

Supplemental Tables.

Table S1. Results of microbiological surveillance of different GI endoscopes types and automated endoscope reprocessors

Hospital	Type of hospital	Time of HLD changing (time between Phase I and II)	Specimen source (Sample site)	Contamination ratio, isolated microorganisms		MDRO detection		Viral detection	
				Phase I	Phase II	Phase I	Phase II	Phase I	Phase II
Hospital I	ATRC	12 days	Colonoscopes, n=4 (biopsy/suction channel)	50%, C1: <i>C. difficile</i> (<i>tcdA</i> ⁺ , <i>tcdB</i> ⁺). C2: <i>C. difficile</i> (<i>tcdA</i> ⁺ , <i>tcdB</i> ⁺).	50%, C1: <i>K. pneumoniae</i> . C2: <i>K. pneumoniae</i> .	Yes	Yes	No	No
			Duodenoscopes, n=2 (biopsy/suction channel)	100%, D1: <i>C. freundii</i> ; <i>C. difficile</i> (<i>tcdA</i> ⁺ , <i>tcdB</i> ⁺). D2: <i>E. faecalis</i> ; <i>C. difficile</i> (<i>tcdA</i> ⁺ , <i>tcdB</i> ⁺); <i>C. glabrata</i> .	0%, No growth	Yes	No	No	No
			Duodenoscopes, n=2 (elevator channel)	100%, D1: <i>C. freundii</i> ; <i>S. maltophilia</i> ; <i>C. difficile</i> (<i>tcdA</i> ⁺ , <i>tcdB</i> ⁺). D2: <i>E. faecalis</i> ; <i>C. difficile</i> (<i>tcdA</i> ⁺ , <i>tcdB</i> ⁺).	50%, D2: <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Yes	No	No	No
Hospital II	ATRC	5 days	Duodenoscopes, n=2 (biopsy/suction channel)	50%, <i>K. pneumoniae</i> ; <i>P. aeruginosa</i> .	50%, <i>B. cepacia</i> ; <i>K. pneumoniae</i> .	Yes	Yes	No	No
			Duodenoscopes, n=2 (elevator channel)	100%, D1: <i>K. pneumoniae</i> ; <i>P. aeruginosa</i> . D2: <i>E. faecium</i> .	50%, <i>B. cepacia</i> ; <i>K. pneumoniae</i> .	Yes	Yes	No	No
			Colonoscopes, n=4 (biopsy/suction channel)	50%, C1: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; XDR-A. <i>baumannii</i> ^a . C3: <i>E. coli</i> .	50%, C1: <i>K. pneumoniae</i> . C2: <i>K. pneumoniae</i> .	Yes	Yes	No	No
			AER, n=1 (HLD solution)	100%, <i>K. pneumoniae</i>	100%, <i>K. pneumoniae</i> .	Yes	Yes	No	No
Hospital III	ATRC	28 days	Colonoscopes, n=2 (biopsy/suction channel)	50%, <i>C. albicans</i> ; <i>C. glabrata</i> ; <i>K. pneumoniae</i> .	0%, No growth	Yes	No	No	No
			Gastrosopes, n=2 (biopsy/suction channel)	50%, <i>C. albicans</i> ; <i>Moraxella</i> spp.	100%, G1: <i>K. pneumoniae</i> . G2: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> .	No	Yes	Yes, TTV	No
Hospital IV	ATRC	28 days	Colonoscopes, n=4 (biopsy/suction channel)	100%, C1: <i>K. pneumoniae</i> ; <i>S. paucimobilis</i> . C2: <i>S. paucimobilis</i> C3: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> [2 different strains]; <i>K. pneumoniae</i> ; <i>S. paucimobilis</i>	75%, C2: <i>K. pneumoniae</i> ; <i>S. paucimobilis</i> C3: <i>E. faecalis</i> [VRE] C4: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>C. koseri</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes, HBV; HCV.	No

				C4: <i>K. pneumoniae</i> ; <i>S. paucimobilis</i> .					
			Gastrosopes, n=3 (biopsy/suction channel)	100%, G1: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> . G2: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>S. paucimobilis</i> . G3: <i>S. paucimobilis</i> .	33%, G1: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>S. paucimobilis</i> .	Yes	Yes	Yes, HBV.	No
			AERs, n=2 (swab sample)	100%, AER1: <i>S. paucimobilis</i> ; CoNS; nondiphtherial- <i>Corynebacterium</i> spp. AER2: <i>Bacillus</i> spp.	50%, AER1: <i>S. paucimobilis</i> ; CoNS.	No	No	No	No
Hospital V	ATRC	28 days	Duodenoscopes, n=2 (biopsy/suction channel)	50%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>A. baumannii</i> .	50%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Yes	No	No	No
			Duodenoscopes, n=2 (elevator channel)	50%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>K. pneumoniae</i> .	50%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Yes	No	No	No
			Gastrosopes, n=3 (biopsy/suction channel)	33.3%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	33.3%, <i>C. albicans</i> ; <i>P. aeruginosa</i> .	Yes	Yes	No	No
			AERs, n=1 (swab sample)	100%, CoNS; <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	0%, No growth	Yes	No	No	No
Hospital VI	PSC	14 days	Gastrosopes, n=4 (biopsy/suction channel)	75%, G1: <i>C. albicans</i> . G2: <i>C. albicans</i> ; <i>P. aeruginosa</i> . G3: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>C. albicans</i> .	25%, <i>C. parapsilosis</i>	Yes	No	No	No
			Colonoscopes, n=4 (biopsy/suction channel)	25%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>E. cloacae</i> .	25%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>C. koseri</i> .	Yes	Yes	Yes, HIV (180 GC/ml); TTV.	Yes, HBV; TTV.
Hospital VII	ATRC	14 days	Colonoscopes, n=2 (biopsy/suction channel)	100%, C1: <i>C. perfringens</i> . C2: <i>C. perfringens</i> .	0%, No growth.	No	No	Yes, HBV; HCV; JC.	No
			Gastrosopes, n=2 (biopsy/suction channel)	100%, G1: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> . G2: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> .	50%, <i>A. baumannii</i> .	No	Yes	Yes, HCV; TTV.	Yes, HCV; HIV (430 GC/ml)
			Linear echoendoscopes, n=2 (biopsy/suction channel)	50%, <i>K. pneumoniae</i> ; <i>K. oxytoca</i> ; <i>C. perfringens</i> .	50%, <i>Bacillus</i> spp; CoNS.	Yes	No	Yes, HCV	Yes, HCV
Hospital VIII	PSC	14 days	Colonoscopes, n=2 (biopsy/suction channel)	100%, C1: <i>K. pneumoniae</i> ; <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>E. aerogenes</i> ; CoNS.	100%, C1: <i>E. coli</i> ; <i>P. aeruginosa</i> . C2: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>C. difficile</i> (<i>tcdA</i> ⁺ , <i>tcdB</i> ⁺).	Yes	Yes	No	No

				C2: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> [2 different strains]; <i>E. aerogenes</i> .					
			Gastrosopes, n=3 (biopsy/suction channel)	100%, G1: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> . G2: <i>C. albicans</i> ; <i>E. aerogenes</i> ; CoNS.	50%, <i>C. albicans</i> .	Yes	No	Yes, HBV	No
			Linear echoendoscopes, n=1 (biopsy/suction channel)	100%, <i>K. pneumoniae</i> ; <i>S. aureus</i> .	100%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> .	Yes	Yes	No	No
			Duodenoscopes, n=1 (biopsy/suction channel)	100%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>E. aerogenes</i> .	100%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> .	Yes	Yes	No	No
			Duodenoscopes, n=1 (elevator channel)	100%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>E. aerogenes</i> .	100%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>E. aerogenes</i> .	Yes	Yes	No	No
			AERs, n=1 (swab sample)	100%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>E. aerogenes</i> .	0%, No growth	Yes	No	No	No
Hospital IX	PSC	14 days	Colonoscopes, n=3 (biopsy/suction channel)	33.3%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>E.coli</i> ; <i>C. freundii</i> .	33.3%, <i>E.coli</i> ; <i>E. faecium</i> .	Yes	Yes	No	No
			Gastrosopes, n=4 (biopsy/suction channel)	50%, G1: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> . G2: <i>C. freundii</i> .	0%, No growth	Yes	No	No	No
			Duodenoscopes, n=1 (biopsy/suction channel)	100%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>C. glabrata</i> .	100%, <i>C. albicans</i>	No	No	No	No
			Duodenoscopes, n=1 (elevator channel)	100%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	0%, No growth	No	No	No	No
			Linear echoendoscopes, n=1 (biopsy/suction channel)	0%, No growth	100%, <i>Bacillus</i> spp.	No	No	No	No
			AERs, n=1 (swab sample)	100%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>C. freundii</i> ; CoNS.	0%, No growth.	Yes	No	No	No
Hospital X		25 days	Colonoscopes, n=4 (biopsy/suction channel)	50%, C1: <i>E.coli</i> ; <i>C. difficile</i> . C2: <i>E.coli</i> ; <i>K. pneumoniae</i> .	50%, C1: <i>E.coli</i> . C4: <i>C. perfringens</i> .	Yes	No	No	No
			Duodenoscopes, n=4 (biopsy/suction channel)	75%, D1: <i>E.coli</i> ; <i>P. mirabilis</i> . D2: <i>E.coli</i> ; <i>P. aeruginosa</i> . D3: <i>E.coli</i> ; <i>P. aeruginosa</i> .	75%, D2: <i>C. freundii</i> . D3: <i>E.coli</i> ; <i>M. morgani</i> . D4: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> .	Yes	Yes	Yes, HBV; HCV; TTV; Crass Phage.	Yes, Crass Phage.
			Duodenoscopes, n=4 (elevator channel)	75%, D1: <i>E.coli</i> . D2: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> . D3: <i>E.coli</i> ; <i>P. aeruginosa</i> .	50%, D2: <i>C. freundii</i> . D4: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> .	Yes	Yes	No	No
			Linear echoendoscopes, n=6 (biopsy/suction channel)	16.7%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> .	16.7%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>S. maltophilia</i> .	Yes	Yes	Yes, TTV; Crass Phage.	Yes, Crass Phage.
Hospital XI	ATRC		Colonoscopes, n=3	100%,	33.3%,	Yes	Yes	No	No

			(biopsy/suction channel)	C1: <i>E.coli</i> ; <i>C. difficile</i> . C2: <i>E.coli</i> ; <i>A. baumannii</i> . C3: <i>C. albicans</i> ; <i>K. oxytoca</i> .	<i>C. perfringens</i> ; <i>A. baumannii</i> .				
			Gastrosopes, n=3 (biopsy/suction channel)	66.7%, G1: <i>E.coli</i> [two different strains]; <i>Bacillus</i> spp. G2: <i>C. perfringens</i> .	33.3%, <i>E.coli</i> ; <i>C. parapsilosis</i>	Yes	No	Yes, HBV	No
			Duodenoscopes, n=1 (biopsy/suction channel)	100%, <i>A. baumannii</i> .	No growth.	Yes	No	Yes, HBV	No
Hospital XII	ATRC	30 days	Colonoscopes, n=2 (biopsy/suction channel)	100%, C1: <i>E.coli</i> [two different strains]. C2: <i>E.coli</i> ; <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>K. pneumoniae</i> .	50%, <i>E.coli</i> .	Yes	Yes	Yes, HCV	No
			Gastrosopes, n=2 (biopsy/suction channel)	100%, G1: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> . G2: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>K. pneumoniae</i> .	100%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>S. aureus</i> .	Yes	No	No	No
			AERs, n=1 (swab sample)	100%, <i>E.coli</i> .	100%, <i>E.coli</i> .	Yes	Yes	No	No
			AERs, n=1 (HLD solution)	100%, <i>E.coli</i> .	0%, No growth.	Yes	No	No	No
Hospital XIII	PSC	14 days	AERs, n=2 (swab sample)	50%, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ;	0%, No growth.	No	No	No	No
Hospital XIV	PSC	28 days	Colonoscopes, n=3 (biopsy/suction channel)	100%, C1: <i>K. pneumoniae</i> [two different strains]. C2: <i>K. pneumoniae</i> ; <i>E. faecium</i> [VRE]. C3: <i>K. pneumoniae</i> ; <i>E. faecium</i> .	66.6%, C1: <i>K. pneumoniae</i> ; <i>A. baumannii</i> . C2: <i>K. pneumoniae</i> .	Yes	Yes	No	No
			Gastrosopes, n=4 (biopsy/suction channel)	50%, G1: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> . G2: <i>A. baumannii</i> .	50%, G1: Viridance Streptococci. G2: <i>A. baumannii</i> ; <i>Bacillus</i> spp.	Yes	Yes	No	No
			Linear echoendoscopes, n=1 (biopsy/suction channel)	100, E1: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> .	100, E1: <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ; <i>Bacillus</i> spp.	No	No	No	No
Hospital XV	PSC	10 days	Colonoscopes, n=3 (biopsy/suction channel)	33.3%, <i>E. faecalis</i> [VRE]; <i>K. oxytoca</i> .	66.6%, C1: <i>A. baumannii</i> [XDR]. C2: <i>A. baumannii</i> [XDR].	Yes	Yes	No	No
			Gastrosopes, n=4 (biopsy/suction channel)	50%, G1: <i>P. putida</i> . G2: <i>P. putida</i> .	0%, No growth.	No	No	No	No

^a XDR-*A. baumannii*: an extensively drug-resistant (XDR) *Acinetobacter baumannii* presented in this sample which was resistant to all antibiotics (all active antibiotic categories against considered microorganisms), except colistin and tigecycline.

ATRCs, academic tertiary referral medical centres; ERCP, endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography; HLD, high-level disinfectant; MRO, multidrug-resistant organism(s); PSCs, private specialized medical centres.

Supplemental Figures.

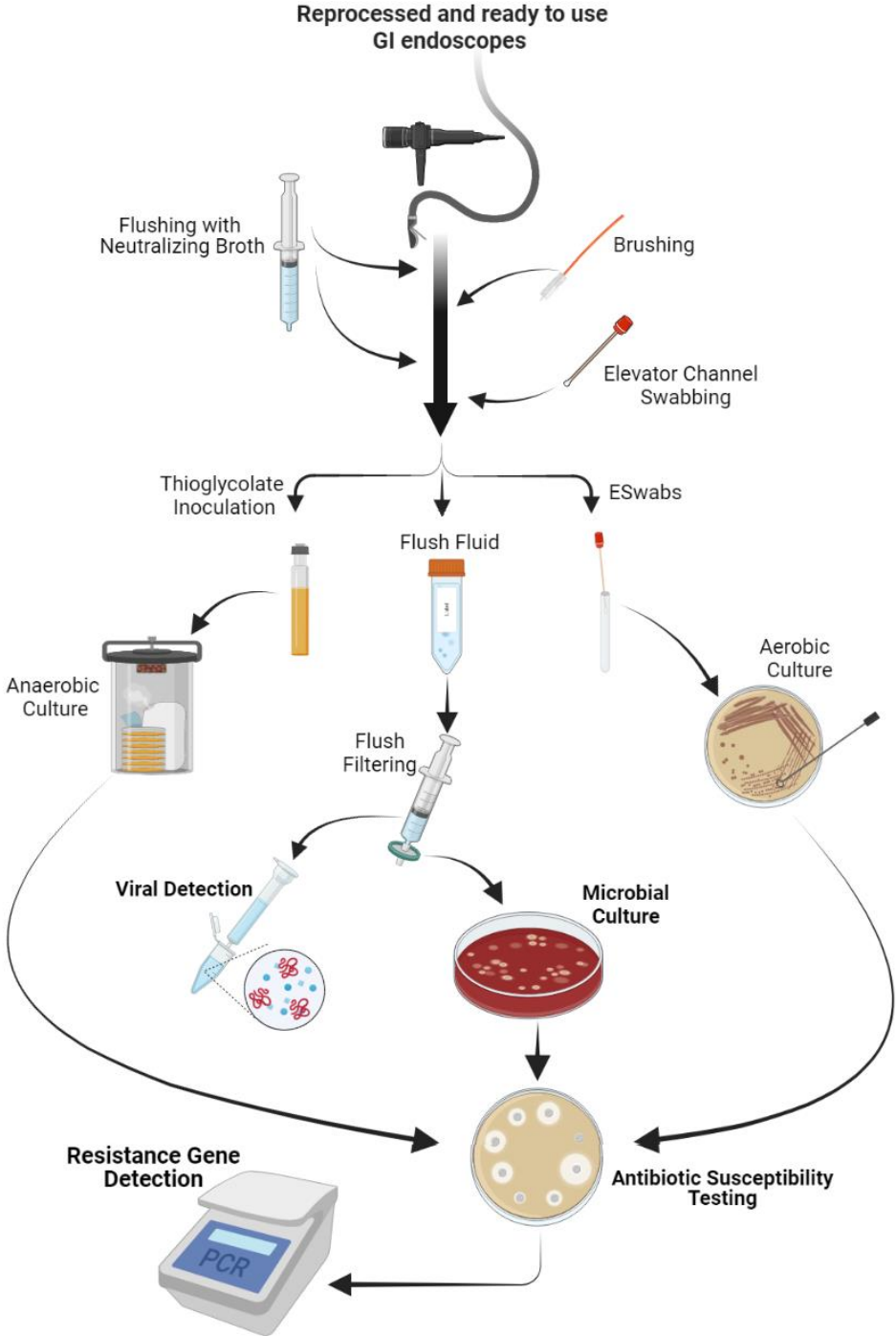


Figure S1. Flow diagram indicating sampling strategy, bacterial and viral identification, and resistance genes detection in this study.