



Detection of *vanA*, *vanB*, and selected virulence genes of *Enterococcus faecalis* isolates from Ribat University Hospital in Khartoum State

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Abstract:

Resistance to vancomycin among enterococci is an emerging health problem worldwide. In Sudan, limited data is present about its molecular epidemiology. This study aimed to detect *vanA* and *vanB* genes, virulence factors, and antimicrobial susceptibility of *Enterococcus faecalis* isolated from clinical specimens in Ribat University Hospital. From a total of 46 *E. faecalis* investigated in this study, *VanB* gene was present in 10.9% of the isolates while *vanA* gene was not detected at all. Fifty-nine percent of the isolates had *gelE* gene followed by *asa1* (34.8%) and *hyl* genes (10.9%), while *cylA* and *esp* genes were not detected at all strains. Resistance to ciprofloxacin, co-amoxiclav, ampicillin, and vancomycin was found in 63%, 56.5%, 45.7%, and 34.8% of isolates respectively, whereas only 8.7% were resistant to nitrofurantoin. Our results indicate a high frequency of *E. faecalis* possess vancomycin resistance with *vanB* genotype and high frequencies of *gelE*, *asa1*, and *hyl* virulence genes.

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