#### **REALQUALITY** Carba-Screen

Real-Time PCR kit for the screening and identification of genes encoding Ambler class A, B and D carbapenemases responsible for carbapenem antibiotic resistance, and colistin resistance genes.

The test can be automated on the GENEQUALITY® X120 and GENEQUALITY® Max platforms which also allow sample tracking, integration with laboratory LIMS and minimal intervention by the operator.

For in vitro diagnostic use



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NDM, OXA-48,

AcOXA

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**Real-Time** 

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## Prompt Identification of Pathogens Carrying **Carbapenem Resistance Genes** for Effective Control and Prevention

**Carbapenemases** are enzymes produced by microorganisms that can deactivate antibiotics containing a beta-lactam ring, including carbapenems, which are broad-spectrum antibiotics used as a last line of defense. Invasive infections caused by CRE (Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales), especially CPE (Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacterales), have been under surveillance by the Ministry of Health since 2013, with updates as recent as December 6, 2019 (Ministerial Circular 0035470-06/12/2019-DGPRE-MDS-P of the Ministry of Health). Prompt identification of patients carrying pathogens with resistance genes is crucial for isolating them from other patients and limiting the spread of associated resistances.

## **OXA Acinetobacter**: Implications of a Carbapenem-Resistant Enemy in Clinical Settings

**OXA (Oxacillinase) Acinetobacter** refers to a specific type of beta-lactamase enzyme produced by *Acinetobacter baumannii*, a Gram-negative bacterium. These enzymes have the ability to hydrolyze certain antibiotics, including penicillins and carbapenems, making them ineffective against the bacteria. OXA-type enzymes are particularly concerning because they confer resistance to critically important carbapenem antibiotics, which are used to treat severe infections. The presence of OXA Acinetobacter strains in clinical settings poses challenges as it limits treatment options and may require alternative strategies to manage infections caused by these multidrugresistant bacteria.

## Detecting **Colistin Resistance Genes**: Safeguarding the Efficacy of Last-Resort Antibiotics

**Colistin** is a "last-resort" antibiotic used to treat severe infections when other antibiotics fail. In recent years, genes associated with colistin resistance, known as mcr (mobile colistin resistance) genes, have been identified. These genes are carried by plasmids, making them transmissible between different bacterial species. Therefore, it is crucial to identify the potential presence of colistin resistance genes.



**REALQUALITY Carba-Screen** is a kit for the detection of carbapenem resistance genes at two levels of identification, and of colistin resistance. The kit can be used both for patient screening and as a confirmation molecular test following the phenotypic characterization of the pathogen responsible for the infection.

The kit includes a first **screening step** (Mix Carba-Screen) to identify the samples positive for class A, B, and D carbapenemases and for AcOXA genes, and a subsequent **step to identify resistance genes** (Mix Carba B and Mix Carba A + D) only in the samples resulted positive in the previous step.



#### **Maximum Inclusivity**

The vast spectrum of gene variants identified by RealQuality Carba-Screen ensures that no positive samples are missed.





•	CODE	VERSION				PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	FORMAT
•	RQ-170-6M	•	•C] •	•	•	REALQUALITY	Screening Mix	100 tests
•	RQ-170-4M	•	C3	•	•	(Manual)	Identification Mix	25 +25 tests
•	RQ-170-6A	•	•C1	•	•	REALQUALITY Carba-Screen (GO X120/GO Max)	Screening Mix	100 tests
•	RQ-170-4A	•	C3	•	• (		Identification Mix	25 +25 tests



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