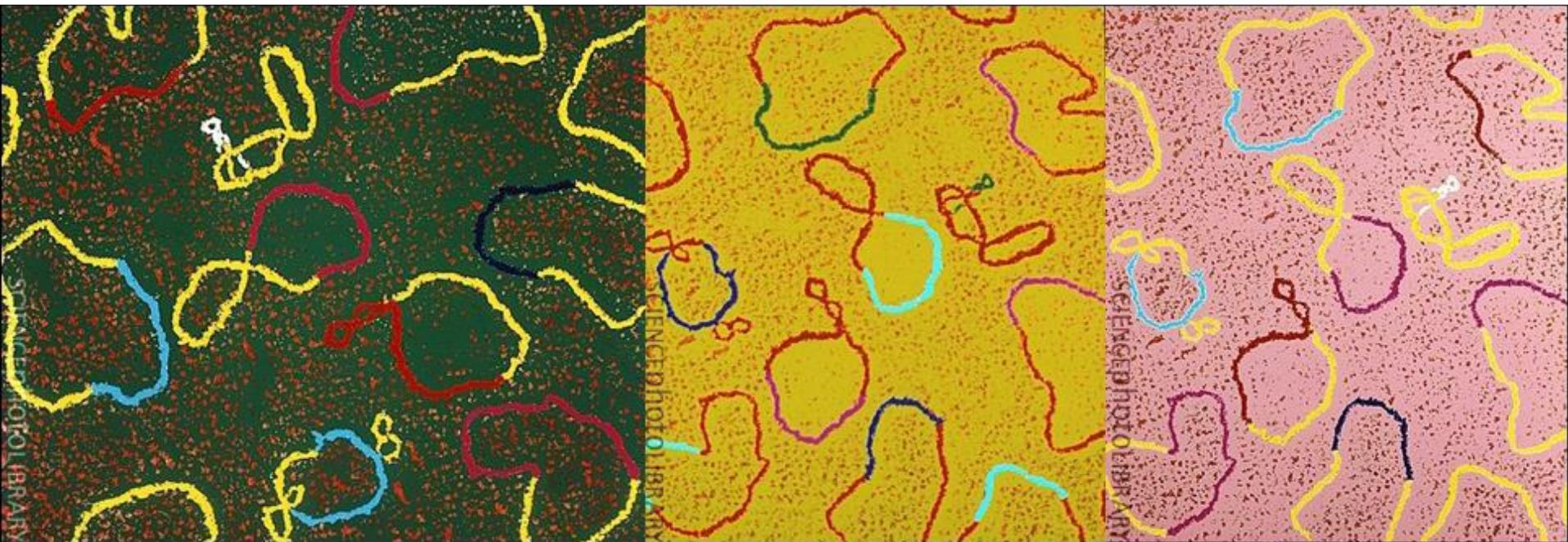


# *Antibiotics agents, drug resistance and spread of resistant bacteria*

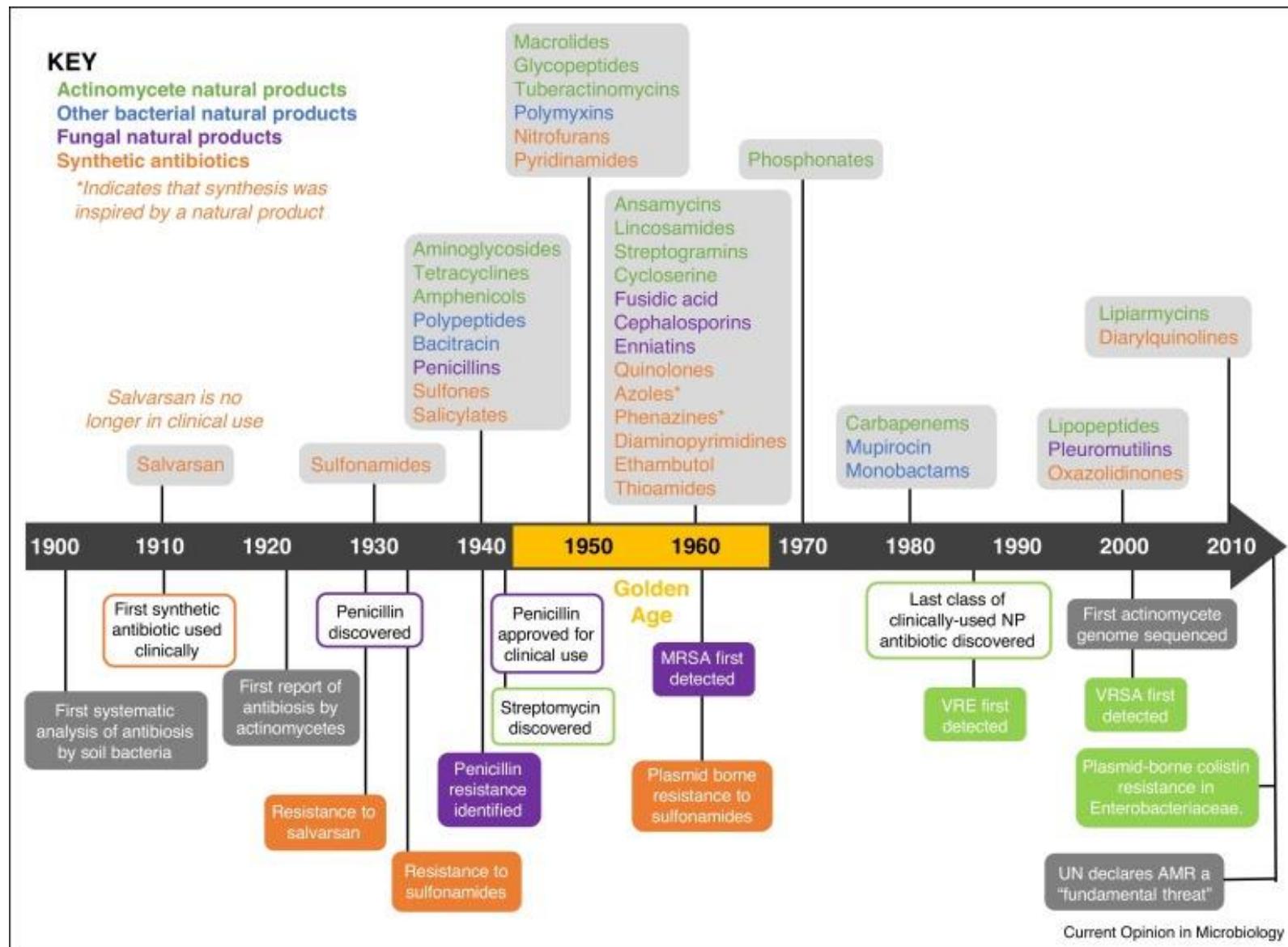


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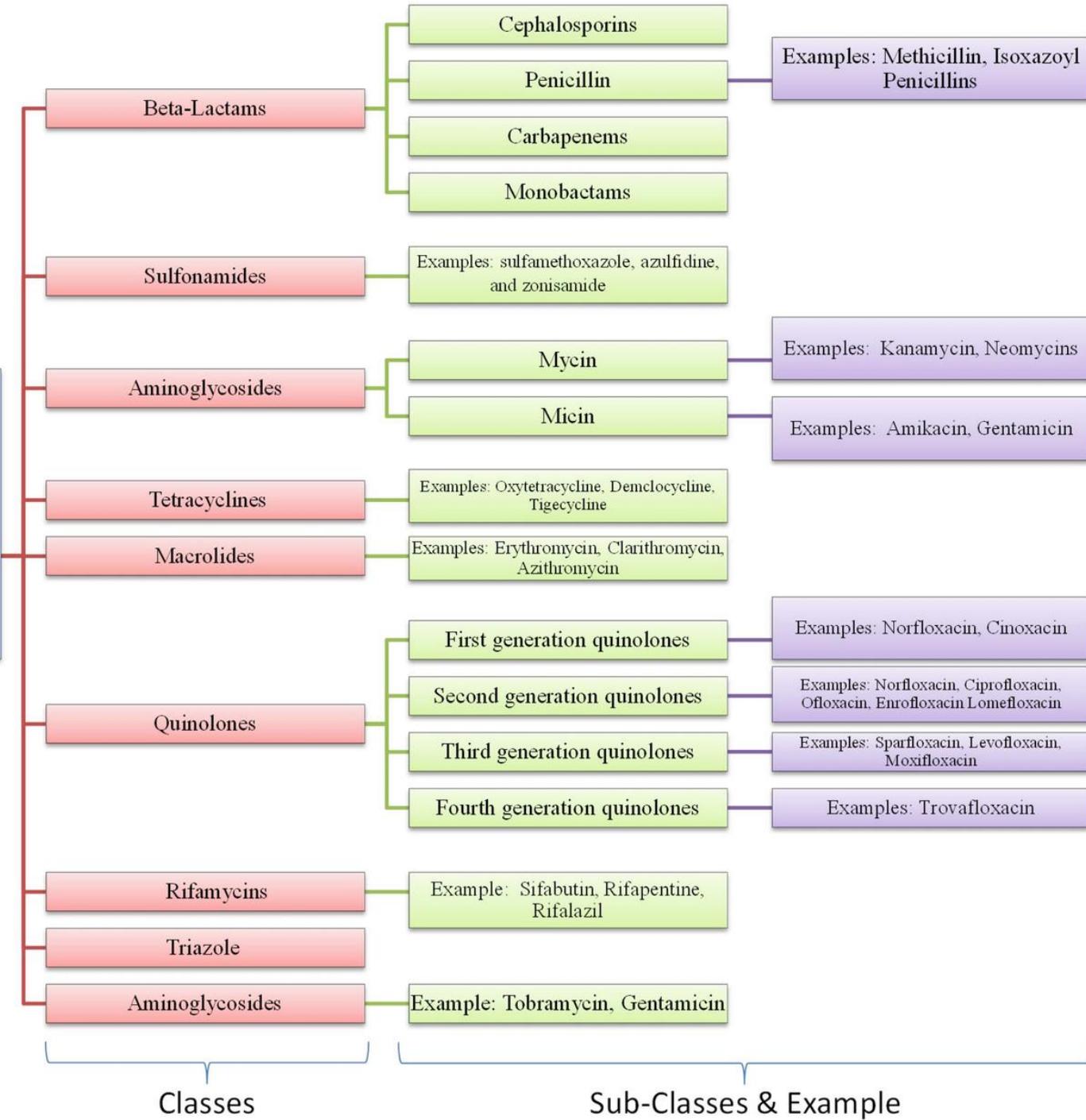
# What are antibiotics?

Antibiotics kill bacteria or at least stop their growth

How many antibiotics do we have?



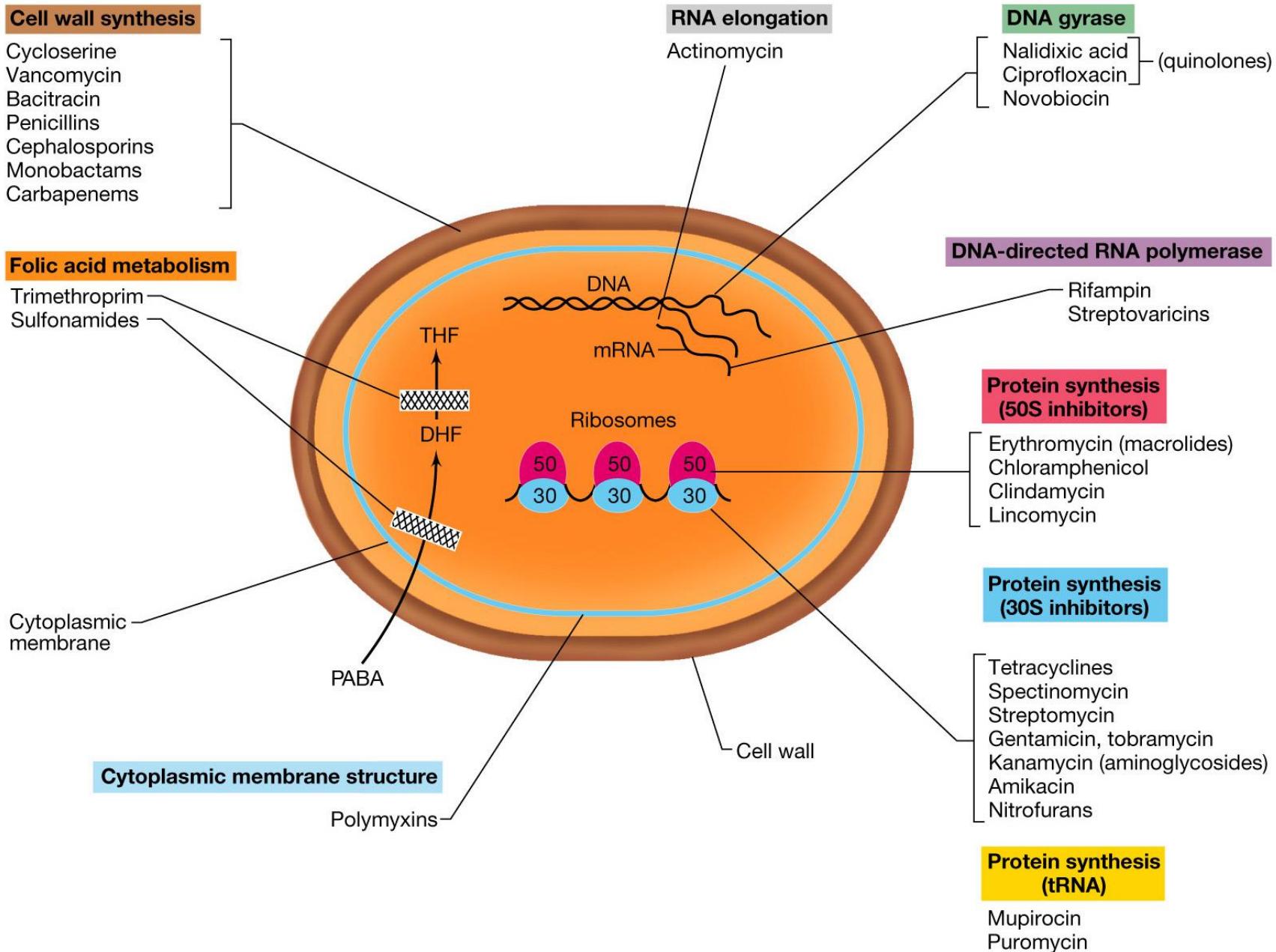
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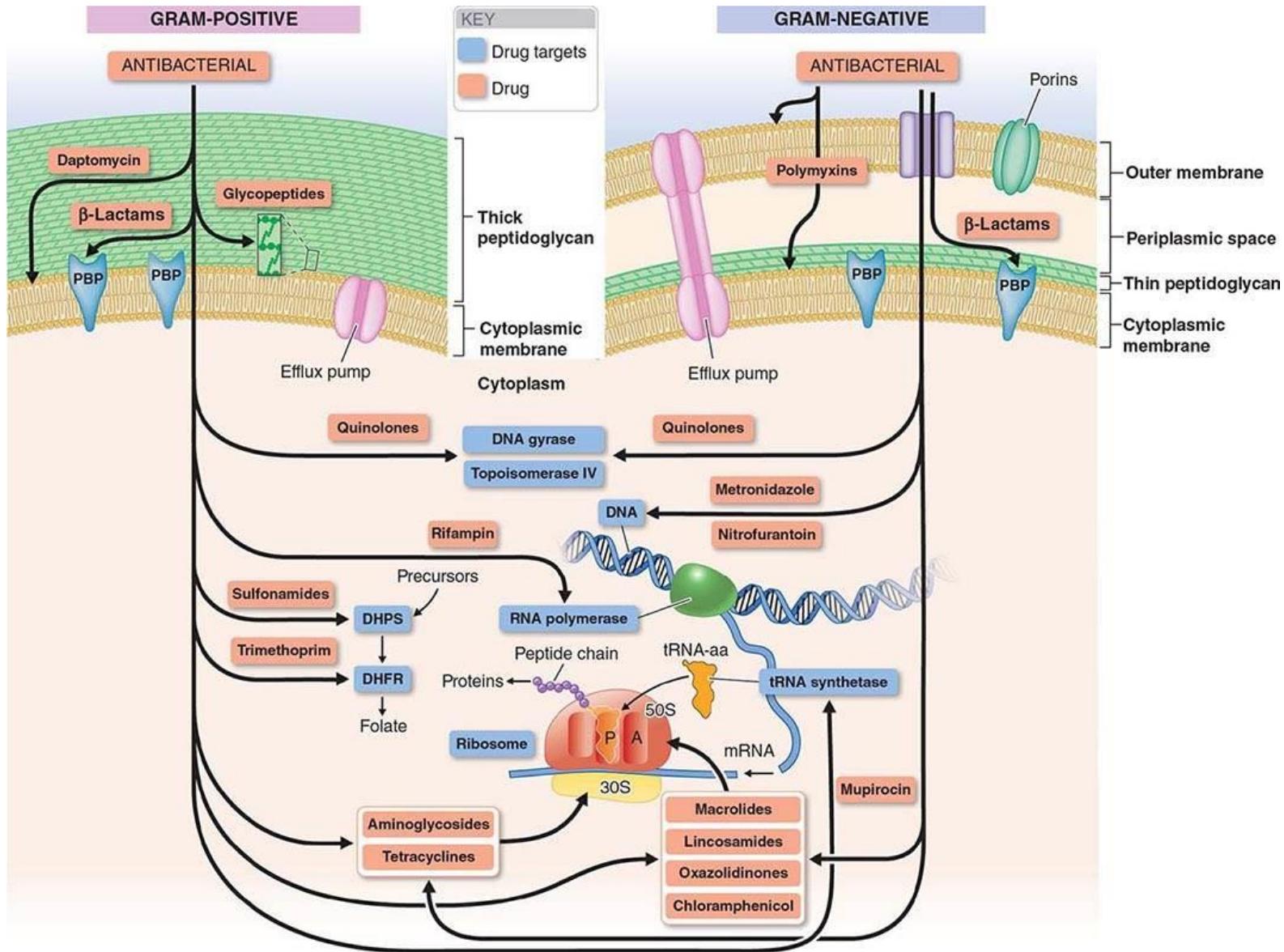


	Gram positive cocci			Gram negative bacilli					Gram-negative cocci		Anaerobes	Atypicals
	MRSA	MSSA	Streptococci	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>P. mirabilis</i>	<i>Klebsiella</i>	<i>Pseudomonas</i>	ESCAcPPM	<i>N. gonorrhoeae</i>	<i>N. meningitis</i>		
Penicillin			Penicillin G									
Anti-staphylococcal penicillins			Nafcillin/Oxacillin								Amp/Amox	
Aminopenicillins				Ampicillin/Amoxicillin								
1st-gen cephalosporin				Cefazolin, cephalexin								
2nd-gen cephalosporin				Cephotetan, Cefoxitin							Cephotetan, Cefoxitin	
3rd-gen cephalosporin				Ceftriaxone					Ceftriaxone			
4th-gen cephalosporin				Ceftazidime								
Aminopenicillins with beta-lactamase inhibitors				Cefepime							Amox-clav	
Monobactams				Amoxicillin + clavulanate (Augmentin)							Amp-sul	
Quinolones				Ampacillin + sulbactam (Unasyn)							Piperacillin + tazobactam (Zosyn)	
Aminoglycosides				Piperacillin + tazobactam (Zosyn)								
Lincosamide			Ciprofloxacin									
Macrolides			Clindamycin								Clindamycin	
Tetracyclines			Azithromycin								Azithromycin	
Glycopeptides			Doxycycline								Doxycycline	
Antimetabolite			Vancomycin									
Nitroimidazoles				TMP/SMX (Bactrim)					TMP/SMX			
											TMP/SMX	
												Metronidazole

See [github.com/aetherist/antibiogram](https://github.com/aetherist/antibiogram) for details. For educational purposes only. TMP/SMX = Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, MRSA = Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, MSSA = Methicillin-sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus*, ESCAPP = *Enterobacter* spp., *Serratia* spp., *Citrobacter freundii*, *Aeromonas* spp., *Proteus* spp., *Providencia* spp. and *Morganella morganii*.

# Antimicrobials target specific bacterial activities

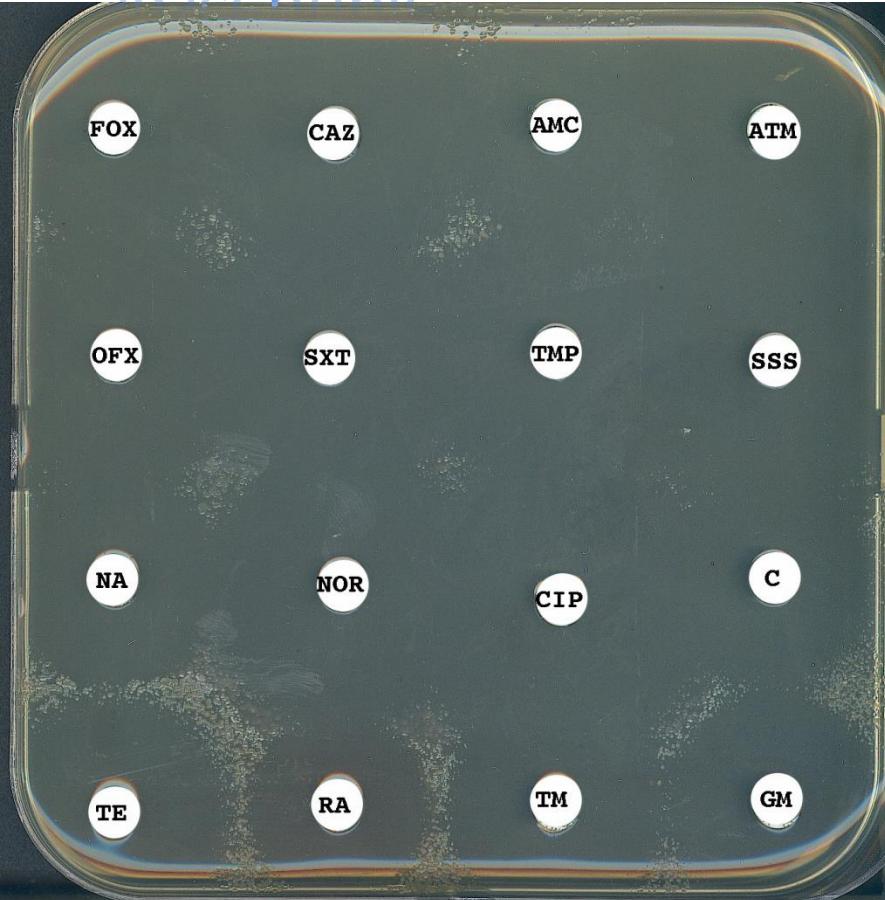




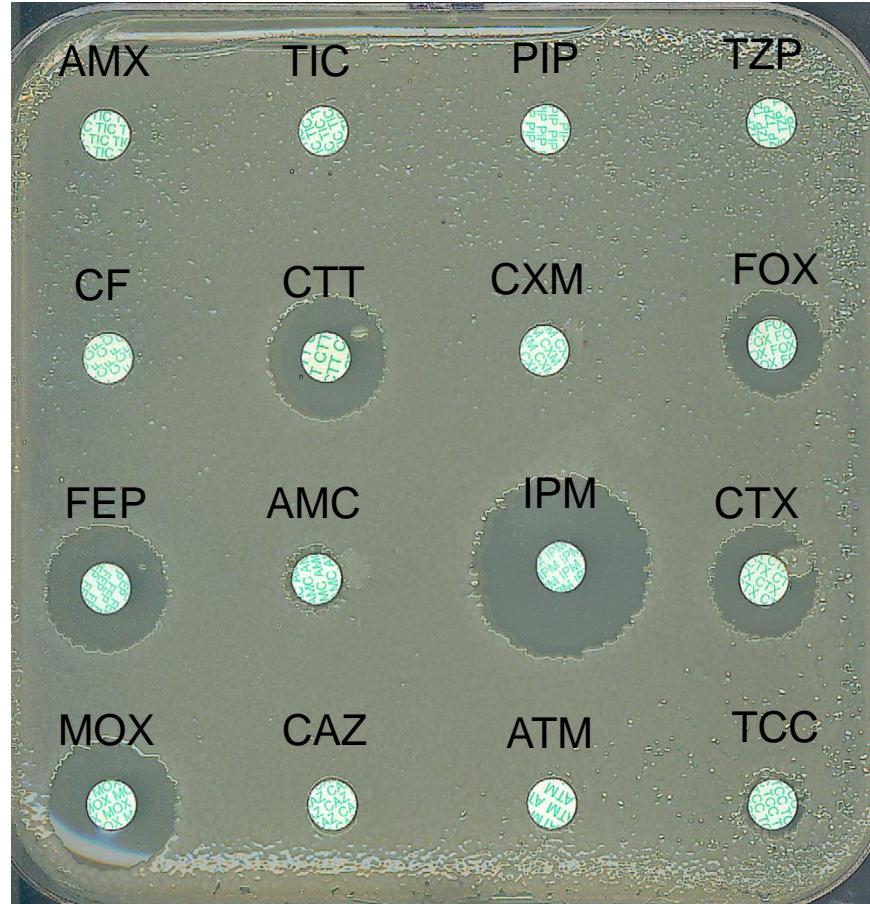


# Antimicrobial Resistance

# *Escherichia coli* susceptible



# *Escherichia coli* resistant

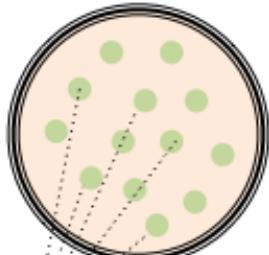


## Antibiogram

AMX : amoxicillin    CAZ : ceftazidime    AMC : amoxicilline + clav    FEP : cefepime  
TCC : ticarcillie + clav    TZP : piperacillin + tazobactam    CTX : cefotaxime CS : colistine  
CF : ceftalotine    TIC : ticarcillin    TM : tobramycin    AN : amikacine  
GM : gentamicin    OFX : ofloxacin    CIP : ciprofloxacin    IPM : imipenem

# Minimal Inhibent concentration(MIC)

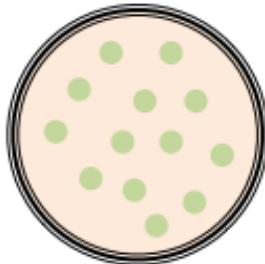
1. Obtain isolated colonies of bacterial strain to test.



2. Combine 4-5 colonies and culture overnight in rich media broth.

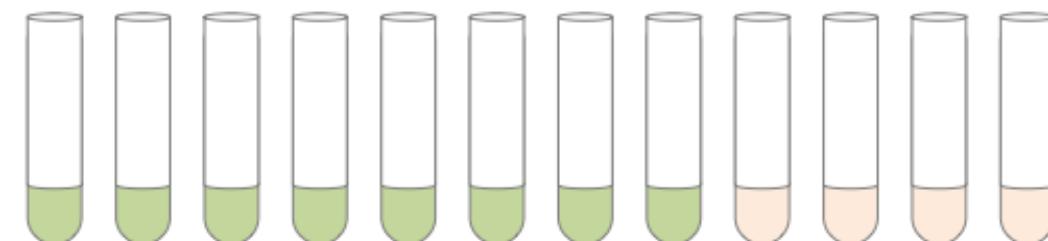
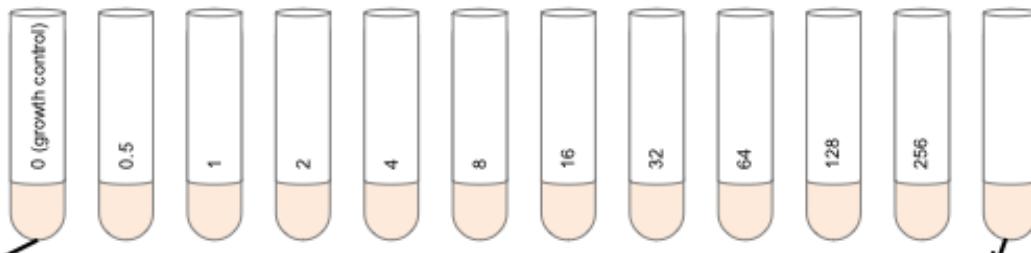


4. Plate aliquot of growth control (i.e., no antibiotic added) to verify cfu/ml counts of viable bacteria. Incubate overnight and count colonies.



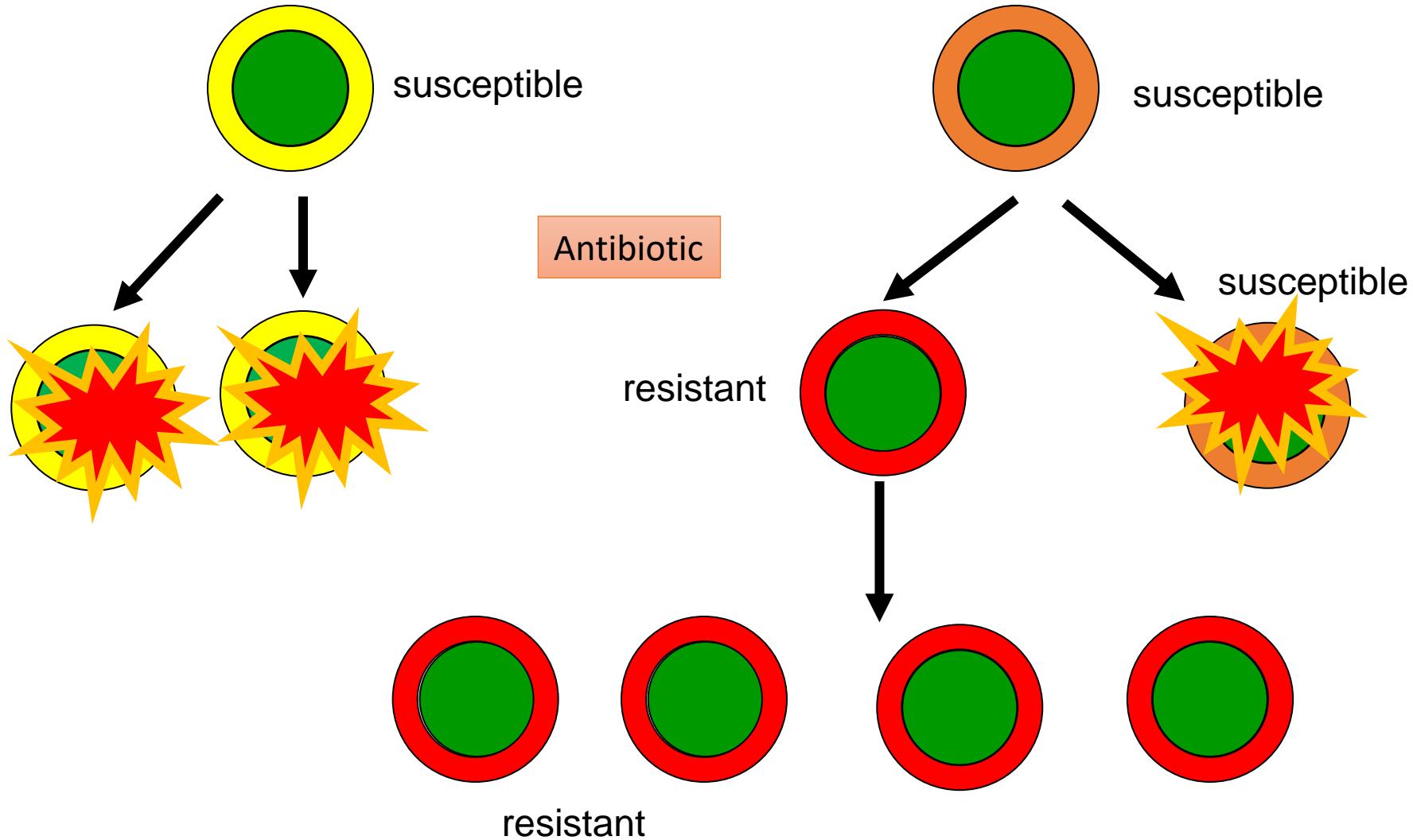
## Broth dilution method for measuring minimum inhibitory concentration of antibiotics

3. After overnight incubation shown at left, add rich broth with appropriate dilution series of test antibiotic to test tubes. Example concentrations (mg/L) are shown below. Inoculate bacteria to a final density of  $5 \times 10^5$  cfu/ml.

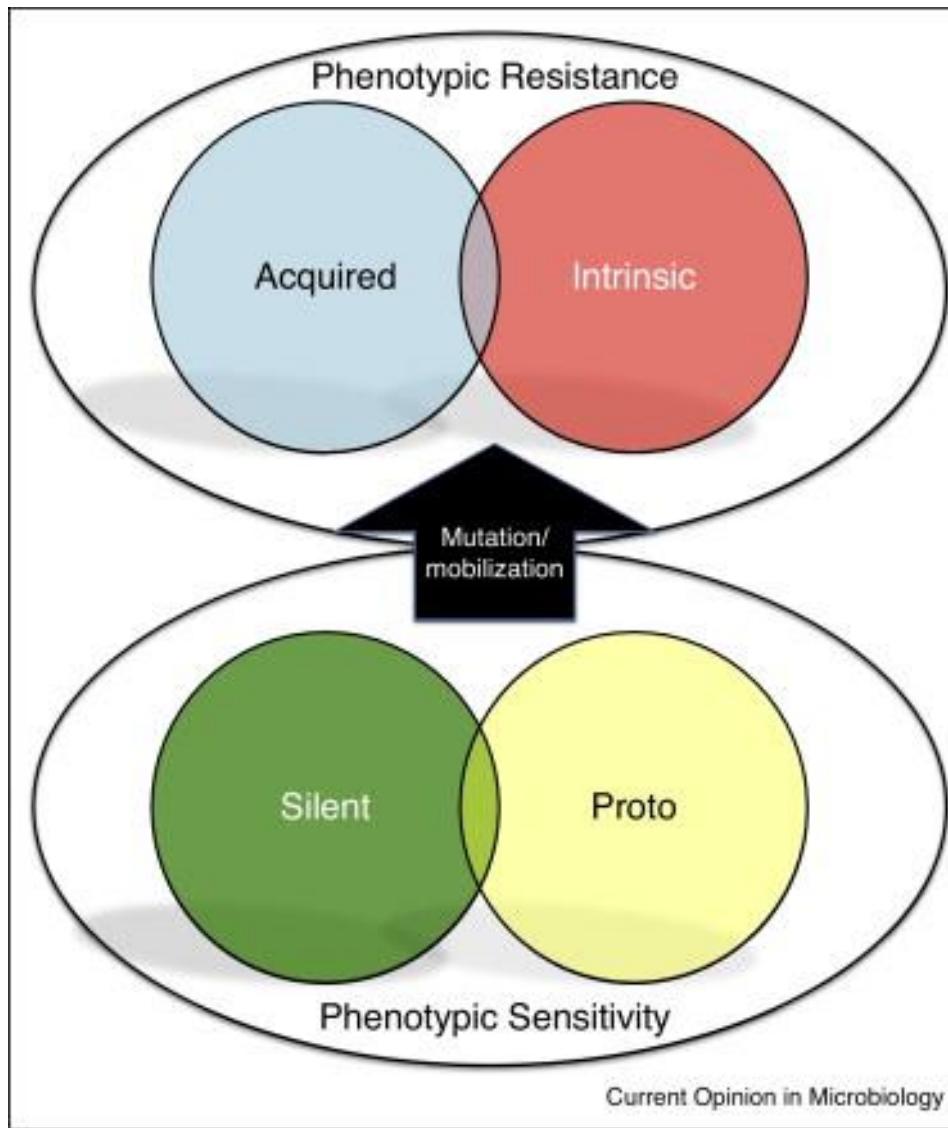


5. After overnight incubation, check cultures for growth. The MIC is the lowest concentration of antibiotic that prevents visible growth. In this example, the MIC is 64 mg/L.

# Bacteria point of view: a question of life or death



# Resistome: all resistance genes, known and unknown that circulate on the planet



**Table 1. Intrinsic resistance in Enterobacteriaceae.** Enterobacteriaceae are also intrinsically resistant to benzylpenicillin, glycopeptides, fusidic acid, macrolides (with some exceptions<sup>1</sup>), lincosamides, streptogramins, rifampicin, daptomycin and linezolid.

Rule no.	Organisms	Ampicillin	Amoxicillin-Clavulanic acid	Ampicillin-sulbactam	Ticarcillin	Cefazolin, Cefalotin Cefalexin, Cefadroxil	Cefoxitin <sup>2</sup>	Cefuroxime	Tetracyclines	Tigecycline	Polymyxin B, Colistin	Nitrofurantoin
1.1	<i>Citrobacter koseri</i> , <i>Citrobacter amalonaticus</i> <sup>3</sup>	R			R							
1.2	<i>Citrobacter freundii</i> <sup>4</sup>	R	R	R		R	R					
1.3	<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> complex	R	R	R		R	R					
1.4	<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	R	R	R		R	R					
1.5	<i>Escherichia hermannii</i>	R			R							
1.6	<i>Hafnia alvei</i>	R	R	R		R	R					
1.7	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	R			R							
1.8	<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	R			R							
1.9	<i>Morganella morganii</i>	R	R	R		R			R	R	R	R
1.10	<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>								R	R	R	R
1.11	<i>Proteus penneri</i>	R				R		R	R	R	R	R
1.12	<i>Proteus vulgaris</i>	R				R		R	R	R	R	R
1.13	<i>Providencia rettgeri</i>	R	R	R		R		R	R	R	R	R
1.14	<i>Providencia stuartii</i>	R	R	R		R		R	R	R	R	R
1.15	<i>Raoultella</i> spp.	R			R							
1.16	<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	R	R	R		R	R	R	R <sup>5</sup>		R	R
1.17	<i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R					
1.18	<i>Yersinia pseudotuberculosis</i>									R		

R = resistant

<sup>1</sup> Azithromycin is effective *in vivo* for the treatment of typhoid fever and erythromycin may be used to treat travellers' diarrhoea.

**Table 4. Intrinsic resistance in Gram-positive bacteria. Gram-positive bacteria are also intrinsically resistant to aztreonam, temocillin, polymyxin B/colistin and nalidixic acid**

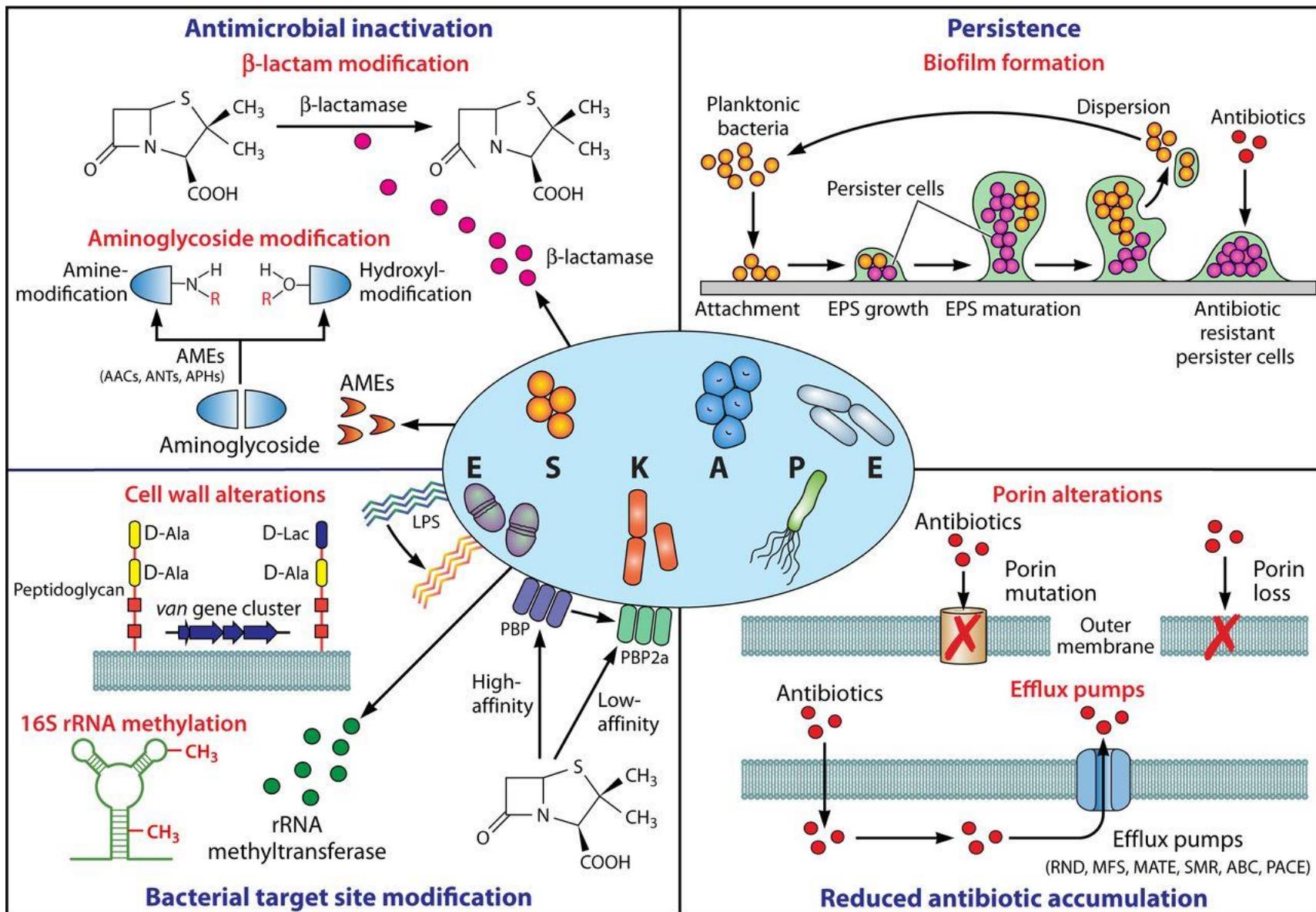
Rule no.	Organisms	Fusidic acid	Ceftazidime	Cephalosporins (except ceftazidime)	Aminoglycosides	Macrolides	Clindamycin	Quinupristin-dalfopristin	Vancomycin	Telcoplanin	Fosfomycin	Novobiocin	Sulfonamides
4.1	<i>Staphylococcus saprophyticus</i>	R	R								R	R	
4.2	<i>Staphylococcus cohnii</i> ,		R									R	
4.3	<i>Staphylococcus xylosus</i>		R									R	
4.4	<i>Staphylococcus capitis</i>		R								R		
4.5	Other coagulase-negative staphylococci and <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>		R										
4.6	<i>Streptococcus</i> spp.	R	R		R <sup>1</sup>								
4.7	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	R	R	R	R <sup>1</sup>	R	R	R				R	
4.8	<i>Enterococcus gallinarum</i> , <i>Enterococcus casseliflavus</i>	R	R	R	R <sup>1</sup>	R	R	R	R			R	
4.9	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	R	R	R	R <sup>1,2</sup>	R						R	
4.10	<i>Corynebacterium</i> spp.										R		
4.11	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>		R	R									
4.12	<i>Leuconostoc</i> spp., <i>Pediococcus</i> spp.								R	R			
4.13	<i>Lactobacillus</i> spp. ( <i>L. casei</i> , <i>L. casei</i> var. <i>rhamnosus</i> )								R	R			
4.14	<i>Clostridium ramosum</i> , <i>Clostridium innocuum</i>								R				

R = resistant

<sup>1</sup> Low-level resistance (LLR) to aminoglycosides. Combinations of aminoglycosides with cell wall inhibitors (penicillins and glycopeptides) are synergistic and bactericidal against isolates that are susceptible to cell wall inhibitors and do not display high-level resistance to aminoglycosides.

<sup>2</sup> In addition to LLR to aminoglycosides, *Enterococcus faecium* produces a chromosomal AAC(6')-I enzyme that is responsible for the loss of synergism between aminoglycosides (except gentamicin, amikacin and streptomycin) and penicillins or glycopeptides.

# antimicrobial resistance



# Progenitors

Ancestor protein  
Little or no antibiotic resistance → Resistance protein  
Efficient antibiotic resistance

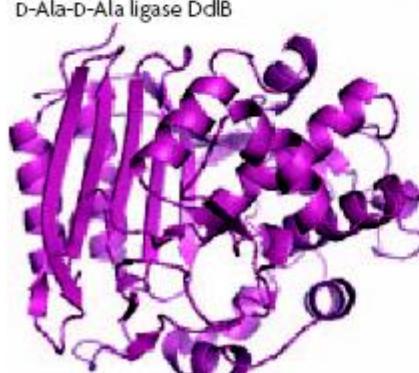
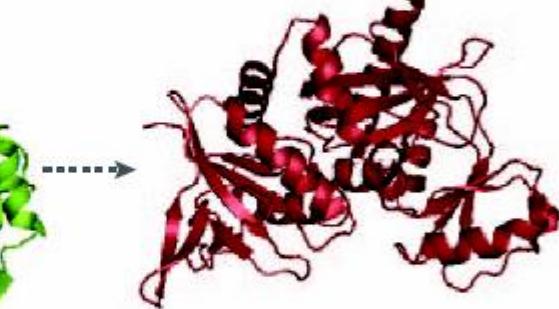
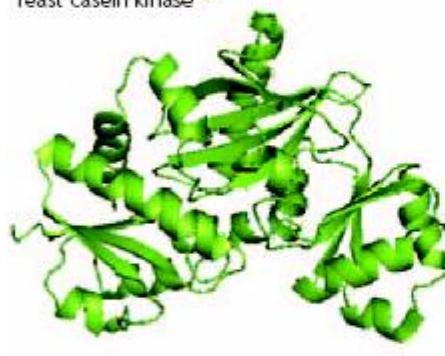
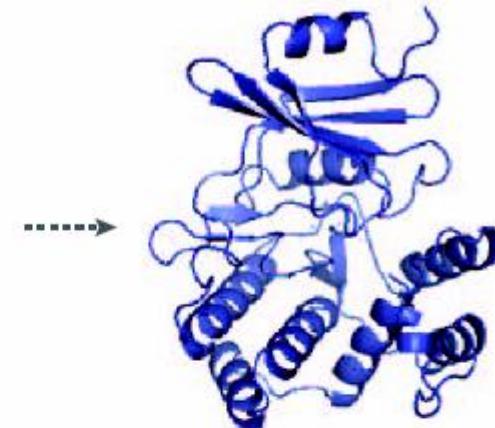
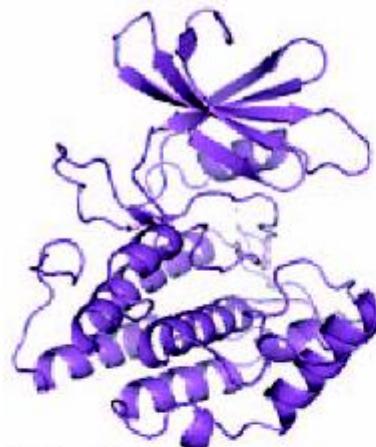


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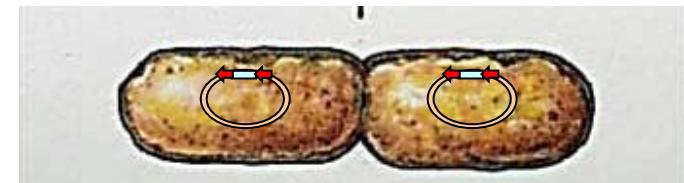
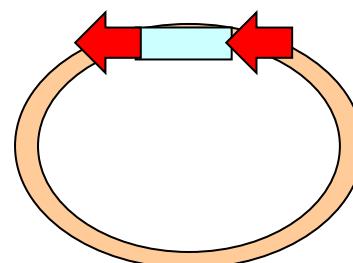
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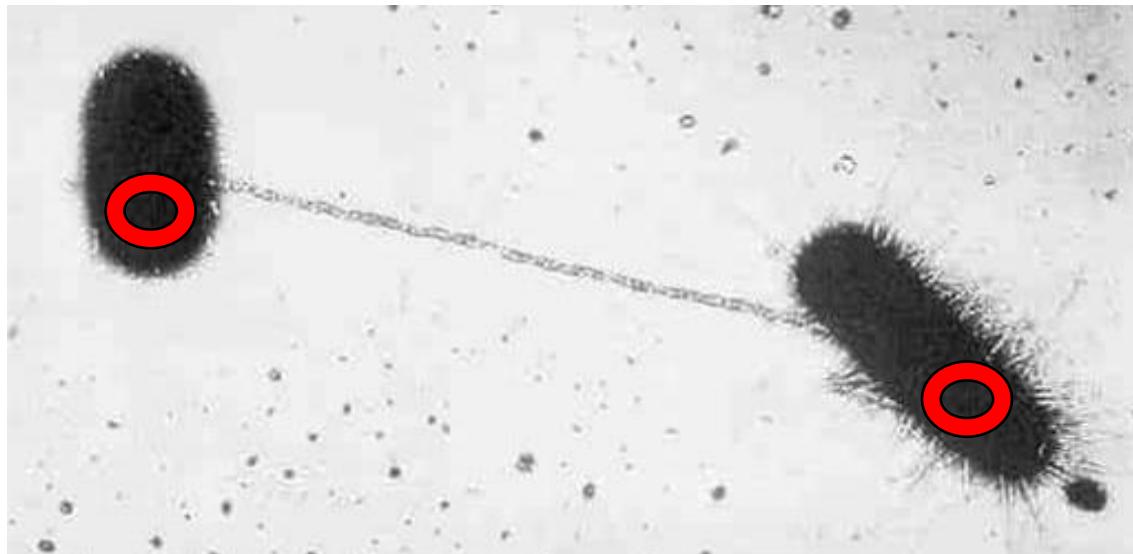


# Acquired antimicrobial resistance

- genes
- transposons
- plasmids
- bacterial clones

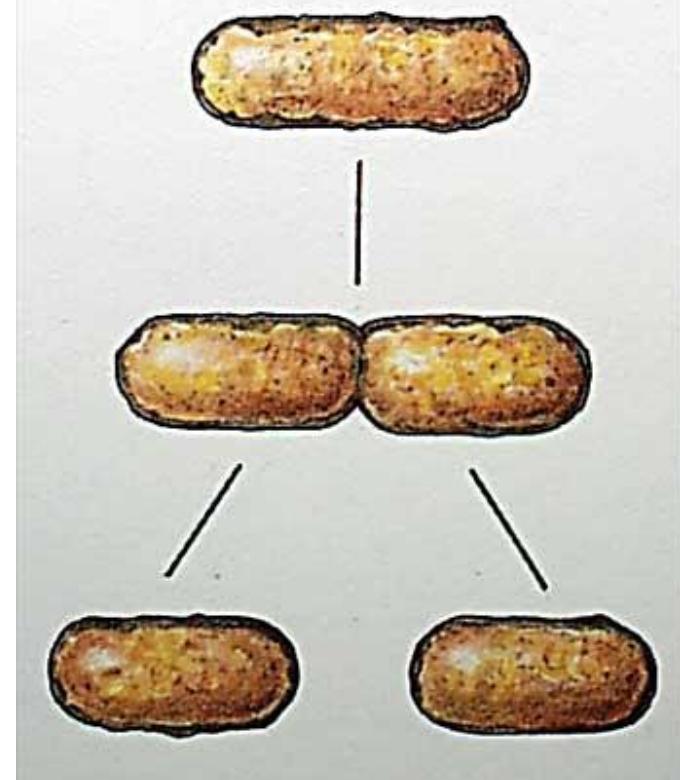


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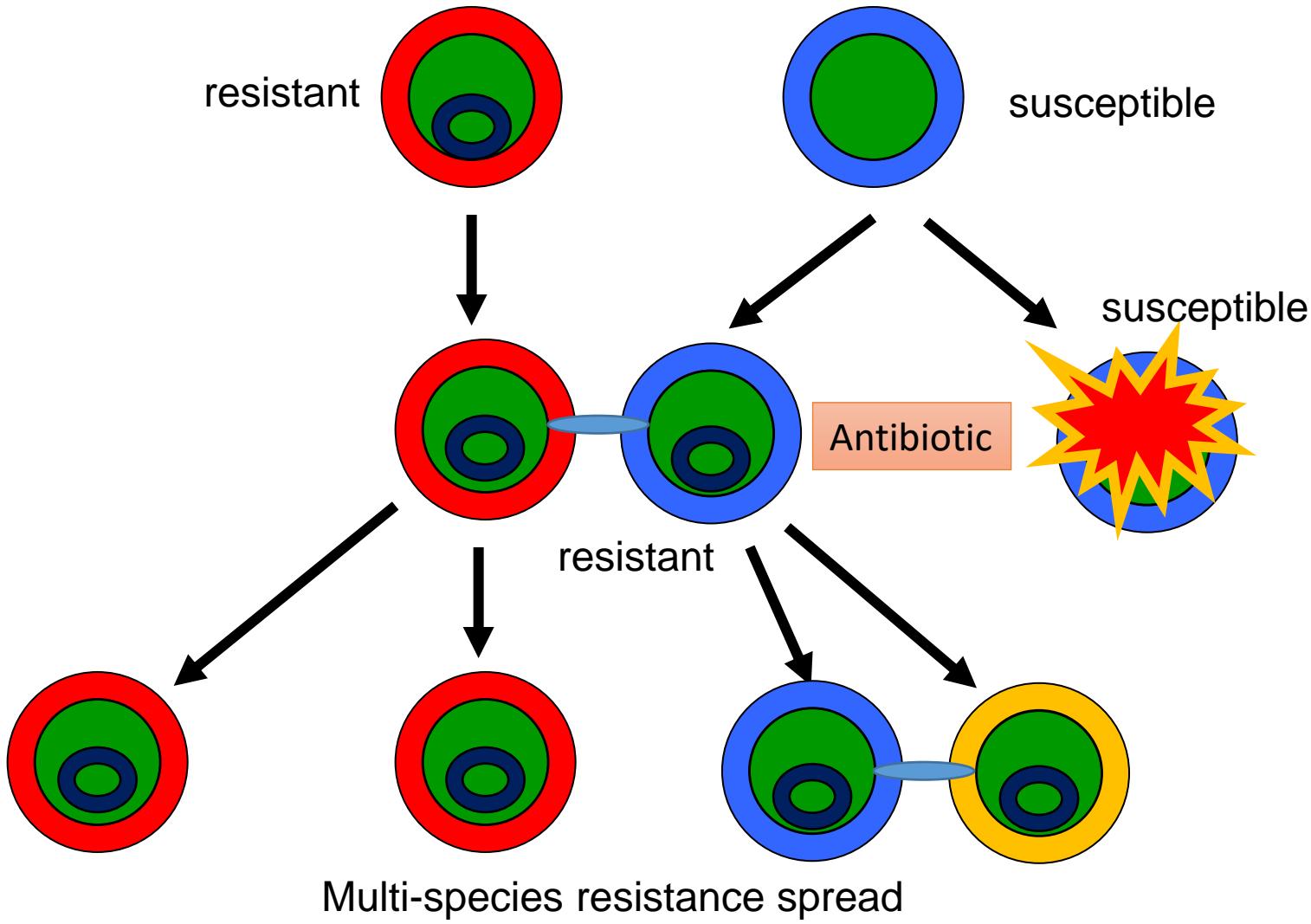
Transmission across  
species boundaries

# Vertical

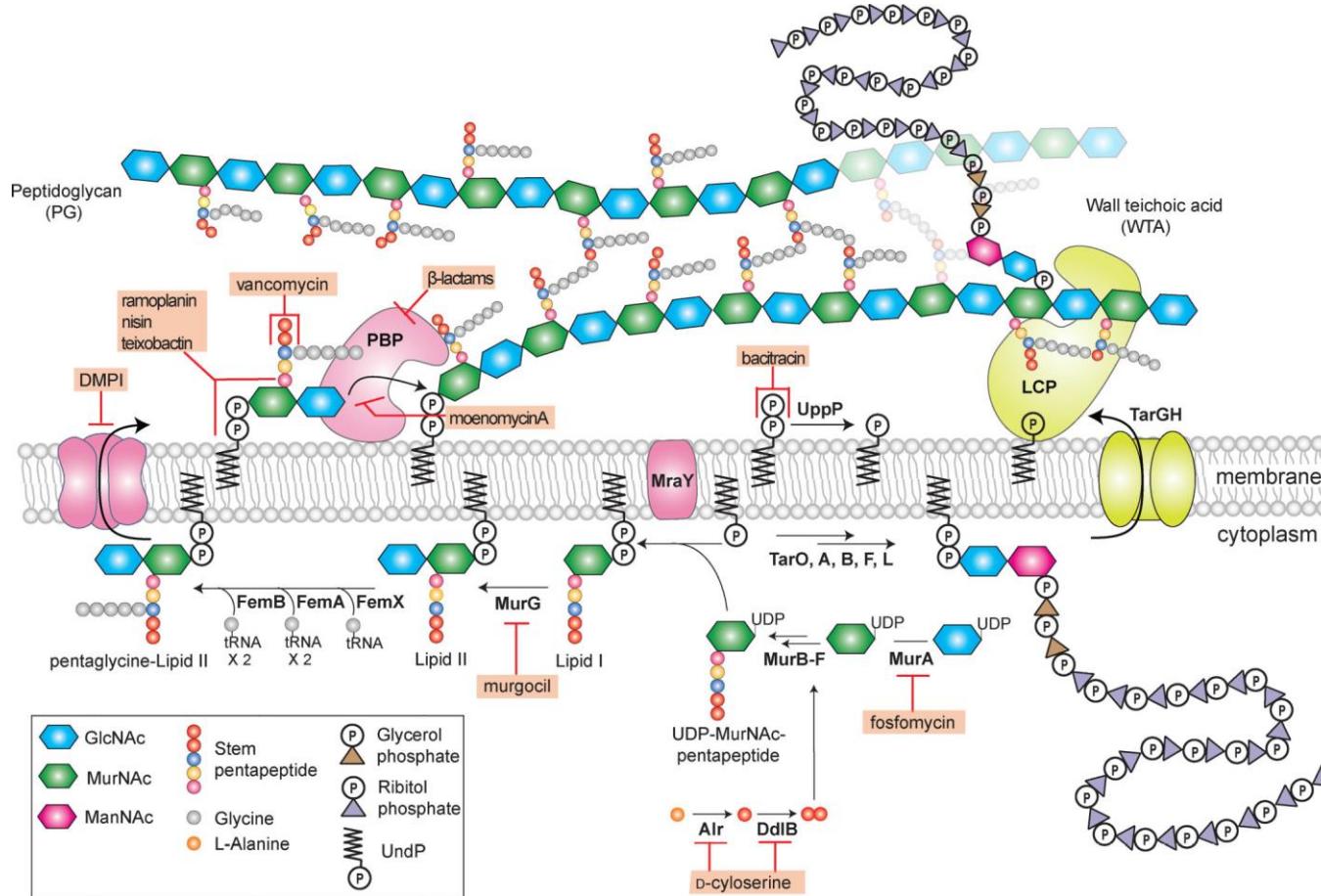


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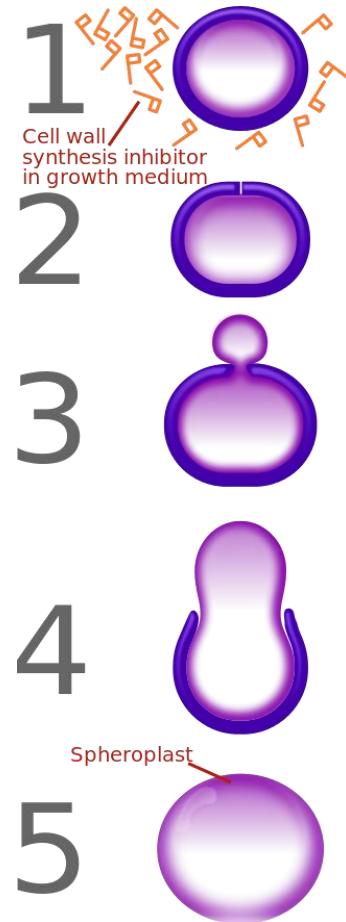
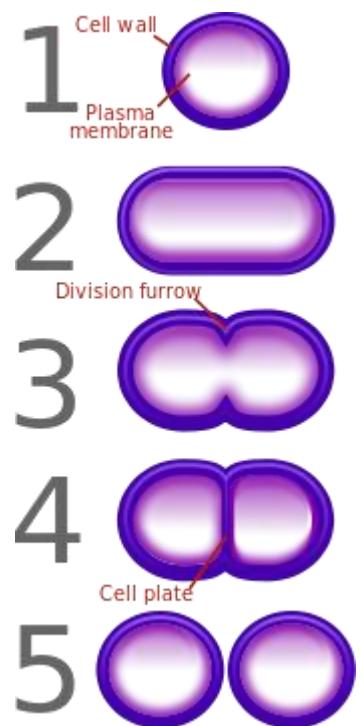
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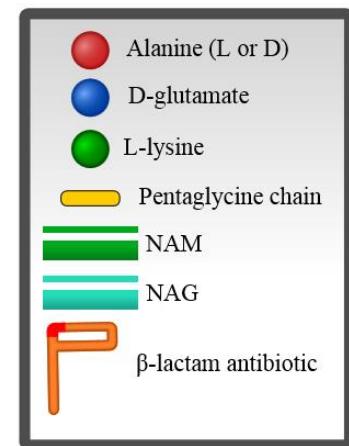
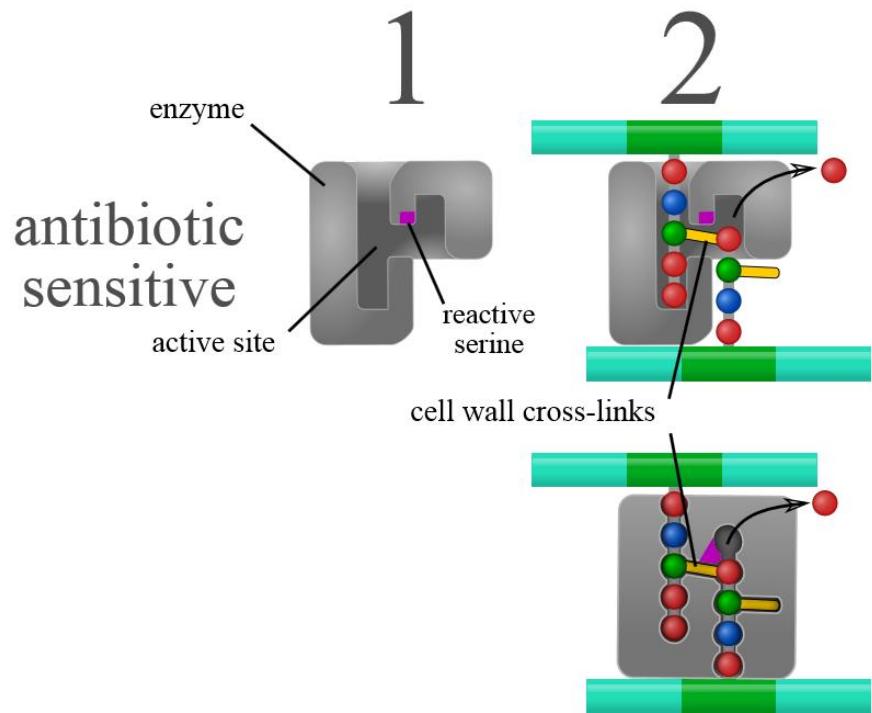
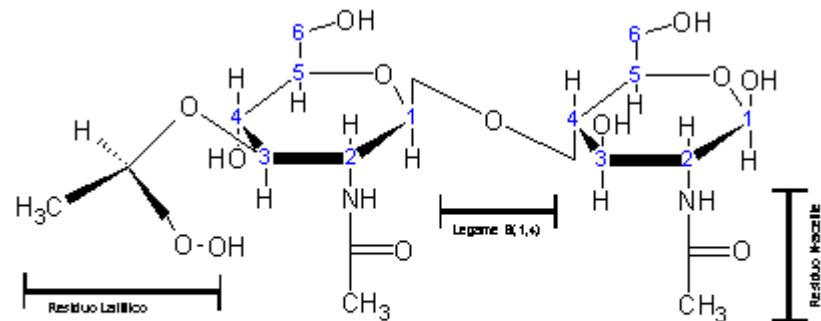


# Antibiotics that inhibits the synthesis of peptidoglycan



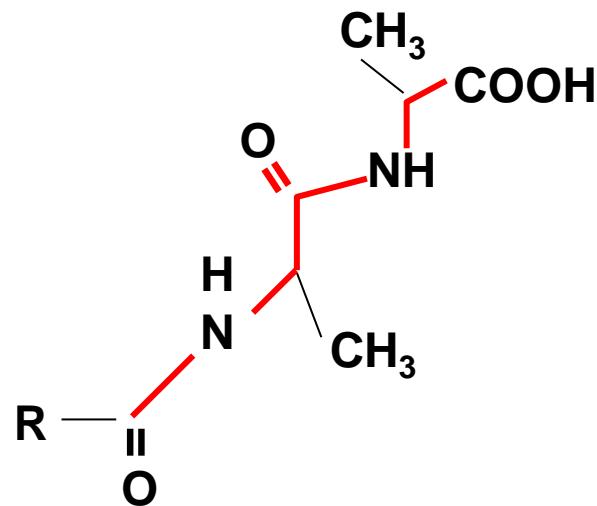
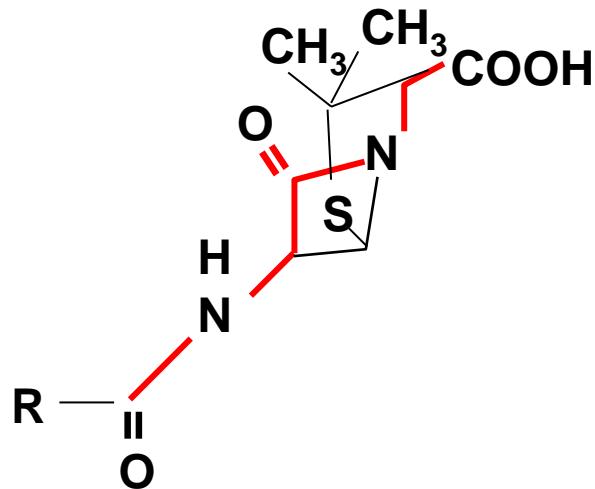
# Beta-lactams





# $\beta$ -LACTAMS

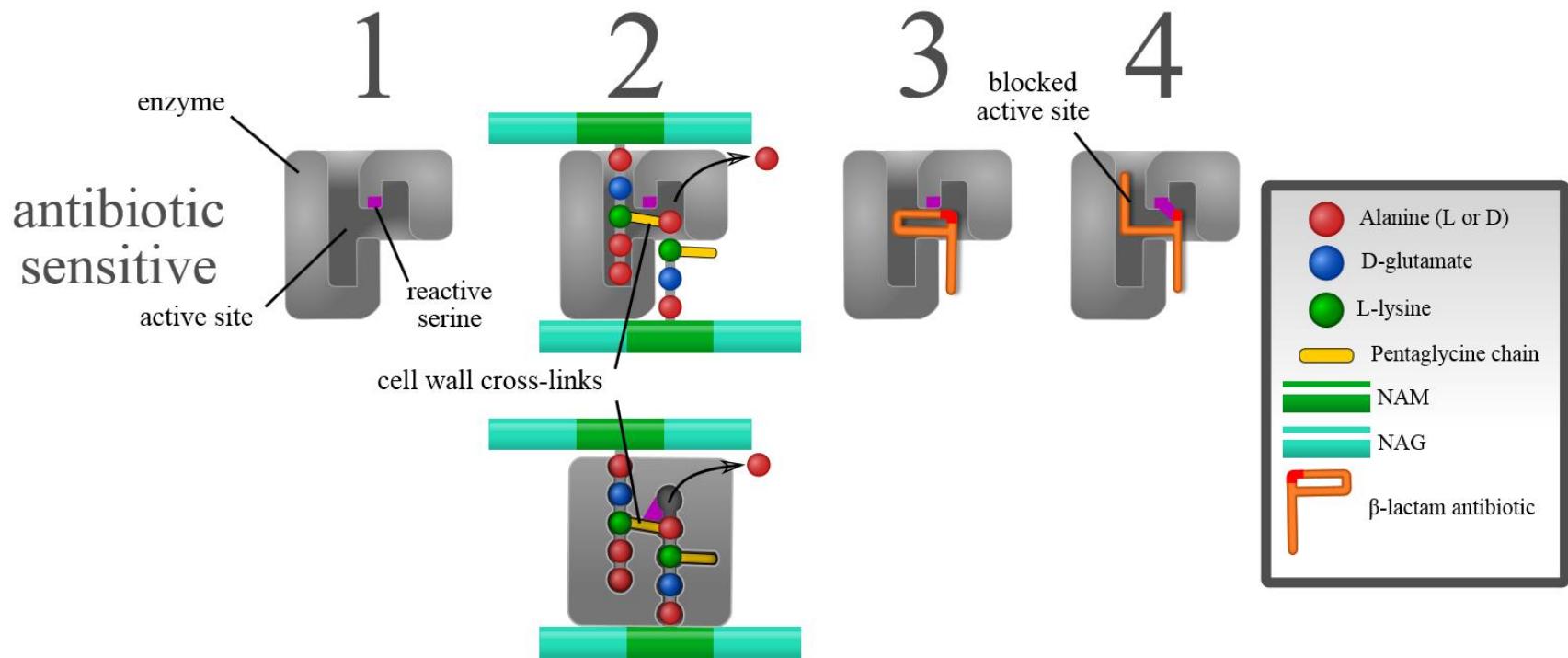
MECHANISM OF ACTION  
INHIBITION OF PEPTIDOGLYCAN SYNTHESIS AT THE LEVEL OF THE  
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PENTAPEPTIDES OF TWO ADJACENT CHAINS  
BACTERICIDES



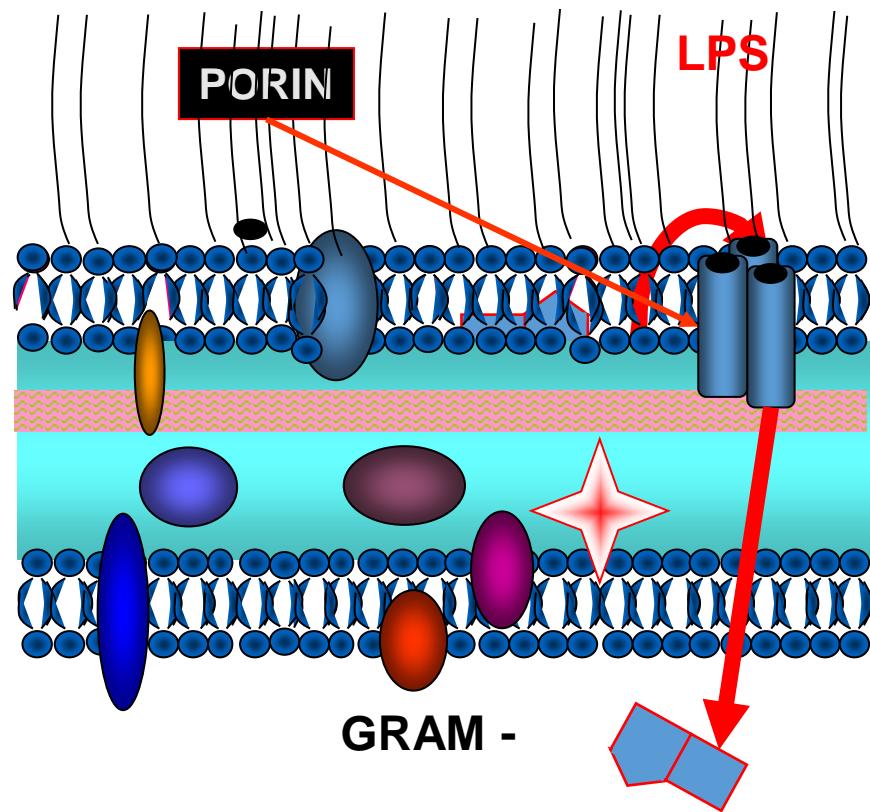
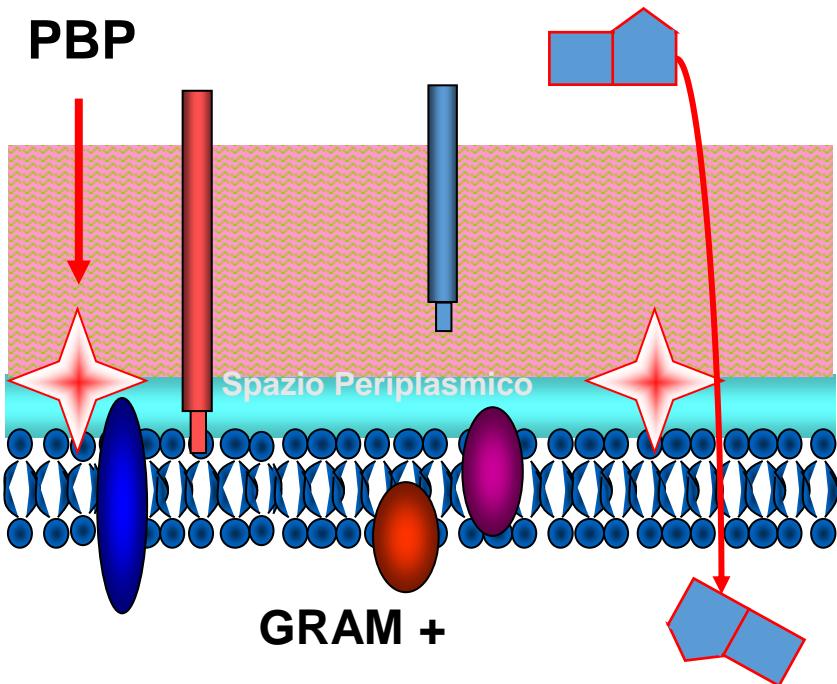
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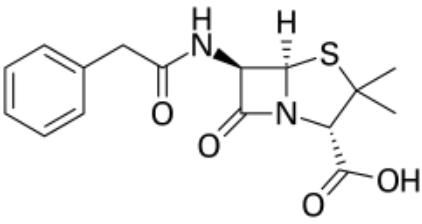
D-ALA

$\beta$ -lactams irreversibly bind to the active site of PBP, making transpeptidation impossible. This makes the peptidoglycan wall of the bacterium incomplete and brittle

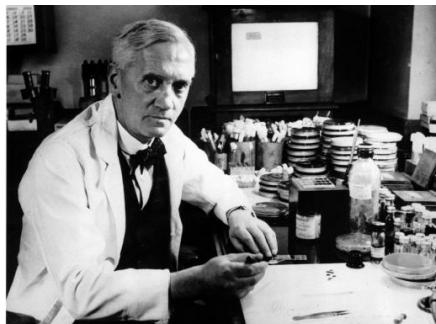


## $\beta$ -lactams access to peptidoglycan differs in Gram+ and Gram-





## Penicillium



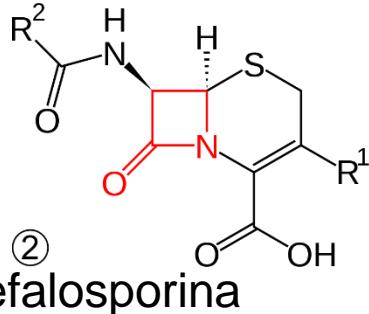
Fleming, Chain e Florey

Penicillina (1928) →

Cefalosporina (1945) →

1945  
1950  
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① penicillina



② cefalosporina



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Acremonium, Cephalosporium



**Ernst Boris Chain**

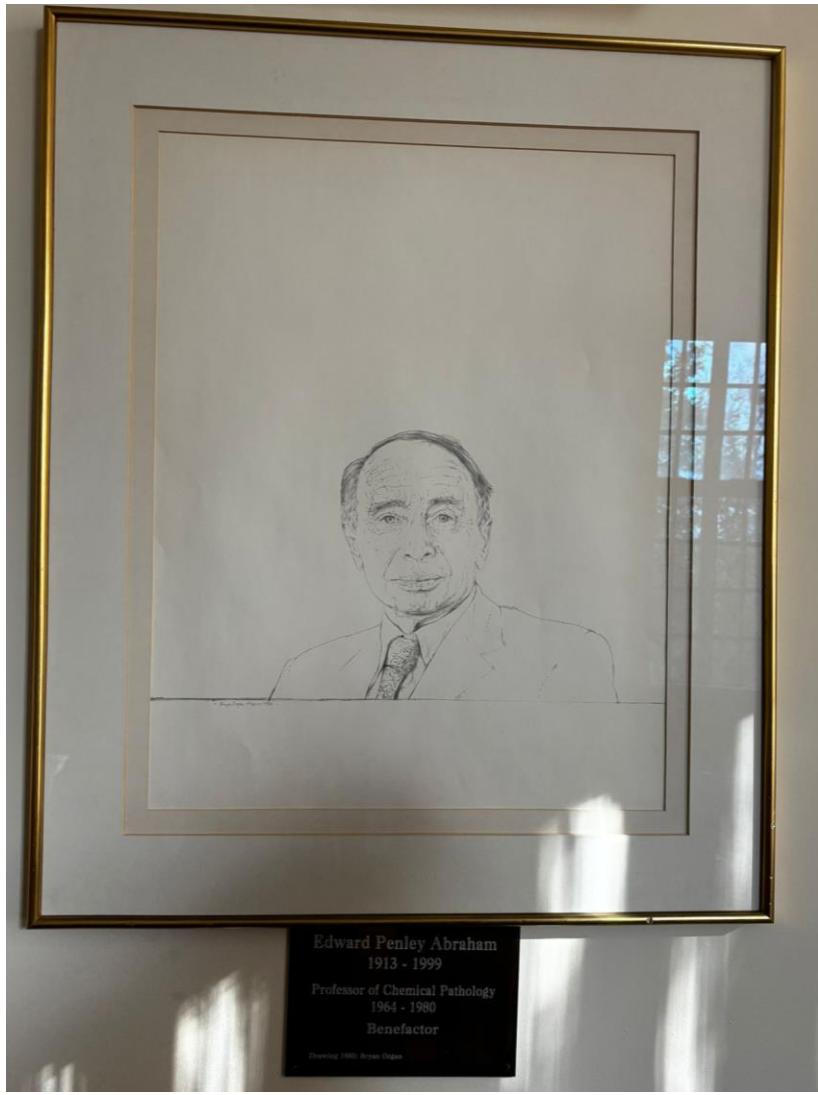


Ernst Boris Chain was born June 1906, 1906 in Berlin, and graduated in chemistry from Friedrich Wilhelm University in 1930. He came to England in 1933, where he worked at the Medical Research Council's Peacock Laboratory. In 1935, with Howard Florey's encouragement, he followed up Florey's work on penicillin at Oxford. After Florey's departure, he became Head of the Department of Biochemistry at the Royal College of Surgeons in London before returning to the University of Oxford in 1943, where he became Professor of Biochemistry and Head of the Department of Biochemistry. Together with Florey and Fleming, he received the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 1945.

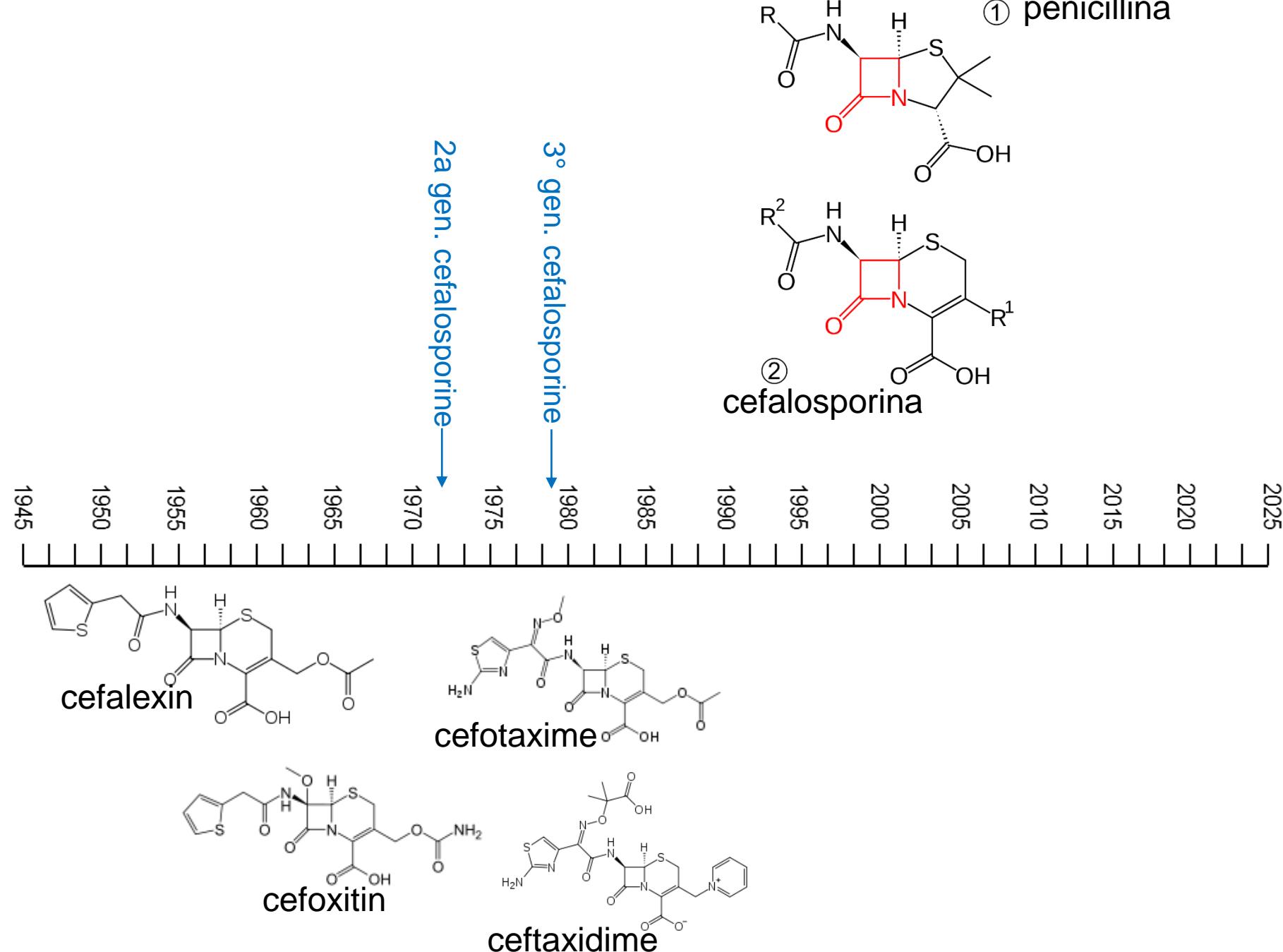


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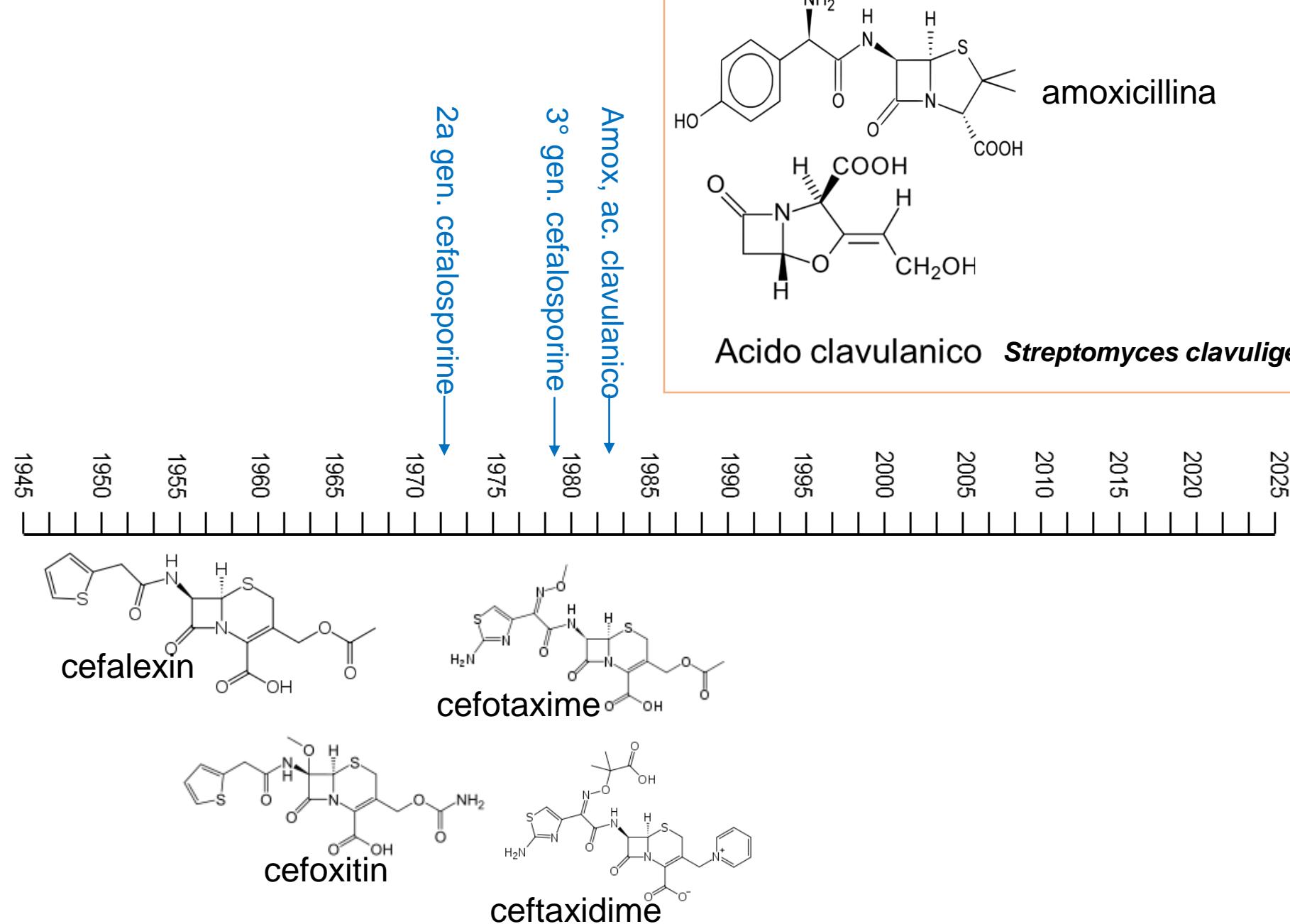


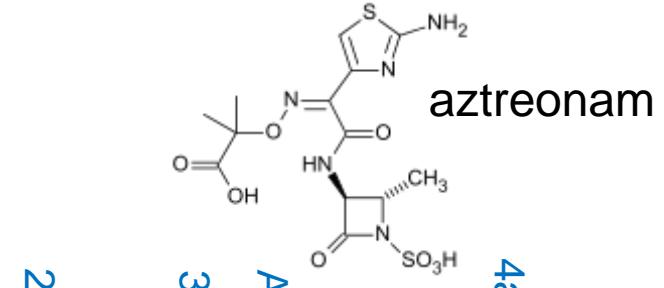
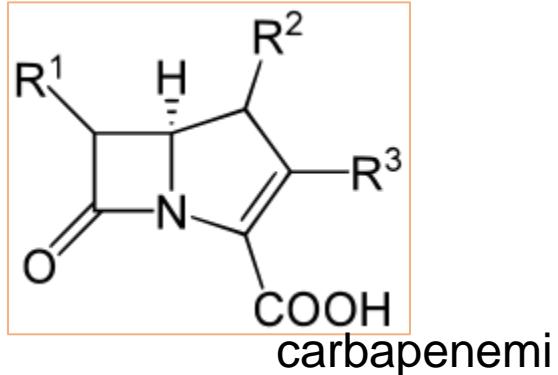


**Edward Penley Abraham  
Benefactor**



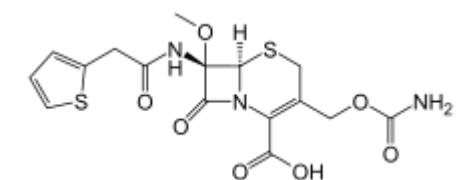
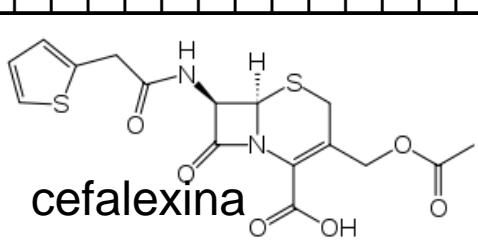
# La strategia delle molecole suicide





2 a gen. cefalosporine

1970



**ceftaxidime**



3° gen. cefalosporine

1980

4 a gen. cefalosporine

1995

imipenem —

1990

aztreonam —

1985

Amox, ac. clavulanico —

1980

meropenem —

1995

meropenem

2000

meropenem

2005

meropenem

2010

meropenem

2015

5 a gen. cefalos

2020

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# Surveillance Atlas of Infectious Diseases

Antimicrobial resistance

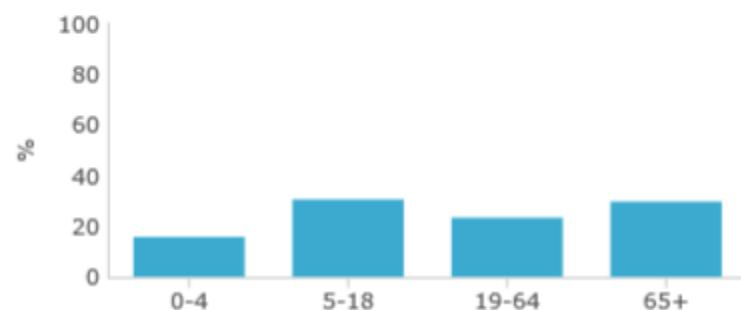
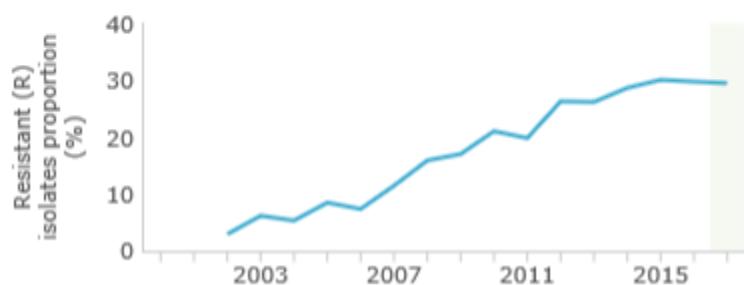
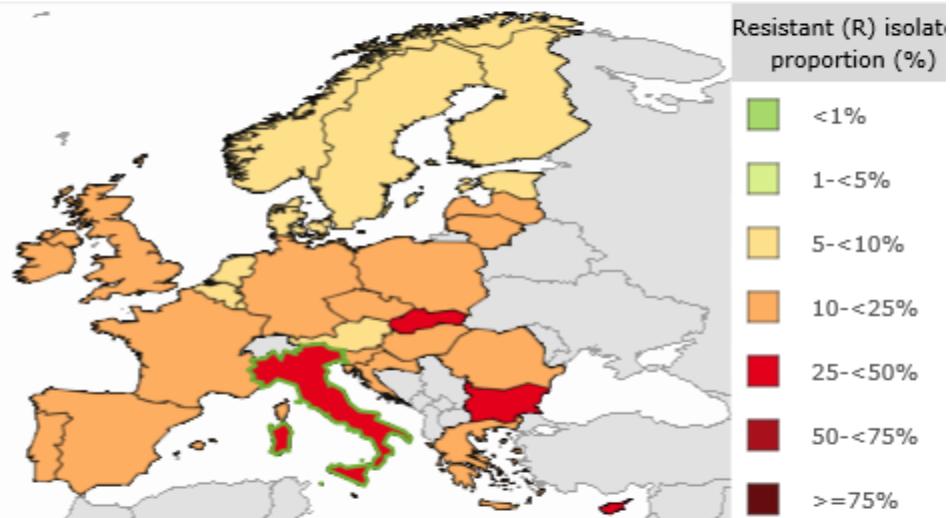
Escherichia coli

Third-generation cephalosporins

Resistant (R) isolates proportion

2017

Estonia	8.8
Finland	6.9
France	10.2
Germany	12.3
Greece	18.3
Hungary	20.1
Iceland	6.1
Ireland	12.0
Italy	29.5
Latvia	22.0
Lithuania	16.8



# Surveillance Atlas of Infectious Diseases

## Antimicrobial resistance

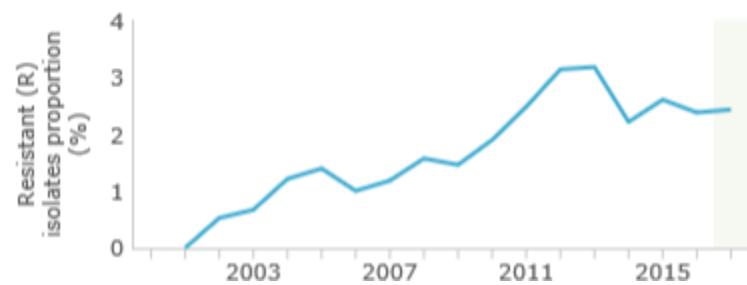
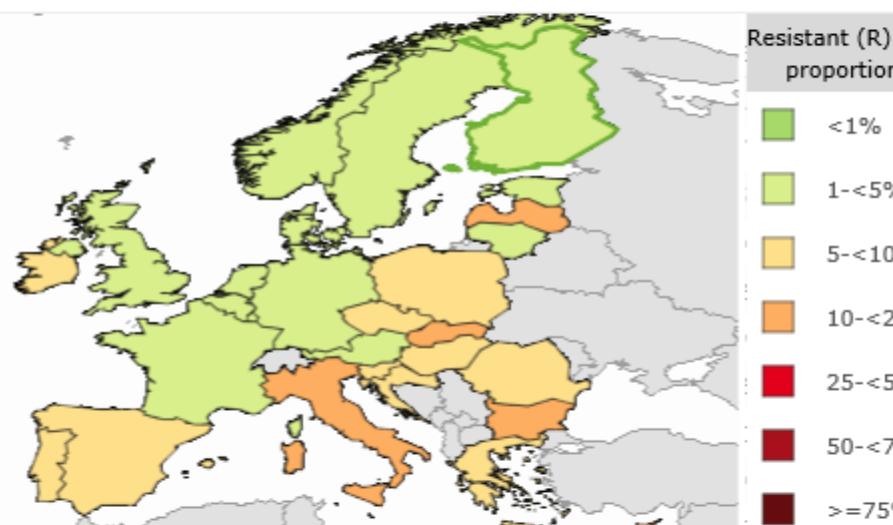
### Escherichia coli

#### Combined resistance (third-generation cephalosporin, fluoroquinolones and aminoglycoside)

##### Resistant (R) isolates proportion

2017

Finland	2.4
France	3.0
Germany	3.7
Greece	9.8
Hungary	8.2
Iceland	1.5
Ireland	5.7
Italy	13.7
Latvia	11.2
Lithuania	4.4
Luxembourg	3.5



# Surveillance Atlas of Infectious Diseases

Antimicrobial resistance

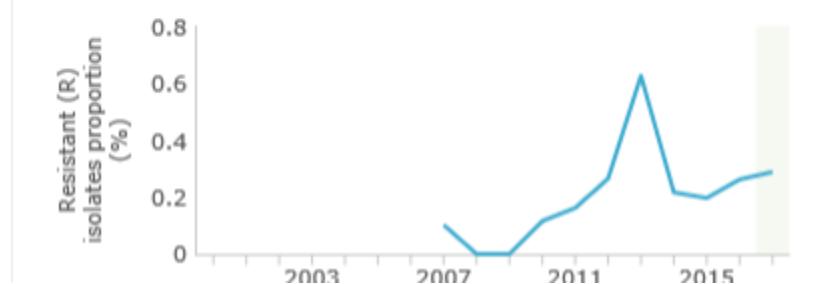
Escherichia coli

Carbapenems

Resistant (R) isolates proportion

▶ ◀ 2017 ▶

Region	Resistant (R) isolates proportion (%)
Austria	0.0
Belgium	0.0
Bulgaria	0.0
Croatia	0.0
Cyprus	1.3
Czech Republic	0.0
Denmark	0.0
Estonia	0.0
Finland	0.0



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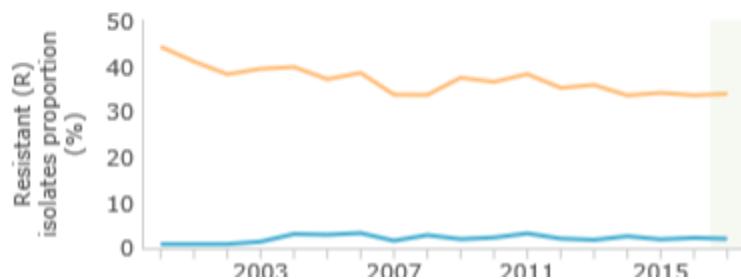
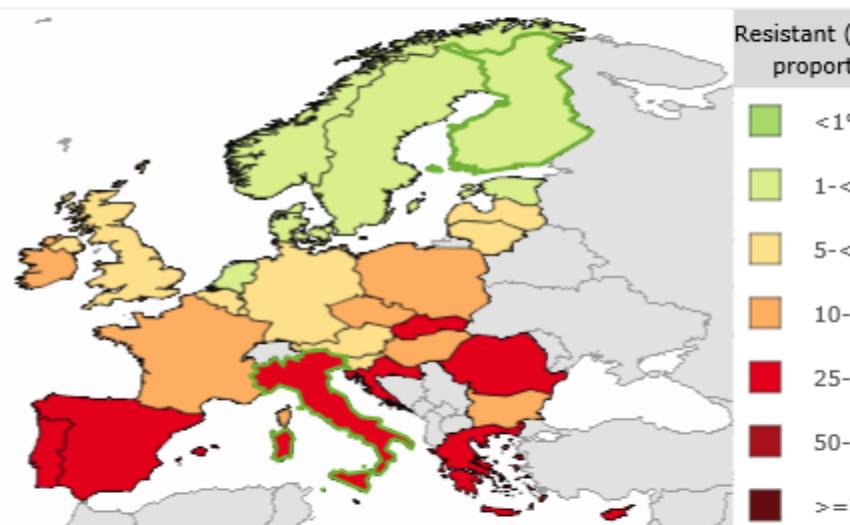
Staphylococcus aureus

Meticillin (MRSA)

Resistant (R) isolates proportion

2017

Iceland	1.4
Ireland	16.3
Italy	33.9
Latvia	5.7
Lithuania	8.8
Luxembourg	9.5
Malta	42.1
Netherlands	1.5
Norway	1.0
Poland	15.2
Portugal	30.2



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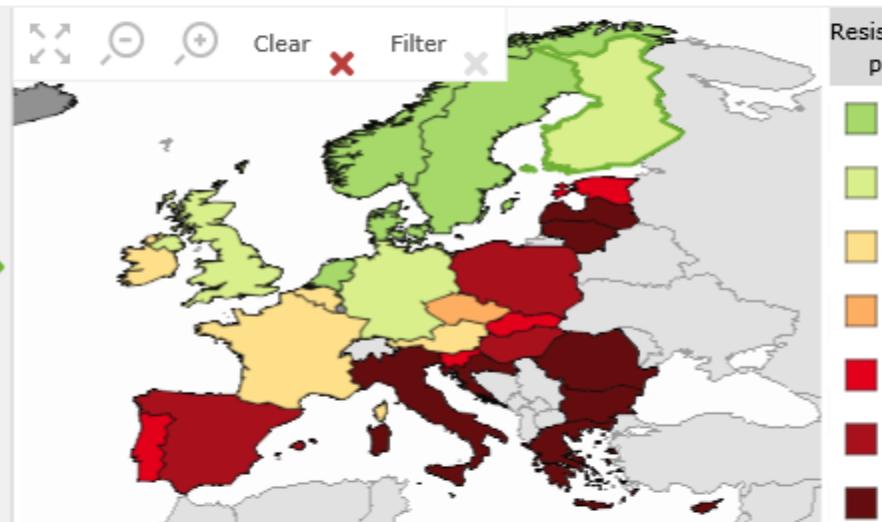
Acinetobacter spp.

Carbapenems

Resistant (R) isolates proportion

► ◀ 2017 ▶

Estonia	33.3
Finland	2.7
France	6.2
Germany	4.4
Greece	94.8
Hungary	52.5
Iceland	-
Ireland	6.3
Italy	78.7
Latvia	79.4
Lithuania	88.5



Resistant (R) isolates proportion (%)



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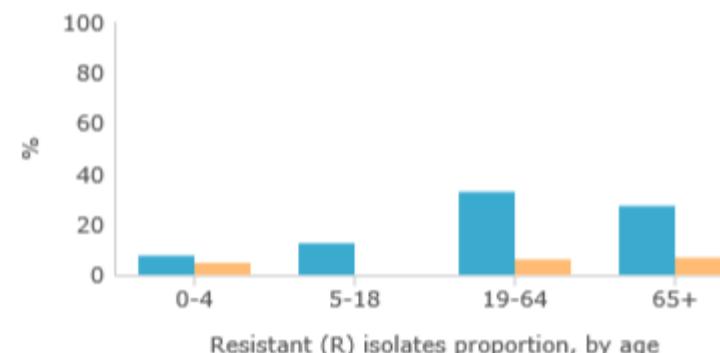
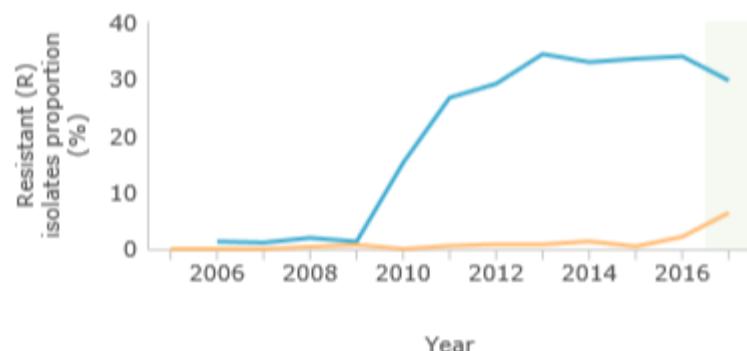
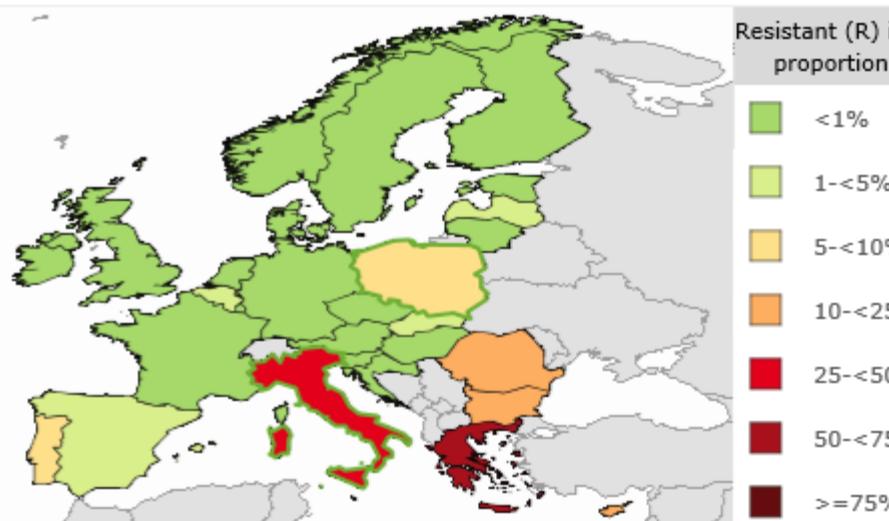
Klebsiella pneumoniae

Carbapenems

Resistant (R) isolates proportion

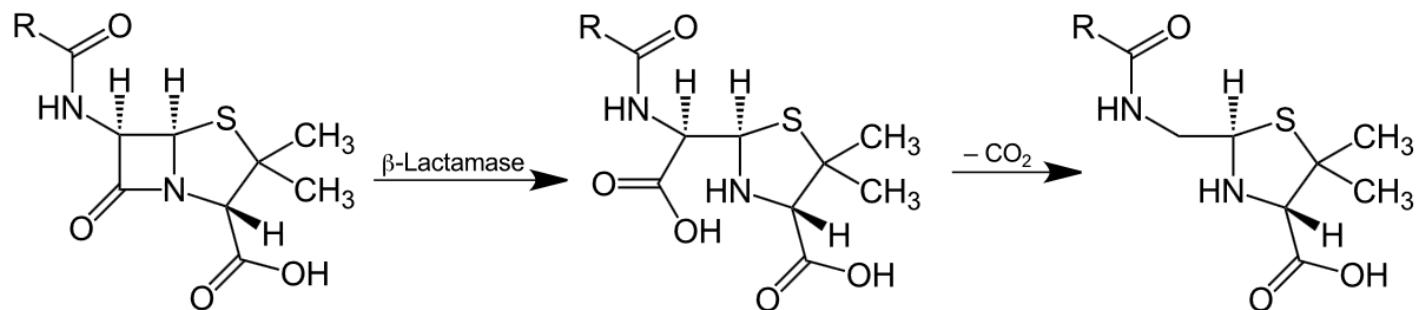
2017

Region	Resistant (R) isolates proportion (%)
Austria	1.0
Belgium	1.1
Bulgaria	12.4
Croatia	0.0
Cyprus	15.5
Czech Republic	0.4
Denmark	0.3
Estonia	0.0
Finland	0.2



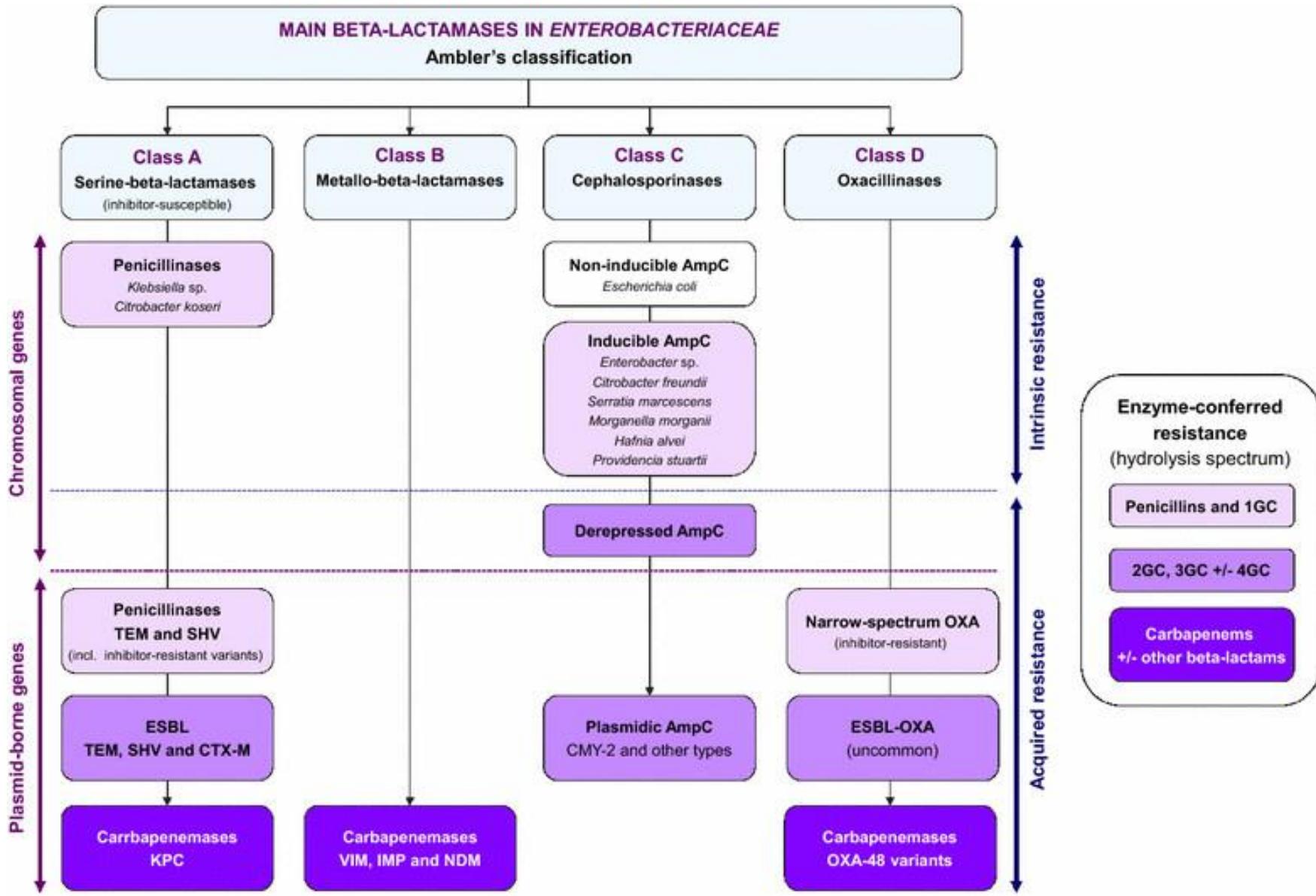
# **Beta-lactams: resistance mechanisms**

# beta-lactamases

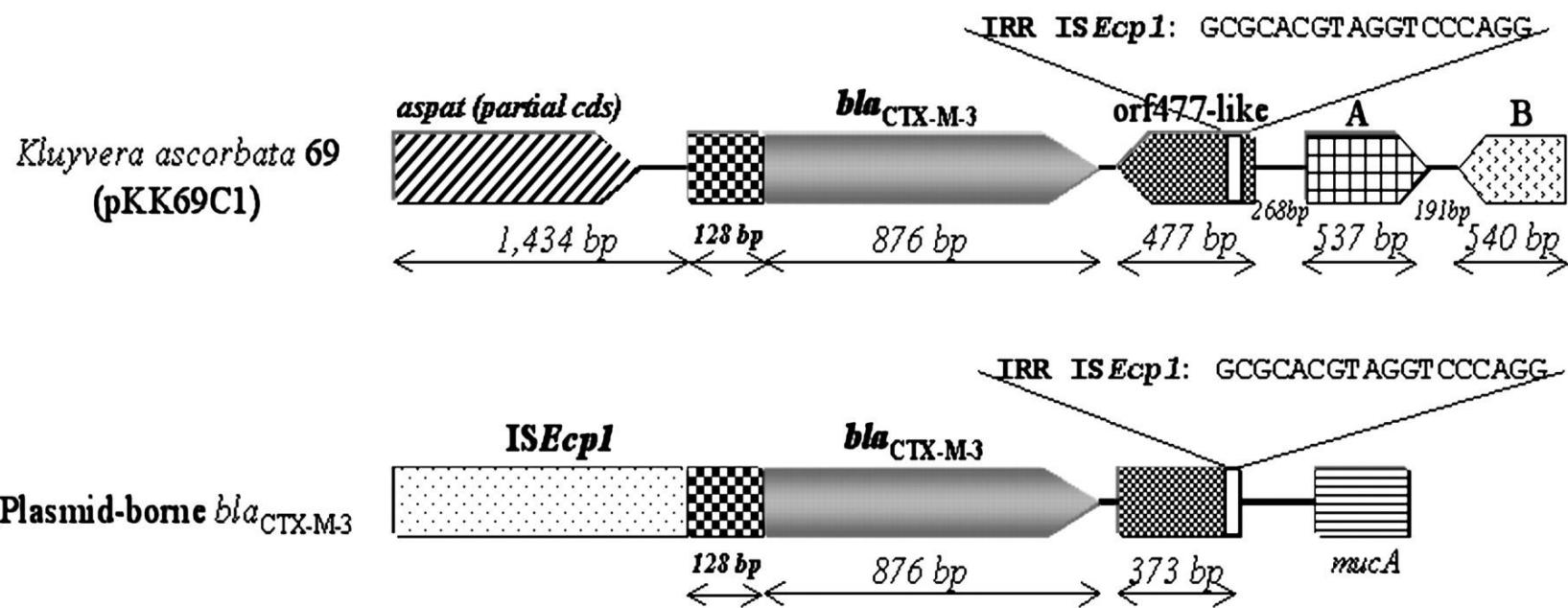


La prima penicillinasi fu descritta da Abraham and Chain in 1940 in *Escherichia coli* prima che la penicillina fosse messa in commercio per uso clinico.

Beta-lattamici resistenti alle penicillinasi vennero sviluppati come la meticillina ma presto anche per queste molecole vennero descritti ceppi resistenti

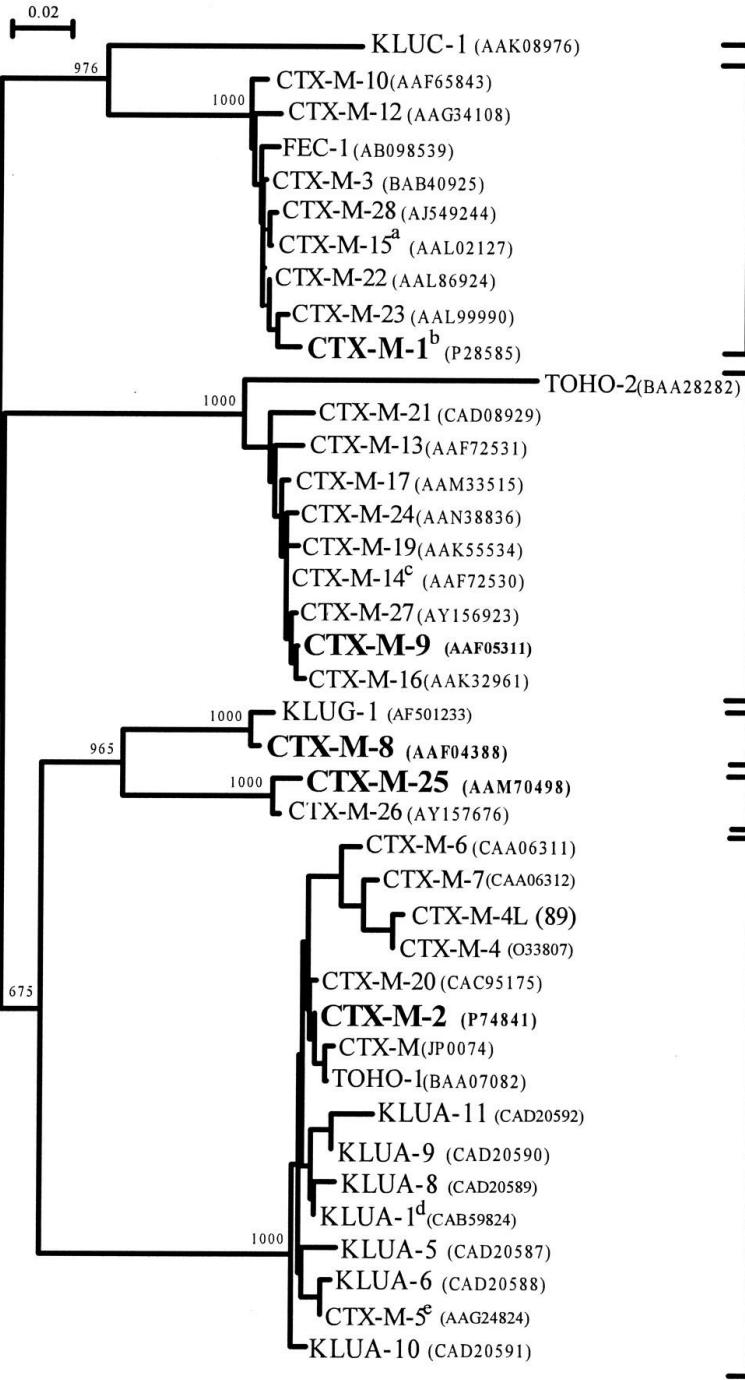


# *Kluyvera ascorbata* is the progenitor of *bla*<sub>CTX-M-3</sub>



Rodríguez M M et al. *Antimicrob. Agents Chemother.*  
2004;48:4895-4897

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Kluc-1 group

CTX-M-1 group (>97 % identity)

*Kluyvera ascorbata*

CTX-M-9 group (>98 % identity\*)

*Kluyvera georgiana*

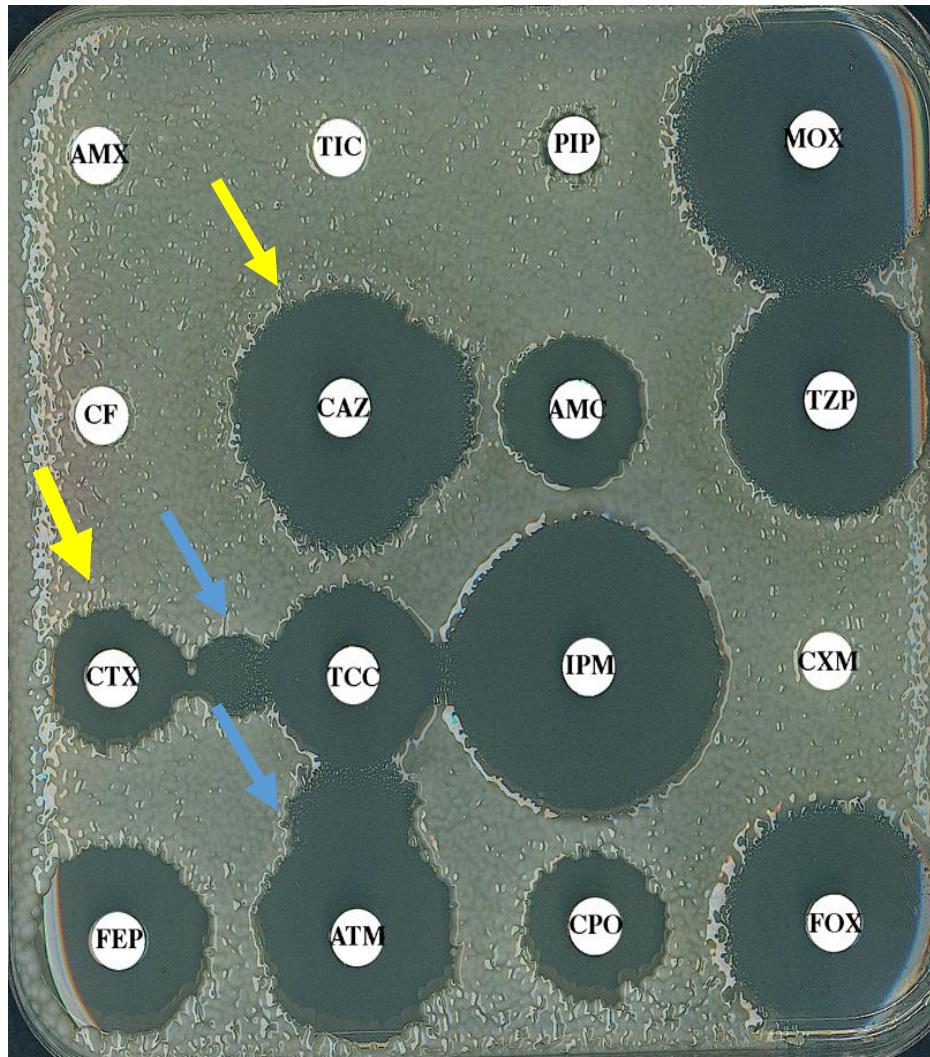
CTX-M-8 group (98 % identity)

CTX-M-25 group (98 % identity)

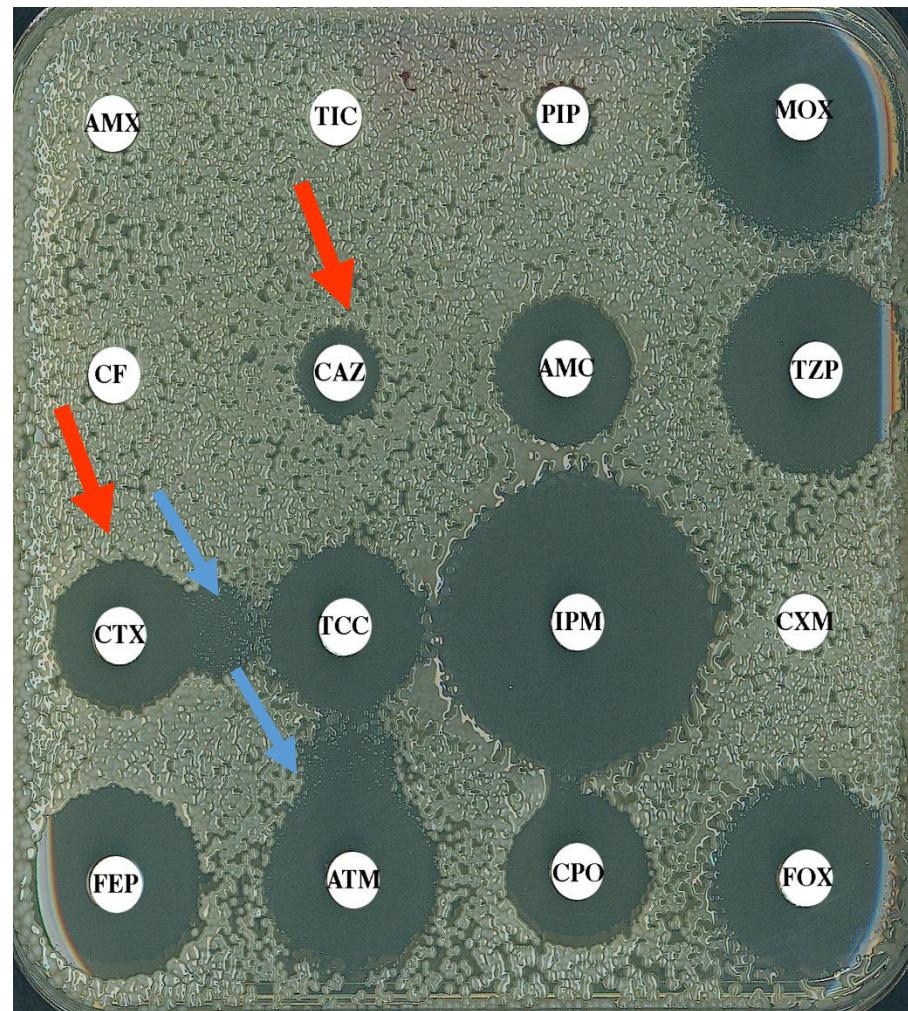
CTX-M-2 group (>94 % identity\*)

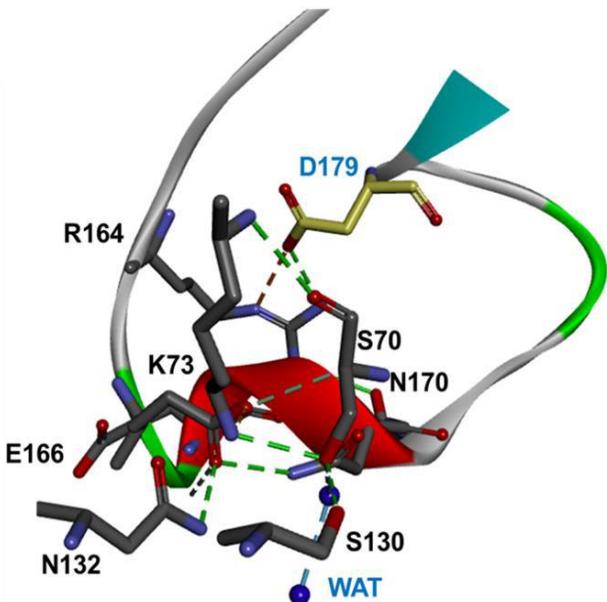
*Kluyvera ascorbata*

# CTX-M-3

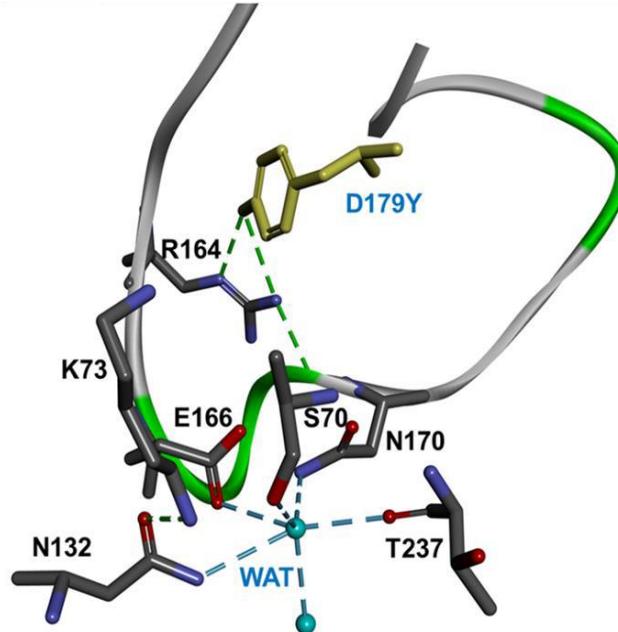


# CTX-M-15





**KPC-3**



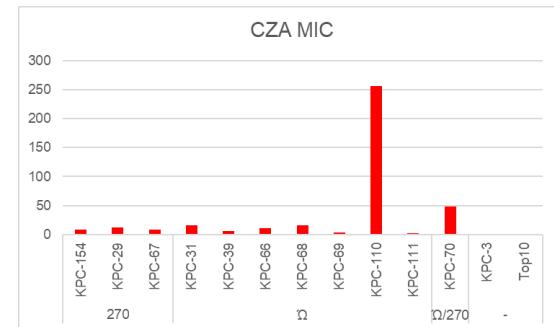
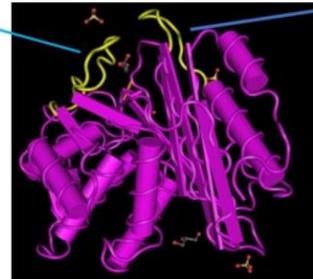
**KPC-31**

**Replacing aspartic acid in tyrosine at position 179 changes the shape of the  $\Omega$ -Loop.** The residue K73 maintains the ionic bond with E166 and moves away from S70. Catalytic water is better positioned between E166-N170-S70 in the D179Y variant than KPC-3 against CZA. This position prevents the deacylation of MEM and promotes the hydrolysis of CAZ. In addition, an increase in IC<sub>50</sub> is observed for AVI inhibition of CAZ hydrolysis in variant D179Y

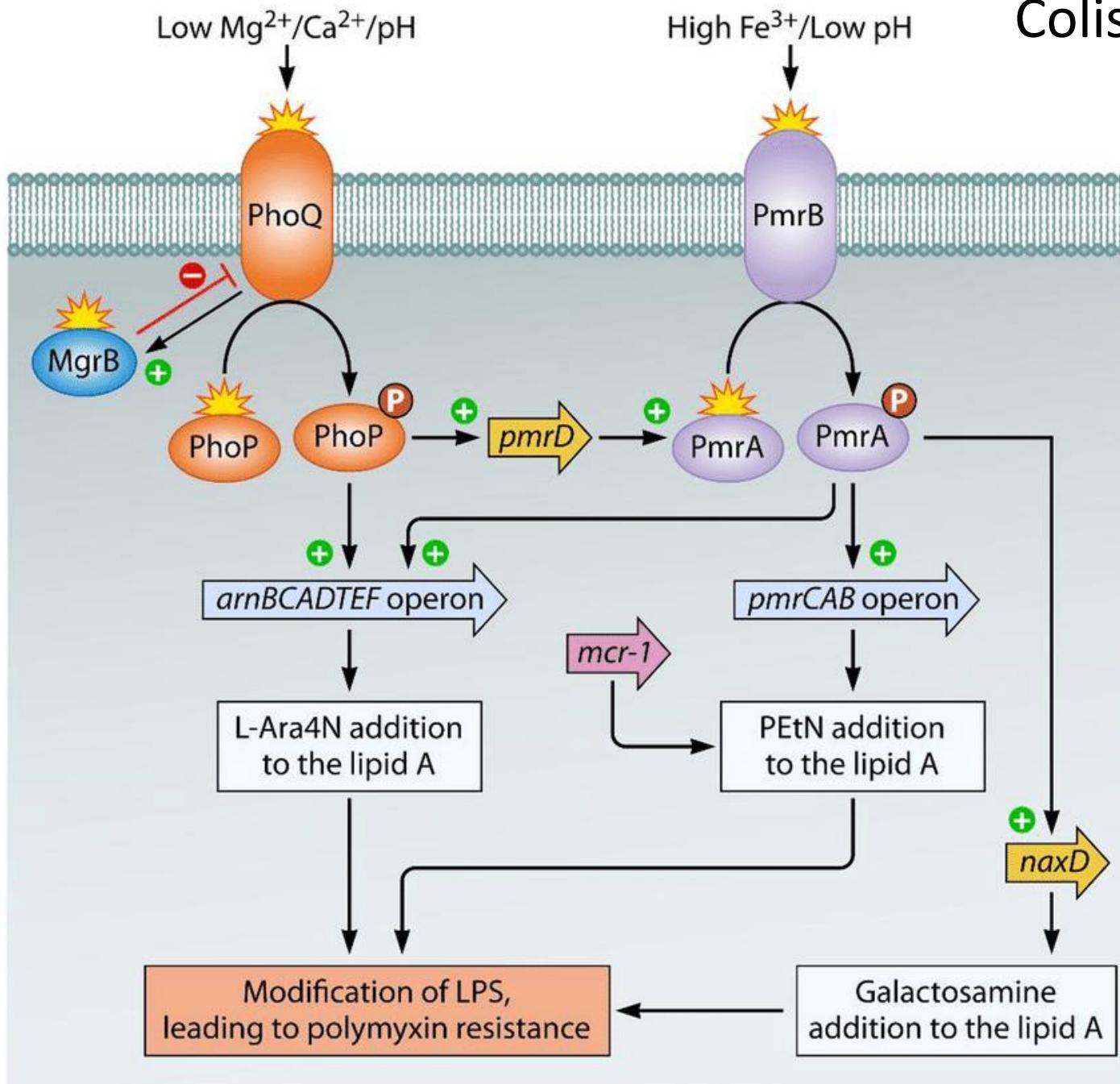
KPC-67 KLEQDFGGSI--//**FRLDRW**---EELNSAIPGDARDTSS---PRAVTESL~PTGRAPIVLAVYTRAPNKDD**KDDKDD**-----KYSEAVIAA  
 KPC-66 KLEQDFGGSI--//**FRLDRW**---EL**Y**NSAIPGDARDTSS---PRAVTESL~PTGRAPIVLAVYTRAPNKDD-----KYSEAVIAA  
 KPC-68 KLEQDFGGSI--//**FRLDRW**---EELNSAIPGDARDTSS**SS**---PRAVTESL~PTGRAPIVLAVYTRAPNKDD-----KYSEAVIAA  
 KPC-69 KLEQDFGGSI--//**FRLDRW****GL**EELNSAIPGDARDTSS---PRAVTESL~PTGRAPIVLAVYTRAPNKDD-----KYSEAVIAA  
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 KPC-31 KLEQDFGGSI--//**FRLDRW**---EELNSAIPGDAR**YTSS**---PRAVTESL~PTGRAPIVLAVYTRAPNKDD-----KYSEAVIAA  
 KPC-49 KLEQDFGGSI--//**FRLDSW**---EELNSAIPGDARDTSS---PRAVTESL~PTGRAPIVLAVYTRAPNKDD-----KYSEAVIAA  
 KPC-39 KLEQDFGGSI--//**FRLDRW**---EELNS**T**IPGDARDTSS---PRAVTESL~PTGRAPIVLAVYTRAPNKDD-----KYSEAVIAA  
**KPC-3** **KLEQDFGGSI--//FRLDRW---EELNSAIPGDARDTSS---PRAVTESL~PTGRAPIVLAVYTRAPNKDD-----KYSEAVIAA**  
 KPC-110 KLEQDFG**RSI**--//**FRLDRW**---EELNSAIPGDAR**YTSS**---PRAVTESL~PTGRAPIVLAVYTRAPNKDD-----KYSEAVIAA  
 KPC-154 KLEQDFGGSI--//**FRLDRW**---EELNSAIPGDARDTSS---PRAVTESL~PTGRAPIVLAVYTRAPNKDD**KYSRAPNKDD**KYSEAVIAA  
 KPC-111 KLEQDFGGSI--//**FRLDRW**---EELNSA**I**PGDAR**YTSS**---PRAVTESL~PTGRAPIVLAVYTRAPNKDD-----KYSEAVIAA

$\Omega$ -LOOP

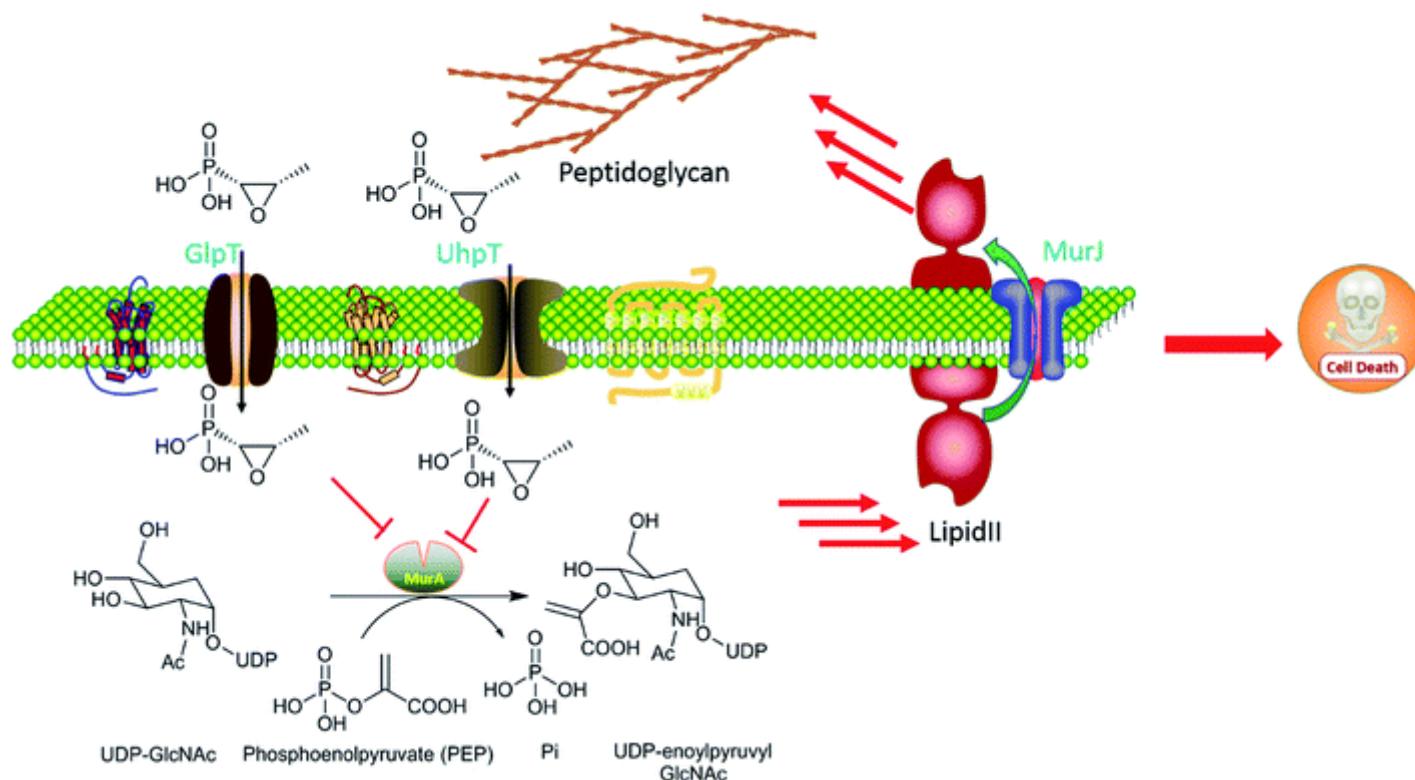
270-LOOP



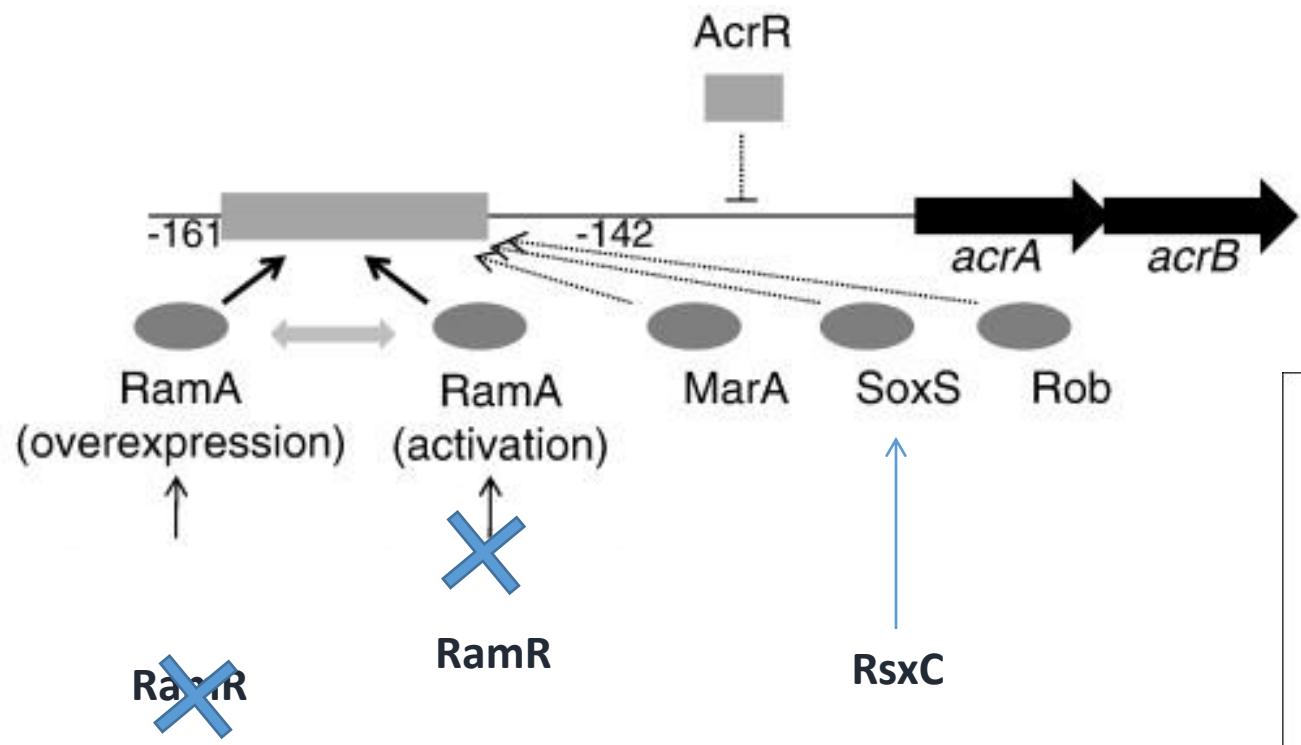
# Colistin resistance



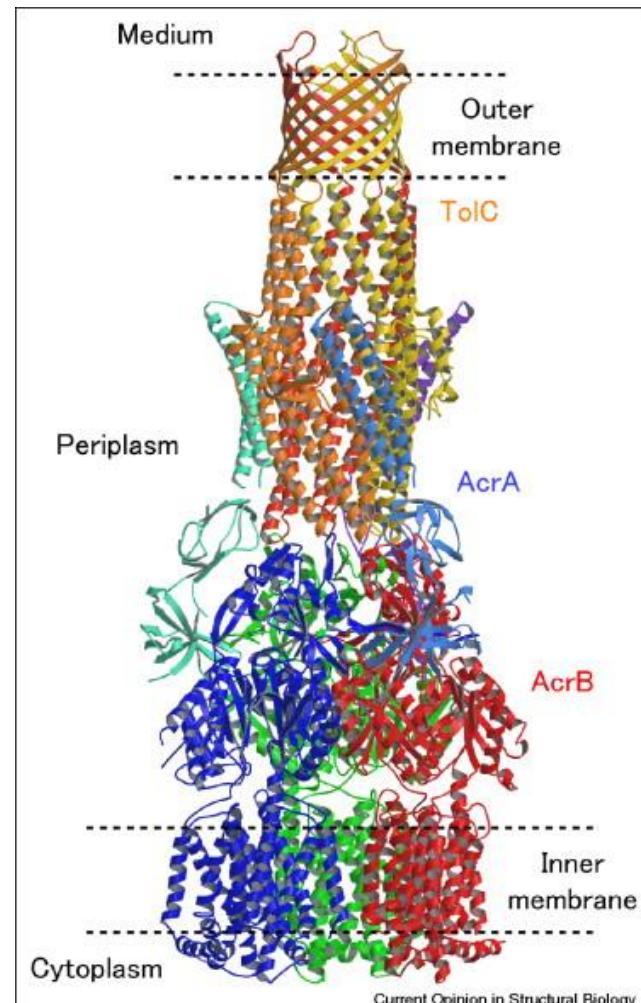
# Fosfomycine resistance



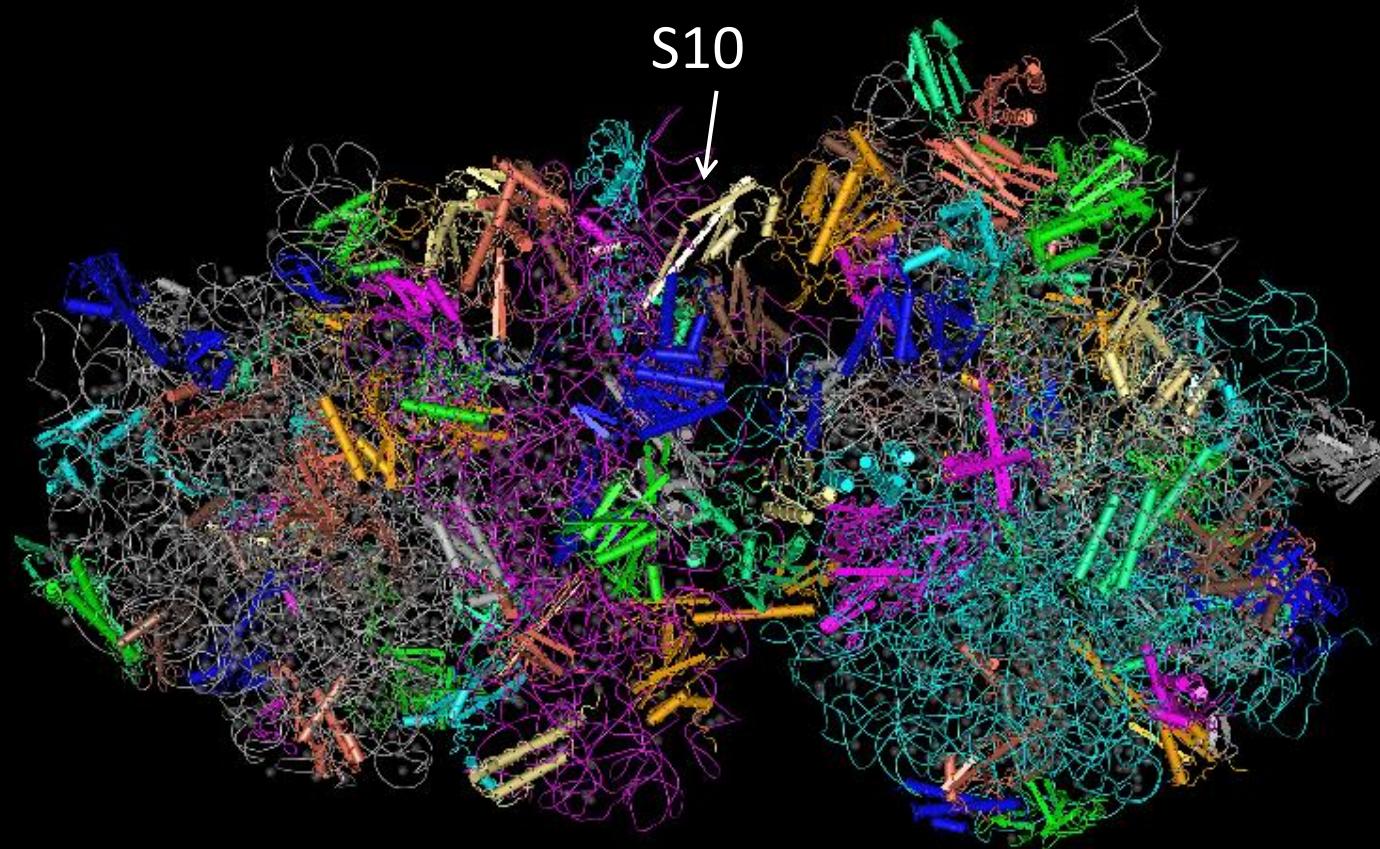
**Fig. 2** Mechanism of action of fosfomycin. Chemical structure of fosfomycin mimics both glycerol-3-P (G3P) and glucose-6-P (G6P), which are transported by transporters GlpT and UhpT, respectively. MurA catalyzes the formation of UDP-GlcNAc-3-O-enolpyruvate, a peptidoglycan precursor, from UDP-GlcNAc and PEP during the first step of peptidoglycan biosynthesis. Once fosfomycin (F) is present, it is transported inside the cell by GlpT and UhpT, blocking the UDP-GlcNAc-3-O-enolpyruvate synthesis by mimicking the original substrate of MurA, PEP, avoiding cell wall synthesis and leading to cell death.



# Tigecycline resistance



Il ceppo resistente KP4-R non ha mutazioni nelle pompe ad efflusso ma solo una mutazione Val57→Leu 57 nella proteina S10 della subunità 30S del ribosoma. E' questo il meccanismo di resistenza?

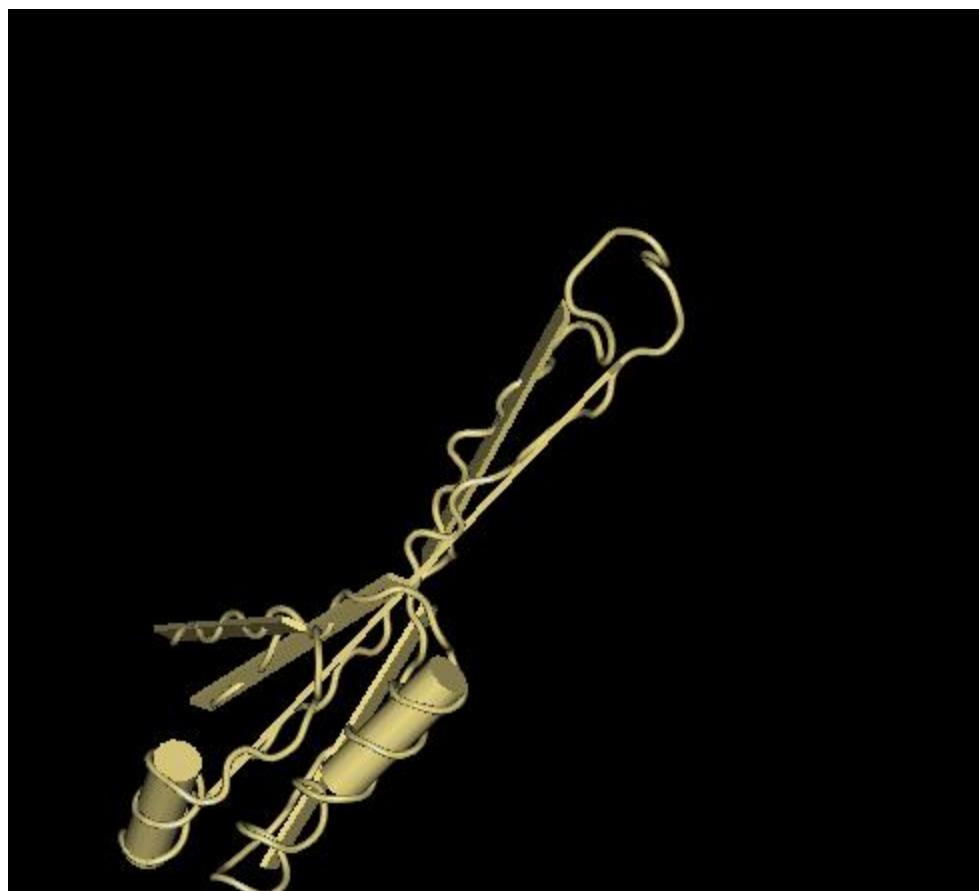


3D model of the 30S Ribosome of *Thermus Thermophilus* with Tigecycline.  
(mmdb\_4G5T; Jenner et al., PNAS 2013)

16S rRNA

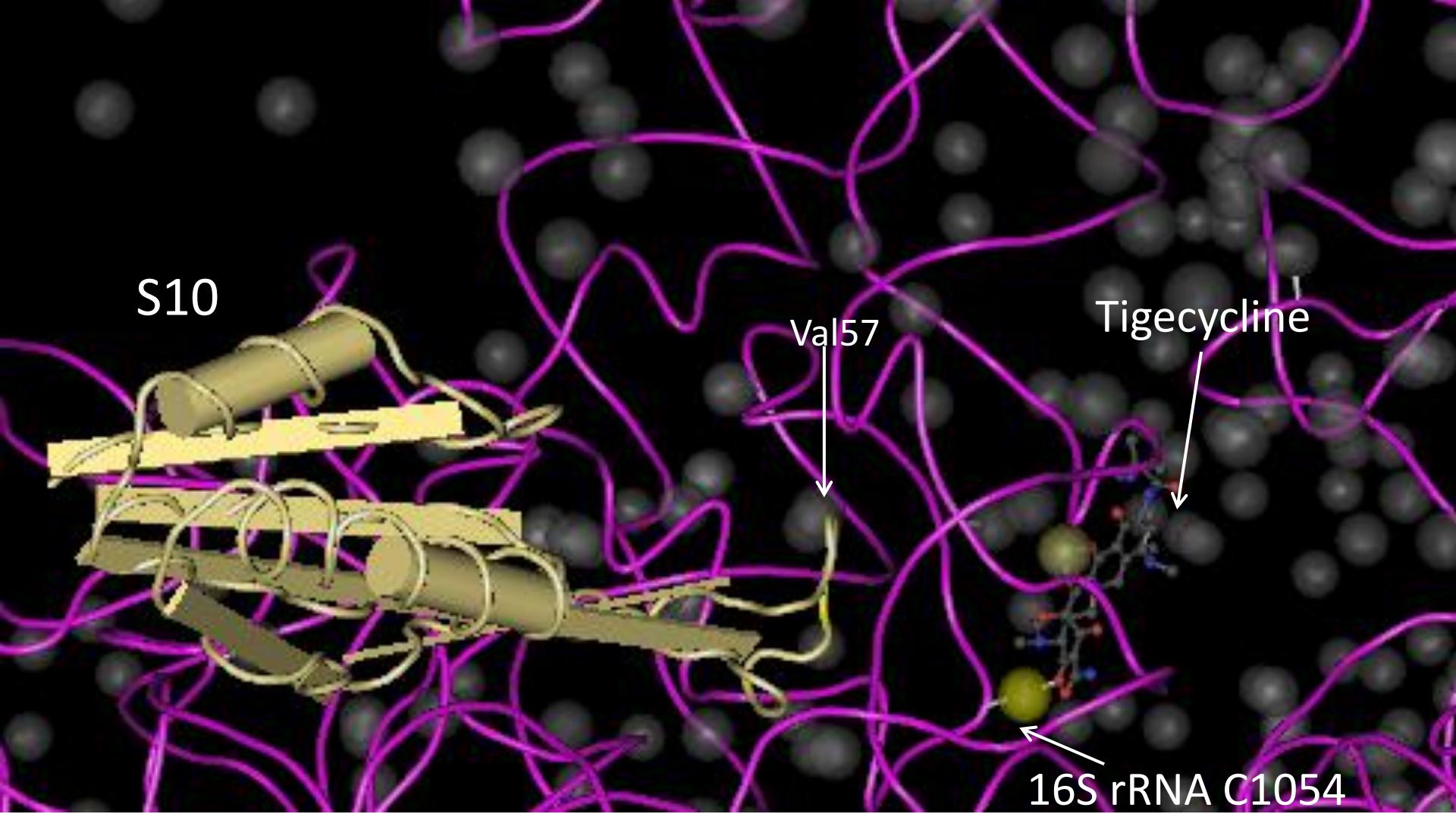
S10





Val57 → Leu57

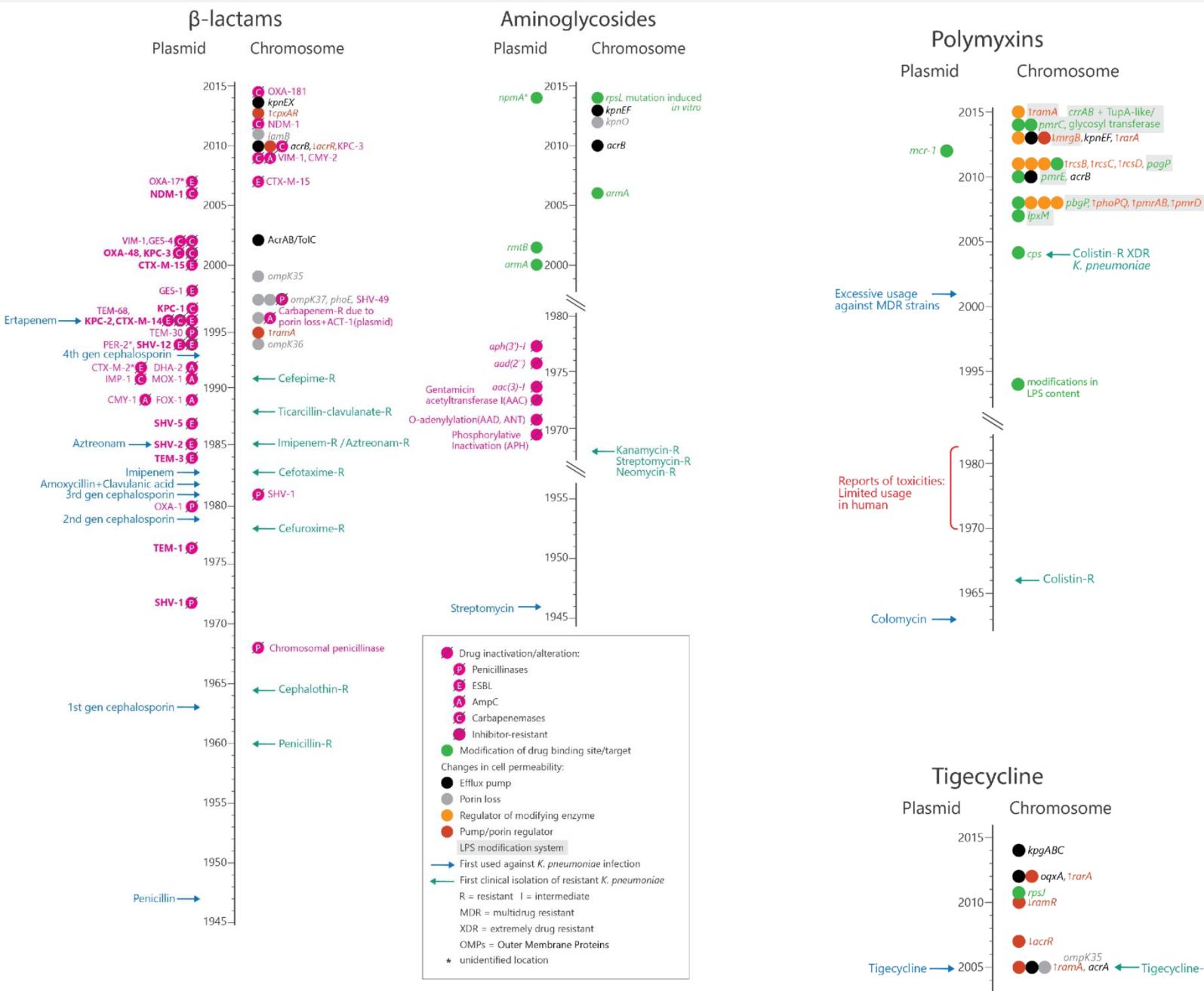




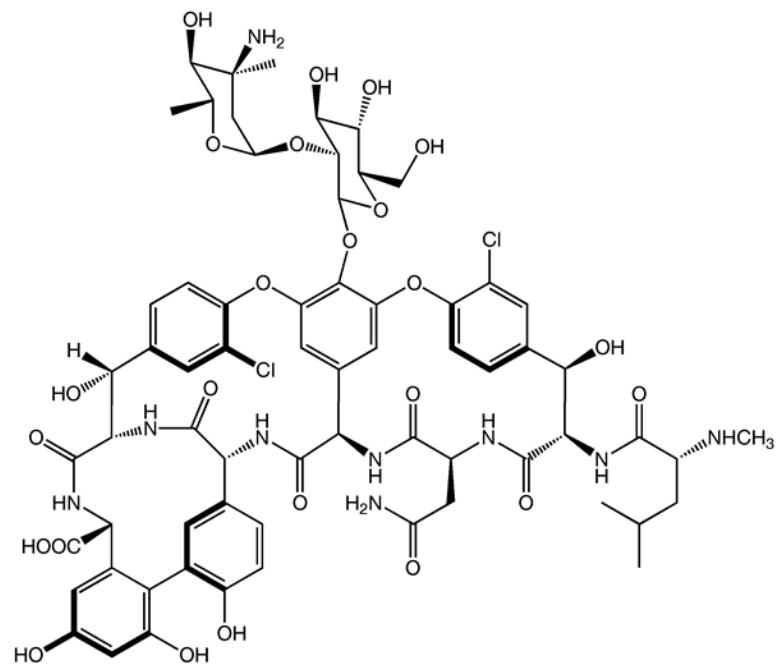
Tigecycline linked to nucleotide C1054 of 16S rRNA (pink ribbon) via a coordinated Mg<sup>2+</sup> ion (yellow ball). The Val57 codon of S10 is located at approx. 8 Å from this link.

Tigecycline coordinates a second Mg<sup>2+</sup> ion that facilitates an indirect interaction with h31 of 16S rRNA.

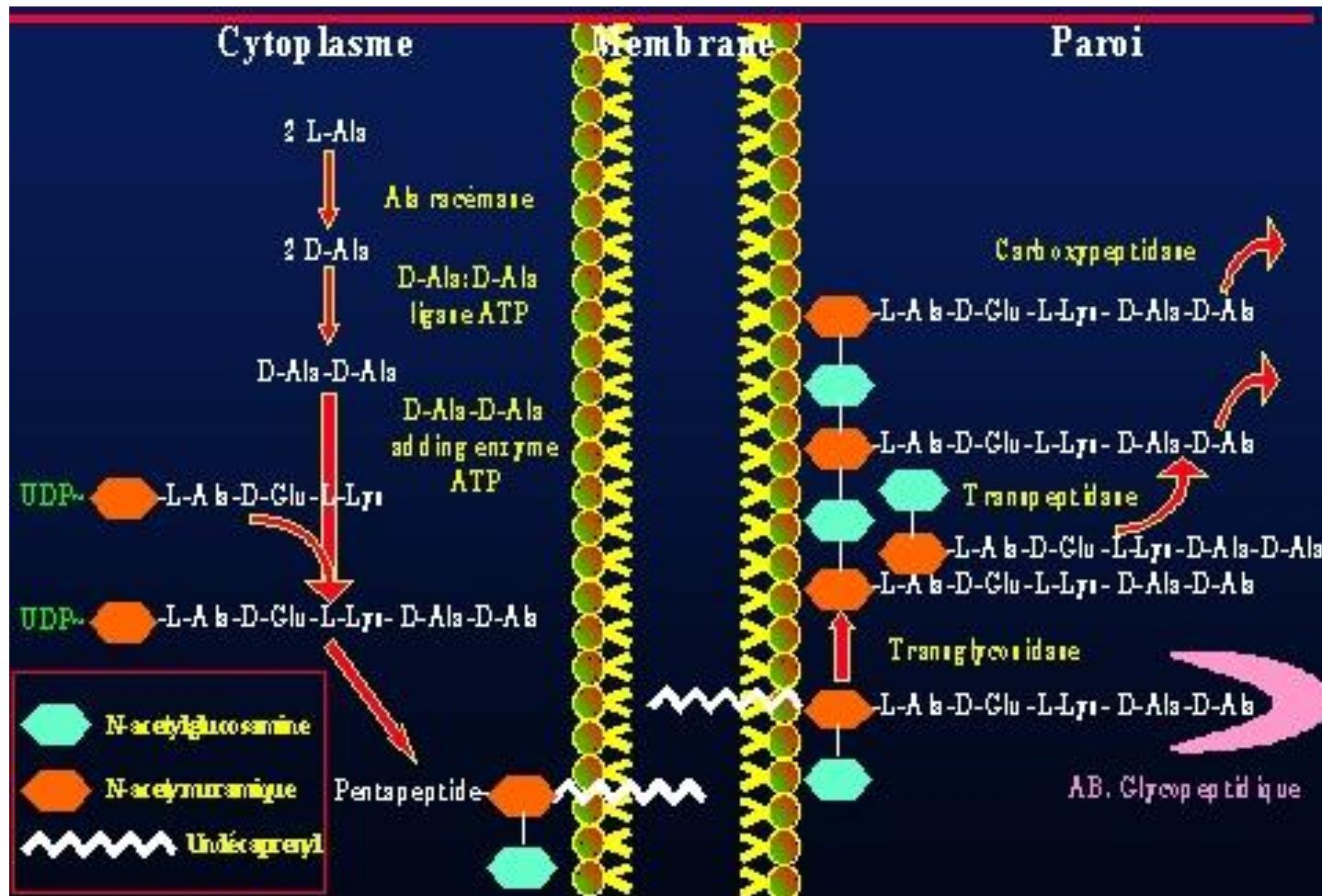
(Garcia-Fernandez et al., 2013)



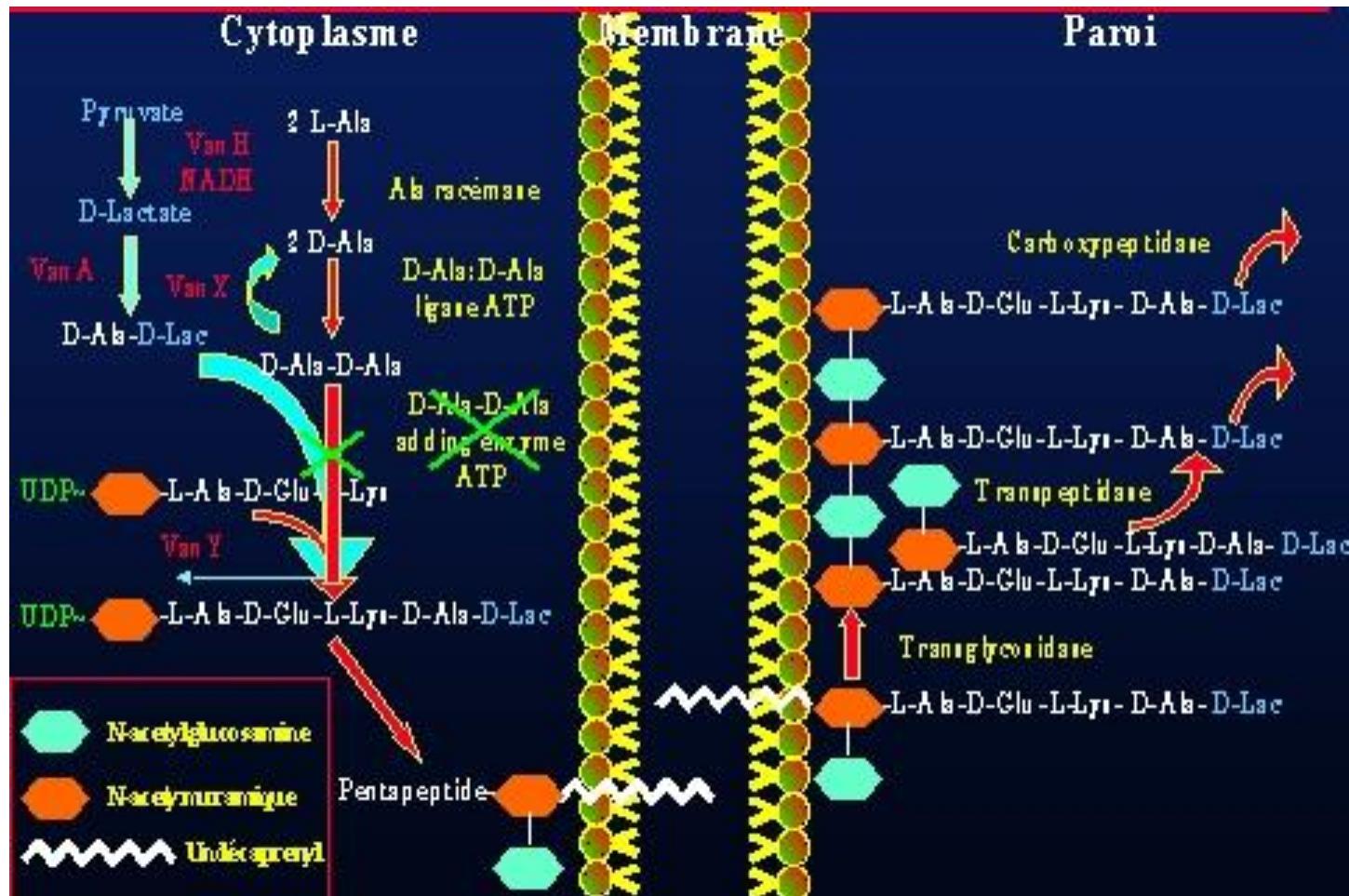
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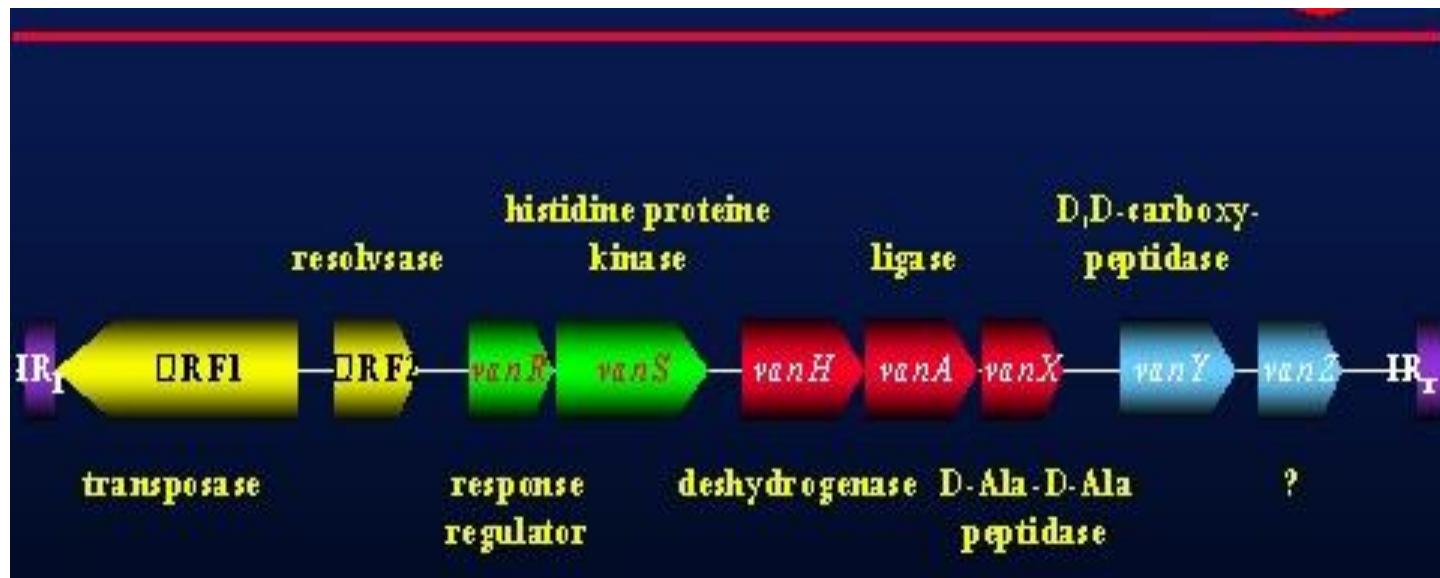
## Meccanismo d'azione della vancomicina



## Resistenza alla vancomicina



# Transposon Tn1546



10851 bp  
9 proteins