

# How to prevent the development of catastrophic antibiotic resistance in developing countries?

## Or is it already catastrophic...?



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## SITUATION ANALYSIS:

Antibiotic Use and Resistance in Vietnam

The GARP- Vietnam National Working Group  
Dr. Nguyễn Văn Kính, Chairman

October 2010

# This talk

- What is catastrophic antibiotic resistance?
- Are we there yet?
  - If so, can we reverse or improve the situation?
- Note:
  - The issue is global and not just in developing countries
  - I cover only bacterial antibiotic resistance (not TB)

Even developed countries are still developing

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# Catastrophic (Oxford dictionary)

- *Adj.*

- Involving or causing sudden great damage or suffering (a *catastrophic earthquake*)
- Extremely unfortunate or unsuccessful (*catastrophic mismanagement of the economy*)
- Involving a sudden and large-scale alteration in state

# A catastrophic ICU patient in Asia

- Hospital-acquired pneumonia with multi-resistant GNB
- Treatment would be colistin
- Colistin not always readily available for human use in Asia
- Patient died
- Colistin available for agricultural use



A good mix for a catastrophe...

**ANTIBIOTICS**

**+**

**RESISTANCE GENES**

**+**

**MOBILE GENETIC ELEMENTS**

**+**

**BACTERIAL PATHOGENS**

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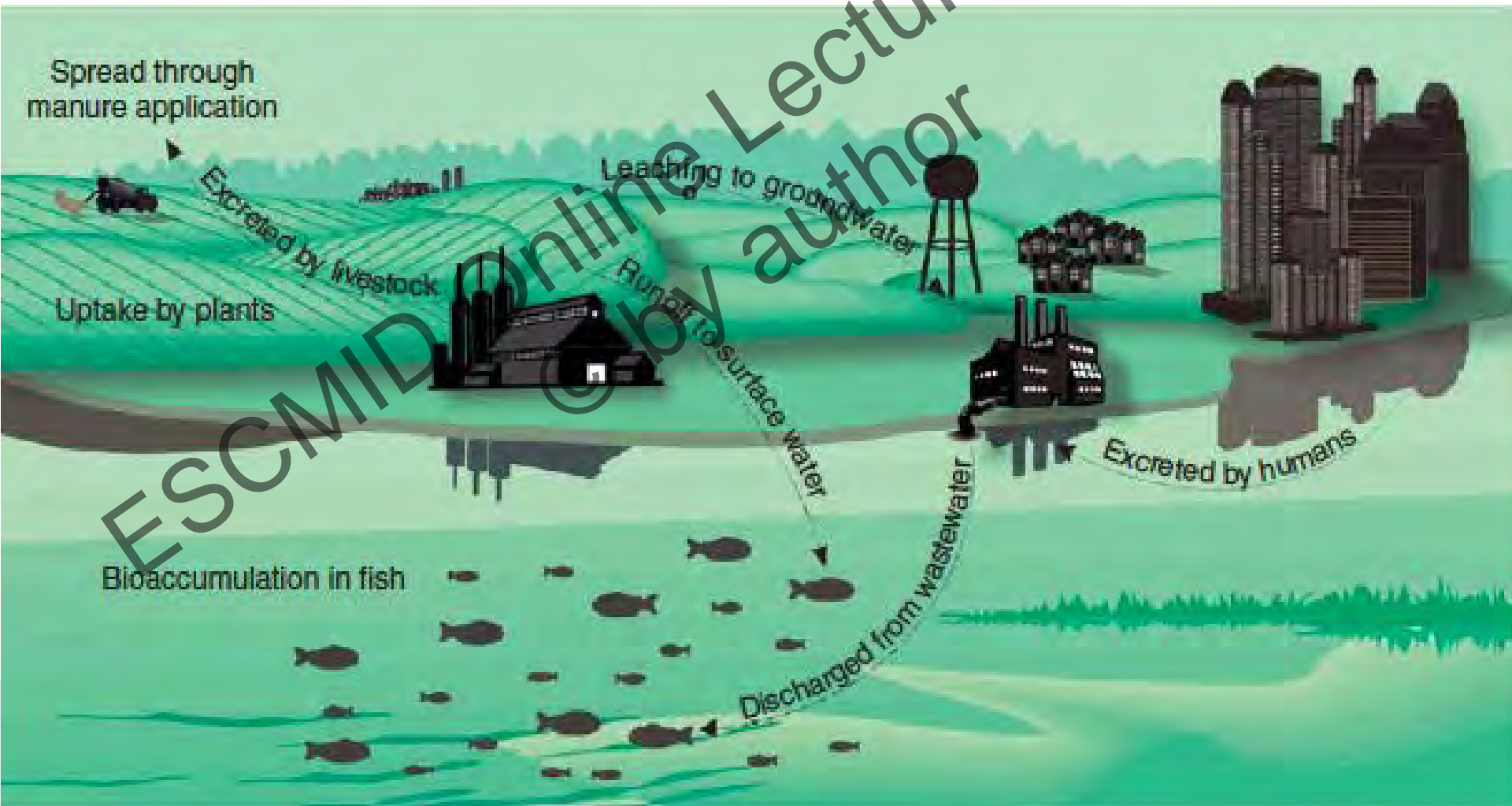
And resistance genes are easily shared

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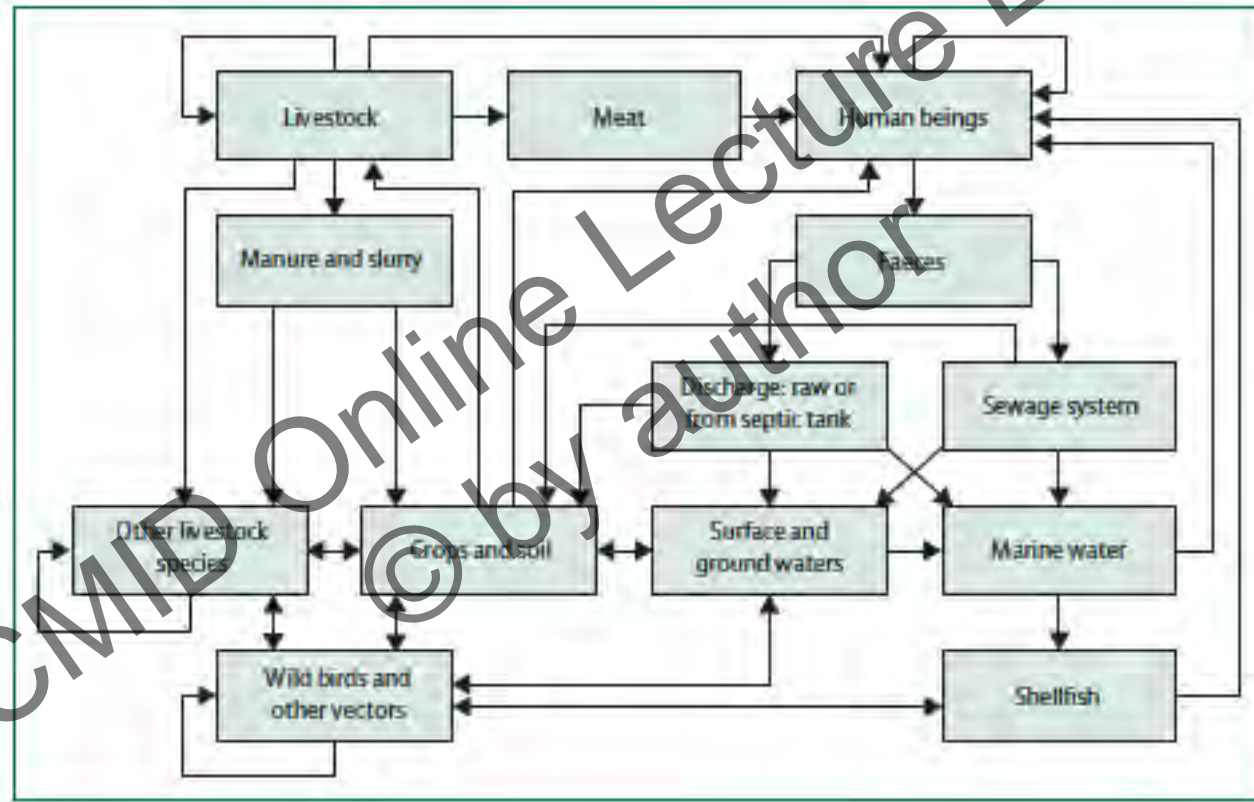
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Smillie, Nature 2011

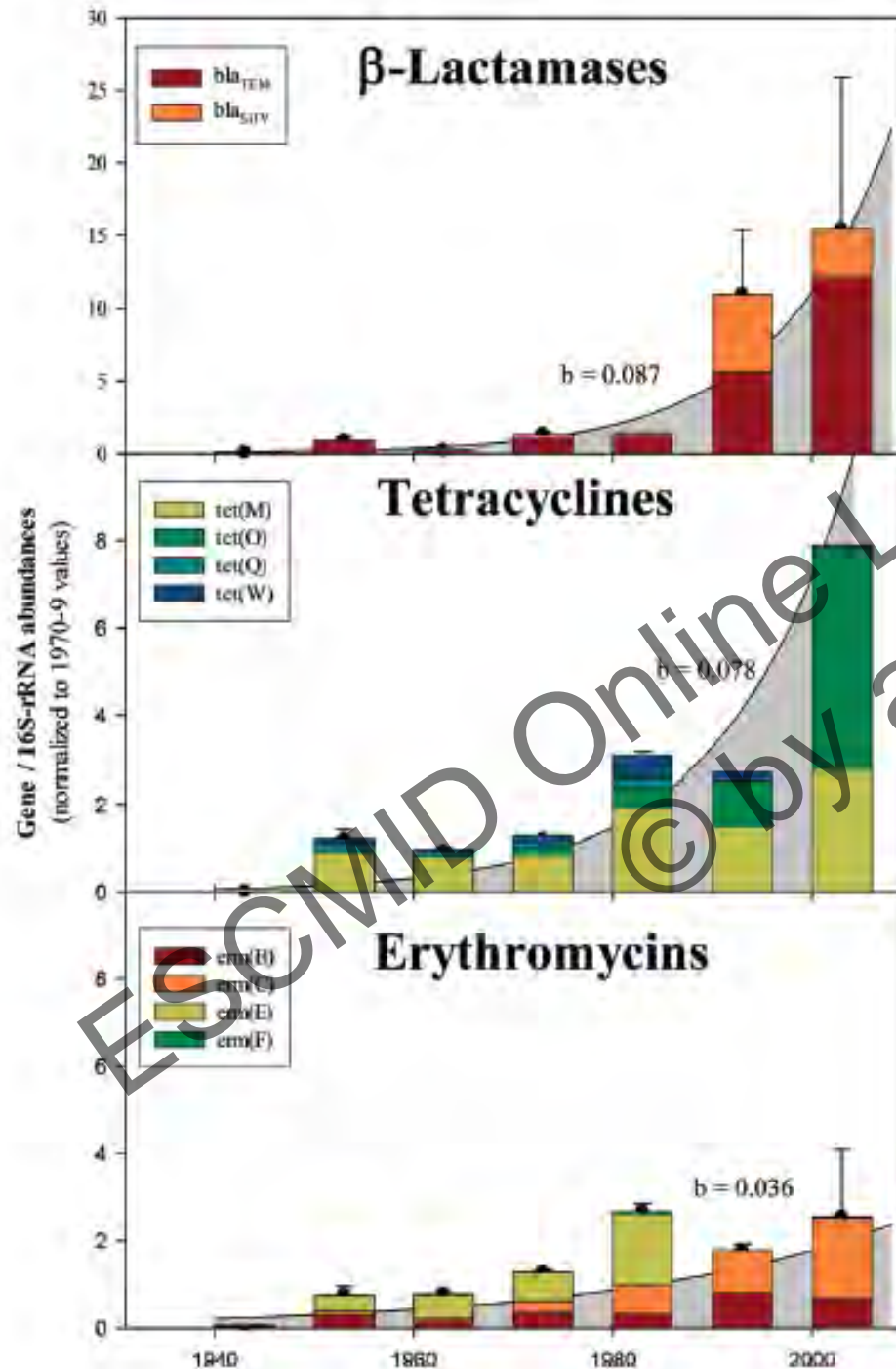
# Resistance genes are shared in various environments with(out) AB pressure



# Places of resistance gene exchange



Wellington, Lancet Inf Dis 2013



# Increase in soil resistance genes since 1940

**FIGURE 2** Relative increase of antibiotic resistance genes among soils collected at five sites in The Netherlands from 1940 to 2008. All values have been normalized to 16S rRNA gene abundances. Normalized values were then grouped according to decade and unitized relative to mean observed values from 1970 to 1979 for each site. Normalization and unitization were required to account for differences in bacterial abundances among sites and place data from each site into a common unit of measure. Each time series represents the unbiased sum of standardized values from all five sites. Table S2 provides detailed data for each site. *mecA*, *bla<sub>OXA-1</sub>*, *vanA* and *ampC* were analyzed, but were below detection limits. Shaded areas are the best-fit curves for each class of detected antibiotics assuming a first-order model, which represents the basal level of resistance genes within the soils. Inset rate coefficients are for each class of antibiotic. Rate coefficients for each individual detected gene are provided in Table S3.

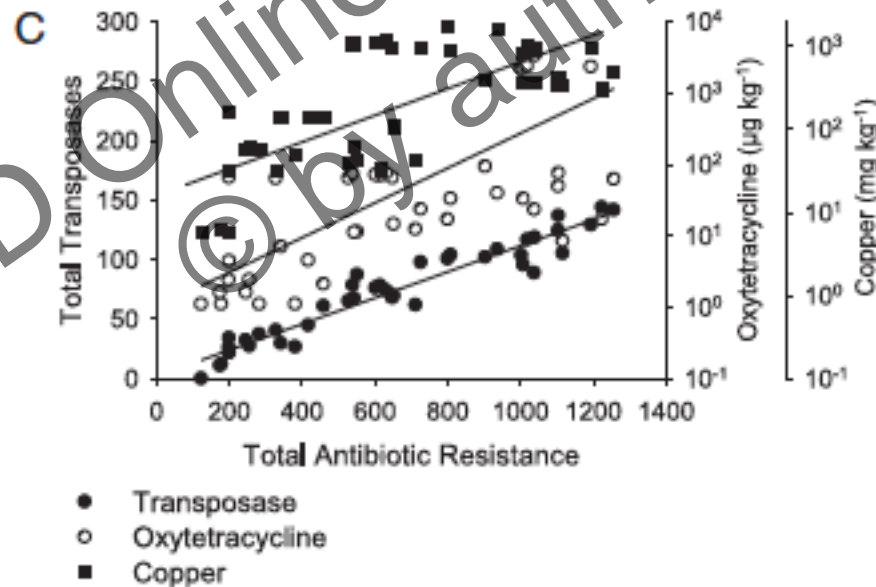
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# Diverse and abundant antibiotic resistance genes in Chinese swine farms

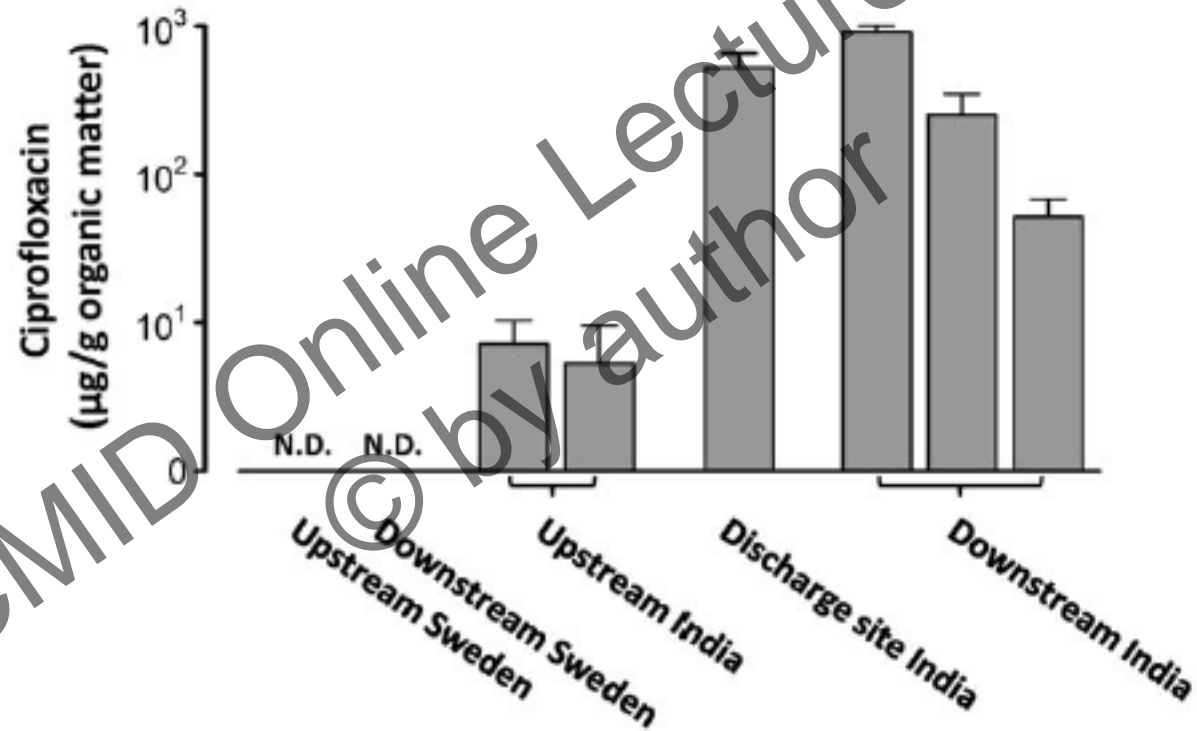
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# Antibiotic environmental contamination India



Kristiansson, PLOS ONE 2011

# Resistance gene abundance ~ antibiotic



**Figure 4. The abundance of resistance-carrying plasmids in environmental bacterial communities exposed to antibiotics.** Four plasmids were detected at high levels, two already described (a–b) and two previously not characterized (c–d). Their relative abundance is given in relation to the total amount of sequenced DNA and the numbers above the bars show the estimated plasmid coverage in each metagenome. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0017038.g004



# A call for other types of surveillance: genes and antibiotics

- Antibiotics should be considered to be a pollutant and monitored
- Mobile antimicrobial resistance genes should be considered as unwanted invasive genetic material
- A need for standardized resistance gene surveillance and their mobile genetic elements
- However we still need to learn how resistance gene dynamics translate into public health measures
  - E.g. When should we remove resistance genes from environment? Where? How? At what cost?
- Important role for modelers

# Techniques for gene removal are being investigated

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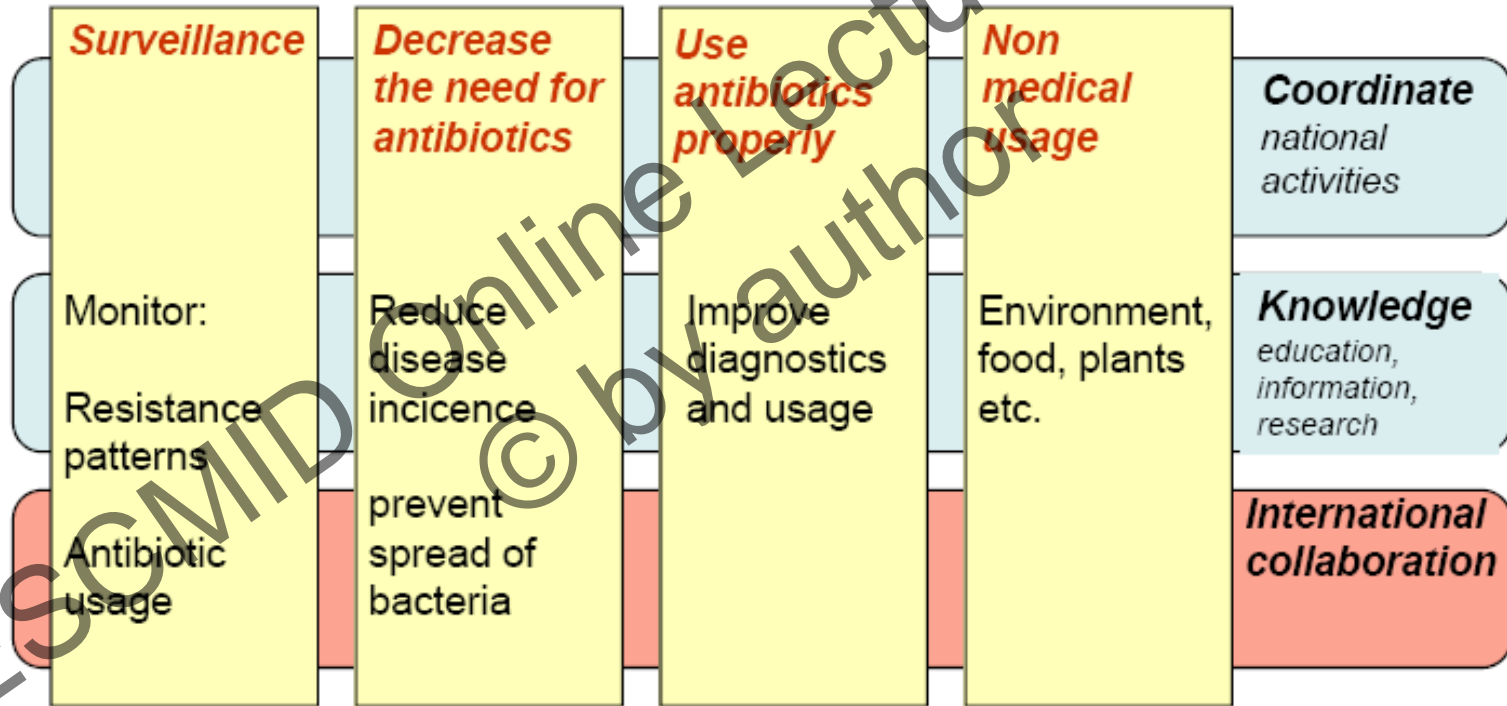


## Effect of wastewater colloids on membrane removal of antibiotic resistance genes

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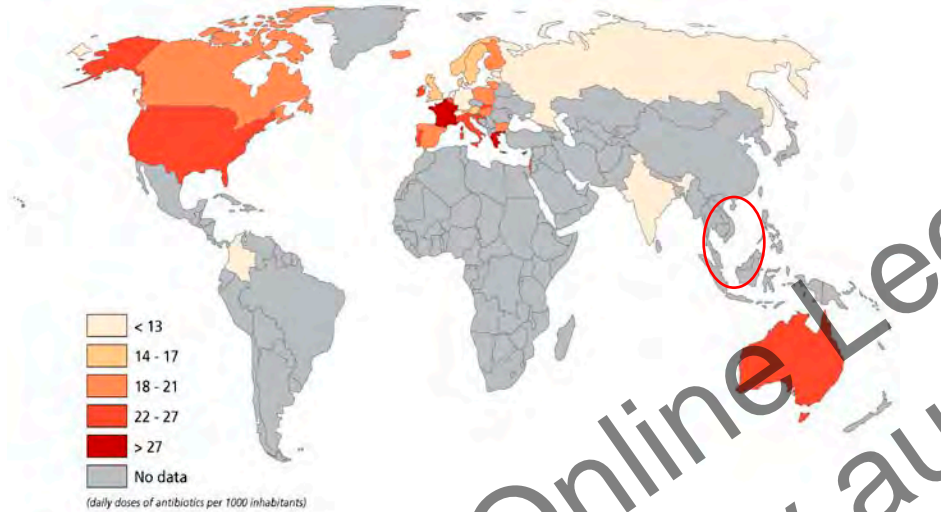
# Addressing resistance



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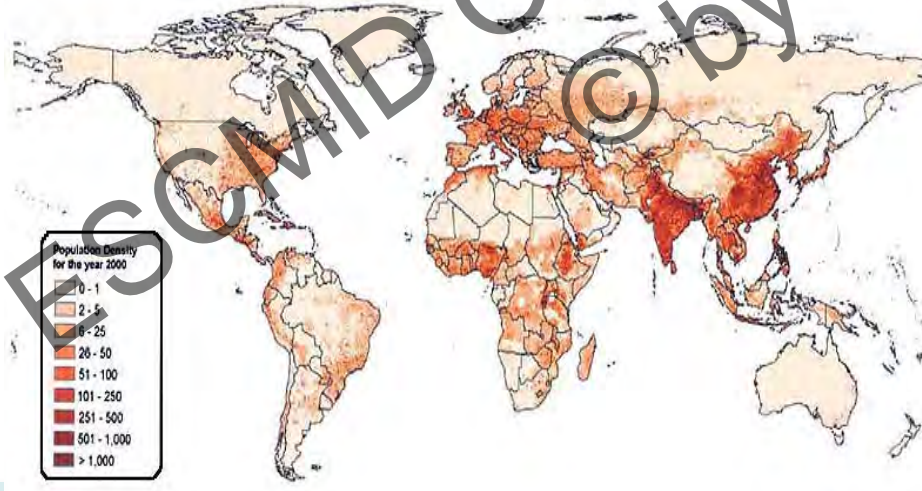
# Antibiotic use in Asia?

Antibiotic use – outpatient (DDD/1000/year) iotic Use



- What is the current AB use for Asia?
- And what would be acceptable?

Population density



- High populations density in Asia will result in high environmental AB pressure.
- Same is true for livestock

# Community: key source of antibiotic use

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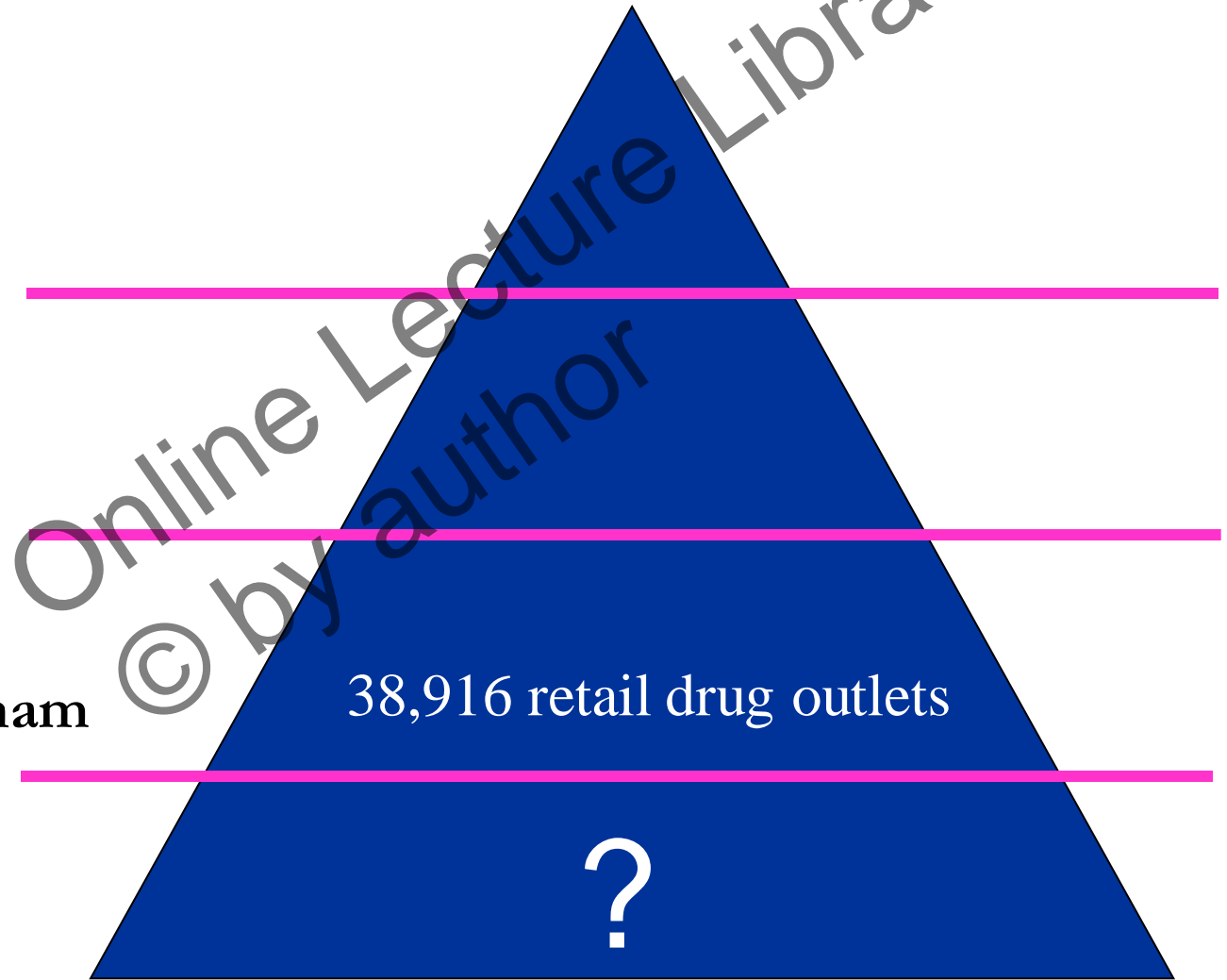
Health stations

Pharmacies in  
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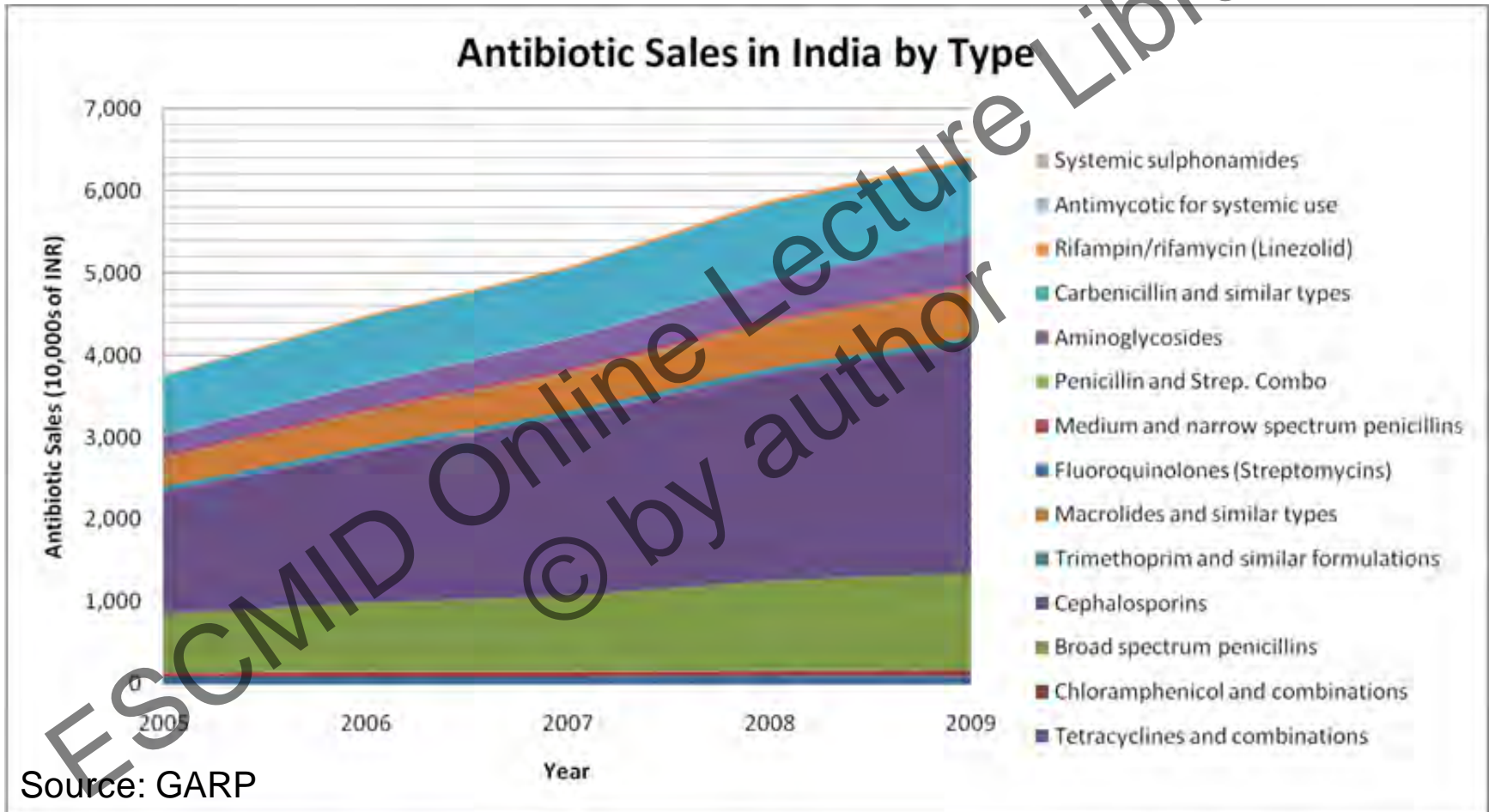
Agriculture

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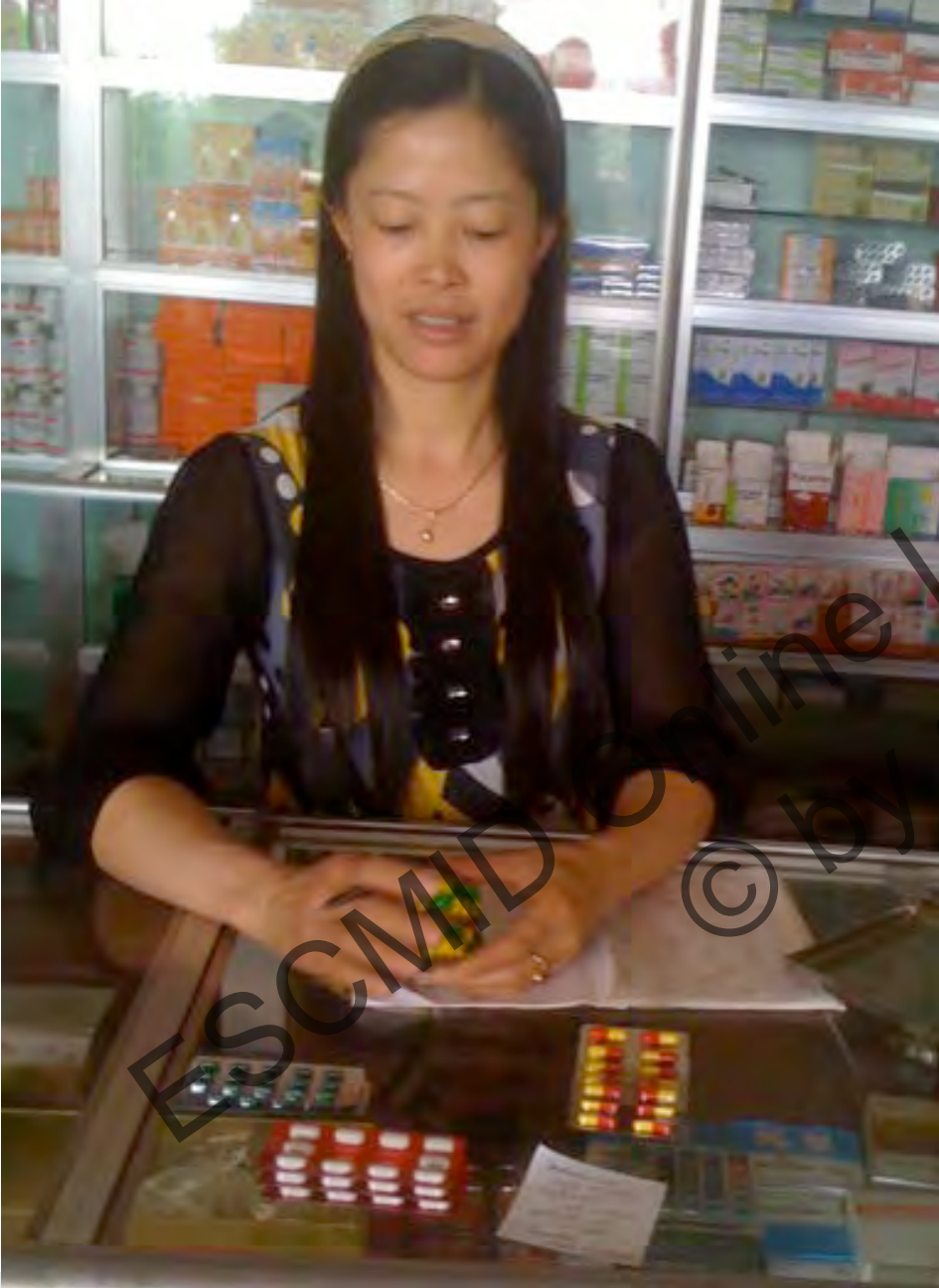
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# Increase wealth ~ increase antibiotic use



**But uncontrolled**



High inappropriate usage in communities for ARI

I had a cough and received 3 types of drugs, including antibiotics...

No prescription (despite law)

I did not take any drug and got better!



# Important drivers of AB use resource constrained settings

- High out-of-pocket health expenditure – up to 60%
  - Self-medication is cheaper and quick
- Despite regulation, AB dispensed without prescription
  - No enforcement
- Financial incentives
- Lack of knowledge
- Lack of time doctor
- Lack of good (rapid) diagnostics



# Treatment guidelines

- Most treatment guidelines outdated
- Recommendations for AB do not match current resistance data
- Guidelines use 'Western' data, not other regions
- Need to take in account local epidemiology
  - *S. suis* common cause meningitis in SE Asia
  - *K. pneumoniae* common in severe pneumonia

# TIME

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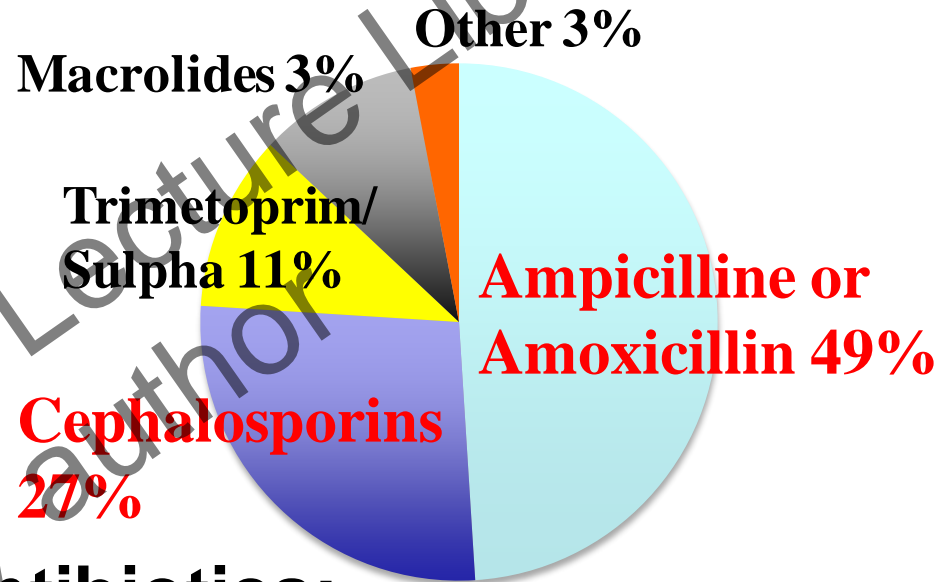
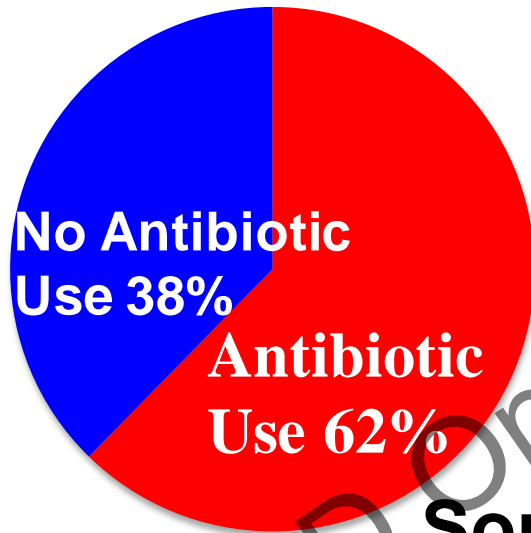
## When Penicillin Pays: Why China Loves Antibiotics a Little Too Much

By Chengcheng Jiang / Beijing

Every year when the wet winter weather sweeps through southern Anhui province, Ling Cheng gets a niggling cough that she just can't shake. But instead of heading to the medicine cabinet, Ling, like millions of other Chinese, heads instead to her local hospital for a dose of IV antibiotics. "When the coughing gets annoying, I just go to the clinic two or three days in a row and take a drip," she says. "After that it usually clears up straight away — it's much more effective than taking pills."

Last month, the country's Ministry of Health revealed that on average each Chinese person consumes 138 g of antibiotics per year — 10 times the amount consumed per capita in the U.S. Meanwhile, three times as many Chinese people are prescribed penicillin compared with the international standard. The Ministry also pointed out that 70% of inpatients at Chinese hospitals received antibiotics; the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends a maximum of 30%. ([Read about China's plan to reform its health care.](#))

# AB use children during one month



## Source antibiotics:

Self treatment	16%
Drug store	30%
Private clinic	24%
Public clinic	31%

Source:  
QH Nguyen 2010

# Antibiotic dispensing in private Vietnamese pharmacies

	Urban		Rural	
	n	%	n	%
<b>Total transactions</b>	2083	100	870	100
<b>Buying antibiotics</b>	499	24.0	257	29.5
<b>With prescription</b>	60	12.0	23	8.9
<i>Comply with prescription</i>	49	81.7	18	78.3
<i>Not comply with prescription</i>	11	18.3	5	21.7
<b>Without prescription</b>	439	88.0	234	91.1
<i>Client made decision</i>	218	49.7	66	28.2
<i>Drug seller made decision</i>	221	50.3	168	71.8

# Conclusions pharmacy study

- 90% of antibiotics sold have no prescription
- Dispensed by inexperienced staff
- 25% of sales is AB sales
- Rural pharmacies sell more domestic drugs
- High AB demand from buyer -> community education
- Strong incentive for AB dispensing -> room for intervention
- Note: domestic antibiotics are often produced by companies in which the government is stakeholder.

# Education - behaviour

Pulcini, Virulence 2013

## PATIENTS

Primary  
9-11 y

Secondary  
14-15 y

Adults  
≥ 16 y  
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## PRESCRIBERS of ANTIBIOTICS

Undergraduate curriculum  
18-25 y

Internship/  
foundation year  
20-25 y

Professional training  
20-30 y

Medical doctors, nurses, midwives, dentists,  
veterinarians.  
≥ 30 y  
**POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION**  
intervention strategies





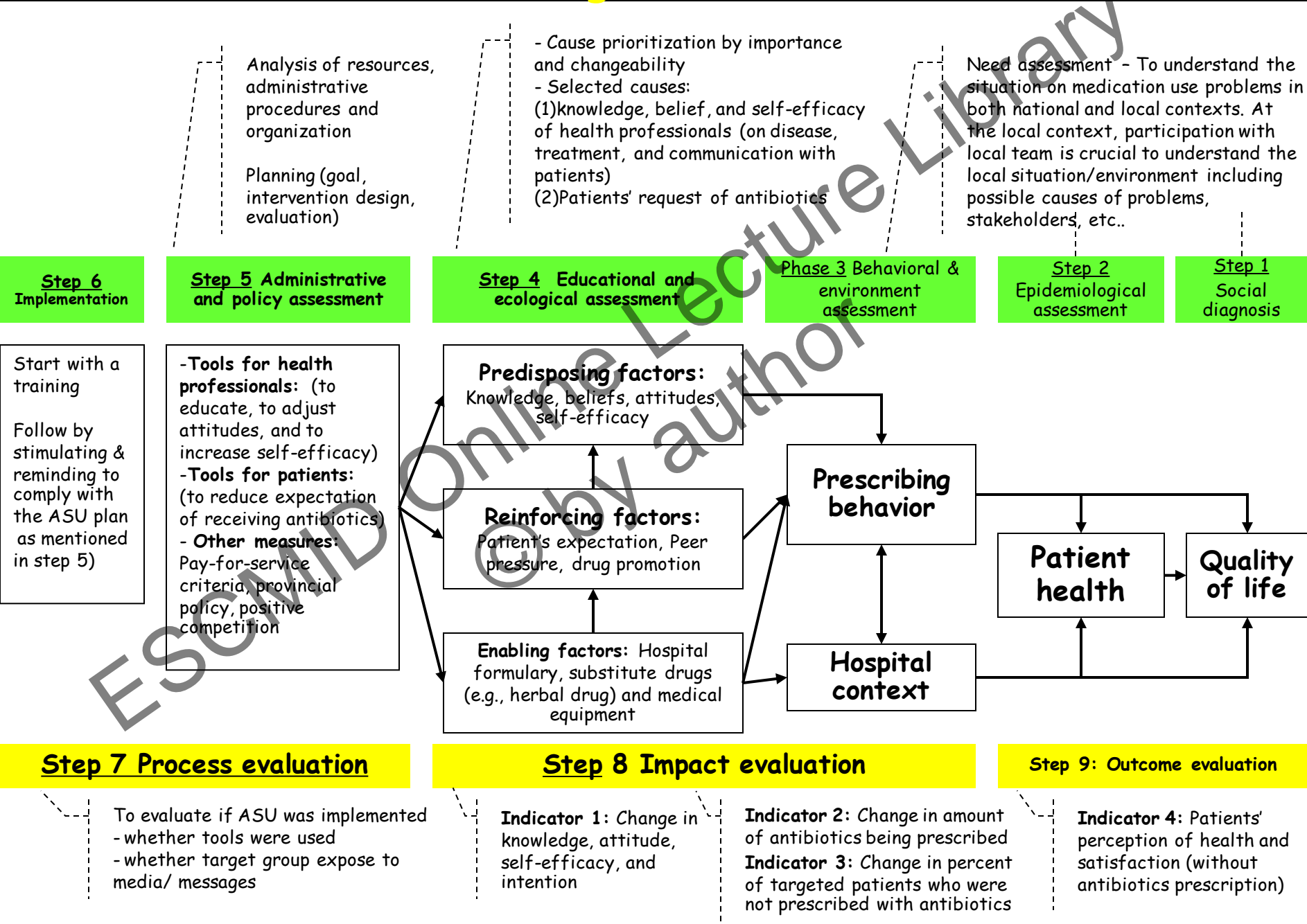
# Antibiotics Smart Use:

An initiative from Thailand

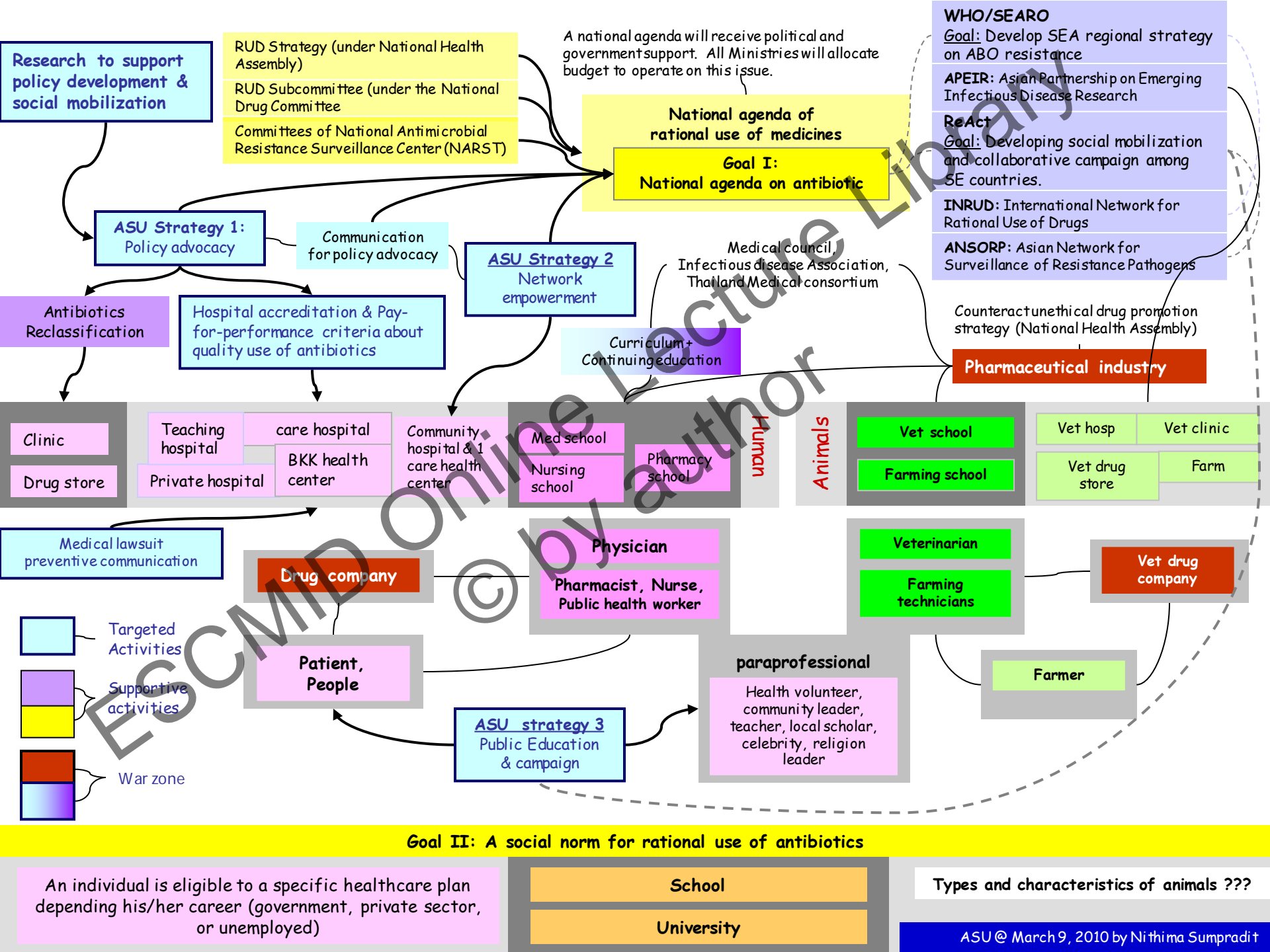
## Objective:

- Reduce antibiotics prescriptions in three common diseases:
  - Upper respiratory tract infection (URI) e.g., common cold with/without sore throat
  - Acute diarrhea
  - Simple wound

# PRECEDE-PROCEED Planning Model: ASU







# Can CRP or other POC tests help?

**Table 3. Effects of Intervention on Antibiotic Use After the Index Consultation (by CRP Category) and Within a 28-Day Follow-Up. Exploratory Data on Antibiotic Use Per Respiratory Tract Infection**

Antibiotic Use	CRP Assistance % (n)	Control % (n)	RR <sup>a</sup>	95% CI
After index consultation	43.4 (56/129)	56.6 (73/129)	0.77	0.56-0.98
Rhinosinusitis	45.2 (33/73)	60.3 (47/78)		
LRTI	41.1 (23/56)	51.0 (26/51)		
Within 28-day follow-up	52.7 (68/129)	65.1 (84/129)	0.81	0.62-0.99
Rhinosinusitis	57.5 (42/73)	69.2 (54/78)		
LRTI	46.4 (26/56)	58.8 (30/51)		
By CRP category				
0-20 mg/L (n = 140)	26.0 (19/73)	49.3 (33/67)		
21-50 mg/L (n = 62)	56.5 (13/23)	59.0 (23/39)		
51-100 mg/L (n = 37)	68.2 (15/22)	66.7 (10/15)		
>100 mg/L (n = 19)	81.8 (9/11)	87.5 (7/8)		

CI = confidence interval; CRP = C-reactive protein; LRTI = lower respiratory tract infection; RR = relative risk.

Note: Statistical testing was not performed on the exploratory data on antibiotic use per respiratory tract infections, as this trial was designed to detect differences between the total group of patients per group.

<sup>a</sup> Relative risks corrected for clustering.

Cals, Ann Fam Med, 2010

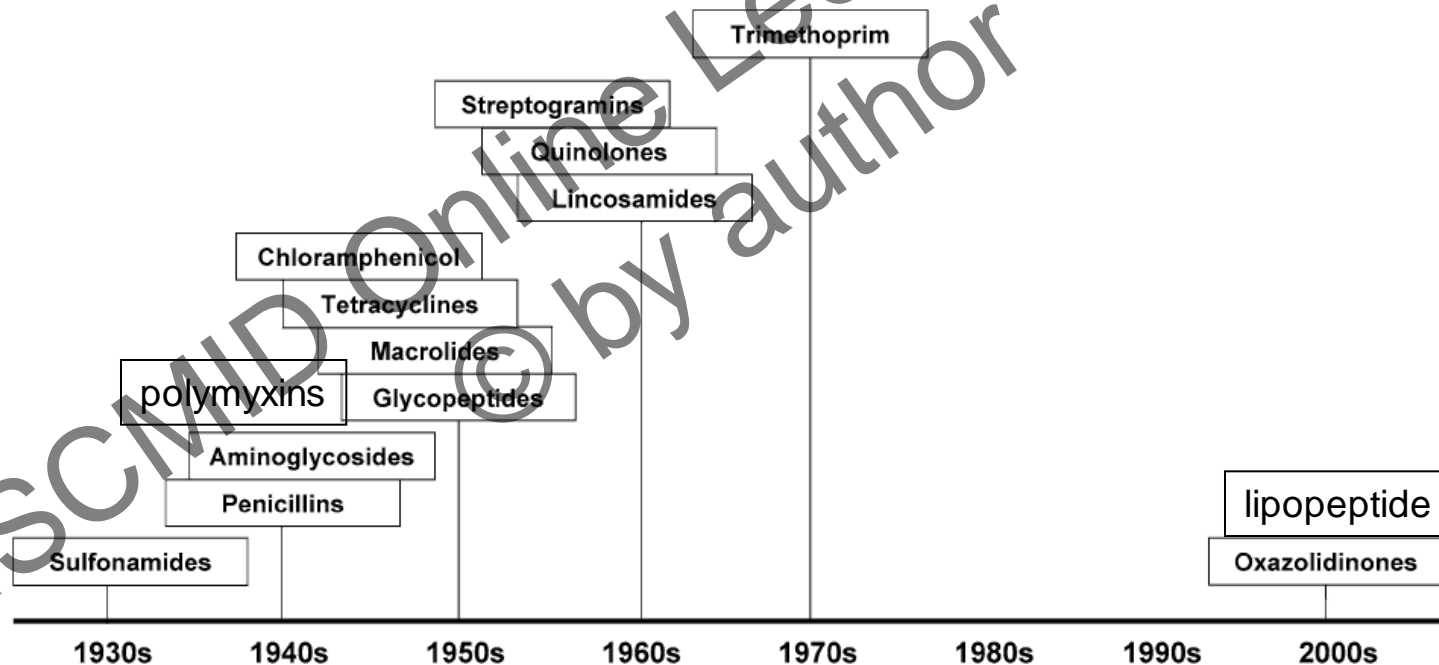
# CRP POC test trial Vietnam

- RCT for non-severe acute respiratory infections
- Age > 5 years
- Sample size: 2000
- Ethical approval recently obtained
- Enrollment expected to start in 2 months

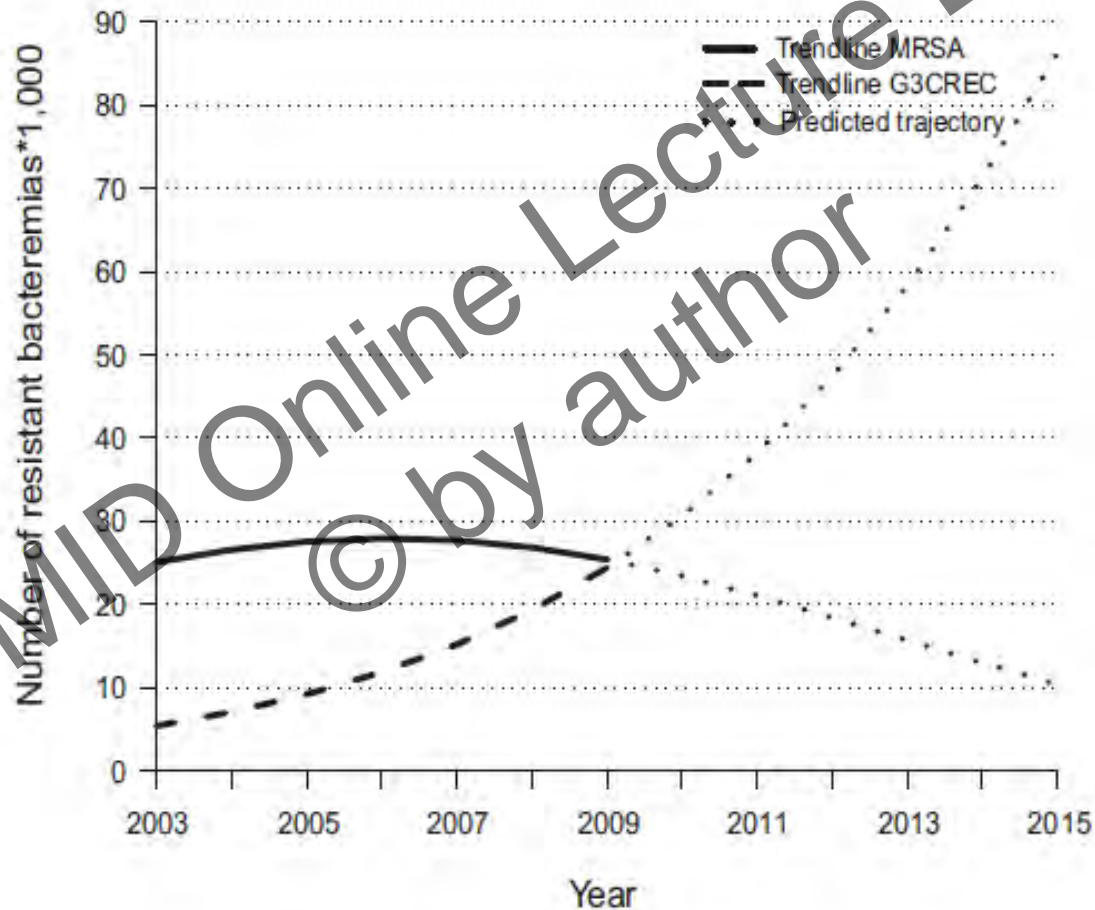
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# Antibiotic development mismatch

- Has been focused on gram- positive bacteria like MRSA and VRE
- The problem now is Gram-negative bacilli



# Gram-negative resistance on the rise



# Carbapenem resistant Gram-negative infections (NDM-1): a wake up call



# Need to use more the 'old and forgotten'

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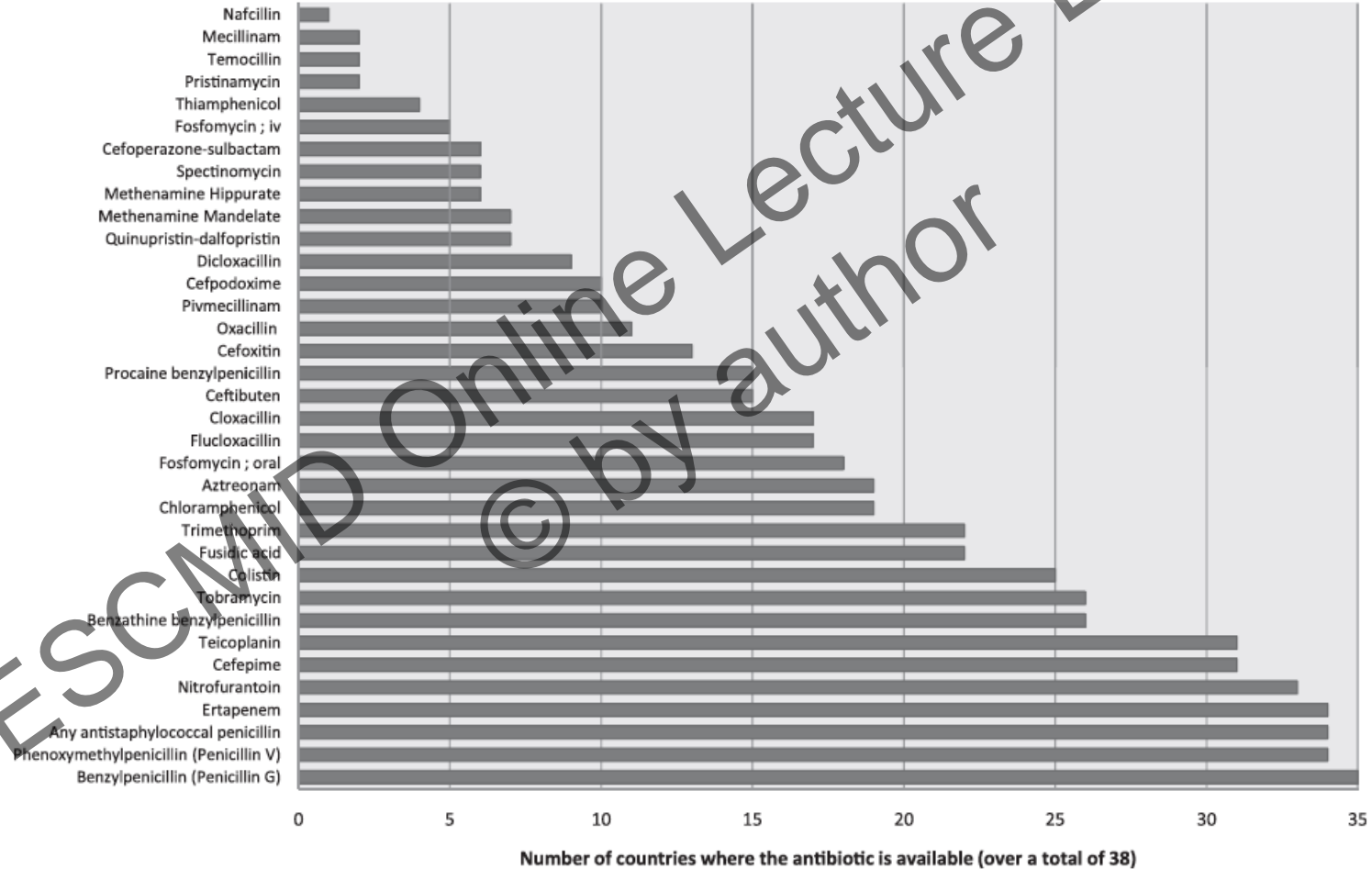
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## Forgotten Antibiotics: An Inventory in Europe, the United States, Canada, and Australia

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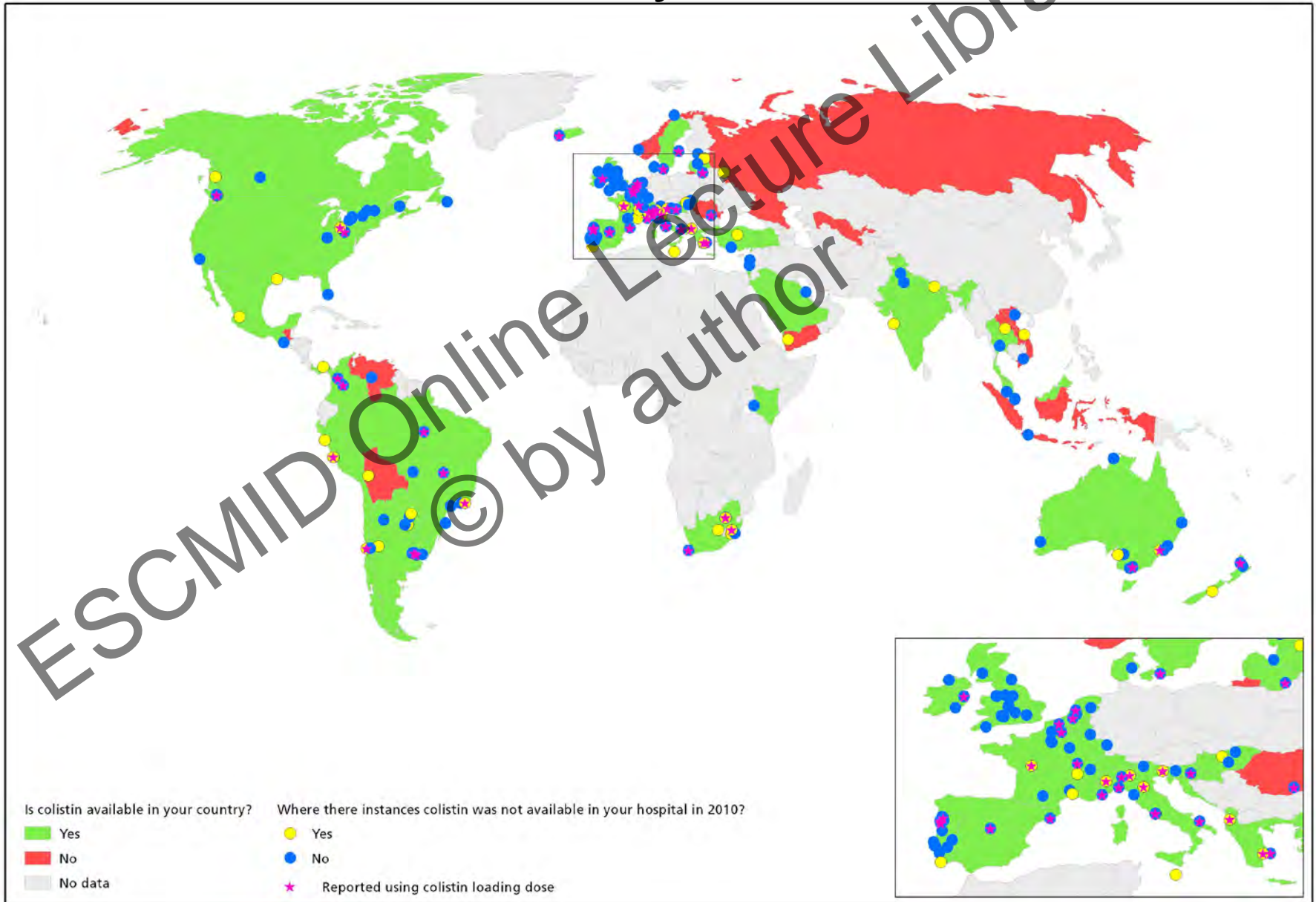
# Need better access to 'old and forgotten' abx





# If access: need to use well.

## Results colistin survey



# Antibiotic solutions

- Prudent use through education – incentives
- Drug development:
  - Gram-negative focus
  - New targets: eg plasmid replication
  - Biodegradable
- In mean time: make the old antibiotics available with clear guidance on when and how to use in multiple languages
- Open source treatment guidelines that can be easily adapted locally

# Need for global ONE HEALTH stewardship

- So far very hospital focused and developed countries
- Antibiotic stewardship should be considered as standard of care and part of hospital accreditation
- Needs to include the world of animals, plants, water and so on...
- Need to prioritize and be pragmatic (eg Chennai declaration, India)

India needs “An implementable antibiotic policy” and NOT “A perfect policy”

## “The Chennai Declaration”

Recommendations of “A roadmap- to tackle the challenge of antimicrobial resistance” - A joint meeting of medical societies of India

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### FDA Cautions in Interpretation of Antimicrobial Resistance Data

April 22, 2013

Recently, the Environmental Working Group issued a report of its interpretation of the 2011 Retail Meat Annual Report of the National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System (NARMS). While FDA is always concerned when we see antimicrobial resistance, we believe the EWG report oversimplifies the NARMS data and provides misleading conclusions. We do not believe that EWG fully considered important factors that put these results in context, including:

- whether the bacterium is a foodborne pathogen. The report highlights resistance to *Enterococcus*, but this is not considered a foodborne pathogen. Instead, we include it because its behavior is helpful in understanding how resistance occurs.
- which drug(s) the bacterium is naturally resistant to. For example, most *Enterococcus faecalis* is naturally resistant to the antibiotic class of lincosamides. Because we know and expect to see this resistance, we are not as concerned with resistance in this species the way we would be with resistance in true pathogens like *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter*.
- why NARMS includes certain drugs in its testing design. We include some antibiotics for epidemiology purposes— to track the spread of certain bacteria or certain genes. But resistance to these antibiotics doesn't reflect a danger to public health.
- whether the antibiotics that are commonly used to treat patients are still effective. NARMS data indicates that first-line treatments for all four bacteria that we track (*Salmonella*, *Enterococcus*, *Escherichia coli* and *Campylobacter*) are still effective.
- what the 2011 data indicate relative to similar data reported for prior years.

Additionally, we believe that it is inaccurate and alarmist to define bacteria resistant to one, or even a few, antimicrobials as "superbugs" if these same bacteria are still treatable by other commonly used antibiotics. This is especially misleading when speaking of bacteria that do not cause foodborne disease and have natural resistances, such as *Enterococcus*.

When taking such factors into account, FDA believes the notable findings in the 2011 NARMS Report include:

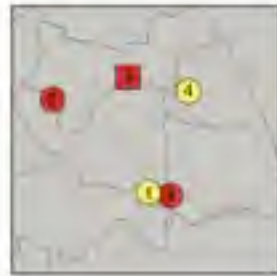
- In the critically important class of antimicrobials, the 2011 data showed no fluoroquinolone resistance in *Salmonella* from any source. This is the drug of choice for treating adults with *Salmonella*.
- Trimethoprim-sulfonamide is another drug used to treat *Salmonella* infections and resistance remains low (0% to 3.7%).
- Fluoroquinolone resistance in *Campylobacter* has stopped increasing and remained essentially unchanged since the FDA withdrew the use of this drug class in poultry in 2005.
- Macrolide antibiotic resistance in retail chicken isolates remains low, with 2011 results at 0.5% of *Campylobacter jejuni* and 4.3% of *Campylobacter coli*. The macrolide antibiotic erythromycin is the drug of choice for treating *Campylobacter* infections.
- Multidrug resistance is rare in *Campylobacter*. Only nine out of 634 *Campylobacter* isolates from poultry were resistant to 3 or more antimicrobial classes in 2011. However, gentamicin resistance in *Campylobacter coli* markedly increased from 0.7% in 2007 (when it first appeared in the NARMS retail meat report) to 18.1% in 2011. Gentamicin has been suggested as a possible second-line therapy for *Campylobacter* infections, although it is not commonly used.
- Resistance to third-generation cephalosporins, which are used to treat salmonellosis, has increased in *Salmonella* from chicken (10 to 33.5%) and turkey (8.1 to 22.4%) meats when comparing 2002 and 2011 percentages. FDA noted this development in previous years and has already taken action by prohibiting certain extra-label uses of

# Providing Impetus, Tools, and Guidance to Strengthen National Capacity for Antimicrobial Stewardship in Viet Nam

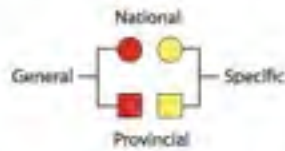
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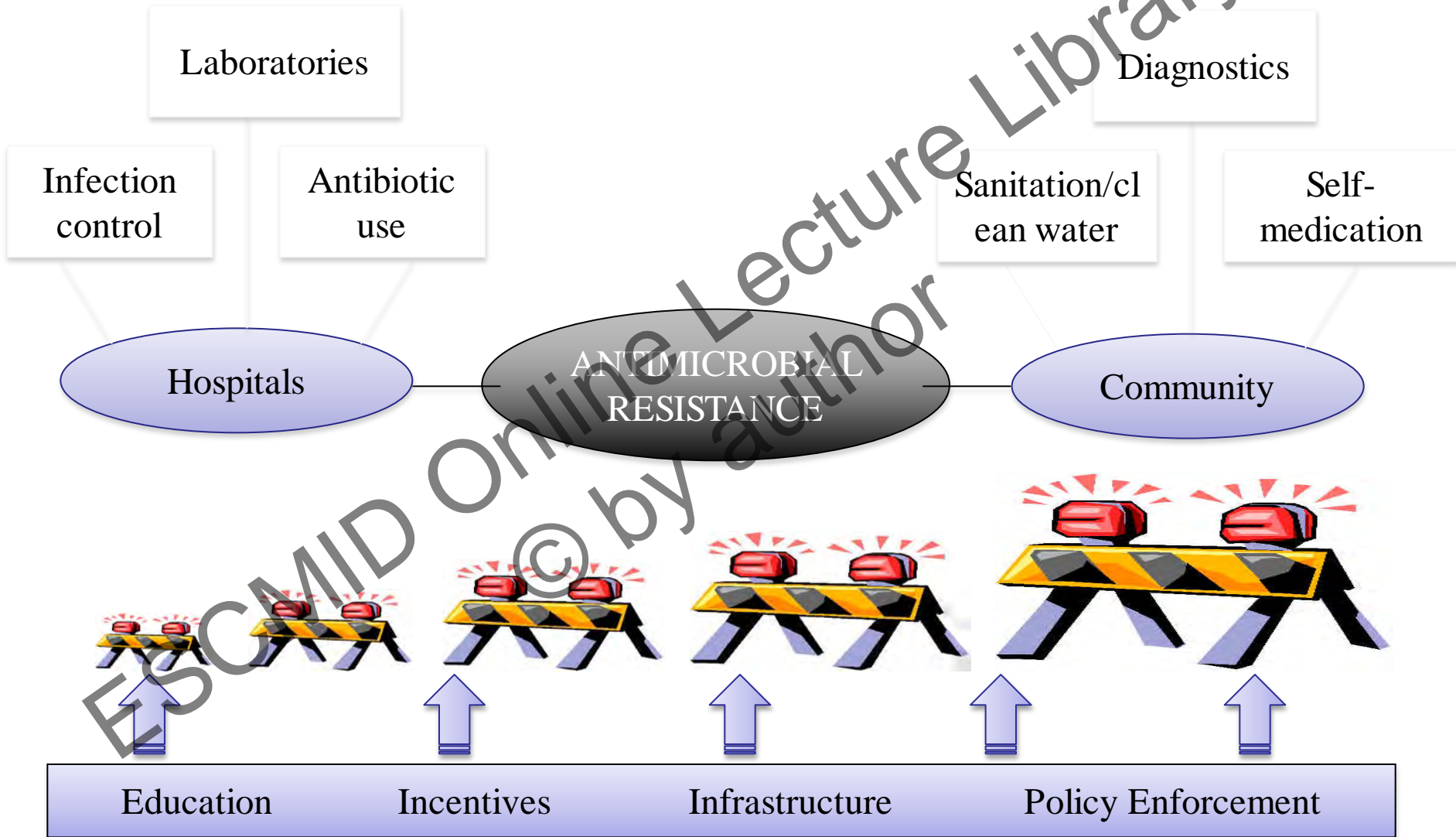
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# Solutions and Barriers



# VINARES objectives:

- To improve antibiotic stewardship by:
  - Surveillance of hospital acquired infections
  - Surveillance of antibiotic resistance
  - Surveillance of antibiotic use
  - Develop antibiotic stewardship program
  - Develop treatment guidelines
  - Share information and best practices through website, guidelines, meetings, workshops





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# Challenges in Infection Control



This bed is empty but in Asia often  
>1 patient per bed

Resistance generally unknown

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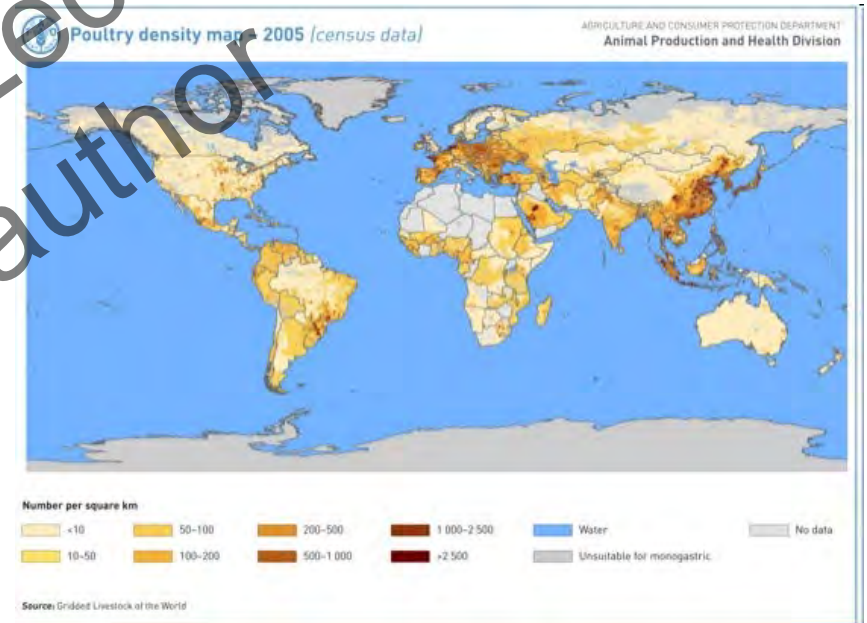
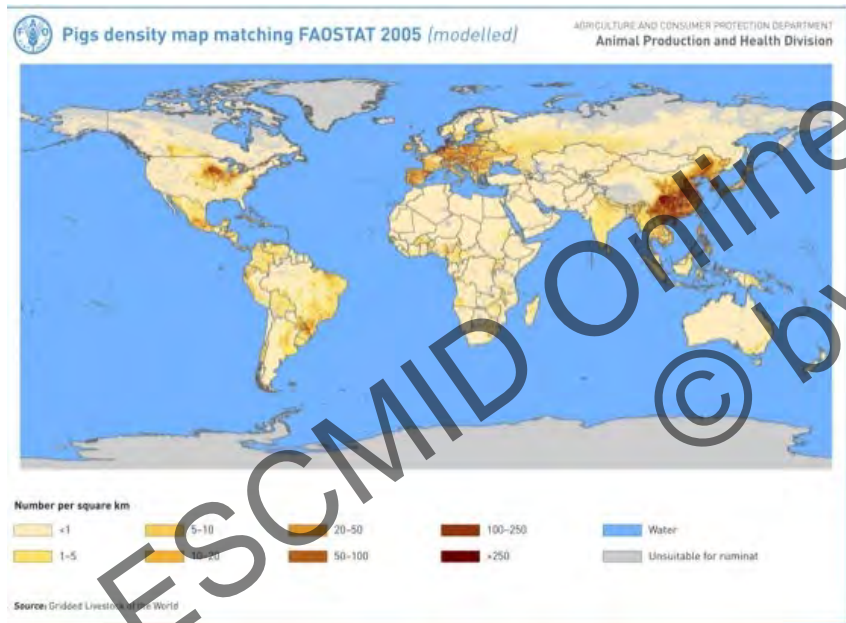
# Control antibiotic use in animals...



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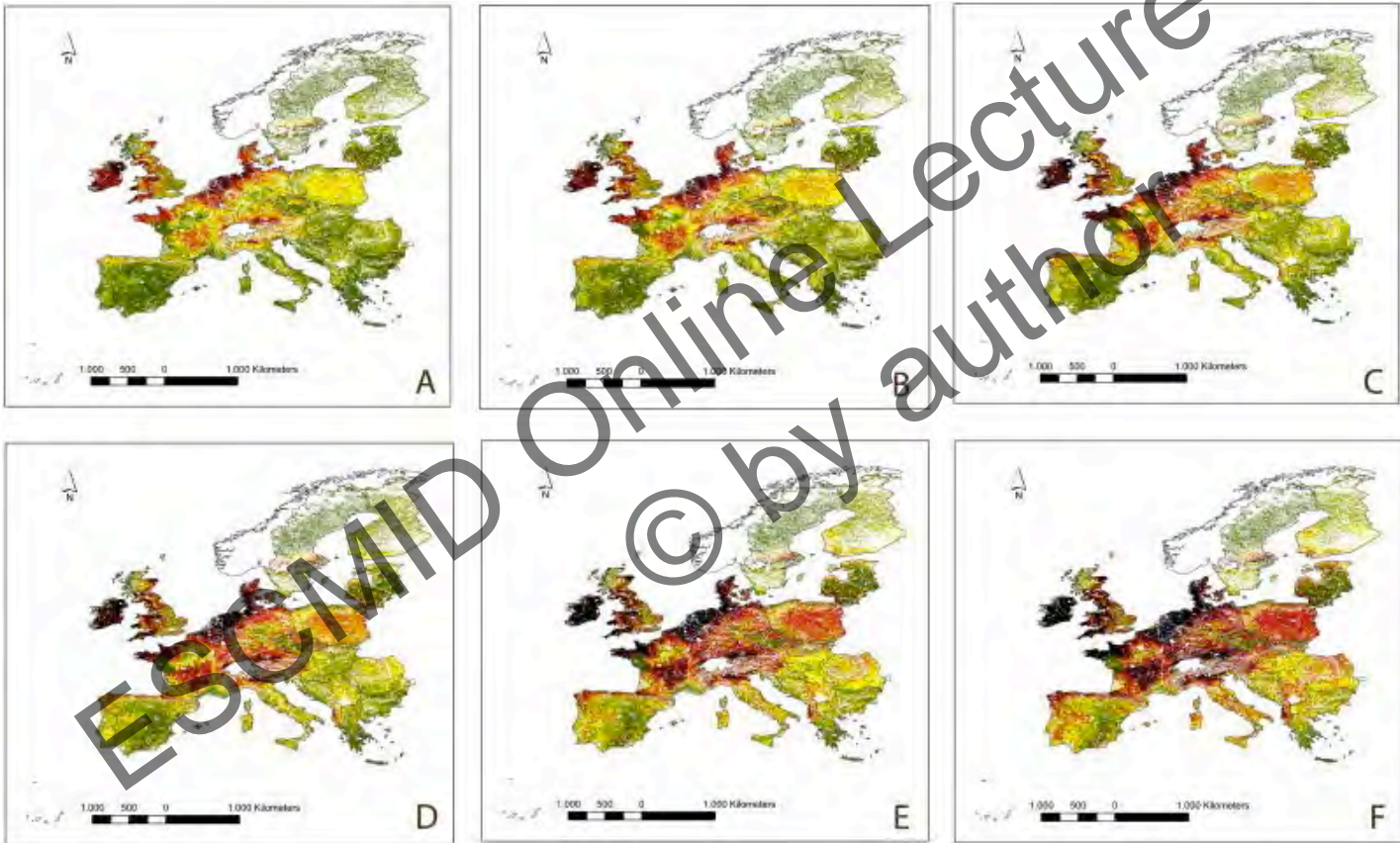
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# Most antibiotic use is in agriculture: animal stewardship = ONE HEALTH

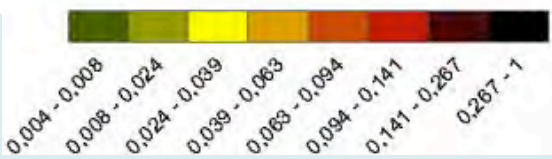


And not to forget fish/shrimp farms...

# Countries that perform well for humans may not do well for animals



Risk value



- A. Sulfachlorpyridazine, florfenicol, lincomycin.
- B. Sulfamethazine.
- C. Amoxicillin.
- D. Sulfadimethoxine
- E. Oxytetracycline, tetracycline, chlortetracycline, tylosin, sulfodiazine
- F. Enrofloxacin

Torre, 2012  
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# Antibiotic residue in vegetables in China

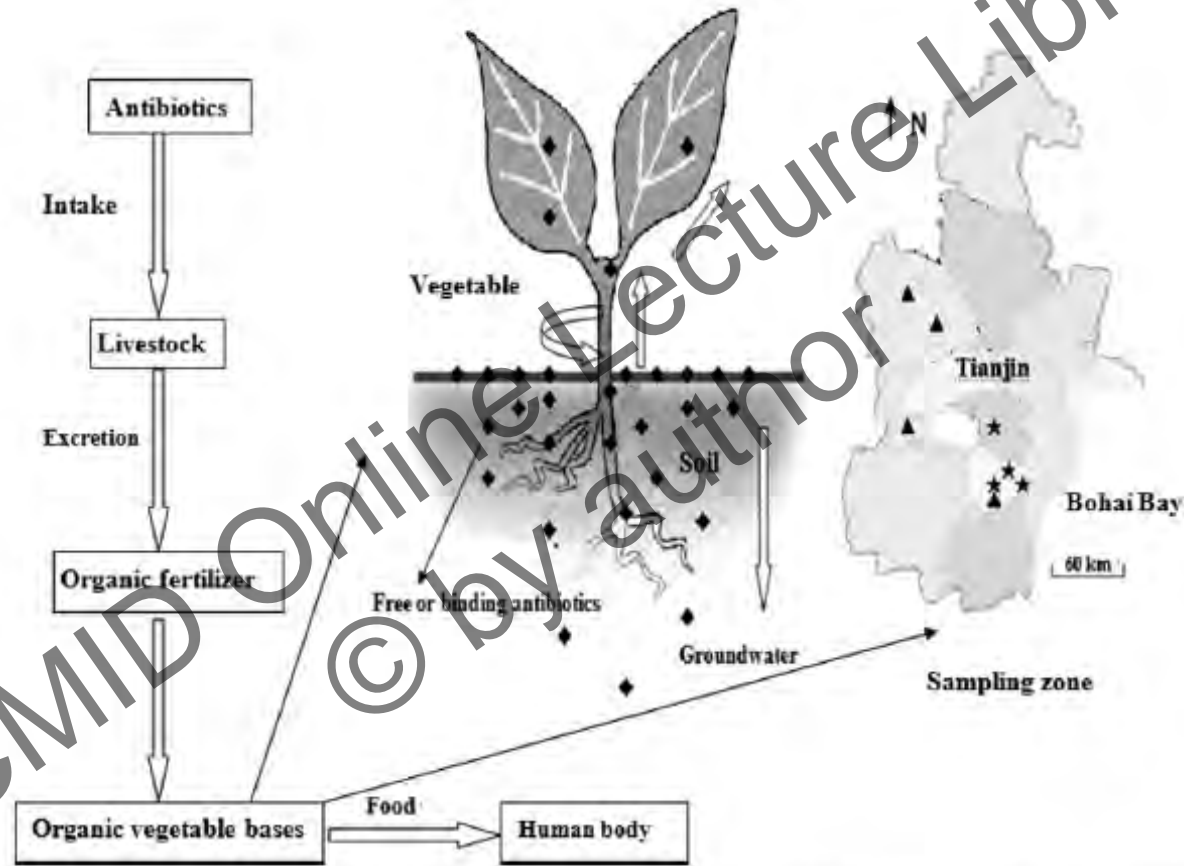


Fig 1. The schematic of antibiotics in organic vegetable bases. ▲, location of four organic vegetable bases; ★, location of four livestock farms.

Hu, Environm Pollut 2010

**Antibiotics should be considered pollutants and environmental levels need to be monitored and stay below a certain threshold.**

**Make antibiotics biodegradable**

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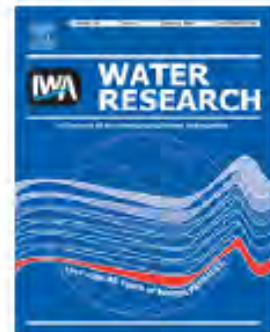


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## **Removal of antibiotics from wastewater by sewage treatment facilities in Hong Kong and Shenzhen, China**

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**'Universal' interventions to contain AB resistance.**

Improve housing, sanitation, clean water  
Food safety  
Hospital infection control

**Bacterial resistance surveillance**

**Bacterial infection**

**Non-human antibiotic usage surveillance & restriction**

Diagnostic means/PoC tests  
Locally adapted guidelines (postgraduate) education  
Prescription audit and feedback

**prescriber**

Decision making

**antibiotic**

demand

**patient**

Public campaigns  
Vaccination

**Antibiotic usage surveillance**

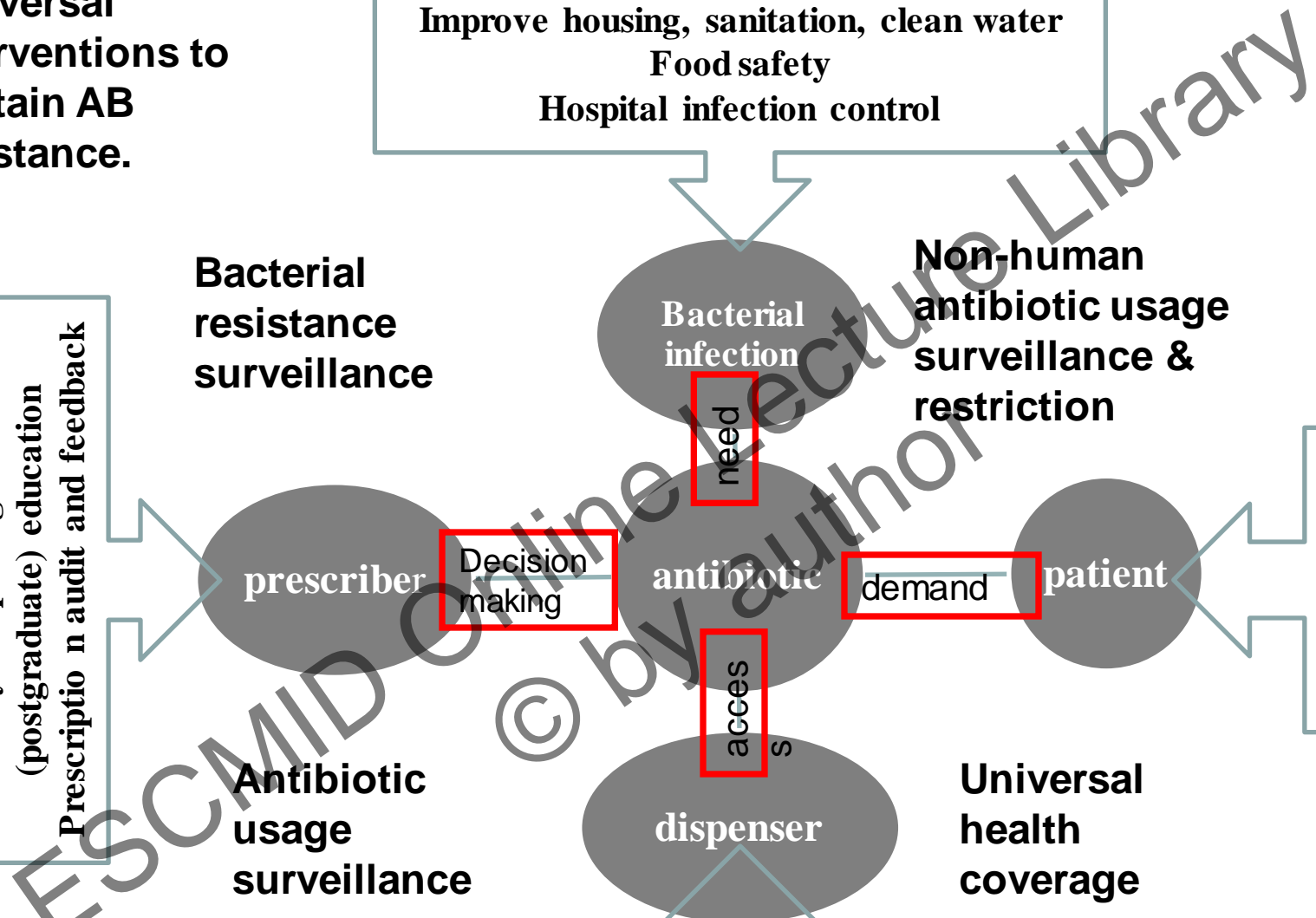
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**Universal health coverage**

Dosing & duration studies  
Advocacy by health care

Legislation/regulation  
Essential drug list  
Drug restriction  
Drug quality control  
(Postgraduate) education

R & D  
Antibiotic discovery pipeline





# Go national is the right approach

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## Containment of a Country-wide Outbreak of Carbapenem-Resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae* in Israeli Hospitals via a Nationally Implemented Intervention

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# Some thoughts

- Resistance is a given, but has not helped to attract proper attention: Start a resistance death registry?
- Communicating information on resistance to policymakers and lay public
  - Easier in case of HIV, TB and malaria when single pathogens are involved
- Besides bacterial surveillance also do standardized resistance gene and their mobile genetic elements surveillance for early warning
- Control and monitor antibiotic levels in environment
- Infection control needs an update
- Complex issue: analysis through modeling may help target interventions

# A delicate balance



Antibiotic effectiveness is a valuable natural resource, like clean water or forests.

All antibiotic use, appropriate or not, 'uses up' some of the effectiveness.

But antibiotics are also lifesavers and we need access to them.

# From carbon emissions trading to antibiotic emissions trading

- Resistance issue is similar to pollution.
- Solution possibly in environmental economics
- Fees/taxes/trading in antibiotic emissions into environment
- Revenue can be used to sponsor a global antibiotic resistance institute that supports worldwide initiatives

Time for bold ideas,  
broad approach - ONE HEALTH,  
leadership...

...and big funds

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# The future king of the Netherlands in Vietnam

