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Emerging Antimicrobial Resistance and its Relation with Animal Sources

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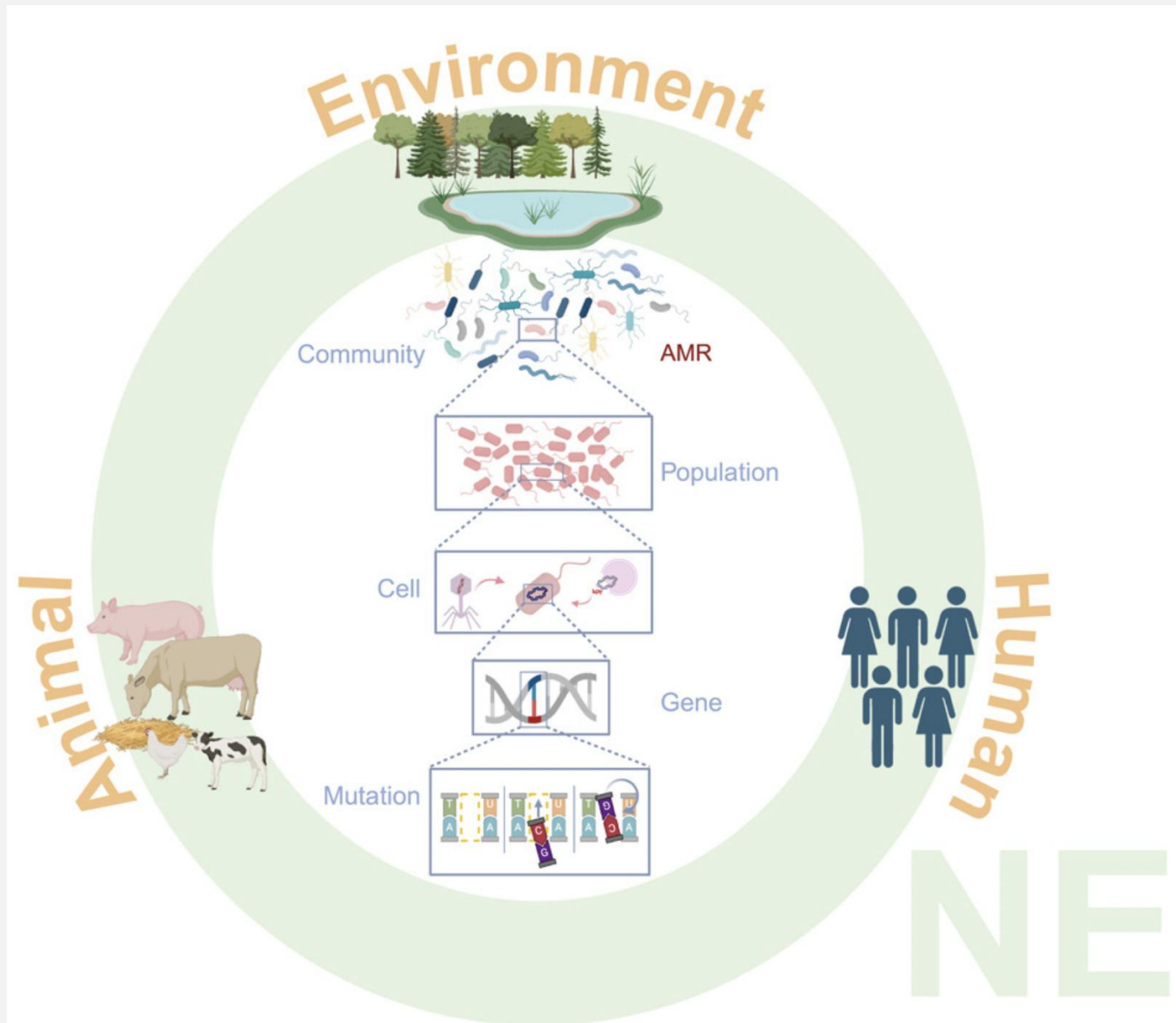
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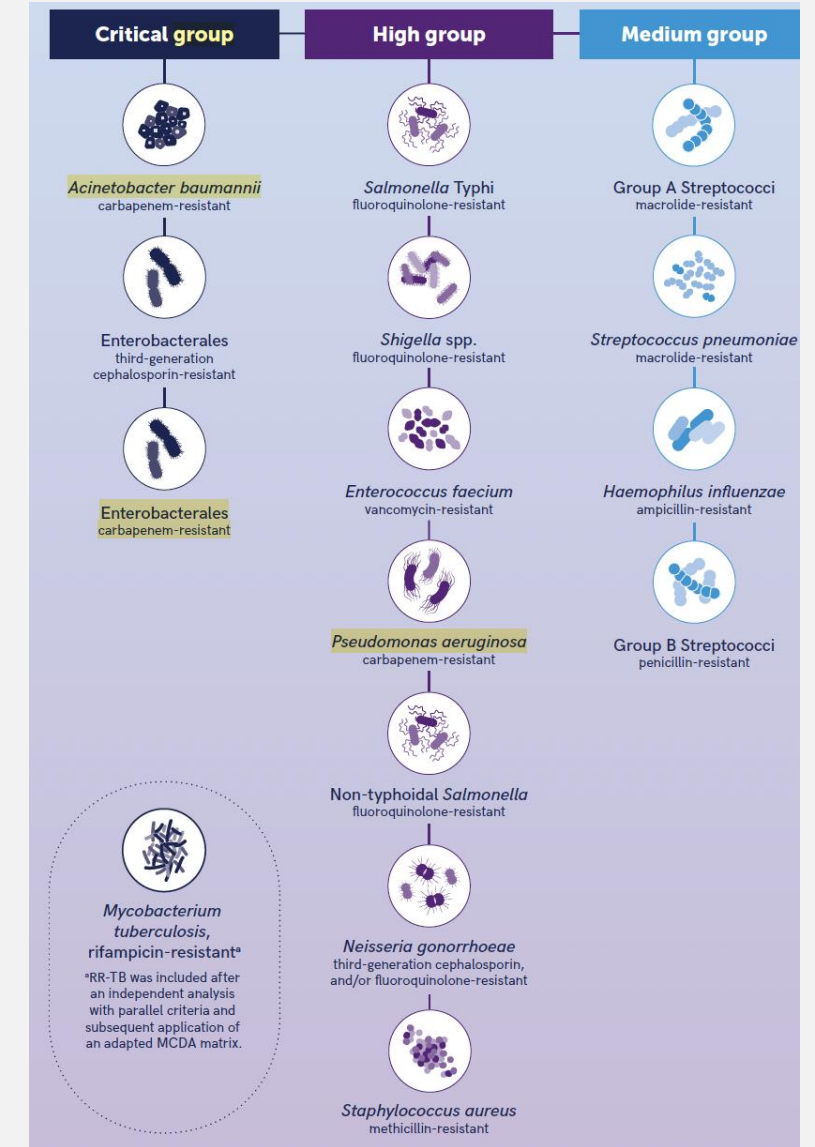
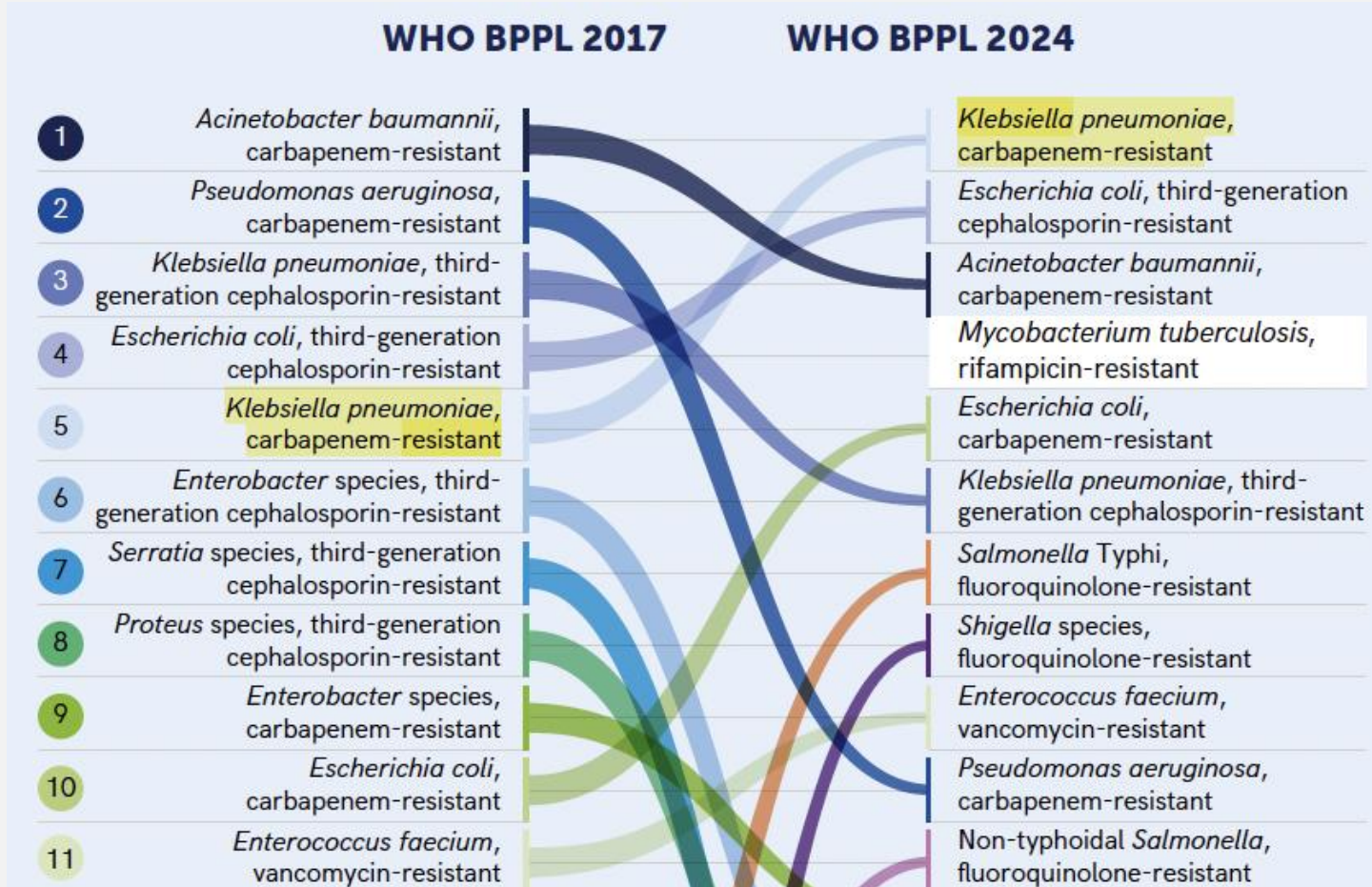
1. AMR: Clinical Impact, limited treatment options
2. Antibiotic Consumption
3. Environmental sources (ONE HEALTH)



Bustamante M, et al. An eco-evolutionary perspective on antimicrobial resistance in the context of One Health. iScience. 2024



WHO Global Priority Pathogen List 2024





WHO global priority pathogens list of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (2024)

Priority 1: CRITICAL

1. Enterobacterales, carbapenem-resistant
2. Enterobacterales, third generation cephalosporin-resistant
3. *Acinetobacter baumannii*, carbapenem-resistant
4. *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, rifampicin-resistant

Priority 2: HIGH

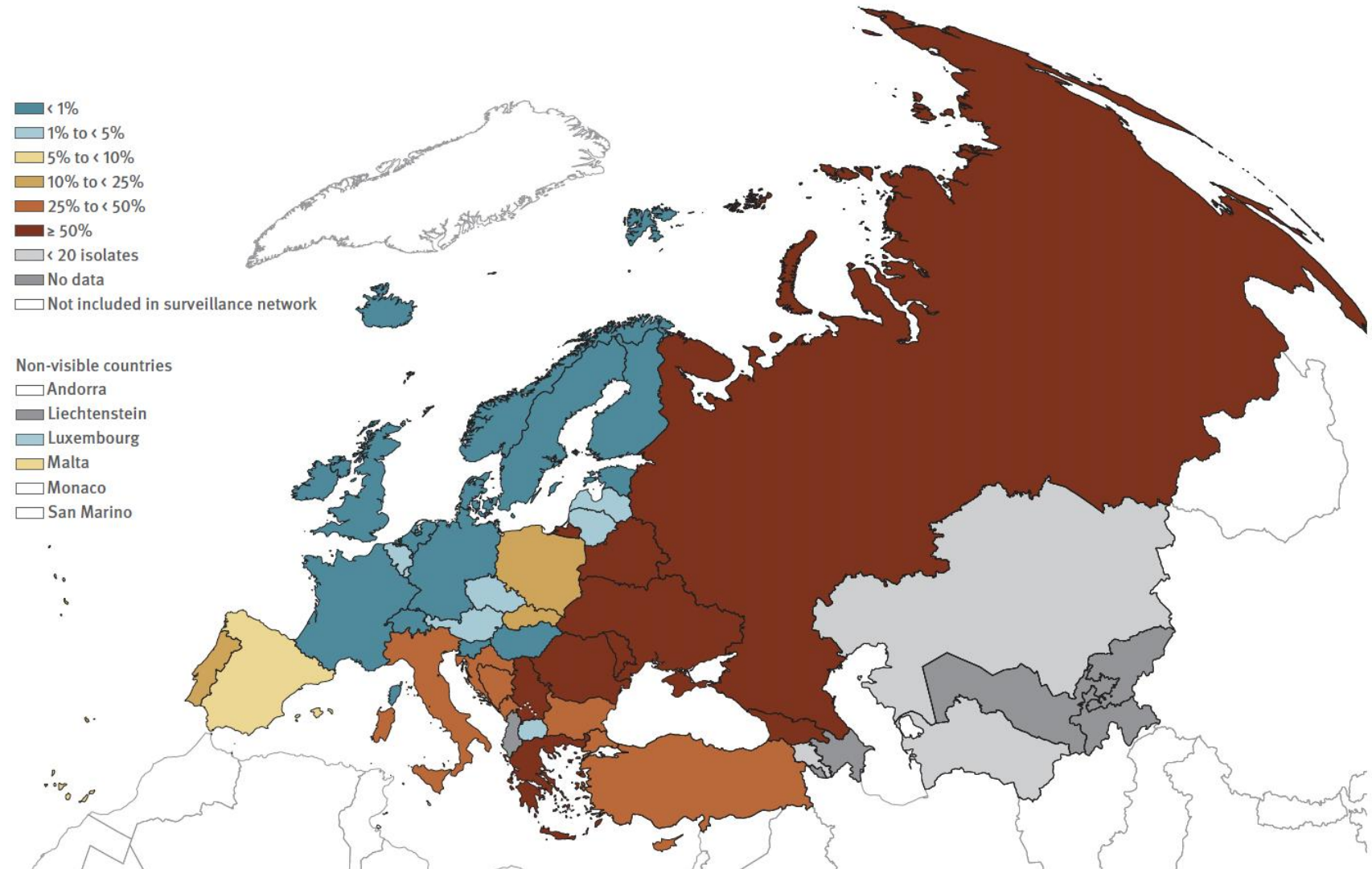
1. *Salmonella* Typhi, fluoroquinolone-resistant
2. *Shigella* spp., fluoroquinolone-resistant
3. *Enterococcus faecium*, vancomycin-resistant
4. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, carbapenem-resistant
5. Non-typhoidal *Salmonella*, fluoroquinolone-resistant
6. *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, third-generation cephalosporin, and/or fluoroquinolone-resistant
7. *Staphylococcus aureus*, methicillin-resistant

Priority 3: MEDIUM

1. Group A Streptococci, macrolide-resistant
2. *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, macrolide-resistant
3. *Haemophilus influenzae*, ampicillin-resistant
4. Group B Streptococci, penicillin-resistant



Fig. 5 *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. Percentage of invasive isolates resistant to carbapenems (imipenem/meropenem), by country, WHO European Region, 2021

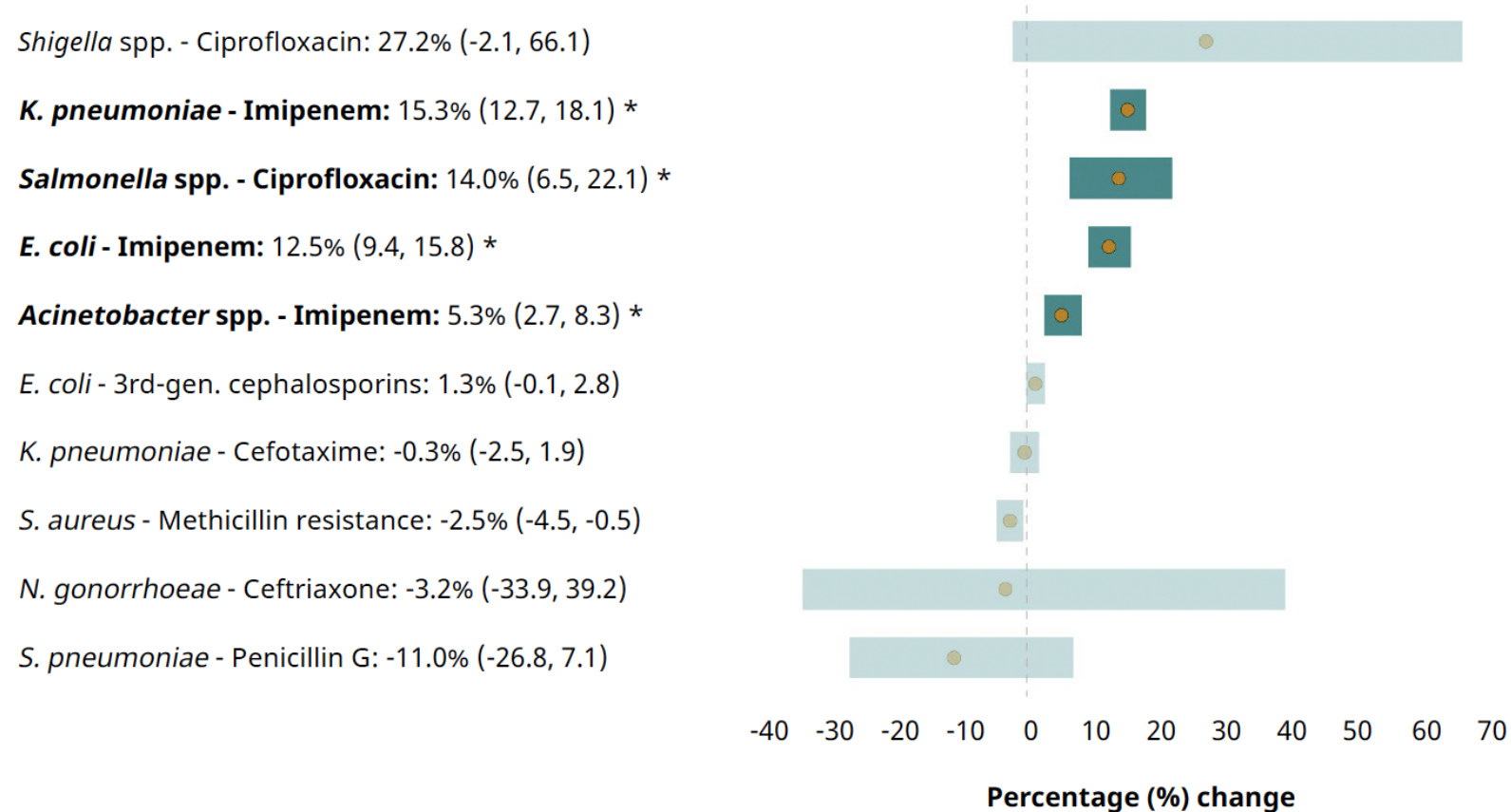


ECDC 2023 (data of 2021)



Global antibiotic resistance surveillance report 2025

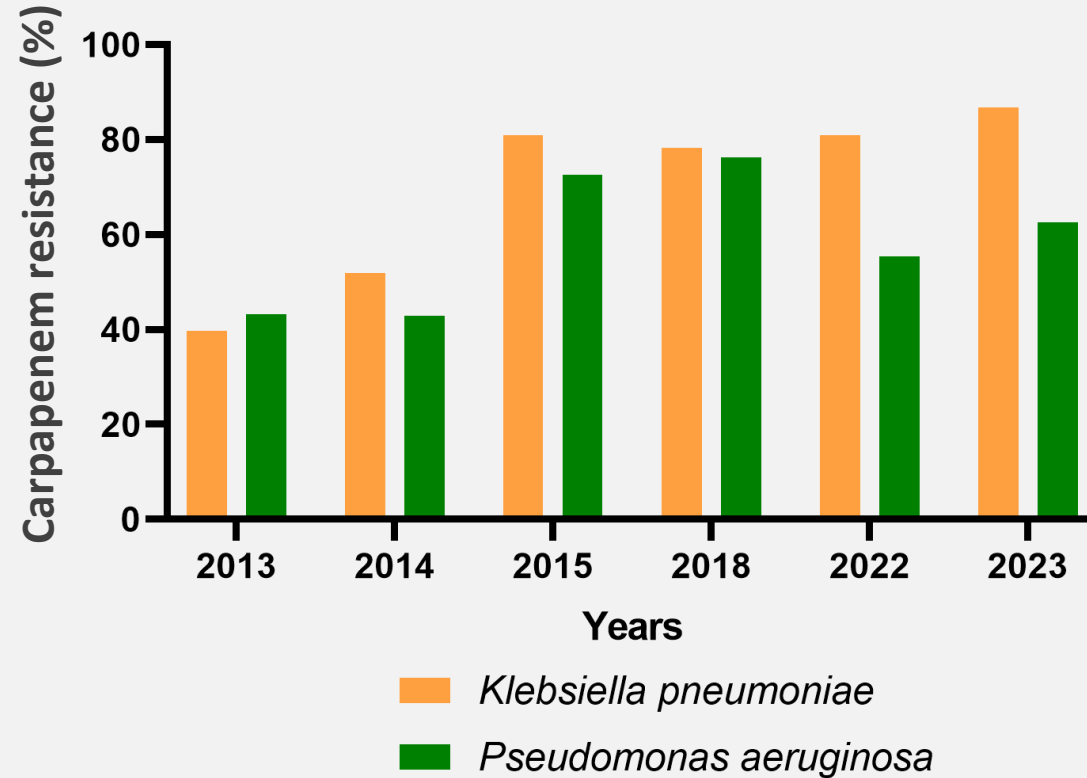
Figure 3. Trends of AMR: median annual change in percentage, 2018–2023



Population-weighted median annual percentage change in AMR between 2018 and 2023, represented by a dot, with 95% CrI. An asterisk (*) indicates a statistically meaningful trend. When trends were available for several infection types, only that with the highest annual percentage change is shown in the figure.



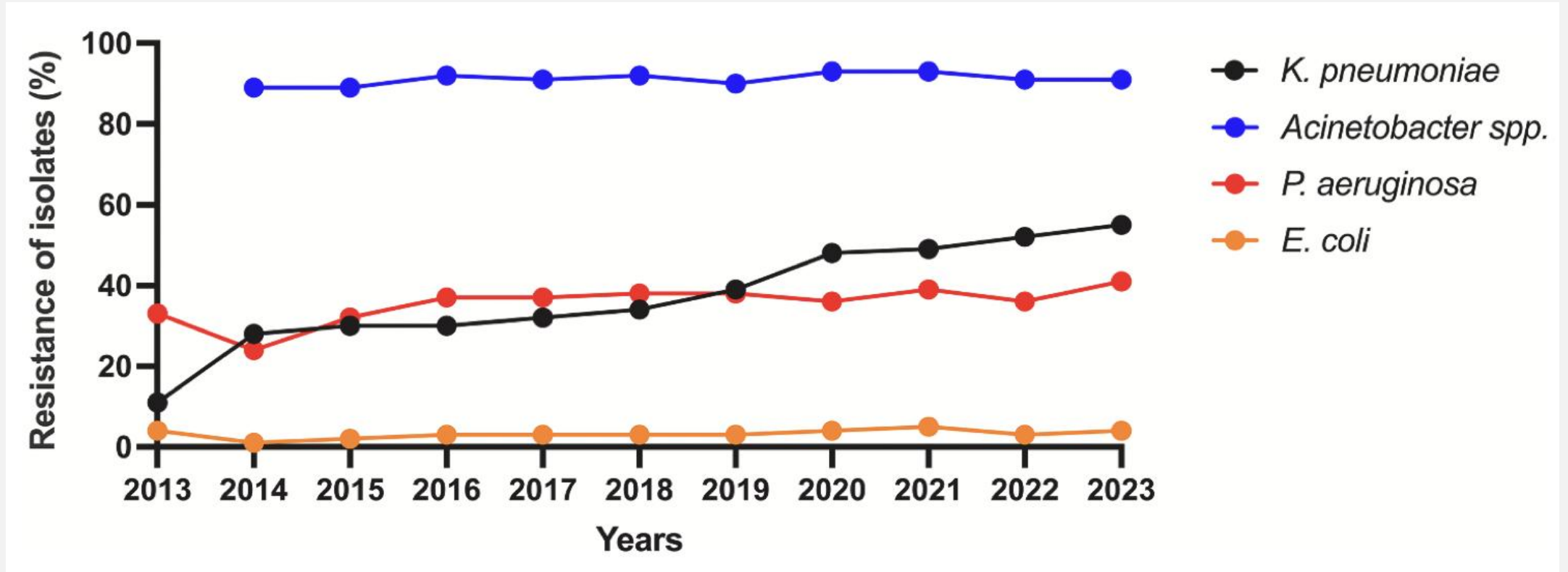
Carbapenem Resistance in Türkiye



Multicentric studies:
Ergonul O, 2016
Aydin M, 2018
Aydin M, 2019



Carbapenem resistance in Türkiye



Alhan Ö, Özger HS, Karatuna O, Azap ÖK, Madran B, Keske Ş, Çınar G, Akdemir İ, Ergönül Ö. Antibiotic resistance in Türkiye: what has been done and what needs to be done urgently? Clin Microbiol Infect. 2025



'HYPERVIRULENT' SUPERBUG FOUND IN 16 COUNTRIES

World Health Organization reports new strains
of *Klebsiella pneumoniae*



Global Health Concern

- The **WHO** has warned of hv-CRKP spreading in **at least 16 countries**.
- Even **previously healthy individuals** are at risk, with reports of sudden deaths from community-acquired infections.



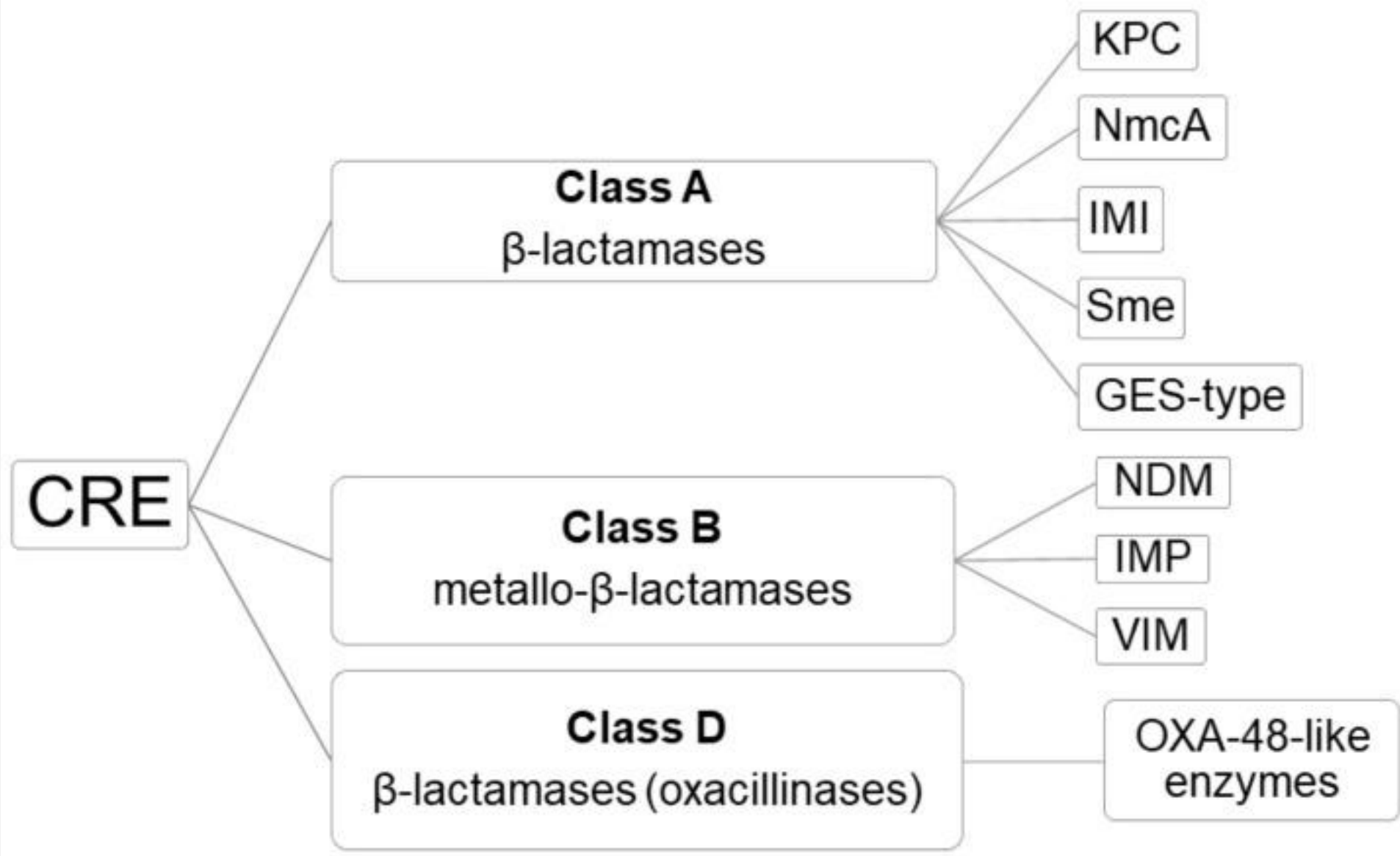
The Nightmare Scenario

Dual Threat of Resistance + Virulence

These strains combine:

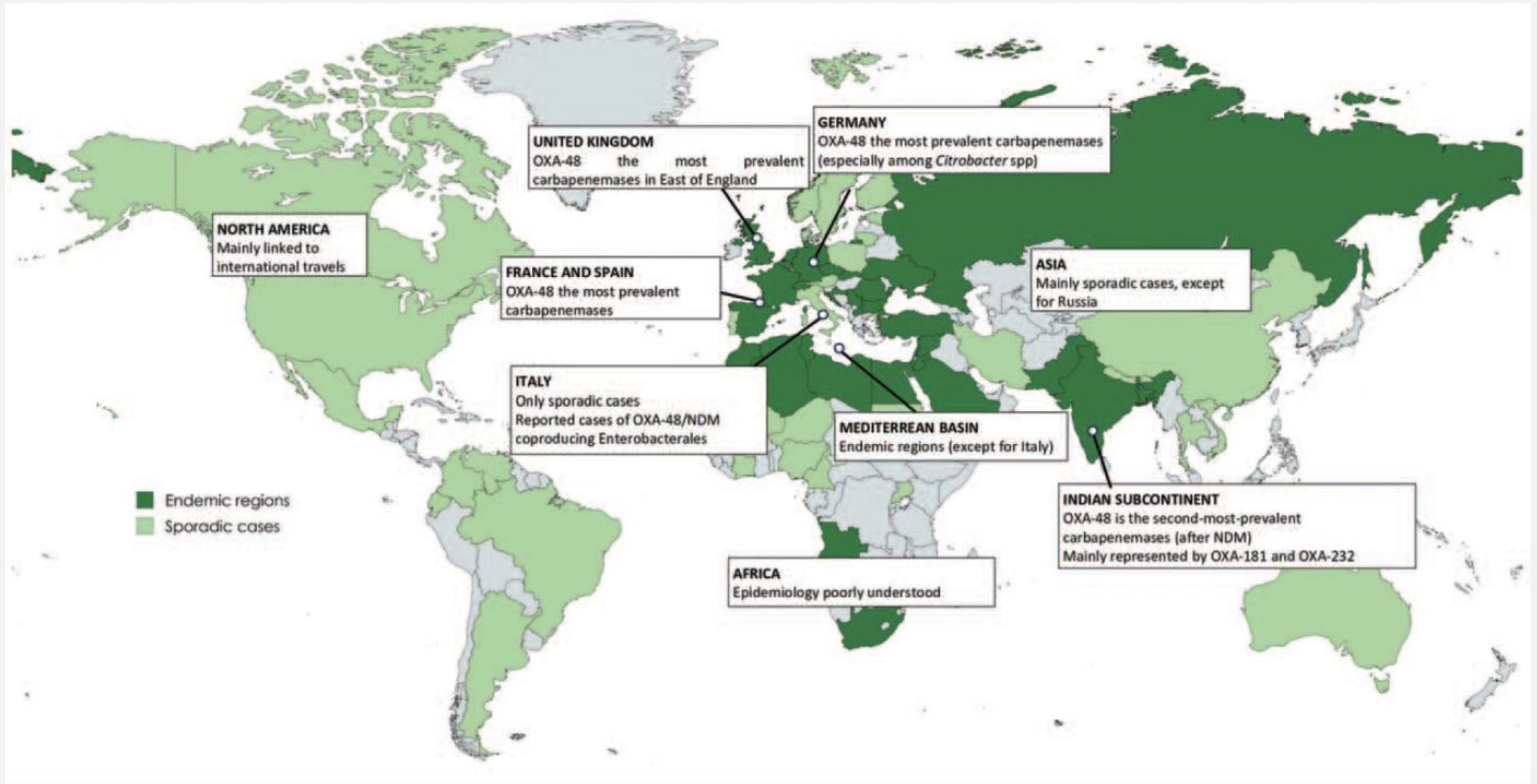
- **Carbapenem resistance** (e.g., *blaKPC*, *blaNDM*, *blaOXA-48*)
- **Hypervirulence genes** (e.g., *rmpA*, *iucA*, *ybtA*)

This makes them both harder to treat and more capable of causing severe, rapidly progressing infections.





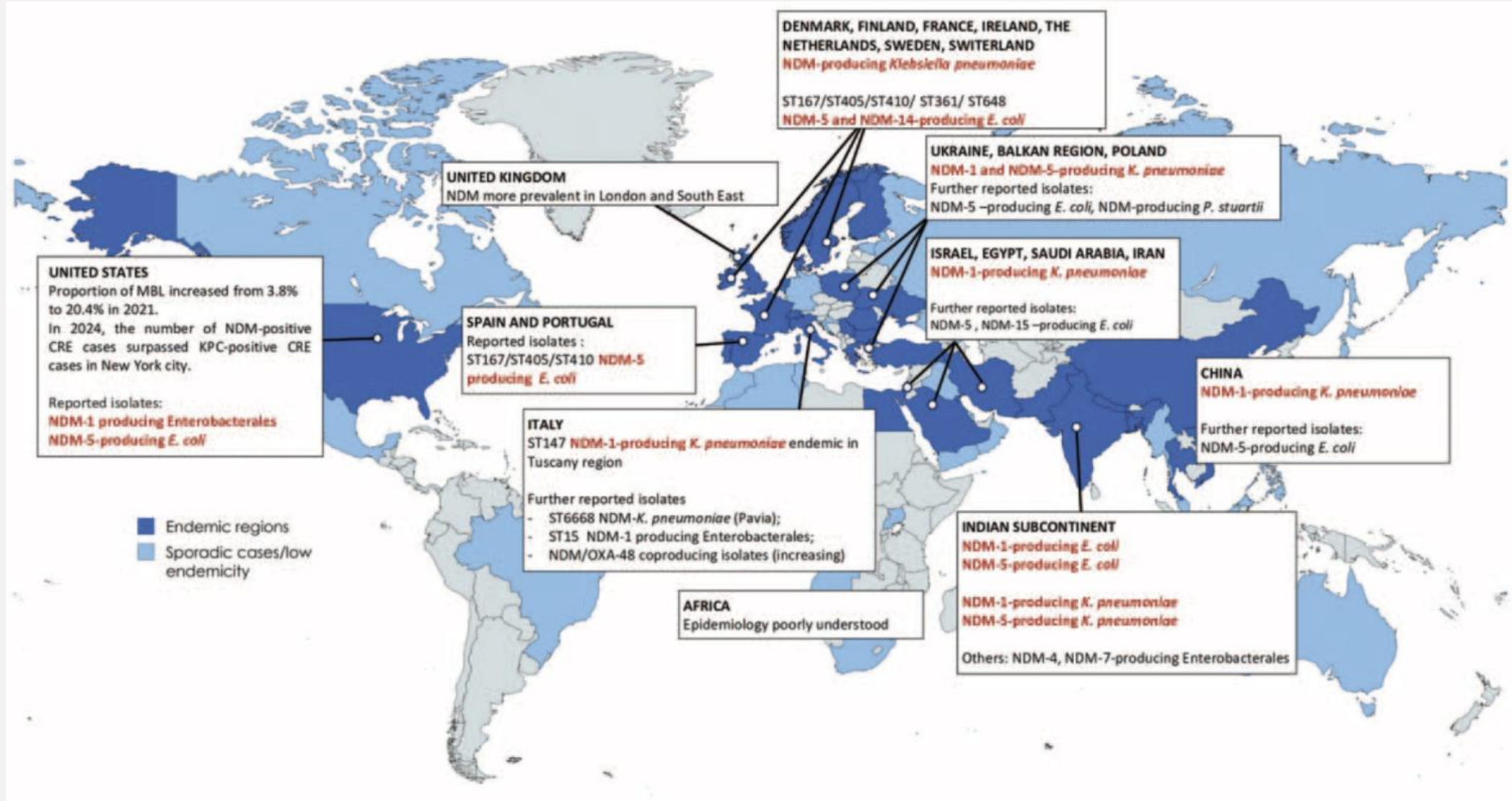
Global epidemiology of OXA-48 producing CRE



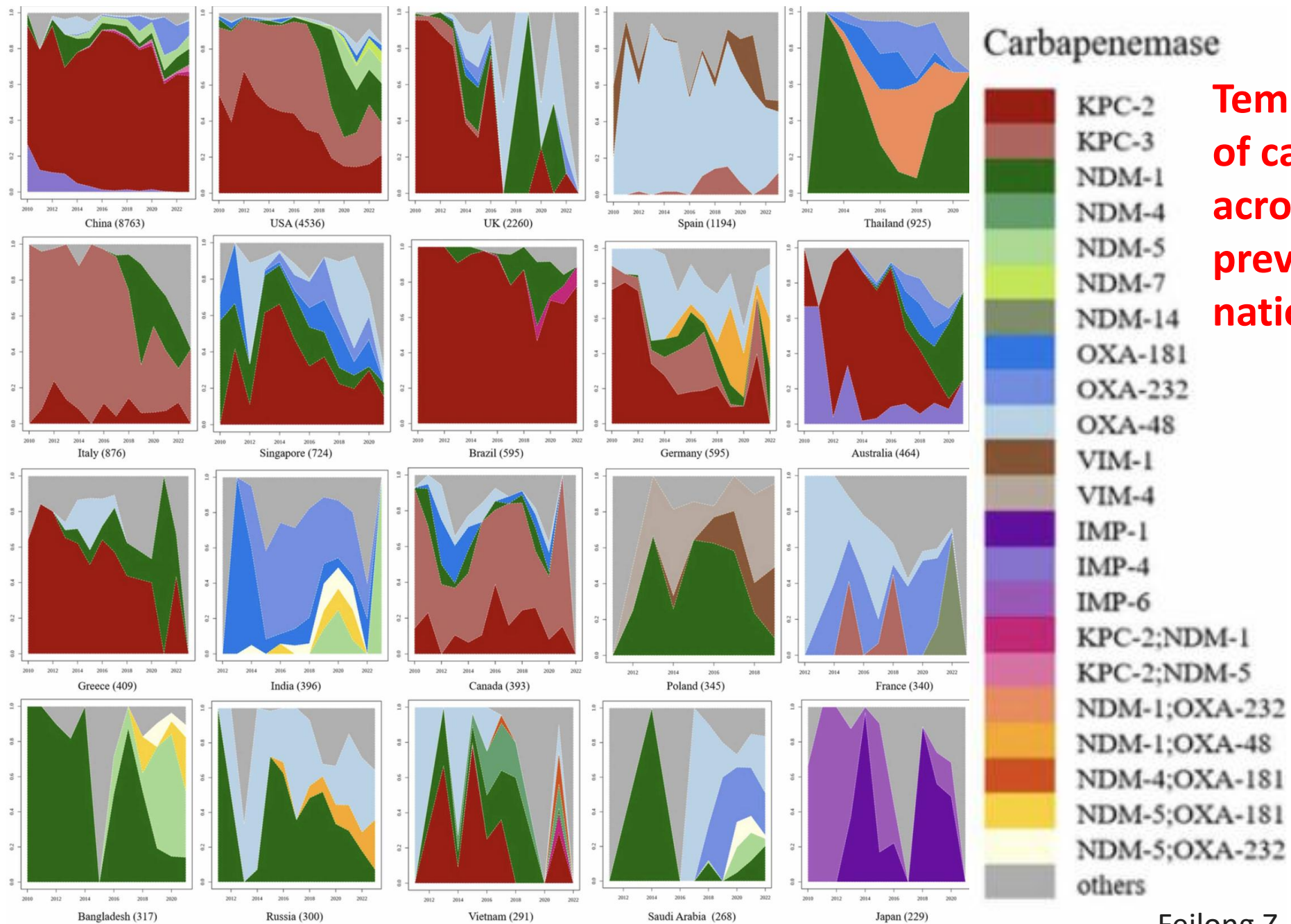
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Global epidemiology of NDM-producing CRE



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Temporal variation of carbapenemases across twenty high prevalence nations



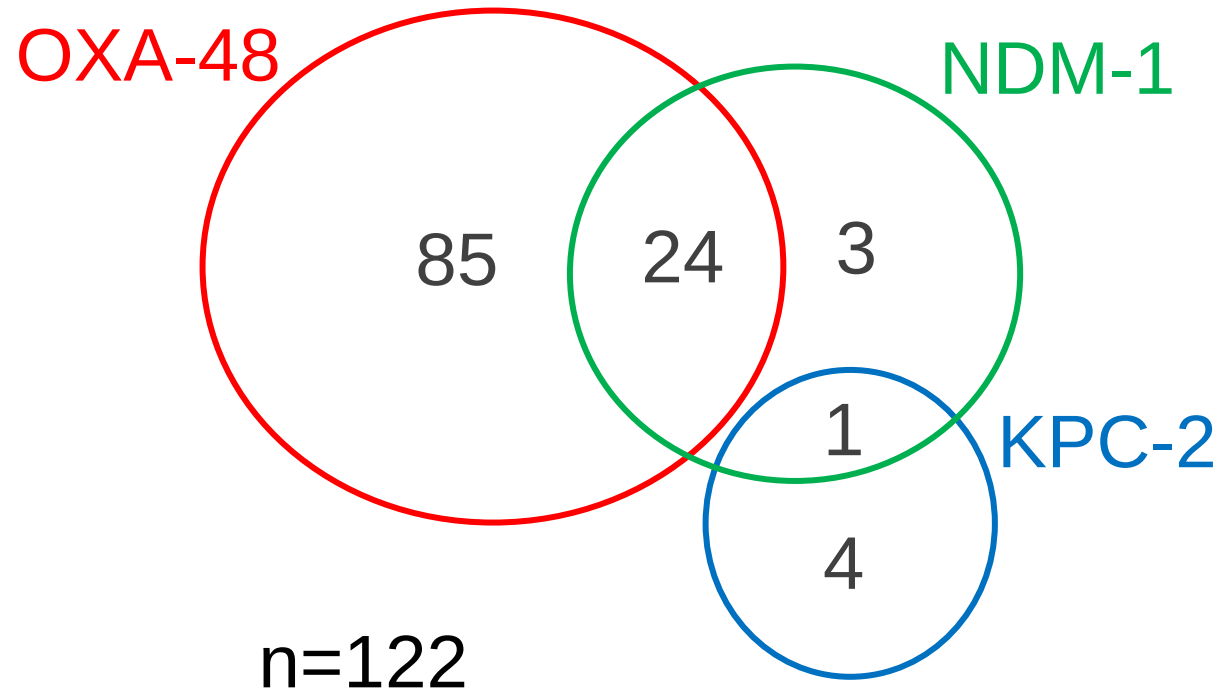
Characteristics and outcomes of carbapenemase harbouring carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella* spp. bloodstream infections: a multicentre prospective cohort study in an OXA-48 endemic setting

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Carbapenemases (Threat Study) Before Ceftazidim-Avibactam Use in Türkiye



- Prospective observational
- June 2018 – June 2019
- 13 center, 187 patients
 - (R veya I: (EUCAST 2018))



	Univariable analysis			Multivariable analysis ^b		
	HR	CI	<i>p</i>	HR	CI	<i>p</i>
Demographics						
Age	0.98	0.86–1.13	0.82	...	...	...
Male sex	1.34	0.82–2.20	0.24	...	...	...
Source						
Non-UT source	2.25	0.90–5.60	0.08	1.34	0.52–3.46	0.54
Source control	0.60	0.34–1.04	0.07	0.69	0.39–1.23	0.21
Comorbidities						
Metastatic/hematologic malignancy	1.27	0.73–2.20	0.40	...	...	...
Immunosuppression	1.43	0.83–2.46	0.20	2.14	1.15–4.00	0.02
CCI score	0.97	0.88–1.07	0.56	...	...	...
Disease severity						
ICU at presentation	1.82	1.05–3.16	0.03	0.88	0.41–1.93	0.76
Invasive mechanical ventilation	1.99	1.22–3.25	0.01	1.18	0.58–2.40	0.65
SOFA score (per unit)	1.25	1.17–1.33	0.00	1.24	1.15–1.34	0.000
Microorganism						
Carbapenemase other than single OXA-48-like ^a	1.33	0.78–2.26	0.30	...	...	...
MLST type (reference other)						
ST2096	2.47	1.25–4.86	0.01	1.94	0.95–3.96	0.07
ST101	1.92	0.88–4.22	0.10	1.92	0.84–4.38	0.12
ST14	2.91	1.33–6.36	0.01	1.96	0.88–4.44	0.10
Treatment						
Active treatment	0.75	0.46–1.22	0.25	0.71	0.42–1.21	0.21

^aOXA-48/MBL (*n* = 29), MBL (*n* = 11), KPC (*n* = 4), KPC/MBL (*n* = 2), ^bexcludes those who died within 48 h. *p* value < 0.2 in bold

13 centers, 187 patients.

OXA-48 like 75%
OXA-48 like/NDM 16%.

30-day mortality: %44

All OXA-48-like CZA susceptible



Susceptibility (susceptible/total tested)	Total, <i>n</i> (%)	ST2096, <i>n</i> (%)	ST101, <i>n</i> (%)	ST14, <i>n</i> (%)
Colistin	43/187 (23)	11/61 (18)	5/37 (14)	10/28 (36)
Tigecycline	67/157 (43)	12/51 (24)	24/33 (73)	8/26 (31)
Amikacin	45/177 (25)	7/59 (12)	7/32 (22)	5/27 (19)
Gentamicin	42/164 (26)	7/59 (12)	11/26 (42)	3/26 (12)
Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole	20/165 (12)	1/60 (2)	6/26 (23)	1/25 (4)
Ceftazidime-avibactam	152/187 (81)	61/61 (100)	37/37 (100)	9/28 (32)

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Carbapenem Resistant *Klebsiella pneumonia* (BSI and/or Pneumonia) KAPSAR Study

- Prospective cohort, 16 centers
- Hospitalized adults (≥ 18 years old)
- 1 Jan 2022 – 1 Nov 2023
- Digital database (midas)



midas.ku.edu.tr/CZA/

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Klinik Bilgiler

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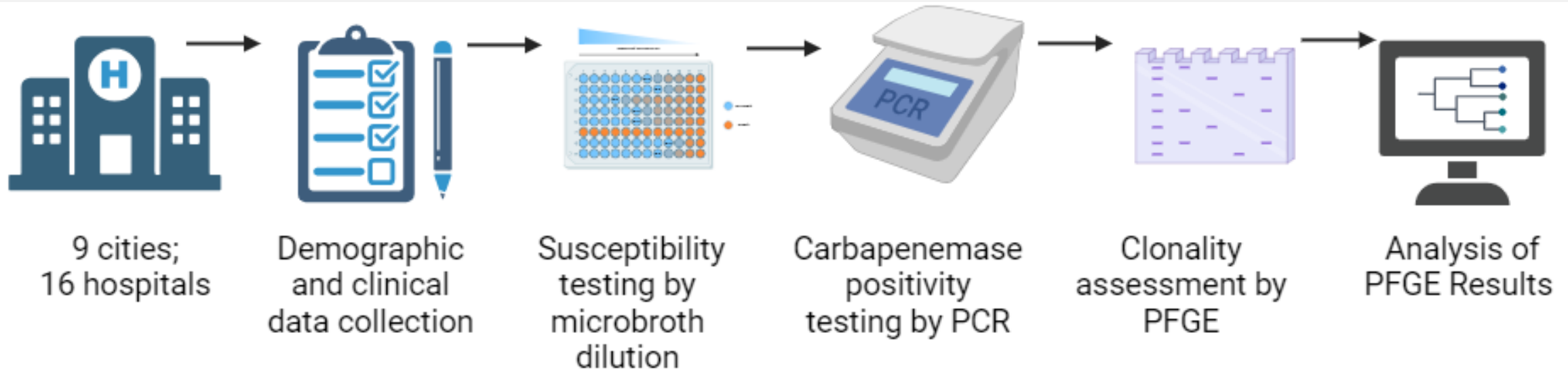
Protokol

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Method





Klebsiella pneumoniae to 30-day mortality (n=655, CFR=47%)

KAPSAR Study

	Fatal (%) n=310	Survived (%) n=345	p-value
Demographics			
Male Gender	194 (62.6)	225 (65.2)	0.483
Median Age [IQR]	70 [60-79]	66 [56-74]	<0.001
Age>60	273 (58)		
Comorbidities			
Solid Organ Malignancy	96 (31.0)	107 (31.0)	0.990
Hematologic Malignancy	26 (8.4)	35 (10.1)	0.440
Diabetes Mellitus Type II	85 (27.4)	86 (24.9)	0.468
Chronic Kidney Disease	45 (14.5)	52 (15.1)	0.841
Congestive Heart Failure	37 (11.9)	29 (8.4)	0.134
Chronic Liver Disease	27 (8.7)	17 (4.9)	0.054
COPD	28 (9.0)	33 (9.6)	0.815
COVID-19	20 (6.5)	19 (5.5)	0.610



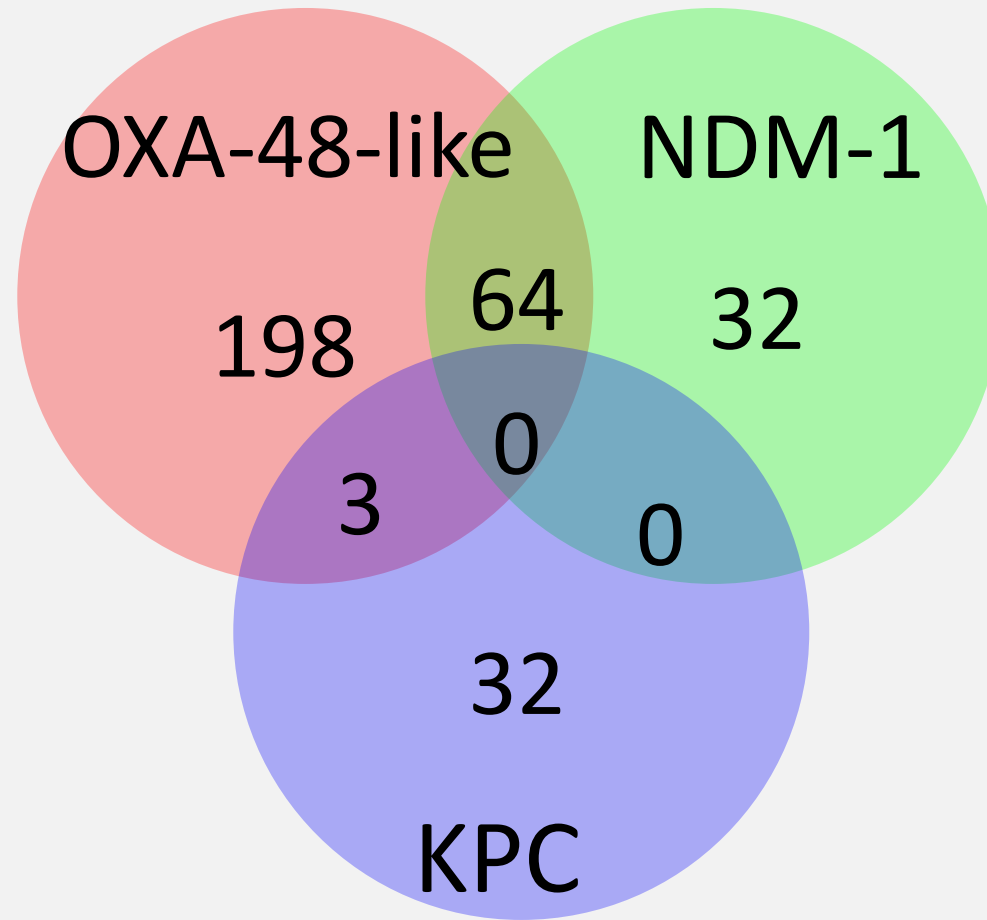
Distribution of Betalactamases

	CR-Kp n=427 (%)
OXA-48	275 (65)
NDM	110 (25)
KPC	35 (8)
OXA-48 and NDM	64 (15)
OXA-48 and KPC	3 (<1)
NDM and KPC	0

Kapsar study, ECCMID 2024



Molecular Features of Carbapenem Resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, n=427





Antibiotic resistance rates in carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae* infections, KAPSAR study

Antibiotic	Carbapenem Resistant Samples (%) n=427	Carbapenem Resistant NDM Negative Samples (%) n=317
Piperacillin-tazobactam	418 (97.89)	-
Ceftolozane-tazobactam	409 (95.78)	-
Ceftazidime-avibactam	181 (42.39)	95 (29.96)
Colistin	152 (35.60)	-



Resistance and the Impact on 30 day Fatality among Kp

Multivariate analysis	n=635 (%)	OR (confidence interval)
Carbapenem resistance	476 (75)	4 (2.7-6)
Age>70	297 (45)	2.3 (1.7-3.3)

Resistance and the Impact on 30 day Fatality among CR-Kp

Multivariate analysis	n=427	
CZA resistance	181 (42)	1.7 (1.09-2.6)
Age>70	221 (46)	2.4 (1.59-3.61)
Hypervirulent Kp	121 (29)	0.86 (0.54-1.39)

Hypervirulence is based on hypermucoviscosity(rmpA/rmpA2) and aerobactin (iutA/iucA)



WHO Report; July 2024

Global Risk Assessment: CR-hvKp

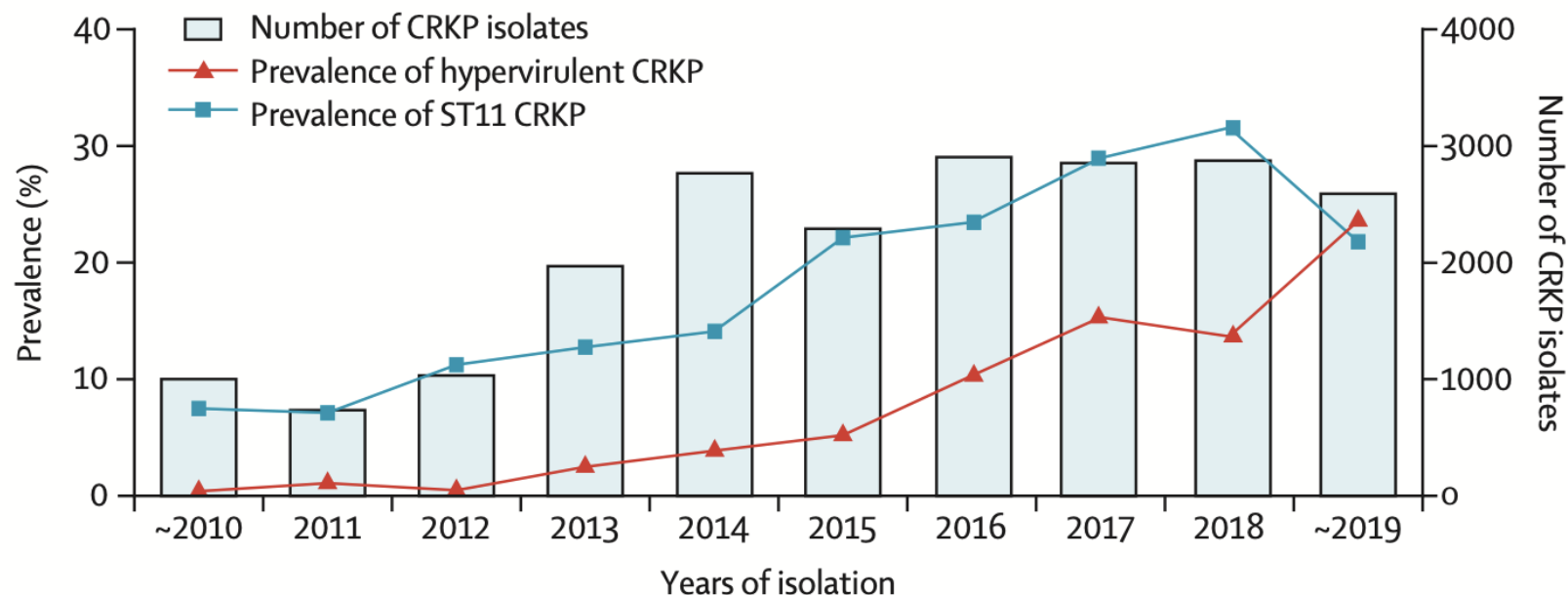
Risk Level: Moderate

The global risk from CR-hvKp is considered **moderate**, based on current data, trends, and system capacities.

Clinical and Epidemiological Concerns

- Traditionally community-acquired in **Asia**, hvKp causes **high morbidity and mortality**.
- Recently detected in **health-care settings** across Europe and Asia (e.g., China), raising concern about nosocomial transmission.
- The **concurrence of hypervirulence + antimicrobial resistance** increases potential for both **community and hospital outbreaks**.

Global evolution and geographic diversity of hypervirulent carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae*



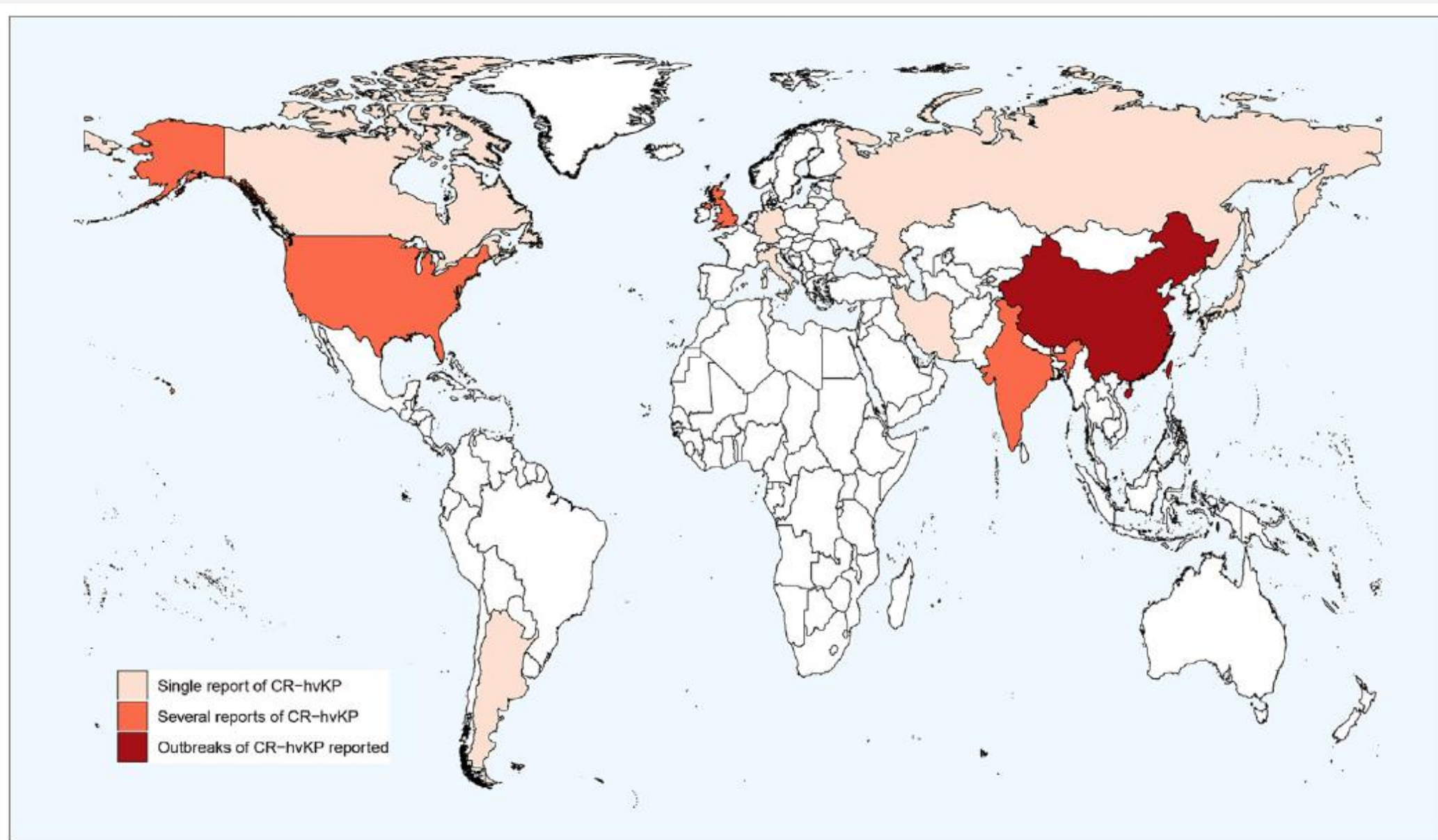
21 016 strains of CRKP from the National Center for Biotechnology Information GenBank database, including 697 complete genome sequences and 20 319 draft genome sequences, from 1980 to 2022 in 105 countries.

We found that carriage of genes specific to hypervirulent *K. pneumoniae* was prevalent among CRKP strains (0.40–27.03%). Worldwide, 51.68% of CRKP strains have **yersiniabactin genes**, which are the virulence genes with the highest frequency. The proportion of CRKP harbouring **yersiniabactin and aerobactin genes** has increased significantly over the past two decades, with yersiniabactin genes increasing from 24.58% to 49.89% and aerobactin genes from 0.50% to 31.43%.

Wu Y, et al Lancet ID 2022



Global distribution of hypervirulent and carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (CR-hvKP)





Higher Mortality Rates

Meta-analysis (2025): hv-CRKP infections show a **pooled mortality rate of ~28%**

Qala Nou, *et al.* Systematic review and meta-analysis on the carbapenem-resistant hypervirulent *Klebsiella pneumoniae* isolates. *BMC Pharmacol Toxicol* 2025.

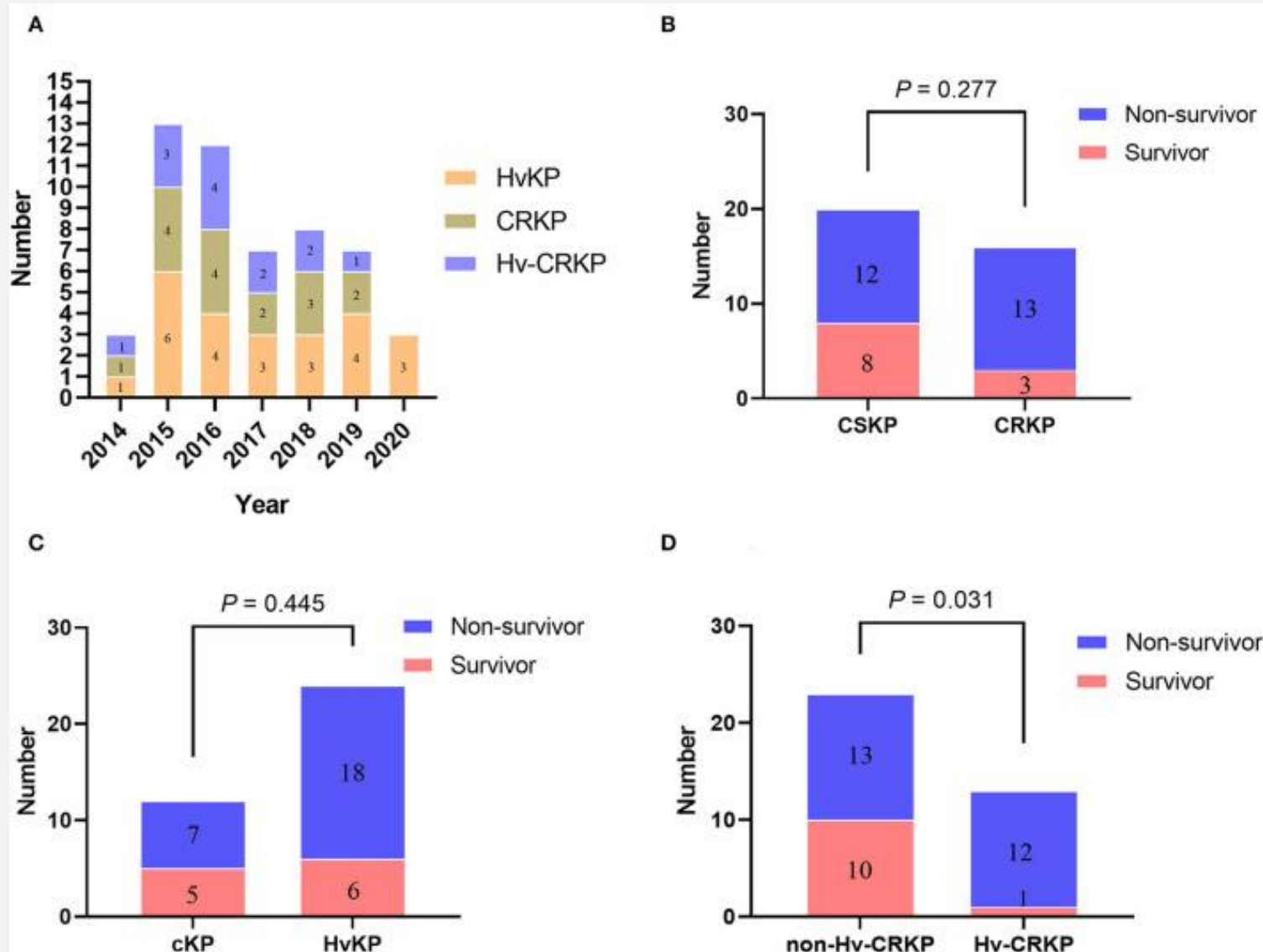
Severe Outcomes in Specific Infections

Meningitis study in China: hv-CRKP meningitis had a **92.3% mortality rate**, much higher than 56.5% for non-hypervirulent cases.

ICU outbreak report: hv-CRKP caused a **100% fatality** rate in 8 ICU patients during a localized outbreak.



Hypervirulent carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae* causing highly fatal meningitis in southeastern China.





Is Hypervirulent *Klebsiella pneumoniae* more Fatal?

Hypervirulent *Klebsiella pneumoniae* have better clinical outcomes than classical *Klebsiella pneumoniae* for lower respiratory tract infection patients.

Zhuo, X., Lei, Z., Pu, D. *et al. BMC Microbiol* **25**, 40 (2025)

Statistically no difference

Clinical Characterization, Risk Factors, and Mortality in Patients with Carbapenem-Resistant Hypervirulent *Klebsiella pneumoniae* Intra-Abdominal Infections.

Qiu M, *et al. Infection and Drug Resistance* 2025

Genomically defined hypervirulent *Klebsiella pneumoniae* contributed to early-onset increased mortality.

Tang, Y., Du, P., Du, C. *et al. Nat Commun* **16**, 2096 (2025)



Hypervirulent *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (hvKp) can cause severe infections

Liver or non-hepatic abscess

Pneumonia

Endophthalmitis

Meningitis

Necrotizing fasciitis

Namikawa H, Oinuma KI, Yamada K, Kaneko Y, Takeya H, Shuto T. Predictors of hypervirulent *Klebsiella pneumoniae* infections: a systematic review and meta-analysis. J Hosp Infect. 2023



Characteristics of the studies included in the systematic review and meta-analysis

First author (year)	Country	Design	Period	Population	Infection type	Hypervirulence factor	HvKp
Li (2014) [12]	China	Retrospective observational study	2010–2012	88 patients with <i>K. pneumoniae</i> infection	BSIs, pneumonia, UTI, others	HMV phenotype	29 (33.0%)
Zhang (2016) [13]	China	Prospective observational study	2013	230 patients with <i>K. pneumoniae</i> infection	BSIs, HAP, others	Aerobactin	87 (37.8%)
Yu (2017) [15]	Taiwan	Retrospective observational study	2009–2010	48 patients with ESBL-Kp infection	BSIs	K1/K2, HMV phenotype <i>rmpA</i> , or <i>rmpA2</i> , <i>rmpA</i> and <i>iucA</i>	19 (39.6%)
Li (2018) [9]	China	Retrospective cohort study	2015–2016	143 patients with <i>K. pneumoniae</i> infection	BSIs		35 (24.5%)
Liu (2018) [16]	China	Retrospective observational study	2008–2017	202 patients with <i>K. pneumoniae</i> infection	BSIs, pneumonia, UTI, others	Aerobactin	96 (47.5%)
Liu (2018) [14]	China	Retrospective cohort study	2008–2017	73 patients with <i>K. pneumoniae</i> infection	VAP	Aerobactin	34 (46.6%)
Liu (2019) [17]	China	Retrospective observational study	2008–2014	175 patients with <i>K. pneumoniae</i> infection	BSIs, HAP, UTI, HMV phenotype and others	Aerobactin	80 (45.7%)
Yang (2020) [23]	China	Observational study	2015	113 patients with <i>K. pneumoniae</i> infection	Pneumonia, UTI, others	HMV phenotype, <i>rmpA</i> , <i>rmpA2</i> , <i>iucA</i> , <i>iroB</i> , <i>peg-344</i> , and <i>peg-589</i>	59 (52.2%)
Liu (2020) [20]	China	Retrospective cohort study	2008–2018	117 patients with nosocomial <i>K. pneumoniae</i> infection	BSIs, pneumonia, UTI, others	<i>rmpA</i> , <i>rmpA2</i> , <i>iucA</i> , <i>iroB</i> , and <i>peg-344</i>	53 (45.3%)
Ding (2022) [19]	China	Retrospective observational study	2016–2018	123 patients with <i>K. pneumoniae</i> infection	BSIs, pneumonia, others	Aerobactin and <i>Galleria mellonella</i> infection model	53 (43.1%)
Wei (2022) [24]	China	Retrospective observational study	2020	80 patients with carbapenem-resistant <i>K. pneumoniae</i> infection	BSIs, pneumonia, UTI, others	<i>rmpA</i> , <i>rmpA2</i> , <i>iucA</i> , <i>iroN</i> , or <i>peg-344</i>	51 (63.8%)

Namikawa H, Oinuma KI, Yamada K, Kaneko Y, Kakeya H, Shuto T. Predictors of hypervirulent *Klebsiella pneumoniae* infections: a systematic review and meta-analysis. J Hosp Infect. 2023



Call for prudent use of the term hypervirulence in carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

In July, 2024, WHO issued a global alert regarding the increasing incidence of hypervirulent *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (hvKP) sequence type (ST) 23, which carry genes encoding carbapenemases that confer hvKP with resistance to the vast majority of clinically available β -lactams. ST23 *K pneumoniae* is a well known hypervirulent lineage and can acquire carbapenemase genes.

The term hypervirulence should be used more prudently when applied to CRKP strains, until providing easy and reproducible evidence of a hypervirulent phenotype is possible. If hypervirulence is to be used in reporting cases or studies, then attributed clinical evidence or data, or both, of murine or equivalent mammalian infection models should be provided for verification

Yang Y, McNally A, Zong Z. Call for prudent use of the term hypervirulence in carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. Lancet Microbe. 2025 May;6(5):101090

	Cefiderocol (N=250)	Standard of care (N=254)
Age, years*	62 (15)	61 (16)
Sex		
Female	108 (43%)	102 (40%)
Male	142 (57%)	152 (60%)
BMI, kg/m ² †	23 (21–27)	24 (21–27)
Country		
Australia	20 (8%)	20 (8%)
Malaysia	75 (30%)	62 (24%)
Singapore	40 (16%)	30 (12%)
Taiwan	38 (15%)	55 (22%)
Thailand	50 (20%)	59 (23%)
Türkiye	27 (11%)	28 (11%)
Charlson Comorbidity Score†‡	5 (3–7)	5 (3–7)
Comorbidity		
Congestive heart failure	12 (5%)	21 (8%)
Chronic pulmonary disease	14 (6%)	17 (7%)
Diabetes	91 (36%)	112 (44%)
Moderate or severe renal disease	69 (28%)	76 (30%)
Moderate or severe liver disease	19 (8%)	18 (7%)
Solid tumour	71 (28%)	66 (26%)
Haematological malignancy	60 (24%)	48 (19%)
AIDS	3 (1%)	4 (2%)
Immunosuppression§	152 (61%)	147 (58%)
Neutropenia¶	48 (19%)	42 (17%)
Acquisition of bloodstream infection		
Hospital-acquired	156 (62%)	153 (60%)
Health care-associated	94 (38%)	101 (40%)

	Cefiderocol (N=250)	Standard of care (N=254)
(Continued from previous column)		
Organisms in index blood culture		
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	90 (36%)	77 (30%)
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	73 (29%)	80 (31%)
<i>Enterobacter</i> spp	19 (8%)	21 (8%)
Other Enterobacterales spp	26 (10%)	33 (13%)
<i>Pseudomonas</i> spp**	27 (11%)	24 (9%)
<i>Acinetobacter</i> spp††	18 (7%)	25 (10%)
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	5 (2%)	3 (1%)
<i>Aeromonas</i> spp	7 (3%)	3 (1%)
Miscellaneous non-fermenter	8 (3%)	7 (3%)
Other species	1 (<1%)	2 (1%)
Antimicrobial-resistant organisms		
Third-generation cephalosporin-resistant Enterobacterales spp	66 (26%)	72 (28%)
Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales spp	32 (13%)	32 (13%)
Cefiderocol-resistant Enterobacterales spp	12 (5%)	10 (4%)
KPC-producing Enterobacterales spp	1 (<1%)	3 (1%)
OXA-48-like-producing Enterobacterales spp	11 (4%)	15 (6%)
MBL-producing Enterobacterales spp	16 (6%)	11 (4%)
Carbapenem-resistant <i>Acinetobacter</i> spp	11 (4%)	14 (6%)
Cefiderocol-resistant <i>Acinetobacter</i> spp	2 (1%)	0 (0)
Carbapenem-resistant <i>Pseudomonas</i> spp‡‡	8 (3%)	8 (3%)
Cefiderocol-resistant <i>Pseudomonas</i> spp	2 (1%)	0 (0)
Carbapenem-resistant Gram-negative bacilli	64 (26%)	63 (25%)

Cefiderocol versus standard therapy for hospital-acquired and health-care-associated Gram-negative bacterial bloodstream infection **(GAME CHANGER)**: an open-label, parallel-group, randomised trial

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Among patients with a hospital-acquired or health-care-associated Gram-negative bloodstream infection, cefiderocol resulted in **non-inferior 14-day mortality compared with standard of care.**

In both the main analysis population and the carbapenem-resistant subset, cefiderocol **was not superior to standard of care.** This evidence suggests that cefiderocol is efficacious in patients with health-care-associated Gram-negative bloodstream infection who are at high risk of antibiotic resistance, but more evidence is required to define its efficacy when carbapenem-resistant organisms are the cause.

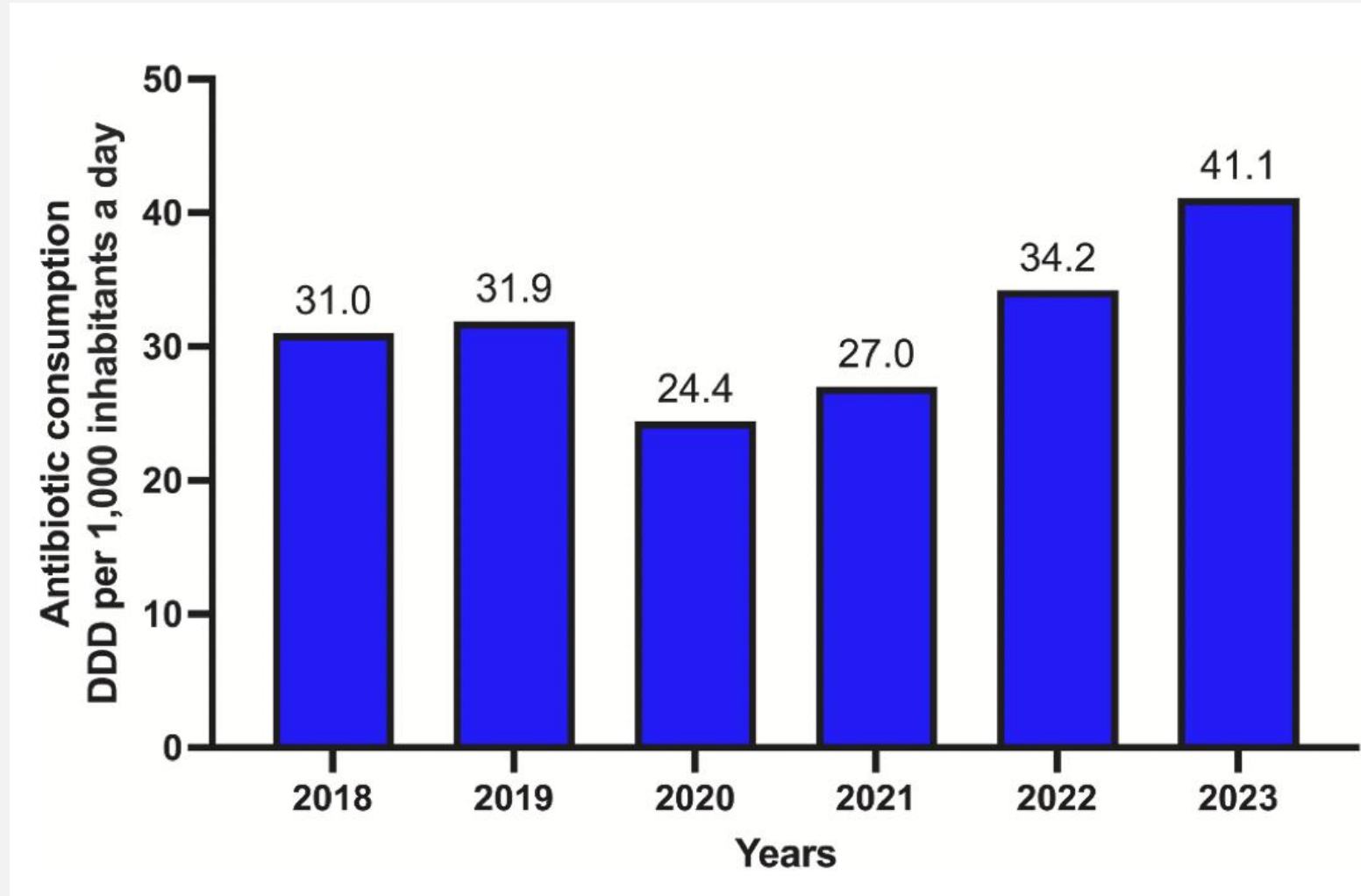


Current Treatment Choices for MBL Enterobacterales

	ESBL	Amp C	Ambler A KPC & IMI	MBL NDM, VIM, IMP	Ambler D OXA-48
CZA					
Aztreonam Avibactam					
Cefiderocol					
Meropenem-vaborbactam					
Imipenem-relebactam					
Ceftolozane-tazobactam					
Sulbactam-durlobactam					



Antibiotic Consumption in Türkiye

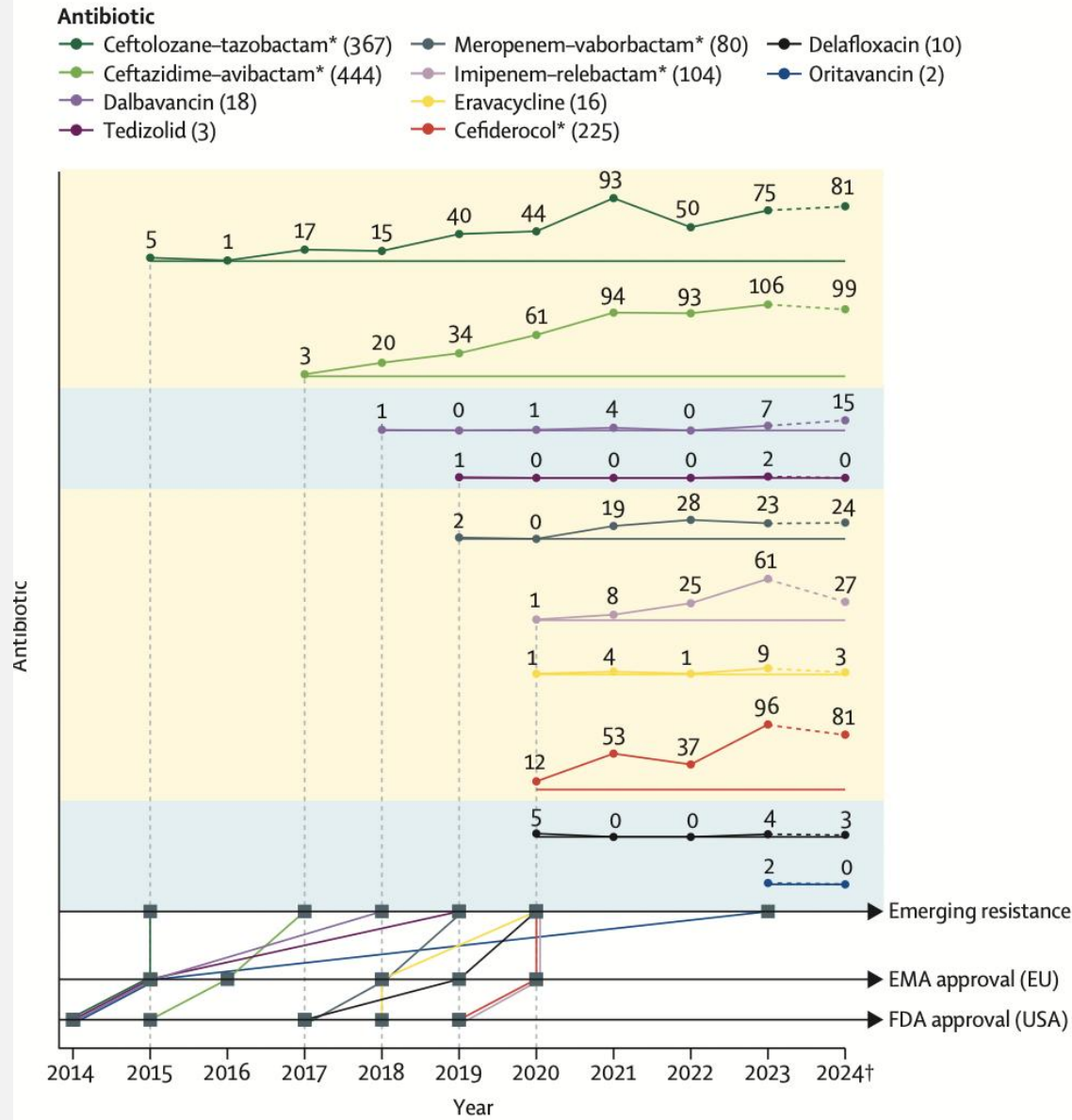


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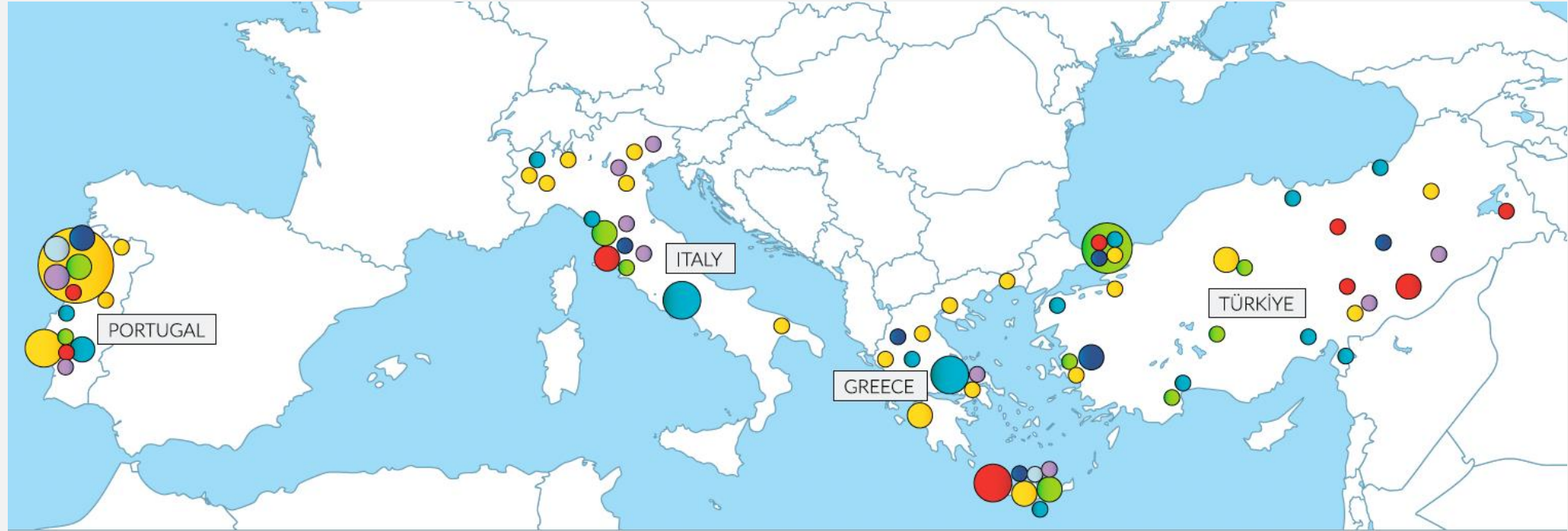
	a_i	k_i	A_i	B_i	C_i	ERI numerator	D_i	E_i	ERI denominator	ERI	ERI tier
Imipenem–relebactam	0.239	1.153	3.246	0	1.000	3.469	0.125	0.052	0.444	7.8	Very high
Cefiderocol	0.153	1.076	4.481	0	1.250	3.240	0.115	0.094	0.478	6.8	Very high
Ceftolozane–tazobactam	0.223	0.943	2.384	0	0.444	1.928	0.184	0.086	0.538	3.6	High
Meropenem–vaborbactam	0.187	1.156	1.896	1	0.667	1.098	0.050	0.038	0.328	3.3	High
Ceftazidime–avibactam	0.179	1.044	3.745	1	1.250	1.796	0.196	0.121	0.581	3.1	High
Eravacycline	0.324	1.044	0.590	2	0.000	0.406	0.000	0.000	0.141	2.9	Medium
Delaflaxacin	0.359	1.127	0.000	1	0.000	0.577	0.031	0.000	0.226	2.5	Medium
Dalbavancin	0.131	1.163	1.221	3	0.000	0.231	0.105	0.000	0.354	0.7	Low
Tedizolid	0.102	1.000	0.493	4	0.000	0.117	0.156	0.000	0.420	0.3	Low
Oritavancin	0.002	1.000	-2.885	8	0.000	0.001	0.012	0.000	0.178	0.0	Low

Target antibiotics are listed in descending order of ERI score. The parameters were: a_i (pooled prevalence of resistance), k_i (trend of prevalence of resistance), A_i (trend in yearly publication reporting resistance), B_i (time lag between approval and report of resistance), C_i (average number of outbreaks), D_i (availability of surveillance systems monitoring antibiotic consumption), and E_i (availability of surveillance systems assessing resistance rates). The ERI numerator indicates the summary measure of the emerging resistance potential (in the form of exponential of the linear combination of A_i , B_i , and C_i , as described in the Methods section), while the ERI denominator represents the status of surveillance of antimicrobial consumption and resistance (in the form of square root of the linear combination of D_i and E_i). ERI=Emerging Resistance Index.

Table: ERI parameters, value, and tier by antibiotic or antibiotic combination



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Yellow Infectious Diseases Physician (n=33)

Green Family (Primary Healthcare) Physician (n=17)

Dark Blue Ear-Nose-Throat Physician (n=10)

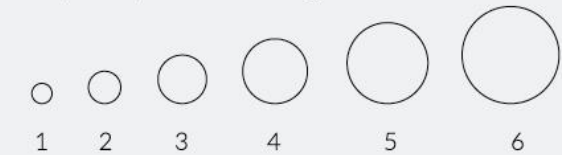
Red Emergency Medicine Physician (n=13)

Light Blue Public Health Specialist (n=22)

Purple Pharmacist (n=11)

Light Blue Others (n=3)

The size of the circle represents the number of participants in the region.



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REASONS	Patients are encouraged by their relatives.				
	Physicians fear that the symptoms might worsen if they refrain from prescribing antibiotics.				
	Penalties for irrational prescriptions are limited.*				
	The resources allocated the rational antimicrobial use are insufficient.*				
	Physicians may be afraid of being legally liable for future complications if they do not prescribe antibiotics.				
	There is widespread misinformation on health-related topics.				
SOLUTIONS	Access to healthcare services should be improved.				
	The time allocated per medical appointment should be extended.				
	Safe working environments should be created for physicians.*				
	Physicians' communication skills should be improved.*				
	Behavioral change investments should be planned to change the prescription attitudes of physicians.				
	Yearly targets should be set to help physicians develop appropriate prescription habits.				
	The reward system should be established for rational use.				
	The punishment system should be established for irrational use.				
	The authorization to prescribe broad-spectrum antibiotics should be granted to infectious disease specialists.				

* The importance value has changed from A.C. to O.C. in these countries.

Overall Consensus
 Approaching consensus
 Overall Divergence

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Elimination of healthcare-associated *Acinetobacter baumannii* infection in a highly endemic region

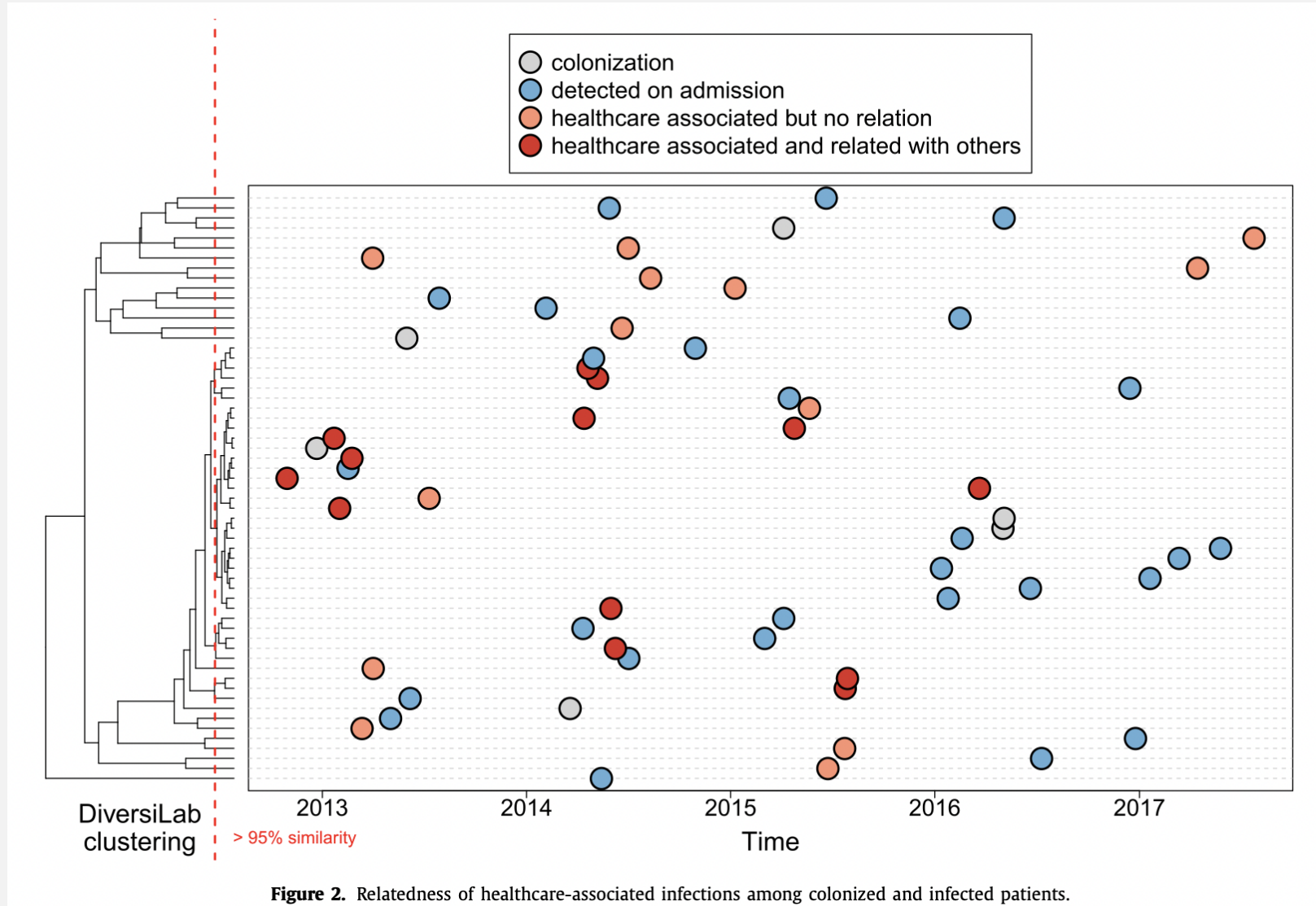


Figure 2. Relatedness of healthcare-associated infections among colonized and infected patients.



WHO 2024: Surveillance and Laboratory Limitations

Global gaps in:

- Laboratory capacity for **molecular diagnostics**
- **Routine surveillance** of hvKp?
 - Is it necessary?
- **Systematic reporting** and case documentation

Most affected regions **lack reliable diagnostics**, limiting **sensitivity of detection** and **surveillance coverage**.



WHO 2024 Report: Key Challenges and Recommendations

⚠ Key Challenges

- Lack of data on:
 - Prevalence and transmission scale
 - Hospitalizations and community-level burden
 - Impact on healthcare systems
- **Uncertainty** in surveillance data leads to **moderate confidence** in risk estimates.

🛡 Recommendations

- Strengthen **infection prevention and control (IPC)** in hospitals.
- Improve **molecular diagnostic access**.
- Enhance **global surveillance systems** for real-time tracking.
- Promote international cooperation to monitor and contain spread.



The Effect of Environment: Association or Causality?

Evidence Type	Example Findings	Strength
Molecular (genomic linkage)	Identical resistance genes and plasmids (e.g., <i>bla</i> CTX-M-15, <i>mcr</i> -1) found in <i>E. coli</i> from poultry meat and humans	Strong (causal linkage plausible)
Ecological (policy natural experiments)	AMR decline in humans after animal antibiotic restrictions (e.g., avoparcin ban in EU reducing VRE)	Strong population-level evidence
Epidemiologic (correlation)	Regions with high farm antibiotic use show higher AMR prevalence in human infections (e.g., ESBL in <i>E. coli</i>)	Moderate (association, not proof)



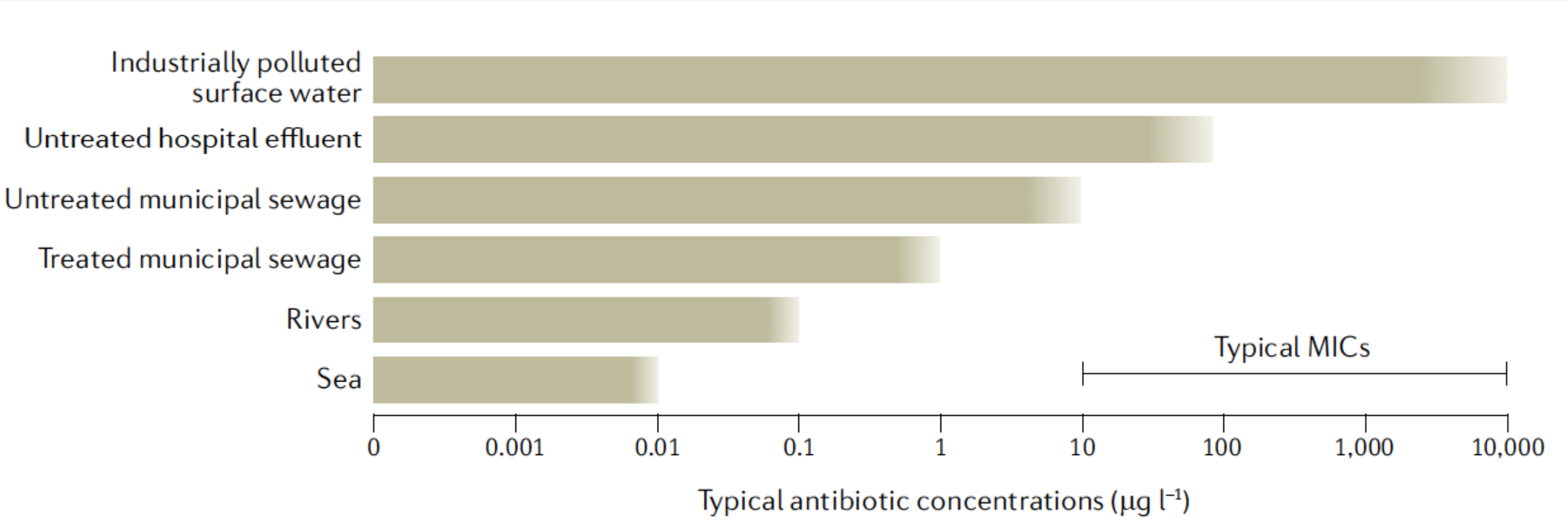
Animal sources of antimicrobial-resistant bacterial infections in humans

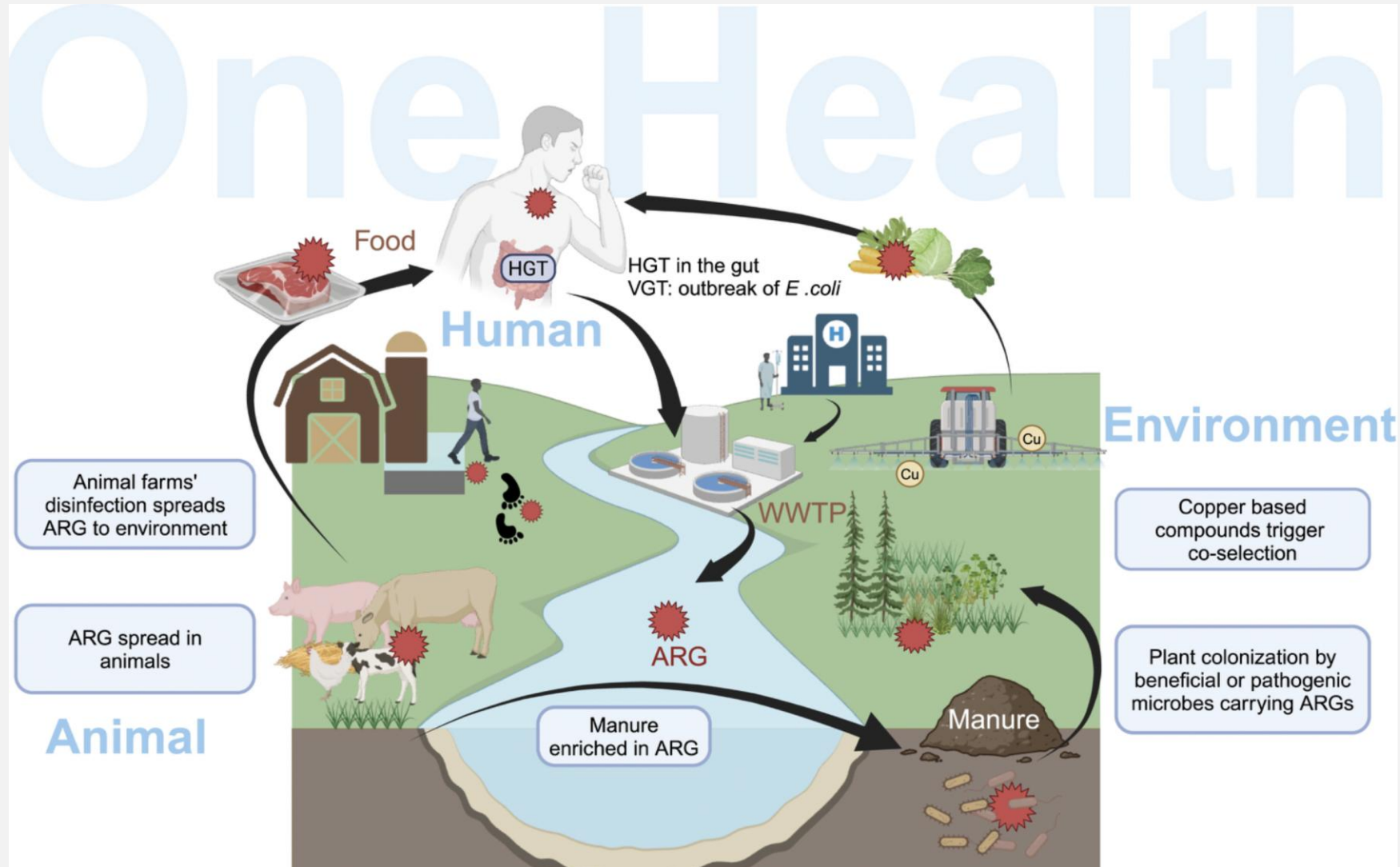
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Antibiotic concentrations in selected aquatic environments

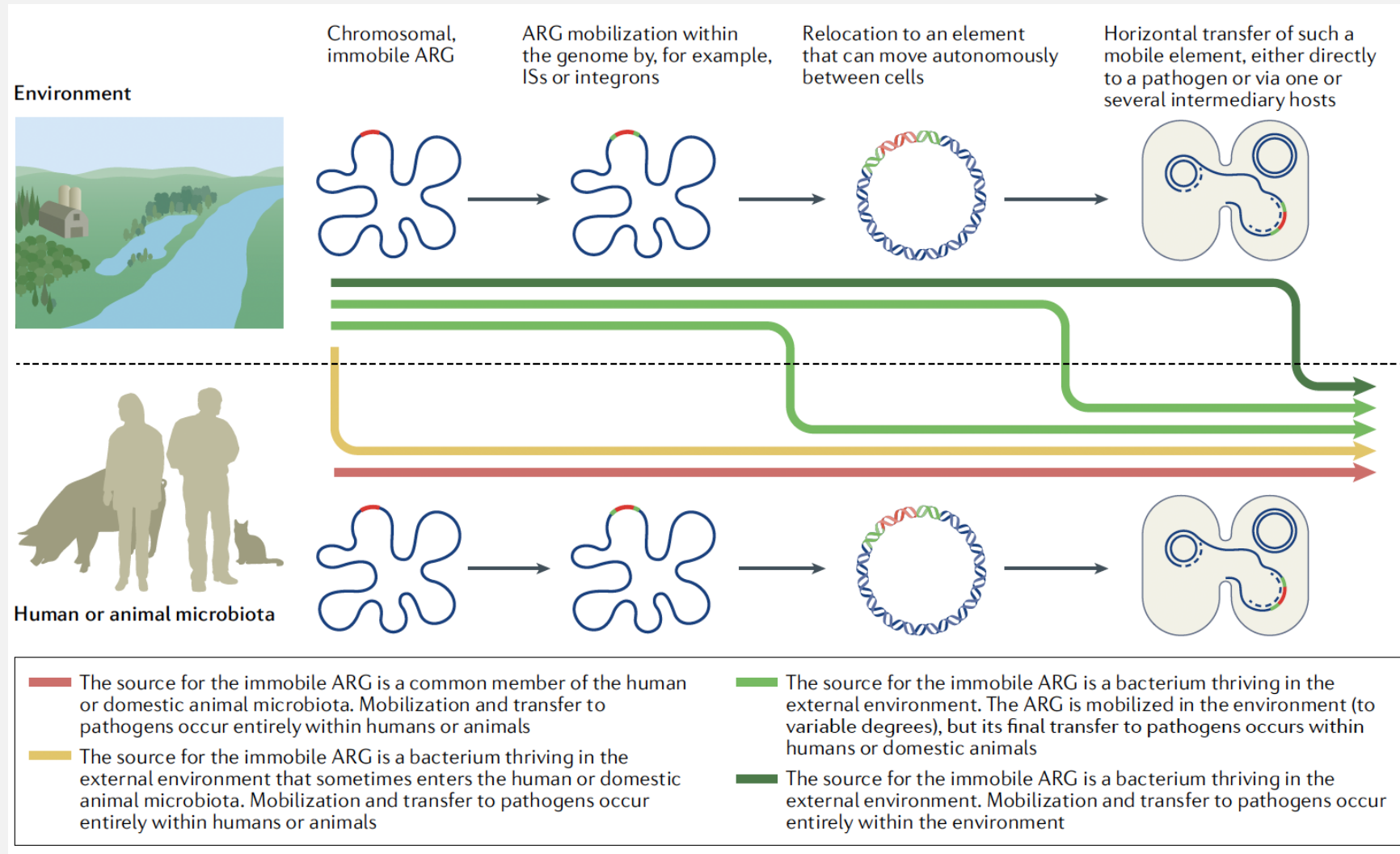




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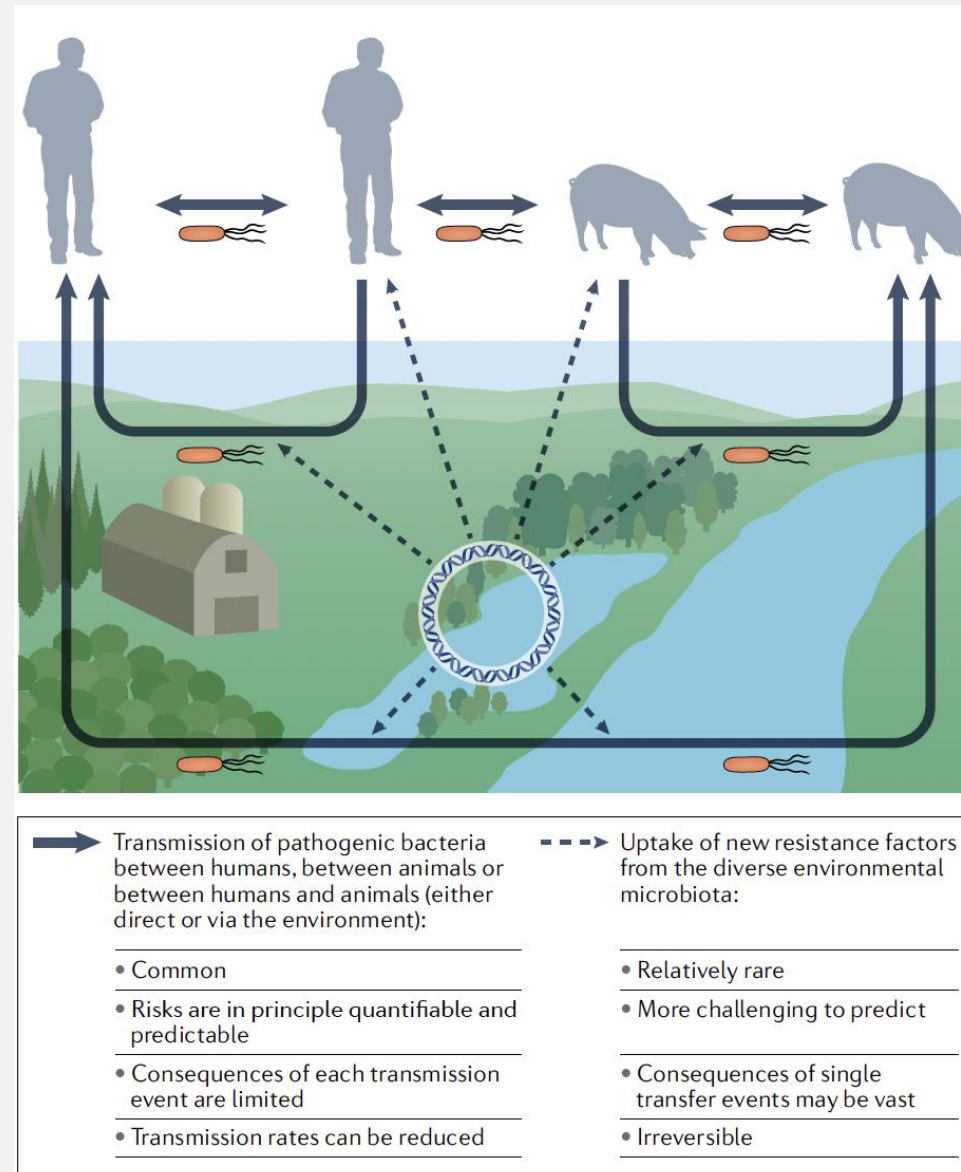
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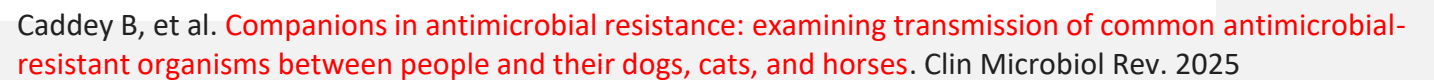


Distribution of the most commonly reported MRSA ST types among companion animals

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Carbapenemase genes identified in companion animals

Gene	Country (no. of studies identified) ^a	Bacterial species (sequence type)	Animal species
IMP-45	China (1)	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (308)	Dog
KPC-18	USA (1)	<i>E. coli</i> (372)	Dog
KPC-2	Brazil (2)	<i>K. pneumoniae</i> (11) <i>E. coli</i> (648)	Dog
NDM-4	China (1)	<i>E. coli</i> (162, 224, 101, 448, 453, 1421, 167, 226, 410, 457, and 405)	Dog, cat, and turtle
NDM-5	South Korea (3) China (2) Thailand (1) Italy (2) UK (1) Finland (1) USA (3)	<i>E. coli</i> (410, 101, 167, 354, 641, 1415, 2115, 3902, 10, 224, and 641) <i>K. pneumoniae</i> (378 and 307)	Dog, cat, and horse
OXA-48	France (3) Germany (1) China (1) Switzerland (1)	<i>K. pneumoniae</i> (11, 15, 37, 48, and 307) <i>E. coli</i> (10, 69, 104, 131, 167, 405, 648, 3058, 297, 681, 1196, and 1431)	Dog and cat
OXA-181	Switzerland (1) Portugal (1)	<i>E. coli</i> (410)	Dog and cat
OXA-23	Thailand (1) Pakistan (1) Germany (2) Italy (1) France (2)	<i>A. baumannii</i> (2, 16, 23, 25, 149, 1093, 1575, 1581, 1, and 7)	Dog and cat
OXA-58	Germany (1)	<i>A. baumannii</i> (1)	Dog and cat
VIM-2	South Korea (1) Brazil (1)	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (233, 871, 1047, 1203, and 1428)	Dog

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Fecal carriage prevalence of Carbapenemase producing organism in healthcare- and veterinary-associated settings in China

CPO	Genes	Population	Prevalence (%) (reference)
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	NDM and KPC	ICU patient	16.7 (246)
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	NDM-1/5	General public	1.1 (247)
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	NDM-5	Veterinary workers—small animal practice	7.4 (203)
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	NDM-5	Dogs	17.8 (203)
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	NDM-5	Cats	8.6 (203)

^aCPO, carbapenemase-producing organism.

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A Good Example from France

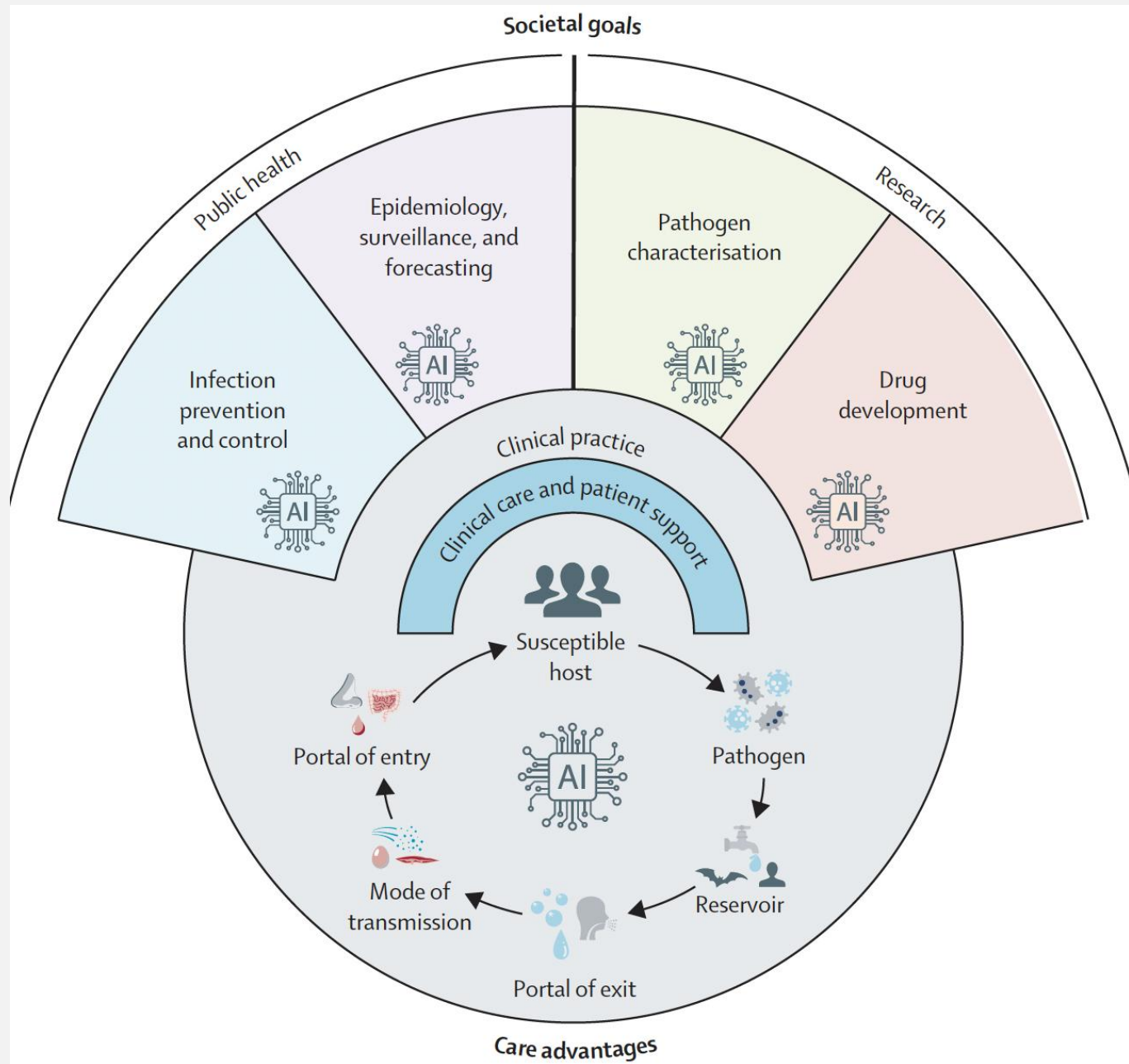
Since 2011, France has implemented three national Ecoantibio plans to reduce antibiotic use in veterinary medicine. These initiatives actively involved farmers, veterinarians, regulators, and researchers.

From 2011 to 2021, the overall antibiotic exposure in livestock decreased by 47%, with substantial reductions, exceeding 90% in some key antimicrobials, such as fluoroquinolones in poultry and colistin in pigs and calves. Of note, colistin, a drug that was once commonly used in livestock, saw a 66% reduction in exposure between 2014 and 2022, surpassing the initial targets.

These policy efforts have produced a measurable biological impact, with data from French national surveillance showing a steady decline in resistance levels over the past decade. The 2023 ANSES scientific report identified 11 priority bacteria–antibiotic combinations to monitor in animals, due to their implications for human health. For most of these, including methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, fluoroquinolone-resistant *Escherichia coli*, and colistin-resistant Enterobacterales, no strong molecular or epidemiological evidence links animal strains to multidrug-resistant infections in humans.

The most crucial, Enterobacterales resistant to carbapenems, remains virtually absent in French livestock and has only been detected sporadically in companion animals.

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Conclusion

The body of evidence on the direct contribution of animal sources to AMR in humans is growing but still relatively small.

Existing studies utilise a broad range of methodologies to address this question.

Recent years have seen promising developments, such as using human resistome data for source attribution, that will aid in tailoring studies to the specific characteristics of the AMR hazard.

Surveillance with molecular methods is necessary

The policymakers should taken an action.

Thank you



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