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# CLSI Veterinary Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing Subcommittee (VAST)

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# CLSI-VAST

## Generic Drug Working Group

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## Generic Antimicrobial Agents Working Group

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## Interpretive Categories and Breakpoints for Susceptibility Testing:

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- Overall: breakpoints for approximately 182 drug-bug combinations
- Since 2015: 37 new breakpoints;  
30 developed by the Generic Drug  
Working Group

### CLSI Veterinary-Specific Breakpoint Additions/Revisions Since 2015\*

Antimicrobial Agent	Table	Organism(s)	Animal Species	Body Site	Data Source Presentation
Ampicillin	2A	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Cats	SST, UTI	GWG (January 2018)
Cefovecin	2A	<i>E. coli</i>	Cats	UTI	Sponsor (January 2018)
Ampicillin	2A	<i>E. coli</i>	Cattle	Metritis	GWG (January 2018)
Cefazolin	2A	<i>E. coli</i> <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> <i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	Dogs	UTI	GWG (January 2017)
Cefovecin	2A	<i>E. coli</i> <i>P. mirabilis</i>	Dogs	UTI	Sponsor (January 2018)
Cefpodoxime	2A	<i>E. coli</i> <i>K. pneumoniae</i> <i>P. mirabilis</i>	Dogs	UTI	GWG (January 2017)
Cephalexin	2A	<i>E. coli</i>	Dogs	SST	GWG (June 2015)
Cephalexin	2A	<i>E. coli</i> <i>K. pneumoniae</i> <i>P. mirabilis</i>	Dogs	UTI	GWG (January 2017)
Piperacillin-tazobactam	2A	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	Dogs	SST, UTI	GWG (June 2015)
Doxycycline	2A	<i>E. coli</i>	Horses	Resp, SST	GWG (January 2017)
Enrofloxacin	2A	<i>E. coli</i>	Horses	Resp, SST	GWG (January 2017)
Minocycline	2A	<i>E. coli</i>	Horses	Resp, SST	GWG (January 2018)
Piperacillin-tazobactam	2B	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Dogs	SST, UTI	GWG (June 2015)
Enrofloxacin	2B	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Horses	Resp, SST	GWG (January 2017)
Ampicillin	2C	<i>Staphylococcus</i> spp.	Cats	SST, UTI	GWG (January 2018)
Cefovecin	2C	<i>Staphylococcus pseudintermedius</i>	Dogs	SST	Sponsor (January 2018)
Cephalexin	2C	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> <i>S. pseudintermedius</i>	Dogs	SST	GWG (June 2015)
Minocycline	2C	<i>S. pseudintermedius</i>	Dogs	SST	GWG (June 2015)
Piperacillin-tazobactam	2C	<i>Staphylococcus</i> spp.	Dogs	SST, UTI	GWG (June 2015)
Doxycycline	2C	<i>S. aureus</i>	Horses	Resp, SST	GWG (January 2017)
Enrofloxacin	2C	<i>S. aureus</i>	Horses	Resp, SST	GWG (January 2017)
Minocycline	2C	<i>S. aureus</i>	Horses	Resp, SST	GWG (January 2017)
Ampicillin	2D	<i>Streptococcus</i> spp.	Cats	SST, UTI	GWG (January 2018)

### CLSI Veterinary-Specific Breakpoint Additions/Revisions Since 2015\* (Continued)

Antimicrobial Agent	Table	Organism(s)	Animal Species	Body Site	Data Source Presentation
Cefovecin	2D	<i>Streptococcus</i> $\beta$ -hemolytic group	Dogs	SST	Sponsor (January 2018)
Cephalexin	2D	<i>Streptococcus</i> $\beta$ -hemolytic group	Dogs	SST	GWG (June 2015)
Doxycycline	2D	<i>Streptococcus equi</i> subsp. <i>equi</i> and <i>zooepidemicus</i>	Horses	Resp, SST	GWG (January 2017)
Enrofloxacin	2D	<i>S. equi</i> subsp. <i>equi</i> and <i>zooepidemicus</i>	Horses	Resp, SST	GWG (January 2017)
Minocycline	2D	<i>Streptococcus</i> spp.	Horses	Resp, SST	GWG (January 2017)
Ampicillin	2G	<i>Mannheimia haemolytica</i>	Cattle	Resp	GWG (January 2018)
Danofloxacin	2G	<i>M. haemolytica</i>	Cattle	Resp	Sponsor (January 2016, I and R breakpoints)
Ampicillin	2H	<i>Pasteurella multocida</i>	Cats	SST, UTI	GWG (January 2018)
Cefovecin	2H	<i>P. multocida</i>	Cats	SST, UTI	Sponsor (January 2018)
Ampicillin	2H	<i>P. multocida</i>	Cattle	Resp	GWG (January 2018)
Danofloxacin	2H	<i>P. multocida</i>	Cattle	Resp	Sponsor (January 2016, I and R breakpoints)
Ampicillin	2J	<i>Histophilus somni</i>	Cattle	Resp	GWG (January 2018)

Abbreviations: GWG, Generic Drug Working Group; I, intermediate; R, resistant; resp, respiratory; SST, skin and soft tissue; UTI, urinary tract infection.

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**Updates from the**  
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# Planned New Breakpoints

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### New Breakpoints

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Agent	Species	Status
Chloramphenicol	Dogs, Horses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ... still working on this</li></ul>
Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole	Dogs, Cats, Horses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PK data available</li><li>• Still need PK-PD targets defined</li><li>• Difficult to define due to combination product</li></ul>
Rifampin	Dogs, Horses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PK data available for horses, but scarce for dogs.</li><li>• PK-PD targets need to be defined.</li></ul>

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## New Breakpoints

Agent	Species	Status
Other 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Generation Cephalosporins?	Dogs, Cats, Horses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ceftazidime</li> <li>• Cefotaxime (not available?)</li> </ul>
Carbapenems	Dogs, Cats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PK data available</li> <li>• PK-PD targets defined</li> <li>• Presentation planned for 2020</li> </ul>
Tylosin	Cattle, Pigs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collecting data and PK-PD targets</li> </ul>
Amoxicillin, Amoxicillin-Clavulanate	Cat-urine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Studies are planned to collect data (new grant funded)</li> </ul>

Table 2A. *Enterobacteriaceae* (Continued)

Test/ Report Group	Body Site	Antimicrobial Agent	Organism	Disk Content	Interpretive Categories and Zone Diameter Breakpoints, nearest whole mm			Interpretive Categories and MIC Breakpoints, µg/mL			Comments
					S	I	R	S	I	R	
Aminoglycosides/Aminocyclitols (Continued)											
Humans											
(10) Warning: For <i>Salmonella</i> spp. and <i>Shigella</i> spp., aminoglycosides may appear active <i>in vitro</i> but are not effective clinically and should not be reported as susceptible.											
		Amikacin		30 µg	≥17	15–16	≤14	≤16	32	≥64	
		Gentamicin		10 µg	≥15	13–14	≤12	≤4	8	≥16	
		Kanamycin		30 µg	≥18	14–17	≤13	≤16	32	≥64	
		Streptomycin		10 µg	≥15	12–14	≤11	–	–	–	(11) There are no MIC breakpoints.
Penicillins											
Dogs											
A	Skin, soft tissue	Ampicillin	<i>E. coli</i>	–	–	–	–	≤0.25	0.5	≥1.0	(12) Systemic breakpoints were derived from microbiological and PK-PD data. The dosage regimen used for PK-PD analysis of amoxicillin was 22 mg/kg every 12 hours orally.  (13) Except for lower UTI, <i>E. coli</i> and other <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> will test resistant to ampicillin and amoxicillin.
A	UTI	Ampicillin	<i>E. coli</i>	–	–	–	–	≤8	–	–	(14) This breakpoint for UTIs was derived from published literature in which orally administered ampicillin 25.6 mg/kg and amoxicillin 11 mg/kg was administered to healthy dogs at 8-hour intervals for 5 consecutive doses and produced urine concentrations in dogs > 300 µg/mL.

Table 2A. *Enterobacteriaceae* (Continued)

Test/ Report Group	Body Site	Antimicrobial Agent	Organism	Disk Content	Interpretive Categories and Zone Diameter Breakpoints, nearest whole mm			Interpretive Categories and MIC Breakpoints, µg/mL			Comments
					S	I	R	S	I	R	
Penicillins (Continued)											
Cats											
A	Skin, soft tissue, UTI	Ampicillin	<i>E. coli</i>	—	—	—	—	≤0.25	0.5	≥1.0	(15) Ampicillin breakpoints were determined from an examination of MIC distribution data and PK-PD analysis of amoxicillin in cats. The dosage regimen used for PK-PD analysis of amoxicillin was 12.5 mg/kg administered every 12 hours orally.

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**Any others?**

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# Action Items from Past Meetings

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# January 2019 Action Items

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## Item #8

*“Review other veterinary-specific breakpoints set by the GWG to determine whether other GWG breakpoints for E. coli should be changed to Enterobacteriaceae, or left as E. coli.”*

Table 2A. *Enterobacteriaceae* (Continued)

Test/ Report Group	Body Site	Antimicrobial Agent	Organism	Disk Content	Interpretive Categories and Zone Diameter Breakpoints, nearest whole mm			Interpretive Categories and MIC Breakpoints, µg/mL			Comments
					S	I	R	S	I	R	
Aminoglycosides/Aminocyclitols											
Dogs											
A		Amikacin	<i>E. coli</i>	—	—	—	—	≤4	8	≥16	(5) Breakpoints were derived from microbiological, PK (using accepted clinical doses), and PD data. For dogs, the dose of amikacin modeled was 15 mg/kg, every 24 hours IM, IV, or SC.
A		Gentamicin	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	10 µg	≥16	13–15	≤12	≤2	4	≥8	(6) Breakpoints were derived from microbiological, PK (using accepted clinical doses), and PD data. For dogs, the dose of gentamicin modeled was 10 mg/kg every 24 hours IM.
Horses (foals)											
A		Amikacin	<i>E. coli</i>	—	—	—	—	≤2	4	≥8	(7) Breakpoints were derived from microbiological, PK (using accepted clinical doses), and PD data. For foals <11 days of age, the dose of amikacin modeled was 20 mg/kg, every 24 hours IV.
Horses (adults)											
A		Amikacin	<i>E. coli</i>	—	—	—	—	≤4	8	≥16	(8) Breakpoints were derived from microbiological, PK (using accepted clinical doses), and PD data. For adult horses, the dose of amikacin modeled was 10 mg/kg, every 24 hours, IM or IV.
A		Gentamicin	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	10 µg	≥16	13–15	≤12	≤2	4	≥8	(9) Breakpoints were derived from microbiological, PK (using accepted clinical doses), and PD data. For adult horses, the dose of gentamicin modeled was 10 mg/kg every 24 hours IM.

Penicillins											
Dogs											
A	Skin, soft tissue	Ampicillin	<i>E. coli</i>	–	–	–	–	≤0.25	0.5	≥1.0	<p>(12) Systemic breakpoints were derived from microbiological and PK-PD data. The dosage regimen used for PK-PD analysis of amoxicillin was 22 mg/kg every 12 hours orally.</p> <p>(13) Except for lower UTI, <i>E. coli</i> and other <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> will test resistant to ampicillin and amoxicillin.</p>
A	UTI	Ampicillin	<i>E. coli</i>	–	–	–	–	≤8	–	–	<p>(14) This breakpoint for UTIs was derived from published literature in which orally administered ampicillin 25.6 mg/kg and amoxicillin 11 mg/kg was administered to healthy dogs at 8-hour intervals for 5 consecutive doses and produced urine concentrations in dogs &gt; 300 µg/mL.</p>

Penicillins (Continued)											
Cats											
A	Skin, soft tissue, UTI	Ampicillin	<i>E. coli</i>	–	–	–	–	≤0.25	0.5	≥1.0	<p>(15) Ampicillin breakpoints were determined from an examination of MIC distribution data and PK-PD analysis of amoxicillin in cats. The dosage regimen used for PK-PD analysis of amoxicillin was 12.5 mg/kg administered every 12 hours orally.</p>
Cattle											
A	Metritis	Ampicillin	<i>E. coli</i>	–	–	–	–	≤0.25	0.5	≥1.0	<p>(16) Breakpoints were derived from microbiological and PK-PD data. The dose of ampicillin trihydrate used to derive this breakpoint was 11 mg/kg every 24 hours IM.</p>



Dogs											
A	Skin, soft tissue	Cephalexin	<i>E. coli</i>	–	–	–	–	≤2	4	≥8	(25) Cephalexin breakpoints were determined from an examination of MIC distribution data, efficacy data, and PK-PD analysis of cephalexin in dogs. The dosage regimen used for PK-PD analysis of cephalexin was 25 mg/kg administered every 12 hours orally.

Dogs (Continued)											
A	UTI	Cephalexin	<i>E. coli</i> <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> <i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	–	–	–	–	≤16	–	≥32	(26) Cefazolin and cephalexin may be tested when used for treatment of uncomplicated UTIs caused by <i>E. coli</i> , <i>K. pneumoniae</i> , or <i>P. mirabilis</i> . Cefpodoxime may be tested individually because some isolates may be susceptible to this

A	Skin, soft tissue	Cefazolin	<i>E. coli</i>	–	–	–	–	≤2	4	≥8	(27) Cefazolin breakpoints were determined from an examination of MIC distribution data and PK-PD analysis of cefazolin. The dosage regimen used for PK-PD analysis of cefazolin was 25 mg/kg administered every 6 hours IV in horses and dogs.
A	UTI	Cefazolin	<i>E. coli</i>	–	–	–	–	≤16	–	≥32	See comment (26).

Fluoroquinolones <sup>d</sup>											
Dogs											
A	Skin, soft tissue, UTI	Difloxacin	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	10 µg	≥21	18–20	≤17	≤0.5	1–2	≥4	
A	Skin, soft tissue, respiratory, UTI	Enrofloxacin	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	5 µg	≥23	17–22	≤16	≤0.5	1–2	≥4	
A	Skin, soft tissue, UTI	Marbofloxacin	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	5 µg	≥20	15–19	≤14	≤1	2	≥4	

Cats											
A	Skin, soft tissue	Enrofloxacin	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	5 µg	≥23	17–22	≤16	≤0.5	1–2	≥4	
A	Skin, soft tissue	Marbofloxacin	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	5 µg	≥20	15–19	≤14	≤1	2	≥4	
A	Skin, soft tissue	Orbifloxacin	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	10 µg	≥23	18–22	≤17	≤1	2–4	≥8	
A	Skin, respiratory	Pradofloxacin	<i>E. coli</i>	5 µg	≥24	20–23	≤19	≤0.25	0.5–1	≥2	(33) Pradofloxacin breakpoints were determined using a dose of 3 mg/kg once daily of an oral tablet or 5 mg/kg once daily of an oral suspension for cats.

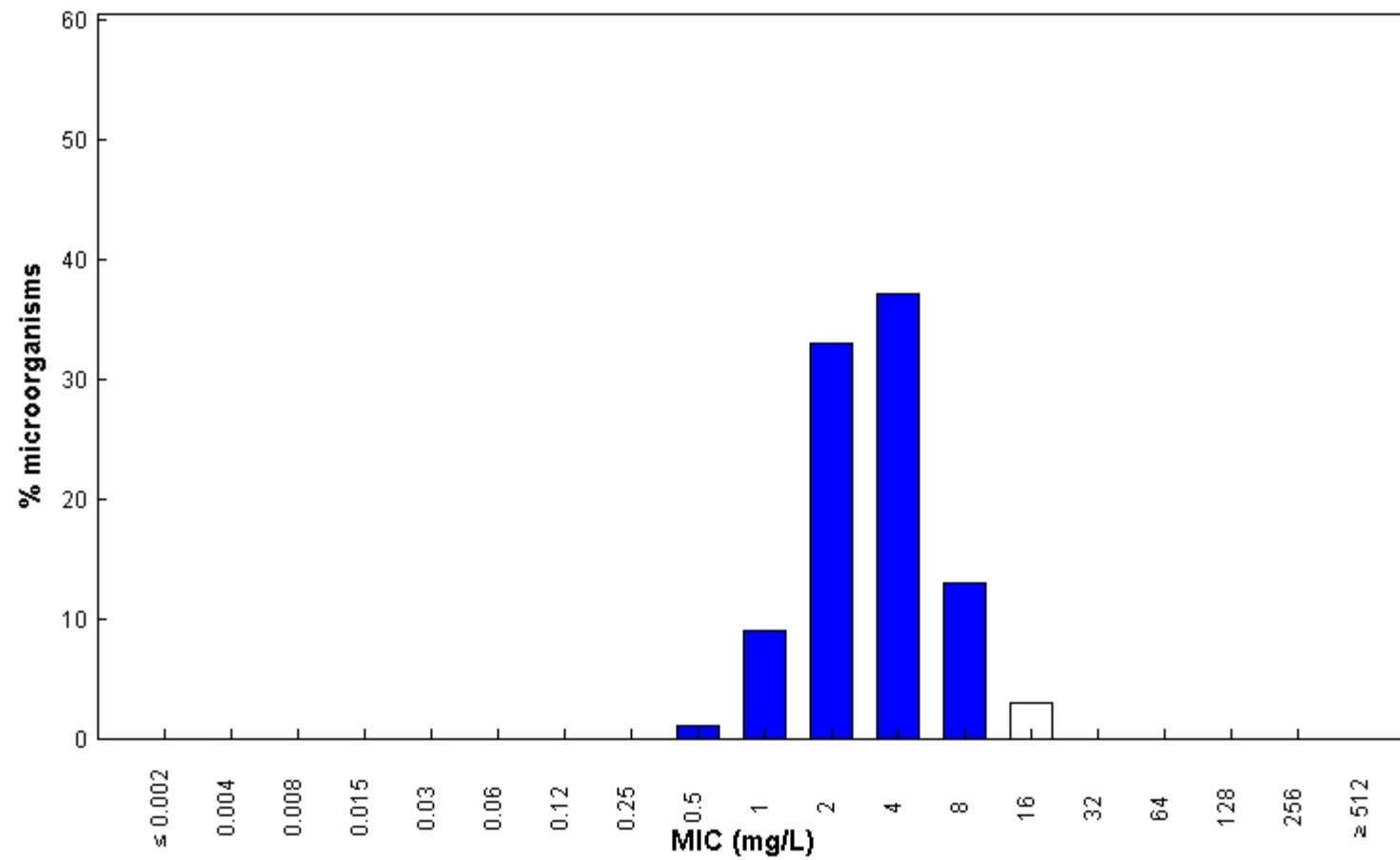
Horses

											an oral suspension for cats.
<b>Horses</b>											
<b>A</b>	Skin, soft tissue, respiratory	Enrofloxacin	<i>E. coli</i>	–	–	–	–	≤0.12	0.25	≥0.5	(34) Enrofloxacin breakpoints were determined from an examination of MIC distribution data and PK-PD analysis of enrofloxacin, after administration of enrofloxacin at a dose of 7.5 mg/kg every 24 hours orally.

<b>Tetracyclines</b>											
<b>Horses</b>											
<b>A</b>	Respiratory, skin, soft tissue	Doxycycline	<i>E. coli</i>	–	–	–	–	≤0.12	0.25	≥0.5	(40) Doxycycline breakpoints were derived from microbiological and PK-PD analysis using a clinical dose of 20 mg/kg, orally, twice daily to horses, and PD data.  (41) Do not test tetracycline as a surrogate for doxycycline and minocycline in horses.
<b>A</b>	Respiratory, skin, soft tissue	Minocycline	<i>E. coli</i>	–	–	–	–	≤0.12	0.25	≥0.5	(42) Minocycline breakpoints were derived from microbiological and PK-PD analysis using a clinical dose of 5 mg/kg, orally, twice daily to horses, and PD data.  See comment (41).

**Amikacin / *Proteus mirabilis***  
**International MIC Distribution - Reference Database 2019-06-13**

MIC distributions include collated data from multiple sources, geographical areas and time periods and can never be used to infer rates of resistance



MIC

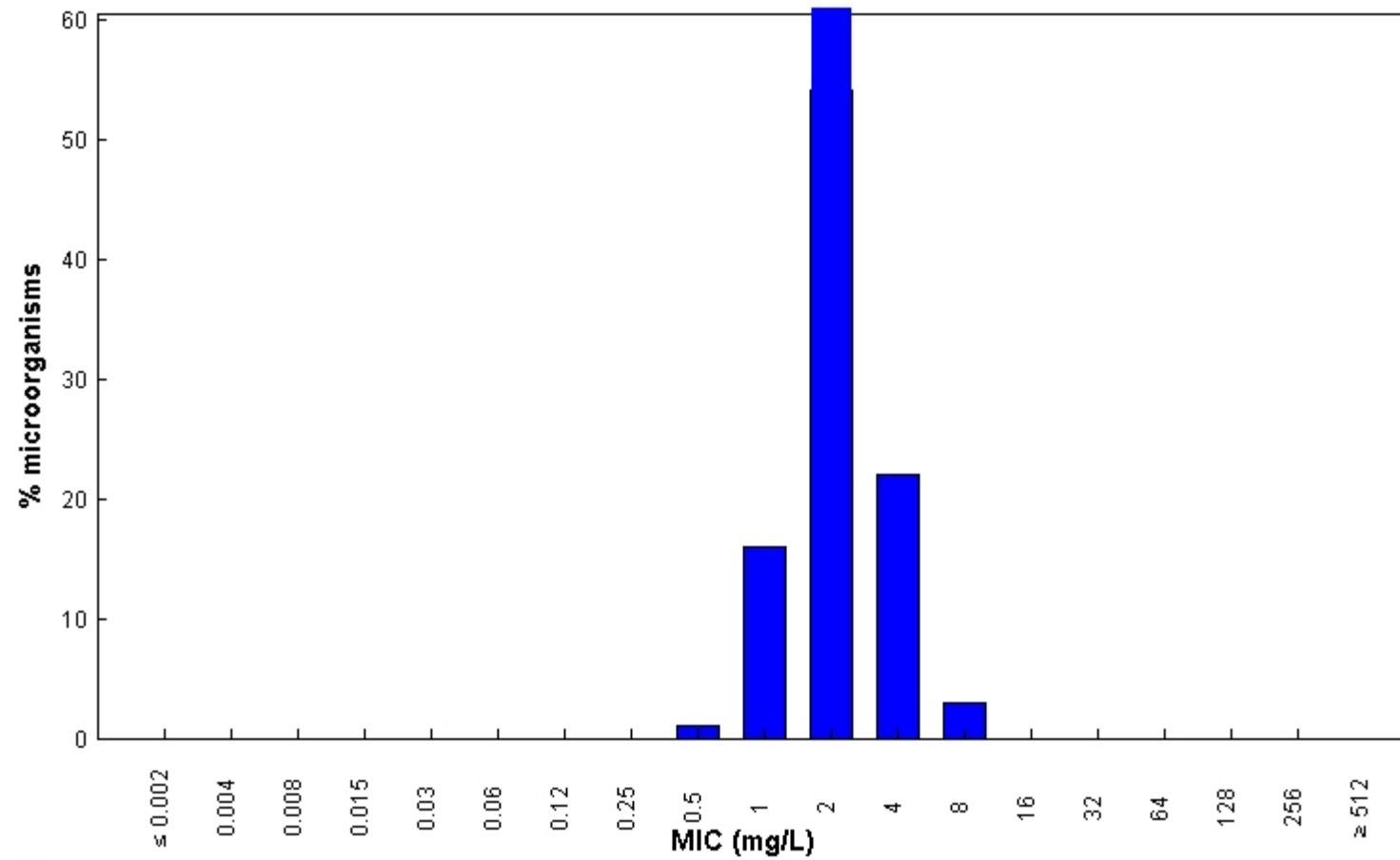
Epidemiological cut-off (ECOFF): 8 mg/L

Wildtype (WT) organisms: ≤ 8 mg/L

4007 observations (7 data sources)

**Amikacin / *Escherichia coli***  
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MIC

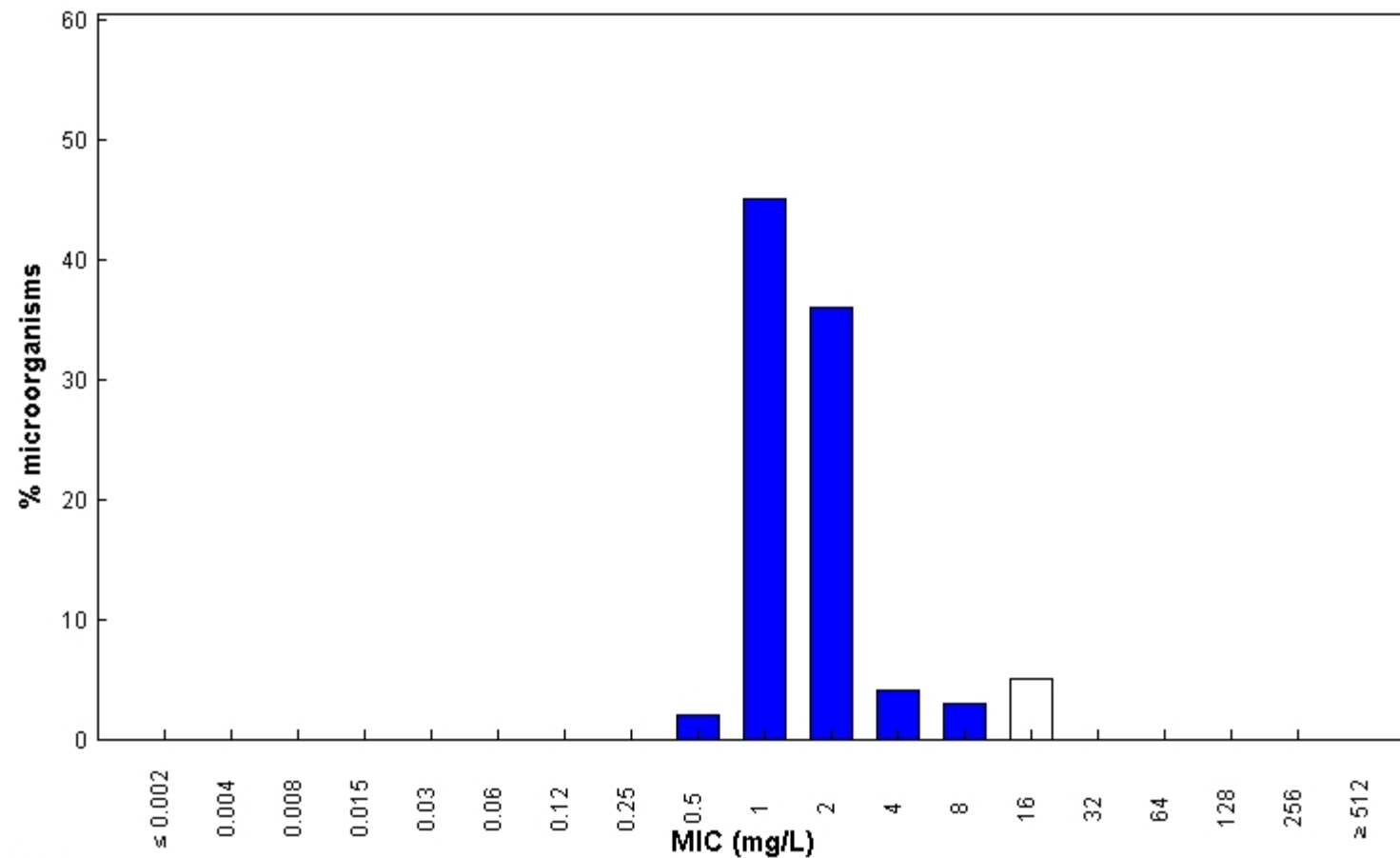
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Wildtype (WT) organisms: ≤ 8 mg/L

28672 observations (22 data sources)

**Amikacin / *Klebsiella pneumoniae***  
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MIC

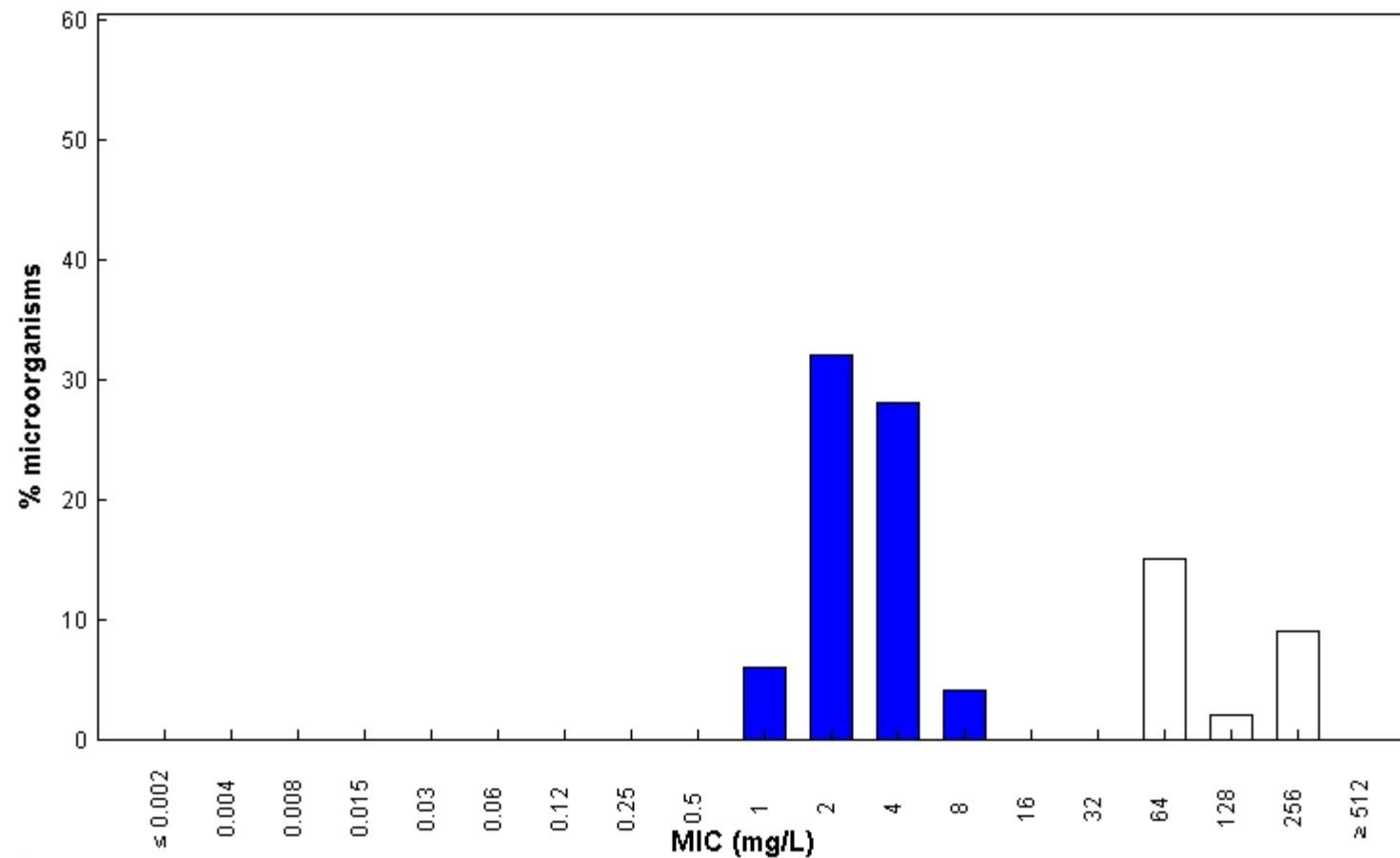
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Wildtype (WT) organisms: ≤ 8 mg/L

11045 observations (5 data sources)

**Ampicillin / *Escherichia coli***  
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MIC

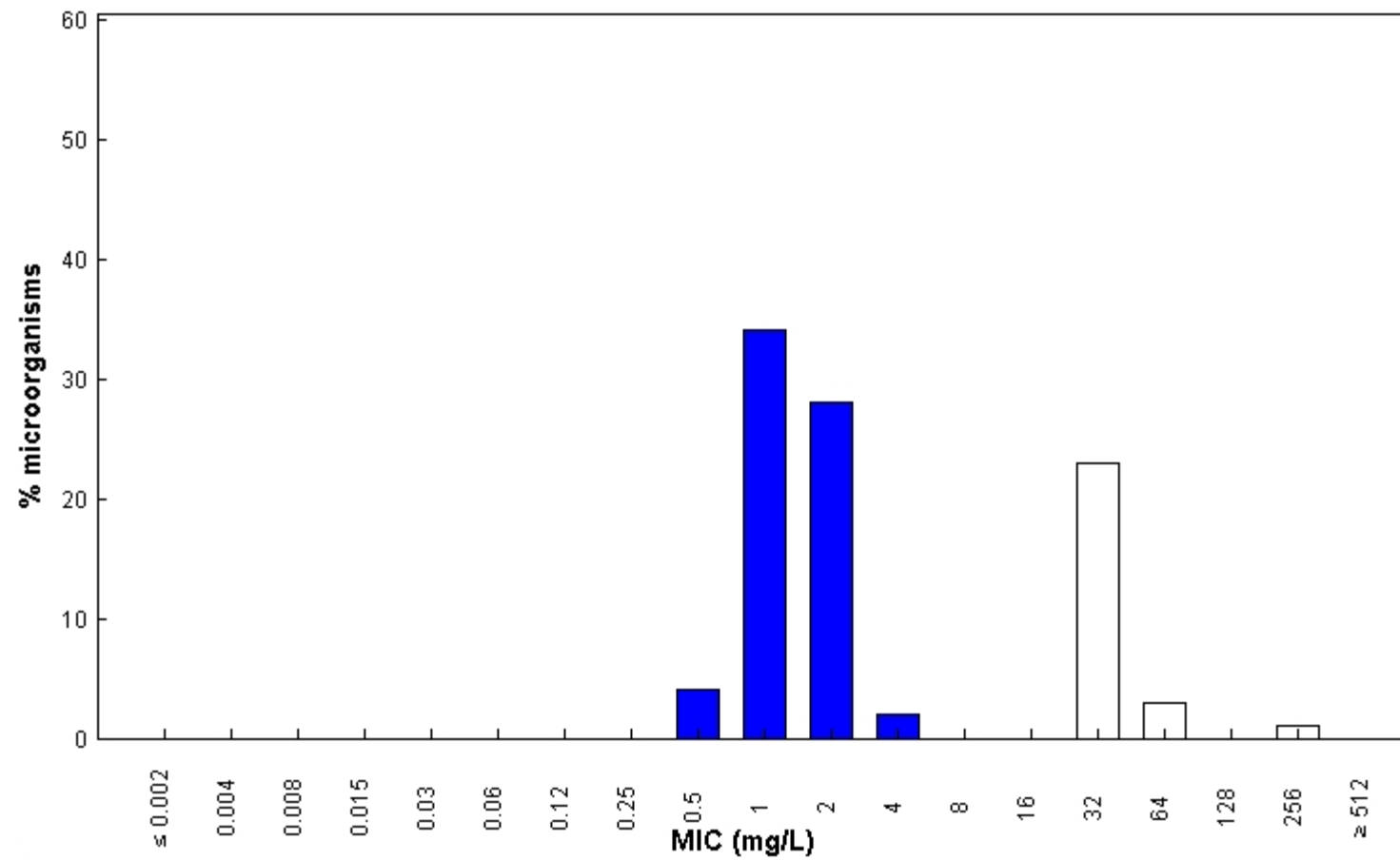
Epidemiological cut-off (ECOFF): 8 mg/L

Wildtype (WT) organisms:  $\leq 8$  mg/L

73390 observations (52 data sources)

**Ampicillin / *Proteus mirabilis***  
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MIC

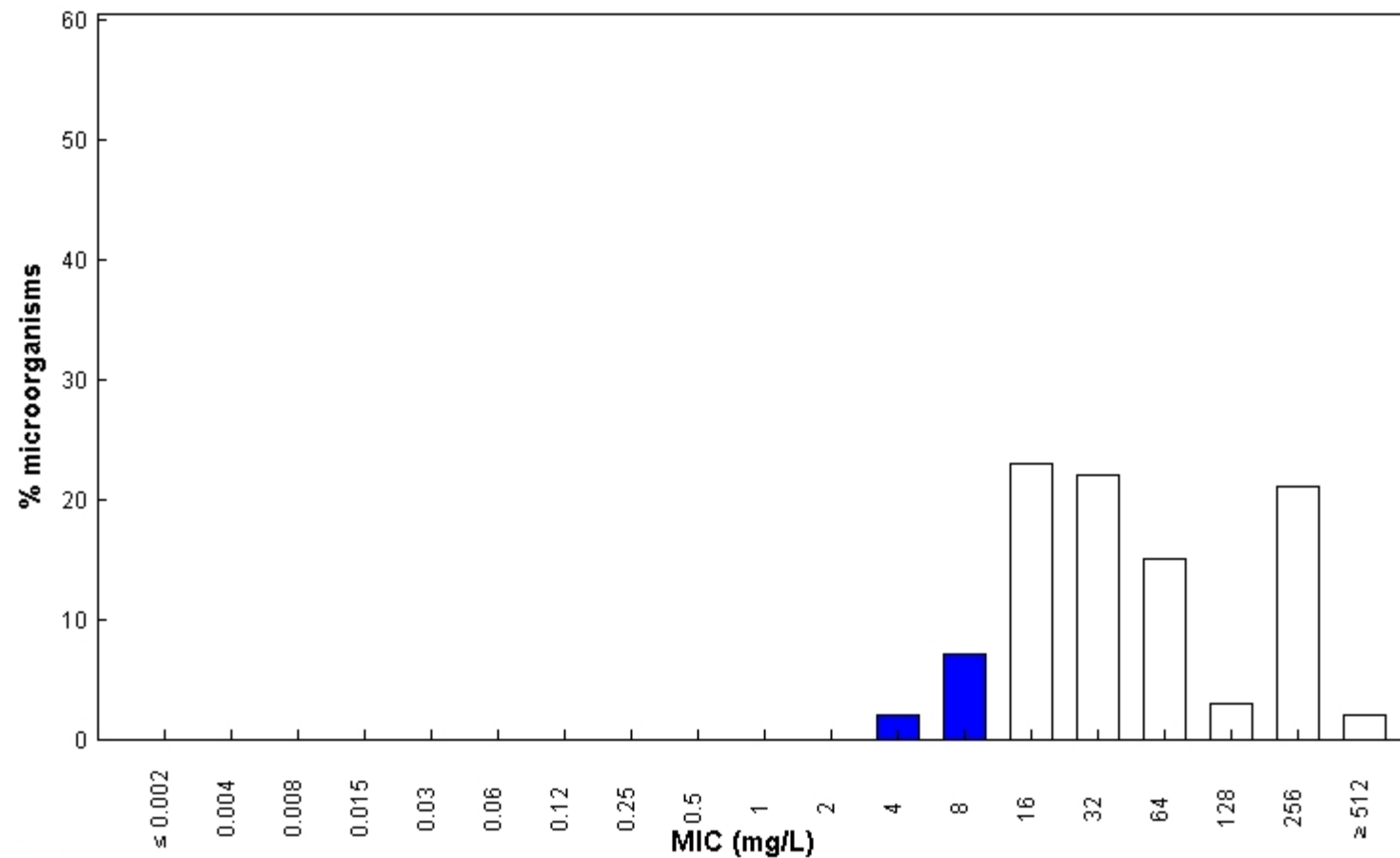
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Wildtype (WT) organisms: ≤ 8 mg/L

4544 observations (8 data sources)

**Ampicillin / *Klebsiella pneumoniae***  
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MIC

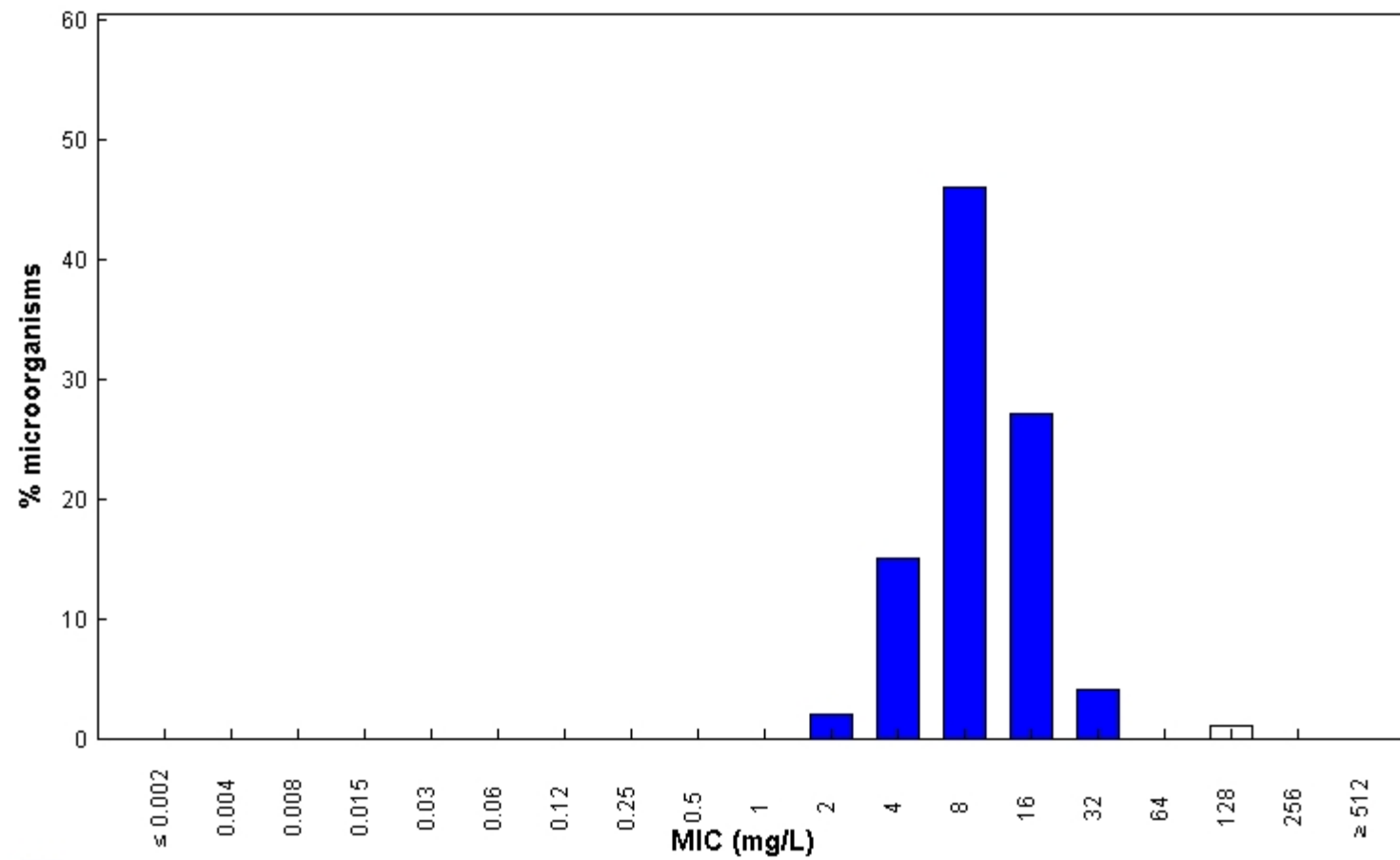
Epidemiological cut-off (ECOFF): 8 mg/L

Wildtype (WT) organisms: ≤ 8 mg/L

3948 observations (8 data sources)

**Cefalothin / *Escherichia coli***  
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MIC

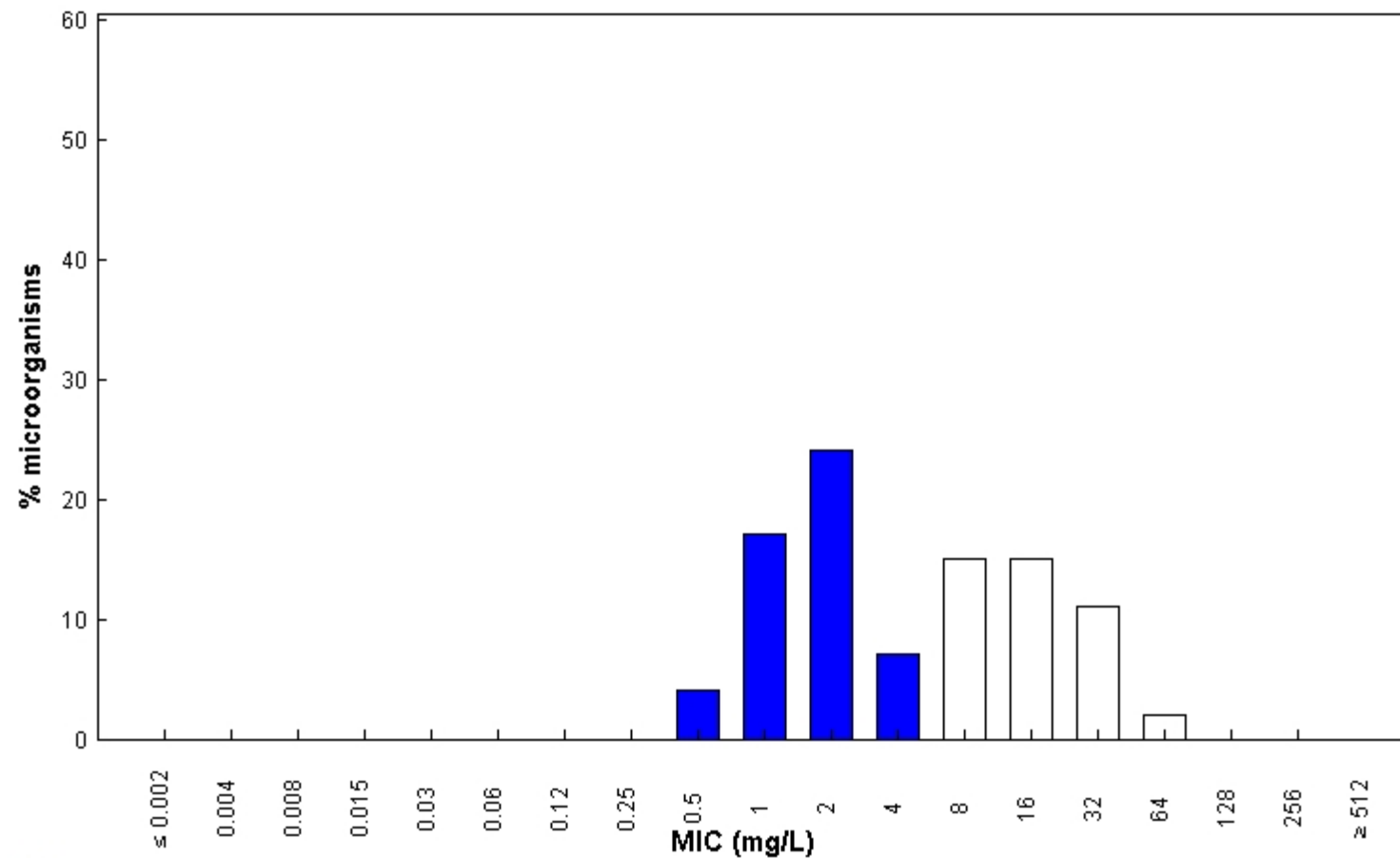
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Wildtype (WT) organisms: ≤ 32 mg/L

3861 observations (14 data sources)

**Doxycycline / *Escherichia coli***  
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MIC

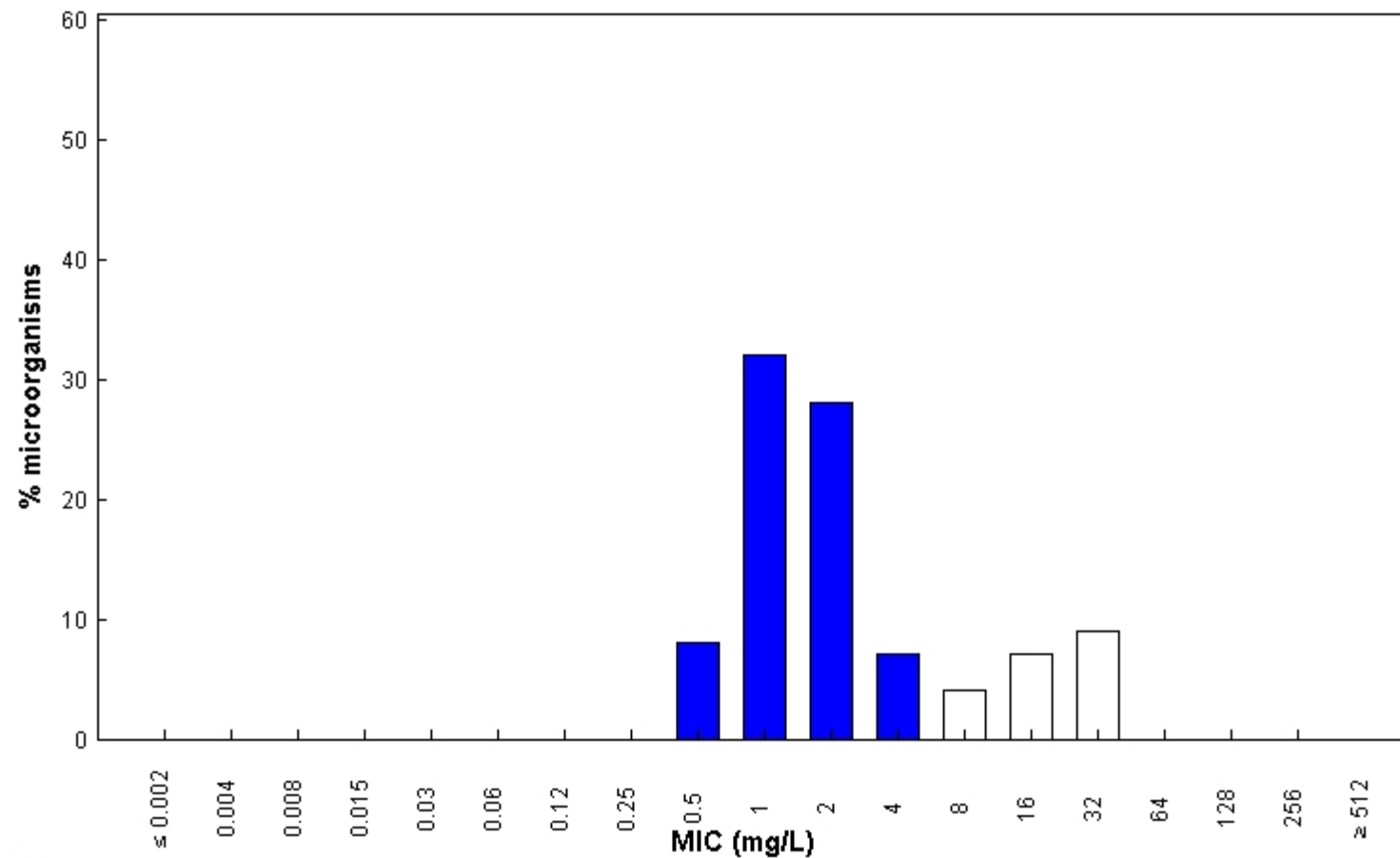
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Wildtype (WT) organisms: ≤ 4 mg/L

5028 observations (17 data sources)

**Doxycycline / *Klebsiella pneumoniae***  
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MIC

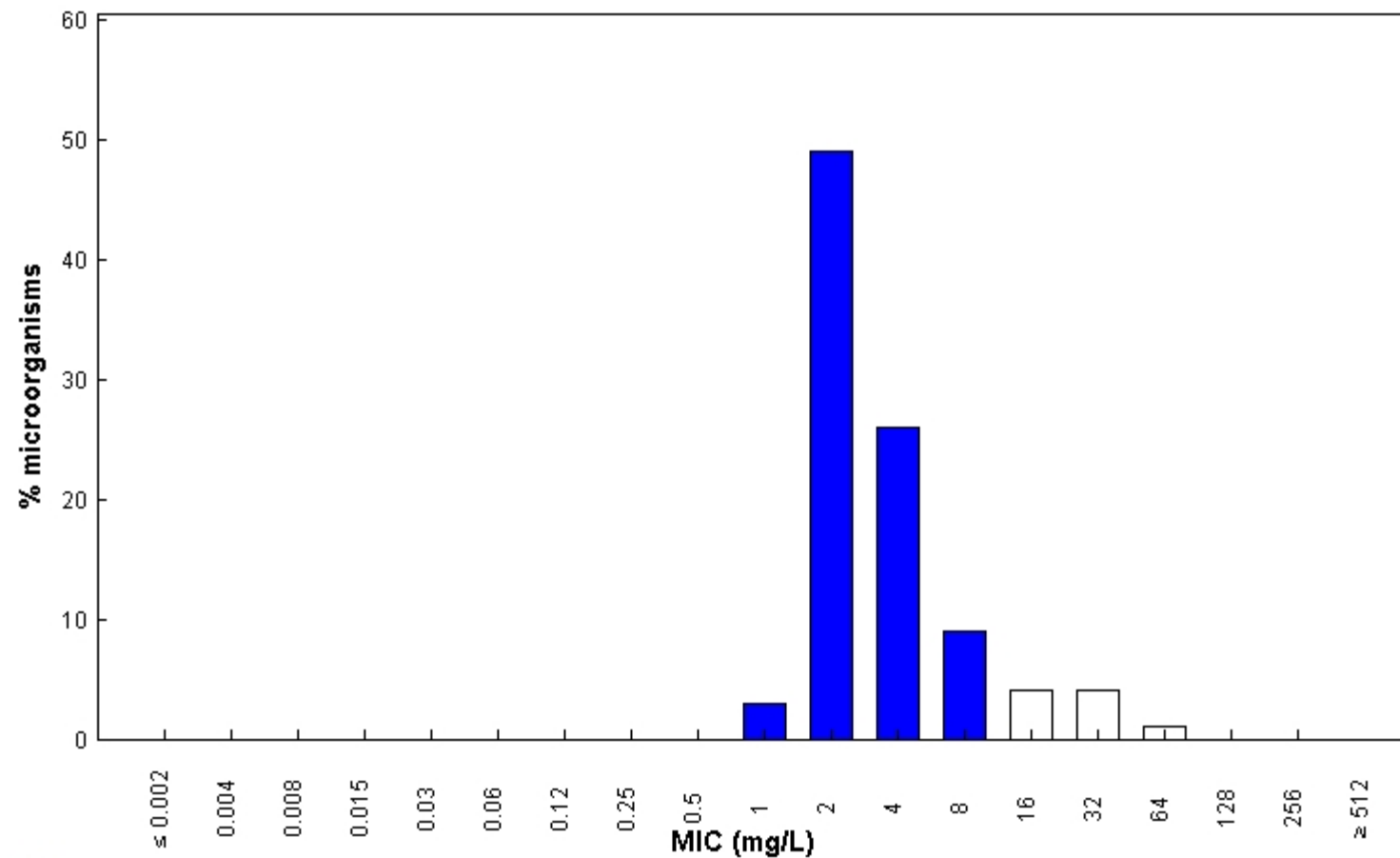
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Wildtype (WT) organisms: ≤ 4 mg/L

481 observations (2 data sources)

**Doxycycline / *Salmonella* spp**  
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MIC

Epidemiological cut-off (ECOFF): 8 mg/L

Wildtype (WT) organisms:  $\leq 8$  mg/L

6839 observations (5 data sources)

# January 2019 Action Items

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## Item #8

*“Review other veterinary-specific breakpoints set by the GWG to determine whether other GWG breakpoints for E. coli should be changed to Enterobacteriaceae, or left as E. coli.”*

Should these be converted to Enterobacteriaceae?

Thank you.  
Any Questions?

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