

Antibiotic susceptibility testing of *Escherichia coli* and coliform isolates detected in samples of drinking water from central Greece

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E. coli: A 18.6%, **B1 26.4%**, B2 17.3%, D 4.1%, E 0.9%, F 3.6%, Clades I/II 5.5%, Clades III/IV/V 3.2%, and 20.5% unclassified
Coliforms: **Citrobacter 40.6%**, *Enterobacter* 18.8%, *Klebsiella* 37.0%, and *Serratia* 3.6%

Distribution of 2450 drinking water samples

Antibiotic susceptibility testing with reference to EUCAST classification criteria (V. 14.0)

Microbiological analysis and biochemical confirmation according to ISO 9308-1:2014

Phylogroup (*E. coli*) analysis and genus (coliforms) assignment (Clermont *et al.*, 2013, 2019; Bej *et al.*, 1990)

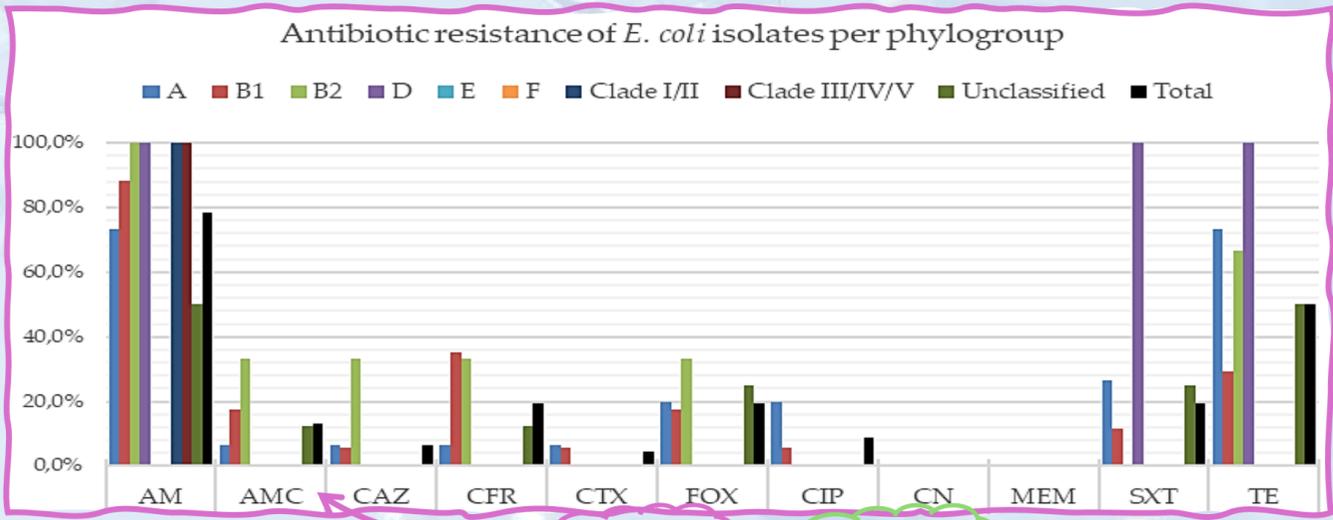
All the *E. coli* isolates were susceptible to CN and MEM
All the coliform isolates were susceptible to FEP, CIP, CN, IMP, MEM, and SXT

358 isolates (220 *E. coli* and 138 other coliforms)

AMR/MDR classification (Magiorakos *et al.*, 2012)

The *E. coli* isolates were characterized as AMR 73.9% and MDR 26.1%

The coliform isolates were characterized as AMR 96.5% and MDR 3.5%



Antibiotic resistance of *E. coli* and coliform isolates per phylogroup and genus, respectively
AM: ampicillin; AMC: amoxicillin/clavulanic acid; CAZ: ceftazidime; CFM: cefixime; CFR: cefadroxil; CTX: cefotaxime; CXM: cefuroxime; FEP: cefepime; FOX: cefoxitin; CIP: ciprofloxacin; CN: gentamicin; IMP: imipenem; MEM: meropenem; SXT: trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole; TE: tetracycline

The highest resistance rates among both *E. coli* and coliform isolates were against **ampicillin**

Most AMR and/or MDR isolates of *E. coli* or coliforms exhibited resistance against **ampicillin** and **amoxicillin/clavulanic acid**

