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Interaction between 3,4-dihydropyridines and ampicillin, and erythromycin on different *E. coli* strains

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Eleven analogues (**G1-11**) of nifedipine showed synergistic interactions with ampicillin and erythromycin on *E. coli* K12LE140/F^{''}lac. The antibacterial effect of ampicillin was enhanced by most analogues but **G9** and verapamil were antagonistic. **G7** and 8 were synergistic with erythromycin and four were additive. With a sensitive clinical isolate of *E. coli* Gy-1/Ap^{sens}Er^{res.}, **G1** antagonized the antibacterial effect of ampicillin and a synergistic effect was found in the combination of erythromycin with **G4**, **G5**, **G6** or **G7**. None of the drugs had any effect on a multidrug resistant clinical isolate of *E. coli* Gy-2/Ap^{sens}Er^{res.}