

**TITLE:** PHENOTYPICAL AND GENOTYPICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS RESISTANT OF THE BANK OF SAMPLES OF THE CENTRAL LABORATORY OF BRASILIA (LACEN-DF)

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**ABSTRACT:**

Staphylococcus aureus (*S. aureus*) are microorganisms present in the human microbiota on the skin, mucosa of the upper air tract and in small amounts in the gastro-intestinal tract and rectum. These micro-organisms break down the skin barrier and / or mucosa can trigger a pathological process from a simple dermatitis to a serious pneumonias leading to death. *S.aureus* is by far the main causative agent of hospital infections as its treatment is becoming increasingly difficult. Some strains of *S. aureus* have been able to develop resistance mechanisms against beta-lactam antibiotics through the *Mec A* gene, but some strains have the *Luk S* or *Luk F* gene that are responsible for producing the Panton-Valentine Leucocidin (PVL) toxin responsible for creating pores on the membranes of monocytes. This research aimed to identify the bacteria, resistance to cefoxetin and the search of *Mec A* and *Luk F / S* genes. The bacteria from the LACEN-DF sample bank were confirmed by the 16S gene, from 31 *S.aureus* samples, 28 (90.3%) showed resistance to cefoxethin (Minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) <21mm) and only 3 (9.7%) Were drug sensitive (MIC> 22mm). The samples that were resistant to cefoxethin had the *Mec A* gene in their structures and those that were sensitive did not present *Mec A* in their DNA. Of the 28 samples that possessed the *Mec A* gene, 3 (10.7%) had the *Luk F / S* gene and the samples that were sensitive did not present the *Luk F / S* gene. Gene expression assays were confirmed from the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) assay where the *Mec A* gene has 310 base pairs (bp), the *Luk F / S* gene 433 bp and the 16S 756 bp gene. It could be verified that the *MecA* gene is interconnected to samples that are resistant to cefoxethin and to amotrans with PVL positive.

**KEYWORDS:** Microbial Resistance to Medications, Polymerase Chain Reaction, Bacterial Genes

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