

## Supplementary data

**Table S1. Primers used for PCR amplification and cloning of carbapenemase genes.**

Primer	5' – 3' sequence
<b>NDM-1 EcoRV F</b>	GAT GAT GAT ATC TCA GCG CTG GCT GTT TTA CG
<b>NDM-1 Bam R</b>	GAT GAT GGA TCC AAT CGC GCG ATG GCA GAT TG
<b>VIM-2 EcoRV F</b>	GAT GAT GAT ATC AAA GTT ATG CCG CAC TCA CC
<b>VIM-2 Bam R</b>	GAT GAT GGA TCC GCA TCT GCC TGC TAC TCA AC
<b>IMP-1 EcoRV F</b>	GAT GAT GAT ATC AAA CGG ATG AAG GCA CGA AC
<b>IMP-1 Bam R</b>	GAT GAT GGA TCC TAG TTG CTT GGT TTT GAT GG
<b>OXA-48 EcorI F</b>	GAT GAT GAA TTC GAC GAG CAC AAT CGG CAT AG
<b>OXA-48 Scal R</b>	GAT GAT AGT ACT CGC TAA CCA CTT CTA GGG AA
<b>KPC-3 F EcorI</b>	GAA TTC AAT TCC GCC ATC GTC AGT GCT CTA C
<b>KPC-3 R EcorI</b>	GAA TTC AAT TCA AGG GCG GCT GAA GGA ATA C

**Table S2.** MICs of imipenem, meropenem and ertapenem against susceptible strain *E. coli* CFT073 and isogenic derivatives expressing NDM-1, VIM-2, IMP-1, OXA-48 or KPC-3, with increasing concentrations of DMSA.

Strains	Imipenem						Meropenem						Ertapenem			
	S ≤ 2 R > 4 mg/L						S ≤ 2 R > 8 mg/L						S ≤ 0.5 R > 0.5 mg/L			
	DMSA	DMSA	DMSA	DMSA	DMSA	DMSA	DMSA	DMSA	DMSA	DMSA	DMSA	DMSA	DMSA	DMSA	DMSA	
	0	0.3 mM	1.5 mM	3 mM	6 mM	0	0.3 mM	1.5 mM	3 mM	6 mM	0	0.3 mM	1.5 mM	3 mM	6 mM	
CFT073	0.125	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.015	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.00375	0.015	0.0075	0.0075	0.015	
CFT073- NDM-1	64	64	16	8	2	128	64	64	16	1	64	64	64	32	2	
CFT073- VIM-2	8	4	4	2	2	4	4	2	0.5	0.125	4	2	1	0.5	0.06	
CFT073- IMP-1	8	2	1	0.5	0.5	16	1	0.125	0.06	0.06	16	1	0.06	0.03	0.015	
CFT073- OXA-48	1	2	2	2	2	0.125	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.125	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	

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**Table S3.** Peak concentrations of DMSA obtained in plasma 30 min after a single dose in healthy adult human and in Swiss mice.

Species	DMSA dosing	Mean concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) (+/- SD)
Human (healthy adults)*	10 mg/kg (oral)	43 +/- 14 (n=6)
Mice (Swiss female)	100 mg/kg (intra-peritoneal)	6 +/- 4 (n=3)
Mice (Swiss female)	200 mg/kg (intra-peritoneal)	50 +/- 27 (n=3)
Mice (Swiss female)	400 mg/kg (intra-peritoneal)	182 +/- 21 (n=3)

\*: data in human are from reference 37

\*\* DMSA alone was not toxic in uninfected mice at dosages of 200 mg/kg q 4h and 400 mg/kg q 4h for 24h. No death or any abnormal symptom occurred for both dosing regimens after 24 h of treatment.