

# Effects of *Scutellaria Baicalensis* on Activity and Biofilm Formation of *Klebsiella Pneumoniae*.

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## Abstract

**Objective** To explore the effects of *Scutellaria baicalensis* on activity and biofilm formation of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (Kp). **Methods** The broth and agar dilution Methods were carried out to determine minimum inhibitory concentration and minimum bactericidal concentration of *Scutellaria baicalensis* for TW518. VITEK-32 system was used to assay TW518 susceptibility to antibiotics. Kp biofilms were formed in vitro and stained with BacLight Live/Dead stain. The class integron *genI1* mRNA expression was analyzed with RT-PCR. **Results** The minimum inhibitory concentration of *Scutellaria baicalensis* on TW518 identified as a Kp colony was 32 mg/ml, and minimum bactericidal concentration was 64 mg/ml. *Scutellaria baicalensis* and broad-spectrum penicillin, cephalosporin, quinolones, or beta-lactamase had synergistic bactericidal effects. Biofilm formation activity of Kp treated with *Scutellaria baicalensis* was significantly lower than that of the control group. And class integron *genI1* mRNA expression of TW518 was significantly inhibited by *Scutellaria baicalensis*. **Conclusions** *Scutellaria baicalensis* has sterilization effect on Kp, and *Scutellaria baicalensis* could effectively inhibit Kp biofilm formation with prolonged treatment. *Scutellaria baicalensis* might inhibit Kp biofilm formation through down-regulating integron *genI1* expression.

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