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TECHNICAL REPORT

Microbiologic Properties of BASSA-GEL™ against selected pathogens was assessed and the results are conveyed here.

Executive Summary: BASSA-GEL[™] was tested against the identified pathogens and the results of these tests are reported as follows. Should there be only a "blue-line" reported that means the DRUG was so effective against the pathogen that the detection limit was below the assay of the experiment.

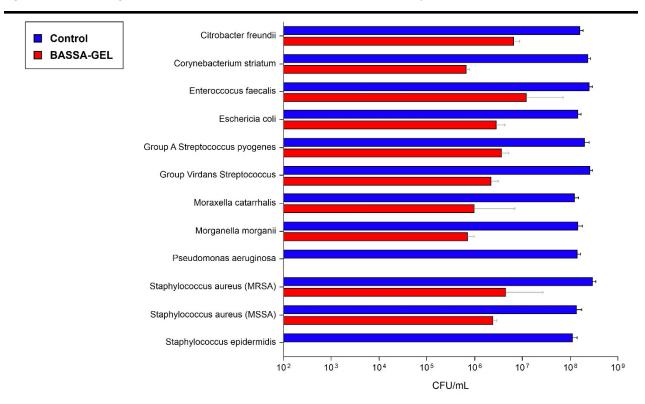
Methods overview: Methods for this laboratory study were adapted from Bearden *et al* and from FDA Docket No. FDA-1975-N-0012.^{1,2} All experiments were performed using the commercially available formulations. Reductions in bacterial counts between agents were determined.

Methods and Results:

<u>Bacterial strains:</u> Pathogens selected are defined in ATCC or CDC AR strains (Table 1, page 2).

Agent used: BASSA-GEL™

<u>Experiment:</u> Pre-sterilized discs were saturated with 1 x10⁷⁻⁸ CFU/mL of bacterial culture, allowed to incubate for 24 hours to mimic *ex vivo* wound infection, exposed to the gel/drug solution or positive control (phosphate buffer saline, PBS), and then incubated aerobically at 37°C for 24 hours. After this time, disks were washed, diluted, and then cultured onto blood agar plates for colony forming unit (CFU/mL) counts using serial dilution spread plate technique. The results are reported below (mean log CFU/mL ± standard error). As stated above in the executive summary, should there be only a "blue-line" reported that means the DRUG was so effective against the pathogen that the detection limit was below the assay of the experiment.



<u>Interpretation:</u> BASSA-GEL[™] was tested in a model mimicking a bandaged wound. The experiment demonstrated significant reductions in the bacterial species tested, especially *P. aeruginosa* and *S. epidermidis*.

Table 1. Organisms Included in Testing

Organism	ATCC number
Acinetobacter baumanii	BAA747
Citrobacter freundii	8090
Corynebacterium striatrum	BAA-1293
Enterococcus faecalis	BAA-29212
Escherichia coli	25922
Klebsiella pneumoniae	BAA-2524
Streptococcus pyogenes	19615
Morganella morganii	25830
Proteus mirabilis	CDC AR-29
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	27853
Staphylococcus aureus (MSSA)	29213
Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)	BAA-41
Staphylococcus epidermidis	12228

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