

# Investigation of resistance to biocide and the frequency of efflux *qacE* and *qac* $\Delta$ E1 gene in clinical strains of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

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**Introduction & Objective:** *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* is one of the most important causes of infection in the hospital. Excessive consumption of antibiotics and antimicrobial agents has been rescuing bacteria in medical centers. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the effectiveness of the current disinfectants in hospitals on *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and to investigate the presence of *qacE* and *qac* $\Delta$ E1 genes in them. **Methods:** 45 strains of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* were collected from medical diagnostic laboratories of Rasht city. The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC), the diameter of the inhibition zone of inhibition of bacteria around the disk and the frequency of *qacE* and *qac* $\Delta$ E1 genes were determined by broth macrodilution, agar disk diffusion method and PCR respectively, for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and the data were analyzed using SPSS software. **Results:** Based on the results, the highest percentage for resistant of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* against biocides related to Microzed Ultra (79%) with mean MIC 110 micrograms per ml and Epimax II (51%) with mean MIC 90.2 mg/ml. proliferation of genes *qacE* and *qac*  $\Delta$ E1 in the PCR reaction 45 strains examined in 22 strains (55.55%), the presence of *qacE* gene and 17 strains (42.5%) indicated the presence of the *qac* $\Delta$ E1 gene. **Conclusion:** The results of this study showed the high bacterial resistance to biosciences, including Microzed Ultra and Epimix, and confirmed the presence of the *qacE* gene and *qac* $\Delta$ E1 in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. In general, there are concerns about the resistance to biocide solutions that are still in use and these results are important for the proper application of the use of antimicrobial agents.

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