

# Pathways for the evolution of antibiotic resistance: From natural ecosystems to hospitals and back



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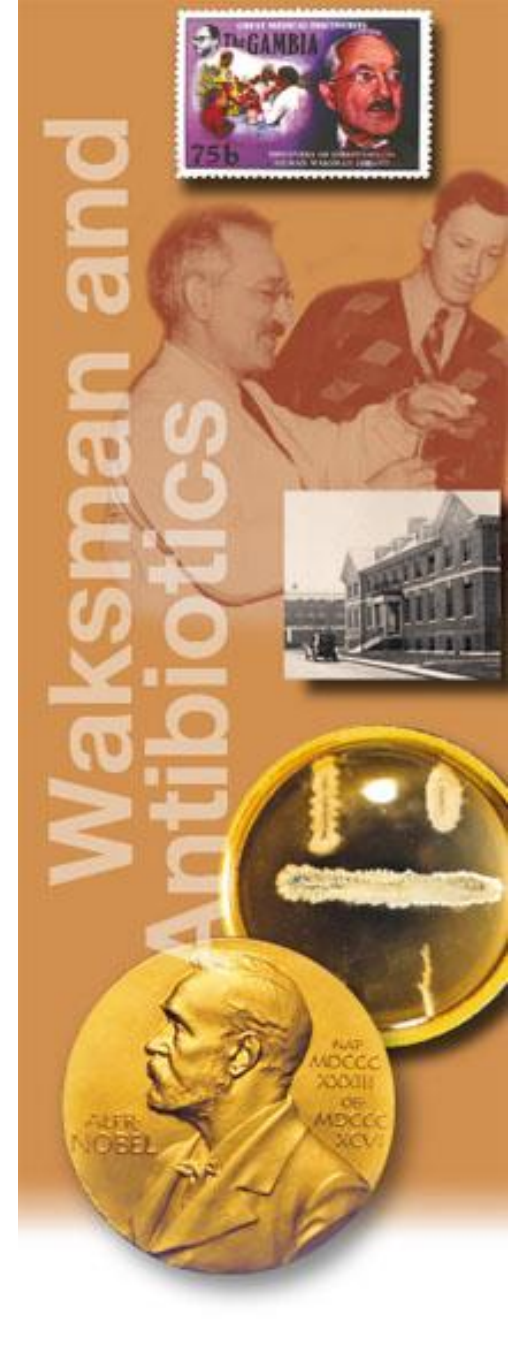
## Antibiotics from Nature: Looking for inhibitors

### THE SOIL AS A SOURCE OF MICROORGANISMS ANTAGONISTIC TO DISEASE-PRODUCING BACTERIA

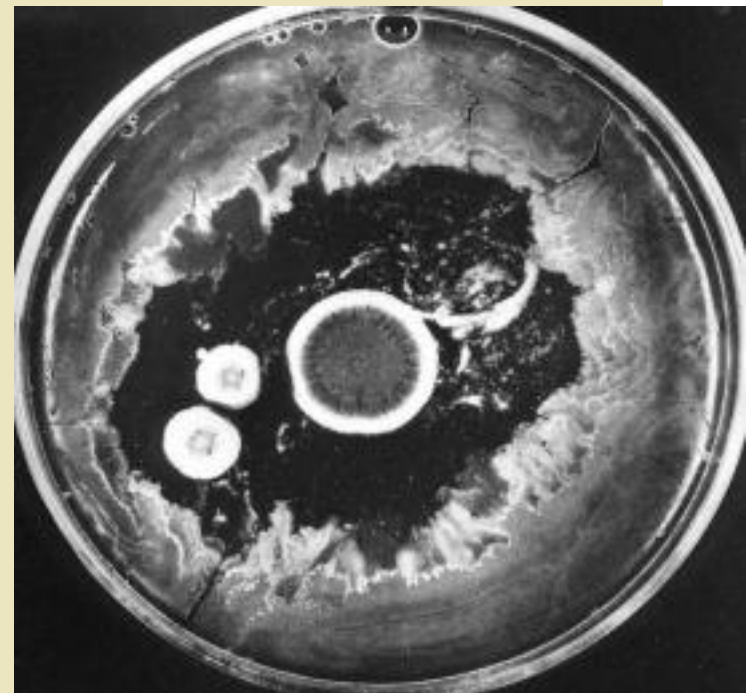
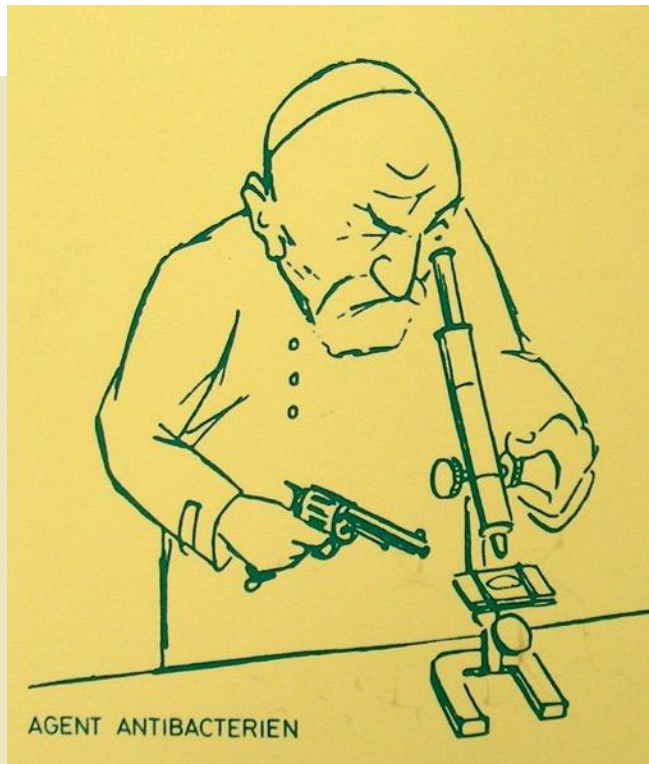
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Bacteria pathogenic for man and animals find their way to the soil, either in the excreta of the hosts or in their remains. **If one considers the period for which animals and plants have existed on this planet and the great numbers of disease-producing microbes that must have thus gained entrance into the soil, one can only wonder that the soil harbors so few bacteria capable of causing infectious diseases in man and in animals. One hardly thinks of the soil as a source of epidemics.** What has become of all the bacteria causing typhoid, dysentery, cholera, diphtheria, pneumonia, bubonic plague, tuberculosis, leprosy, and numerous others? This question was first raised by medical bacteriologists in the eighties of the last century. The soil was searched for bacterial agents of infectious diseases, until the conclusion was reached that these do not survive long in the soil. **It was suggested that the cause of the disappearance of these disease-producing organisms in the soil is to be looked for among the soil-inhabiting microbes, antagonistic to the pathogens and bringing about their rapid destruction in the soil.**



## Antibiotics: Weapons in a microbial warfare



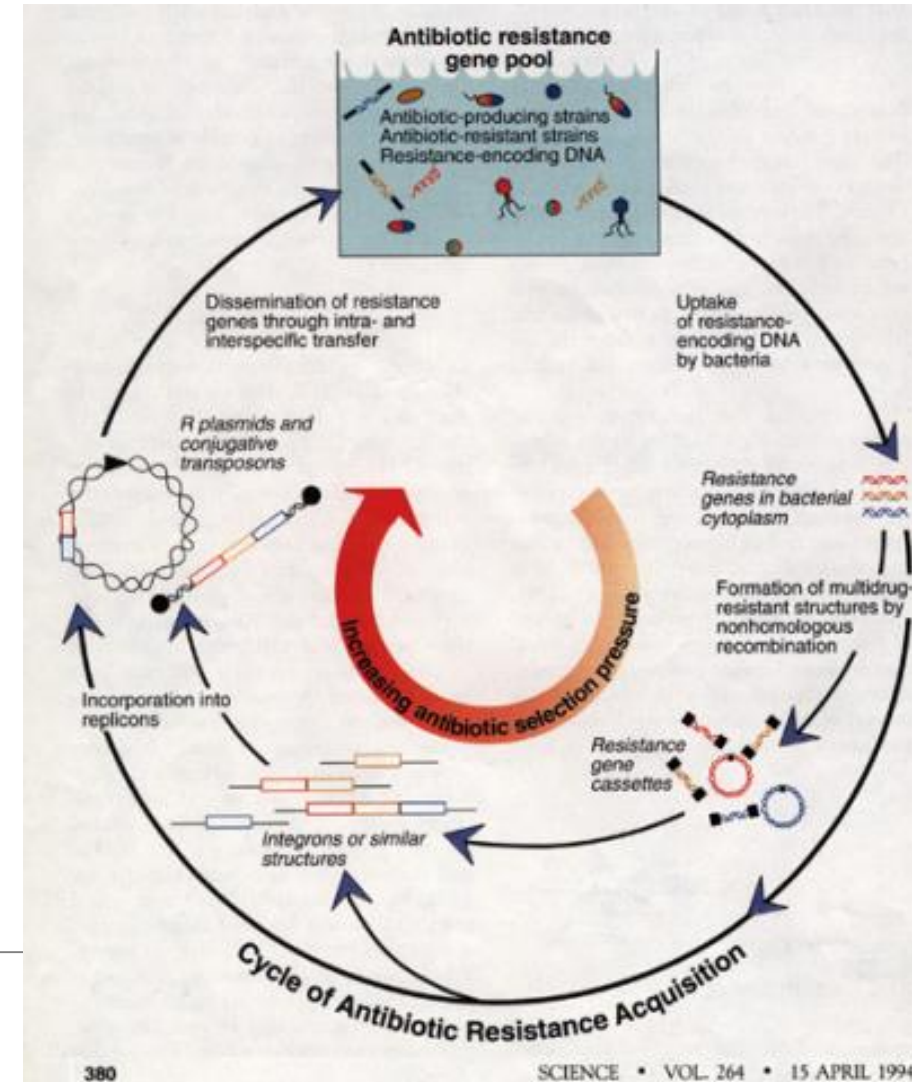


# Origin and dissemination of antibiotic resistance genes

Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA Vol. 70 pp. 2276-2280, 1973 **Aminoglycoside Antibiotic-Inactivating Enzymes in Actinomycetes Similar to Those Present in Clinical Isolates of Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria**  
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The metabolic role of the aminoglycoside-modifying enzymes in actinomycetes is not known. Miller and Walker have postulated that **phosphorylated streptomycin might be important as a metabolic precursor** of streptomycin or to **detoxify the antibiotic** (7). The enzymes might also be required for transport of these antibiotics in or out of the cell. Alternatively, they may have nothing to do with antibiotic biosynthesis and may play a role in another biosynthetic process.

Nothing is known about the origin of R factors. The Watanabe hypothesis (4) provides a simple molecular mechanism for their origin, but we can only speculate on the environmental and evolutionary factors that play a role in their formation and maintenance. **Their presence does not seem to require the extensive use of a selective antibiotic environment since Gardner et al. (21) have found R factors in an "antibiotic virgin population" in the Solomon Islands.**



## Resistance is everywhere: Risks must be ranked

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### The Culturable Soil Antibiotic of Multi-Drug Resistant Bacteria

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### Marine Sediment Bacteria Harbor Antibiotic Resistance Genes Highly Similar to Those Found in Human Pathogens

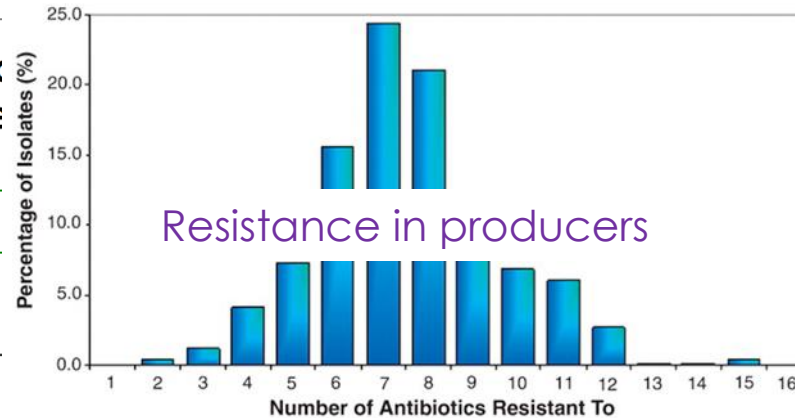
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### Functional Characterization of the Antibiotic Resistance Reservoir in the Human Microflora

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## The Shared Antibiotic Resistome of Soil Bacteria and Human Pathogens

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as vehicles of the resistome in cystic fibrosis

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## Sampling the Antibiotic Resistome

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## LETTER

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### Antibiotic treatment expands the resistance reservoir and ecological network of the phage metagenome

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## Intrinsic resistome

The intrinsic resistome can be defined as the ensemble of elements that contribute to the characteristic phenotype of susceptibility to antibiotics of a given bacterial species (or clone).

These elements belong to the core genome and has not been recently acquired by HGT as the consequence of the recent use of antibiotics at clinical settings.

**The genes contributing to intrinsic resistance in a given species, might contribute to acquired resistance in a different one if they are transferred by HGT. However, only a few have been found in mobile elements**

# The significant resistome

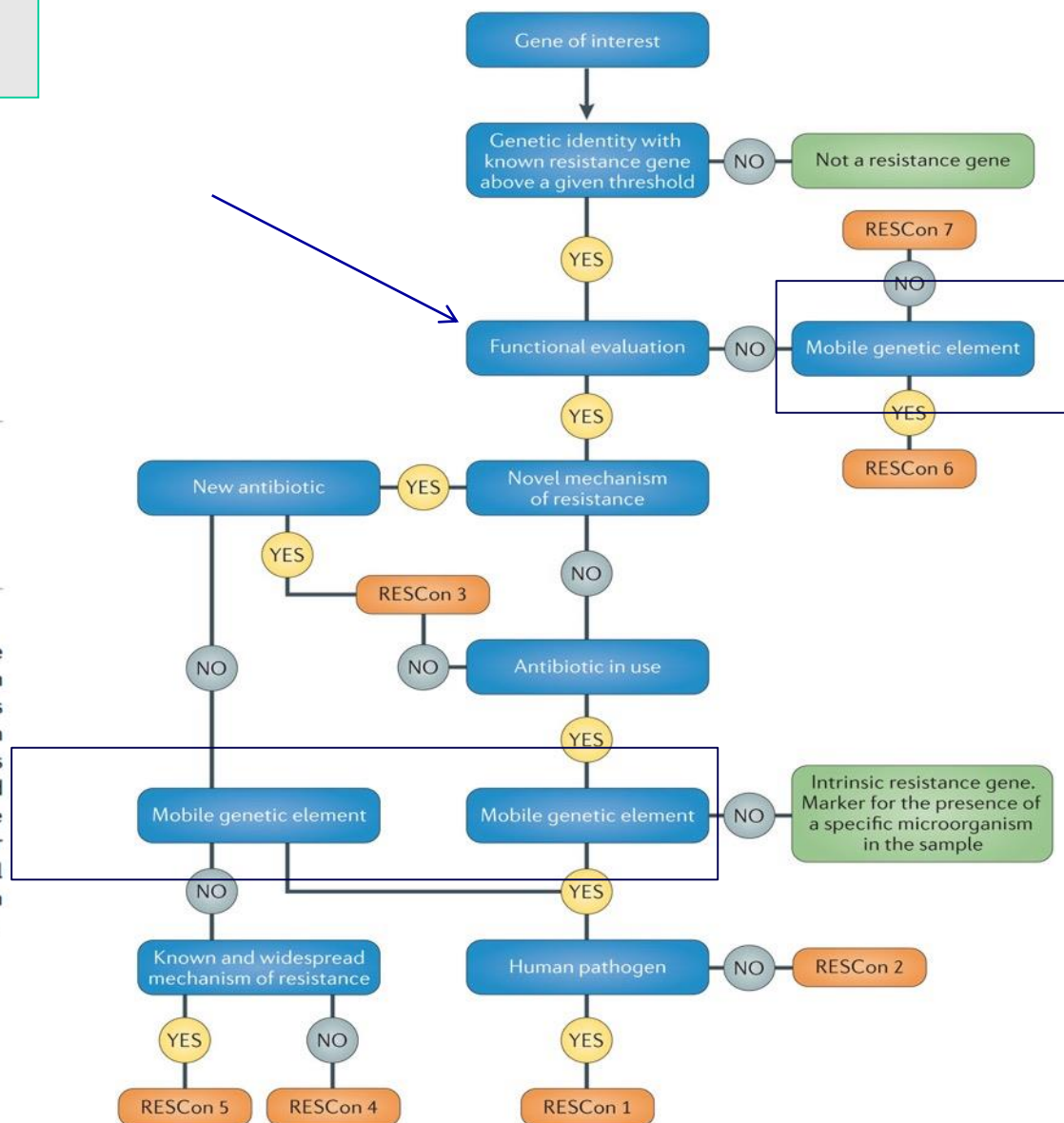
## PERSPECTIVES

### OPINION

## What is a resistance gene? Ranking risk in resistomes

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**Abstract** | Metagenomic studies have shown that antibiotic resistance genes are ubiquitous in the environment, which has led to the suggestion that there is a high risk that these genes will spread to bacteria that cause human infections. If this is true, estimating the real risk of dissemination of resistance genes from environmental reservoirs to human pathogens is therefore very difficult. In this Opinion article, we analyse the current definitions of antibiotic resistance and antibiotic resistance genes, and we describe the bottlenecks that affect the transfer of antibiotic resistance genes to human pathogens. We propose rules for estimating the risks associated with genes that are present in environmental resistomes by evaluating the likelihood of their introduction into human pathogens, and the consequences of such events for the treatment of infections.



## Prediction of the intestinal resistome by a three-dimensional structure-based method

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In summary, we developed a method, PCM, which could unveil the diversity of ARDs in the intestinal microbiota. Employing this tool, we gathered evidence that the vast majority of the ARDs we predicted showed no sign of mobility and that their abundance was correlated to gene richness. Together with the protective trait of some intestinal bacteria against antibiotics<sup>33</sup>, our results suggest that the ARDs from the intestinal microbiota might be considered as our ‘resilience allies’<sup>38</sup> assuring the preservation of the healthy commensal microbiota under antibiotic exposure.

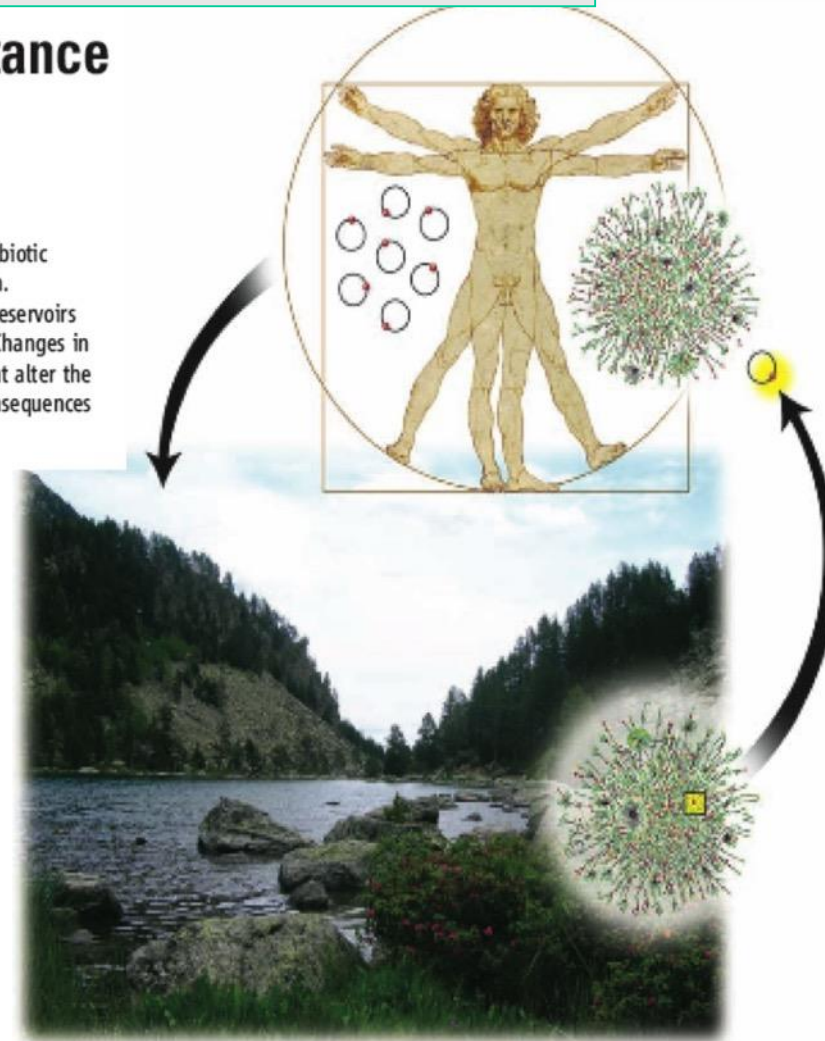
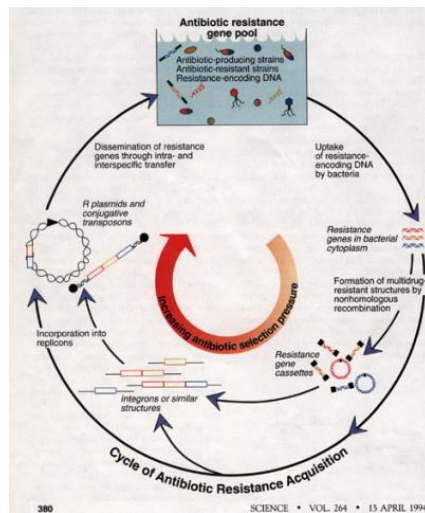


# Natural ecosystems as origin, reservoirs and vehicles for the dissemination of antibiotic resistance

## Antibiotics and Antibiotic Resistance Genes in Natural Environments

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The large majority of antibiotics currently used for treating infections and the antibiotic resistance genes acquired by human pathogens each have an environmental origin. Recent work indicates that the function of these elements in their environmental reservoirs may be very distinct from the "weapon-shield" role they play in clinical settings. Changes in natural ecosystems, including the release of large amounts of antimicrobials, might alter the population dynamics of microorganisms, including selection of resistance, with consequences for human health that are difficult to predict.

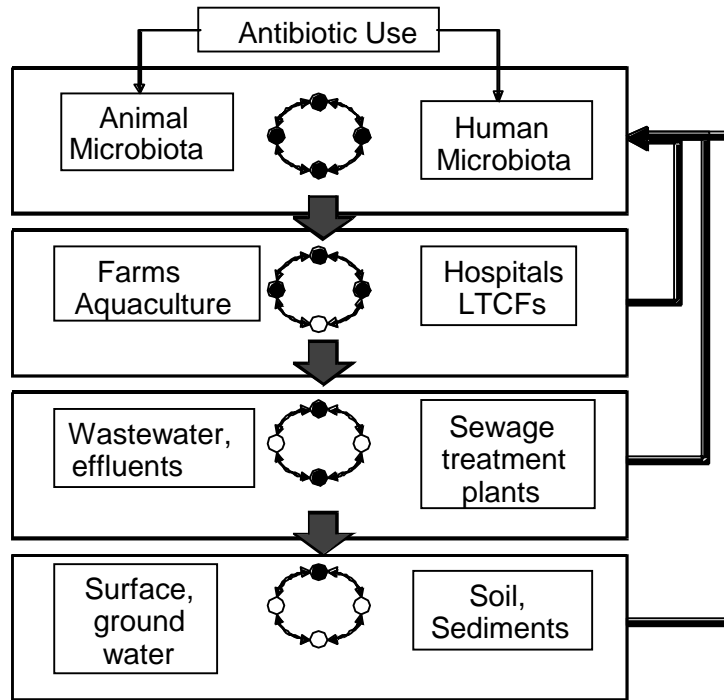


## Ecological connectivity



It was on a short-cut through the hospital kitchens that Albert was first approached by a member of the Antibiotic Resistance.

# The reactors for the building up of antibiotic resistance



REVIEW ARTICLE

## Lateral genetic transfer and the construction of genetic exchange communities

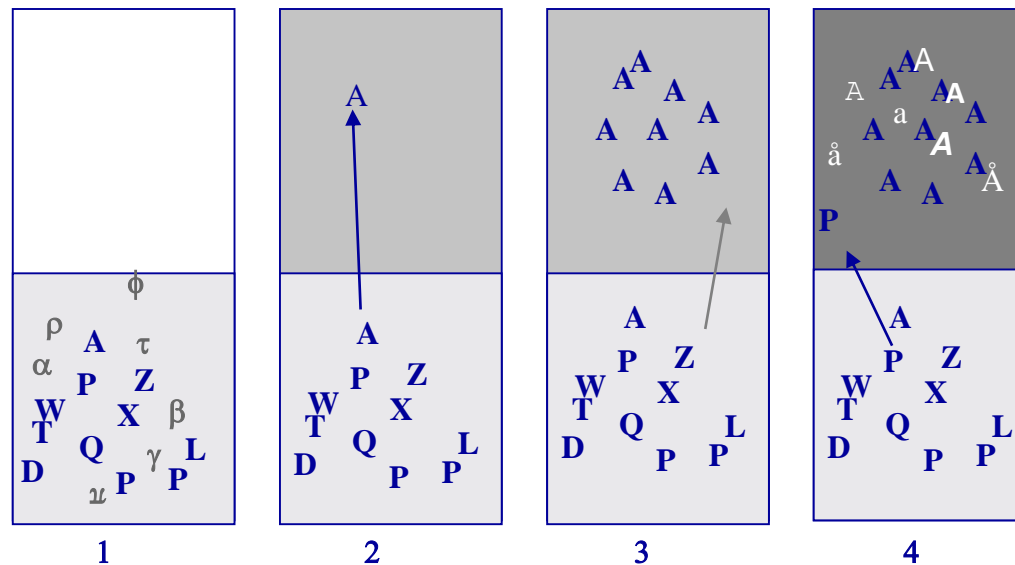
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# Founder effect in the establishment of antibiotic resistance genes

TEM-1 beta-lactamase is the first antibiotic resistance gene described.

Although several derivatives of TEM-1 (and other plasmid-encoded beta-lactamases) are selected in pathogenic bacteria, the number of completely different plasmidic beta-lactamases is rather low considering the amount of potential beta-lactamases in environmental bacteria.

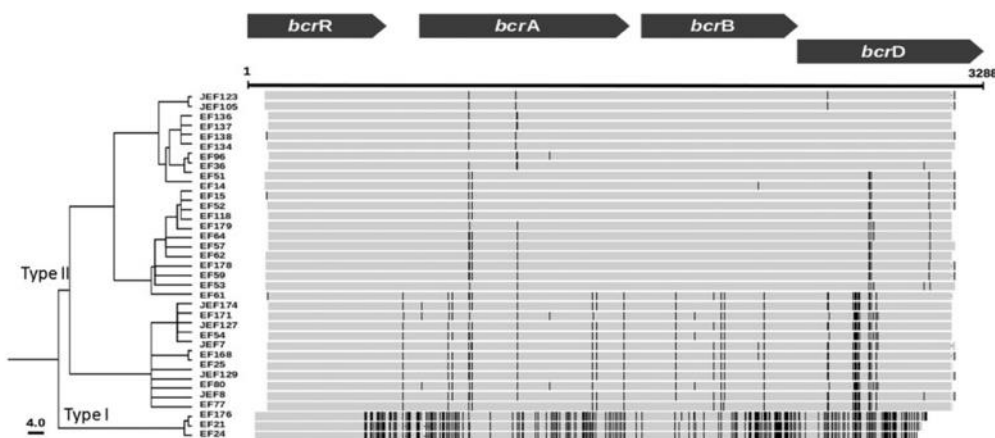




# OPEN Multilevel selection of *bcrABDR*-mediated bacitracin resistance in *Enterococcus faecalis* from chicken farms

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The figure shows the phylogenetic relationships among the different *bcrABDR* alleles studied in the present work. As shown, two major branches (Type I and Type II) can be distinguished, with the Type II allele presenting also three different subtypes. This population structure indicates that the acquisition of *bcrABDR* by *E. faecalis* has a polyphyletic origin. Each black line in the Figure represents a SNP in comparison with the consensus *bcrABDR* sequence.

## *Enterococcus cecorum* can be a reservoir of bacitracin resistance in chicken

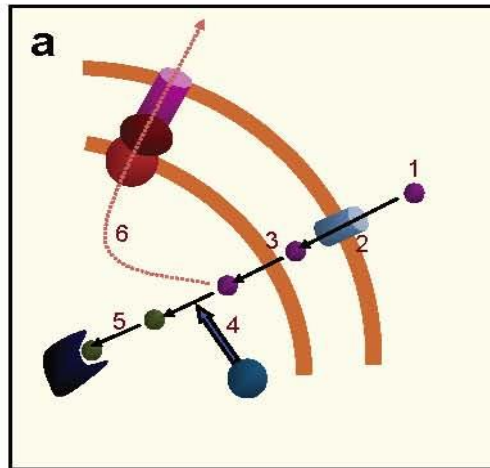
To ascertain the distribution of *bcrABDR*, the sequence of the cluster and the surrounding *ISEnfa1* was searched at NCBI DNA database. In addition to the aforementioned plasmids, Type II *bcrABDR* was found to be present in the genome of *Streptococcus pyogenes* NGAS322 as well as in the genomes of different strains of *E. cecorum* (a chicken commensal with some virulent members) isolates<sup>15,16,17</sup>, in occasions surrounded by *ISEnfa1*, in other occasions without IS present around. In addition, the genomes of *E. cecorum* also contain upstream and downstream sequences nearly identical to those found in pEF123 and other *bcrABDR*-containing plasmids. All of these will be powerful to improve *Enterococcus cecorum* can be a reservoir of bacitracin resistance in chicken. Although the whole-genome sequence methods used in this study did not allow distinguishing between chromosomal and plasmidic DNA. Since a route of transmission from *E. cecorum* towards *E. faecalis* or vice versa cannot be tracked, we cannot ascertain which is the origin of *bcrABDR*; however our results indicate that the commensal chicken microbiota can be a reservoir of transferrable bacitracin resistance that may end in relevant human pathogens as *E. faecalis*.

**Table 2**

Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) and *bcr* genotype for each of the studied *Enterococcus* isolates, according to their origin and species.

Origin	Isolate	Species	MIC (mg/L)	bcrAB	bcrABD	bcrABR	bcrABDR	Other <sup>a</sup>
Veterinary	337/03	<i>E. faecium</i>	24		x			
	1213/02	<i>E. faecalis</i>	>256	x				
	1903/02	<i>E. gallinarum</i>	>256	x				
	2151/03	<i>E. faecalis</i>	>256					x
	2479/02	<i>E. faecalis</i>	>256			x		
	3031/03	<i>E. faecalis</i>	>256				x	
	3179/03	<i>E. faecium</i>	>256			x		
	3671/03	<i>E. avium</i>	>256	x				

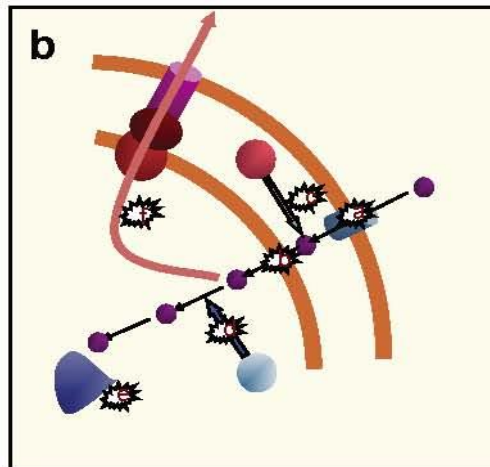
## Fitness costs associated to antibiotic resistance



**Antibiotic resistance may produce a burden on bacterial metabolism because:**

- Target proteins are very important for bacterial physiology, so that antibiotic resistance mutations in this proteins make them less proficient.
- The acquisition of a antibiotic resistance plasmid renders a metabolic cost (replication, transcription, traduction)
- .

**-Consequently, antibiotic cycling may reduce antibiotic resistance**



**-Unfortunately this is not true**

## Little evidence for reversibility of trimethoprim resistance after a drastic reduction in trimethoprim use

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**Objectives:** The worldwide rapid increase in antibiotic-resistant bacteria has made efforts to prolong the lifespan of existing antibiotics very important. Antibiotic resistance often confers a fitness cost in the bacterium. Resistance may thus be reversible if antibiotic use is discontinued or reduced. To examine this concept, we performed a 24 month voluntary restriction on the use of trimethoprim-containing drugs in Kronoberg County, Sweden.

**Methods:** The intervention was performed on a 14 year baseline of monthly data on trimethoprim resistance and consumption. A three-parameter mathematical model was used to analyse the intervention effect. The prerequisites for reversion of resistance (i.e. fitness cost, associated resistance and clonal composition) were studied on subsets of consecutively collected *Escherichia coli* from urinary tract infections.

**Results:** The use of trimethoprim-containing drugs decreased by 85% during the intervention. A marginal but statistically significant effect on the increase in trimethoprim resistance was registered. There was no change in the clonal composition of *E. coli* and there was no measurable fitness cost associated with trimethoprim resistance in clinical isolates. The frequency of associated antibiotic resistances in trimethoprim-resistant isolates was high.

**Conclusions:** A lack of detectable fitness cost of trimethoprim resistance *in vitro* together with a strong co-selection of other antibiotics could explain the rather disappointing effect of the intervention. The result emphasizes the low possibility of reverting antibiotic resistance once established and the urgent need for the development of new antibacterial agents.

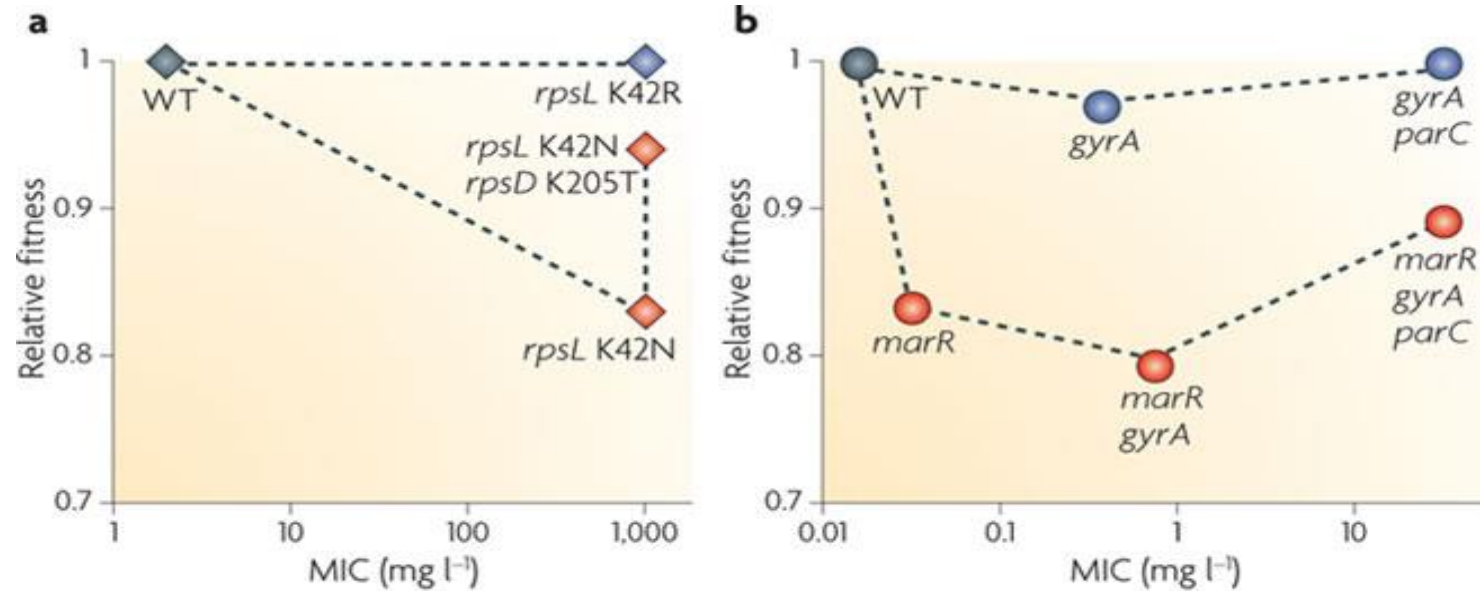
## Some mutations produce no cost

Bacteria	Resistance	Cost*	Assay system	Refs
<i>Salmonella enterica</i> subsp. <i>enterica</i> serovar Typhimurium	Streptomycin	Variable	Mice and <i>in vitro</i>	29,31,88,91
	Rifampicin	Variable	Mice and <i>in vitro</i>	29,49
	Nalidixic acid	Yes	Mice and <i>in vitro</i>	29
	Ciprofloxacin	Yes	Chickens and <i>in vitro</i>	124
	Fusidic acid	Variable	Mice and <i>in vitro</i>	40–42,92
	Mupirocin	Yes	Mice, nematodes and <i>in vitro</i>	125
	Actinonin	Yes	Mice, nematodes and <i>in vitro</i>	96
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Streptomycin	Variable	<i>In vitro</i>	126,127
	Norfloxacin	Variable	Mice and <i>in vitro</i>	58
	Rifampicin	Variable	<i>In vitro</i>	46
	Fosfomycin	Yes	Urine and <i>in vitro</i>	128
<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>	Ciprofloxacin	Variable	Chickens	34
<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	Isoniazid	Yes	Mice	73,99
	Rifampicin	Yes	Macrophages and <i>in vitro</i>	26,129,130
<i>Mycobacterium bovis</i>	Isoniazid	Yes	Mice	72
<i>Mycobacterium smegmatis</i>	Streptomycin	Variable	<i>In vitro</i>	30
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	Fusidic acid	Variable	Rats and <i>in vitro</i>	39,131,132
	Rifampicin	Variable	Biofilms and <i>in vitro</i>	45,47,133
	Mupirocin	No	Mice and <i>in vitro</i>	33,134
	Methicillin	Yes	<i>In vitro</i>	32
	Vancomycin	Variable	<i>In vitro</i>	57
<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i>	Fusidic acid	Yes	Humans	135
	Ciprofloxacin	No	Humans	135
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	Gemifloxacin	Yes	Mice and <i>in vitro</i>	136
<i>Helicobacter pylori</i>	Clarithromycin	Yes	Mice and <i>in vitro</i>	25,27
<i>Chlamydia psittaci</i>	Spectinomycin	Yes	<i>In vitro</i>	137
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Fluoroquinolone	Variable	<i>In vitro</i>	82,138
<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i>	Rifampicin	Yes	Soil	139
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Class IIa bacteriocin	Yes	<i>In vitro</i>	140
<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>	Sulfonamide	Yes	<i>In vitro</i>	141

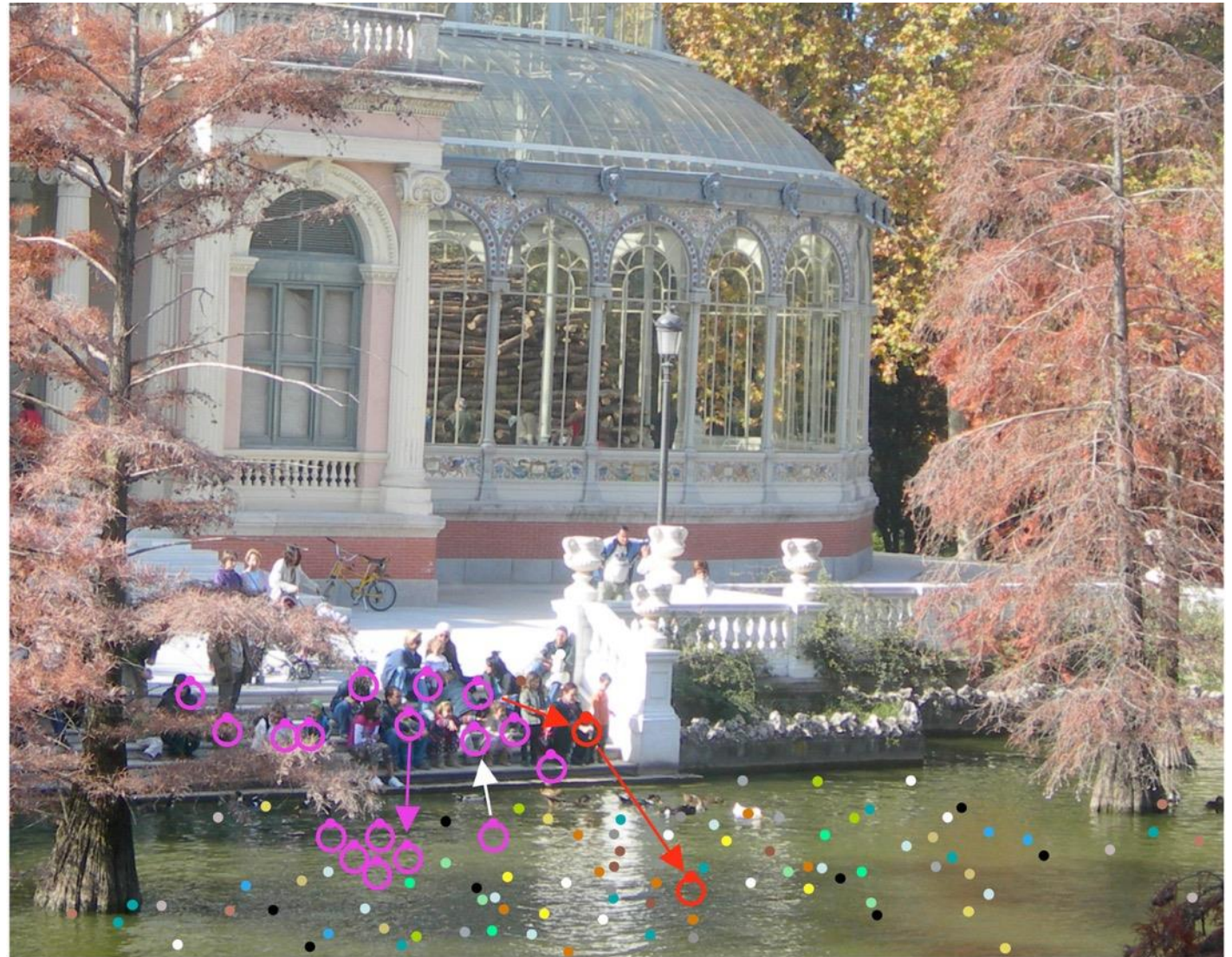
\*Yes indicates that the increase in the generation time, which is a measure of the fitness cost, ranges from several percent up to as much as 400%. Variable means that some mutations have an associated fitness cost, whereas others do not.



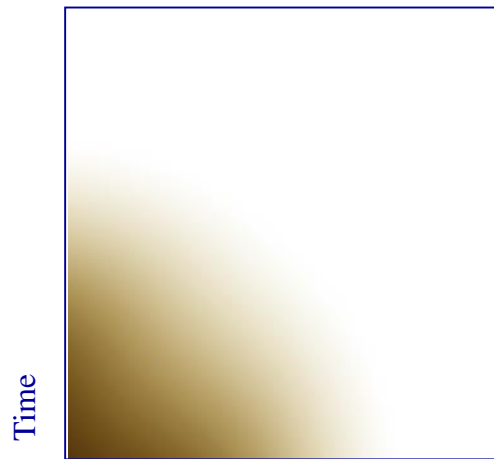
## Acquisition of secondary mechanisms of resistance may compensate fitness costs



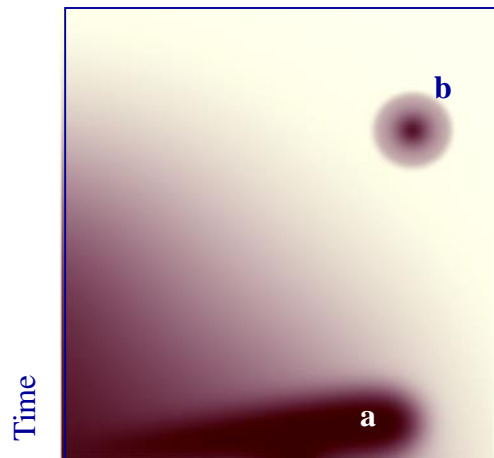
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# On the different fate pollution by antibiotics or by resistance genes



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## Unexpected Occurrence of Plasmid-mediated Quinolone Resistance Determinants in Environmental *Aeromonas* spp.

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### Plasmid-mediated quinolone resistance in *Aeromonas allosaccharophila* recovered from a Swiss lake

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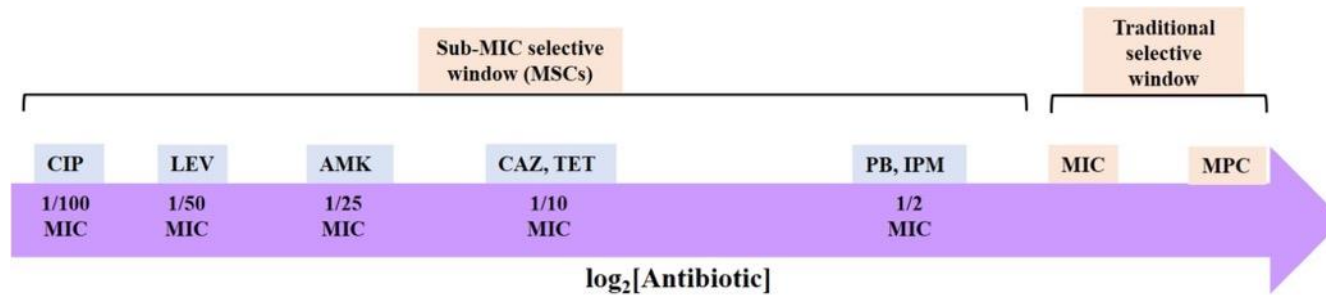
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suggests that these genes may spread silently. In addition, the fact that the same mobile insertion cassette-associated *qnrS2* structure has been found in different *Aeromonas* species from aquatic environments from distantly related geographical areas may indicate that these PMQR determinants are widespread, at least in Europe. Our findings strengthen the possible role of *Aeromonas* spp. and of mobile insertion cassette-type structures as vehicles for the dissemination of quinolone resistance markers. They may be the link between the progenitor of QnrS proteins (Vibrionaceae) and enterobacterial clinical species such as *Salmonella*.



## Special Issue Article

# Evolution under low antibiotic concentrations: a risk for the selection of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* multidrug-resistant mutants in nature



Selection requires long time because is not lethal.  
Maybe not important at clinical settings but highly  
relevant in antibiotic polluted environments as  
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HEALTH AND MEDICINE

## Antibiotic resistance in European wastewater treatment plants mirrors the pattern of clinical antibiotic resistance prevalence

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Integrated antibiotic resistance (AR) surveillance is one of the objectives of the World Health Organization global action plan on antimicrobial resistance. Urban wastewater treatment plants (UWTPs) are among the most important receptors and sources of environmental AR. On the basis of the consistent observation of an increasing north-to-south clinical AR prevalence in Europe, this study compared the influent and final effluent of 12 UWTPs located in seven countries (Portugal, Spain, Ireland, Cyprus, Germany, Finland, and Norway). Using highly parallel quantitative polymerase chain reaction, we analyzed 229 resistance genes and 25 mobile genetic elements. This first trans-Europe surveillance showed that UWTP AR profiles mirror the AR gradient observed in clinics. Antibiotic use, environmental temperature, and UWTP size were important factors related with resistance persistence and spread in the environment. These results highlight the need to implement regular surveillance and control measures, which may need to be appropriate for the geographic regions.

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# Pollution is the major source of significant resistome in natural ecosystems

## Fecal pollution can explain antibiotic resistance gene abundances in anthropogenically impacted environments

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Discharge of treated sewage leads to release of antibiotic resistant bacteria, resistance genes and antibiotic residues to the environment. However, it is unclear whether increased abundance of antibiotic resistance genes in sewage and sewage-impacted environments is due to on-site selection pressure by residual antibiotics, or is simply a result of fecal contamination with resistant bacteria. Here we analyze relative resistance gene abundance and accompanying extent of fecal pollution in publicly available metagenomic data, using crAssphage sequences as a marker of human fecal contamination (crAssphage is a bacteriophage that is exceptionally abundant in, and specific to, human feces). We find that the presence of resistance genes can largely be explained by fecal pollution, with no clear signs of selection in the environment, with the exception of environments polluted by very high levels of antibiotics from manufacturing, where selection is evident. Our results demonstrate the necessity to take into account fecal pollution levels to avoid making erroneous assumptions regarding environmental selection of antibiotic resistance.

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## Nevertheless, environmental bacteria (non-producers) are in several cases the original source of antibiotic resistance

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### Origin of Plasmid-Mediated Quinolone Resistance Determinant QnrA

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### Origin of OXA-181, an Emerging Carbapenem-Hydrolyzing Oxacillinase, as a Chromosomal Gene in *Shewanella xiamenensis*<sup>V</sup>

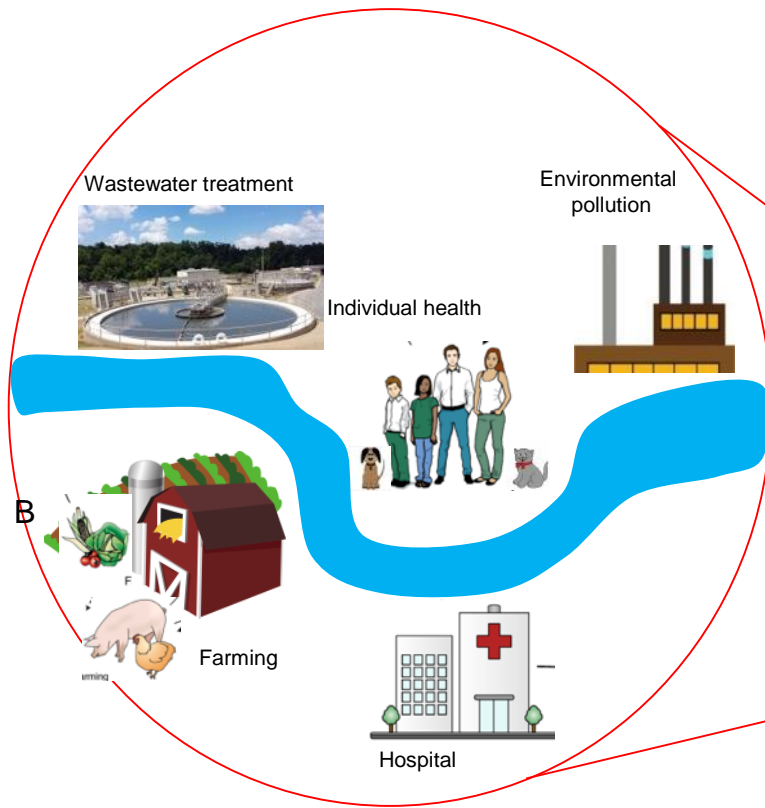
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# One Health and Global Health: Similar concepts, but not exactly the same



One Health(s)

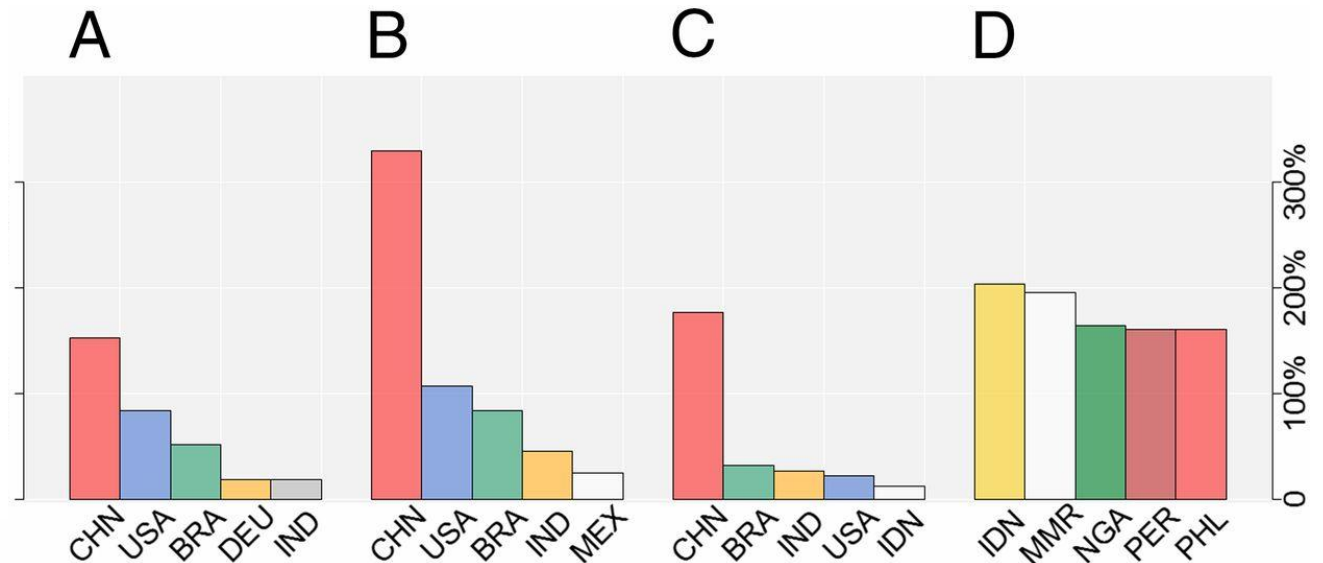


Global Health

# Global trends in antimicrobial use in food animals

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Demand for animal protein for human consumption is rising globally at an unprecedented rate. Modern animal production practices are associated with regular use of antimicrobials, potentially increasing selection pressure on bacteria to become resistant. Despite the significant potential consequences for antimicrobial resistance, there has been no quantitative measurement of global antimicrobial consumption by livestock. We address this gap by using Bayesian statistical models combining maps of livestock densities, economic projections of demand for meat products, and current estimates of antimicrobial consumption in high-income countries to map antimicrobial use in food animals for 2010 and 2030. We estimate that the global average annual consumption of antimicrobials per kilogram of animal produced was 45 mg·kg<sup>-1</sup>, 148 mg·kg<sup>-1</sup>, and 172 mg·kg<sup>-1</sup> for cattle, chicken, and pigs, respectively. Starting from this baseline, we estimate that between 2010 and 2030, the global consumption of antimicrobials will increase by 67%, from 63,151 ± 1,560 tons to 105,596 ± 3,605 tons. Up to a third of the increase in consumption in livestock between 2010 and 2030 is imputable to shifting production practices in middle-income countries where extensive farming systems will be replaced by large-scale intensive farming operations that routinely use antimicrobials in subtherapeutic doses. For Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, the increase in antimicrobial consumption will be 99%, up to seven times the projected population growth in this group of countries. Better understanding of the consequences of the uninhibited growth in veterinary antimicrobial consumption is needed to assess its potential effects on animal and human health.

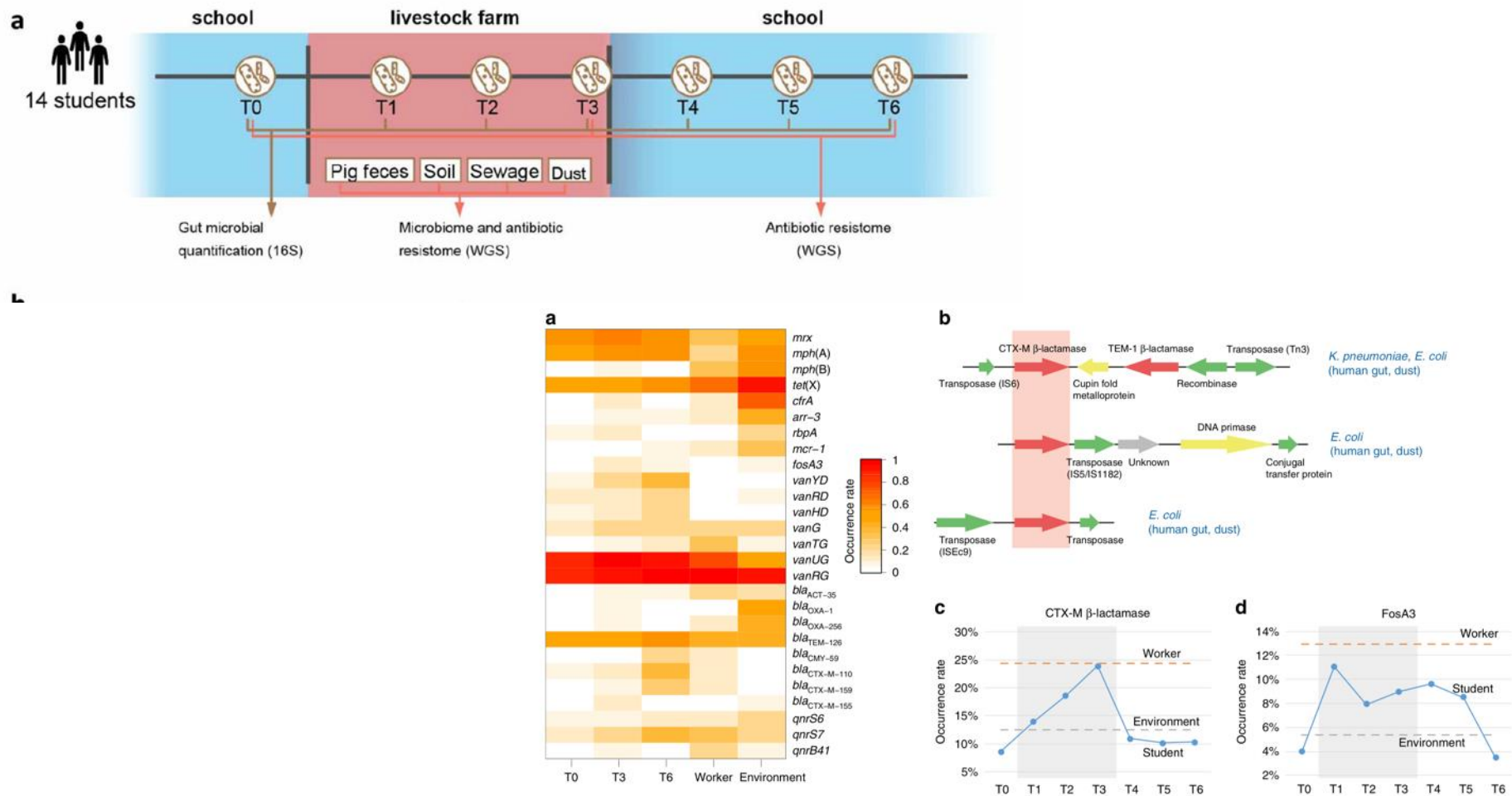


(A) Largest five consumers of antimicrobials in livestock in 2010. (B) Largest five consumers of antimicrobials in livestock in 2030 (projected). (C) Largest Increase in antimicrobial consumption between 2010 and 2030. (D) Largest relative increase in antimicrobial consumption between 2010 and 2030.



# Environmental remodeling of human gut microbiota and antibiotic resistome in livestock farms

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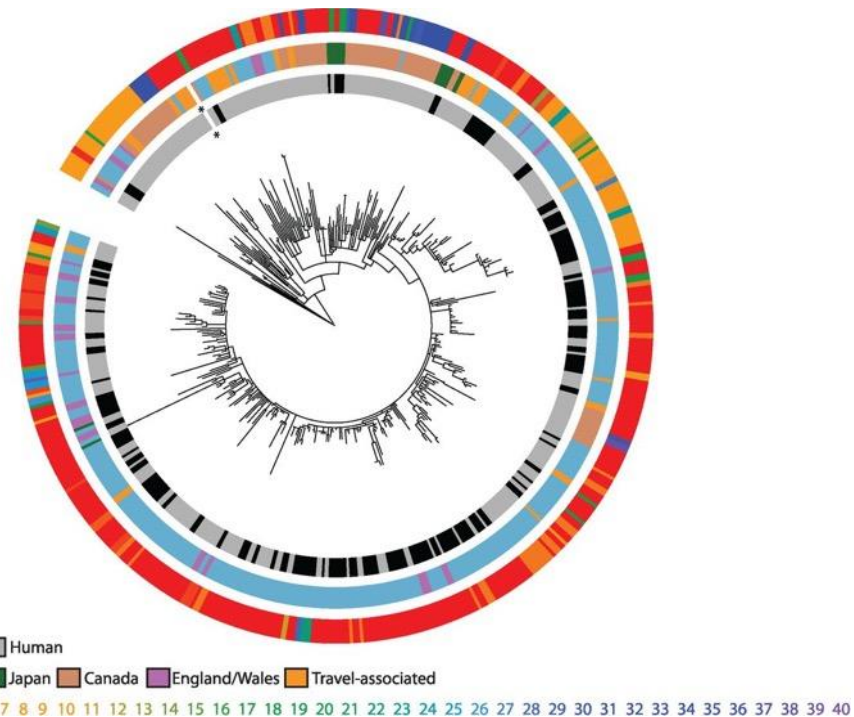


# Antibiotic resistance in humans and in other animals: Non all strains are eco-equivalent

## Distinguishable Epidemics of Multidrug-Resistant *Salmonella* Typhimurium DT104 in Different Hosts

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The global epidemic of multidrug-resistant *Salmonella* Typhimurium DT104 provides an important example, both in terms of the agent and its resistance, of a widely disseminated zoonotic pathogen. Here, with an unprecedented national collection of isolates collected contemporaneously from humans and animals and including a sample of internationally derived isolates, we have used whole-genome sequencing to dissect the phylogenetic associations of the bacterium and its antimicrobial resistance genes through the course of an epidemic. Contrary to current tenets supporting a single homogeneous epidemic, we demonstrate that the bacterium and its resistance genes were largely maintained within animal and human populations separately and that there was limited transmission, in either direction. We also show considerable variation in the resistance profiles, in contrast to the largely stable bacterial core genome, which emphasizes the critical importance of integrated genotypic data sets in understanding the ecology of bacterial zoonoses and antimicrobial resistance.



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## *Staphylococcus aureus* CC398: Host Adaptation and Emergence of Methicillin Resistance in Livestock

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**IMPORTANCE** Modern food animal production is characterized by densely concentrated animals and routine antibiotic use, which may facilitate the emergence of novel antibiotic-resistant zoonotic pathogens. Our findings strongly support the idea that livestock-associated MRSA CC398 originated as MSSA in humans. The jump of CC398 from humans to livestock was accompanied by the loss of phage-carried human virulence genes, which likely attenuated its zoonotic potential, but it was also accompanied by the acquisition of tetracycline and methicillin resistance. Our findings exemplify a bidirectional zoonotic exchange and underscore the potential public health risks of widespread antibiotic use in food animal production.

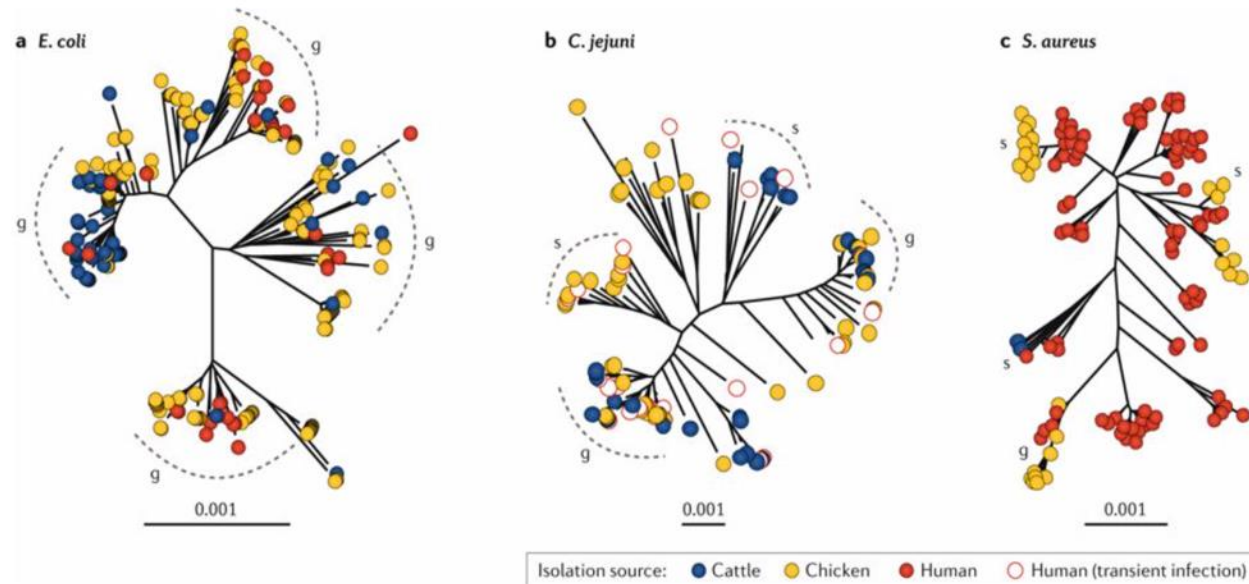
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## Fig. 1: Host-associated genetic structure in bacterial populations.

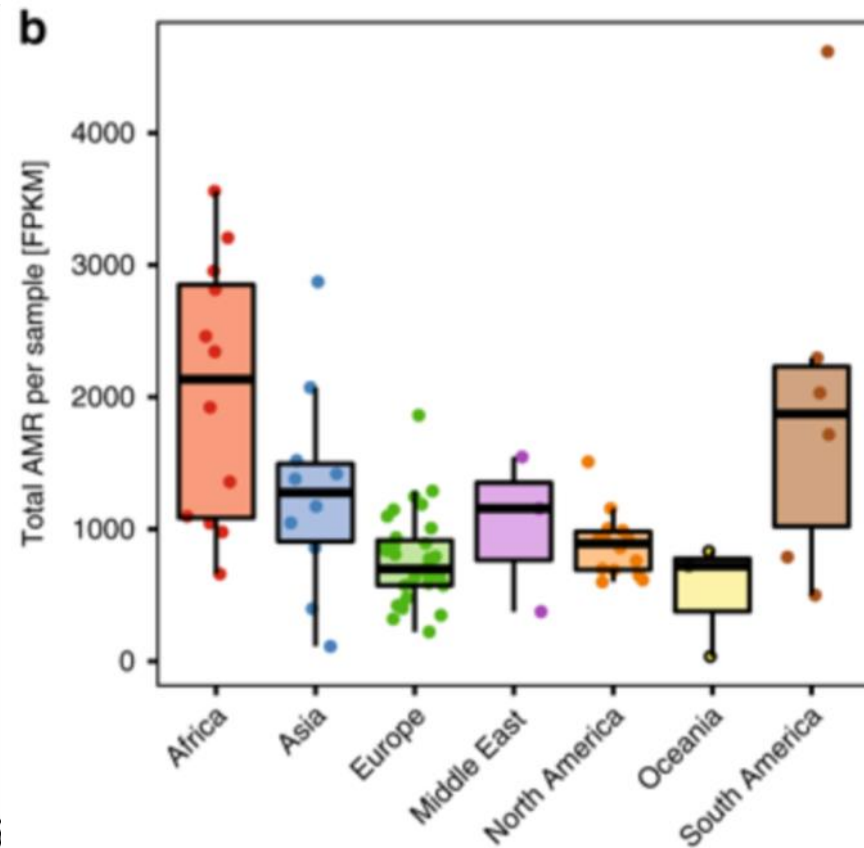
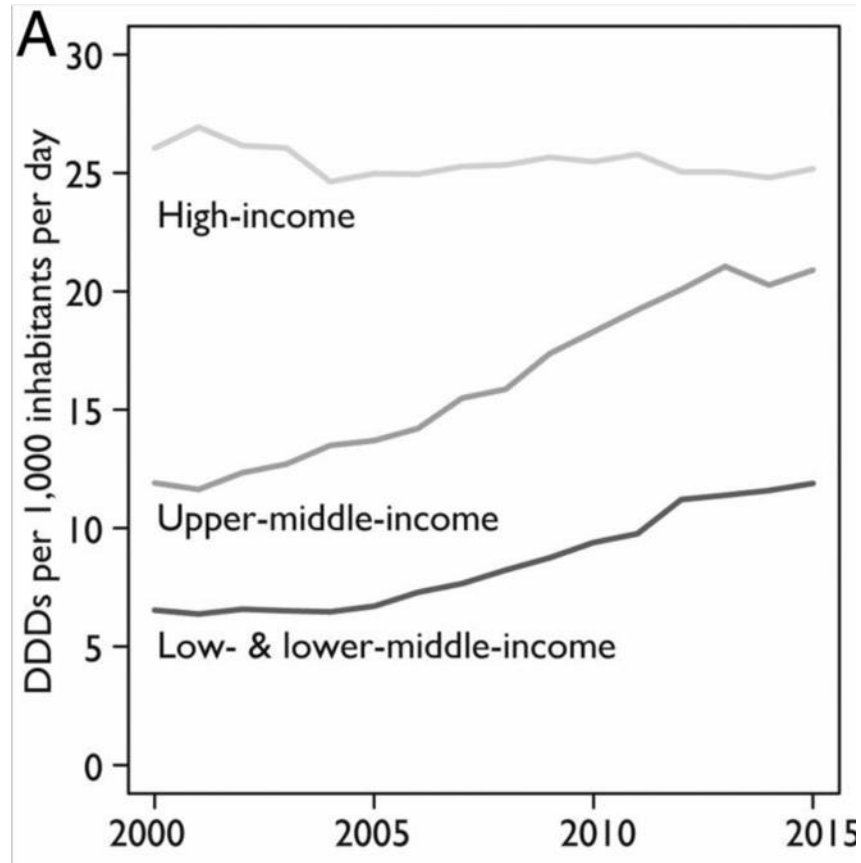
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The degree to which lineage structure is related to host source varies between multi-host pathogen species. Neighbour-joining trees (constructed from 52 concatenated ribosomal protein gene sequences) are shown for three different bacterial species from three different host sources. **a** | For *Escherichia coli*, it is difficult to link host niche with genotype because isolates from all major phylogroups are represented in multiple isolate sources. **b** | For *Campylobacter jejuni*, there are host-restricted (specialist) lineages, but some lineages are found in multiple hosts and can be termed generalists. **c** | For *Staphylococcus aureus*, lineages are largely host restricted, but generalist lineages can occur. The scale bar represents a genetic distance of 0.001. s, specialist; g, generalist.



# Economy and the use of antibiotics: Antibiotic selective pressure is not the main reason for inter-country differences in antibiotic resistance



# Reduction of antibiotic resistance genes at Waste Water Treatment Plants: Impact in the dissemination of antibiotic resistance

## Dissemination of NDM-1 positive bacteria in the New Delhi environment and its implications for human health: an environmental point prevalence study



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### Summary

**Background** Not all patients infected with NDM-1-positive bacteria have a history of hospital admission in India, and extended-spectrum  $\beta$ -lactamases are known to be circulating in the Indian community. We therefore measured the prevalence of the NDM-1 gene in drinking water and seepage samples in New Delhi.

**Methods** Swabs absorbing about 100  $\mu$ L of seepage water (ie, water pools in streets or rivulets) and 15 mL samples of public tap water were collected from sites within a 12 km radius of central New Delhi, with each site photographed and documented. Samples were transported to the UK and tested for the presence of the NDM-1 gene, *bla*<sub>NDM-1</sub>, by PCR and DNA probing. As a control group, 100  $\mu$ L sewage effluent samples were taken from the Cardiff Wastewater Treatment Works, Tremorfa, Wales. Bacteria from all samples were recovered and examined for *bla*<sub>NDM-1</sub> by PCR and sequencing. We identified NDM-1-positive isolates, undertook susceptibility testing, and, where appropriate, typed the isolates. We undertook Inc typing on *bla*<sub>NDM-1</sub>-positive plasmids. Transconjugants were created to assess plasmid transfer frequency and its relation to temperature.

**Findings** From Sept 26 to Oct 10, 2010, 171 seepage samples and 50 tap water samples from New Delhi and 70 sewage effluent samples from Cardiff Wastewater Treatment Works were collected. We detected *bla*<sub>NDM-1</sub> in two of 50 drinking-water samples and 51 of 171 seepage samples from New Delhi; the gene was not found in any sample from Cardiff. Bacteria with *bla*<sub>NDM-1</sub> were grown from 12 of 171 seepage samples and two of 50 water samples, and included 11 species in which NDM-1 has not previously been reported, including *Shigella boydii* and *Vibrio cholerae*. Carriage by enterobacteria, aeromonads, and *V. cholera* was stable, generally transmissible, and associated with resistance patterns typical for NDM-1; carriage by non-fermenters was unstable in many cases and not associated with typical resistance. 20 strains of bacteria were found in the samples, 12 of which carried *bla*<sub>NDM-1</sub> on plasmids, which ranged in size from 140 to 400 kb. Isolates of *Aeromonas caviae* and *V. cholerae* carried *bla*<sub>NDM-1</sub> on chromosomes. Conjugative transfer was more common at 30°C than at 25°C or 37°C.

**Interpretation** The presence of NDM-1  $\beta$ -lactamase-producing bacteria in environmental samples in New Delhi has important implications for people living in the city who are reliant on public water and sanitation facilities. International surveillance of resistance, incorporating environmental sampling as well as examination of clinical isolates, needs to be established as a priority.

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# International transmission of antibiotic resistance

Reference(s)	Resistant organism	Antibiotic resistance	Route of importation	Likely mode of importation
[57]	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	$\beta$ -Lactams, mediated by plasmid-borne SHV-5 $\beta$ -lactamase gene	Indian subcontinent to United Kingdom	Human travel
[58, 59]	<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	Multiple antibiotics	Developing countries (mainly South Asia) to United States and Canada	Human travel
[31]	MRSA	Multiple antibiotics	Great Britain to The Netherlands	Human travel (health workers)
[60]	MRSA	Multiple antibiotics	Brazil to Portugal	Unknown
[45]	<i>Shigella sonnei</i>	Ampicillin, TMP-SMX, streptomycin	Mexico to United States	Imported food (parsley)
[4]	<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>	Quinolones	Europe and Asia to United States	Human travel
[61]	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> 6B	Multiple antibiotics	Spain to Iceland	Unknown

**NOTE.** MRSA, methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*; SHV-5, sulphydryl variable-5; TMP-SMX, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole.

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## Emergence of Resistant Fecal *Escherichia coli* in Travelers Not Taking Prophylactic Antimicrobial Agents

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# International transmission of antibiotic resistance: The path from high-incidence to low incidence countries

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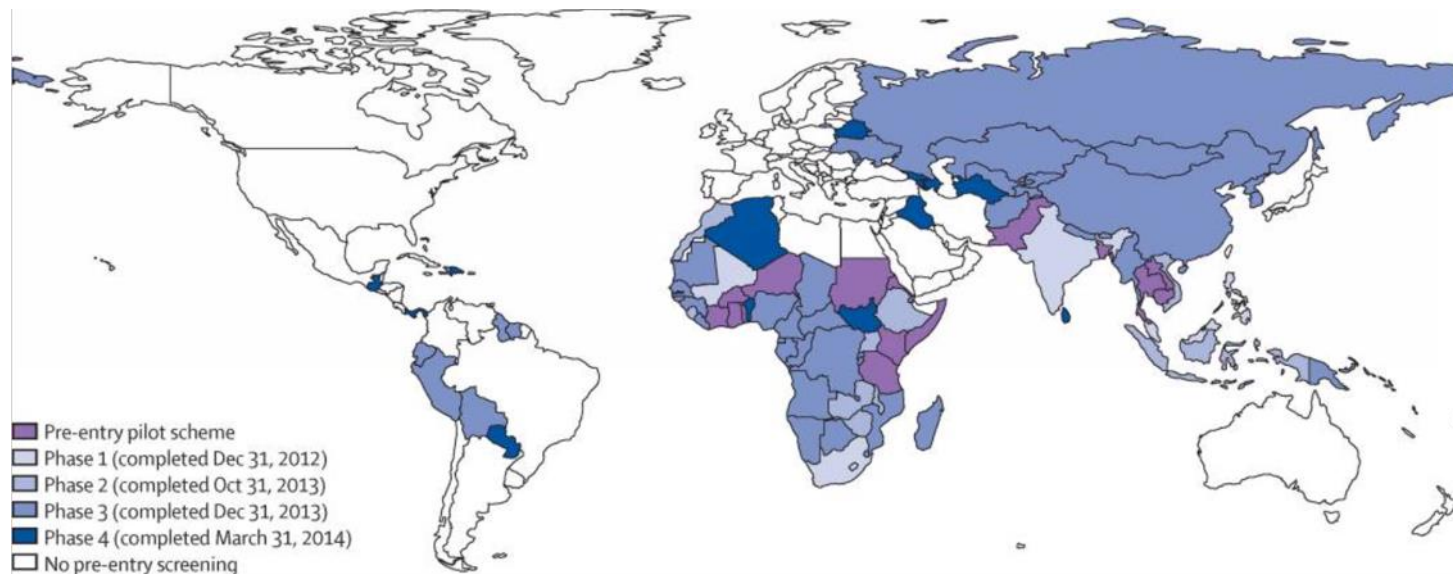


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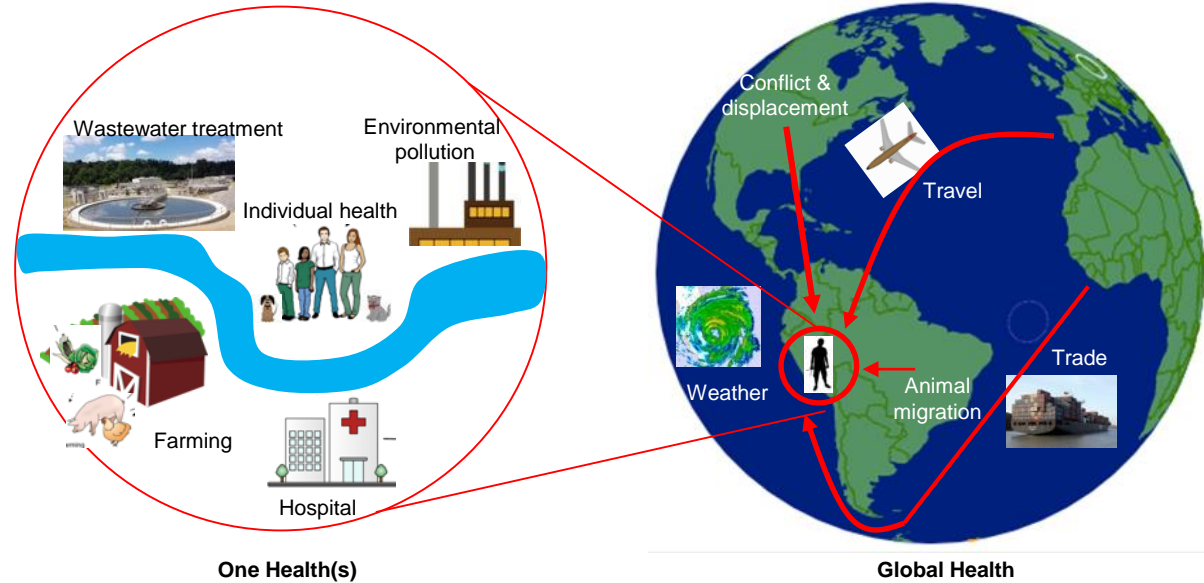
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## Different levels for fighting antibiotic resistance



Individual Health: Direct therapeutic actions

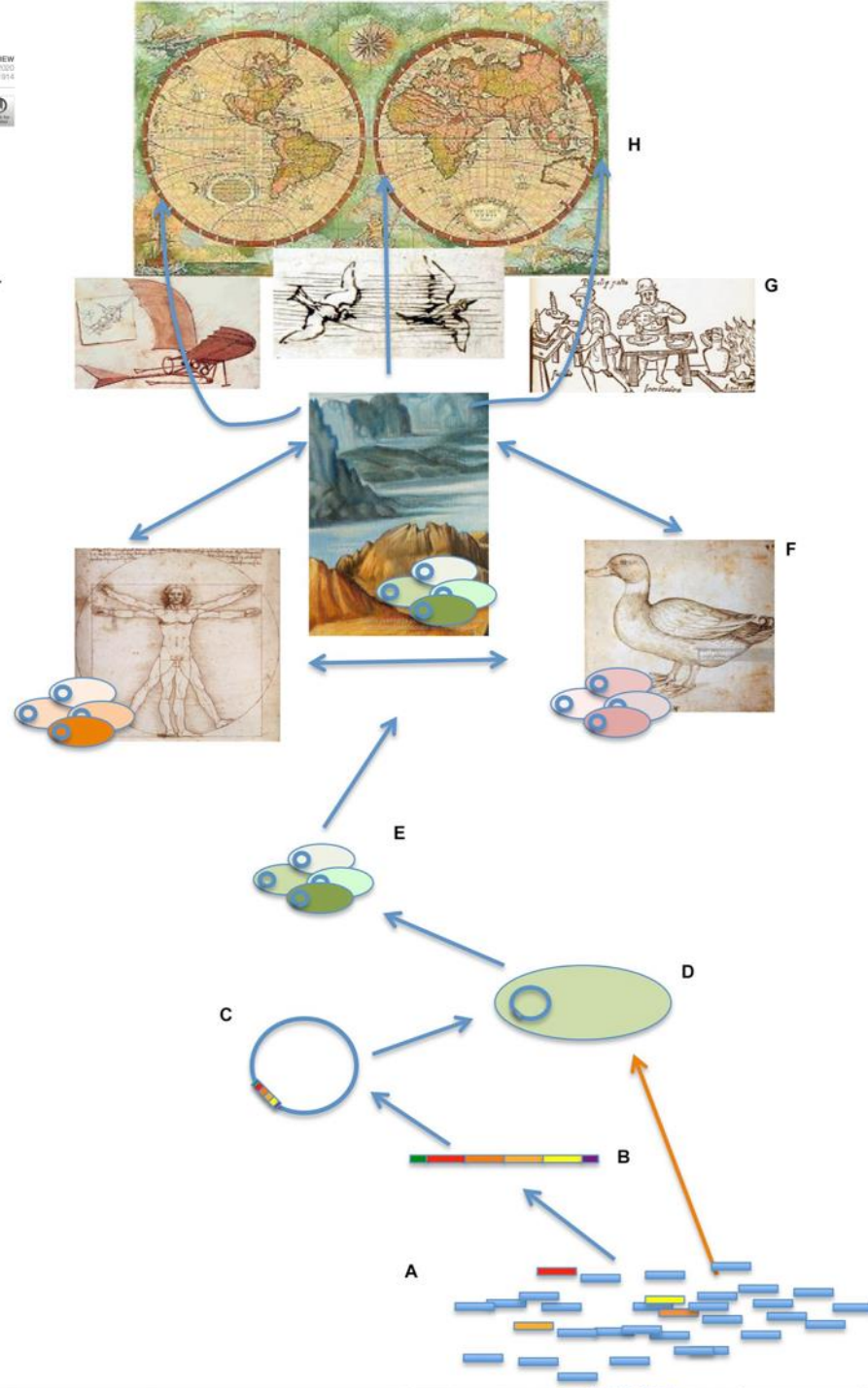
One-Health: Direct actions and regulations that require the approval of local (national) authorities.

Global Health: Mainly recommendations: Soft power (UN, WHO) important. Hard power is over for Health issues that have ethical, political and economical consequences.



# Antibiotic Resistance: Moving From Individual Health Norms to Social Norms in One Health and Global Health

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## Gaps

Quantitative models for analyzing the impact of socioeconomic and cultural issues in AR spread

Determination of the clones that act as AR shuttles among different ecosystems  
Surveillance of high-risk ARGs in human and animal microbiota

Sanitation  
Prevention of crowding  
Containment measures  
Wastewater treatment at hospitals  
Precautions for cross-infection.  
Development of new antibiotics, including multitarget drugs and anti-resistance drugs  
Evolution-based strategies for using antibiotics based in the exploitation of evolutionary trade-offs of AR evolution, as collateral sensitivity  
Preservation of autologous microbiota  
Heterologous microbiota transplantation for displacing ARBs  
Immunity enhancers  
Non-antibiotic therapy  
Vaccination, including anti-AR vaccines

More precise identification of gene-exchange communities  
Identification and surveillance of AR in bacterial primary producers

Are bacteria (environmental or human linked) acting as hubs for AR dissemination?

Are there environmental-linked MGEs acting as intermediates for ARGs acquisition?

## Interventions

Implementation of Global (Public) Health programs focusing in AR  
Implementation of Public/Private programs for developing novel antibiotic and non antibiotic based anti-infective approaches  
International vaccination programs  
International surveillance of the emergence and spread of high-risk ARGs and ARBs  
Global actions (education, communication) to improve norms for tackling AR as a social and an ecological problem.

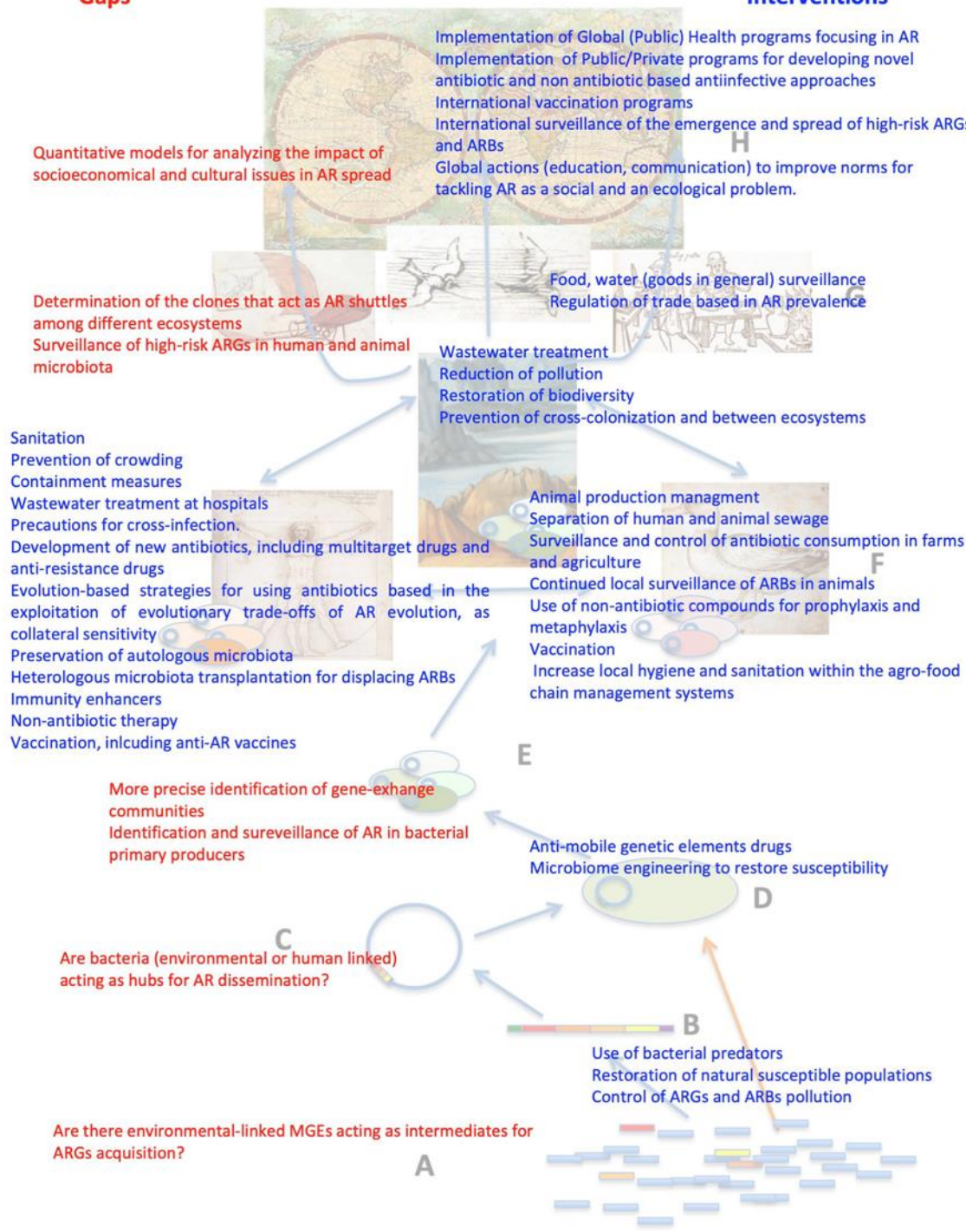
Food, water (goods in general) surveillance  
Regulation of trade based in AR prevalence

Wastewater treatment  
Reduction of pollution  
Restoration of biodiversity  
Prevention of cross-colonization and between ecosystems

Animal production management  
Separation of human and animal sewage  
Surveillance and control of antibiotic consumption in farms and agriculture  
Continued local surveillance of ARBs in animals  
Use of non-antibiotic compounds for prophylaxis and metaphylaxis  
Vaccination  
Increase local hygiene and sanitation within the agro-food chain management systems

Anti-mobile genetic elements drugs  
Microbiome engineering to restore susceptibility

Use of bacterial predators  
Restoration of natural susceptible populations  
Control of ARGs and ARBs pollution

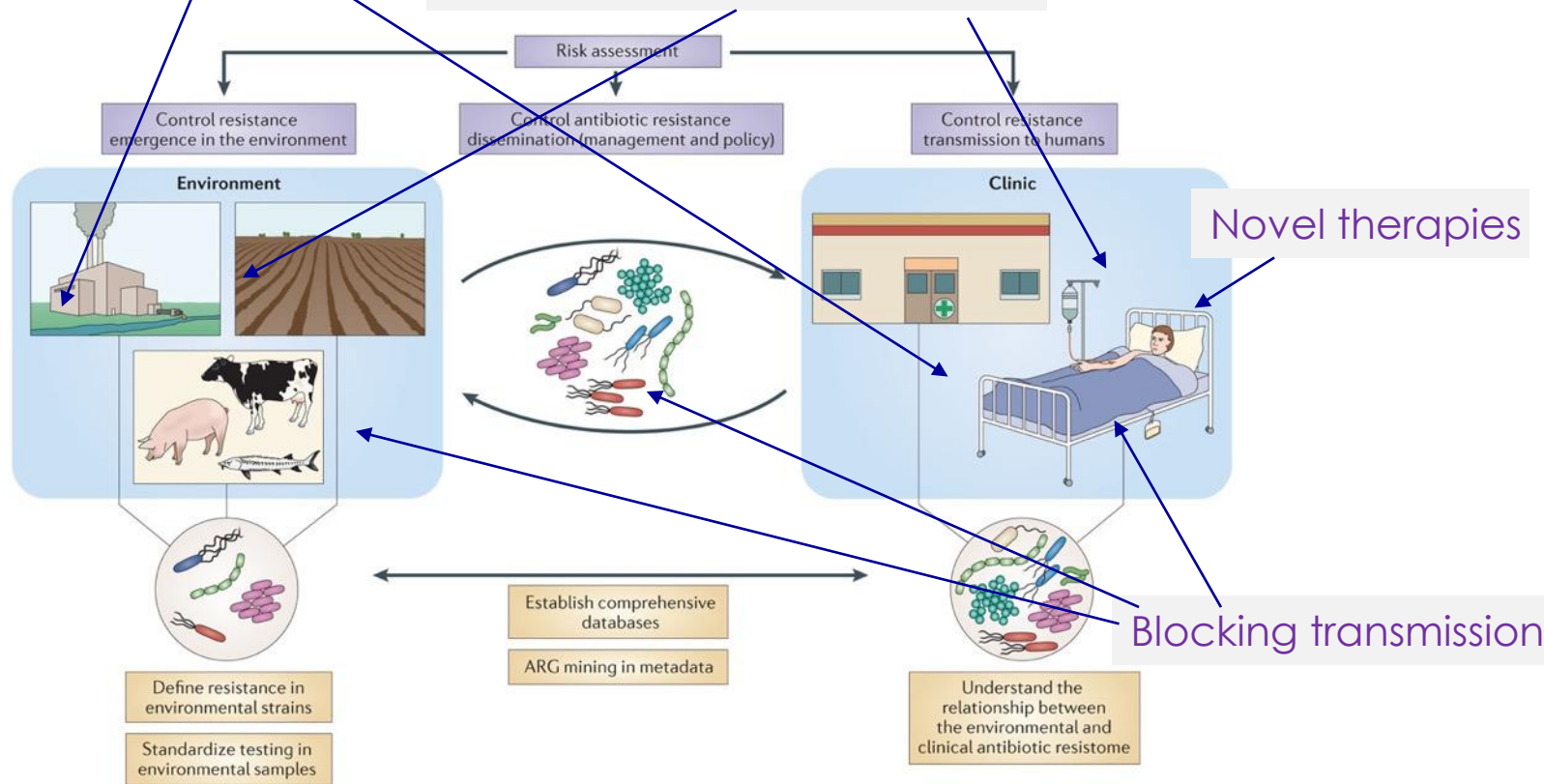




# Breaking transmission of antibiotic resistance: The resistance entities

Restoring susceptible populations

Reduction of selection pressure



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# The need of Universal Health Services: What Public Health means?

The current focus in the political, economical and ethical aspects.  
We need moving to technical issues

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## The economic cost of an epidemic

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