

# Multi Locus Sequence Typing of Multi Drug Resistance *Klebsiella Pneumoniae* Isolated from different Clinical Samples

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**Abstract---** *Klebsiella pneumoniae* is an important opportunistic Pathogen, that commonly causes nosocomial infection. The problem of antimicrobial resistance is highlighted by a recent increase of antibiotic resistant. A multi locus sequence typing (MLST) scheme was developed for *K. pneumoniae*. The current study included collection of two hundred and seventy eight samples from Patients in Baqquba Teaching Hospital in Diyala during the period from December 2018 to May 2019. The samples included urine, sputum, swab from wounds, burns and blood. All isolates were diagnosed depending on microscopic, biochemical tests and confirmed by VITEK2 compact system. It was found (39.4%; n=69) was *K.pneumoniae* and (26%; n=18) of isolates were multi drug resistance *K. pneumoniae*. MDR *K. pneumoniae* were showed high resistance against different types of antibiotics it was as follows:  $\beta$  – Lactam groups (AMP 100%, AMC 73.36%, PIP 81.16%, ATM 72.46%, FEP 71.01%, CAZ 62.32%, CRO56.5%, IPM27.53%, MEM26.19%). Aminoglycosides groups (AK 47.82%, TOB 43.47%, GM 36.23%). Quinolones groups (LEV 31.82%, OFX 28.98%, CIP 24.63%) and Cephalosporin groups (SXT 65.22%). The technique used in this study to determine genetic diversity of MDR *K. pneumoniae* was MLST (Multi locus sequence typing). Seven house Keeping genes (*ropB*, *gapA*, *mdh*, *pgi*, *phoE*, *infB*, *tonB*) were taken from website Institute Pasteur. Eighteen isolates have been for PCR amplification reaction. Nucleotide Variations were seen and specific alleles for each locus were designated. The alleles profile for each isolate was then used to determine sequence type (ST). New seven isolates, new one isolates and seven housekeeping genes have been published in (NCBI). The MLST approach provides unambiguous data useful for the epidemiology of *K. pneumoniae*. To the best of our Knowledge, this was the first study that involved on MLST analysis of clinical *K. pneumoniae* isolates from hospital in Diyala, Iraq.

**Keywords---** *Klebsiella Pneumoniae*, Multi Drug Resistance, Housekeeping Genes, Multi Locus Sequencing.

## I. INTRODUCTION

*Klebsiella pneumoniae* commonly is a Gram negative opportunistic pathogenic bacterium that causes nosocomial infections in urinary tract, respiratory tract and blood and causes septicemia, pneumonia, bacteremia, meningitis, burn and wounds infection. (Gorrie *et al.*, 2017). Furthermore, it was the most medically important species of the genus *Klebsiella*. In recent years, *Klebsiella* have become important pathogens in nosocomial infection it was also a potential community-acquired pathogen. (Levinson, 2016). Antibiotic therapies are widely used for treating infection diseases. Nowadays, antibiotic-resistant bacteria are a great concern of worldwide Public health. (Dsouza *et al.*, 2017). The problem of antimicrobial resistance is highlighted by a recent increase of

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antibiotic resistant. Antimicrobial resistance is commonly related to the spread of transmissible plasmids and the acquisition of resistance genes that normally occur by horizontal gene transfer, which may also carry virulence determinants. (Derakhsban *et al.*, 2016). For pathogen survival, the acquisition of resistance and virulent traits is necessary and some reports suggest that such may have an essential role in the pathogenesis of *K.pneumoniae* infection, Capsule, lipopolysaccharide(LPS), fimbriae and siderophores are virulence factors that contribute to the pathogenicity of *K.pneumoniae* (Paczosa and Messas 2016). There are many of bacterial typing systems actually in use that greatly vary in the effort required. The cost, the accuracy and ability to identify between bacterial strains. (Reza *et al.*, 2014).The genotyping is important to identify cassar out breaks due to *K.pneumoniae* and to further track soure and spreading of infection. the major genotyping methods of *K.pneumoniae* include multi locus sequence typing (MLST), pulsed field gel electrophoresis (PFGE), multiple–locus variable number tandem repeat analysis (MLVA) restriction fragment length polymorphism(RFLP). (Turton *et al.*, 2010).

*K.pneumoniae* Multi locus system typing (MLST) is actually a new technique in molecular biology used for typing of various loci. The procedure characterizes isolates of microbial species using DNA sequences of internal fragment of housekeeping genes (Lilian *et al.*, 2012).

This study came to aim to isolate and diagnose *Klebsiella pneumonia* from different clinical sources and detection perform genotyping using (MLST).

## II. MATERIAL AND METHOD

### *Samples Collection*

Two hundred and seventy eight sample from different sources (urinary tract, sputum, wounds, burns, blood) were included in this study. They were collected from Baquba Teaching hospital during the period December 2018 to end of May 2019. The clinical samples were collected from different patients attending the hospital. The samples were streaked on blood agar, Mac Conkey agar and Eosin methylene blue (EMB) agar and incubated at 37°C for 24hrs. The isolates were show characteristic growth, color, mucoid, hemolysis, and identified as *K.pneumoniae* by manual biochemical tests that were used Gram staining, catalase test, oxidase test, Indol test, Voges–proskauere (UP) test, Methyl red (MR) test, simmons citrate test, urease test and Kligler Iron test. For final confirmation biochemical tests embedded in VITEK2 system (Bio merieux USA).

Sixty nine of *K.pneumoniae* these isolates were tested for their resistance against the following (16) antibiotics: Ampicillin (AMP), Amoxicillin+Clavulanic acid (AMC), Piperacillin (PIP), Azeteronam (ATM), Cefepime (FEP), Ceftazidime (CAZ), Ceftriaxone (CRO), Imppenem (IPM), Meropenem (MEM), Gentamicin (GM), Amikacin (AK), Tobramycin (TOB), Lefofloxacin (LEV), Ofloxacin (OFX), Ciprofloxacin (CIP), Trimethoprimet + Salfamethouxazok (SXT).

### *Antibiotics Susceptibility Test*

Susceptibility test was done according to (National committee for clinical laboratory standards, 2013) using Kirby-Bauer and the turbidity of Mc farland standard to obtain convergent number equal to  $1.5 \times 10^8$  cell/ml (Lalitha, 2004). And VITEK2 compact system (Vitek2 kit sensitive kit) (Biomerieux / USA).

### **Genomic DNA Extraction**

Genomic DNA was extracted from an overnight culture using the (ABIO Pure™ Total DNA ABIO pure, USA) the concentration of the DNA extract and purity was determined by measuring absorbance at Quants fluorometer.

### **PCR Primer for MLST to Detection MDR *K.pneumoniae***

MLST was performed on (18) isolates out of (69) in order to investigate which sequence types of MDR were present in Baaquba city. The French MLST scheme was used in this study as the same primers could be used for sequencing all the genes. The isolates were illustrated at seven loci primers for the housekeeping genes used in the French MLST scheme are (*ropB*, *gapA*, *mdh*, *pgi*, *phoE*, *infB*, *tonB*). All these primers were prepared according to the information of manufacture companies. Diluted stock solution for using in PCR mixture was prepared by adding 10 ML for original stock solution to 90 µl of deionized distal water to yield final concentration (10 pmol /µl) and stored in deep freeze until used in PCR mixture. Information on the methodology used is available in the MLST database for *K.pneumoniae*. The alleles and sequence type (STs) of each isolate study by MLST were determined using the MLST database plat from for *K.pneumoniae*. (<http://www.pasture.fr/recherché/genopole/PF8/k.pneumoniae.html>).

The determination of the clonal and epidemiological relationships and the formation of clonal complexes were completed by analyzing a genetic similarity diagram constructed with the aid of the pub MLST website.

## **III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

The result of this study showed the bacterial colonies which appeared on Mac Conkey agar were grown and pink with mucoid. The biochemical test and VITEK2 system diagnosis of this bacteria. (278) sample showed (62.9% ; n = 175) positive culture and (37.1% ; n = 103) was negative culture. from 175 isolates only (39.4% ; n = 69) was *K.pneumoniae* and (26% ; n=18) isolates were multidrug resistance *K.pneumoniae* and (60.4% ; n= 106) was another bacteria. these result were agreement with study (Hameed, 2019; Abbas, 2018).

In the present study a total of 69 *K. pneumoniae* isolates were isolated from samples collected from patients from Baquba teaching hospital. Most *K.pneumoniae* isolates were obtained from urine (32.31% ; n= 42), sputum (20.5% ; n= 17), wounds (19.44% ; n= 7), burns (13.33% ; n= 2) and blood (7.14% ; n= 1) and the patients ages ranged from (1–80) years.

The spread of *K.pneumoniae* and pathogenic importance comes through the events of urinary and respiratory tract infection this, may be because these bacteria are from the normal flora that lives in the intestine well it is opportunistic and its ability to adhesion on surfaces of epithelial cell.

### **Antibiotic Susceptibility Profile of the MDR *K.pneumoniae***

Susceptibility of *K.pneumoniae* isolates were detected against (16) types of antibiotics, which are differ in their action. The disc diffusion method recommended by the clinical laboratory standard Institute (CLSI 2018) for phenotypic detection of resistance in all *K.pneumoniae* isolates.

These isolates demonstrated high resistance to words some antimicrobial agents that have been tested.

*K.pneumoniae* isolates were resistant to  $\beta$ -lactam groups(Ampicillin 100%, Piperacillin 81.16%, Amoxicillin + Clavulanicacid 73.36%, Azeteronam 72.46%, Cefepime 71.01%, Ceftazidime 62.32%, Ceftriaxone 56.51%). Aminoglycosides groups (Amikacin 47.82%, Tobramicin 43.47%, Gentamicin 36.23%) and Quinolones groups (Levofloxacin 31.88%, Ofloxacin28.98%, Ciprofloxacin 24.63%). and Cephalosporin groups (Trimethoprime-sulfamethoxazok 65.22%) Table 1.

Table 1: Resistant of *K.pneumoniae* Isolate to different Antibiotics

<i>Antibiotic groups</i>	<i>Antibiotics</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>P (value)</i>
$\beta$ - Lactam	Ampicillin	% 100	0.08
	Amoxicillin + clavulanic acid	% 73.36	0.07
	Piperacillin	% 81.16	0.04
	Azeteroname	% 72.46	0.05
	Cefepime	% 71.01	0.07
	Ceftazidime	% 62.32	0.01
	Ceftriaxone	% 56.5	0.04
	Imppenem	% 27.53	0.04
	Meropenem	% 26.19	0.04
Aminoglycosides	Gentamicin	% 36.23	0.00
	Amikacin	% 47.82	0.03
	Tobramicin	% 43.47	0.04
Quinolones	Levofloxacin	% 31.88	0.01
	Ofloxacin	% 28.98	0.04
	Ciprofloxacin	% 24.63	0.09
Cephalosporin	Trimethoprime – sulfame thouxazok	% 65.22	0.04

These results agreed with the results of (Al-Obaidi, 2014) and (Abbas, 2018). They found the percentage of *K.pneumoniae* isolates resistance to (Ampicillin 97%; Amoxicillin + clavulanic acid 97.5% and cefepime 74%; Azeteronam 78%; piperacillin 92% ; Ceftazidime and Ceftriaxone 84% for both antibiotics). the ration of resistance to Aminoglycosides antibiotic varied that is agreed with result of (Al-Garawyi, 2016) who found the percentage of *K.pneumoniae* resistance to (Gentamicin 51%; Tobramicin 49%; Amikacin 31.4%) and these results agreed with the results of (El-Badawy *et al.*, 2017) which the percentage of(Levofloxacin 38.59%; Ciprofloxacin 44.73%) for Ofloxocin (Moghadas *et al.*, 2016) who found 27% of isolates were resistance to this antibiotic, and for Cephalosporin groups these results agrees with (Shilpa *et al.*, 2016) who found the percentage of *K.pneumoniae* resistance to (Trimethoprim – sulfa methoouxazok 60%).

The different in the resistance ration is due to the deference in the number of isolates and the different working condition and health of the patients as well the offense of antibiotics.

### **Multi Locus Sequence Typing (MLST)**

MLST was performed on all MDR *K.pneumoniae* (18) isolates basis on the position of their resistance patterns. The scheme used the following seven housekeeping genes: (*ropB*, *gapA*, *mdh*, *pgi*, *phoE*, *infB*, *tonB*).

PCR reactions were performed following the protocols specified at the *K.pneumoniae* MLST website Pasteur institute. For each gene PCR amplification was done using the same reaction mixture Bacterial strain sequence types

(STs) were classified on basis of the results of partial sequencing of seven housekeeping genes. Furthermore, the MLST was established as a scalable typing system to locate the diversity and phylogenetic relationship of the isolate (Olivier *et al.*, 2015). To the best of our Knowledge, this was the first study that involved an MLST analysis of clinical *K.pneumoniae* isolates from hospital in Diyala. A note of notification must be added that although MLST is considered cost and time exhaustion, but it is a golden standard for all these approaches. (Flaviane *et al.*, 2017).

### **Analysis and Comparing Strains to Database Clustering Using Allelic Profiles**

The identify strains in current study with the database that have some minimum level of similarity in their allelic profile to each query strain and to show the relationship of the strain to those recorded in the database using Genius prime 2019 software (<http://www.geneious.com>) Table 2.

Table 2: MLST Alleles Profile of *K.pneumoniae*

Sample Id	House Keeping Gene Allele							ST (Strain)
	<i>gapA</i>	<i>infB</i>	<i>mdh</i>	<i>Pgi</i>	<i>phoE</i>	<i>rpoB</i>	<i>tonB</i>	
1	2	1	2	3	27	1	39	219
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15
3	2	9	2	1	13	1	16	37
4	2	6	1	3	8	1	?	New
5	2	6	1	3	8	1	?	New
6	4	1	2	52	1	1	7	307
7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15
8	1	6	1	2	1	6	1	3154
9	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	14
10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15
11	1	?	?	?	1	82	141	New
12	1	6	1	1	1	4	1	324
13	2	?	246	1	8	18	182	New
14	14	1	2	1	7	4	182	873
15	4	1	1	1	3	4	4	New
16	8	7	2	2	66	4	34	New
17	2	1	62	1	10	4	110	2286
18	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	New

Based on the matrix of pairwise differences between the allelic profiles of the strains. This is no one isolate from Iraq. So that our result considered the first isolates recorded in database of MLST in Pasteur institute in France.

The Table 2 explains appearance (7) new isolates it's (4, 5, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18) as for the rest of the isolates.

### **The Phylogenetic Tree of *K. pneumoniae* Strains**

The results showed three isolate (2,7,10) belonged to ST15 isolate on number (3) belonged to ST37 and (6) belonged to ST307, (8) belonged to ST3154,(9)belonged to ST14, (12) belonged to ST324, (14) isolate belonged to ST873 and (17) isolate belonged to ST2286 Fig. 1.

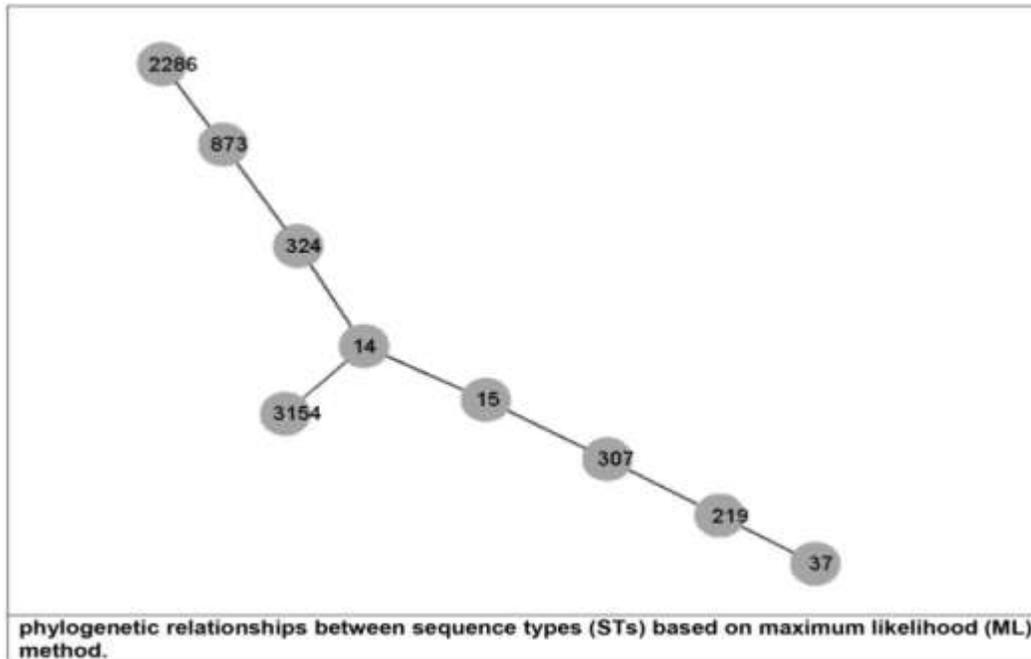


Fig. 1: Phylogenetic Reaction Ships between Sequence Types (STs) based on Maximum Likelihood (ML) Method

And the results showed the minimum spanning tree was constructed by the goe BURST algorithm using phyloviz software V1.1. The allelic profiles were downloaded from the MLST website (<http://saureus.mlst.net/>) which included the *K.pneumoniae* sequence types (STs) Fig.2.

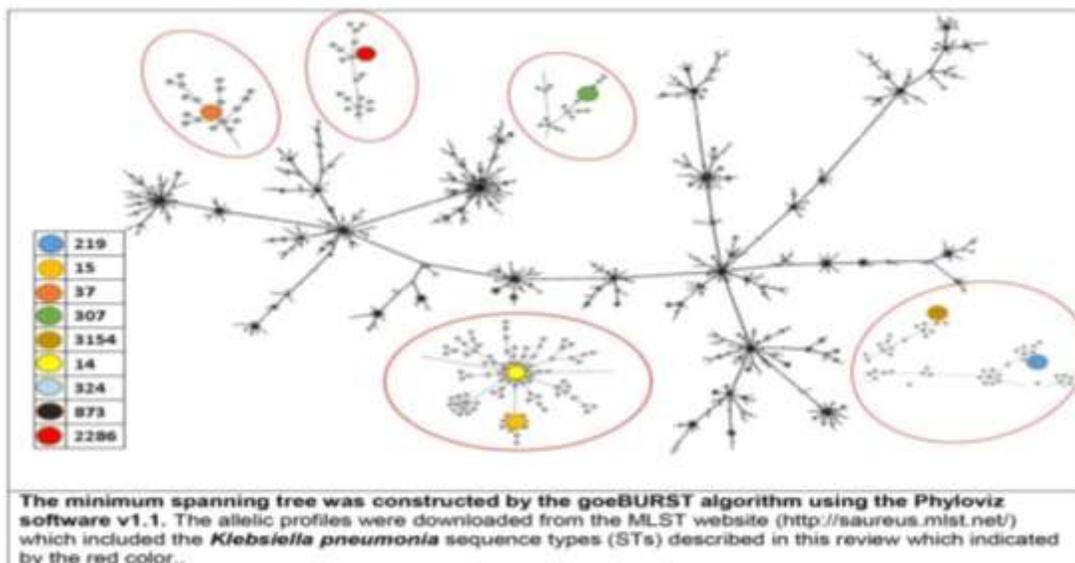


Fig. 2: The Minimum Spanning Tree was Constructed by the Goe BURST Algorithm Using the Phyloviz Software V1. 1.

And Fig.3 Geographical distribution of strain *K.pneumoniae* sequence types (DSTs) retrieved based on the seven gene markers MLST scheme.



For number (6) isolate belonged to ST307 it showed similarity with the isolates in database of MLST (<https://bigsdh.phage.fr/cgi-bin/bigsdh.pl?>).

For number (8) isolate belonged to ST3154 it showed matching with the strains in database MLST (<https://bigsdh.phage.fr/cgi-bin/bigsdh.pl?>).

For number (9) that belonged to ST14 it showed similarity with the isolates in database MLST (<https://bigsdh.phage.fr/cgi-bin/bigsdh.pl?>).

For number (12) that belonged to ST324 it showed matching with the strains in database MLST (<https://bigsdh.phage.fr/cgi-bin/bigsdh.pl?>).

For number (14) belonged to ST873 it showed matching with the strains in database MLST (<https://bigsdh.phage.fr/cgi-bin/bigsdh.pl?>).

For number (17) isolate belonged to ST2286 it showed similarity with the isolates in database of MLST (<https://bigsdh.phage.fr/cgi-bin/bigsdh.pl?>).

### **GenBank Accession Number**

New isolate and seven genes have been published in the National center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI).

This isolate got recorded name (MSAAR41934) and the seven genes were encoded and got the following serial numbers: Lc498474, Lc 498475, Lc498476, Lc 498477, Lc 498478, Lc 498479, Lc 498480.

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