

## Extended-spectrum $\beta$ -lactamases producing multidrug resistant *E. coli* among dogs, cats and their owners in Pakistan

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### Abstract

Infections caused by multidrug resistant (MDR) *E. coli* strains are common both in humans and animals. In particular, the pet animals have been considered as a potential carrier of MDR *E. coli*. Therefore, this study was designed to detect the ESBL producing *E. coli* isolates in companion animals, their owners and veterinary professionals. A total of 105 rectal swabs from pets (n=45), their owners (n=45) and veterinary professionals (n=15) were screened for the presence of ESBL producing *E. coli*, MDR and their genetic relatedness.

A total of 73/105 (69.5%) ESBL producing *E. coli* were recovered from this study. ESBL *E. coli* isolates in dogs (18/22) and dog owners (13/22) were 81.8% and 59%, respectively. ESBL *E. coli* isolates in cats (17/23) and cat owners (13/23) were 74% and 56.5%, respectively. While these *E. coli* isolates in veterinary professionals (12/15) were 80%. Of these, isolates 23/73 (31.5%) isolates showed MDR phenotype. Resistance to ampicillin, cefotaxime, ciprofloxacin and nitrofurantoin AMP-CTX-CIP-F represented the most common pattern of MDR (17.4%). None of the isolate was resistant to tobramycin. Among the ESBL *E. coli* with MDR, PCR detected *bla*<sub>CTX-M</sub> as the most common ESBL genotype (19/23). CTX-M-1 group was found among all the 19 *bla*<sub>CTX-M</sub> positive *E. coli*. Furthermore, BOX-PCR fingerprints showed distinct clonal groups indicating high genetic diversity among CTX-M-1 producing *E. coli* isolates. The presence of multidrug resistant *E. coli* in particular of ESBL class CTX-M-1 in dogs, cats, their owners and veterinary health workers pose a zoonotic threat for the spread of multidrug resistant bacteria.



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