

# Meropenem pharmacokinetics changes during the course septic shock with impact on coverage based on PK/PD approach in critically burn patients

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Introduction: Physiological change that occurs during the time course septic shock in septic patients alters pharmacokinetics (PK), which could impact the desired outcome in ICU patients undergoing meropenem therapy [1].

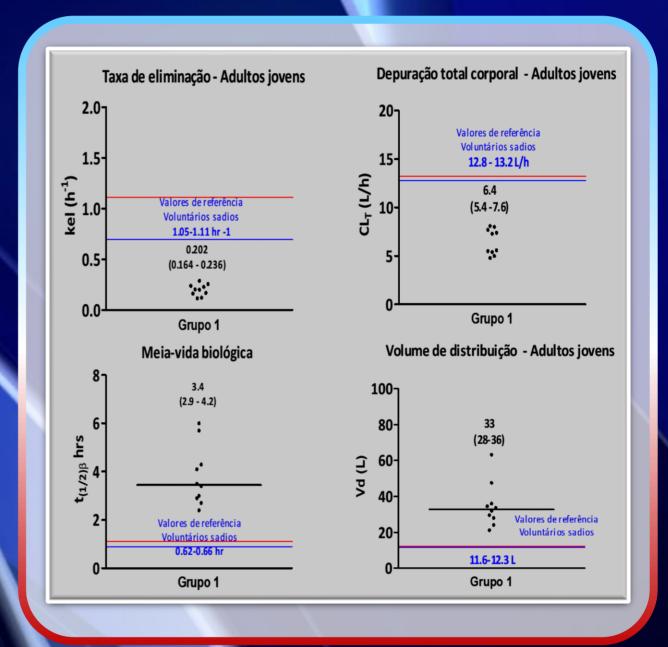
**Objective:** Rational of study was to evaluate the meropenem effectiveness in burned patients, based on pharmacokinetic-pharmacodynamic (PK/PD) approach by comparison of early versus late stage of septic shock.

### **Methods:**

- ✓ Casuistry 10 critically ill burned patients (7M/3F) preserved renal function: 37 yrs, 75 kg, TBSA 34%, SAPS-3 53, medians. Inhalation injury-mechanical ventilation occured in 8/10, and vasopressors required in 8/10
- **Cultures:** collected before antimicrobial therapy starts
- Initial dose 15 mg/Kg q8h, 3 hrs extended infusion
- Meropenem therapy: dose regimen 1g q8h, 3hrsinfusion
- Blood sampling (1,5 mL /each of therapy started: D2, D9, D14) Set 1 (D2), Set 2 (D9), Set 3 (D14): 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> hrs of infusion started
- Drug serum measurements: liquid cromatography
- PK: data estimated (Noncompartimental data analysis)
- Patients PK-data compared with healthy volunteers [3]
- PK/PD approach: based on serum levels and MIC data
- Predictive index of drug effectiveness was %fΔT>MIC
- Target of  $100\%f\Delta T>MIC$  was considered.

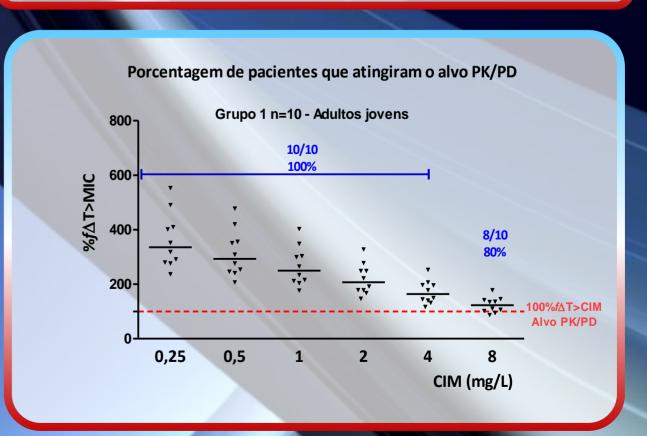
#### **RESULTS PK-DATA**

**Prolongation of biological Half life** as a consequence of Volume of distribution increased



## **RESULTS PK/PD Approach**

Therapeutic Target was attained up to MIC 8 mg/L strains EARLY Stage Sets 1-2 for all patients \_LATE Staget Set 3 for 8/10 patients



#### **Conclusion**

- > Meropenem 1g q8h, 3hrs infusion must be prescribed to Burned patients at onset of septic shock.
- > It was shown that drug effectiveness was guaranteed up to 12 days of therapy by applying the tool of PK/PD approach to avoid bacterial resistance.

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