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Effectiveness of a double-carbapenem regimen for infections in humans due to carbapenemase-producing pandrug-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae*.

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Abstract

Ertapenem plus doripenem or meropenem were given in three patients suffering from pandrug-resistant, KPC-2-positive *Klebsiella pneumoniae* bacteremia (2 patients) and urinary tract infection (1 patient), respectively. All responded successfully, without relapse at follow-up. The results obtained should probably be attributed to ertapenem's increased affinity for the carbapenemases hindering doripenem/meropenem degradation in the environment of the microorganism.

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