



# Identification of ESBL CTX-M-15 genes from isolates of urinary tract infections.

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## Abstract:

The study aimed to evaluate the distribution of CTX-M genes, which coding for ,Extended Spectrum  $\beta$ - lactamases (ESBLs) which hydrolyzed the extended spectrum  $\beta$ - lactams .

Total of 800 urine samples taken from patients suffering from urinary tract infections were collected during the period from February to September from Hospitals in Al-Najaf province.

All samples were cultured on MacConkey agar , were the results revealed that 250 isolates were lactose fermentative versus to 50 isolates were lactose non fermentative.

The isolates succumbed to conventional tests (IMVC), Indol, Methyl red , Voges- Proskauer and Citrate utilization as well as motility test.

Lactose fermentative and non motile isolates were candidate to be confirmed by Vitek2 system. Initial screening tests by Disk Diffusion test and by MacConkey supplemented with 2 mg / liter of Ceftazidime had been conducted, the resultsof disk diffusion test revealed different resistance phenotypes as well as multi drug resistance patterns Ceftriaxone were found to be the most resistant antibiotics in our isolated bacteria with resistance of 100%. The next most resistant antibiotics were Ceftazidime (98.11%), followed by aztreonam (90.57%); and cefotaxime (90.27%). While the result of screening with Ceftazidime reported that 31/53(58.49%) of isolates were initially ESBLs producers.



The results of genotyping tests showed that out of 53 isolates which had been screened for the prevalence of bla CTX-M genes, 47(88.6%) were positive. Nucleotide sequence of bla CTX-M of amplicons (19, 20, 22, 23, 24) showed high identity (99%) with CTX-M-15 of NCBI-BLAST.

As concerning with protein sequence, the results showed high identity (98%) with reference protein of gene bank. The results of other protein sequences revealed great degree of identity reach to (100%) of identity.

## Introduction:

Urinary tract infection is the most common serious bacterial infection causing illness (NICE,2007). It is one of the most common bacterial infections encountered by clinicians in developing countries (Tessema,etal.,2007). One hundred and fifty million patients are diagnosed with UTI yearly, resulting in at least \$6 billion in health care expenditures (Tanagho,etal.,2004). In the year 1997 UTI accounts approximately 7 million office visits and 1 million emergency department visits, resulting in 100,000 hospitalizations in the United States (Ghedria,etal.,2004). Most of urinary tract infections are caused by gram-negative bacteria like *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella species*, *Proteus mirabilis*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Acinetobacter*, and *Serratia*. 90% of UTI cases are caused by gram-negative bacteria while only 10% of the cases are caused by gram positive bacteria .Gram-positive bacteria include *Enterococcus*, *Staphylococcus*, and *Streptococcus agalactiae* (Lazarevic,etal.,1998). The production of  $\beta$ -lactamases is the major mechanism of bacterial resistance to  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics which considered the most widely used class of antibiotic. Curiously, the detection of the first  $\beta$ -lactamase was reported before the use of penicillin in the medical field. Extended-spectrum- $\beta$ -lactams have been introduced



in the medical practice in the 1980s for the treatment of serious gram negative bacteria but the resistance to this class of antibiotic has emerged rapidly due to production of a new class of  $\beta$ -lactamase later termed extended-spectrum  $\beta$ -lactamase (ESBL) (Al-Jasser, 2006).

In this duration *Klebsiella pneumoniae* was the main ESBL-producer. Later-on, prevalence of TEM and SHV and a new ESBL family, CTX-M which is produced mainly by *E. coli*, has emerged. During the next few years, CTX-M has become the predominant ESBL family and CTX-M-producing *E. coli* has spread globally and has been involved in nosocomial outbreaks and community acquired infections (Canton and Coque, 2006; Marcade *et al.*, 2009). The first *bla*CTX-M was detected in clinical *E. coli* isolate in Germany 1990 (Bauernfeind *et al.*, 1990) then CTX-M-producing *Enterobacteriaceae* has globally been detected. CTX-M is named after their higher hydrolytic activity against cefotaxime than ceftazidime and the place of first isolation (Munich, Germany). *Bla*CTX-M is a 291 amino acids encoding enzyme and the change in any one of them result in a new CTX-M variant (Naseer and Sundsfjord, 2011). CTX-M-15 was identified for the first time in 1999 from an isolate from India (Karim *et al.*, 2001) and reported for the first time in the African continent 2005 in Tanzania (Blomberg *et al.*, 2005).

The recent developments in sequencing technologies have created new opportunities to compete with the traditional molecular tools. Sequencing does not require culturing and offers better sensitivity and specificity(Schmieder 2012).



## **Materials and Methods:**

### **Plasmid DNA Extraction :**

Plasmid DNA extraction by using High-Speed Plasmid Mini Kit was performed according the protocol of manufactured company (Geneaid, South Korea).

### **Polymerase Chain Reaction Protocol:**

The extracted plasmid DNA from all isolates were subjected to bla CTX-M genes amplifications.

The primers (Bioneer , South Korea) for CTX-M amplification and PCR conditions used as suggested by Messai et.al.( 2006) as following : CTX-M F CTA CCG CAG CAG AGT CTT TG and CTX-M R AAC CAG TTT TGC CTT ACC. The premix tube (1  $\mu$ l Taq DNAPolymerase, dNTPs each 250  $\mu$ M, Tris - Hcl (pH = 9.0) 10mM, KCL30Mm, Mgcl<sub>2</sub> 1.5 Mm and trace of stabilizer and tracking dye1) completed to 20  $\mu$ l volume of reaction with recommended amount of DNA template 5  $\mu$ l of 5-50 ng , 2.5  $\mu$ l for each primer of 5-10 pmole and 5  $\mu$ l of deionized distilled water.

The Program was running by Sure cycler 8800 (Agilent ,USA), the program of thermocycling conditions for CTX-M bla genes were as follow: initial denaturation 94°C for 3 minutes ,then 30 cycles (denaturation temperature 94 °C for 30 seconds ,annealing temperature 60 °C for 45 seconds ,72 °C for 45seconds ) followed by final elongation temperature 72 °C for 10 minutes.

### **Gel electrophoresis and documentation :**

The amplified PCR products were separated in 1% agarose gel after staining with ethidium bromide 5  $\mu$ l of 0.5  $\mu$ g / ml , The electric current



was set on 75 volt for 1.5 hr. and visualized with UV light, using gel documentation system. The positive results were distinguished when the DNA band base pairs of sample was equal to the target product size compared with molecular DNA ladder(100 bp plus DNA ladder and 100 bp DNA ladder , Geneaid , South Korea) . Finally, the gel was photographed, using Cleaver gel documentation system.

### **Automated DNA sequencing:**

Purification of PCR products from Gel were done according to the instructions of the Manufacturer Company (Geneaid, South Korea) by using Gel / PCR DNA fragments extraction kit. The purified PCR product concentrations were measured by NanoDrop ND-1000 spectrophotometer , then the Taq-terminator amplicon were performed as concerning with directions of protocol of automated DNA sequencing .

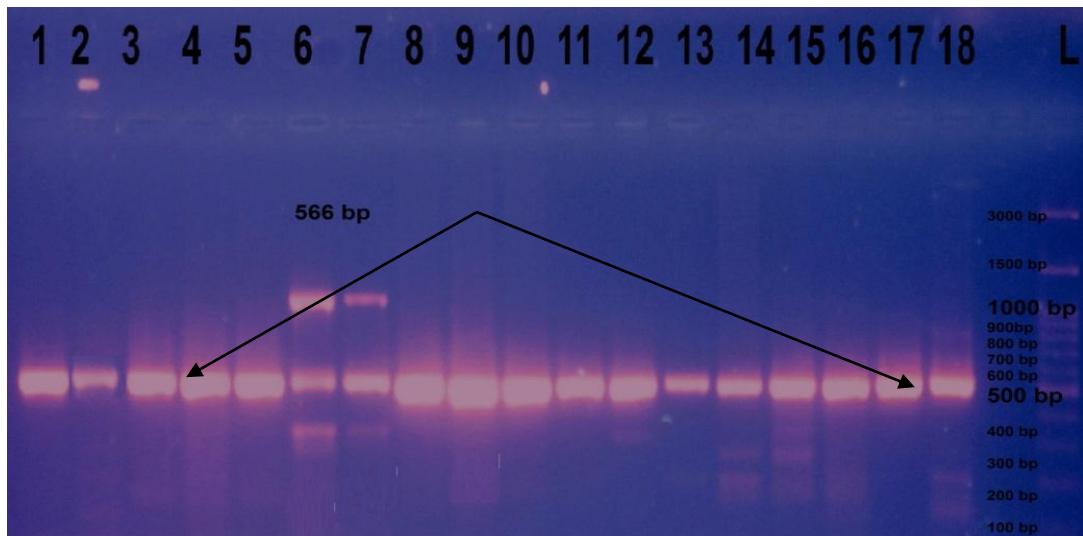
For screenig and partial sequncing for our products. Five purified PCR products of positve genes had been candidated for DNAsequencing , the isolates were sent to Republic of Suoth Korea (BIONEER,CO.LTD) and automated sequencer (instument model/name 3730x1Bioneer had been used, then the data interpreted by picking up the data of electophorogram in NCBI-BLASTprogrammes, nucleotide blast and protein blast using blastx program.

### **Results and discussion:**

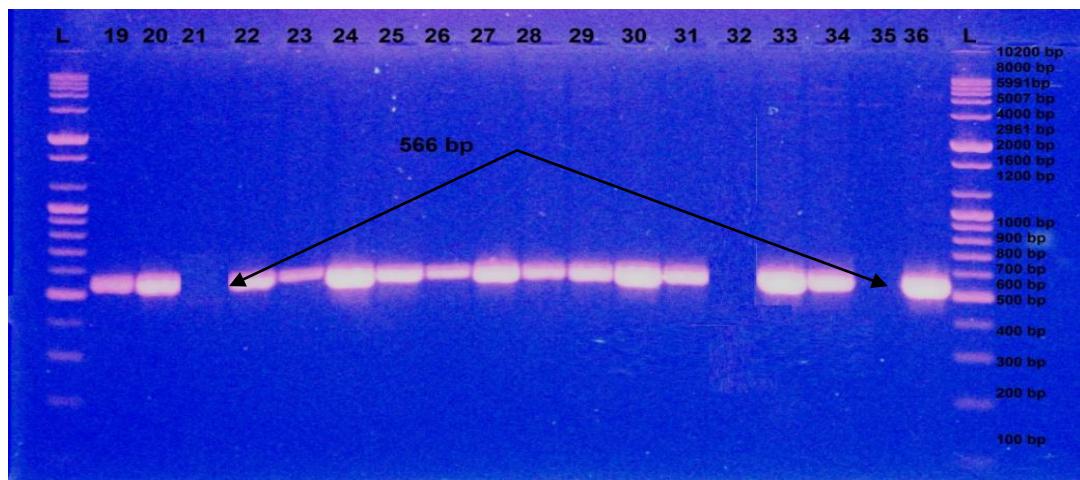
Out of 53 isolates which had been screened for the prevalence of bla CTX-M genes , 47(88.6%) were positive. As shown in Figures (1, 2, 3).

The results of PCR amplification of bla CTX-M genes were appeared in Figures (1,2,3) , the gene bands were appeared in all

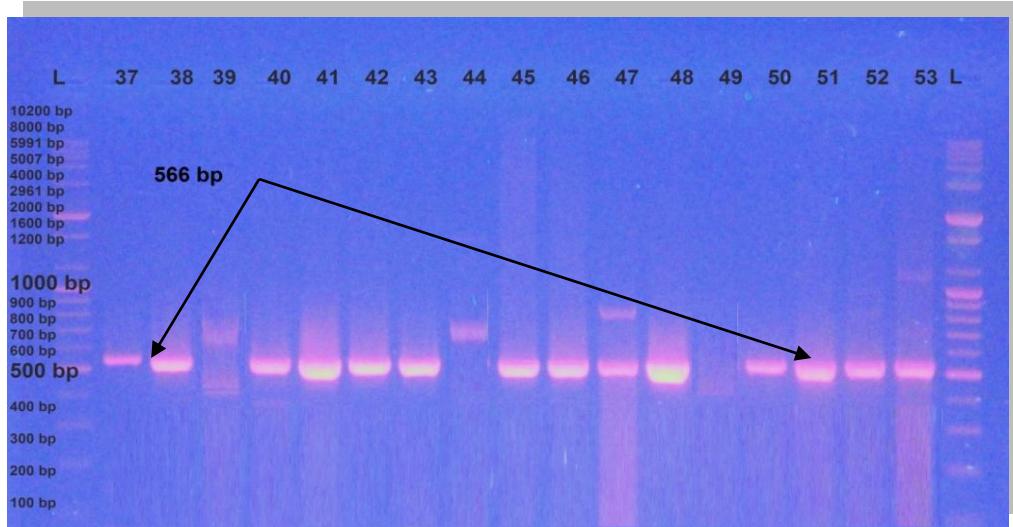
isolates except (21, 32 , 35) in Figure (2) and (39 ,44,49) in figure (3) respectively.



Figure(1): electrophoresis diagram of bla CTX-M PCR amplicon , Lanes (1-18), positive (566bp) and lane (L) , molecular size marker (100-3000 bp).The electrophoresis was performed at 70 volt for 2hrs, agarose gel was stained with Ethidium bromide.



Figure( 2): electrophoresis diagram of bla CTX-M PCR amplicon , Lanes (19 , 20 , 22 , 23 , 24 , 25 , 26, 27, 28 , 29 , 31 , 33, 34 , 36)= positive (566bp) , Lane (21,32,35) , Negative and lane (L) , molecular size marker(100-10200bp).The electrophoresis was performed at 70 volt for 2hrs, agarose gel was stained with Ethidium bromide.



Figure(3) : electrophoresis diagram of bla CTX-M PCR amplicon , Lanes (37, 38 , 40 , 41 , 42 , 43 ,45, 46 ,47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53) , positive (566 bp) , Lanes (39, 44 ,49) , Negative and lane (L) , molecular size marker (100-10200 bp) The electrophoresis was performed at 70 volt for 2hrs , agarose gel was stained with Ethidium bromide.

As shown in Table (1) and Appendices (1,2) , the results revealed high degree of similarity between query ( sequenced genes) and subject gene (reference genes) of NCBI- BLAST, that could be demonstrated by the high percentage of identity, which range between 98- 99%, with decrease gaps , and the most important category ,E-value , which referred to expected value which in turn indicated the matching between query and subject, the lesser value , the greater matching , this value range between ( 0- 1).

**Table (1) nucleotide and protein sequence of query and subject genes.**

Gene	Nucleotide sequence of query and subject					Protein sequence of query and subject				
	Score	Expect value	Identities	Gaps	Accession NO.	Score	Expect value	Identities	Gaps	Accession NO.
CTX-M-15	933 bits 505	0.0	513/516 (99%)	3/516 (0%)	<a href="#">KF055402.1</a>	337 bits 864	1e-117	166/170 (98%)	0/170 (0%)	<a href="#">ACG58889.1</a>
CTX-M-15	929 bits 503	0.0	510/513 (99%)	21513 (0%)	<a href="#">KF055400.1</a>	337 bits 863	2e-117	164/164 (100%)	0/164 (0%)	<a href="#">AGB07538.1</a>



Nucleotide sequence of CTX-M amplicons (19,20,22,23,24) showed high rate of identity (99%) with CTX-M-15 of NCBI-BLAST ,with no gaps (0.0), and E.value (0.0) ,this agreed with results obtained by Liu *etal.*(2013) , Mshana *etal.*(2007) and Huang and Zhu (2013) successively with Accession NO. (KF055402.1) and Accession NO.( KF055400.1). As concerning with protein sequence , the results showed high identity (98%) ,there was no gaps(0.0) and E.value(1e-117) ,these were belong Accession NO. (ACG58889.1),which agreed with that confirmed by Kingsley and Verghese (2008) . And by Pachkunov *etal.* (2013) belong Accession NO.(AGH15625.1) and E.value (2e-117).

The results of other protein sequences revealed great degree of identity with reference of genbank. (100%) of identity, (0.0) gaps and E.value (2e-117), these results were compared with that of Jayahar Bharathi (2012) with Accession NO.(AGB07538.1) and Pachkunov *etal.*(2013) with Accession NO.(AGH15625.1) with high agreement .

Al-Agamy,*etal.*,(2009) ,stated that the PCR assays revealed that the prevalence of SHV, TEM and CTX-M genes was 97.3% ,84.1% , and 34.1% respectively, in ESBL-producing isolates. In Pakistan, the prevalence of ESBL-producing *K pneumoniae* was very high (70%). ( Shah, *etal.*, 2004) In the Arabian Peninsula , 23.5% of ESBL-producing *K pneumoniae* were identified as having the ESBL phenotype in Kuwait.( Jamal,*etal.*, 2005) However, in the United Arab Emirates, 36% of *K pneumoniae* was found to harbor the ESBL phenotype. (Al-Zarouni *etal.*,2008) In Jordan, 70% of *K pneumoniae* isolates express ESBL phenotypes and this prevalence is alarming.( Shehabi.2000) Resistance to β-lactams, especially third-generation cephalosporins and non-β-lactams, among clinical isolates of gram-negative bacteria is increasing worldwide (Andrews,2001) .In Iran, the prevalence of *blaSHV* and *blaTEM* among ESBL-producing *K*



*pneumoniae* was 69.6% and 32.1%, respectively( Shahcheraghi,etal.,2007) The higher prevalence of CTX-M in Kuwait is due to most of the CTX-M being detected in non-Kuwaiti immigrants, mainly from South Asia, where CTX-M is endemic (Ensor, etal.,2008) . In Arab countries, the first description of CTX-M-15 was in Egypt and then in the United Arab Emirates and in Kuwait (Ensor, etal.,2008) CTX-M-15 is the predominant ESBL in Egypt, United Arab Emirates and in Kuwait (Sonnevend,etal.,2006) .

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# الكشف عن جينات الانزيمات المحللة للمضادات الحياتية بيتا لاكتام الواسعة الطيف نوع CTX-M-15 من عزلات التهابات المجاري البولية.

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## الخلاصة

الدراسة كانت تهدف لتقدير انتشار جينات انزيمات السيفوتاكسيم المقاومة للمضادات الحياتية بيتا لاكتام واسعة الطيف ودراسة تتبع النيوكليوتيدات والبروتين لبعض منها. جمعت 800 عينة ادرار للفترة من شباط الى ايلول من العام 2012 لمرضى مصابين بالتهابات المجاري البولية من عدة مستشفيات في محافظة النجف الاشرف. جميع العينات تم رعايتها على وسط الماكونكي الصلب ، 300 منه نمت على وسط الماكونكي و اذ كانت 250 منها مخمرة للاكتوز بينما كانت 50 منها غير مخمرة للاكتوز. العزلات خضعت لفحوصات الاندول و احمر المثيل و فحص فوكس بروسكاور واسهالك السترات بالإضافة الى فحص الحركة . رشت العزلات الخمرة للاكتوز وغير المتحركة لفحص الفايتك 2.

اجريت فحوصات انتشار الاقراص واستخدام الماكونكي الحاوي على 2 ملغم / لتر من السيفوتاكسيم . نتائج فحص انتشار الاقراص بين انماط مقاومة مختلفة بالإضافة الى انماط تعدد المقاومة ، كانت 100% من العزلات مقاومة للمضاد الحيوي سيفيرياكزون ، بينما كانت المقاومة 98.11% ، 90.57% و 90.27% للسيفتازيديم والازترونام والسيفوتكسيم على التوالي.

بينت نتائج الماكونكي الحاوي على السفتازيديم 2 ملغم / لتر ان 53 / 31 (58.49%) من العزلات ابتداءً منتجة لانزيمات المقاومة لبيتا لاكتام الواسعة الطيف.بينت نتائج الفحوصات الوراثية لدراسة انتشار جينات انزيمات المقاومة لمضادات البيتا لاكتام واسعة الطيف ان 47% من العزلات كانت موجبة .

دراسة تتبع نيوكليونوتيدات لخمسه من العزلات ( 19 , 20 , 22 , 23 , 24 ) بينت درجة عالية من التشابه وصلت الى (99%) مع CTX-M-15 لـ NCBI - BLAST .



فيما يتعلق بدراسة تتابع البروتينات فان الدراسة بينت ان التشابه كان ( 98% ) مع البروتينات القياسية لبناک الجينات كما ان بعض البروتينات اظهرت (100%) من التشابه مع البروتينات القياسية

#### Appendix( 1 ) : Alignments between query and subject.

*Klebsiella pneumoniae* strain F25 plasmid insertion sequence IS<sub>Ecp1</sub> insertion sequence IS1, complete sequence; and CTX-M-15 (CTX-M-15) gene, complete cds

Sequence ID: [gb|KF055402.1|](#)



Sbjct 2468 CGGTGCAGCGAGCATTCAAGGCTGGACTGCCTGCTTCCTGGGTTGGGGATAAAACGG 2527

Query 490 CAGCGGTGGCTATGGCACCAACGATATCGCGGT 525  
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Sbjct 2528 CAGCGGTGGCTATGGCACCAACGATATCGCGGT 2563

extended spectrum b-

Sequence ID: [gb|ACG58889.1|](#)

Score	Expect	Identities	Positives	Gaps
337 bits(864)	1e-117	166/170(98%)	167/170(98%)	0/170(0%)
Query 14	AARC*ESESEPNNQRVEIKKSDLVNYNPIAEKHVNNGTMSLAEELSAAALQYSNDNVAMNK 193 AA +SESEPNNQRVEIKKSDLVNYNPIAEKHVNNGTMSLAEELSAAALQYSNDNVAMNK			
Sbjct 11	AAVLKKSESEPNNQRVEIKKSDLVNYNPIAEKHVNNGTMSLAEELSAAALQYSNDNVAMNK 70			
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Sbjct 71	LIAHVGGPASVTAFAARQLGDETFRLLDRTEPTLN TAIPGDPRDTTSPRAMAQTLRNLTGK 130			
Query 374	ALGDSQRAQLVTWMKGNTTGAASIQAGLPASVVGDKTGSGGYGTNDIA 523 ALGDSQRAQLVTWMKGNTTGAASIQAGLPASVVGDKTGSGGYGTNDIA			
Sbjct 131	ALGDSQRAQLVTWMKGNTTGAASIQAGLPASVVGDKTGSGGYGTNDIA 180			

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Klebsiella pneumoniae strain F14 plasmid insertion sequence ISEcP1 insertion sequence IS1, complete sequence; and CTX-M-15 (CTX-M-15) gene, complete cds

Sequence ID: [gb|KF055400.1|](#)

Score	Expect	Identities	Gaps
928 bits(502)	0.0	507/509(99%)	2/509(0%)
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Sbjct 2815	TTATCCCCACAACCCAGGAAGCAGGCAGTCCAGCCTGAATGCTCGCTGCACCGGTGGTA 2756		
Query 73	TTGCCTTTCATCCATGTCACCAGCTGCGCCCGTTGGCTGTCGCCAATGCTTACCCAGC 132 		
Sbjct 2755	TTGCCTTTCATCCATGTCACCAGCTGCGCCCGTTGGCTGTCGCCAATGCTTACCCAGC 2696		



Query	133	GTCAGATTCCGCAGAGTTGCGCCATTGCCGAGGTGAAGTGGTATCACGGATGCC	192
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Sbjct	2635	GGAATGGCGGTGTTAACGTCGGCTCGGTACGGTCGAGACGGAACGTTCGTCTCCCAGC	2576
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Sbjct	2575	TGTCGGCGAACCGGGTGACGCTAGCCGGCCAAACGTGAGCAATCAGCTTATTCA	2516
Query	313	GCCACGTTATCGCTGACTGTAGCGCGCCGCTAACGTCAGCCAGTGACATCGTCCC	372
Sbjct	2515	GCCACGTTATCGCTGACTGTAGCGCGCCGCTAACGTCAGCCAGTGACATCGTCCC	2456
Query	373	TTGACGTGCTTCCGAATCGGATTAGTTAACAAAGGTCAAGTTTGATCTCAACT	432
Sbjct	2455	TTGACGTGCTTCCGAATCGGATTAGTTAACAAAGGTCAAGTTTGATCTCAACT	2396
Query	433	CGCTGATTAACAGATTGGTTCGCTTCACCTTCAGCACCGCGGCCATC	492
Sbjct	2395	CGCTGATTAACAGATTGGTTCGCTTCACCTTCAGCACCGCGGCCATC	2336
Query	493	ACTTACTGGTGCTGCAC-TCGCAAAGCG	520
Sbjct	2335	ACTTACTGGTGCTGCACATCGCAAAGCG	2307

beta-lactamase CTX

Sequence ID: [gb|AGB07538.1|](#)

Score	Expect	Identities	Positives	Gaps
337 bits(863)	2e-117	164/164(100%)	164/164(100%)	0/164(0%)
Query 509	CSTSKVMAAAVLKSESEPNNQRVEIKKSDLVNVNPIAEKHVNNTMSLAELSAALQ	330		
	CSTSKVMAAAVLKSESEPNNQRVEIKKSDLVNVNPIAEKHVNNTMSLAELSAALQ			
Sbjct 27	CSTSKVMAAAVLKSESEPNNQRVEIKKSDLVNVNPIAEKHVNNTMSLAELSAALQ	86		
Query 329	YSDNVAMNKLIAHVGGPASVTAFARQLGDETFRLDREPTLNATAIPGDPRDTSPRAMAQ	150		
	YSDNVAMNKLIAHVGGPASVTAFARQLGDETFRLDREPTLNATAIPGDPRDTSPRAMAQ			
Sbjct 87	YSDNVAMNKLIAHVGGPASVTAFARQLGDETFRLDREPTLNATAIPGDPRDTSPRAMAQ	146		
Query 149	TLRNLTLKGALGDSQRAQLVTWMKGNTTGAASIQAGLPASWVG	18		
	TLRNLTLKGALGDSQRAQLVTWMKGNTTGAASIQAGLPASWVG			
Sbjct 147	TLRNLTLKGALGDSQRAQLVTWMKGNTTGAASIQAGLPASWVG	190		

## Appendix(2): electrophorogram of amplicons: [CTX-Mz-3-CTX-M.docx](#)

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