

Antibiotic Resistance

Monika Dolejská

Department of Biology and Wildlife Diseases
University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno

Overview



- **ANTIBIOTICS**
- Role of **VETERINARY** medicine
- **ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE**
 - definition, origin, evolution, causes and consequences
- **MECHANISMS** of resistance
 - strategies that bacteria use to resist antibiotics
- **TRANSFER** of resistant bacteria and genes

What is antibiotic?

Anti = “against” and bios = “life”

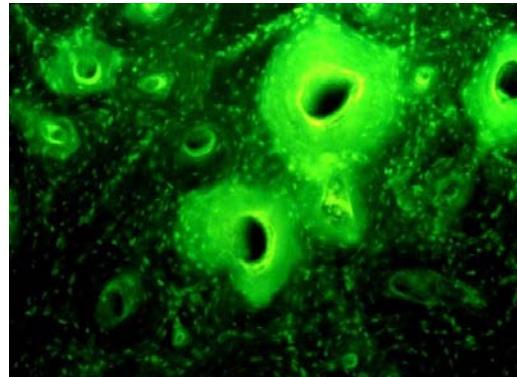


antibiosis – life is used to destroy another life



History of antibiotics

“Natural, synthetic/semisynthetic compound that can inhibit or kill sensitive microbes”



Antibiotics and egyptian mummies
(1980, tetracycline, Nubia 550 years B.C.)



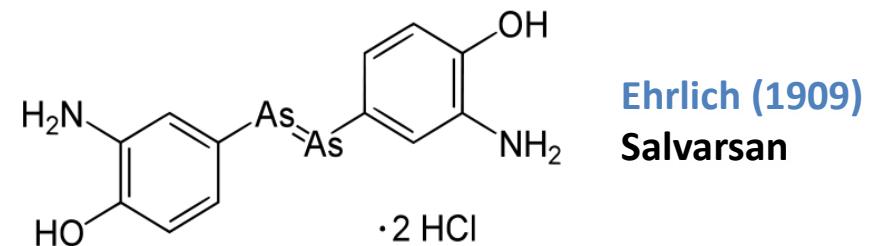
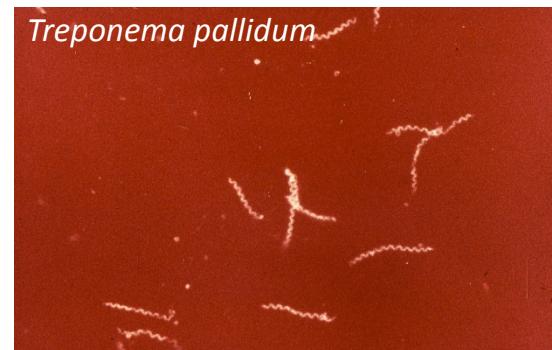
“beer” with *Streptomyces* and tetracycline



History of antibiotics



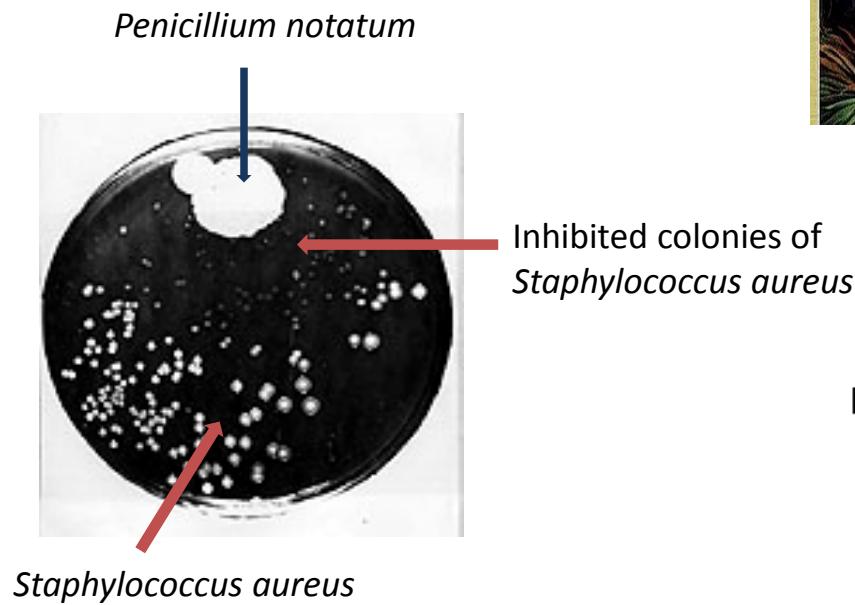
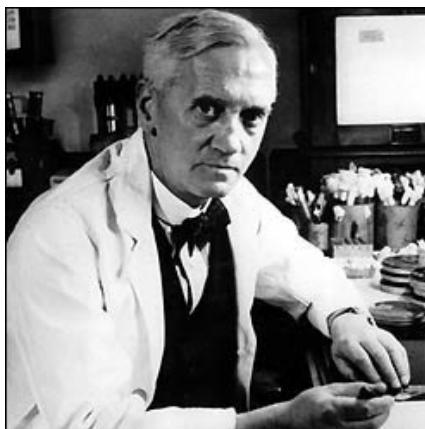
Bacillus pyocyanus
(*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*)
Charin a Gugnard (1889)
„pyocyanase“



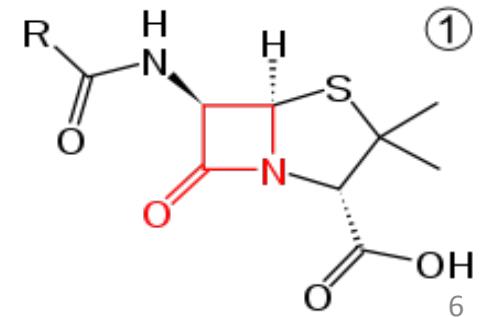
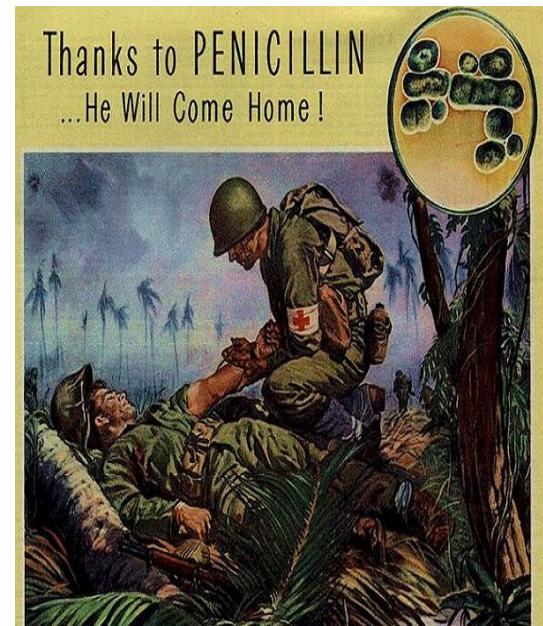
➤ **Vaudremer (1913)**

History of antibiotics

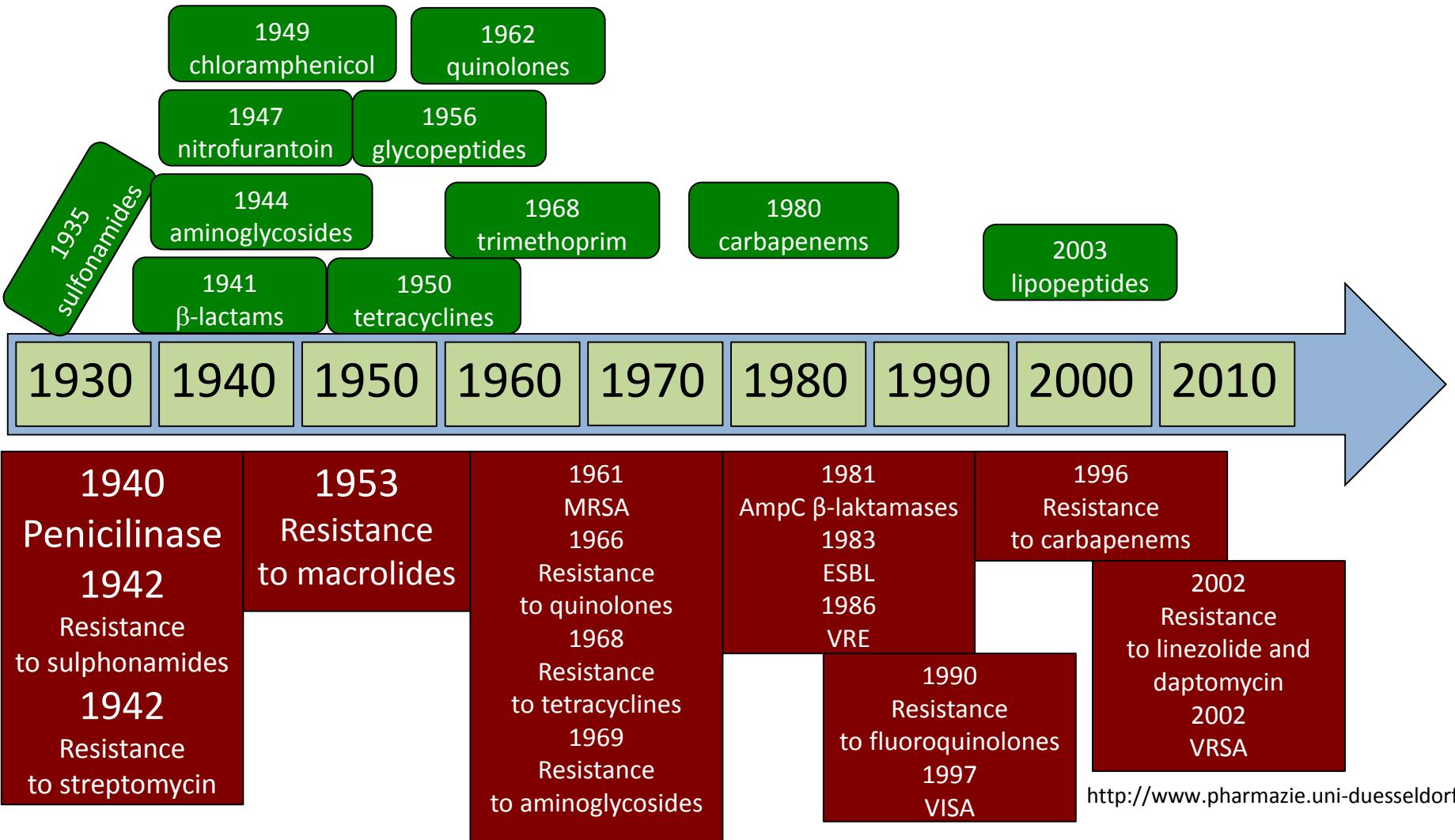
- Penicillin in 1929 - Alexander Fleming
- 2nd World War
- Golden era of antibiotics
- 150 types used today



Alexander Fleming
(1881-1955)



Antibiotics and resistance – Timeline





Antibiotic resistance

Resistance to antibiotics is the ability of bacteria and other microorganisms to resist the effects of an antibiotic to which they were once sensitive

- Worldwide problem
- Misuse and overuse of antibiotics
- Threatens effective prevention and treatment of infectious diseases
- Increased mortality and morbidity
- Persistence of infections and increased risk of transfer to other individuals
- Economic costs
- Threat for modern society

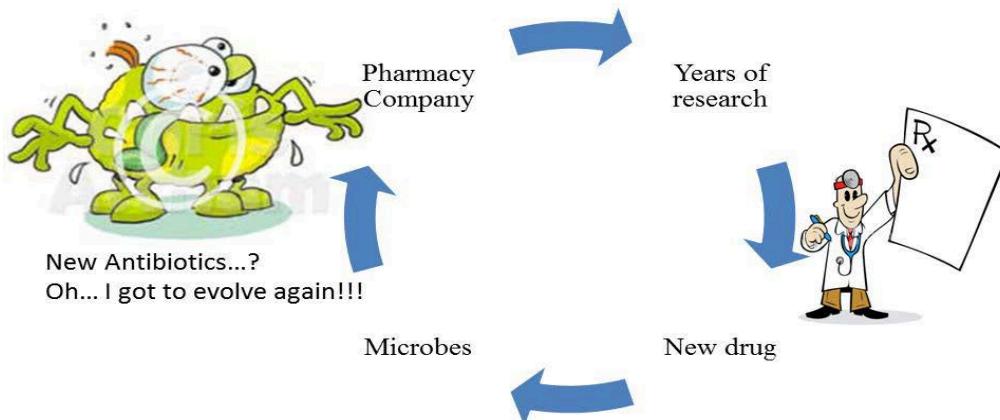
EUROPE

25 000 death/year from MDR hospital infections

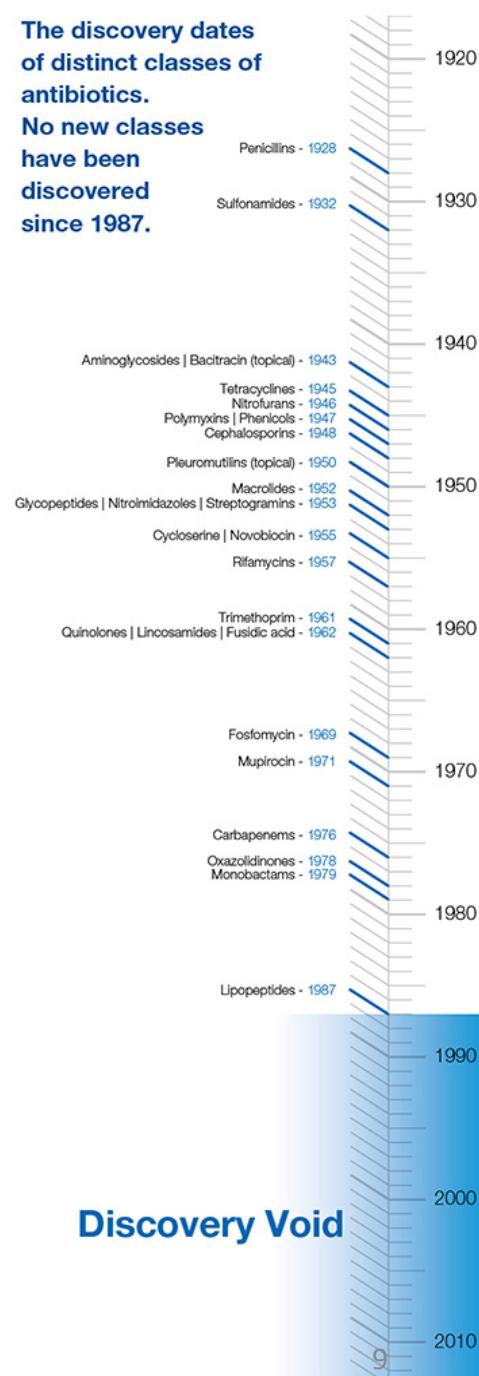
€1.5 billion / year - costs of extra health-care costs and productivity losses

Antibiotic resistance

- Increasing, multiresistance, novel mechanisms
- Absence of effective antibiotics and limited development of novel drugs
 - call from the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) to introduce 10 new systemic antibacterial drugs by 2020
- Predictions of a medical catastrophe and return to pre-antibiotic era



The discovery dates of distinct classes of antibiotics.
No new classes have been discovered since 1987.



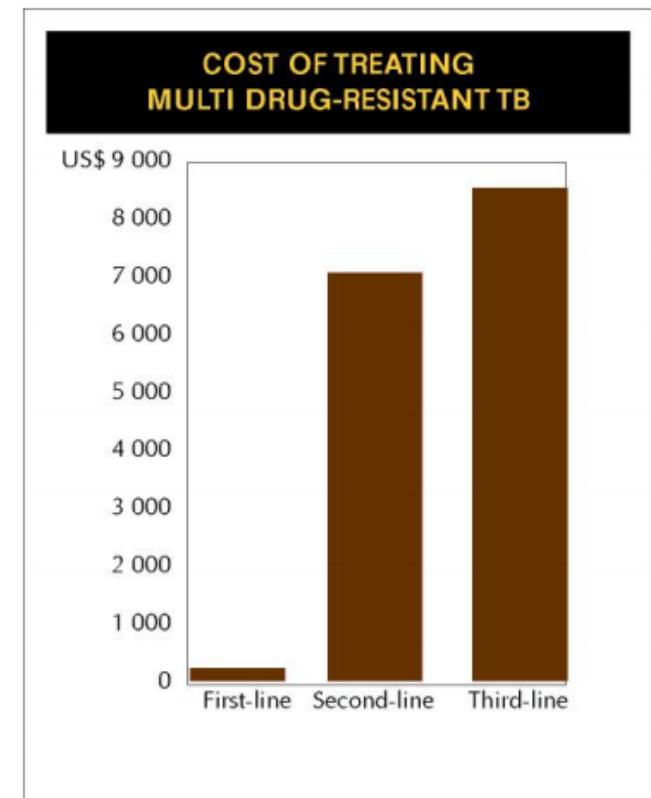
Antibiotic resistance - economic burden

Multiresistant *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

penicillin \$0.24

linezolid \$86.90

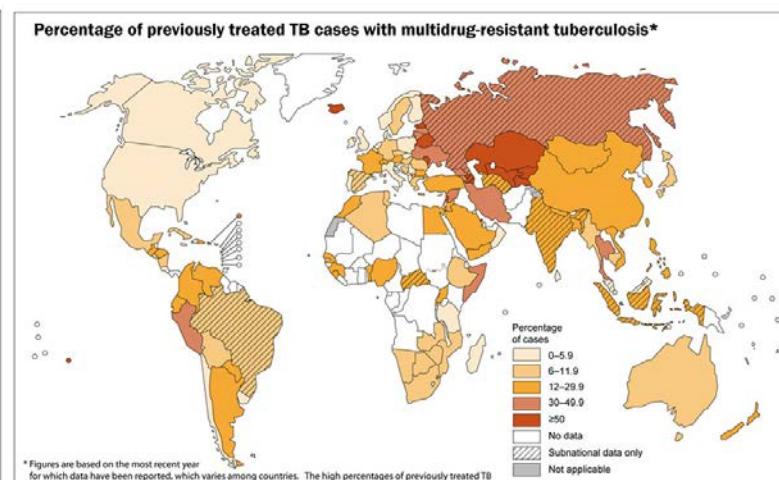
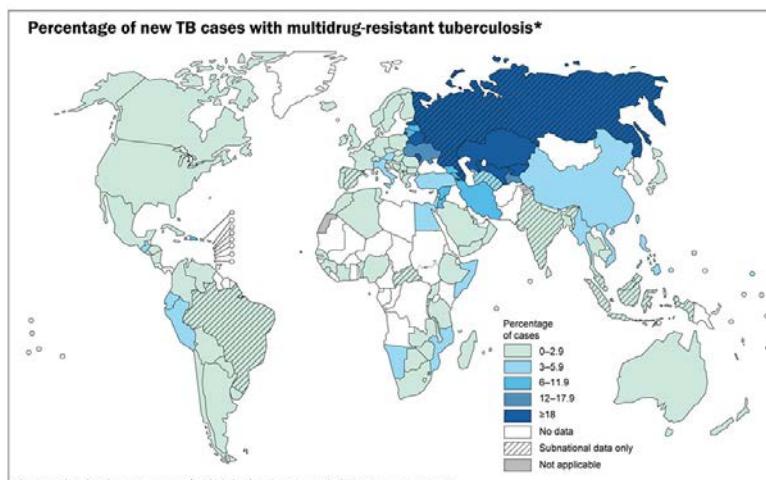
360 x as much



Source: Farmer et al. *The Global Impact of Drug Resistant Tuberculosis*, Harvard Medical School and Open Society Institute: pp. 168, 1999

“Hot issues”:

- | | | |
|-----------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Bacteria |  | <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> |
| HIV | | <i>Escherichia coli</i> |
| Malaria | | <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> |
| Influenza | | <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> |
| | | <i>Clostridium difficile</i> |
| | | <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> |



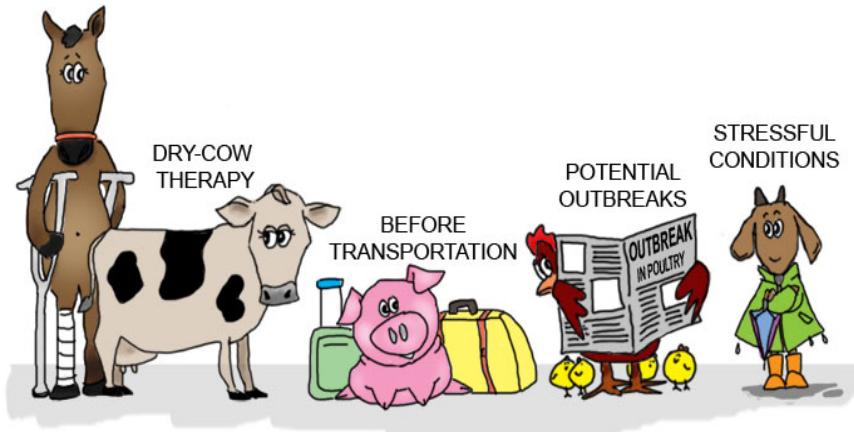
Antibiotics in veterinary medicine



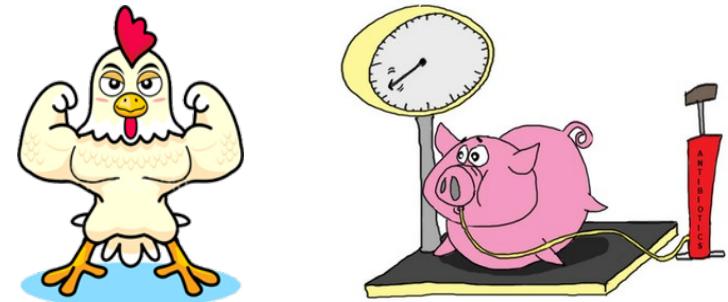
Antibiotics in veterinary medicine

All veterinary antibiotics have they analogues in human medicine – cross-resistance!

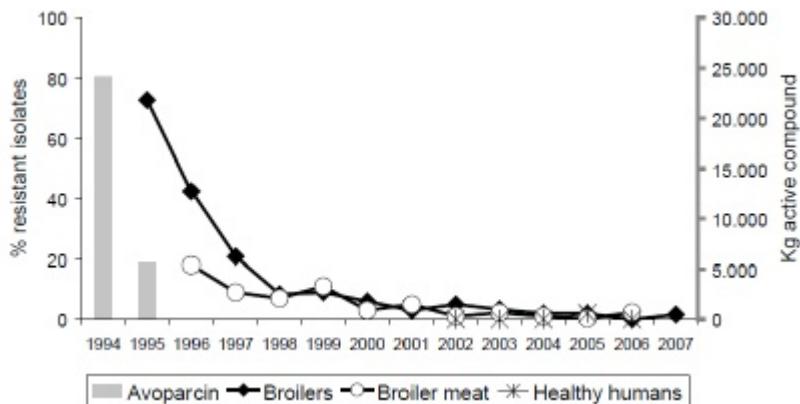
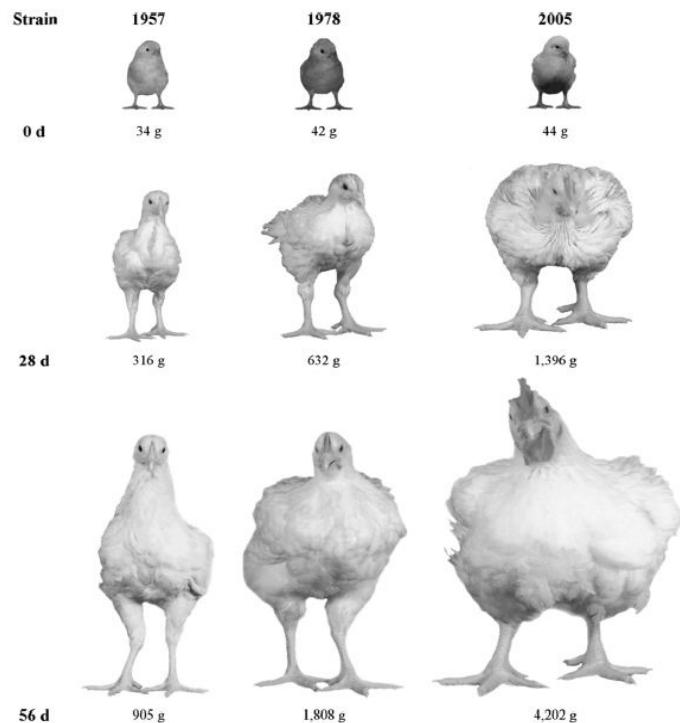
Therapeutic – prophylactic - metaphylactic



Growth promoters

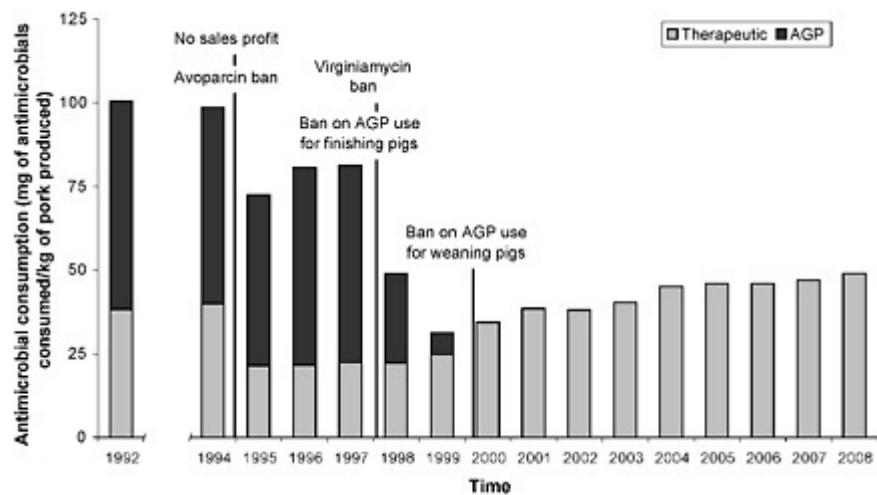


**1st January 2006 – no antibiotics as growth
promoters in EU**



Glycopeptide resistance of *Enterococcus faecium* in Denmark

Hammerum A. Emerging Infectious Diseases 2007, 13.

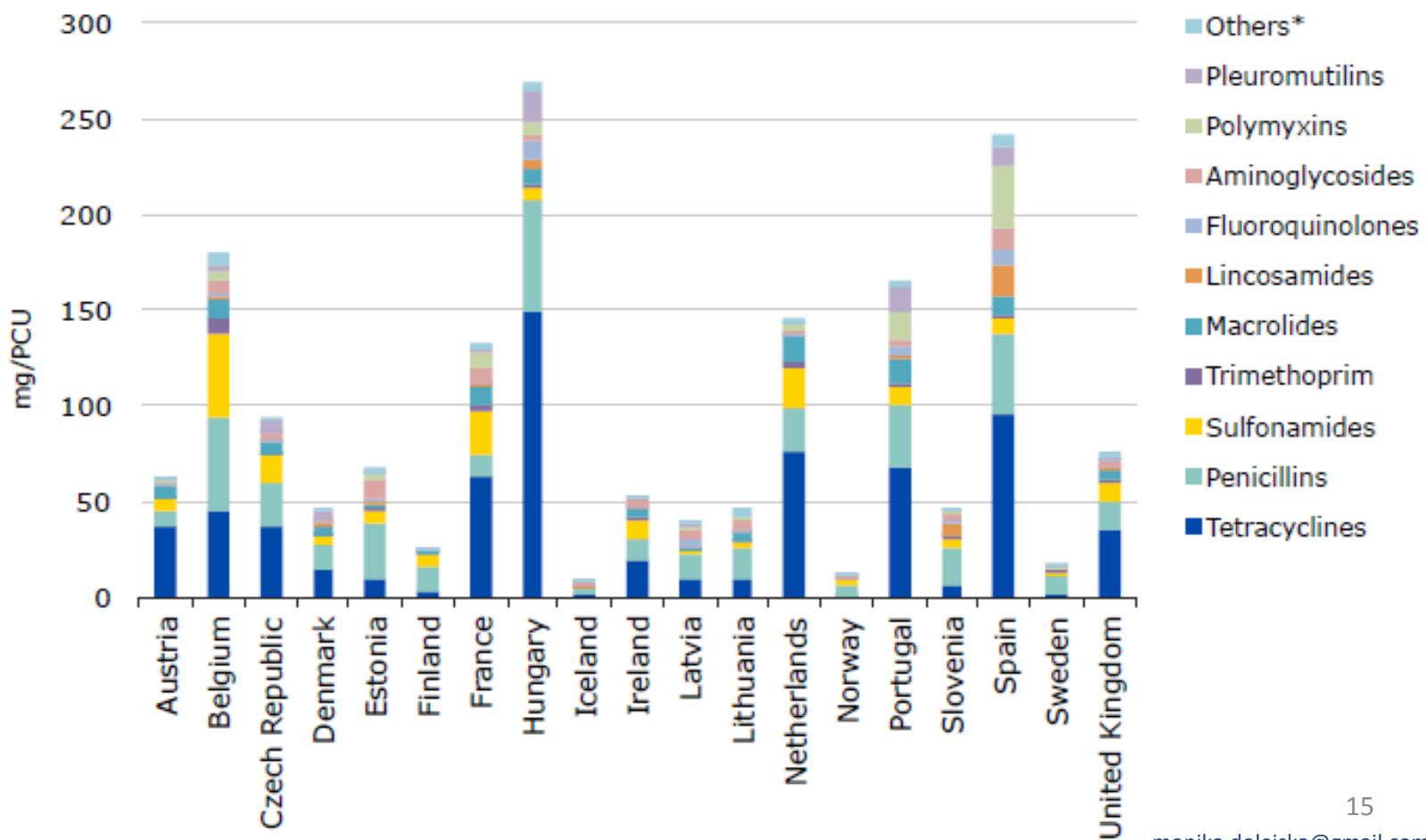


Ban of antibiotic growth promoters and the impact on therapeutic use of antibiotics

Hammerum A. Emerging Infectious Diseases 2007, 13.

Antibiotics in veterinary medicine

Figure 7. Sales for food-producing species, including horses, in mg/PCU, of the various veterinary antimicrobial classes, by country¹, for 2010



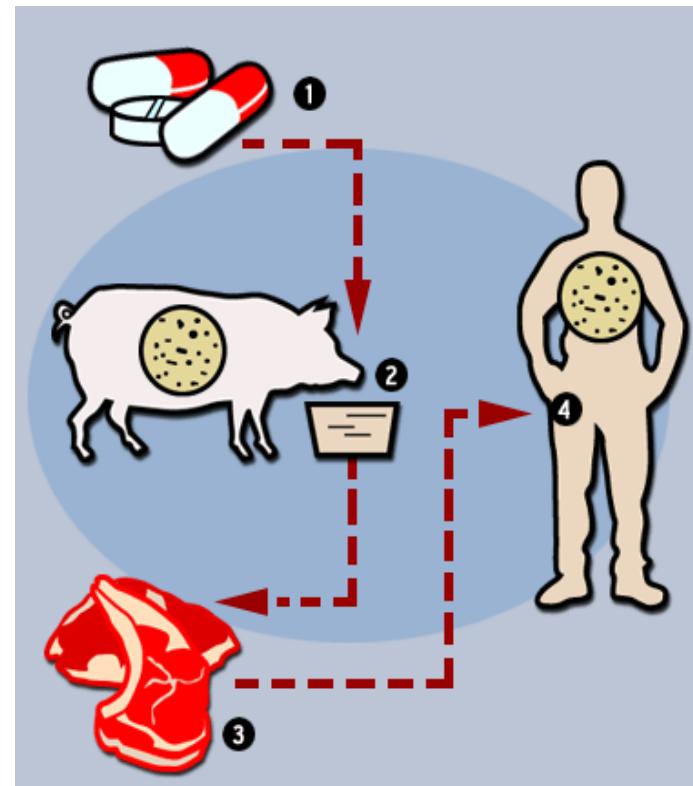
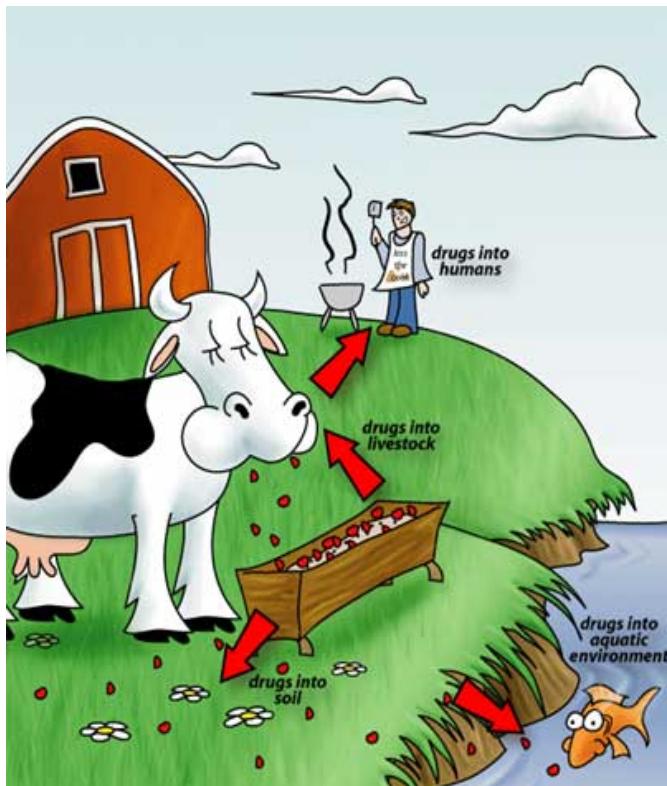
Antibiotics in veterinary medicine – risk for humans

Risk antibiotic groups

fluoroquinolones

cephalosporins of 3rd and 4th generation

aminoglycosides



Antibiotics in veterinary medicine

Risk group of antibiotics:

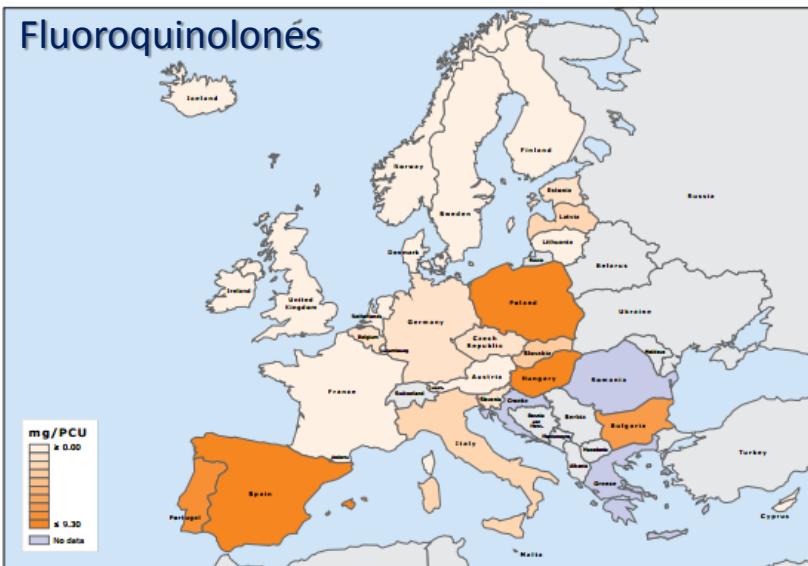
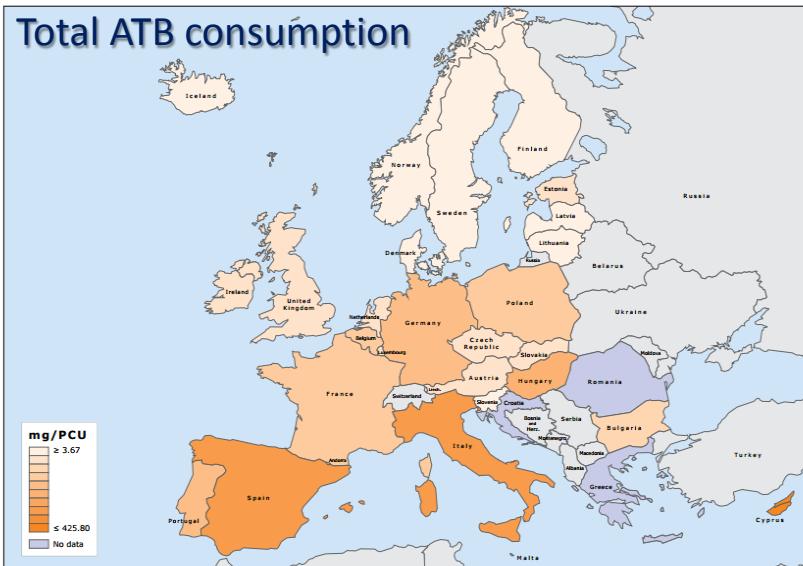
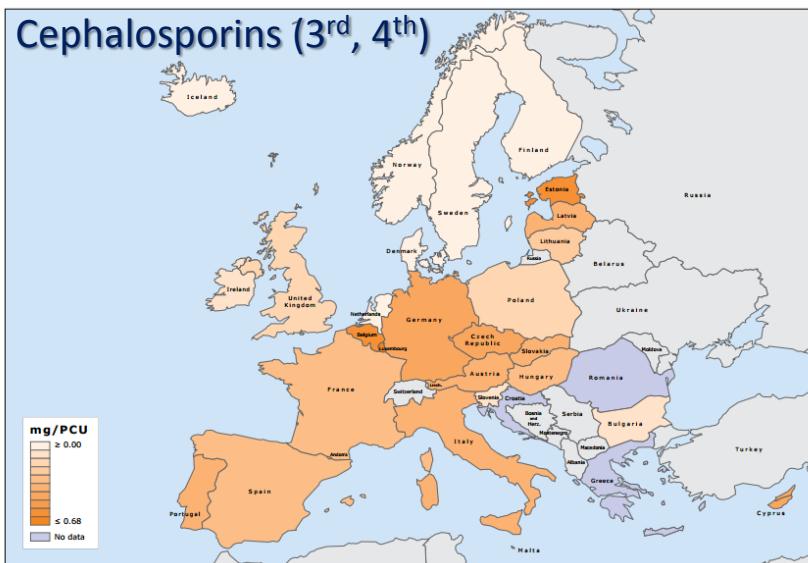
fluoroquinolones

3rd and 4th generation of cephalosporins

aminoglycosides



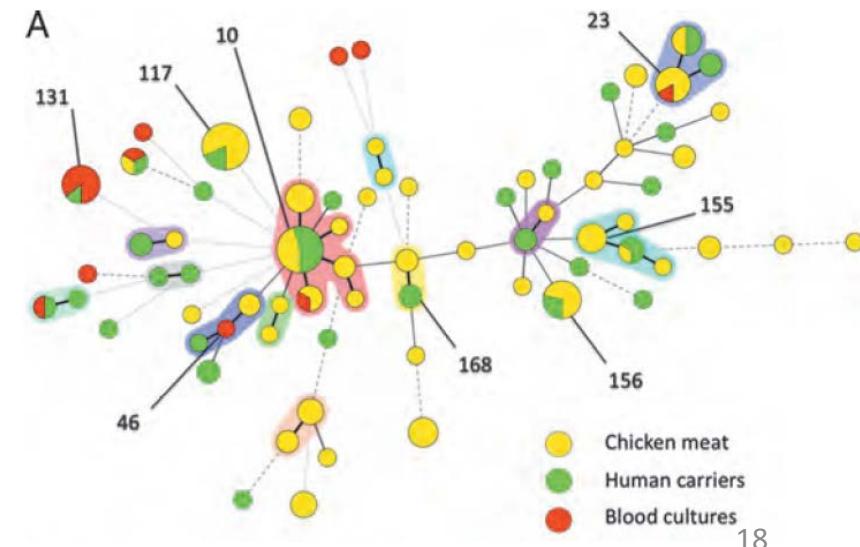
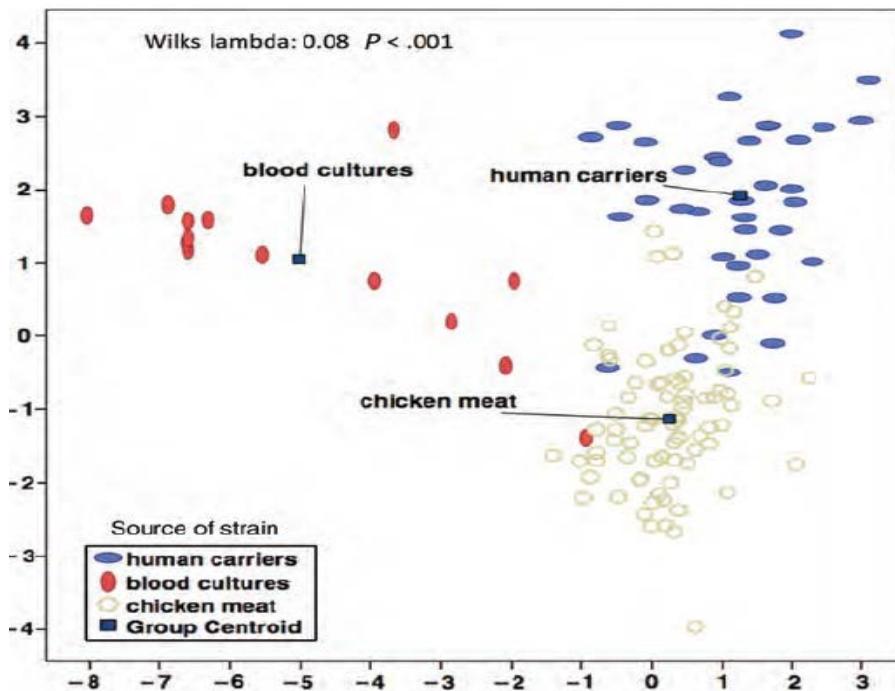
EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY
SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH



Antibiotics in veterinary medicine – risk for humans

Extended-Spectrum β -Lactamase-Producing *Escherichia coli* From Retail Chicken Meat and Humans: Comparison of Strains, Plasmids, Resistance Genes, and Virulence Factors

Jan A. J. W. Kluytmans,^{1,2,3} Ilse T. M. A. Overdevest,^{1,2} Ina Willemsen,¹ Marjolein F. Q. Kluytmans-van den Bergh,¹ Kim van der Zwaluw,⁴ Max Heck,⁴ Martine Rijnsburger,³ Christina M. J. E. Vandenbroucke-Grauls,³ Paul H. M. Savelkoul,³ Brian D. Johnston,⁵ David Gordon,⁶ and James R. Johnson⁵



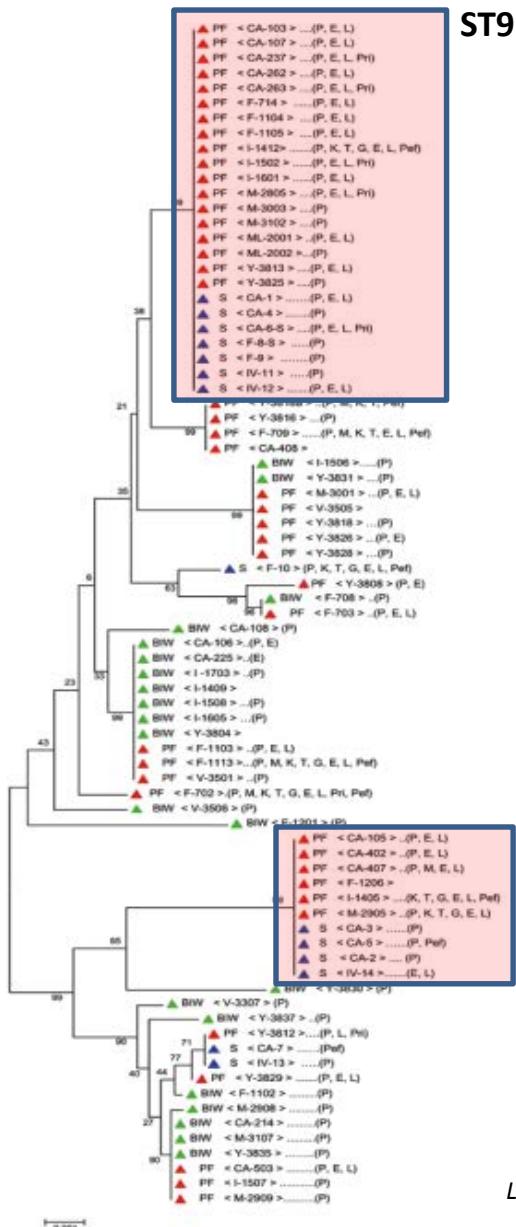
Antibiotics in veterinary medicine – risk for humans

Clonal Comparison of *Staphylococcus aureus* Isolates from Healthy Pig Farmers, Human Controls, and Pigs

Laurence Armand-Lefevre,* Raymond Ruimy,* and Antoine Andremont*



- ▲ insurance company workers
- ▲ pig farm workers
- ▲ pigs



Levis et al. 2005, 2008 Emerging Infectious Diseases

Antibiotics – mode of action

Cell Wall Synthesis

Beta Lactams

Penicillins
Cephalosporins
Carbapenems
Monobactams

Vancomycin Bacitracin

Cell Membrane

Polymyxins

Folate synthesis

Sulfonamides
Trimethoprim



Nucleic Acid Synthesis

DNA Gyrase

Quinolones

RNA Polymerase

Rifampin

50S subunit

Macrolides
Clindamycin
Linezolid
Chloramphenicol
Streptogramins

30S subunit

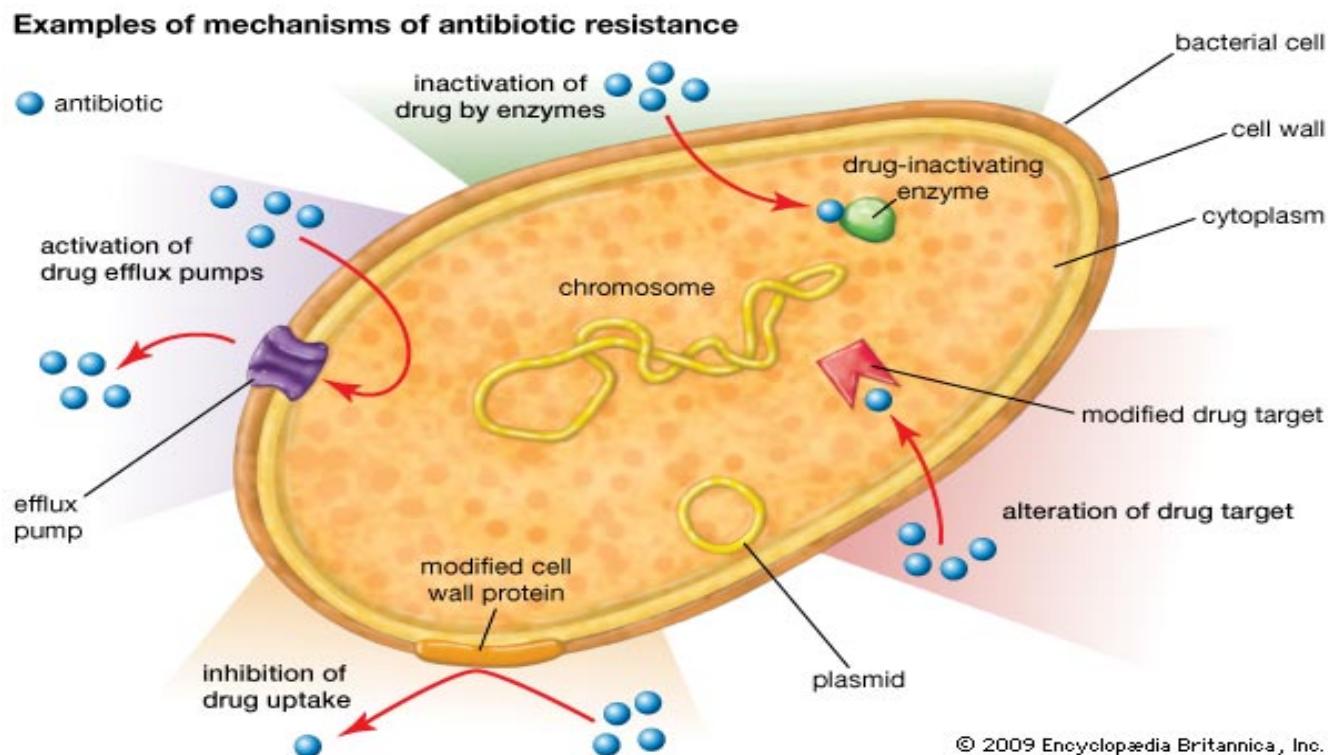
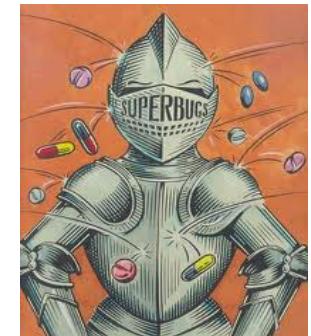
Tetracyclines
Aminoglycosides

Protein Synthesis

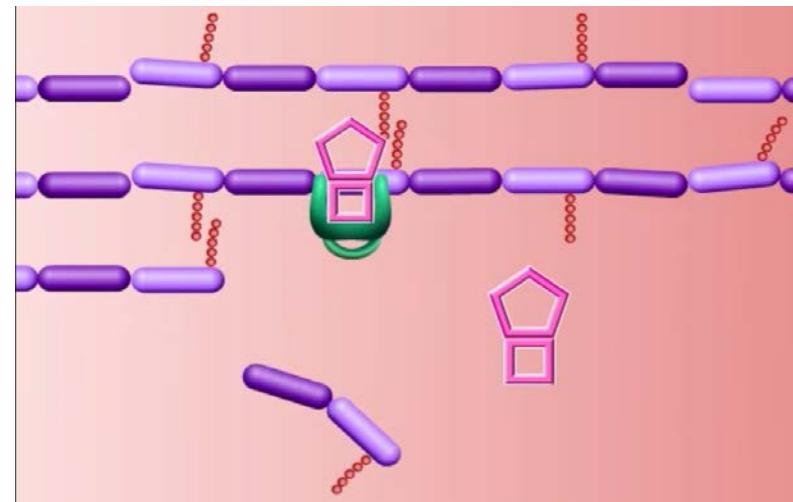
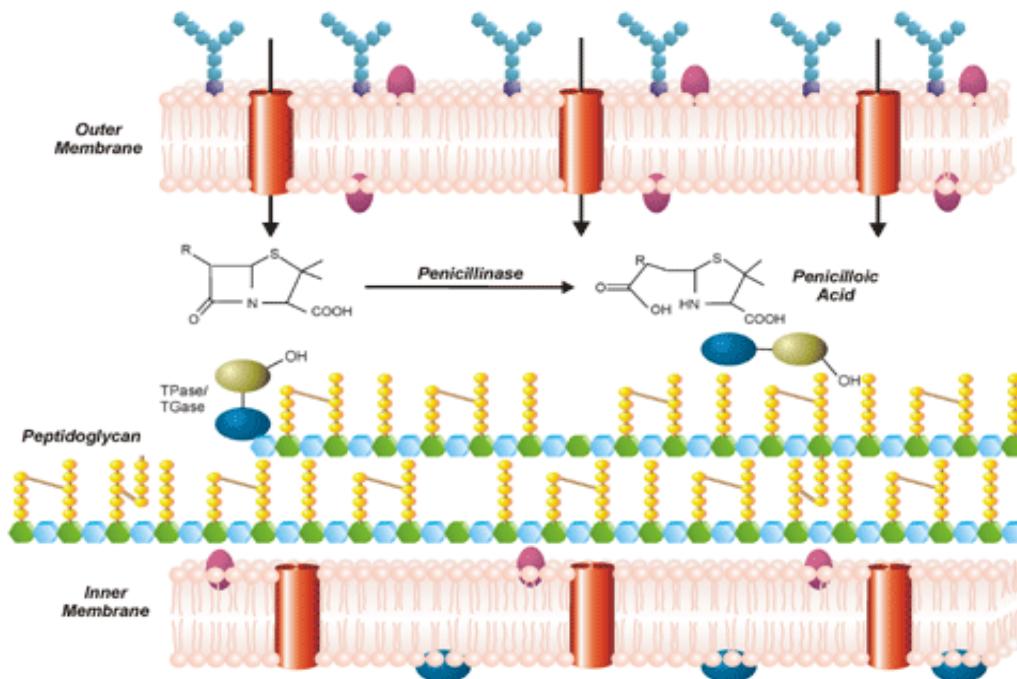
Antibiotic resistance mechanisms



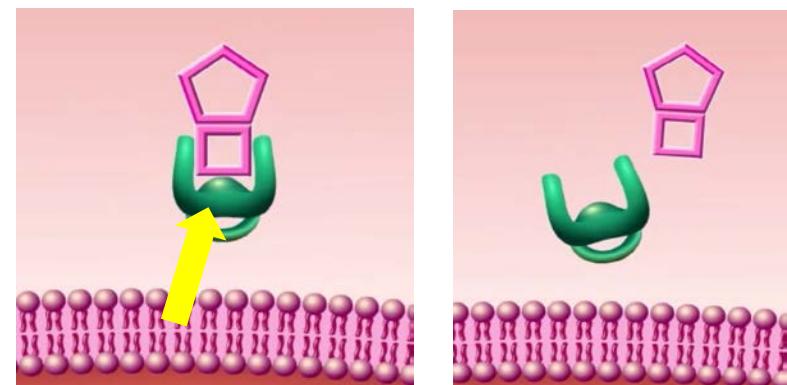
1. Inhibition of drug uptake
2. Efflux pumps
3. Inactivation of antimicrobial agents
4. Modification of the antimicrobial target



Resistance mechanisms – example on beta-lactams

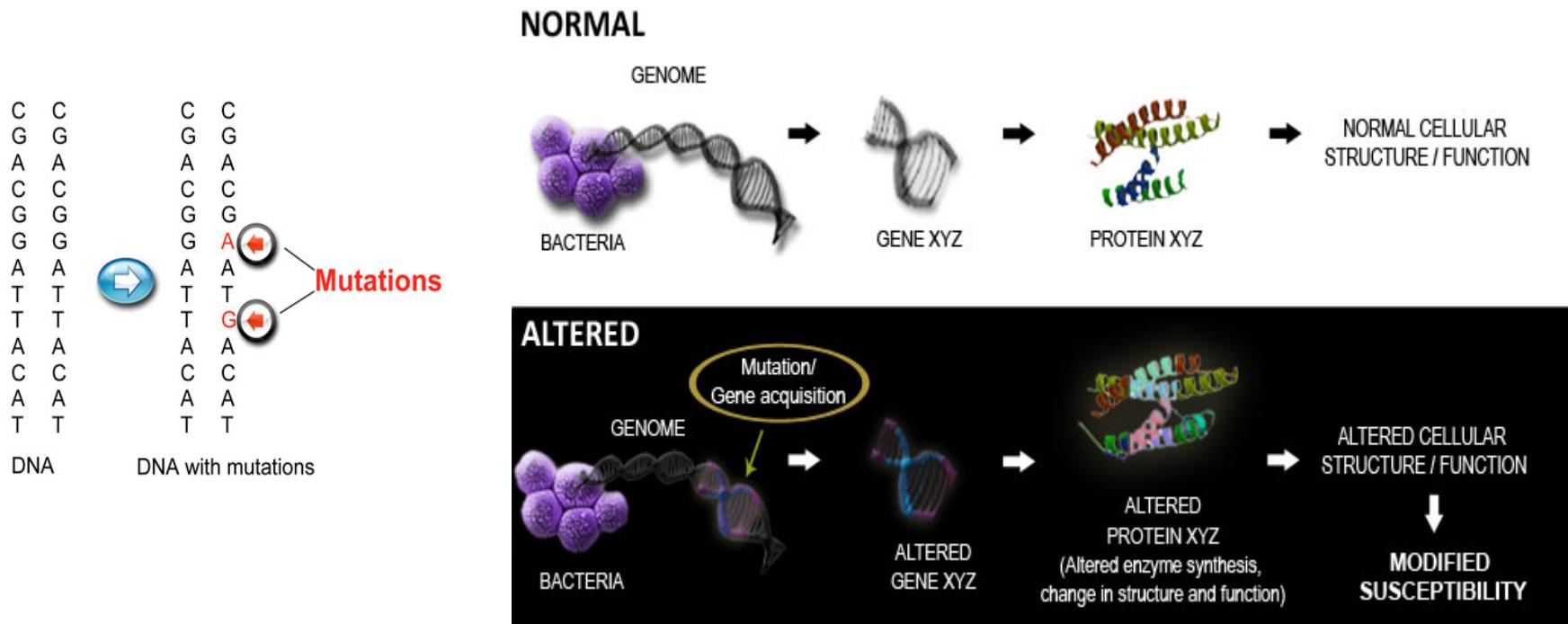


Inhibition of transpeptidases by
beta-lactam antibiotic



Alternation of transpeptidase →
low affinity to beta-lactam antibiotic

Molecular basis of antibiotic resistance

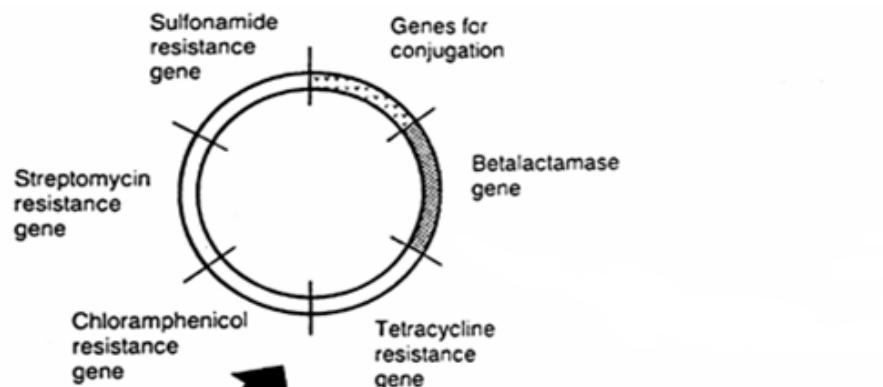


Point mutations and resistance to quinolones:

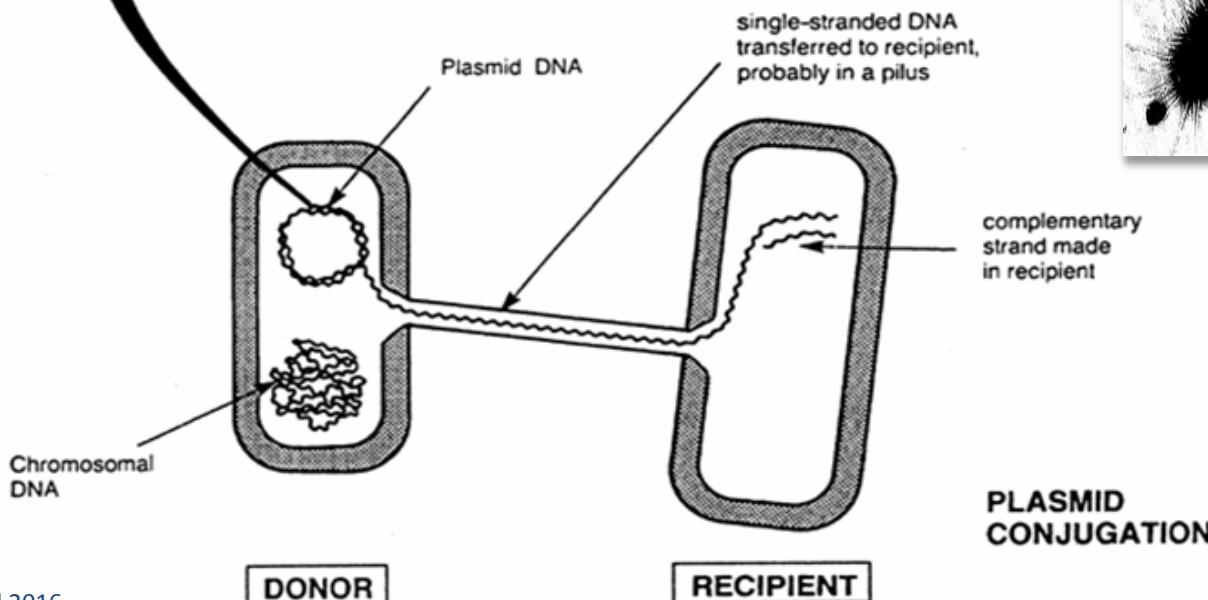
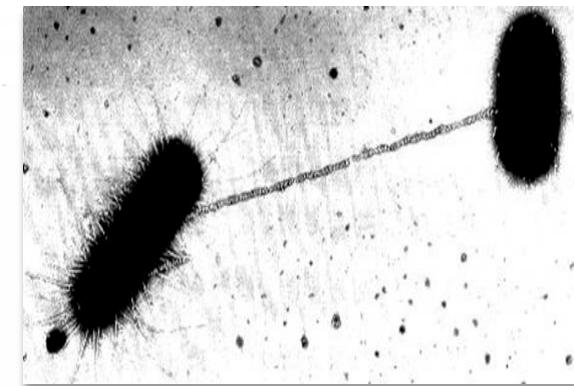
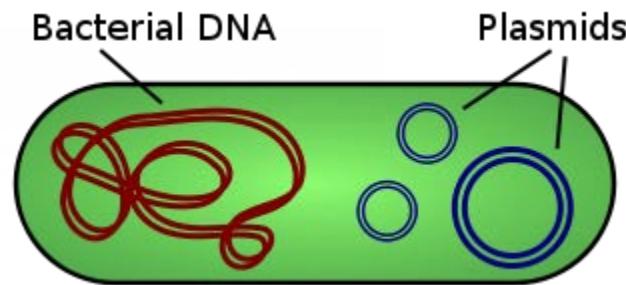
Strain	MIC (mg/l)		Substitution in amino acids		
	Ciprofloxacin	Nalidixic acid	GyrA		
A	0.007	2	Ser-83	Ala-84	Asp-87
B	2	512	Leu-83	Ala-84	Asp-87
C	128	>2000	Leu-83	Ala-84	Tyr-87

Molecular basis of antibiotic resistance

Chromosomal x extrachromosomal

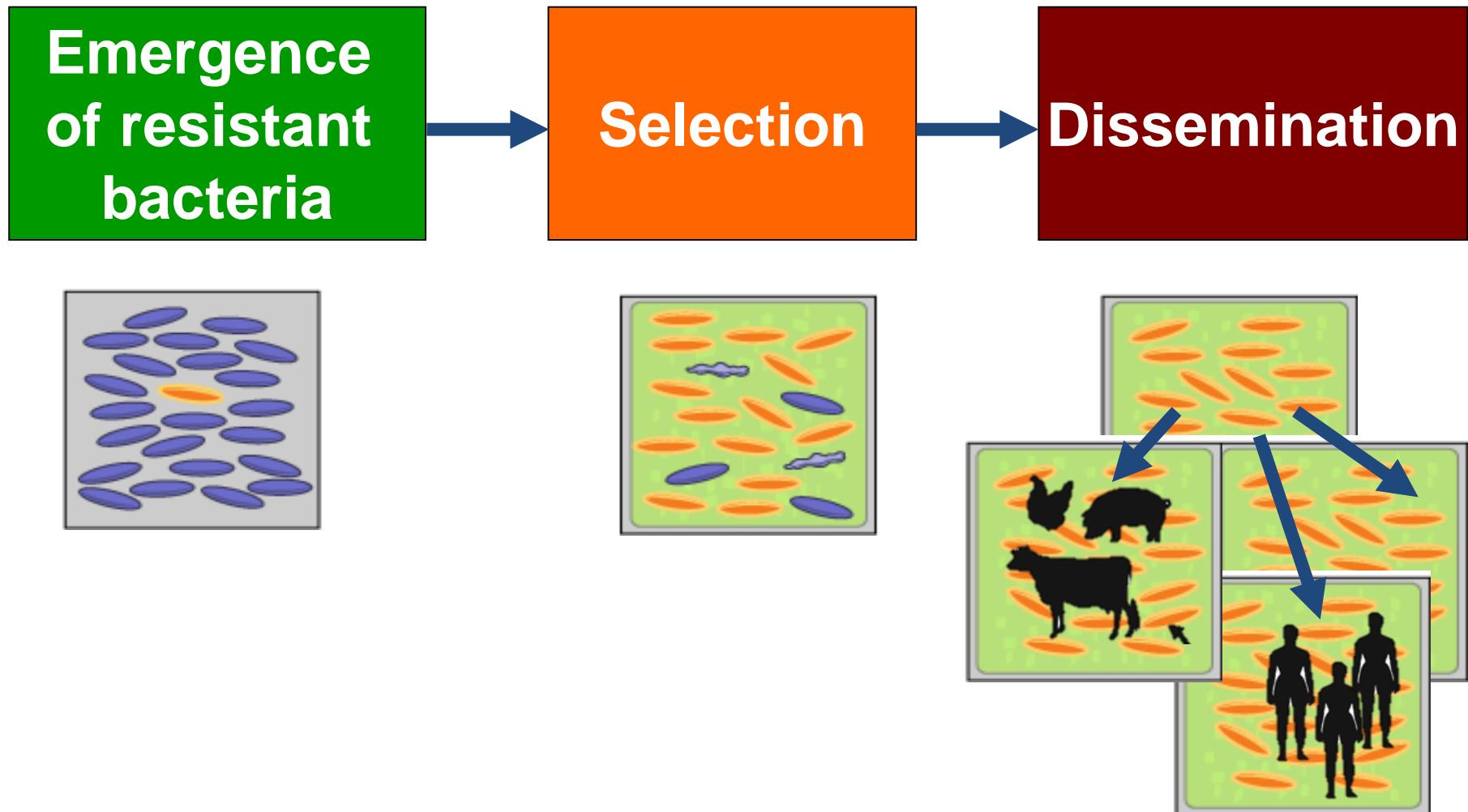


MULTIPLE ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE PLASMID



PLASMID CONJUGATION

3 Steps in antibiotic resistance



Origin of resistant bacteria

Antibiotic resistance is ancient

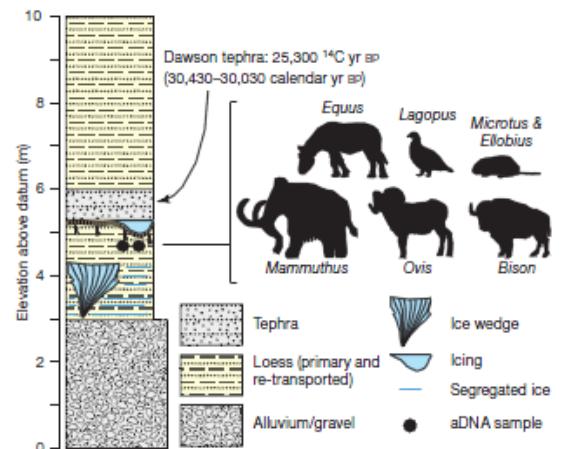
Vanessa M. D'Costa^{1,2*}, Christine E. King^{3,4*}, Lindsay Kalan^{1,2}, Mariya Morar^{1,2}, Wilson W. L. Sung⁴, Carsten Schwarz³, Duane Froese⁵, Grant Zazula⁶, Fabrice Calmels⁵, Regis Debruyne⁷, G. Brian Golding⁴, Hendrik N. Poinar^{1,3,4} & Gerard D. Wright^{1,2}

The discovery of antibiotics more than 70 years ago initiated a period of drug innovation and implementation in human and animal health and agriculture. These discoveries were tempered in all cases by the emergence of resistant microbes^{1,2}. This history has been interpreted to mean that antibiotic resistance in pathogenic bacteria is a modern phenomenon; this view is reinforced by the fact that collections of microbes that predate the antibiotic era are highly susceptible to antibiotics³. Here we report targeted metagenomic analyses of rigorously authenticated ancient DNA from 30,000-year-old Beringian permafrost sediments and the identification of a highly diverse collection of genes encoding resistance to β -lactam, tetracycline and glycopeptide antibiotics. Structure and function studies on the complete vancomycin resistance element VanA confirmed its similarity to modern variants. These results show conclusively that antibiotic resistance is a natural phenomenon that predates the modern selective pressure of clinical antibiotic use.



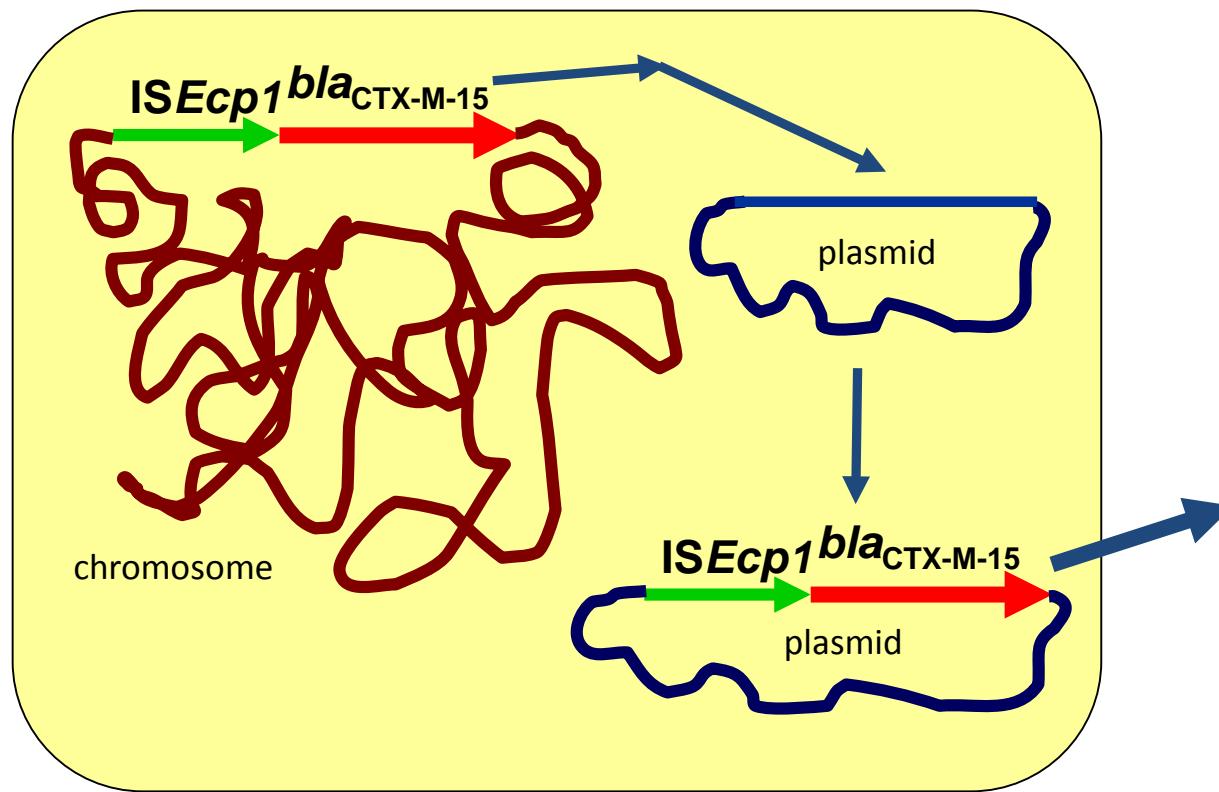
with high concentrations of *Escherichia coli* harbouring the *gfp* (green fluorescent protein) gene from *Aequorea victoria* (Supplementary Information).

After fracturing of the samples (Supplementary Fig. 3), total DNA was extracted from a series of five subsamples taken along the radius of each core (Supplementary Information). Quantitative polymerase



1. Emergence of resistant bacteria

Kluyvera spp.



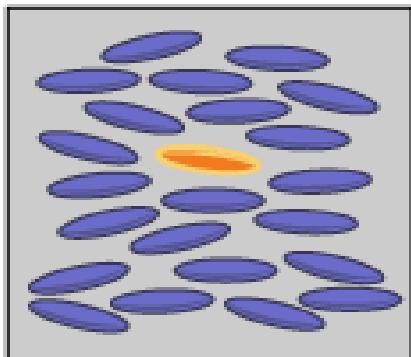
Transfer to *E. coli*

$\text{ISEcp1 bla}_{\text{CTX-M-15}}$

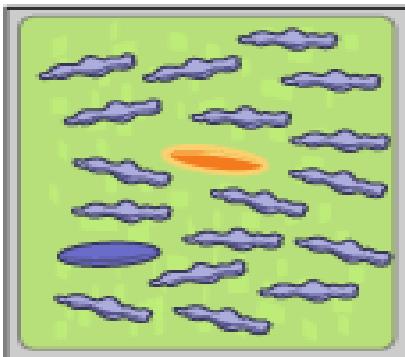
2. Selection of resistant bacteria



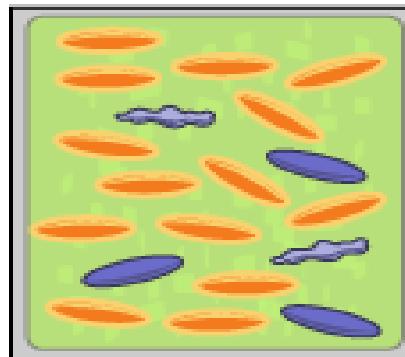
1
A bunch of bacteria, including a resistant variety...



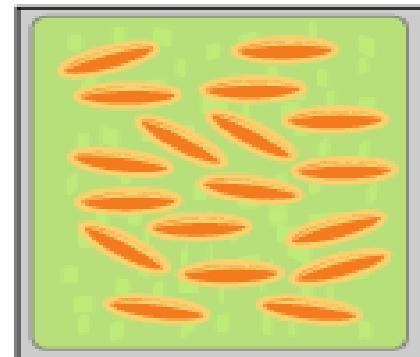
2
...get bathed in antibiotics. Most of the normal bacteria die.



3
The resistant bacteria multiply and become more common.



4
Eventually, the entire infection evolves into a resistant strain.



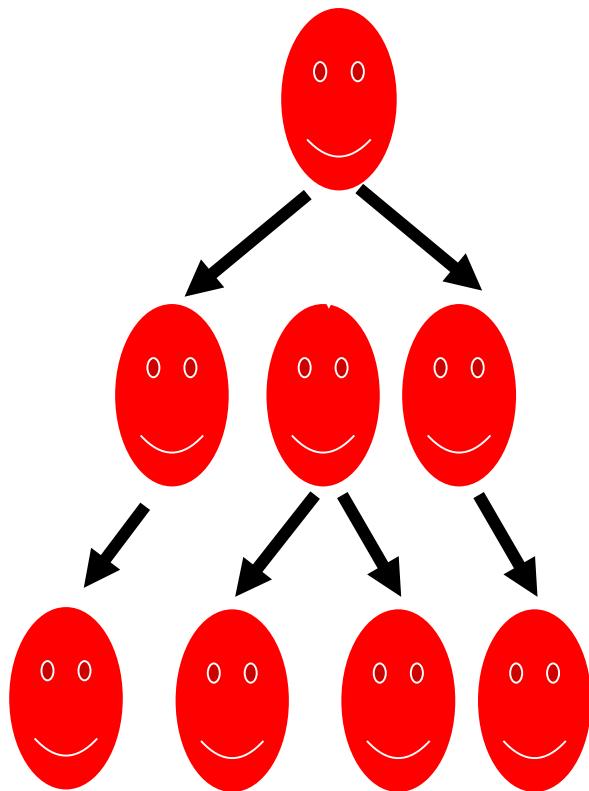
normal bacterium

dead bacterium

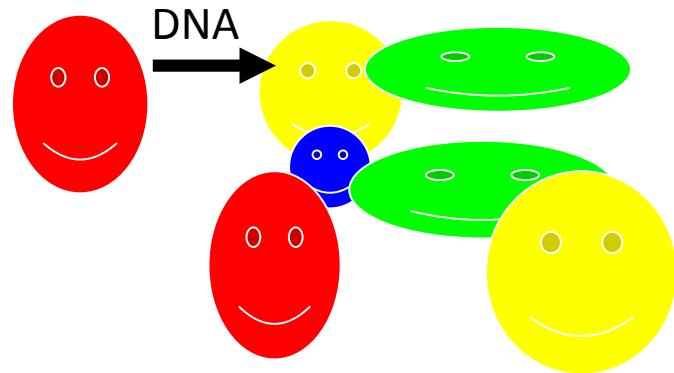
resistant bacterium

3. Dissemination of resistant bacteria

Clonal dissemination



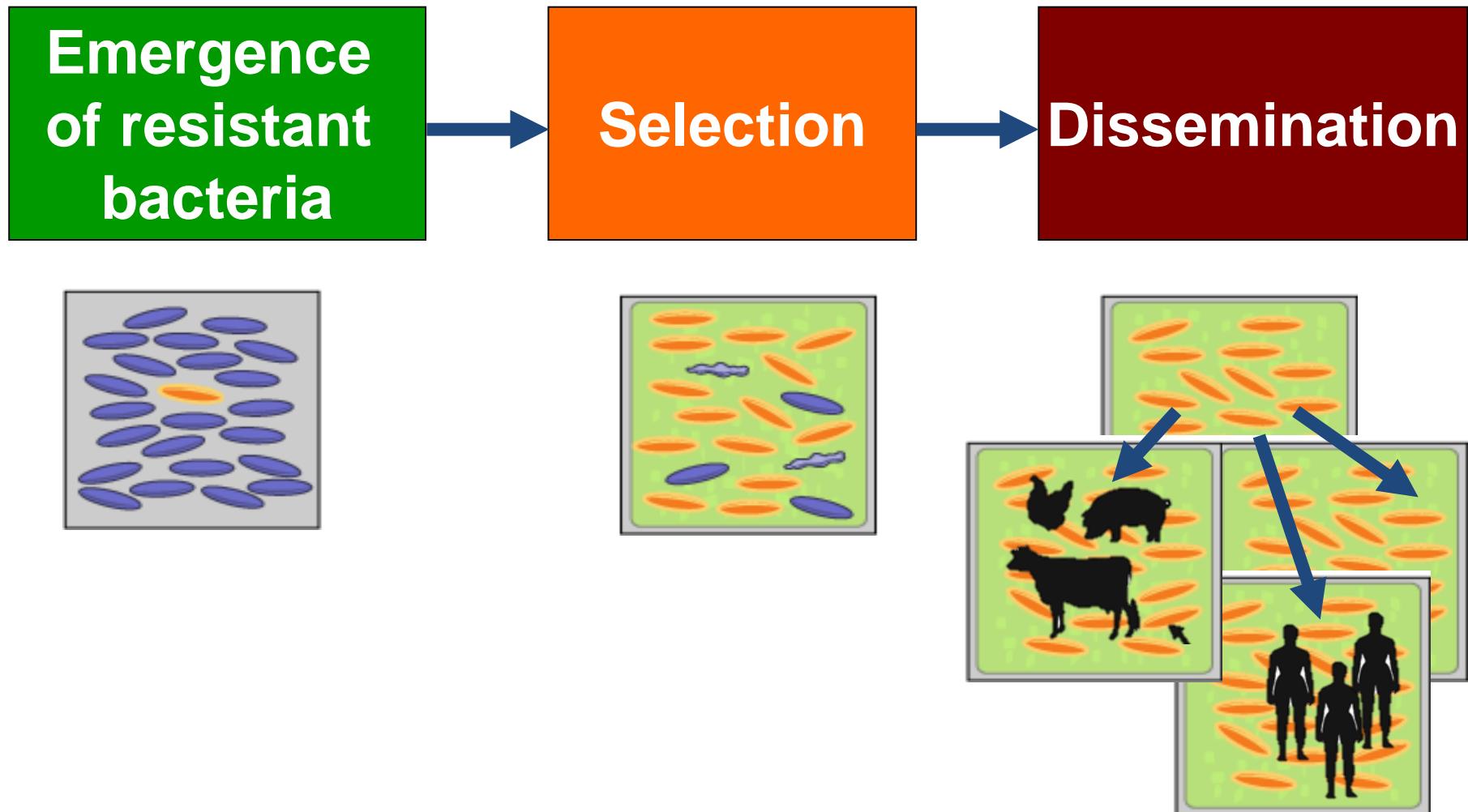
Horizontal transfer of genetic information



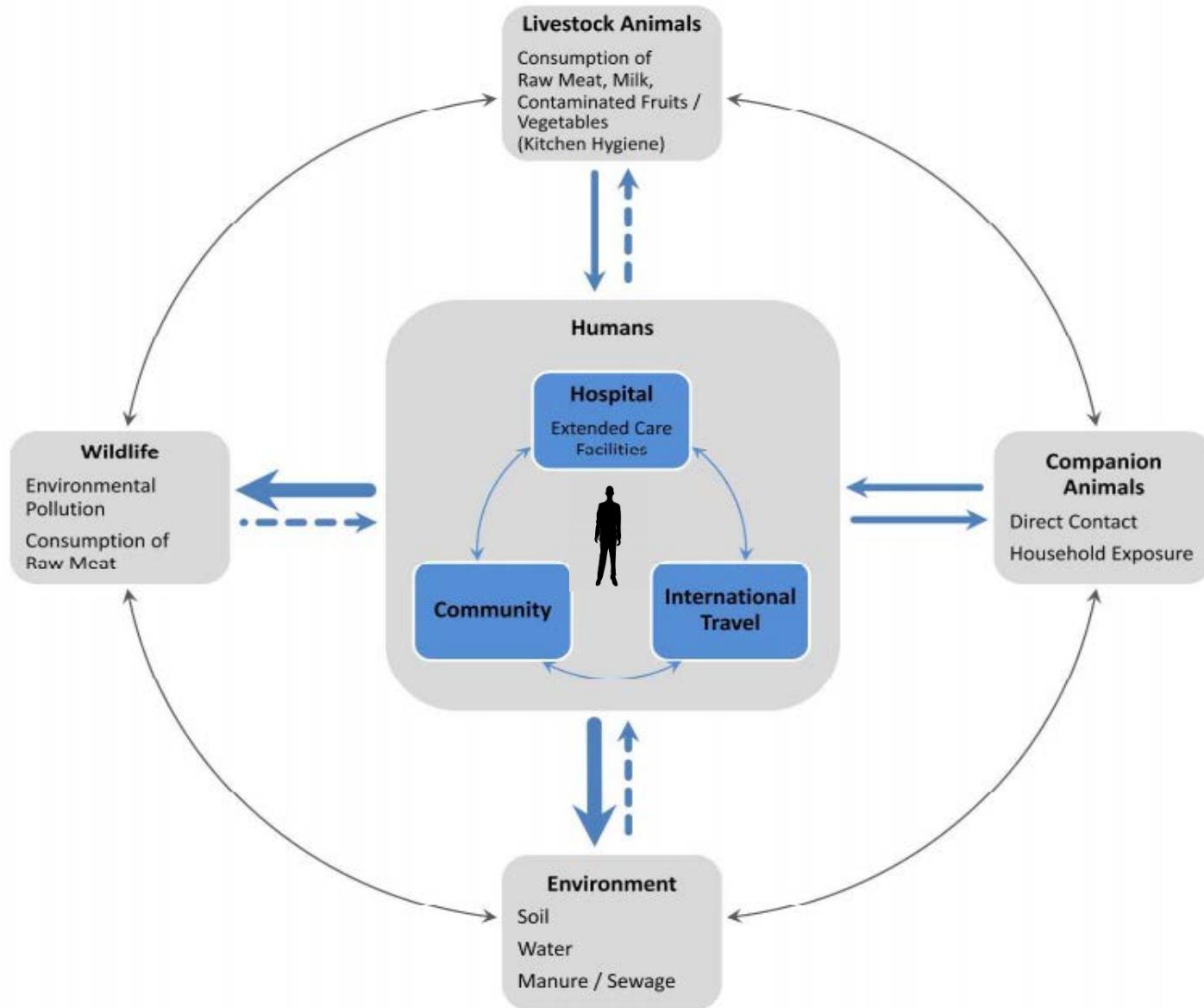
→ Successful resistance genes

→ Successful bacterial lineages

3 Steps in antibiotic resistance

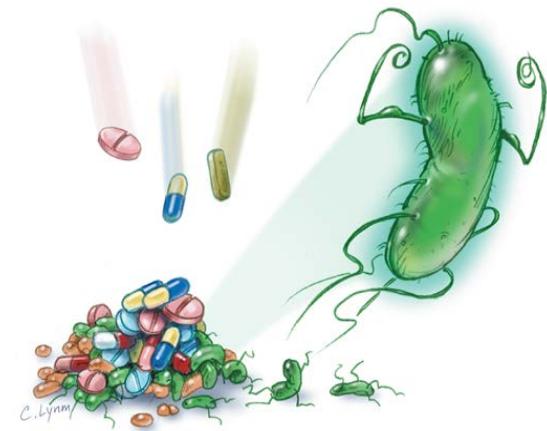


Transfer of resistant bacteria



To conclude...

- Misuse, overuse, under/ inadequate use of antimicrobials
- Costs money and lives
- Threat to global stability and national security
- Antibiotic resistant bacteria are found everywhere
- Increasing resistance and multiresistance
- Emergence and worldwide transmission of multiresistant clones
- Dissemination accelerated by gene transfer



To conclude...

- Monitoring of resistance
- Antibiotic policy
- National and international programs to combat resistance
- Hygiene and infection control strategies
- Novel antibiotics
- Alternative treatment methods

