

1 **Community origins and regional differences in plasmid-mediated fluoroquinolone resistant**
2 **Enterobacteriaceae infections in children**

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25 **Abstract**

26 Fluoroquinolones (FQs) are uncommonly prescribed in children, yet pediatric multidrug-resistant
27 (MDR)-Enterobacteriaceae (Ent) infections often reveal FQ resistance (FQR). We sought to
28 define the molecular epidemiology of FQR and MDR-Ent in children. A case-control analysis of
29 children with MDR-Ent infections at 3 Chicago hospitals was performed. Cases were children
30 with third-generation-cephalosporin-resistant (3GCR) and/or carbapenem-resistant (CR)-Ent
31 infections. PCR and DNA analysis assessed *bla* and plasmid-mediated FQR (PMFQR) genes.
32 Controls were children with 3GC and carbapenem susceptible-Ent infections matched by age,
33 source and hospital. We assessed clinical-epidemiologic predictors of PMFQR Ent infection.
34 Of 169 3GCR and/or CR Ent isolates from children (median age 4.8 years), 85 were FQR; 56
35 (66%) contained PMFQR genes. The predominant organism was *E. coli* and most common *bla*
36 gene *bla*_{CTX-M-1} group. In FQR isolates, PMFQR gene mutations included *aac6'1b-*
37 *cr*, *oqxA/B*, *qepA*, and *qnrA/B/D/S* in 83%, 15%, 13% and 11% of isolates, respectively. FQR *E.*
38 *coli* was often associated with phylogroup B2, ST43/ST131. On multivariable analysis,
39 PMFQR Ent infections occurred mostly in outpatients (OR 33.1) of non-black-white-Hispanic
40 race (OR 6.5). Residents of Southwest Chicago were >5 times more likely to have PMFQR-
41 Ent infections than those in the reference region, while residence in Central Chicago was
42 associated with a 97% decreased risk. Other demographic, comorbidity, invasive-device,
43 antibiotic use, or healthcare differences were not found. The strong association of infection with
44 MDROs showing FQR with patient residence rather than with traditional risk factors suggests
45 that the community environment is a major contributor to spread of these pathogens in children.

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48 **Introduction**

49 Multi-drug resistant (MDR) Enterobacteriaceae infections are associated with significant
50 morbidity and mortality and are an emerging problem in children in the US during the last
51 decade (1, 2). Globally, this has been attributed mainly to the rise in extended-spectrum beta
52 lactamase (ESBL) producing Enterobacteriaceae (ESBL Ent) and carbapenem-resistant
53 Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) (3, 4). Increasing resistance to several other classes of antibiotics was
54 found in these studies; including to the fluoroquinolones, a class of antibiotics with limited
55 indications for use in children (1, 2).

56 The CTX-M-ESBL harboring *Escherichia coli* are among the most common multi-drug
57 resistant organisms (MDROs), often possessing resistance genes to other important antibiotic
58 classes including aminoglycosides, fluoroquinolones, tetracyclines, and trimethoprim-
59 sulfamethoxazole (5, 6). In adults, fluoroquinolone resistance in (FQR) Gram-negative bacteria
60 has been linked to chromosomal and to plasmid-mediated resistance mechanisms and is thought
61 to be associated mostly with the dramatic increase in use of these antibiotics during the 1980s(7,
62 8).

63 The reasons for increased FQR in children are unclear, and studies assessing the
64 resistance determinants associated with the FQR phenotype in Enterobacteriaceae recovered
65 from children are limited(9); therefore, we examined this population to determine which children
66 had a higher likelihood of infections with organisms resistant to both beta-lactam and
67 fluoroquinolone antibiotics.

68 We determined the genetic basis of FQR in beta-lactamase producing Enterobacteriaceae
69 isolates from children cared for by multiple centers in the Chicago area and analyzed a subgroup

70 of children with infections with similar resistance determinants, namely those due to isolates
71 containing genes encoding plasmid-mediated fluoroquinolone resistance (PMFQR) and ESBL
72 mediated resistance to determine genotypes, host factors, and exposures leading to infection with
73 MDR Enterobacteriaceae strains. We hypothesized that because of differences in healthcare
74 delivery in urban settings, acquisition of PMFQR in children would be linked to geographic
75 location and have environmental influences and community origins. Our analysis revealed that
76 there are genetic and geospatial links to MDR in this pediatric population.

77 **METHODS**

78 **Study Setting**

79 Hospital A contains a 115-bed children's hospital within a tertiary care academic medical
80 center which has a mother-newborn infant unit, pediatric and psychiatric wards, and cardiac,
81 pediatric and neonatal intensive-care units (PICU and NICU). Hospital B has 288 beds and is a
82 free-standing children's academic medical center that provides complex quaternary services,
83 such as pediatric organ and bone marrow transplantation. Hospital C is a 125-bed children's
84 hospital within an academic medical center, and contains general pediatrics and newborn infant
85 wards, as well as a PICU and NICU. All of the participating centers are within metropolitan
86 Chicago.

87 **Descriptive Study Design**

88 **Study Population**

89 This study included patients aged 0 to 18.99 years who had clinical cultures positive for
90 Enterobacteriaceae with 3GCR or CR and the suspected presence of a beta-lactamase gene based

91 on clinical laboratory testing. Additionally, isolates found to be concomitantly resistant to FQR
92 were further characterized. Infections were diagnosed between January 1, 2011 and December
93 31, 2014 and only the first infection per patient was included. The study was approved by the
94 institutional review boards of the three participating institutions and need for informed consent
95 was waived.

96 **Testing of Antibiotic Susceptibility in Enterobacteriaceae**

97 The Hospitals A-C microbiology laboratories phenotypically analyzed presumed ESBL
98 Ent, AmpC Ent and CR isolates via the Vitek 2 microbial identification system (*bioMérieux*,
99 *Athens, GA*) or by the MicroScan WalkAway system (Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics,
100 Tarrytown, NY). Screening for ESBL production involved testing with one or more of the
101 following agents: aztreonam, ceftazidime, ceftriaxone, cefotaxime or cefpodoxime, based on
102 guidelines of the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) (10). ESBL production was
103 confirmed on the automated instruments or by disk diffusion assays (BBL; Becton, Dickinson
104 and Company, Sparks, MD) or by measuring minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) of
105 ceftazidime and cefotaxime in the presence and absence of clavulanic acid. A measurement of an
106 increase in disk zone diameter of > 5 mm or a 4-fold reduction in the MIC of ceftazidime or
107 cefotaxime in the presence of clavulanic acid served as confirmation of the ESBL phenotype
108 (10).

109 The carbapenemase phenotype, per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
110 criteria, included isolates that were non-susceptible to all 3GCs (cefotaxime, ceftazidime, or
111 ceftriaxone) and resistant to one or more carbapenem (imipenem, meropenem, doripenem, or
112 ertapenem) (11). Carbapenemase production was phenotypically confirmed by MBL E-test
113 (*bioMérieux*, *Athens, GA*) or Modified Hodge Test, as appropriate (12, 13).

114 **Determination of Beta-Lactam Resistance Mechanisms**

115 Genomic DNA was extracted and purified from isolates using the DNeasy Blood &
116 Tissue Kit (QIAGEN, Inc., Valencia, CA). To evaluate for the presence of *bla* genes in isolates,
117 a DNA microarray based assay was performed (Check-Points, Check-MDR CT101 kit;
118 Wageningen, The Netherlands). The CT101 microarray based assay can detect the following *bla*
119 groups: CTX-M-1 group, CTX-M-2 group, CTX-M-8 and -25 group, CTX-M-9 group, SHV WT
120 and SHV-type ESBL, TEM wild-type, and TEM-type ESBL, plasmid based AmpC
121 cephalosporinases (pAmpC) (CMY II, ACC, FOX, DHA, ACT/ MIR) and carbapenemases
122 (KPC and NDM) (14). When isolates were *bla* negative by the CT101 assay, a broader DNA
123 microarray, (Check-Points, Check-MDR CT103XL kit) was performed. The CT103XL assay
124 can detect the presence of additional ESBL genes (VEB, PER, BEL, GES) and carbapenemase
125 genes (GES, GIM, IMP, SPM, VIM, and OXA-23, -24/40, -48, and -58) (15). The assays were
126 performed as described in our laboratory previously (16).

127 **Analysis of Determinants Yielding Fluoroquinolone Resistance**

128 To investigate the presence of FQR determinants in MDR Enterobacteriaceae isolates, we
129 analyzed the quinolone resistance-determining region (QRDR) located on the bacterial
130 chromosome and assessed for PMFQR in strains found FQR by CLSI standards (10). Briefly,
131 genus specific assays for mutations in *gyrA* and *parC* genes of the QRDR (in *E. coli*, *Klebsiella*
132 *sp.*, and *Enterobacter sp.*) and for PMFQR were performed by polymerase chain reaction (PCR)
133 and deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) sequencing of amplicons (7). Extraction of genomic DNA
134 followed by amplification and sequencing were performed using primers and methods as
135 previously described (17-19). Specific PMFQR genes screened include *qnrA*, *qnrB*, *qnrD*, *qnrS*,

136 *qepA*, *oqxA* and *oqxB* and *aac6'-Ib-cr* and represent transmissible elements reported in
137 Enterobacteriaceae (20, 21) .

138 **Multilocus Sequence Typing (MLST)**

139 Per protocol, eight *E. coli* housekeeping genes (*dinB*, *icdA*, *pabB*, *polB*, *putP*, *trpA*, *trpB*
140 and *uidA*) and seven *Klebsiella* species (sp.) housekeeping genes (*rpoB*, *gapA*, *mdh*, *pgi*, *phoE*,
141 *tonB*, *infB*) were amplified and sequenced as in prior studies (16, 22, 23). Alleles and sequence
142 types (ST) were assigned for select isolates of varying genotypic profiles by the Pasteur MLST
143 scheme (<http://www.pasteur.fr/recherche/genopole/PF8/mlst/>).

144 **Analysis of Plasmid Replicon Types and Phylogenetic Grouping**

145 *E. coli* were assigned to four major phylogenetic groups (A, B1, B2 and D) using a well-
146 established multiplex PCR-based method (24). Plasmids were typed, in select isolates with
147 varying genotypic profiles, based on incompatibility groups corresponding to the nomenclature
148 assigned by Carattoli *et al.* (25).

149 **Analytic Study Design**

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151 We used a retrospective case–control study design to assess factors associated with
152 infection due to beta-lactam, FQ resistant isolates in which we had detected a PMFQR gene. We
153 chose to analyze FQR in detail because this class of antibiotics is uncommonly used in children,
154 yet 50% of the isolates between 2011 and 2014 were FQR.

155 We selected as controls, children with infections due to bacteria susceptible to the
156 antibiotics of interest. Specifically, the control group included children with infections that were
157 susceptible to 3GC, carbapenem and FQ antibiotics to understand differences between children
158 who acquired plasmid-mediated MDR Enterobacteriaceae infections and those who did not.

159 Only patients with clinical infections were included, as determined by study investigator
160 case review and/or using standard criteria defined by the CDC National Healthcare Safety
161 Network (26). Children serving as control subjects were identified using hospital electronic
162 laboratory records (ELRs). Control patients were matched approximately 3:1 to the cases by age
163 range, hospital, and specimen source.

164 **Covariates**

165 Several variables were analyzed as potential factors associated with FQR Ent infection
166 based on known associations for acquisition in adults including (1) demographics (age, gender,
167 race/ethnicity); (2) comorbid conditions (as defined by ICD-9 codes); (3) recent inpatient and
168 outpatient healthcare exposures, including hospitalization and/or procedures in the previous 30
169 days; (4) all recent antibiotic exposures in the 40 days prior to culture; (5) presence, number, and
170 type of invasive medical devices; and (6) the impact of location of patient residence in the
171 Chicago area as assessed by dividing the metropolitan area into 7 regions using zip code level
172 data, which included Chicago proper and its suburban areas (i.e. Northwest side and Northwest
173 Suburbs, Southwest side and Southwest Suburbs, etc.). An eighth region included patients from
174 other parts of Illinois or from other states.

175 **Statistical Analysis**

176 Case and control groups were examined for differences using parametric or non-
177 parametric tests as appropriate for categorical and continuous variables; $P \leq 0.05$ was considered
178 statistically significant unless otherwise specified. Variables with $p < 0.1$ on bivariate analysis
179 were included in multivariable analysis. Stepwise multiple logistic regression was used to assess
180 the multivariable relationship between the covariates and the groups. The final multivariable
181 logistic regression model included the simplest model with significant covariates ($p < 0.05$) from

182 the stepwise selection process, with PMFQR Ent infection as the outcome variable. The simplest
183 model was chosen based on a relatively small sample size and the effect of variables in the
184 model. All analyses were performed in SAS 9.4 (SAS Institute, Cary, NC, USA).

185 **RESULTS**

186 **Composition of Fluoroquinolone Resistance (FQR) Genes in Enterobacteriaceae**

187 We assessed 169 *bla*-producing Ent isolates between 2011 – 2014 from Hospitals A, B,
188 and C for the presence of FQR (Table 1). Of 169 Ent isolates, 85 (50%) were FQR of which 82
189 (96.4%) were available for further testing. The median age of children with FQR-Ent infections
190 was 4.8 years. The predominant organism was *E. coli*, 65/82 (79%), and the predominant *bla*
191 genotype found associated with FQR in Ent was *bla*_{CTX-M-1-group} in 62% of cases. Within *E. coli*,
192 FQR was most often associated with phylogroup B2 and ST43 (Pasteur scheme)/ST131
193 (Achtman scheme) harboring *bla*_{CTX-M-1-group} in 47/63 (75%) cases.

194 FQR isolates were further characterized to understand resistance determinants associated
195 with FQR in pediatric Ent isolates. Chromosomal mutations of the QRDR (*gyrA/parC*) were
196 present in 71/79 (89.9%) of FQR isolates by DNA sequence analysis. Three isolates did not yield
197 results. PMFQR genes were detected by PCR in 56/82 (66%); 53 (95%) were available for
198 further analysis. The median case patient age was 6 years. PMFQR genes included *aac 6' Ib-*
199 *cr*, *oqx A/B*, *qepA*, and *qnr A/B/D/S* in 83%, 15%, 13% and 11% of isolates, respectively.
200 PMFQR was found in combination with *gyrA* and/or *parC* mutations in 43/49 (88%) isolates,
201 which is associated with high level resistance. The predominant *bla* genotype found associated
202 with PMFQR was *bla*_{CTX-M-1-group} in 76%, followed by *bla*_{SHV} ESBL associations in 11%. Almost
203 all (98%) PMFQR Ent were multi-drug resistant, e.g. resistant to ≥ 3 antibiotic classes.

204 **Analysis of Factors Associated with PMFQR Enterobacteriaceae Infections in Children**

205 The 53 cases of PMFQR Ent infection were matched by age range, hospital, and culture
206 source to 131 controls with antibiotic-sensitive Ent infections. Significant factors associated with
207 PMFQR Ent infection on bivariate analysis included: *E. coli* infection, race/ethnicity, infection
208 diagnosed in an outpatient clinic, history of quinolone use, and residence in the Southwest region
209 (hereafter referred to as the high-risk region) comprised of southwest Chicago and the
210 southwestern Chicago suburbs (Table 2). Children with PMFQR infection were less likely to
211 have infection with *Enterobacter* sp., a central venous catheter, neonatal intensive care unit
212 admission at the time of infection diagnosis, or residence outside the “high-risk” region
213 (comprised of the downtown Chicago area, near North side, Chicago loop, and North Chicago).
214 Case-control differences in comorbid conditions; presence of respiratory, gastrointestinal,
215 genitourinary, or overall count of foreign bodies; or recent prior healthcare exposure were not
216 found.

217 We did not find evidence of significant effect modification during the model building
218 stages nor did we find evidence of significant confounding; therefore, no additional covariates
219 were added back to the final model after the stepwise selection process was completed, and the
220 simplest model was used in the final regression model.

221 On multivariable analysis (Table 3), having infection diagnosed in the outpatient clinic
222 setting was significantly associated with PMFQR Enterobacteriaceae infection (OR=33.1; 95%
223 CI 7.1, 162.8; $p<0.001$). Being of a race or ethnicity other than white, black, or Hispanic was
224 significantly associated with PMFQR Enterobacteriaceae infection (OR 6.5; 95% CI 1.7, 24.3;
225 $p=0.006$). Interestingly, among children with Enterobacteriaceae infections, those residing in
226 southwestern region of Chicago had more than five times the odds of having a PMFQR infection

227 compared to those living in the reference West Chicago region (OR 5.6; 95% CI 1.6, 19.2;
228 $p=0.006$) after controlling for race and healthcare setting. In contrast, for children who resided in
229 the downtown region, there was a 97% decrease in the odds of PMFQR infection in those living
230 in this region compared to those residing in reference West Chicago region (OR 0.03; 95% CI
231 .002, 0.33; $p=0.005$). No other regional associations were found.

232 To ensure these regional associations were unique to PMFQR containing isolates, we ran
233 two additional case-control analyses specifically assessing whether regional differences within
234 the Chicago metropolitan area were seen with 1) ESBL-producing strains that were sensitive to
235 fluoroquinolones; and 2) *bla*_{CTX-M-1group} ESBL-producing isolates (related to circulation of ST131
236 clonal *E. coli* strains). Regional differences in acquisition were not found in either analysis (data
237 not shown).

238 DISCUSSION

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241 Multi-drug resistant Enterobacteriaceae are a growing concern globally. Much of the
242 propagation and spread of these organisms has been related to the ST131 *E. coli* strains and to
243 high-risk clones containing IncFII plasmids and other genetic structures, such as transposons,
244 integrons, and insertion sequences associated with multiple antibiotic resistance gene cassettes
245 (27). Occasionally, beta-lactamase and other antibiotic resistance genes are transferred
246 horizontally (28).

247 In our pediatric patients there was a predominance of ST131 *E. coli* harboring *bla*_{CTX-M}.
248 We hypothesize that there is significant horizontal gene transfer between genera. This is very
249 worrisome from a public health perspective since children, once colonized with MDR
250 Enterobacteriaceae can remain colonized for months to years and could serve as reservoirs and

251 “silent disseminators” of MDROs (29, 30). Interestingly, the community focus of the MDROs in
252 children is in stark contrast to the epidemiology of these bacteria in adults in Chicago, where
253 MDR Enterobacteriaceae acquisition is highly linked to residence in long-term care facilities and
254 to interfacility transfer (31, 32).

255 We found striking residential differences for children infected with PMFQR containing
256 Enterobacteriaceae (PMFQR Ent) compared to children infected with antibiotic sensitive strains.
257 PMFQR Ent contain plasmid-based resistance genes to fluoroquinolones, an antibiotic
258 uncommonly used in children. In one Chicago region, the Southwest region, there was a
259 substantial increase in odds of PMFQR Ent infection, and in the Downtown region, there was a
260 significant decrease in the likelihood of PMFQR Ent infection (Figure 1). Our study included 3
261 major pediatric centers, none of which (and no major medical centers for children) is located in
262 the “high-risk” Southwest region, yet all three centers diagnosed and treated patients with
263 PMFQR Ent infections from that region. In contrast, Hospital B, the largest hospital in the region
264 specifically dedicated to the care of children, is located in the downtown region, and therefore
265 services many children residing in that area; yet this was the area of “lowest risk” for PMFQR
266 Ent infection. This may reflect linkage to *bla*_{CTX-M} harboring plasmids which are endemic in
267 some communities, but the reservoirs are currently undefined.

268 Interestingly, we found that children with PMFQR Ent infection were more likely to
269 present in the outpatient clinic setting than were those with antibiotic sensitive Ent infections –
270 the opposite of expectation that MDROs are healthcare linked and suggesting that PMFQR Ent
271 infections were community acquired and less severe.

272 A strong additional association on multivariable analysis was the higher likelihood of
273 PMFQR Ent infection in those of non-white, non-black, and non-Hispanic race. This risk was
274 statistically independent of residence, and strikingly none of the children located in the “high
275 risk” southwest region with PMFQR Ent infection were of race “other”, supporting the strong
276 independence of these 2 risk factors. Due to the retrospective nature of the study, we were
277 unable to gather further data on “other” race or ethnicity. We did not have travel data for the
278 majority of children, although it is well documented that travel to certain countries can be
279 associated with high rates of ESBL Ent acquisition, particularly in South and Southeast Asia (30,
280 33, 34). It is also well described that there is an increased risk of colonization of household
281 members after return of the traveler who first acquired an ESBL Ent.(35, 36)

282 We did not find significant differences in comorbidities between cases and controls. This
283 puts further importance on evaluating environmental sources for plasmid-possessing antibiotic
284 resistance genes (32). Community-based environmental influences would include higher
285 exposure risks in certain communities due to certain foods, livestock, animals, water sources,
286 fertilizer, soil, and vegetation (37). For example, if there is a link to food exposures, such as
287 restaurant chains that cook with high saturated fats, and additionally serve food animals that are
288 fed antibiotics and hormones for growth effects, this exposure would increase the risk of
289 acquisition of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, as well as obesity (38, 39). This in turn increases the
290 risk of other diseases such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes (40). Some of the PMFQR
291 genes, for example, *oqxA* and *oqxB* are multidrug efflux pumps named for their resistance to
292 olaquinadox, which is used as a growth promoter on pig farms (41).

293 Studies in our region and nationally have suggested that an increased risk of exposure to
294 antibiotics in children (42), as well as to antibiotic resistant bacteria, may be related to
295 socioeconomic status and race (43, 44). While we did assess race, we did not formally compare
296 differences between socioeconomic factors in the regions, as we did not have street or
297 neighborhood level data on infected patients. However, in a general comparison of regional zip
298 codes using Illinois census data, we did not find overall differences in the socioeconomic status
299 of the “high risk” southwest region and neighboring regions such as the south and west regions.

300 We recognize that our study has limitations. This was a retrospective study designed to
301 determine mechanisms of antibiotic resistance in Enterobacteriaceae recovered from children
302 cared for at three centers in a single metropolitan area; this may potentially impact
303 generalizability to other regions. Additionally, a plasmid-based origin of the recovered
304 antibiotic-resistance genes is suggested by our DNA sequence analysis results, yet it is possible
305 that some of these genes represent chromosomal resistance mechanisms. However, subsequent
306 plasmid-replicon typing and DNA sequence analysis for a subgroup of bacteria support our
307 findings of the DNA microarray. Our sample size was relatively small, which may allow for
308 selection bias; however, the pooling of multicentered data from institutions of differing types
309 serving diverse populations throughout the 3rd largest metropolitan area in the U.S. potentially
310 lessens this bias. The smaller sample sizes in pediatric studies are related to the overall low
311 prevalence of these organisms in children in most U.S. areas (1-3%), including in the Chicago
312 and the Midwest region (29, 32, 34, 45, 46), although national trends indicate an increase in
313 prevalence of these menacing organisms in pediatric populations during the last decade,
314 suggesting they are an emerging threat that needs further evaluation (46-49).

315 In conclusion, we found that there is significant complexity and diversity in the
316 determinants associated with beta-lactam and fluoroquinolone antibiotic resistance in children,
317 and that pediatric MDR Enterobacteriaceae exhibited differences when compared to descriptions
318 of strains circulating in adult patients in a region where such infections are endemic. We also
319 describe, for the first time, the impact of residence on infection with MDR Enterobacteriaceae in
320 children located in the same geographic area, however the reservoirs remain undefined. Future
321 studies should focus on further molecular characterization of circulating strains and the
322 environmental influences associated with these differences in regional acquisition. We anticipate
323 that an imminent threat of the “silent dissemination” of multi-drug resistant Enterobacteriaceae
324 in community settings is occurring in children. Local, federal, and international programs
325 dedicated to this serious problem must focus on halting the spread of these menacing pathogens
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CHARACTERISTICS OF FQR AND PMFQR ENTEROBACTERIACEAE

| Variable ^a | FQR Ent | PMFQR Ent |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Patient | n=82 | n=53 |
| Organism ^b | | |
| <i>E. coli</i> | 65 (79.3) | 40 (75.5) |
| <i>Klebsiella sp.</i> | 7 (8.5) | 7 (13.2) |
| <i>Proteus sp.</i> | 7 (8.5) | 4 (7.5) |
| <i>Enterobacter sp.</i> | 3 (3.7) | 2 (3.8) |
| Other | 0(0) | 0 (0) |
| Source | | |
| Urine | 58 (70.7) | 37 (69.8) |
| Respiratory | 12 (14.6) | 7 (13.2) |
| Abscess/Wound | 4 (4.9) | 3 (5.7) |
| Blood | 3 (3.7) | 3 (5.7) |
| Peritoneal/Abdomen | 2 (2.4) | 1 (1.9) |
| Central Nervous System | 1 (1.2) | 1 (1.9) |
| Other | 2 (2.4) | 1 (1.9) |
| Co-Antibiotic Resistance | | |
| Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole | 59 (72.0) | 38 (71.7) |
| Gentamicin | 44 (53.7) | 35 (66.0) |
| Amikacin | 3 (3.7) | 3 (5.7) |
| Carbapenem | 1 (1.2) | 1 (1.9) |

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| <i>Bla</i> gene association ^c | | |
| CTX-M-1 _{group} | 51 (62.2) | 42 (79.2) |
| CTX-M-9 _{group} | 13 (15.9) | 3 (5.7) |
| SHV _{ESBL} | 9 (11.0) | 6 (11.3) |
| VEB _{ESBL} | 1 (1.2) | 1 (1.9) |
| CMY _{AmpC} | 2 (2.4) | 1 (1.9) |
| ACT/MIR _{AmpC} | 4 (4.9) | 1 (1.9) |
| KPC _{CRE} | 1 (1.2) | 1 (1.9) |
| Mutation in QRDR ^d | 71 (89.9) | 43 (87.8) |
| Phylogenetic group of <i>E. coli</i> | n=65 | n=40 |
| B2 | 49 (75.4) | 31 (77.5) |
| D | 11(16.9) | 6 (15.0) |
| A | 4 (6.1) | 3 (7.5) |
| B1 | 1 (1.5) | 0 (0) |

^aValues represent n (%). Abbreviations: Ent, Enterobacteriaceae, FQR,

Flouroquinolone resistant; PMFQR, Plasmid-mediated Fluoroquinolone resistant

^bOne isolate studied per patient

^c Isolates may harbor one or more *bla* gene.

^d 3 of the 82 isolates did not yield a result, calculation based on 79 isolates.

**BIVARIATE ANALYSIS OF DEMOGRAPHICS AND FACTORS ASSOCIATED
WITH PMFQR ENTEROBACTERIACEAE INFECTION**

| Characteristic ^a | PMFQR Infection | Non-PMFQR Infection ^b | p value |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Patient | n=53 | n=131 | |
| Location at Diagnosis | | | <0.0001 |
| Inpatient, non ICU | 21 (39.6) | 46 (35.1) | |
| Outpatient Clinic | 16 (30.2) | 7 (5.3) | |
| Emergency Room | 4 (7.6) | 23 (17.6) | |
| Pediatric ICU | 11 (20.8) | 37 (28.2) | |
| Neonatal ICU | 1 (1.9) | 18 (13.7) | |
| Region of Residence ^d | | | 0.047 |
| Downtown | 1 (1.9) | 19 (14.5) | |
| Northwest | 6 (11.3) | 14 (10.7) | |
| Far North | 14 (26.4) | 25 (19.1) | |
| West | 12 (26.4) | 36 (27.5) | |

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|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Southwest | 10 (18.9) | 8 (6.1) | |
| South | 2 (3.8) | 12 (9.2) | |
| Far South | 3 (5.7) | 8 (6.1) | |
| Other IL/Other states | 3 (5.7) | 9 (6.9) | |
| Recent Health Care | | | 0.406 |
| Inpatient Care | 12 (22.6) | 31 (23.7) | |
| Outpatient Care ^c | 31 (58.5) | 64 (48.9) | |
| No Recent Care | 10 (18.9) | 36 (27.5) | |
| Central venous line | 9 (17.0) | 44 (33.6) | 0.025 |
| Gastrointestinal | 13 (24.5) | 45 (34.4) | 0.195 |
| Genitourinary | 14 (26.4) | 37 (28.2) | 0.802 |
| Respiratory | 11 (20.8) | 38 (29.0) | 0.253 |

^a Values represent n (%) unless otherwise indicated.

^b Non-PMFQR Infection were children with infections due to Enterobacteriaceae sensitive to extended spectrum cephalosporin and fluoroquinolone antibiotics.

^c Other sources include abscess/wound, peritoneal/abdomen, or other organ systems

^d Region of residence includes city region and neighboring suburbs, except for “Downtown”, which includes downtown, near North side, loop, and Northside, all within city limits. “Other” includes other cities in Illinois not neighboring Chicago, and patients from other states.

^e Includes extended-spectrum cephalosporins (ceftriaxone, ceftazidime, cefotaxime, cefepime)

^f Abbreviation PMFQR, Plasmid-mediated Fluoroquinolone Resistance; TMP-SMX, Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole.

^g Outpatient care includes care outside of routine child care visits and outpatient procedures.

MULTIVARIABLE ANALYSIS OF FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH PMFQR
ENTEROBACTERIACEAE INFECTIONS IN CHILDREN

| Associated Factor with PMFQR infection ^a | OR | 95% CI | p value |
|--|------|-------------|---------|
| Outpatient Clinic Location at time of infection diagnosis | 33.9 | 7.08, 162.8 | <0.001 |
| Race not white, black or Hispanic | 6.5 | 1.70, 24.3 | 0.006 |
| Home Residence in Southwest Region (SW Chicago and SW Suburbs) | 5.6 | 1.6, 19.2 | 0.006 |
| Home Residence in Downtown Region (Near North Side, Loop, Northside) | 0.03 | 0.002, 0.33 | 0.005 |

^a Abbreviations, SW, Southwest; Loop, Chicago Loop.

^b Reference Region, West Region.