.
- CL_{NR} is circled in black, with a black arrow pointing to it from the label "Limited impact on C_{ss}" below.
- CL_{coli} is circled in red, with a red arrow pointing to it from the label "Uncontrolled" below.
- The equation is written in black, with "Dose" and "τ" in italics.

Predicted C_{ss} of colistin in a typical « french » ICU patient with CL_{creat} = 40 mL/min



Effect of inter-patients variability : Monte Carlo simulations

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$CL_{R,CMS}$	36 mL/min
$CL_{NR,CMS}$	43.7 mL/min
V_{CMS}	15.7 L
CL_{COLI}	37.7 mL/min
V_{COLI}	10.2 L

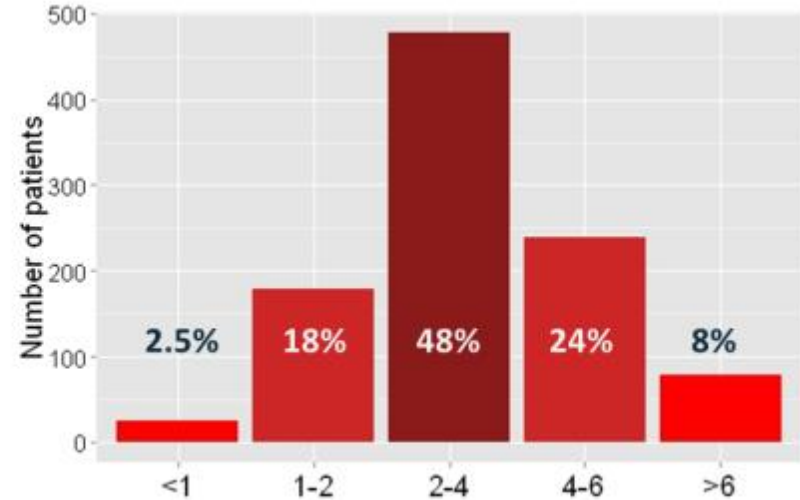
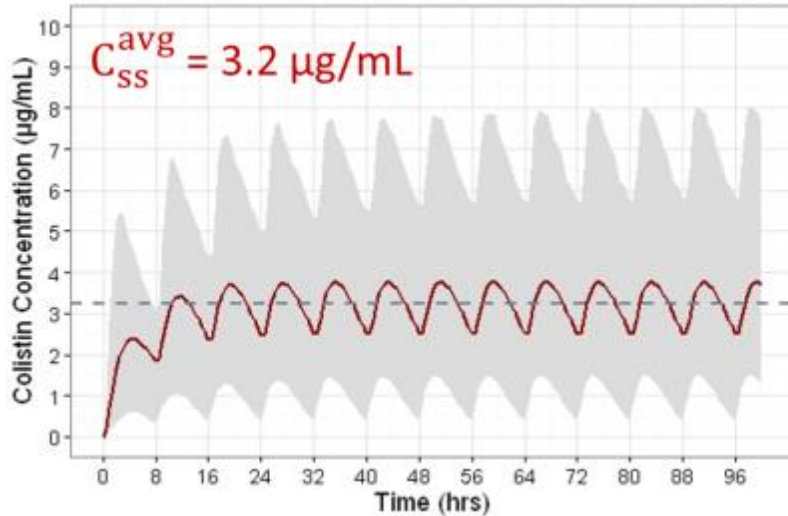
$CL_{creat} = 40 \text{ mL/min}$



2MUI x 8h

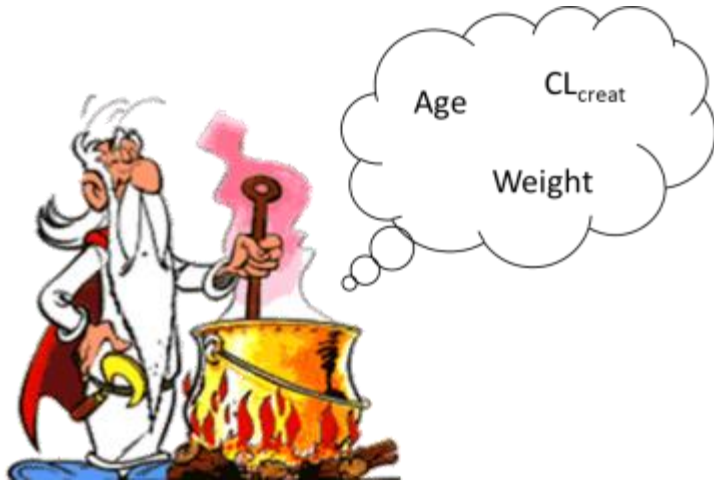


Simulated C_{ss} of colistin in a typical « french » population of ICU patient with $CL_{creat} = 40 \text{ mL/min}$ receiving 2 MIU / 8h

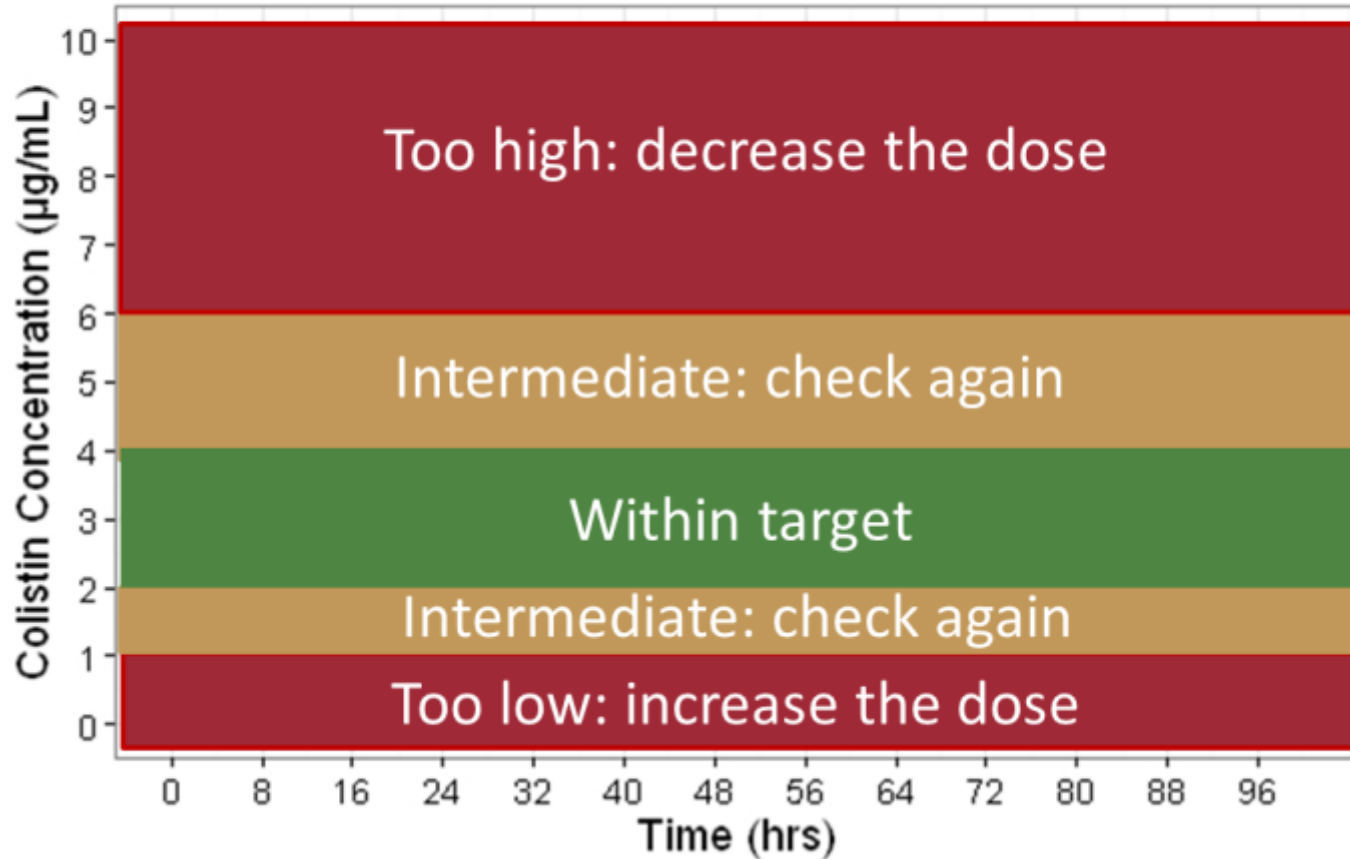


Could we use a bayesian TDM approach with 1 or 2 early plasma concentrations for selecting the optimal dosing regimen?

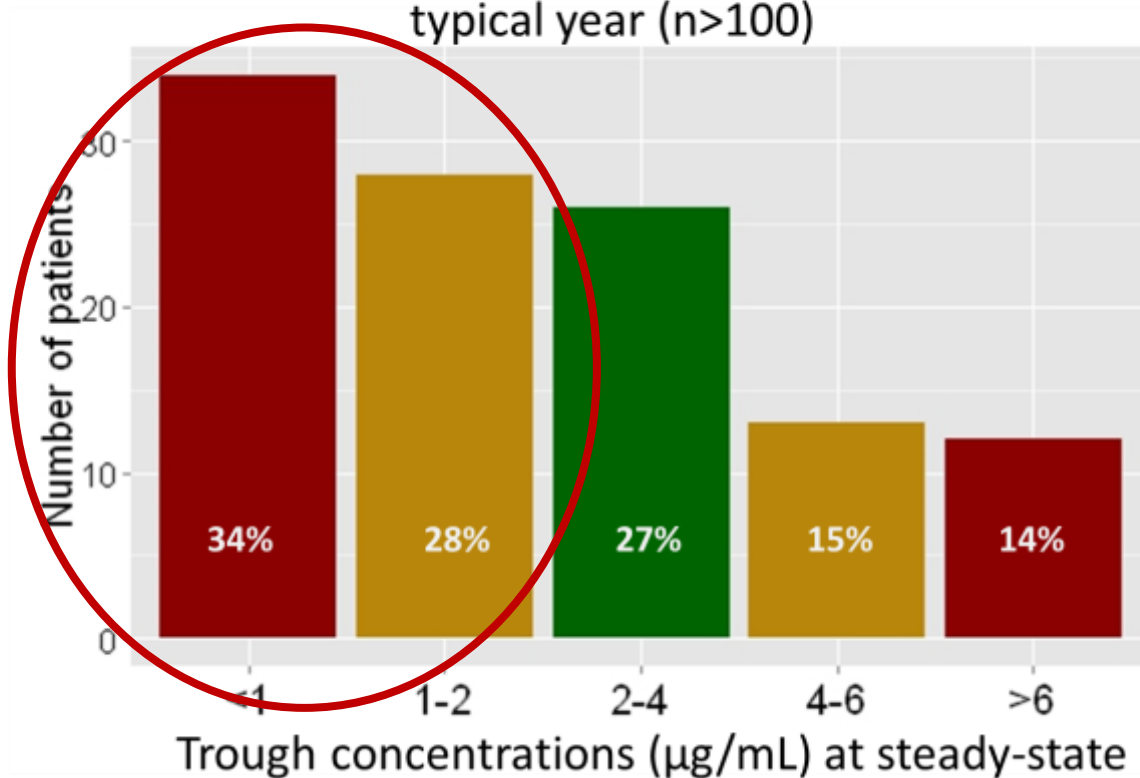
Probably not ...



In every day practice



Measured Colistin **trough concentrations** at steady-state
in Non-Hemodialyzed patients at the Poitiers University Hospital in a
typical year (n>100)



What are the challenges ?

- 1 - Measure concentrations
- 2 - Manage PK variability
- 3 - Define a concentration target

In every day practice colistin is not administered alone

Typical « french patient » with Clcreat = 40 mL/min

Colistin: 2 MIU / 8h

Optimal dosing alone

Amikacin: 20 mg/kg



C_{ss} = 2-4 µg/mL

But combined ???



C_{max} = 60-80 µg/mL

Balance between increased efficacy (**synergy**)
and nephrotoxicity

Colistin pharmacokinetics: the fog is lifting

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Abstract

Colistin is a re-emerging old antibiotic that is used to treat multidrug-resistant infections in critically ill patients. It corresponds to a mixture of at least 30 different compounds administered as inactive derivatives. Therefore, colistin pharmacokinetics are quite difficult to investigate and complex to predict. However specific chromatographic methods have been made available in recent years, leading to a series of modern pharmacokinetic studies after intravenous administration of the prodrug to critical-care patients; these have been conducted by a few groups and have only been recently published. The objective of this article was to conduct a critical review of these very informative modern pharmacokinetic studies and to provide prospective thoughts.

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