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Μάθημα: Μικροβιολογία και Δημόσια Υγεία



Μέθοδοι διάγνωσης της μικροβιακής αντοχής

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Faces of ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE



2017 IDSA
Infectious Diseases Society of America



ECDC POLICY BRIEFING

Last-line antibiotics are failing:
options to address this urgent threat to
patients and healthcare systems

THE POST- ANTIBIOTIC ERA?



NO TIME TO WAIT:
SECURING THE FUTURE
FROM DRUG-RESISTANT
INFECTIONS

REPORT TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS
APRIL 2019



The
Economist

Do recoveries die, or are they killed?
Pin-striped greens take on Big Oil
Boss of the UN: worst job in the world
Win or lose, dark days for Cameron
How gangs suck El Salvador dry

When the drugs don't work The rise of antibiotic resistance



2016



Our time with
ANTIBIOTICS
is running out



World Health
Organization



Final Report
**DRUG-RESISTANT
INFECTIONS**
A Threat to Our Economic Future



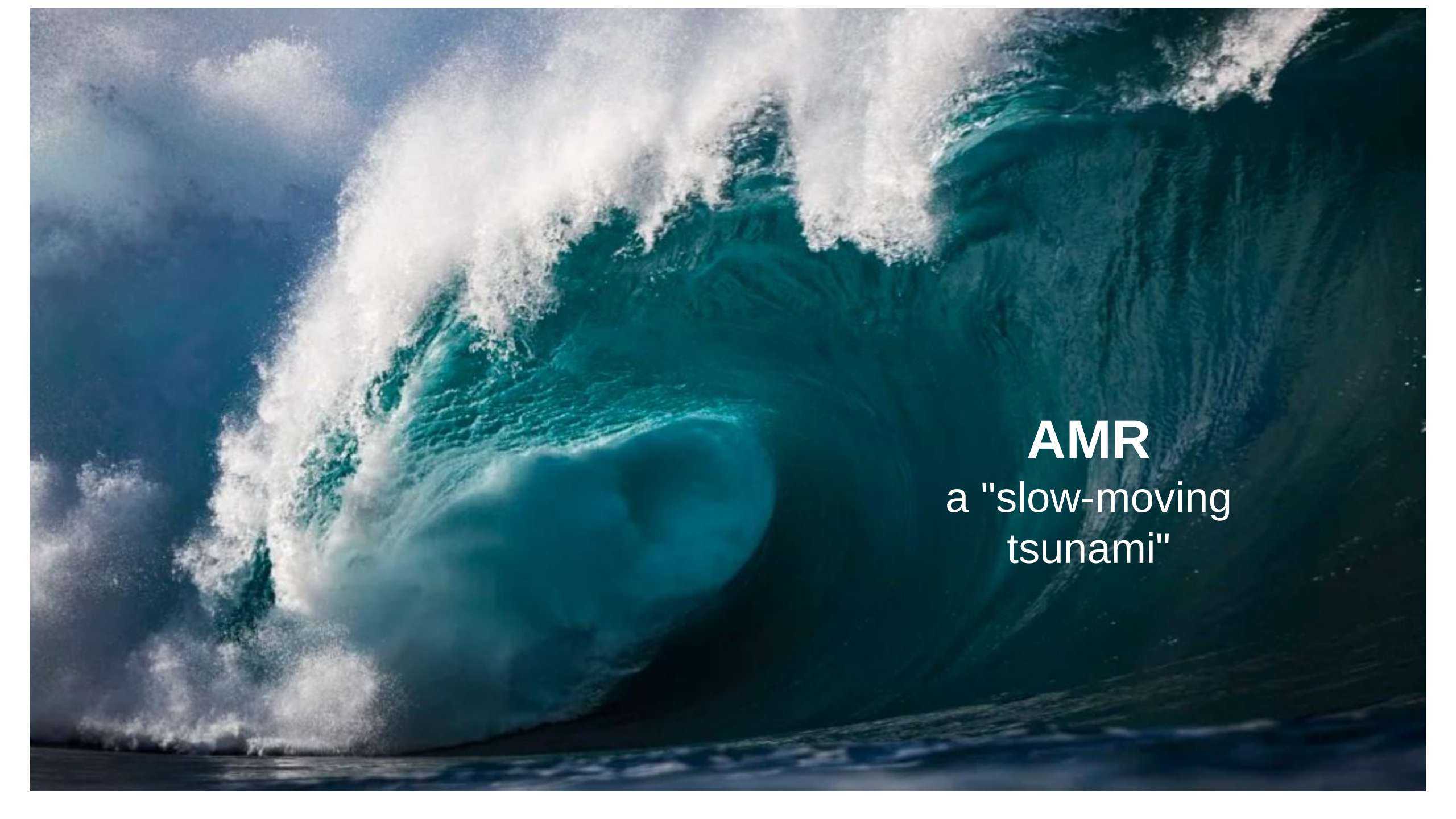
The silent pandemic

Αν το πρόβλημα της αντοχής δεν αντιμετωπιστεί

>10 εκατ. θάνατοι ετησίως



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ένας άνθρωπος κάθε 3 δευτερόλεπτα
εξαιτίας ανθεκτικών λοιμώξεων

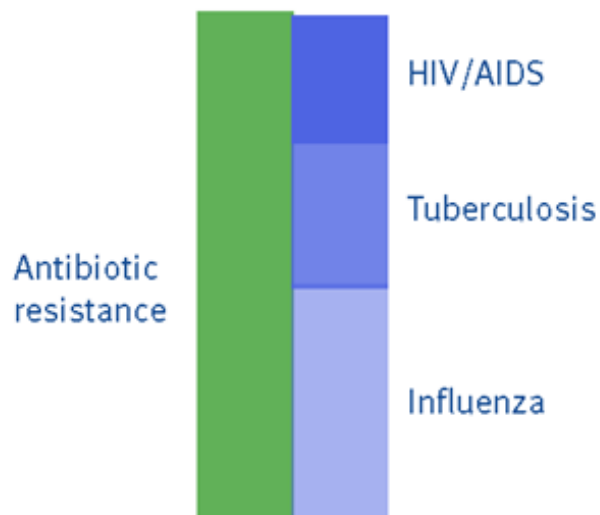


AMR
a "slow-moving
tsunami"

Antibiotic resistance: a growing threat to human health

Antibiotic resistance is the ability of bacteria to combat the action of one or more antibiotics. Bacteria, not humans or animals, become antibiotic-resistant.

In Europe, the health impact of antibiotic resistant infections is comparable to that of influenza, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS combined.

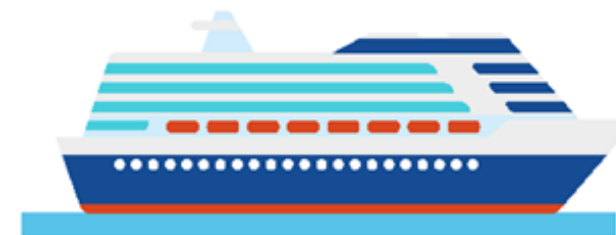


More than
35000 deaths

Each year, more than 35 000 people die from antibiotic-resistant infections in the European Union, Iceland and Norway. This is **equivalent to the number of passengers on 13 cruise ships**.

Antibiotic resistance is a silent pandemic and a growing threat to human health.

13 cruise ships



Over **70 %**
healthcare-associated
infections

Over 70% of the health impact of antibiotic-resistant infections is directly linked to healthcare-associated infections. This could be minimized through adequate infection prevention and control measures, as well as antibiotic stewardship in healthcare settings.

Increasing burden

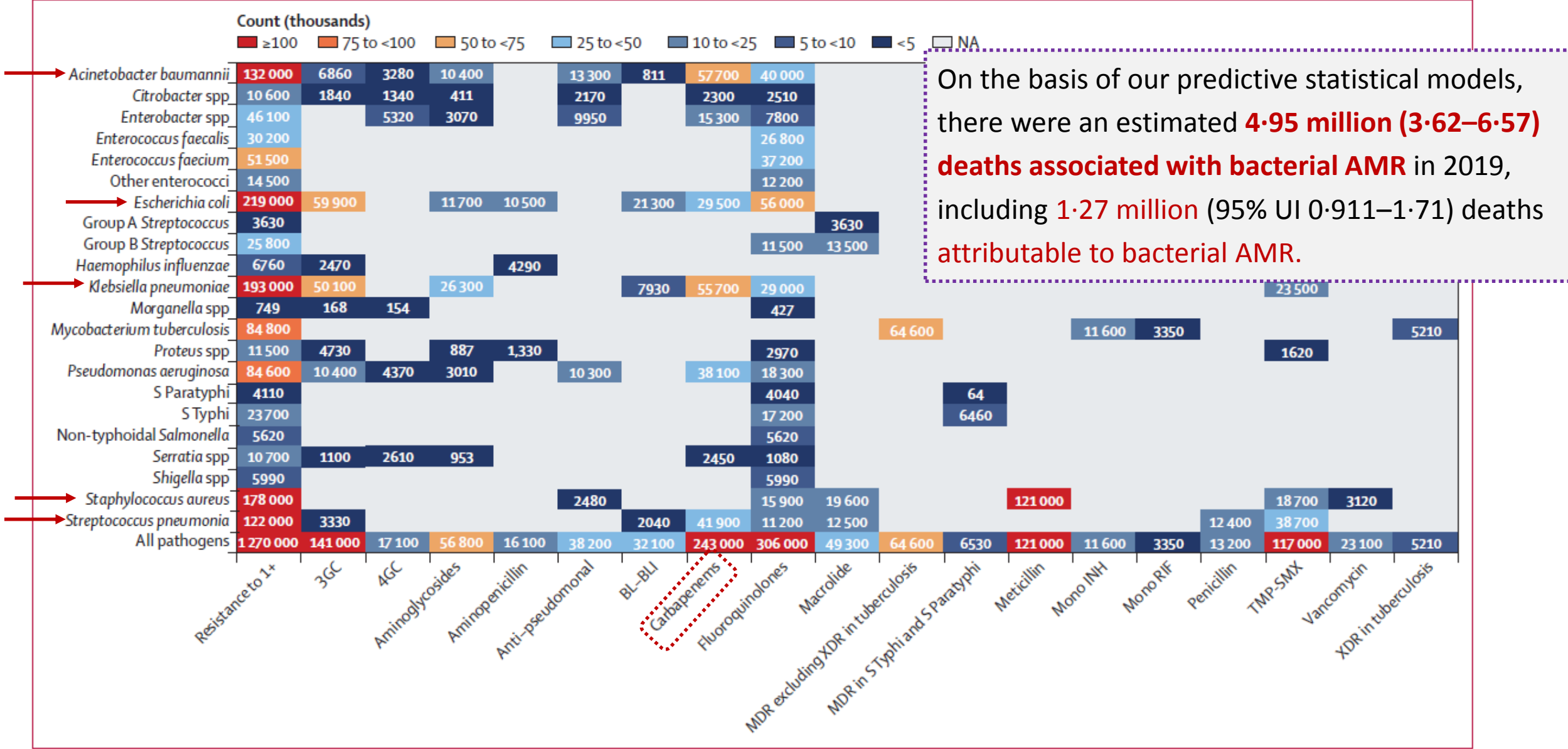
Resistance to antibiotics that are used as last line for treatment of infections, such as the carbapenems, has the highest health impact.

Between 2016 and 2020, the overall number of deaths caused by antibiotic-resistant bacteria under study has increased.

For carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Acinetobacter* spp, commonly causing healthcare-associated infections, the number of attributable deaths increased by approximately 50%.

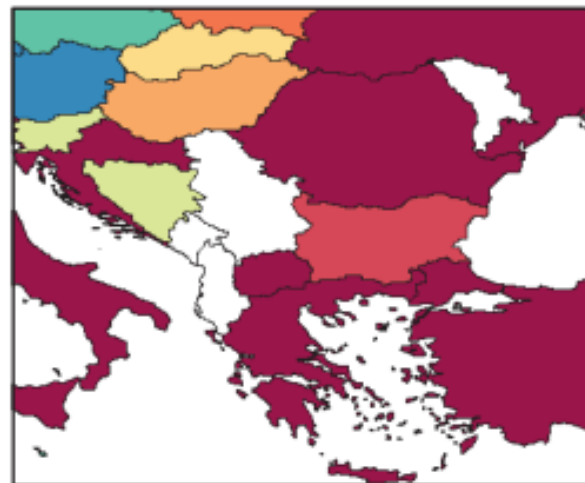


Global deaths (counts) attributable to bacterial AMR by pathogen–drug combination, 2019

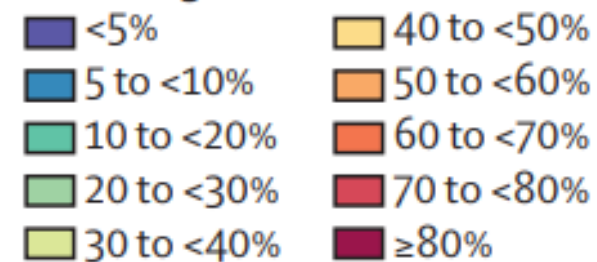


Carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii*

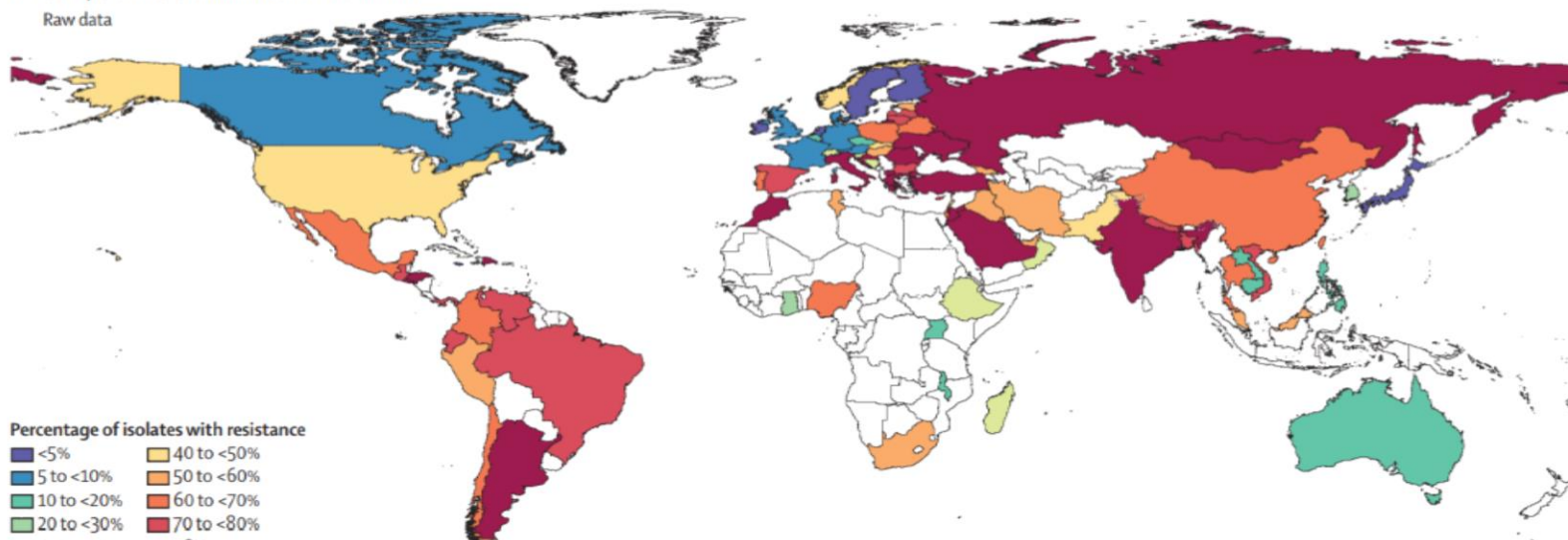
Balkan Peninsula



Percentage of isolates with resistance



D Carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii*
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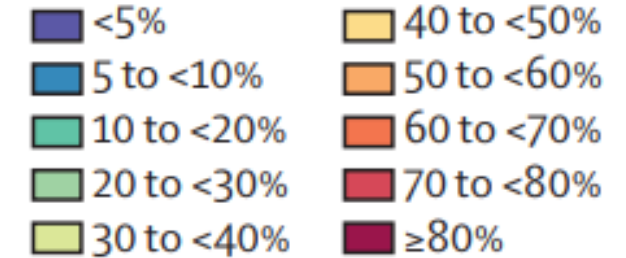


Carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

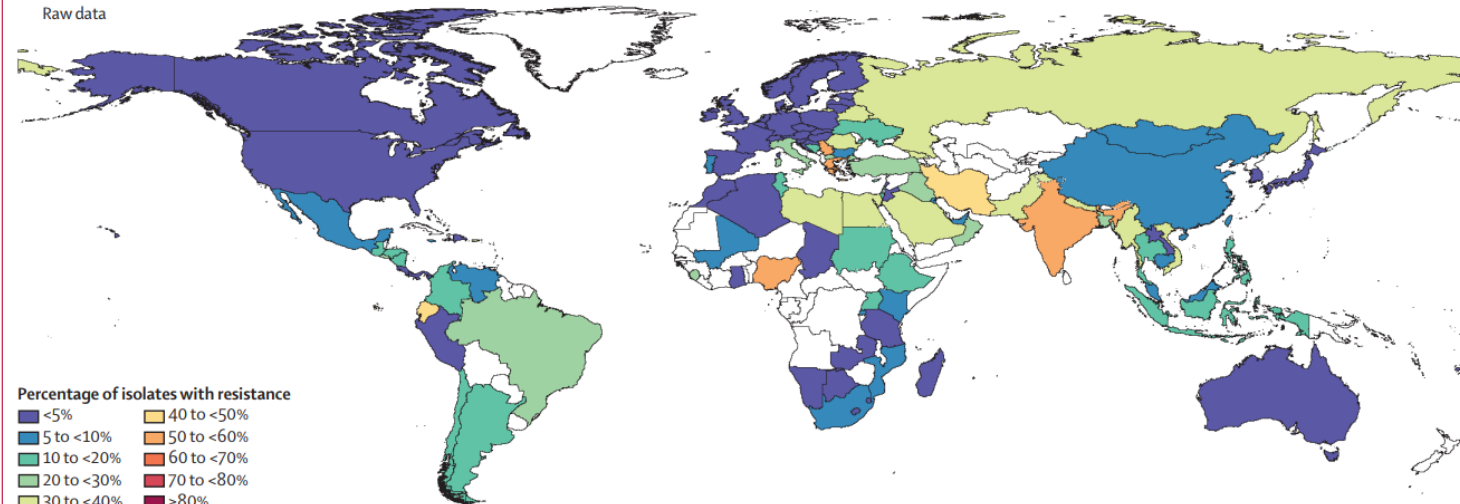
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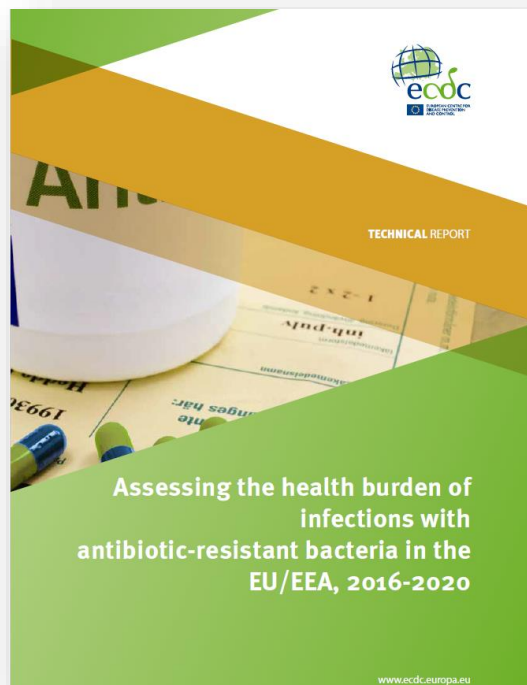
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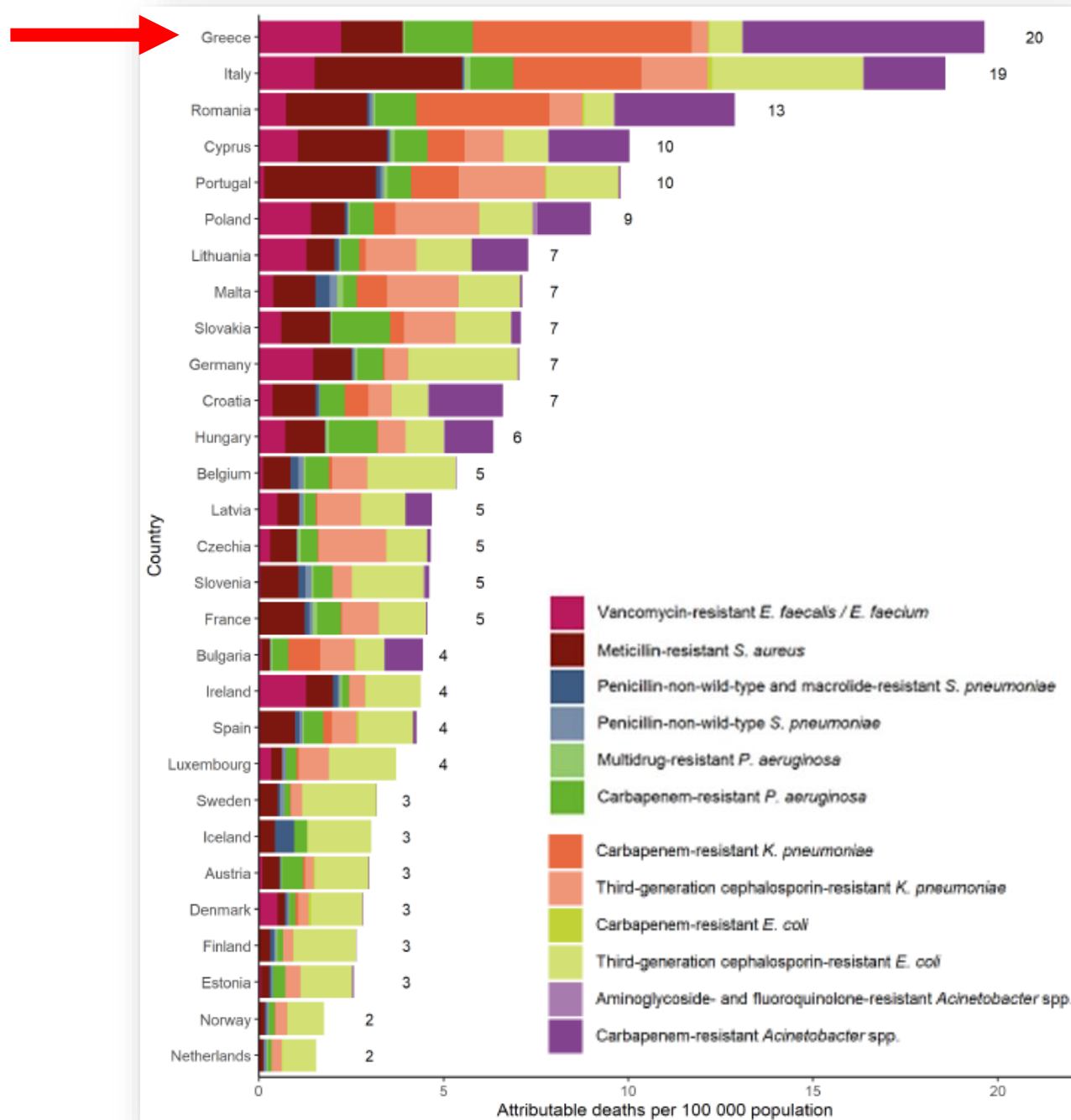
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Raw data



Estimations of the burden of infections with antibiotic-resistant bacteria presented as attributable deaths per 100 000 population by country*, EU/EEA, 2020



Assessing the health burden of infections with antibiotic-resistant bacteria in the EU/EEA, 2016-2020. Stockholm: ECDC; 2022.



TACKLING ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE ON TEN FRONTS



Public awareness



Sanitation and hygiene



Antibiotics in agriculture and the environment



Vaccines and alternatives



Surveillance



Rapid diagnostics



Human capital



Drugs



Global Innovation Fund



International coalition for action

Review on Antimicrobial Resistance



A European One Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Σύσταση του Συμβουλίου σχετικά με την ενίσχυση των δράσεων της ΕΕ για την καταπολέμηση της μικροβιακής αντοχής στο πλαίσιο της προσέγγισης «Μία υγεία» 2023/C 220/01

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‘Tackling drug-resistant infections globally: Final report and recommendations’. The review on antimicrobial resistance; May 2016

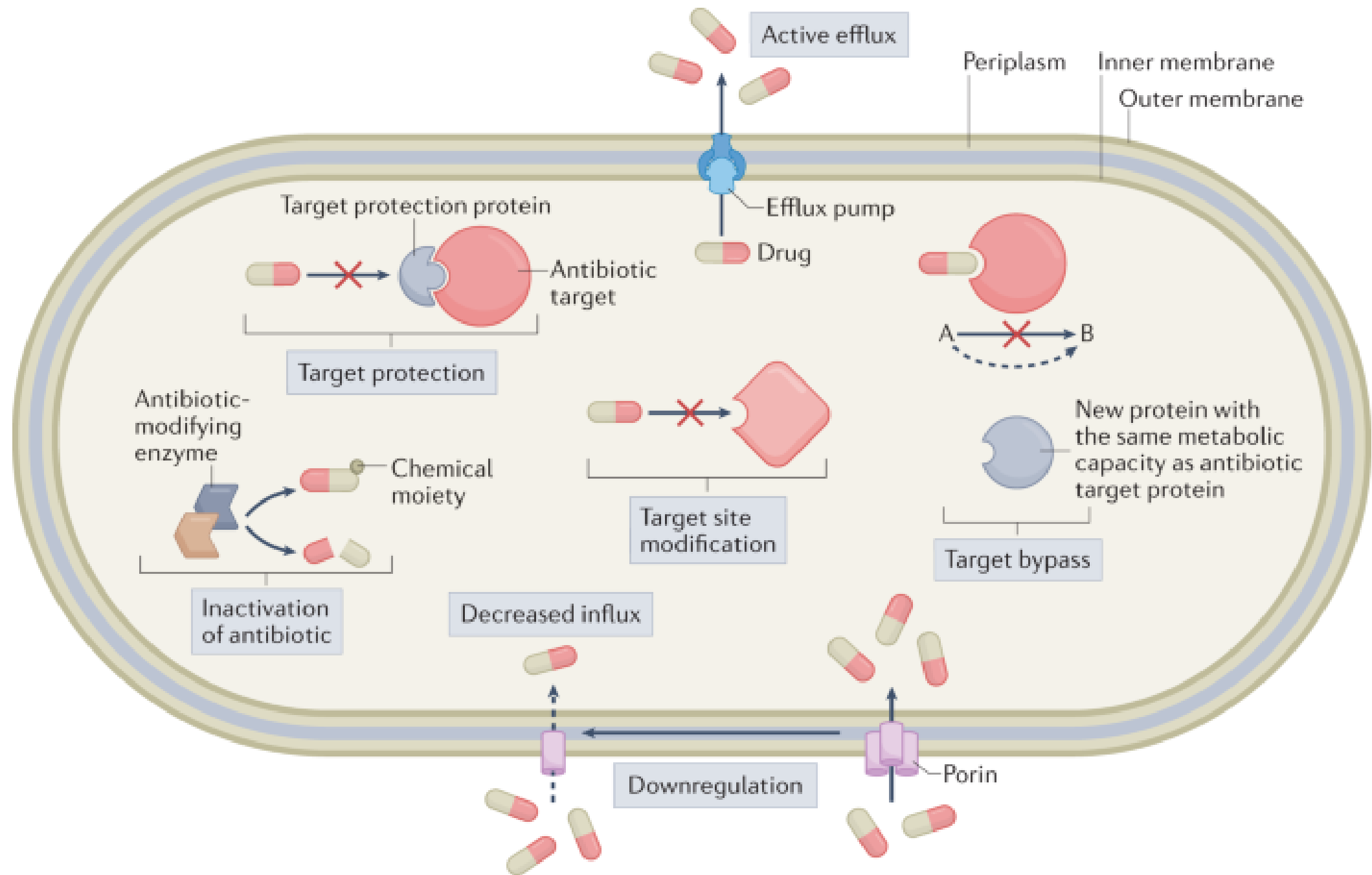
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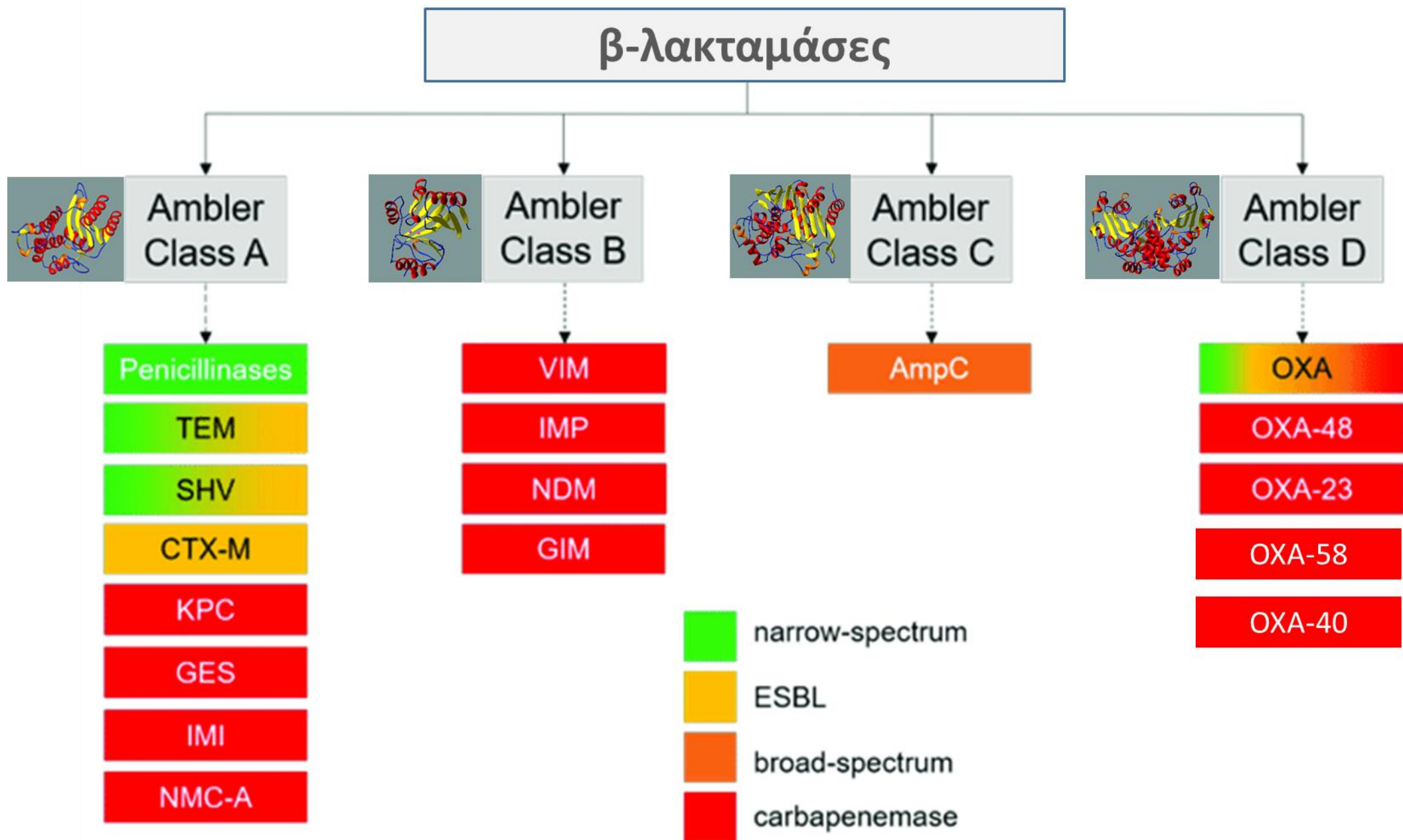
Μικροβιολογικό εργαστήριο και ανίχνευση αντοχής



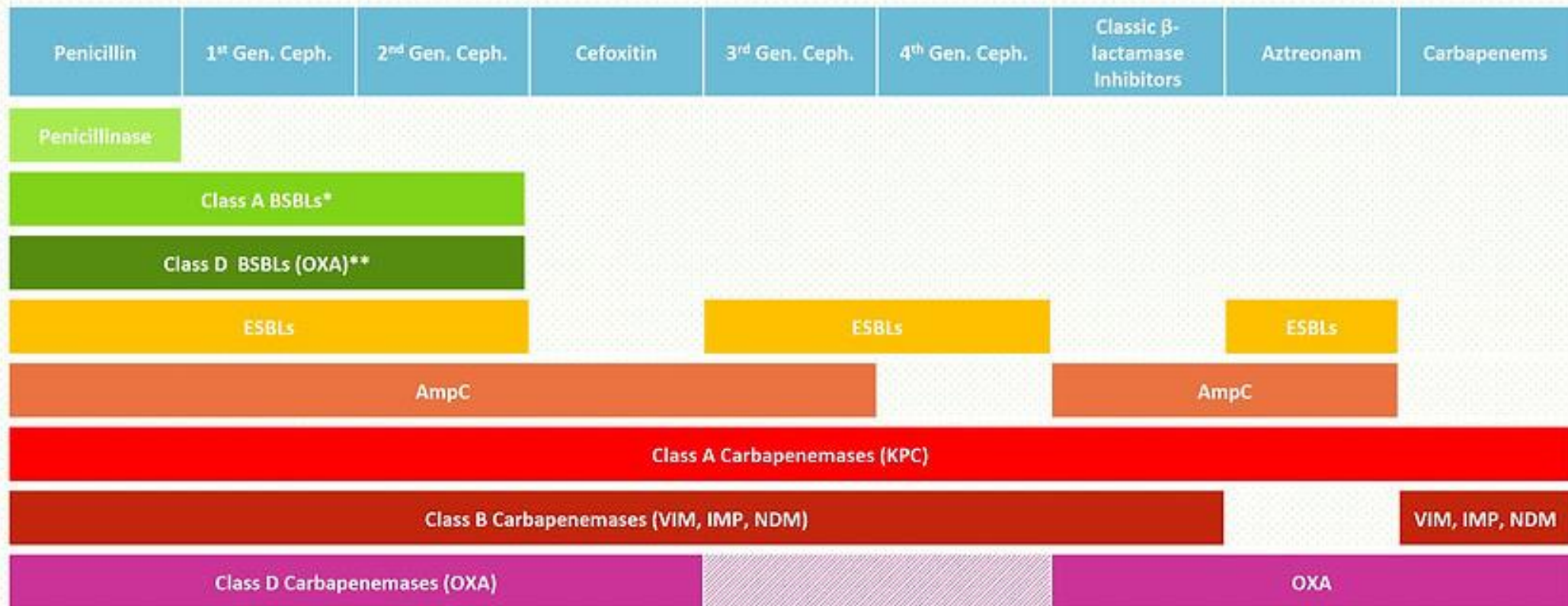
Πληροφορία







β- λακταμάσες: υδρολυτικό φάσμα



*including benzylpenicillins, aminopenicillins, carboxypenicillins, ureidopenicillin, narrow spectrum cephalosporins (cefazolin and cefuroxime and others)

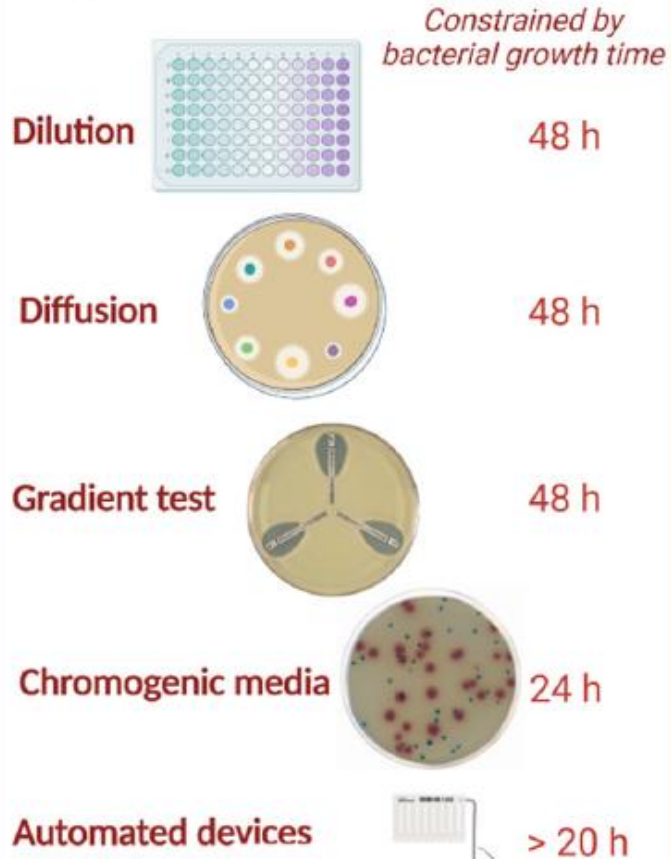
**BSBL substrates plus oxacillin, nafcillin, and dicloxacillin

β- λακταμάσες και νεότερα αντιβιοτικά

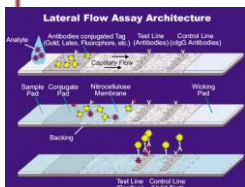
	ESBL	KPC	MBL	AmpC	OXA-48	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (MDR/XDR)	<i>Acinetobacter</i> (MDR/XDR)	<i>S. maltophilia</i>
Aztreonam/avibactam								
Cefepime/enmetazobactam								
Cefepime/taniborbactam								
Cefepime/zidebactam								
Cefiderocol								
Ceftaroline/avibactam								
Ceftolozane/tazobactam								
Ceftazidime/avibactam								
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Meropenem/nacubactam								
Meropenem/vaborbactam								

Μέθοδοι ανίχνευσης της αντοχής

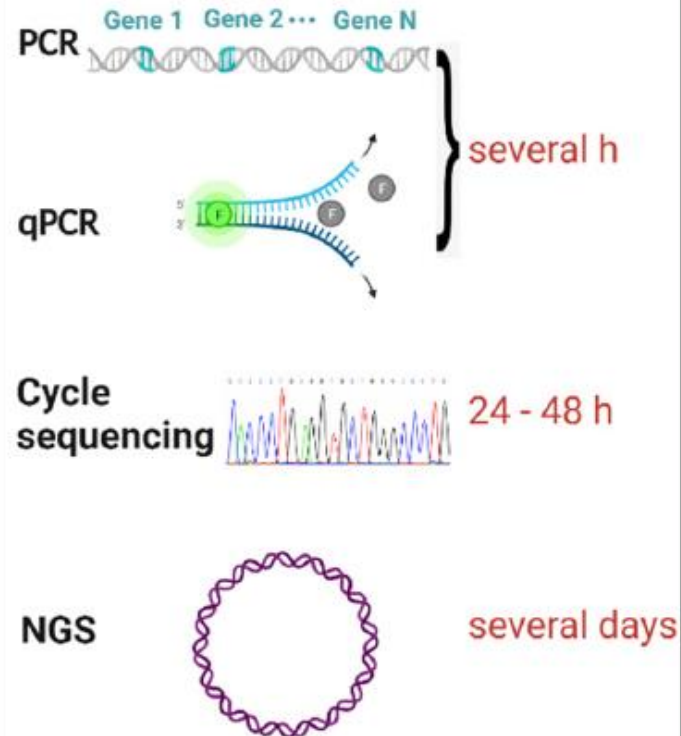
Phenotypic methods



LFIA



Molecular-based methods

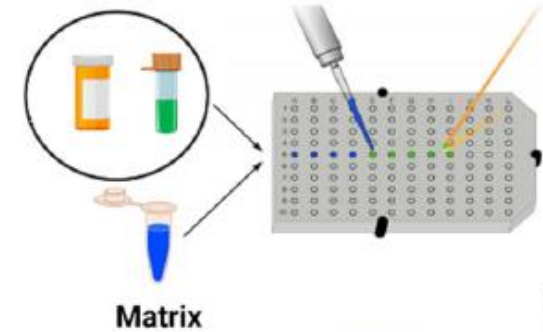


** estimated time depend on a sample analysed (clinical specimen vs. isolated bacterial culture)*

Mass spectrometry

MALDI-TOF MS

Incubation (antibiotic + sample)



several h

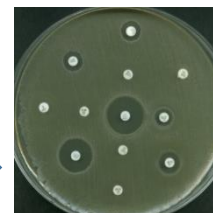
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Table 1. Differences between phenotypic and genotypic resistance detection methods

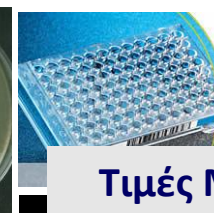
Characteristic	Phenotypic methods	Genotypic methods
Question to be answered	Does the antibiotic inhibit bacterial growth at clinically relevant concentrations?	Is a gene or mutation associated with antibiotic resistance present?
Turn-around time	Slow	Fast 
Inoculum needed	High	Low
Provides information about resistance mechanism	No	Yes
Predicts antibiotic susceptibility and resistance	Yes	Sometimes. Only detects a gene or mutation associated with resistance; this may not correlate with phenotypic resistance in all isolates (e.g. if a gene is not expressed). If a singular genotypic resistance type is associated with resistance to a particular antibiotic in a particular bacterial species, its absence infers susceptibility. However, when there is more than one genotypic resistance type associated with resistance, such an inference may not always be correct.
Provides MIC	Yes	No
Cost	Moderate 	High



Κλινικό
δείγμα



Ζώνες
αναστολής



Τιμές MIC



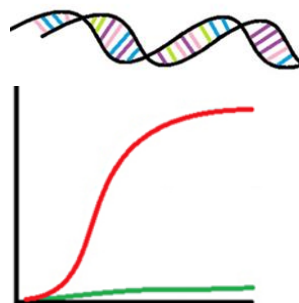
ID / AST

Pheno R Μηχανισμός;

TAT= 48-72 h



CIDT



TAT= 1-4 h

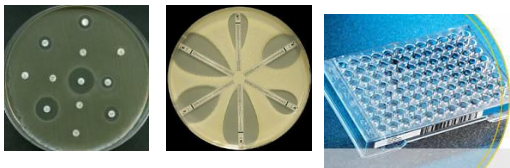


ID / Ανίχνευση γονιδίων αντοχής

Διάγνωση
Κατάλληλη
αγωγή



AST



Ταχύτητα

αξιοπιστία

επαναληψιμότητα



Προαγωγή της φροντίδας
του ασθενούς



Διασφάλιση συνταγογράφησης
του κατάλληλου AB

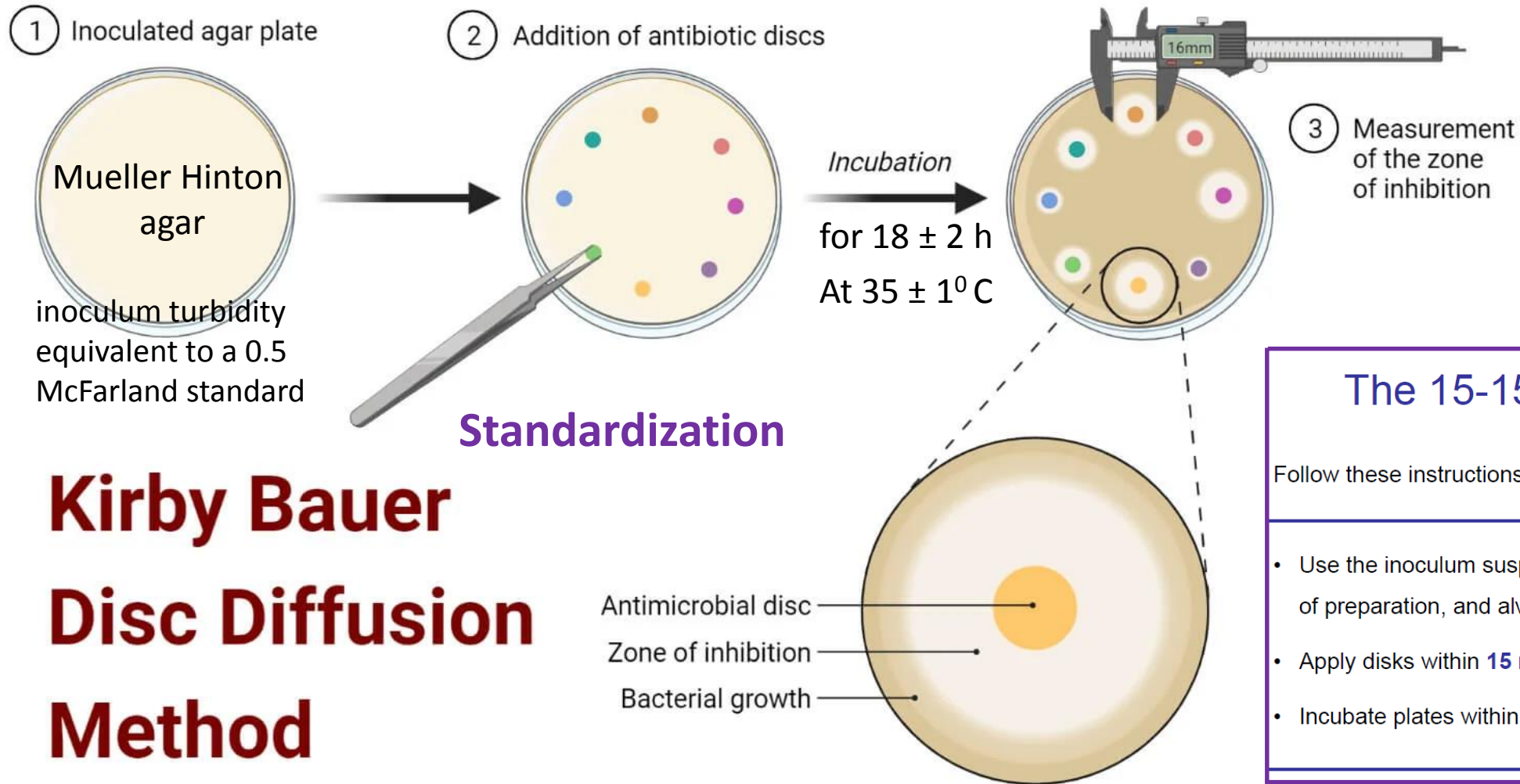


Προαγωγή της ορθολογικής
χρήσης AB



Ανίχνευση μηχανισμών αντοχής
Εφαρμογή μέτρων για περιορισμό
της διασποράς

Φαινοτυπικές μέθοδοι: Μέθοδος διάχυσης των δίσκων (Kirby-Bauer)

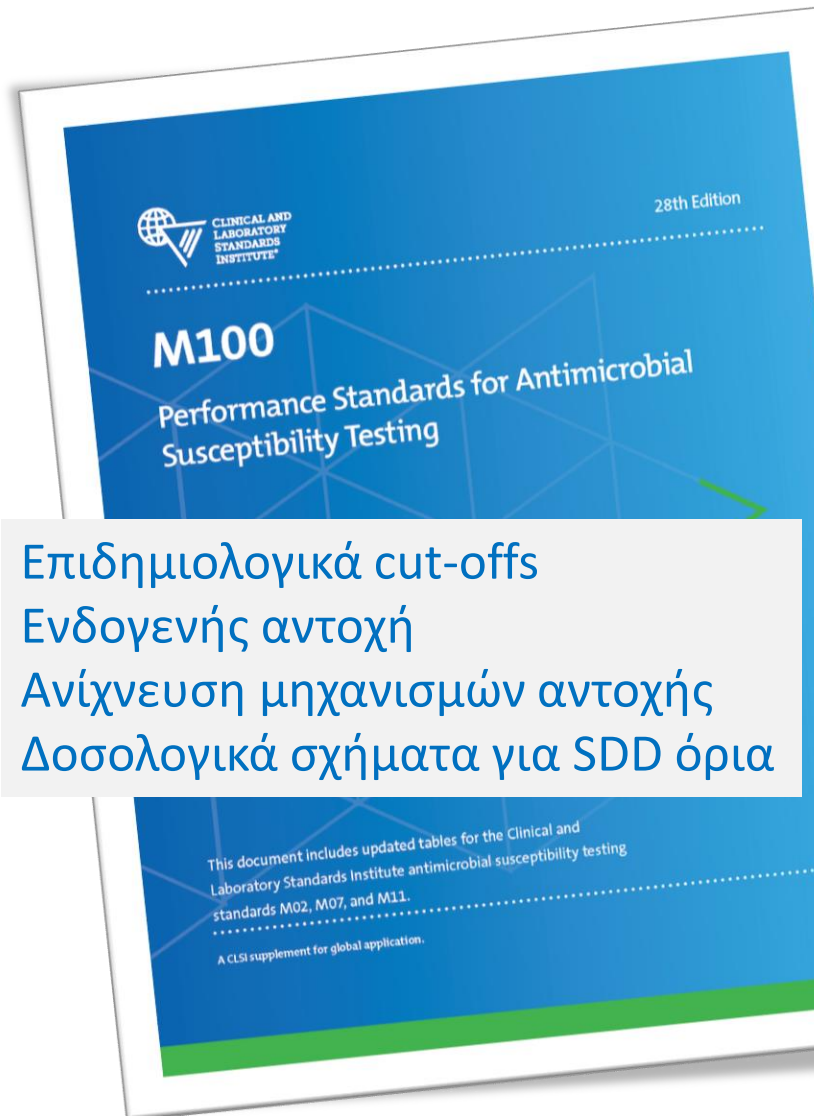


Bauer A.W., Kirby W.M.M., Sherris J.C. and Turck M. 1966.

Antibiotic susceptibility testing by a standardized single disk method. Am. J. Clin. Pathol. 45:493-496

EUCAST disk diffusion method for AST. Version 11.0, January 2023.

Έλεγχος ευαισθησίας και ερμηνεία των αποτελεσμάτων



Μη μέλη: \$200.00



search term



Clinical breakpoints and dosing of antibiotics

Organization

Public consultations

EUCAST News

Definitions of S, I and R

Clinical breakpoints and dosing

About "Clinical breakpoints".

Rationale documents

Splitting MIC wild type distributions

When there are no breakpoints?

Breakpoints in brackets

EUCAST setting breakpoints.

Rapid AST in blood cultures

Expert rules and expected phenotypes

Resistance mechanisms

Guidance documents

SOP

MIC and zone distributions and ECOFFs



Clinical breakpoints and dosing of anti ▼

Clinical breakpoints - breakpoints and guidance

Breakpoints are part of a system for categorising microorganisms as susceptible (S and I) and resistant (R) to agents approved for use in the treatment of infectious diseases. Below are links to the yearly updated breakpoint tables, but other parts of the system are equally important. These are

"What to do when the MIC is with "IE", "Dash", "B" changes have been understanding the E

Breakpoint tables

- Breakpoints bacteria (print)
- Breakpoints bacteria (screen)
- Breakpoints fungi

Κλινικά όρια ευαισθησίας

Δοσολογικά σχήματα

Επιδημιολογικά cut-offs (ECOFs)

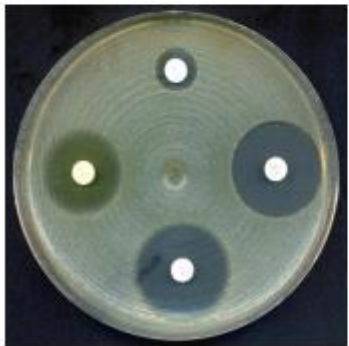
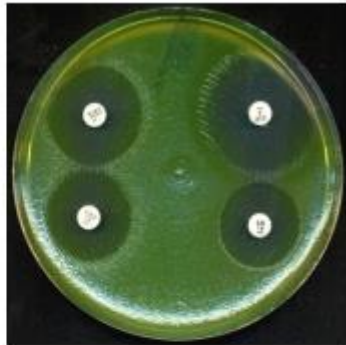
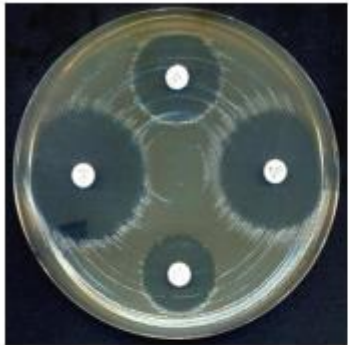
Expert rules / Ενδογενής αντοχή

Ανίχνευση μηχανισμών αντοχής

Rational documents (breakpoint background)

Μέθοδος διάχυσης των δίσκων Kirby-Bauer: ερμηνεία

S, I, R



Enterobacterales *

Expert Rules and Expected Phenotypes

For abbreviations and explanations of breakpoints, see the Notes sheet

EUCAST Clinical Breakpoint Tables v. 14.0, valid from 2024-01-01

Carbapenems ¹	MIC breakpoints (mg/L)			Disk content (μg)	Zone diameter breakpoints (mm)			Notes
	S ≤	R >	ATU		S ≥	R <	ATU	
Doripenem	1	2		10	24	21		1. Some isolates that produce carbapenemase are categorised as susceptible with the current breakpoints and should be reported as tested, i.e. the presence or absence of a carbapenemase does not in itself influence the categorisation of susceptibility. Carbapenemase detection and characterisation are recommended for public health and infection control purposes. For carbapenemase screening, a meropenem screening cut-off of >0.125 mg/L (zone diameter <28 mm) is recommended. 2. The intrinsically low activity of imipenem against <i>Morganella morganii</i> , <i>Proteus</i> spp. and <i>Providencia</i> spp. requires the high exposure of imipenem. 3. For susceptibility testing purposes, the concentration of relebactam is fixed at 4 mg/L. 4. For susceptibility testing purposes, the concentration of vaborbactam is fixed at 8 mg/L. A. For isolates in the ATU, if resistant to meropenem report resistant to meropenem-vaborbactam. If not resistant to meropenem, investigate further.
Ertapenem	0.5	0.5		10	23	23		
Imipenem, <i>Enterobacterales</i> except <i>Morganellaceae</i>	2	4		10	22	19		
Imipenem ² , <i>Morganellaceae</i>	0.001	4		10	50	19		
Imipenem-relebactam, <i>Enterobacterales</i> except <i>Morganellaceae</i>	2 ³	2 ³		10-25	22	22	20-22	
Meropenem (indications other than meningitis)	2	8		10	22	16		
Meropenem (meningitis)	2	2		10	22	22		
Meropenem-vaborbactam	8 ⁴	8 ⁴		20-10	20	20	15-19 ^A	

Monobactams	MIC breakpoints (mg/L)			Disk content (μg)	Zone diameter breakpoints (mm)			Notes
	S ≤	R >	ATU		S ≥	R <	ATU	
Aztreonam ¹	1	4		30	26	21		1. The aztreonam breakpoints for <i>Enterobacterales</i> will detect clinically important resistance mechanisms (including ESBL). Some isolates that produce beta-lactamases are susceptible to aztreonam with these breakpoints and should be reported as tested, i.e. the presence or absence of an ESBL does not in itself influence the categorisation of susceptibility. ESBL detection and characterisation are recommended for public health and infection control purposes.

Fluoroquinolones	MIC breakpoints (mg/L)			Disk content (μg)	Zone diameter breakpoints (mm)			Notes
	S ≤	R >	ATU		S ≥	R <	ATU	
Ciprofloxacin, <i>Salmonella</i> spp. ¹	0.06	0.06			Note ^A	Note ^A		1. There is clinical evidence for ciprofloxacin to indicate a poor response in systemic infections caused by <i>Salmonella</i> spp. with any detectable fluoroquinolone resistance mechanisms. The available data relate mainly to <i>Salmonella</i> Typhi but there are also case reports of poor response with other <i>Salmonella</i> species. 2/B. In meningitis, where all fluoroquinolone resistance mechanisms must be excluded, either perform an MIC test, or infer susceptibility from the pefloxacin 5 μg screening test. 3. Fluoroquinolone breakpoints are available for other agents. A. Tests with a ciprofloxacin 5 μg disk will not reliably exclude all fluoroquinolone resistance mechanisms in <i>Salmonella</i> spp. Perform an MIC test, or infer susceptibility from the pefloxacin 5 μg screening test. C. The pefloxacin screening test can also be used to detect fluoroquinolone resistance mechanisms in other <i>Enterobacterales</i> such as <i>E. coli</i> , <i>K. pneumoniae</i> and <i>Shigella</i> spp. D. A disk diffusion test awaits action from the responsible pharmaceutical company.
Ciprofloxacin (indications other than meningitis)	0.25	0.5	0.5	5	25	22	22-24	
Ciprofloxacin (meningitis) ²	0.125	0.125			Note ^B	Note ^B		
Pefloxacin (screen only)	NA	NA		5	24 ^{A,B,C}	24 ^{A,B,C}		
Delafoxacin, <i>E. coli</i>	0.125	0.125			Note ^D	Note ^D		
Levofloxacin	0.5	1		5	23	19		
Moxifloxacin, <i>Enterobacterales</i> except <i>Morganella morganii</i> , <i>Proteus</i> spp. and <i>Serratia</i> spp. ³	0.25	0.25		5	22	22		
Nalidixic acid (screen only)	NA	NA			NA	NA		
Norfloxacin (uncomplicated UTI only)	0.5	0.5		10	24	24		
Ofloxacin	0.25	0.5		5	24	22		

The European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing. Breakpoint tables for interpretation of MICs and zone diameters. Version 14.0, 2024. <http://www.eucast.org>.

**Methodology - EUCAST rapid antimicrobial susceptibility testing (RAST)
directly from positive blood culture bottles.**

Version 5.0

March 2024

European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing

**Zone diameter breakpoint tables for rapid antimicrobial susceptibility testing (RAST)
directly from blood culture bottles**

Version 7.1, valid from 2024-07-05

**Screening for ESBL and carbapenemases in *E. coli* and
K. pneumoniae for epidemiological purposes as part of the
RAST procedure.**

EUCAST Guidelines for detection of resistance mechanisms and specific resistance of
clinical and/or epidemiological importance using EUCAST rapid antimicrobial
susceptibility testing (RAST) directly from positive blood culture bottles.

Version 2.0

April 2022

EUCAST, Rapid AST

- Χρήση με φιάλες BACTEC (BD), BacT/ALERT (bioMérieux) και VersaTREK (Thermo Fisher)
- 0 – 18 h μετά τη θετικοποίηση της φιάλης
- Απευθείας ενοφθαλμισμός (MH, MH-F) με 125±25 μl από τη θετική φιάλη
- Το μικροβιακό είδος **πρέπει να είναι γνωστό** πριν την ερμηνεία των αποτελεσμάτων

Organism	Incubation time	Medium	Incubation
<i>Escherichia coli</i> <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> <i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> <i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> <i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	4, 6 and 8 hours 16-20 hours	MH	35±1°C in air
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	6 and 8 hours 16-20 hours	MH	35±1°C in air
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	4, 6 and 8 hours 16-20 hours	MH-F	35±1°C in 4-6% CO ₂ in air

Ταινίες διαβαθμισμένης συγκέντρωσης αντιβιοτικών

1



Prepare inoculum to
0.5 – 1 McFarland

2



Inoculate plate,
allowing drying time of
15 – 20 minutes

3



Position ETEST
strip and incubate
overnight

4



Read and interpret
results

The MIC value is read from the scale in terms of $\mu\text{g/mL}$
at complete inhibition of bacterial growth, where the
pointed end of the ellipse intersects the strip.

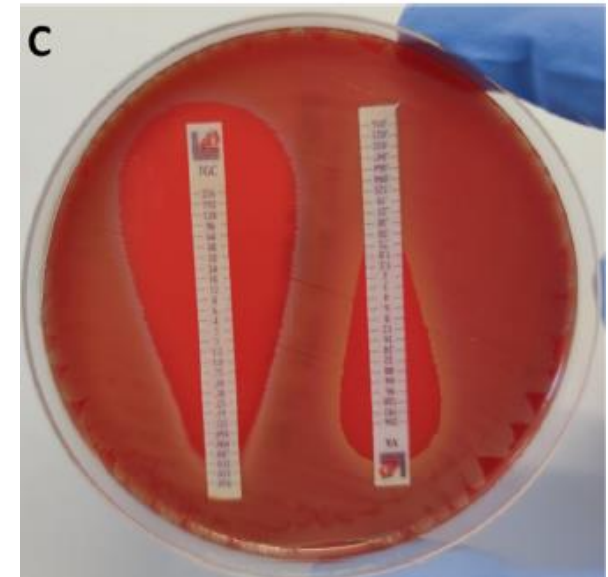
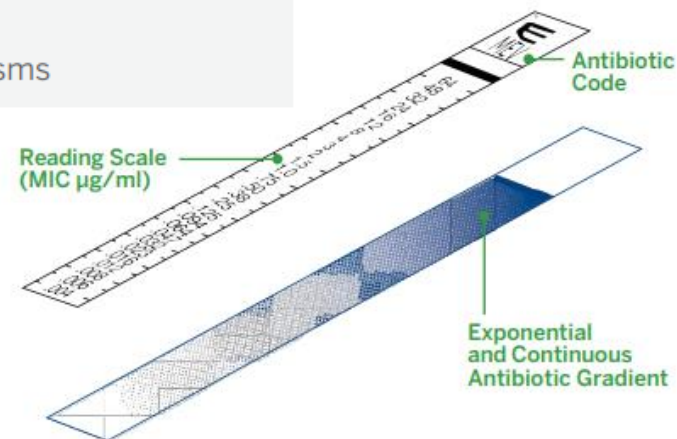
SET UP TIME:

< 5 Minutes

TIME TO RESULT:

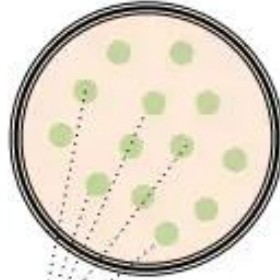
16 – 20 hours for most organisms

Τιμή MIC



Μέθοδος μακροαραιώσεων σε ζωμό

1. Obtain isolated colonies of bacterial strain to test.

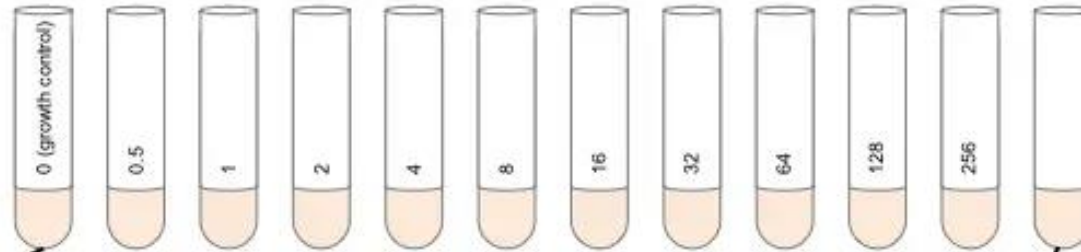


2. Combine 4-5 colonies and culture overnight in rich media broth.



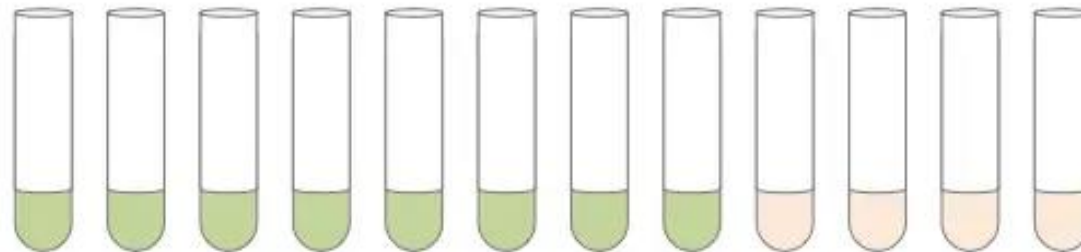
Broth dilution method for measuring minimum inhibitory concentration of antibiotics

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 5×10^5 cfu/ml.



No bacteria; broth control

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

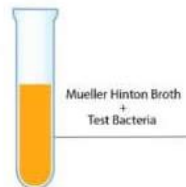


5. After overnight incubation, check cultures for growth. The MIC is the lowest concentration of antibiotic that prevents visible growth. In this example, the MIC is 64 mg/L.

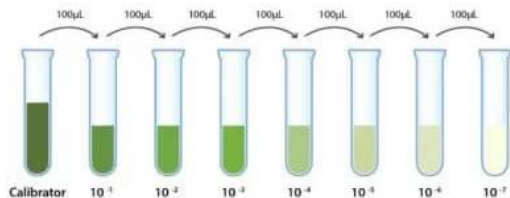
Correct inoculum
 5×10^5 CFU/ml

Μέθοδος μικροαραίωσης σε ζωμό (BMD)

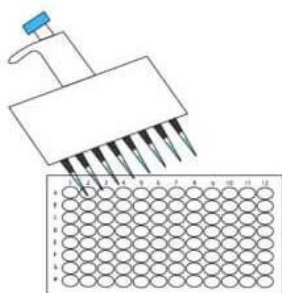
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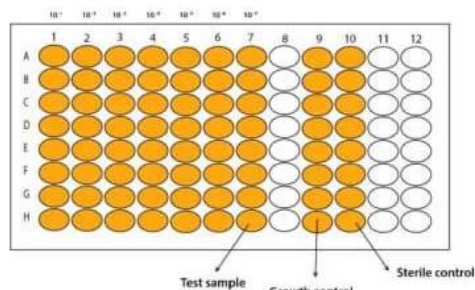
2. Preparation of different dilutions of antimicrobial agent



3. Inoculation on 96 well plate



(Antimicrobial agents are transferred into a 96-well microtiter plate and inoculated with bacterial suspension)

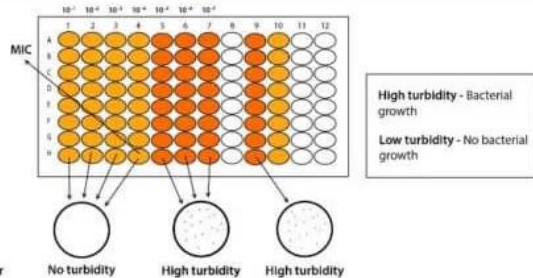


Kept for incubation at 37 °C for 18 hours

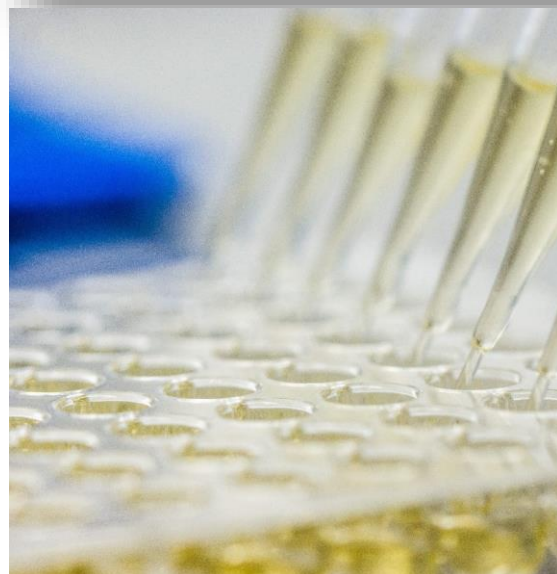
4. Results - Determination of Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC)



(Turbidity of the sample is determined)



The lowest concentration of antimicrobial agent that is capable of inhibiting bacterial growth is called MIC.



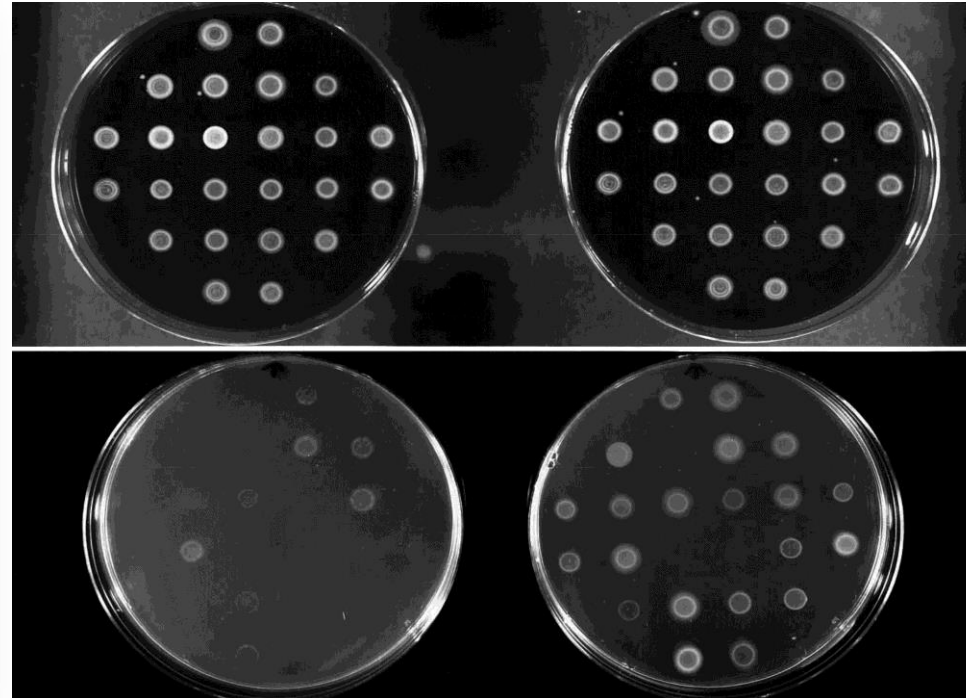
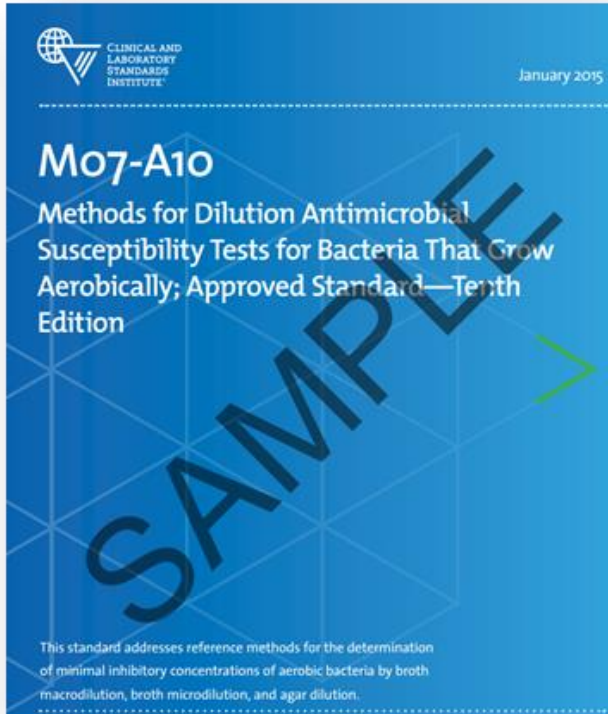
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EUCAST reading guide for broth microdilution

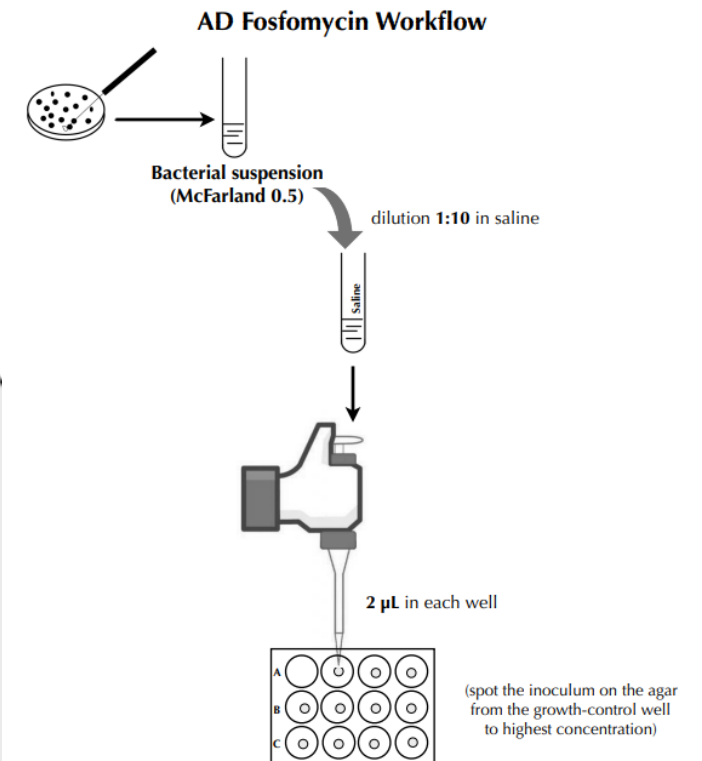
- BMD is the reference method for AST of rapidly growing aerobic bacteria, except for mecillinam and fosfomycin, where agar dilution is the reference method.
- EUCAST recommends testing according to the International Standard ISO 20776-1 (with the use of MH-F broth for fastidious organisms).

Μέθοδος αραίωσης σε άγαρ (agar dilution)

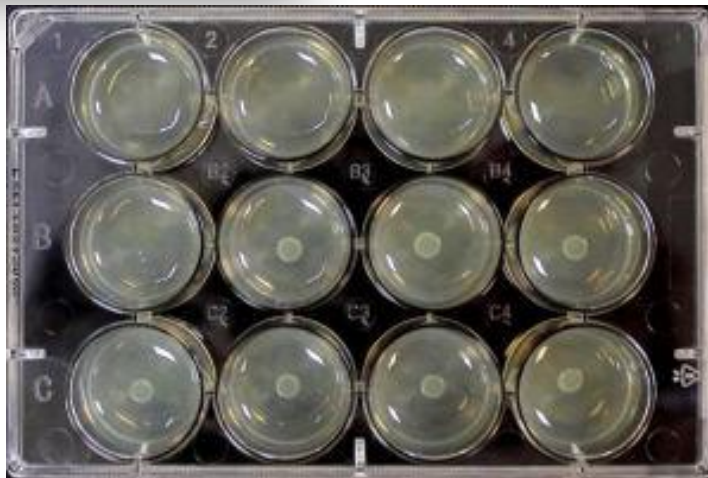


mecillinam and fosfomycin:
agar dilution is
the reference method

Fosfomycin Agar Dilution Panel, Liofilchem



Fosfomycin MIC range: 0.25 - 256 µg/mL



A	256	128	64	32
B	16	8	4	2
C	1	0.5	0.25	Control

Growth-control: No antimicrobial agent in the well.

Αυτοματοποιημένα συστήματα



Detection of AMR facilitated by Advanced Expert System (AES).

The instruments read the kinetics of the growth using an optical system with photometer/multichannel fluorimeter readings to assess fluorescence / turbidity /colorimetric signals



- Each of the systems has inherent advantages and limitations
- Results can vary widely by antimicrobial drugs, software versions, and cards
- Some of the systems are not reliable for correct categorization of susceptibility for certain drugs, leading to wrong classifications.
- Software updates and synchronization of breakpoints according to the current standards are mandatory.
- Panels usually contain only several concentrations of each antimicrobial agent, and the resulting MIC is not always given as an exact value.

Gajic I et al. Antibiotics (Basel). 2022;11(4):427.

Όχι τιμές MIC

Antibiotic resistance threats

Carbapenem-resistant
Enterobacterales (CRE)

Extended-spectrum
cephalosporin resistance in
Enterobacterales suggestive of
extended-spectrum β -lactamase
(ESBL) production

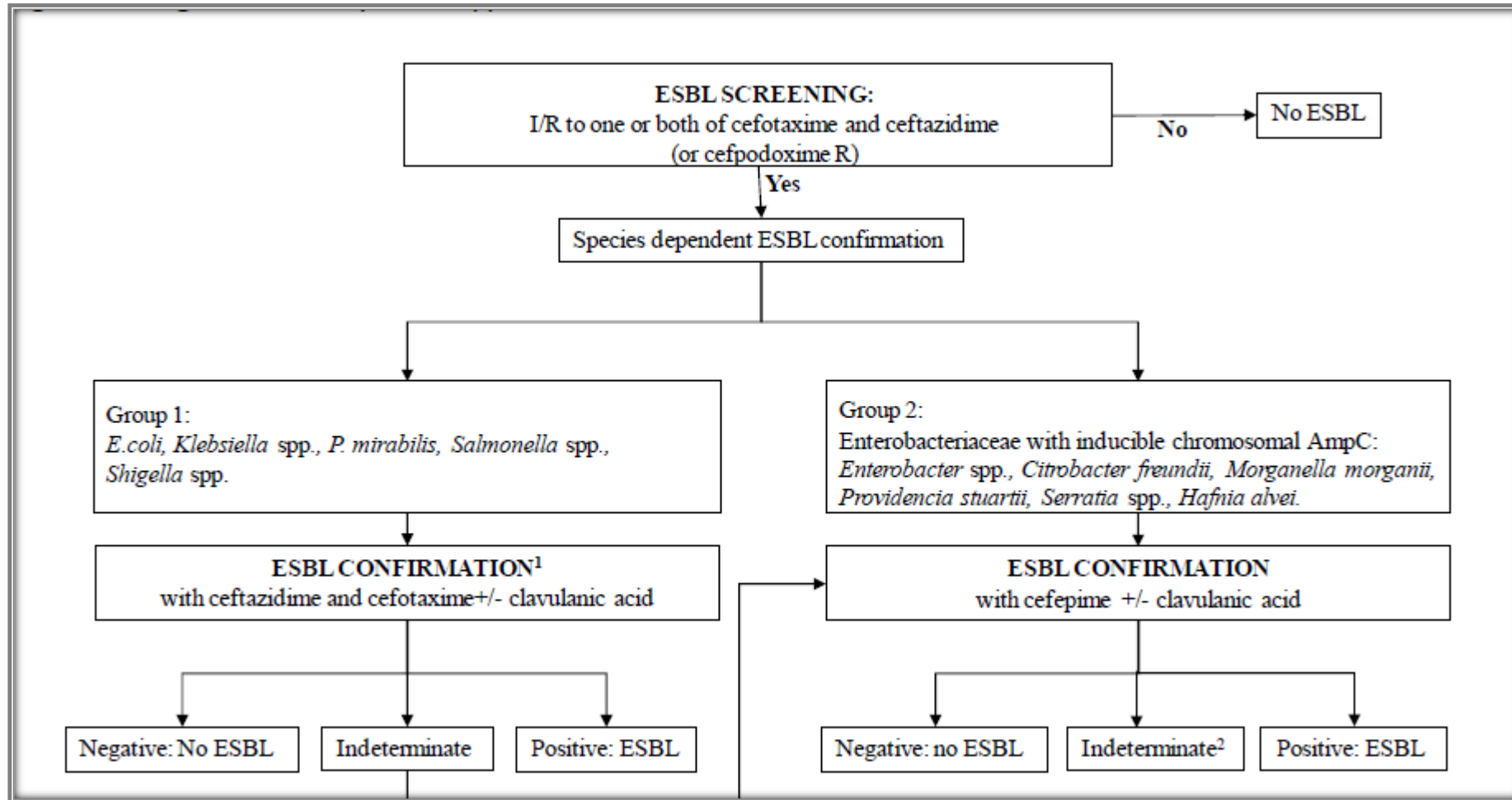
Multidrug-resistant (MDR)
Pseudomonas aeruginosa

Carbapenem-resistant
Acinetobacter species

Methicillin-resistant
Staphylococcus aureus
(MRSA)

Vancomycin-resistant
Enterococcus (VRE)

Αλγόριθμος για φαινοτυπική ανίχνευση ESBLs σε *Enterobacterales*



¹If cefoxitin has an MIC >8 mg/L, perform cefepime +/- clavulanic acid confirmation test

If confirmation with cefepime +/- clavulanic acid is still indeterminate, genotypic testing is required.

Φαινοτυπική ανίχνευση ESBL

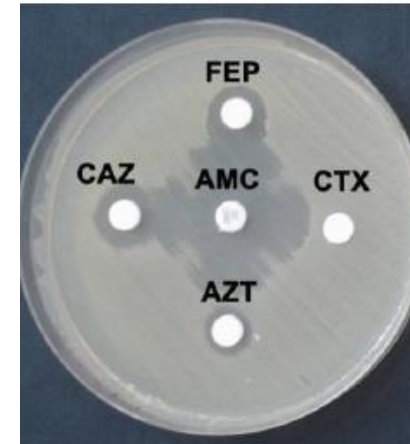
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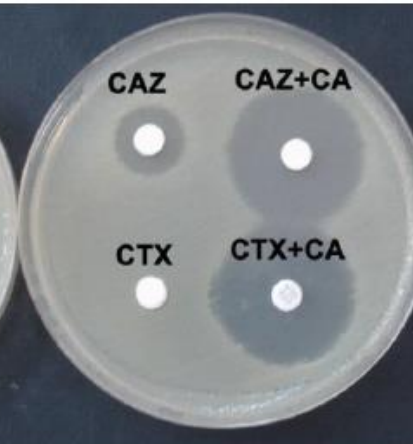
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Other	≤ 4		Meningitis	≤ 0.25	S
Ampicillin	≥ 32	R	Other	≤ 0.25	S
Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid	8	S	Amikacin	2	S
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Cefuroxime	≥ 64	R	Tobramycin	≤ 1	S
Cefuroxime Axetil	≥ 64	R	Ciprofloxacin		
Cefoxitin	≤ 4	IE	Meningitis	0.5	
Cefditoren			Other	0.5	I
Cefixime	≥ 4	R	Levofloxacin	1	I
Cefotaxime			Moxifloxacin	0.5	R
Meningitis	≥ 64	R	Minocycline	(-)	(-)
Other	≥ 64	R	Tetracycline	(-)	(-)
Ceftazidime	8	R	Tigecycline	≤ 0.5	S
Ceftriaxone			Fosfomycin		
Meningitis	≥ 64	R	Oral	≤ 16	
Other	≥ 64	R	Other	≤ 16	S
Ceftazidime/Avibactam	≤ 0.12	S	Nitrofurantoin	≤ 16	S
Ceftolozane/Tazobactam	≤ 0.25	S	Chloramphenicol	4	IE
Cefepime	2	I	Colistin	≤ 0.5	S
Aztreonam	16	R	Trimethoprim/ Sulfamethoxazole	≤ 20	S

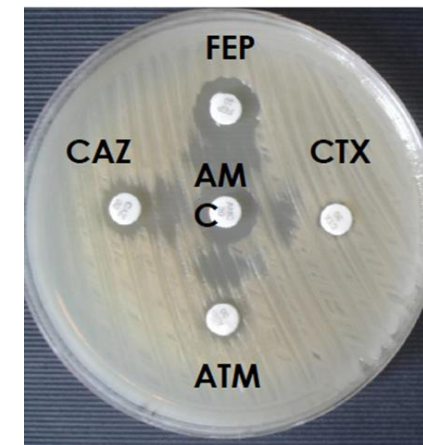
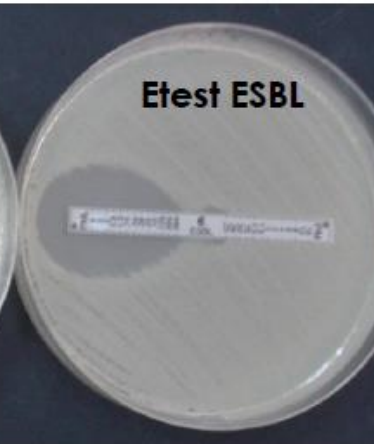
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CDT



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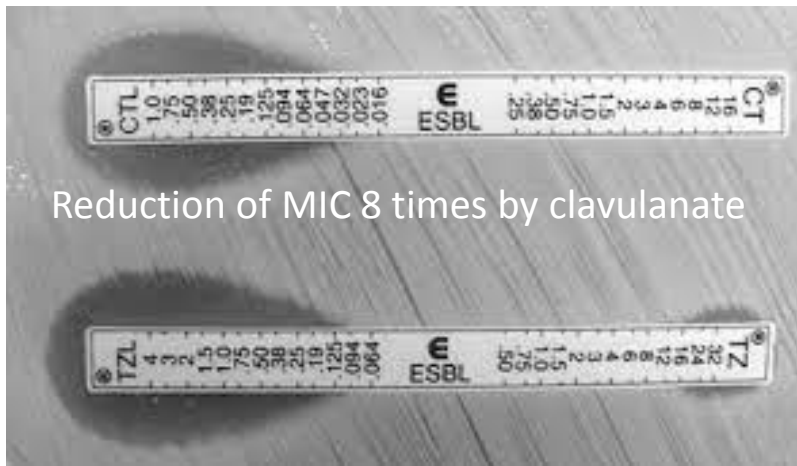
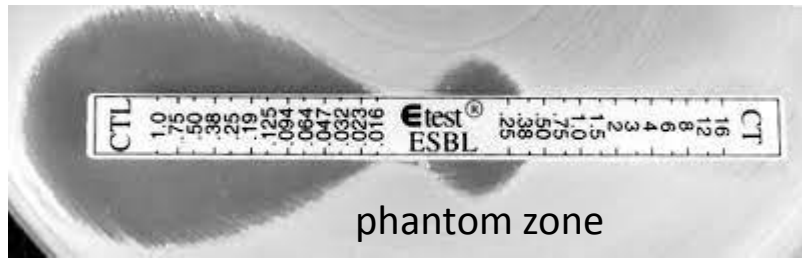
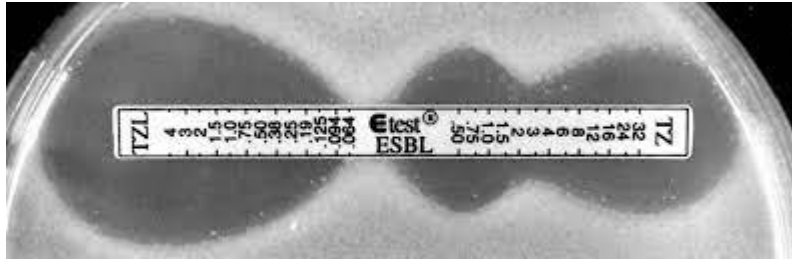


≥ 5 mm increase
in inhibition zone

MIC ratio ≥ 8
or if a
phantom zone
or deformed
ellipse is
present

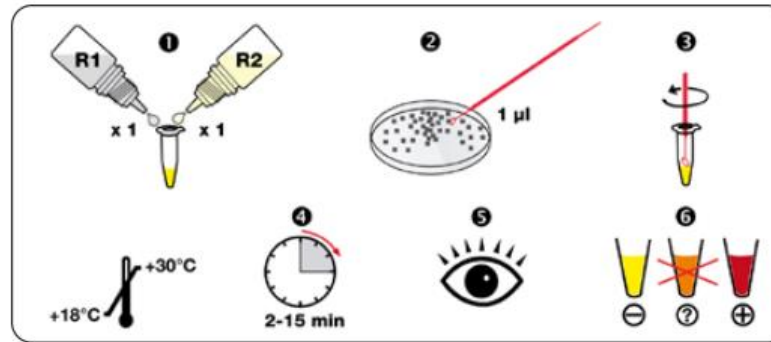
Φαινοτυπική ανίχνευση ESBL

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Χρωματομετρικές μέθοδοι

β LACTA™ test

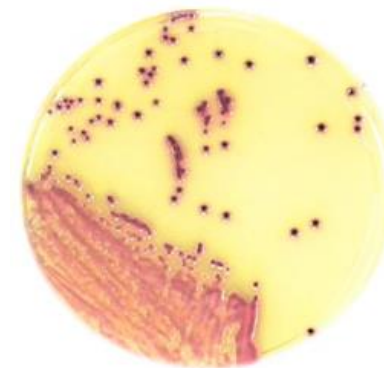


directly with isolated colonies or with bacterial pellets from positive blood cultures or urines

Se: 98%
Sp: 100%

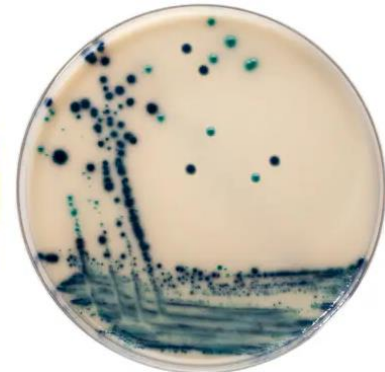
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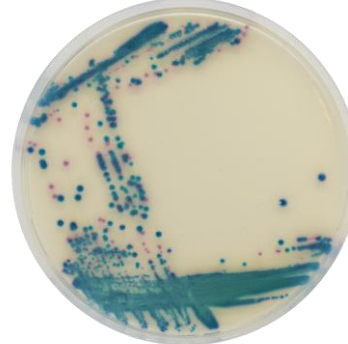
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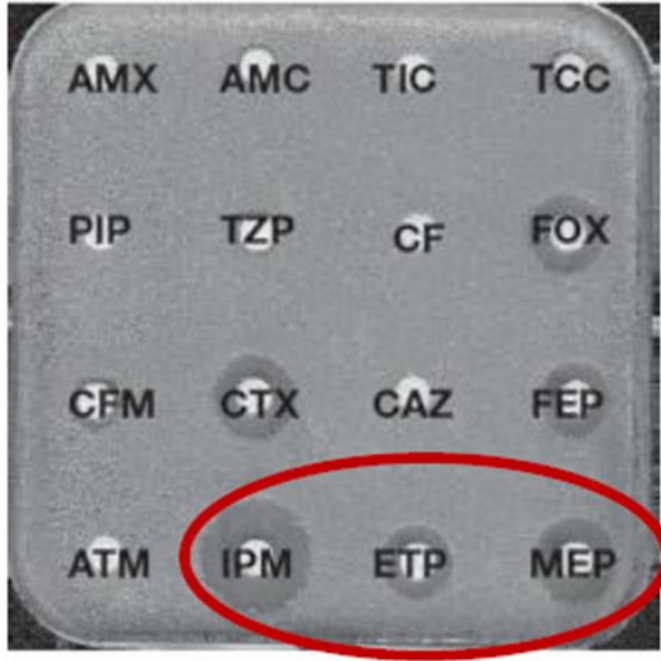


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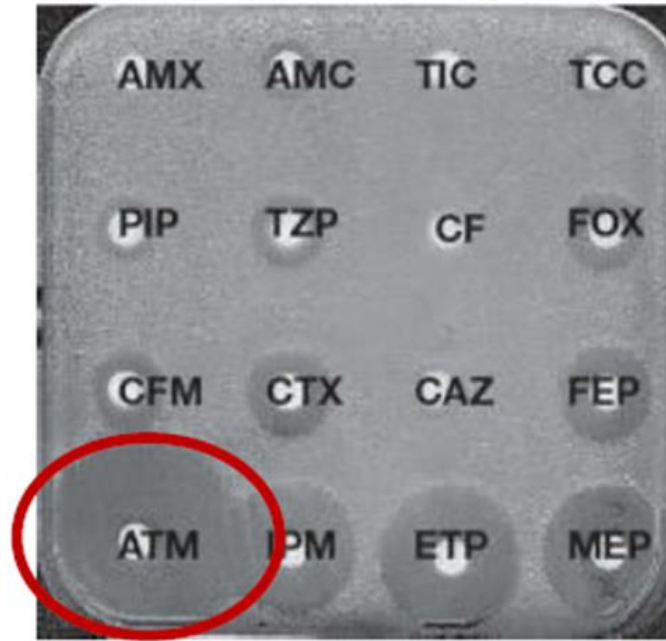
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Cefoxitin	≥ 64	IE	Meningitis	≥ 4	
Cefditoren			Other	≥ 4	R
Cefixime	≥ 4	R	Levofloxacin	≥ 8	R
Cefotaxime			Moxifloxacin	≥ 8	R
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Ceftriaxone			Fosfomycin		
Meningitis	≥ 64	R	Oral	128	R
Other	≥ 64	R	Other	128	R
Ceftazidime/Avibactam	4	(S)	Nitrofurantoin		
Ceftolozane/Tazobactam	≥ 32	R	Chloramphenicol	≥ 64	IE
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Aztreonam	≥ 64	R	Trimethoprim/ Sulfamethoxazole	≤ 20	(S)

Ανίχνευση παραγωγής καρβαπενεμασών στα Εντεροβακτηριακά: πληροφορίες από το αντιβιογράμμα



KPC / ESBL +/- [Caz-avi S]
MBL / ESBL + [Caz-avi R]
OXA-48 / ESBL +



MBL
ESBL negative



OXA-48
ESBL negative

Ανίχνευση μηχανισμών αντοχής: CRE

Clinical breakpoints and **screening cut-off values** for carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (according to EUCAST methodology)

Carbapenem	MIC (mg/L)		Disk diffusion zone diameter (mm) with 10 µg disks	
	S/I breakpoint	Screening cut-off	S/I breakpoint	Screening cut-off
Meropenem ¹	≤2	>0.125	≥22	<28 ²
Ertapenem ³	≤0.5	>0.125	≥25	<25

¹Best balance of sensitivity and specificity

²Isolates with **25-27 mm only need to be investigated for carbapenemase-production if they are resistant to piperacillin-tazobactam and/or temocillin** (temocillin contributes more to the specificity).

Investigation for carbapenemases is always warranted if zone diameter of meropenem is <25 mm.

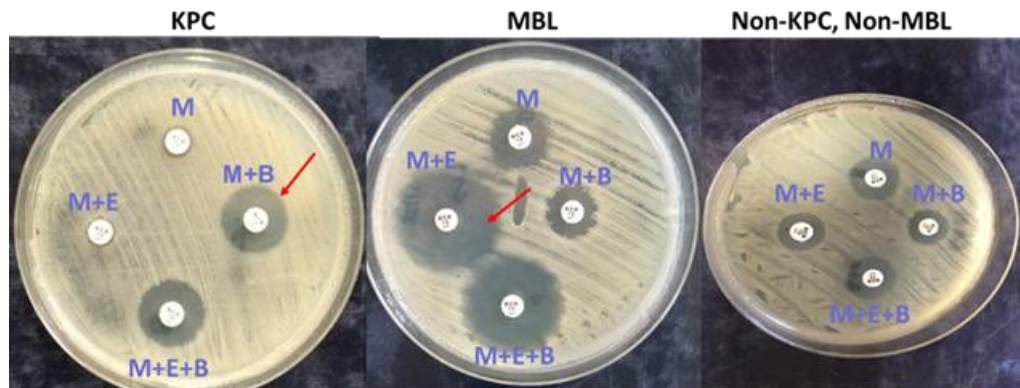
³High sensitivity but low specificity. Can be used as an alternative screening agent, but isolates with ESBL and AmpC may be resistant without having carbapenemases.

Phenotypic methods

- combination disk test methods
- colorimetric assays based on hydrolysis of carbapenems



- other methods detecting carbapenem hydrolysis
- lateral flow assays



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First occurrence of KPC-2-possessing *Klebsiella pneumoniae* in a Greek hospital and recommendation for detection with boronic acid disc tests

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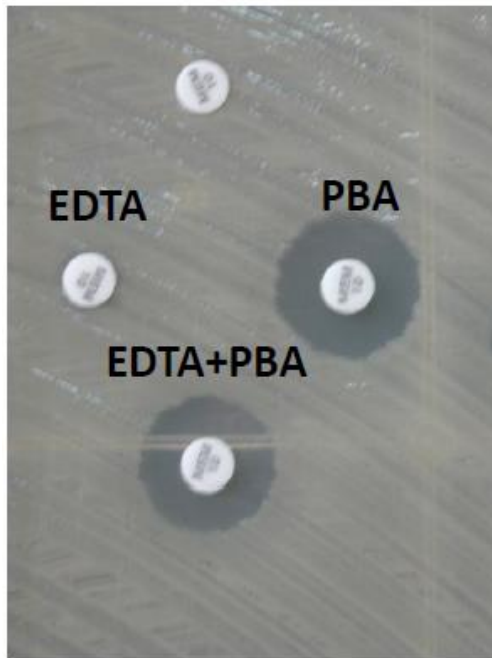
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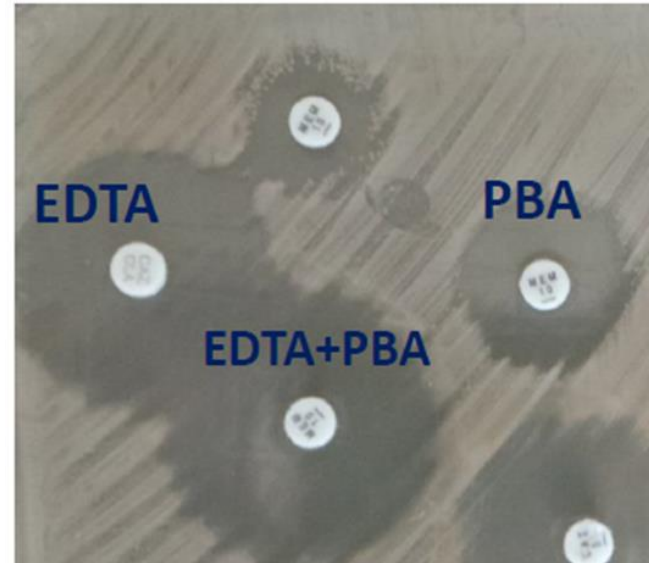
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CDT



KPC

CDT



MBL



KPC+MBL

E. coli

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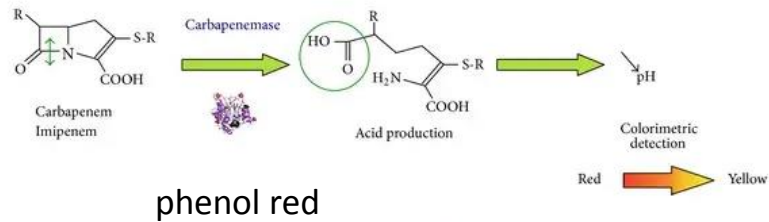
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Φαινοτυπική ανίχνευση παραγωγής καρβαπενεμασών στα Εντεροβακτηριακά

Χρωματομετρικές μέθοδοι (colorimetric tests)

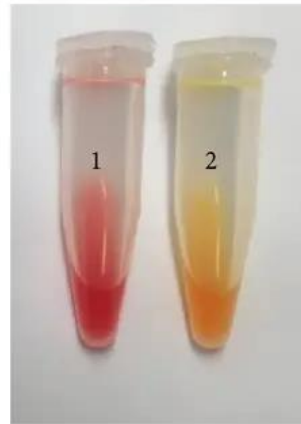
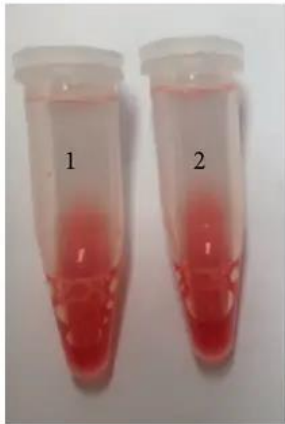
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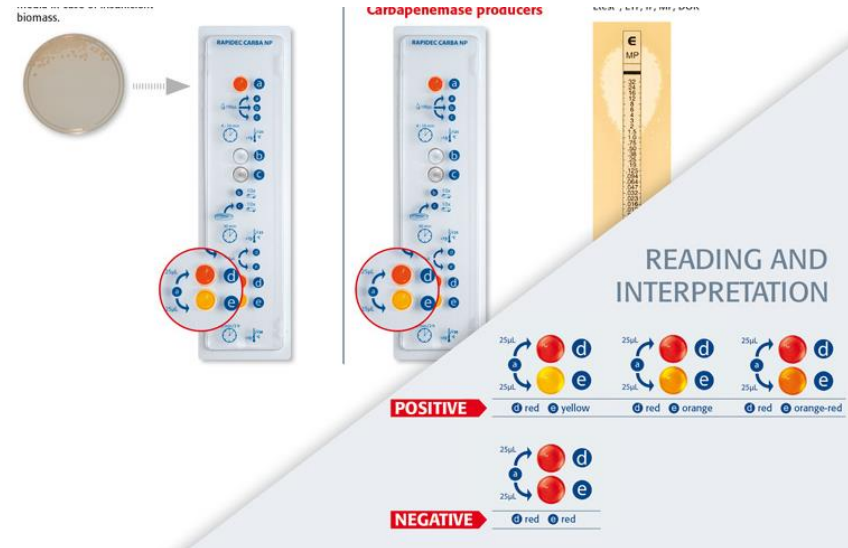
No carbapenemase

Carbapenemase production



- (1) Revealing solution
(internal negative control)
(2) Revealing solution + imipenem

(b)



Sensitivity: 73–100% for most carbapenemases
Performed poorly for OXA-48 enzyme

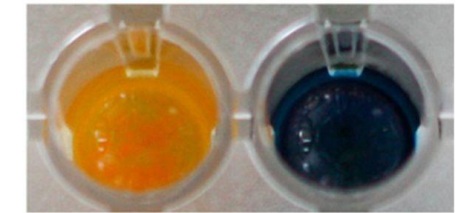
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Blue-Carba Test

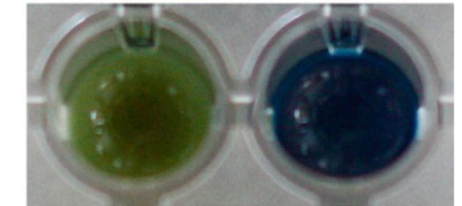
indicator bromothymol blue

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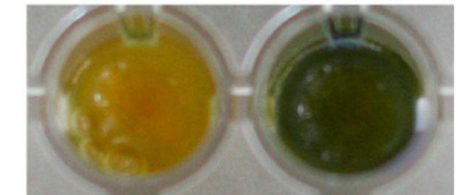
A



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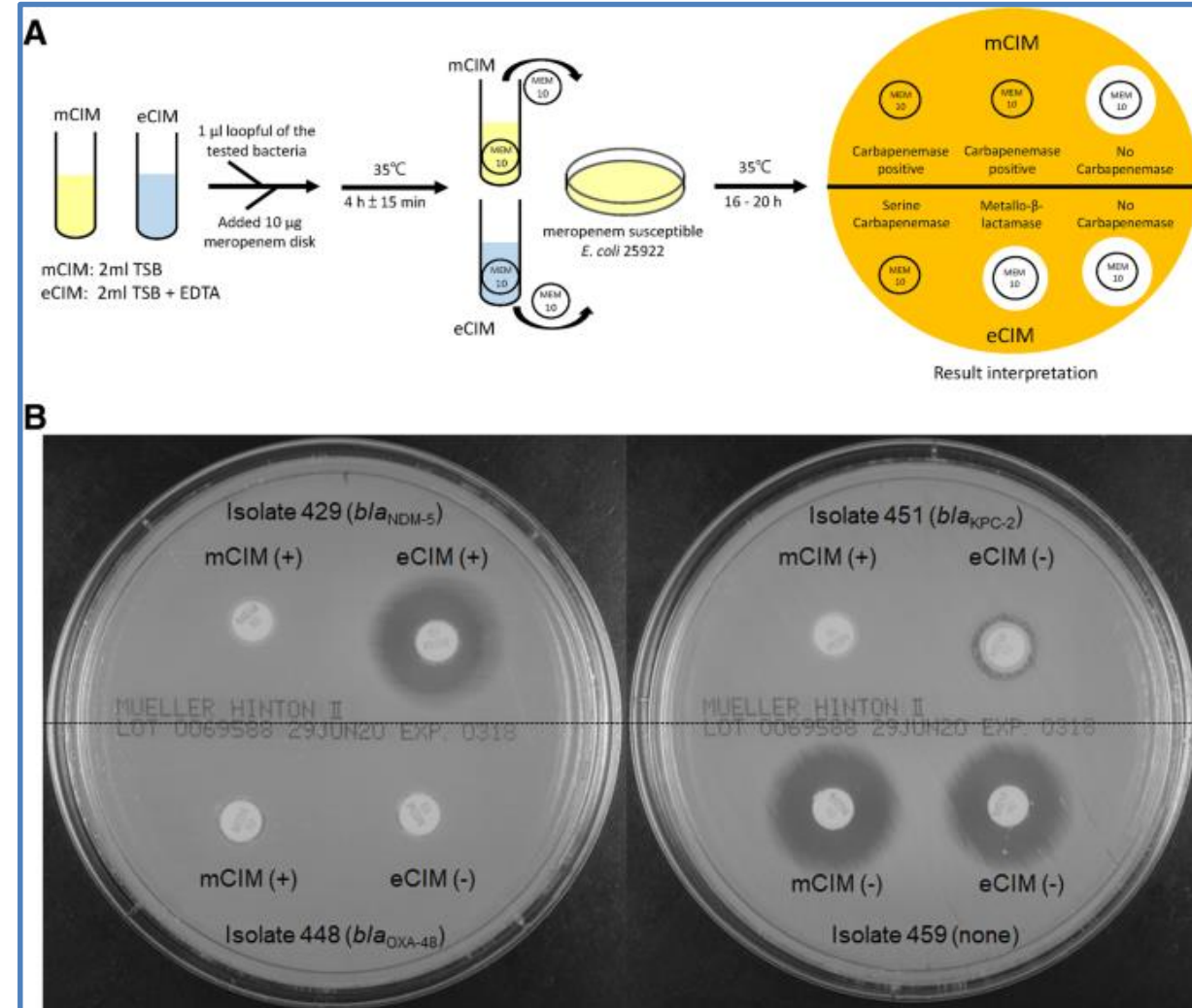
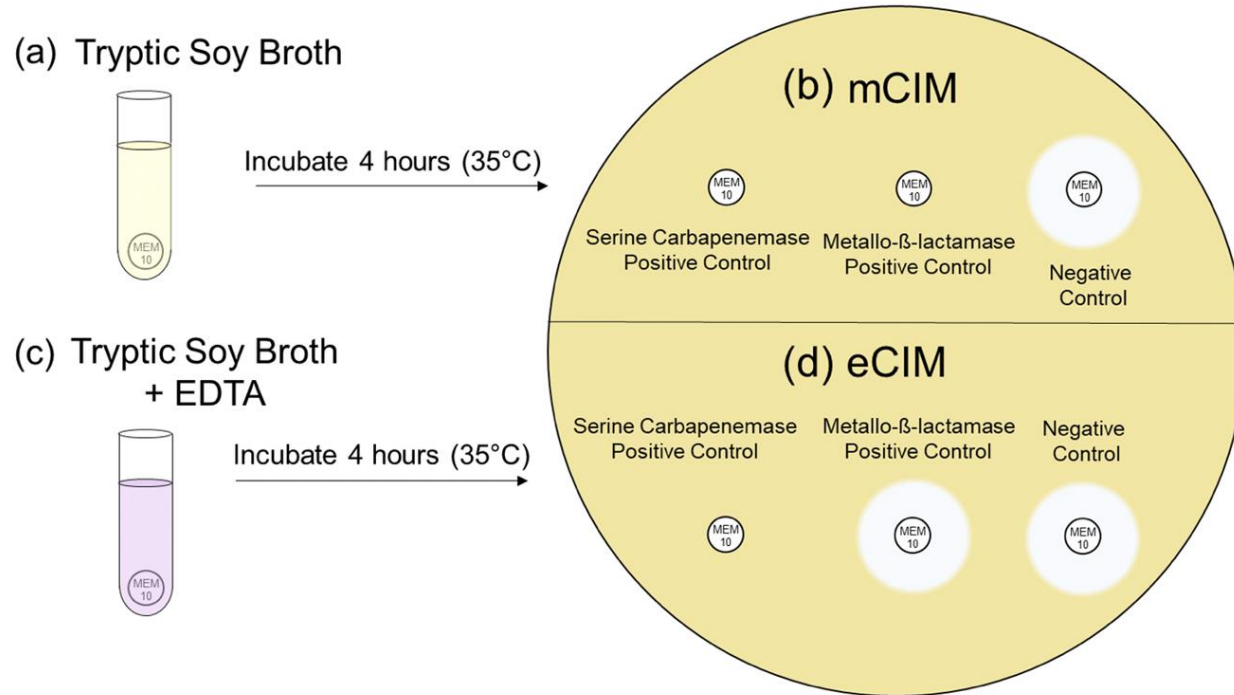


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Screening test: Carbapenemase Inactivation Methods (mCIM/eCIM)

The Carbapenemase Inactivation Methods (mCIM/eCIM) are Currently Recommended by CLSI



Tamma PD, Simner PJ. J Clin Microbiol. 2018;56(11):e01140–18.

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Vitek reports

Bionumber: 0201010103500210

Organism Quantity:

Selected Organism: Acinetobacter baumannii complex

Antimicrobial	MIC	Interpretation	Antimicrobial	MIC	Interpretation
ESBL			Imipenem	≥ 16	R
Temocillin			Meropenem		
Ampicillin	(-)	(-)	Meningitis	≥ 16	R
Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid			Other	≥ 16	R
Piperacillin/Tazobactam	≥ 128	IE	Amikacin	≥ 64	R
Cefuroxime	(-)	(-)	Gentamicin	≥ 16	R
Cefuroxime Axetil	(-)	(-)	Tobramycin	≥ 16	R
Cefoxitin	(-)	(-)	Ciprofloxacin	≥ 4	R
Cefditoren			Levofloxacin	4	R
Cefixime	(-)	(-)	Moxifloxacin	(-)	(-)
Cefotaxime	(-)	(-)	Minocycline	2	IE
Ceftazidime	(-)	(-)	Tetracycline	(-)	(-)
Ceftriaxone	(-)	(-)	Tigecycline	4	IE
Ceftazidime/Avibactam			Fosfomycin	(-)	(-)
Ceftolozane/Tazobactam			Nitrofurantoin	(-)	(-)
Cefepime	(-)	(-)	Chloramphenicol	(-)	(-)
Aztreonam	(-)	(-)	Colistin	≤ 0.5	S
Ertapenem			Trimethoprim/ Sulfamethoxazole	≥ 320	R

4 Result reading

Turbid = growth = positive Clear = absence of growth = negative

The growth control must be positive

MIC = FIRST CLEAR WELL

Easy reading of the MIC with the UMIC Box

Report on the provided results sheet

Organism Quantity:

Selected Organism: Pseudomonas aeruginosa

Comments:	Colistin S results / Gram negative bacilli: perform an alternative method of testing prior to reporting results.

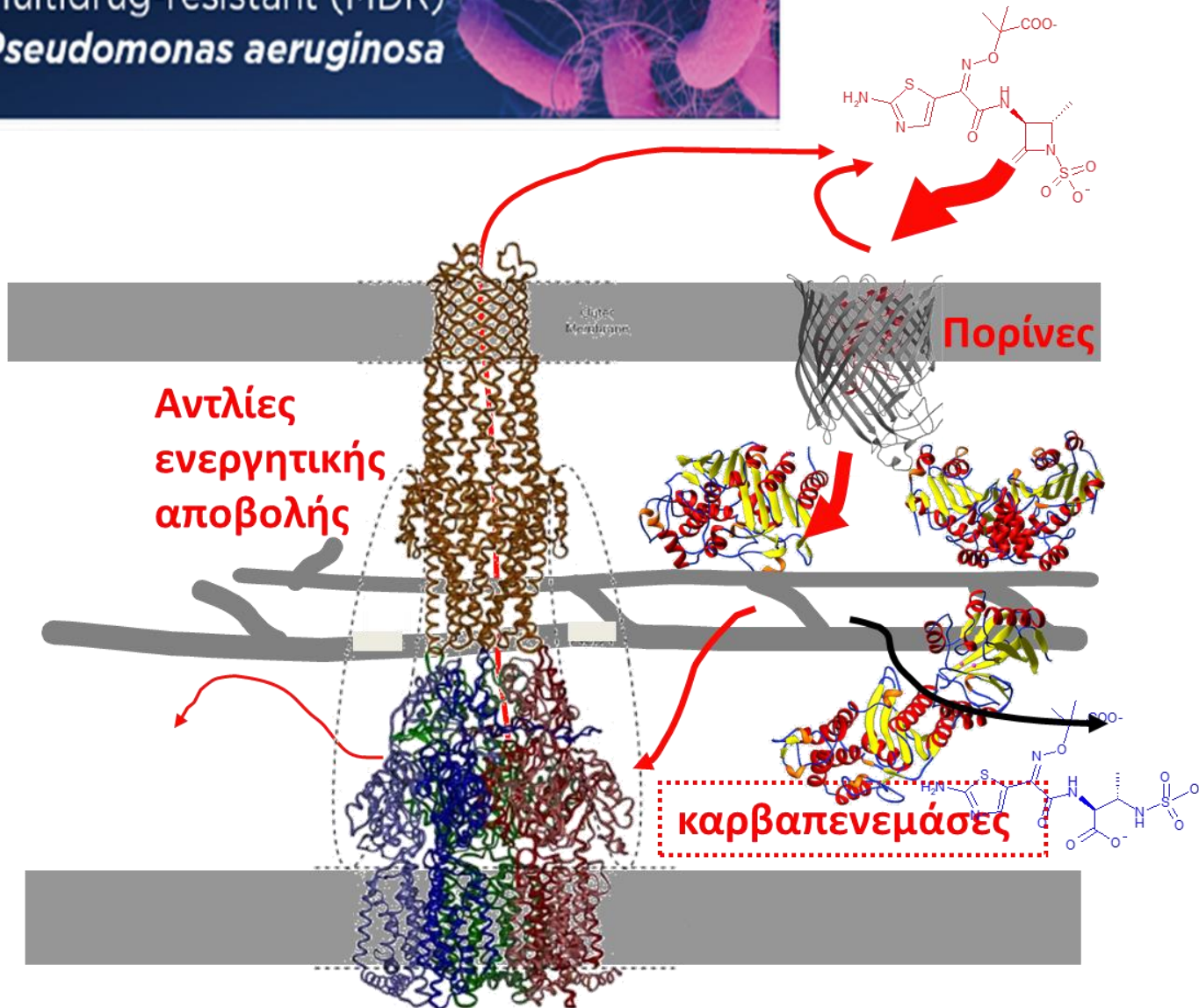
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Organism Origin	Technologist
Selected Organism	Pseudomonas aeruginosa
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Analysis Messages:	

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	Status: Final	Analysis Time: 9.27 hours	Completed: Sep 15, 2023 22:42 EEST

Antimicrobial	MIC	Interpretation	Antimicrobial	MIC	Interpretation
+Ampicillin		(-)	Meropenem		
Ampicillin/Sulbactam			Meningitis	≥ 16	R
Piperacillin/Tazobactam	≥ 128	R	Other	≥ 16	R
Cefoxitin			Amikacin	≥ 64	R
+Cefotaxime		(-)	Gentamicin	≥ 16	IE
Ceftazidime	≥ 64	R	Ciprofloxacin	≥ 4	R
Ceftriaxone	(-)	(-)	Levofloxacin	≥ 8	R
+Ceftolozane/Tazobactam			Tigecycline	(-)	(-)
Cefepime	≥ 64	R	Fosfomycin	(-)	(-)
Aztreonam	≥ 64	R	Colistin	2	S
+Ertapenem		(-)	Trimethoprim/ Sulfamethoxazole	(-)	(-)
Imipenem	≥ 16	R			

P. aeruginosa και αντοχή στις καρβαπενέμες

Multidrug-resistant (MDR)
Pseudomonas aeruginosa

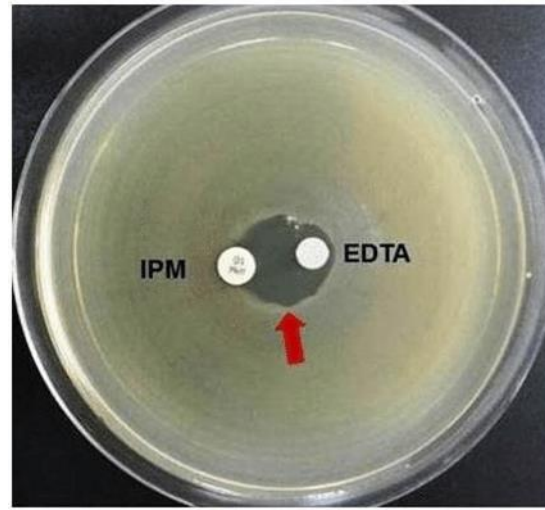
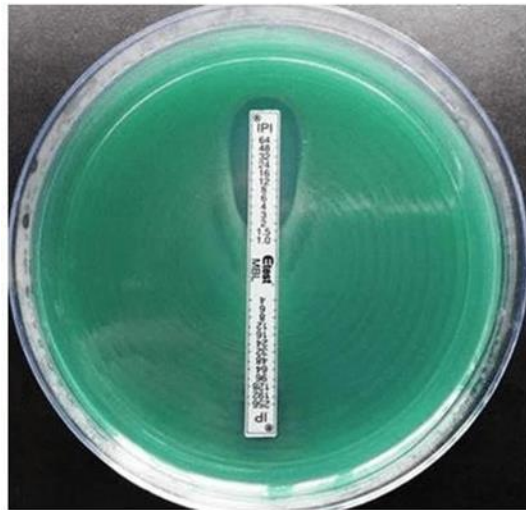
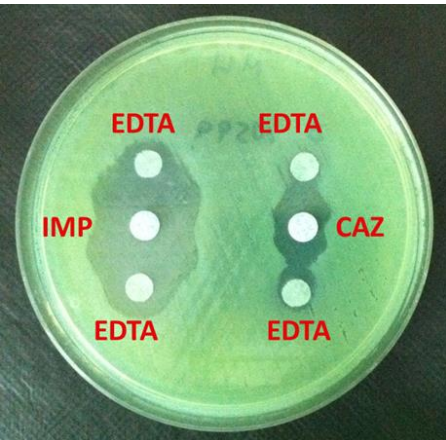


Τάξη	Ένζυμα
A	KPC GES
D	OXA (OXA-40, -50 -198)
B	VIM IMP NDM SPM GIM, AIM, FIM

P. aeruginosa και φαινοτυπική ανίχνευση MBL

Δεν υπάρχουν προτυποποιημένες δοκιμασίες

Οι δοκιμασίες στηρίζονται στη χρήση χηλικών παραγόντων (EDTA, MPA, DPA)



Η απόδοση εξαρτάται από

- μεθοδολογία (DDST, CDT, Etest MBL)
- β-λακταμικό υπόστρωμα
- είδος του αναστολέα
- ποσότητα του αναστολέα
- χαρακτηριστικά των στελεχών

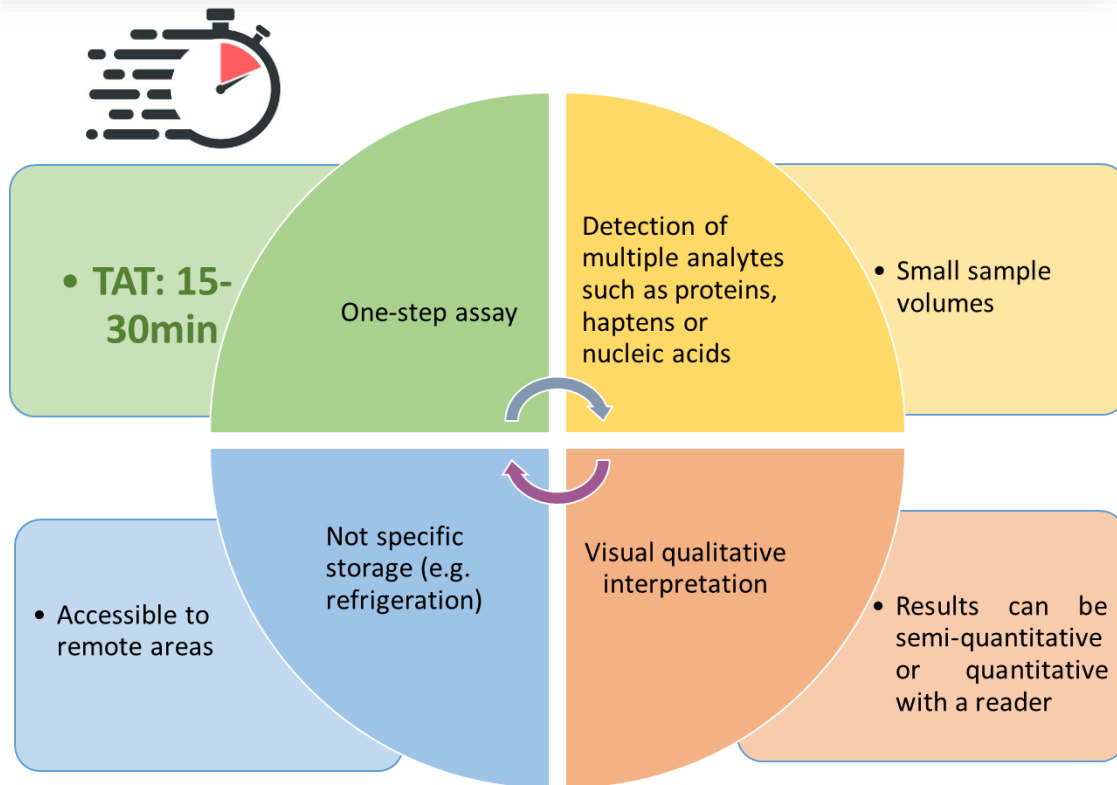
All phenotypic combined disk tests lacked either sensitivity or specificity for the detection of MBL in *P. aeruginosa*



Review

The Revolution of Lateral Flow Assay in the Field of AMR Detection

Hervé Boutil¹, Christian Moguet¹, Lilas Pommès¹, Stéphanie Simon¹, Thierry Naas^{2,3,4} and Hervé Volland^{1,*}

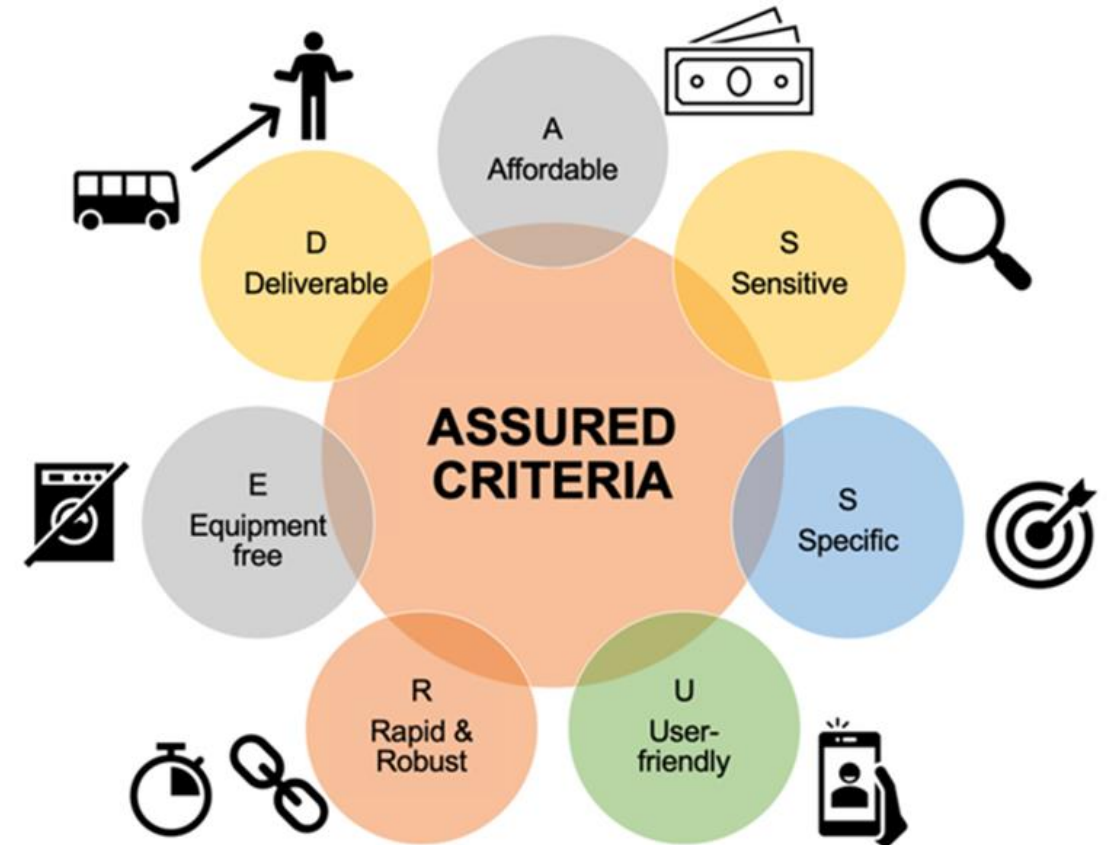


LFIA performance relies mostly on antibody affinity and specificity



World Health Organization

an ideal PoC test



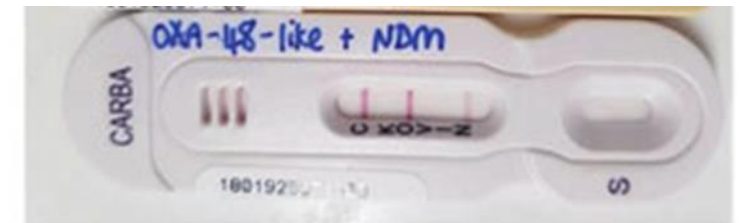
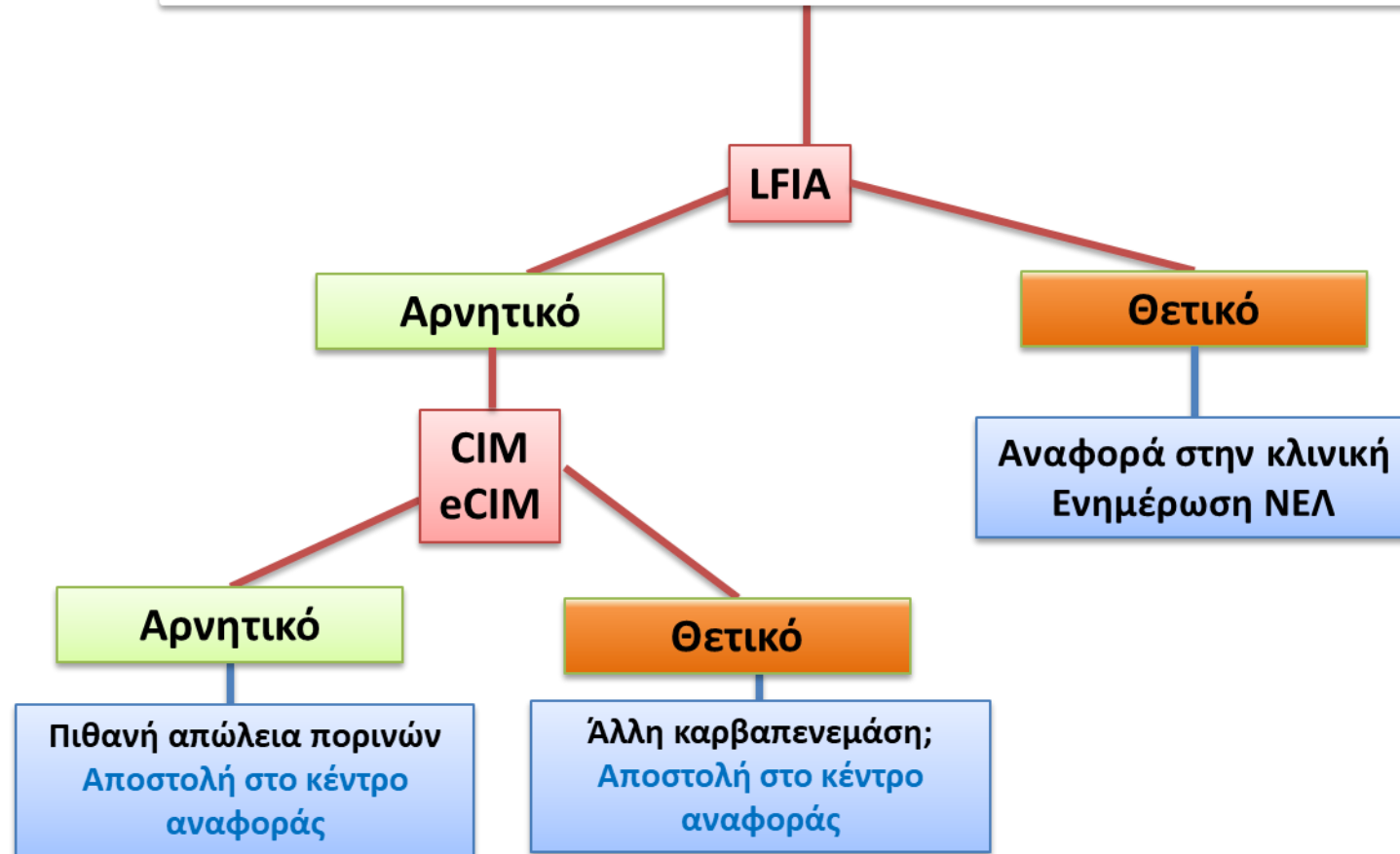
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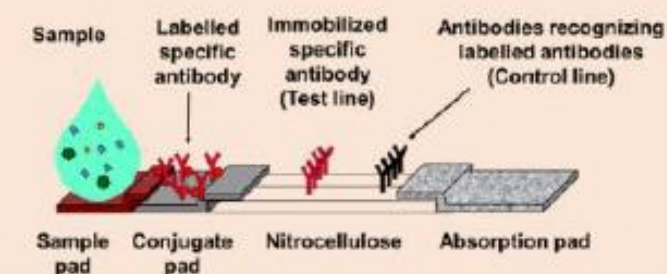
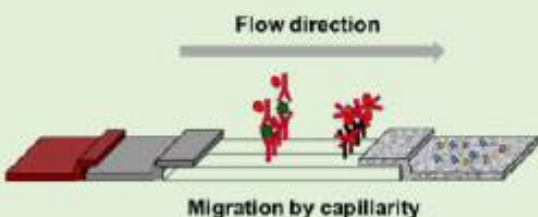
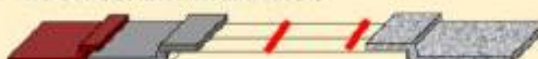
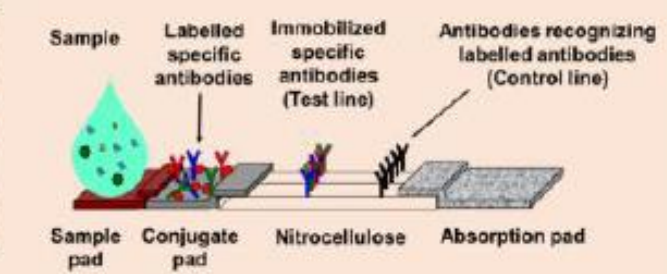
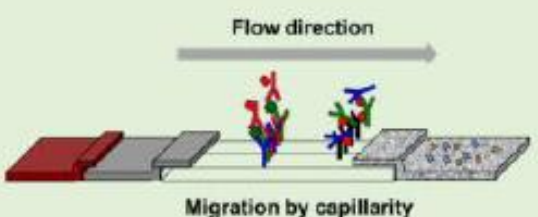
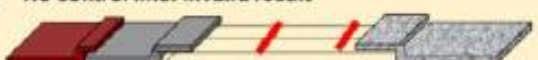
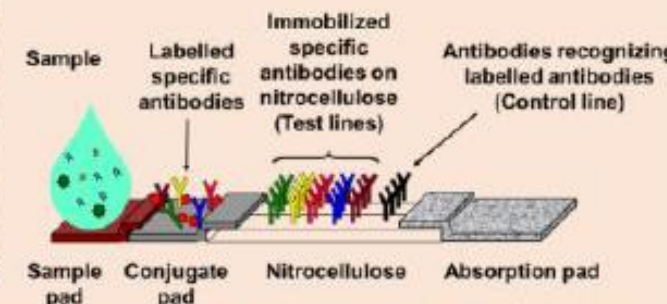
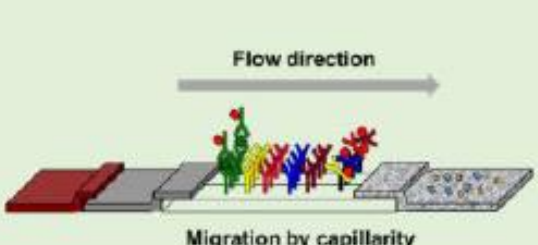
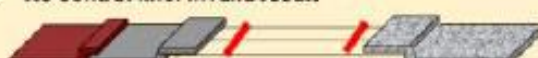
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Del Corpo O et al. Clin Microbiol Infect. 2023 Sep 16:S1198-743X(23)00425-1.

Εντεροβακτηριακά με μειωμένη ευαισθησία στις καρβαπενέμες



Lateral flow assay formats

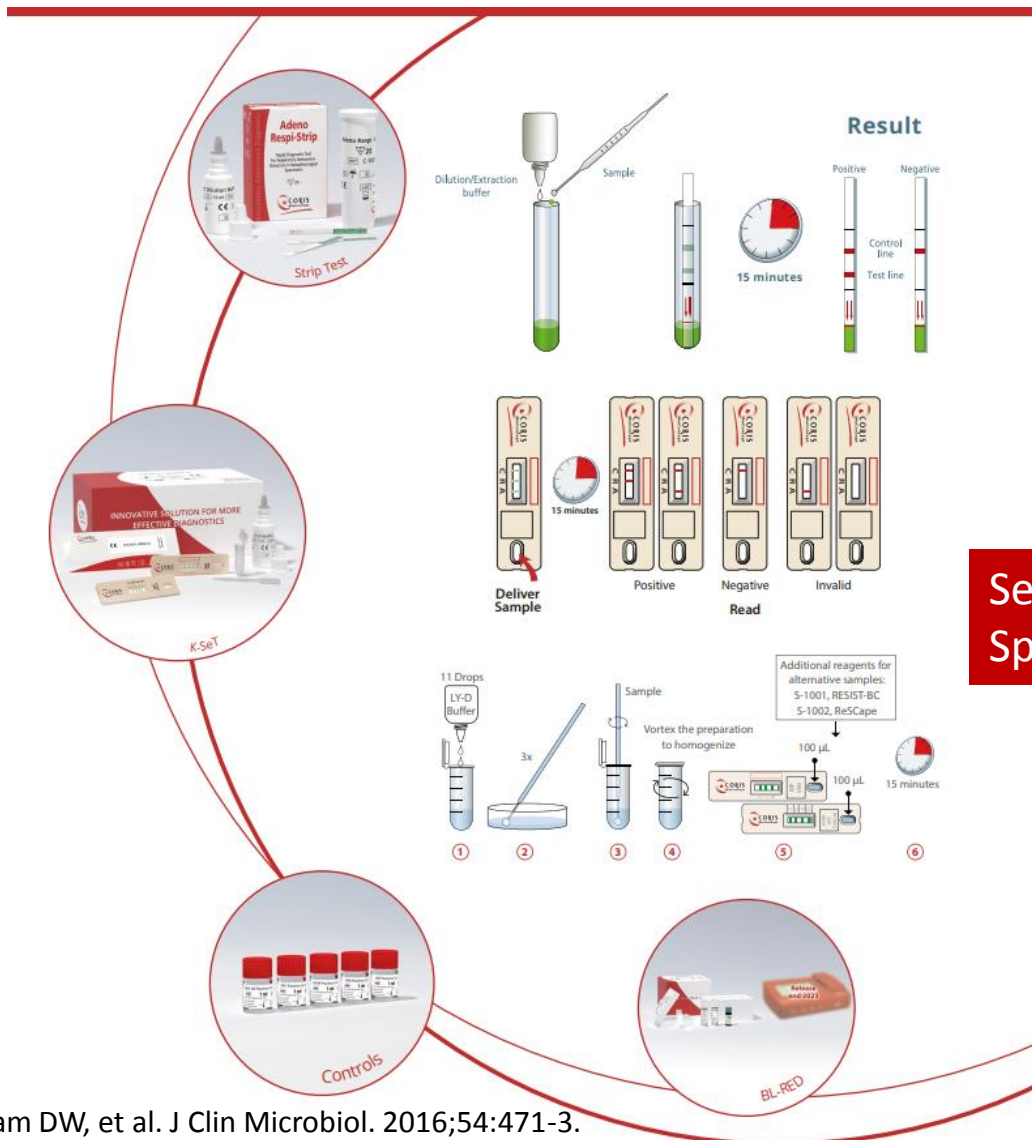
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	 Sample pad Conjugate pad Nitrocellulose Absorption pad	 Flow direction Migration by capillarity	✓ The control line appears: the test is correct ✓ The test line appears: positive test ✓ No test line: negative test ✓ No control line: invalid result 
Multiplex format (one test line)	 Sample pad Conjugate pad Nitrocellulose Absorption pad	 Flow direction Migration by capillarity	✓ The control line appears: the test is correct ✓ The test line appears: positive test for at least one target ✓ No test line: negative test ✓ No control line: invalid result 
Multiplex format (Five test lines)	 Sample pad Conjugate pad Nitrocellulose Absorption pad	 Flow direction Migration by capillarity	✓ The control line appears: the test is correct ✓ One or several test lines appear: positive test for the corresponding target ✓ No test line appears: negative test for any target ✓ No control line: invalid result 



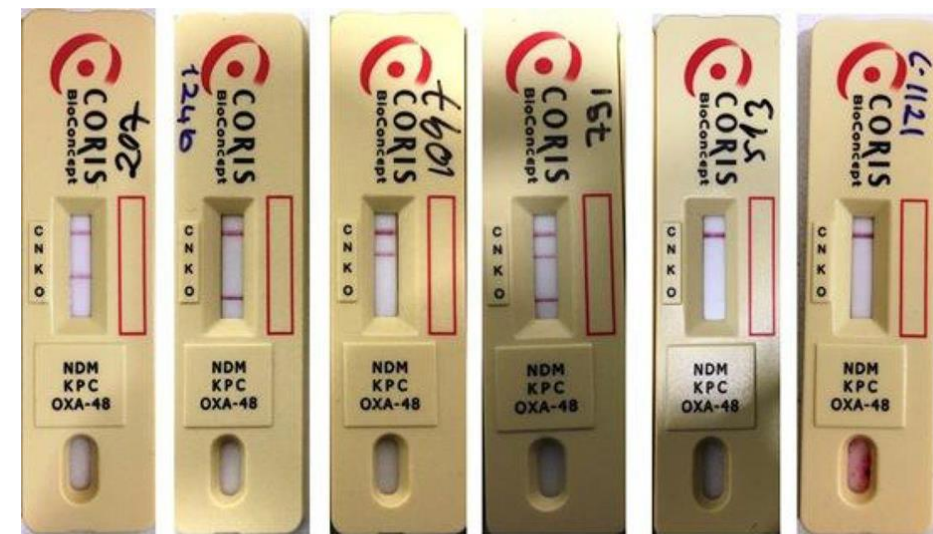
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Beta Lactamases	Electrochemistry	BL-RED 25	
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KPC	Lateral flow Lateral flow Lateral flow Reagents Reagents	O.K.N.V.I. RESIST-5 RESIST-3 O.O.K. K-Set RESIST-3 O.K.N. K-Set RESIST-BC ReSCape	OXA-48-like, NDM, VIM, IMP OXA-48-like, OXA-163-like OXA-48-like, NDM Carbapenemases: OXA-48-like, NDM, VIM, IMP, OXA-40/58 Carbapenemases: OXA-48-like, NDM, VIM, IMP, OXA-40/58
OXA-163-like	Lateral flow	RESIST-3 O.O.K. K-Set	OXA-48-like, KPC
NDM	Lateral flow Lateral flow Reagents Reagents Lateral flow	O.K.N.V.I. RESIST-5 RESIST-3 O.K.N. K-Set RESIST-BC ReSCape RESIST ACINETO	OXA-48-like, KPC, VIM, IMP OXA-48-like, KPC Carbapenemases: OXA-48-like, KPC, VIM, IMP, OXA-40/58 Carbapenemases: OXA-48-like, KPC, VIM, IMP, OXA-40/58 OXA-23-like, OXA-40/58
OXA-23-like	Lateral flow Lateral flow	OXA-23 K-Set RESIST ACINETO	OXA-40/58, NDM
VIM	Lateral flow Reagents Reagents	O.K.N.V.I. RESIST-5 RESIST-BC ReSCape	OXA-48-like, KPC, NDM, IMP Carbapenemases: OXA-48-like, KPC, NDM, IMP, OXA-40/58 Carbapenemases: OXA-48-like, KPC, NDM, IMP, OXA-40/58
IMP	Lateral flow Lateral flow Reagents Reagents	O.K.N.V.I. RESIST-5 IMP K-Set RESIST-BC ReSCape	OXA-48-like, KPC, NDM, VIM Carbapenemases: OXA-48-like, KPC, NDM, VIM, OXA-40/58 Carbapenemases: OXA-48-like, KPC, NDM, VIM, OXA-40/58
Carbapenemases	Reagents Reagents	RESIST-BC ReSCape	Carbapenemases: OXA-48-like, KPC, NDM, VIM, IMP, OXA-40/58 Carbapenemases: OXA-48-like, KPC, NDM, VIM, IMP, OXA-40/58
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Group 1 (CTX-M-15,...)	Lateral flow	RESIST CTX-M	Group 9 (CTX-M-14,...)
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ACCESSORIES TO ACCELERATE RESIST RANGE RESULTS

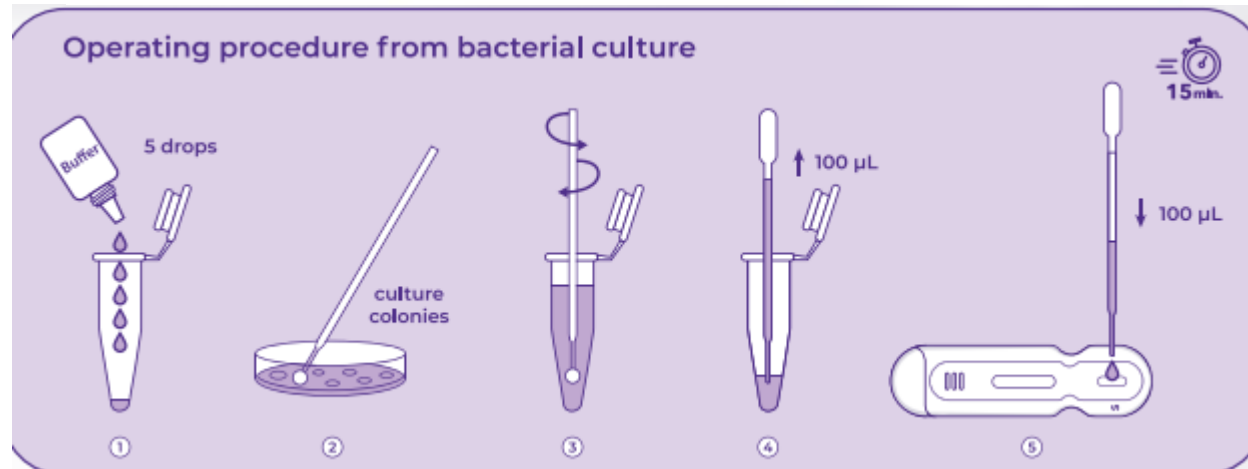
PRODUCT NAME	DESCRIPTION
RESIST-BC	Reagents kit for blood culture 1 RBCL solution, 1 MS buffer, 1 Washing buffer
ReSCape	Culture reagent kit on rectal swab 20 CProBE MEDIUM tubes, 2 Selective Mix vials, 2 Water vials



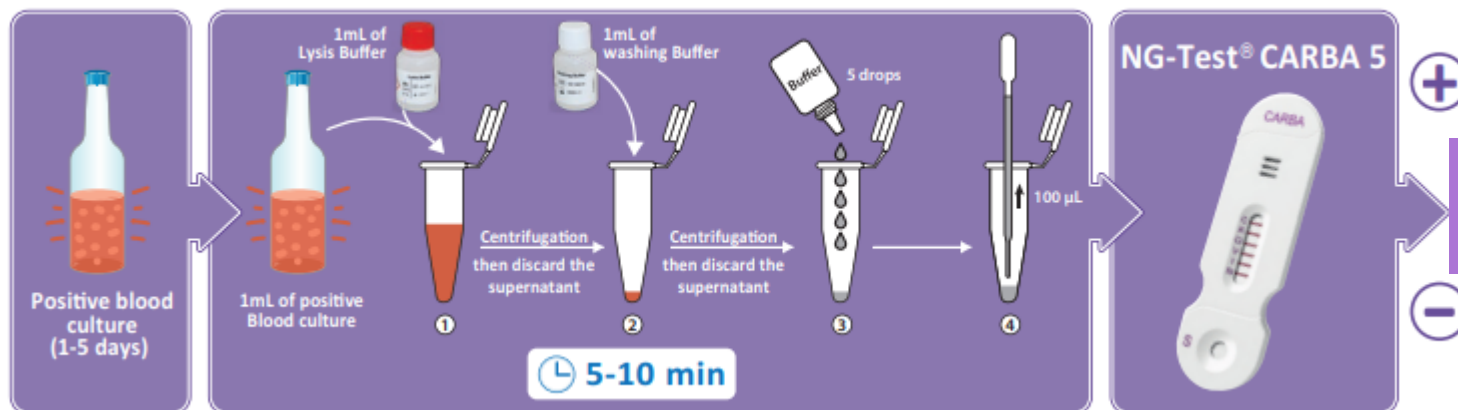
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IDENTIFICATION PROCESS FROM DIRECT BLOOD CULTURE: 20–40 min protocol



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NG•TEST®/CARBA-5



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Han R et al. Front Microbiol. 2021;11:609856.

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Rapid detection of Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamase (ESBL)



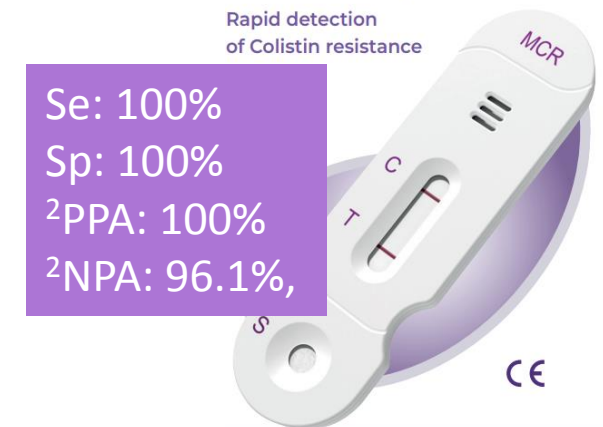
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Rapid detection of Colistin resistance

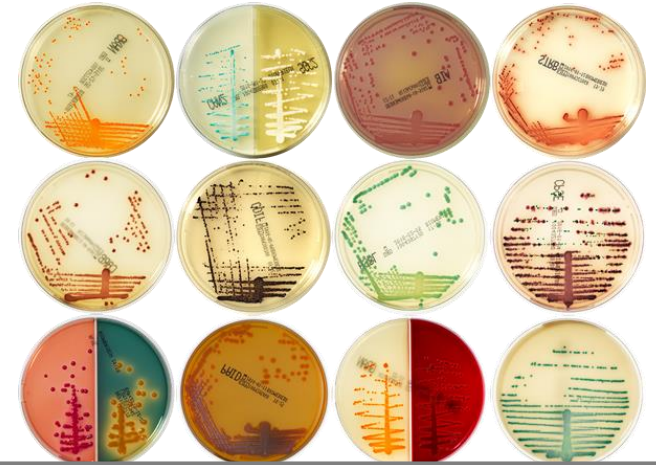


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Χρωμογόνα υλικά

- Purpose: more rapid detection and identification of MDRO
- The target organisms are characterized by specific enzyme systems that metabolize the substrates to release the chromogen.
- The chromogen can then be visually detected by direct observation of a distinct colour change in the medium (coloured colonies).
- Compared with the use of conventional culture media, the use of chromogenic agar often reduces the costs and labor time.
- Their primary use is for screening of patients colonized with various pathogens.
- The sensitivity and specificity depend on the manufacturer and the type of microorganism detected
- Additional confirmation of the resistant bacteria is sometimes needed.



Advantage

Mass use and the possibility of automatisisation
Simple to perform
Simple and fast interpretation

Disadvantage

Not completely susceptible and specific
Time-consuming
Limited spectra or single antibiotic
Relatively expensive
Screening only or required confirmatory identification
No MIC value

Comments

Qualitative with no interpretation criteria (S, I, R)

Χρωμογόνα εκλεκτικά υλικά για CRE

CHROMagar KPC, Colorex KPC (CHROMagar)



Klebsiella, Enterobacter, Citrobacter CR
→ **Metallic blue**
Pseudomonas CR → Cream, translucent
E. coli CR → **dark pink to reddish**

- Μειονέκτημα: έλλειψη ευαισθησίας
- Δυσκολία ανάπτυξης στελεχών με $MIC \leq 4 \mu g/ml$
- Προβληματική η ανίχνευση στελεχών MBL και OXA-48

ChromID Carba (bioMérieux)

E. coli:

pink
to burgundy

1 - *E. coli*
(NDM-1)
2 - *P. aeruginosa*
(IMP)

KESC group:

bluish-green
to bluish-grey

K. pneumoniae
(KPC)

Proteae: dark brown to brown

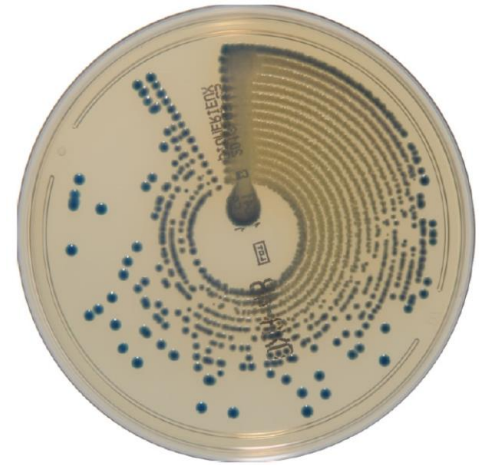
- SN: 92,4%, SP: 96, 9%
- Ικανότητα ανίχνευσης στελεχών με χαμηλές MIC¹
- Υψηλότερη ικανότητα ανίχνευσης για KPC-στελέχη vs Brilliance CRE /Colorex KPC (σε υψηλό και σε χαμηλό inoculum)²
- Υψηλότερη ικανότητα ανίχνευσης NDM-στελεχών³

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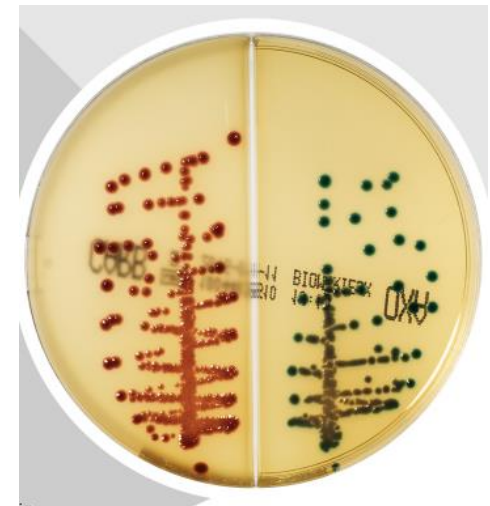
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ChromID OXA-48 (bioMérieux)



Incubation : 18 hours
K. pneumoniae OXA-48

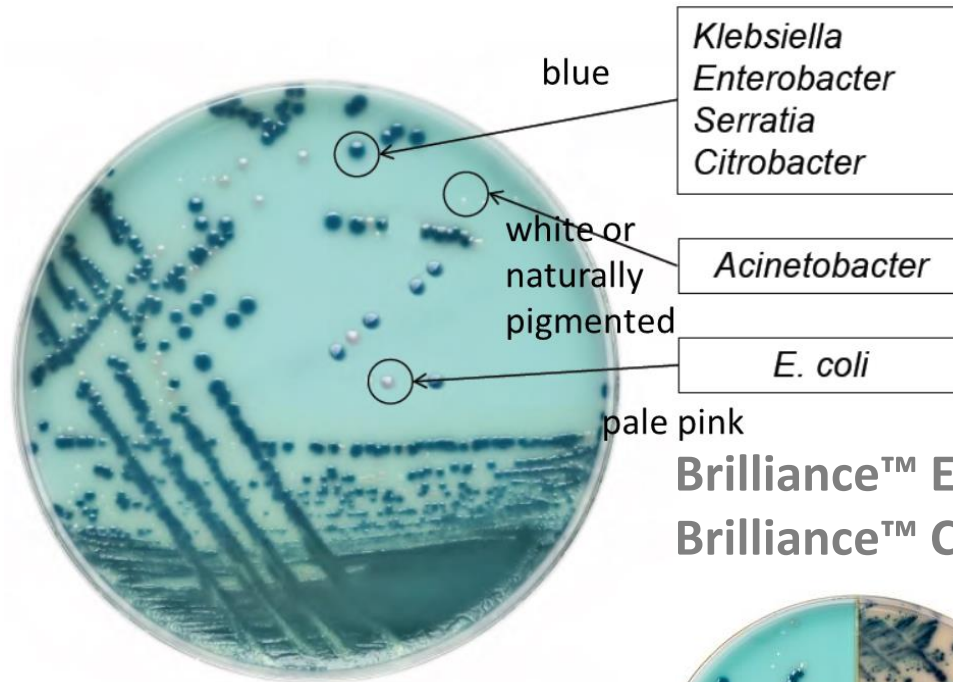
CHROMID® CARBA SMART Agar



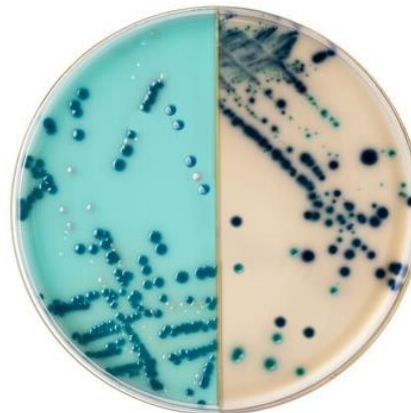
Χρωμογόνα εκλεκτικά υλικά για CRE

Brilliance™ CRE (Oxoid)

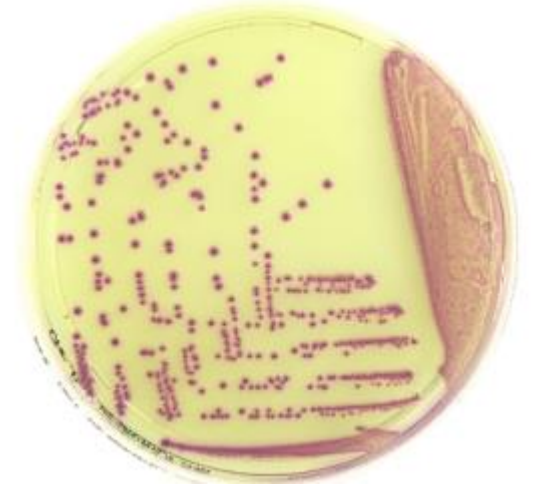
- Χαμηλότερη SN έναντι του ID Carba για την ανίχνευση NDM-στελεχών
- Υπεροχή έναντι του CHROMagar KPC (43%)
- Παρόμοια SP



Brilliance™ ESBL Agar/
Brilliance™ CRE Agar



Liofilchem® Chromatic CRE



Liofilchem® Chromatic OXA-48



OXA-48 positive *Enterobacter cloacae*

Έλεγχος φορέας για CRE: καλλιεργητικές μέθοδοι

Home-made τρυβλία MacConkey agar:

- Με ενσωματωμένη καρβαπενέμη
 - ικανοποιητική ευαισθησία
- Με δίσκους καρβαπενεμών:
 - SN/SP εξαρτώνται από το όριο
- Με δίσκους + αναστολείς:
 - **ανίχνευση + διαφοροποίηση**

Χρωμογόνα υλικά

- **chromID CARBA / chromID OXA-48, bioMérieux**
 - Υψηλή ευαισθησία και ειδικότητα
- **Brilliance CRE, Oxoid**
 - Ικανοποιητική ευαισθησία και ειδικότητα
- **CHROMagar KPC/ Colorex KPC, CHROMagar**
 - Ανιχνεύει στελέχη με υψηλού επιπέδου αντοχή



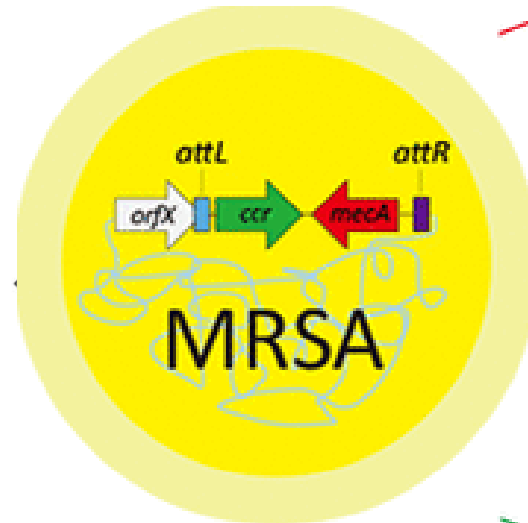
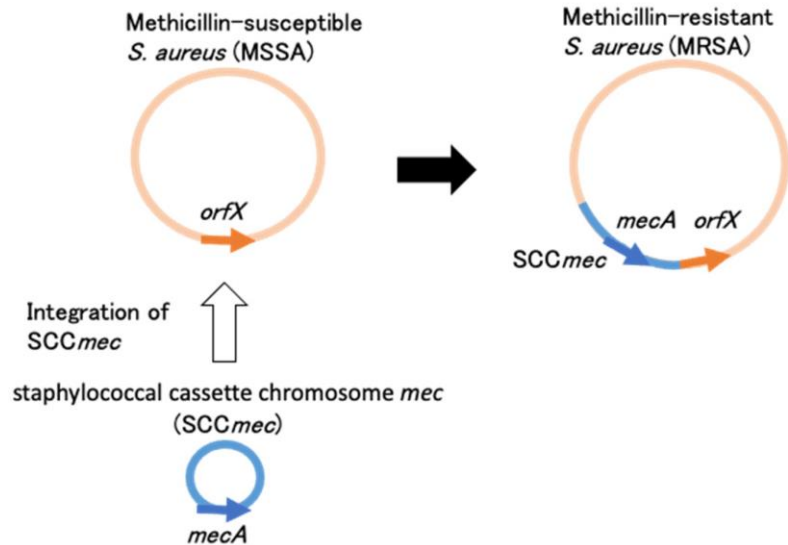
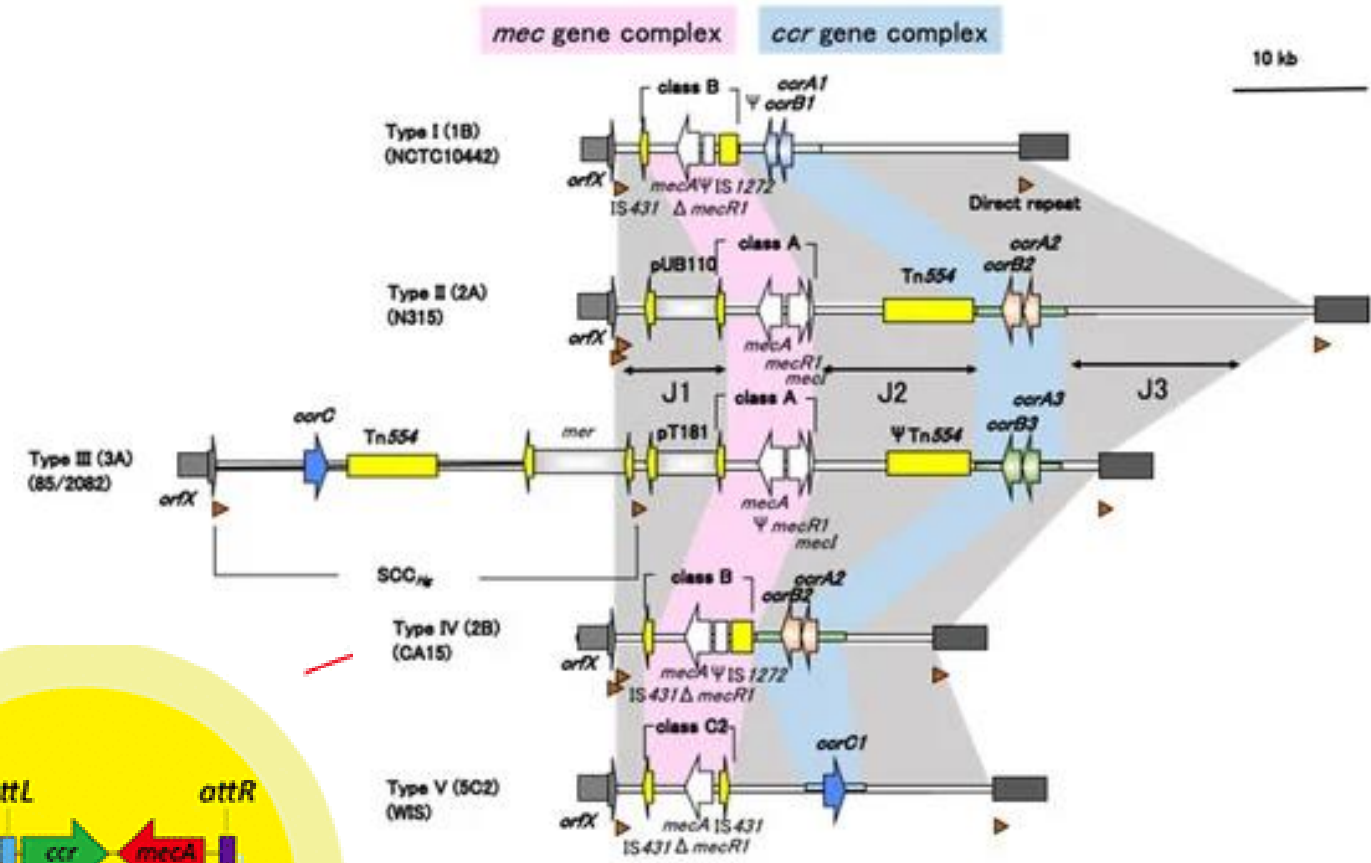
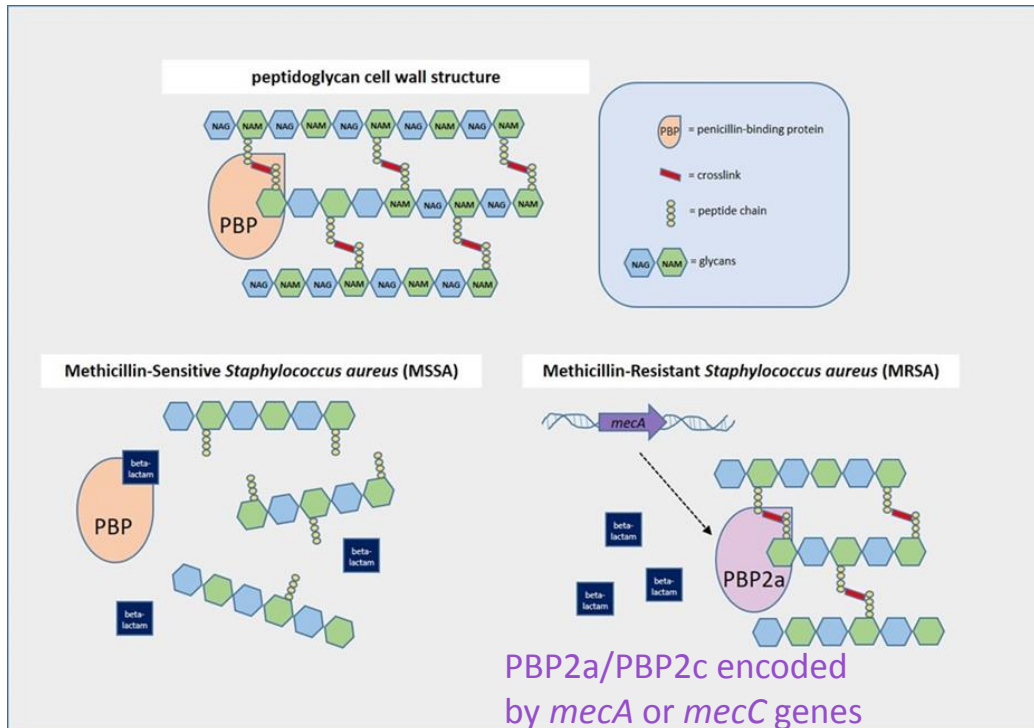
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Η επίδοση της κάθε μεθόδου εξαρτάται:

- επίπεδο αντοχής στις καρβαπενέμες
- υδρόλυση άλλων β-λακταμών (φάσμα)
- παρουσία άλλων μηχανισμών αντοχής
- γεωγραφική περιοχή, βακτηριακό είδος, δείγμα, χρόνο επώασης, μέθοδο αναφοράς, ορισμό αληθώς θετικών, ...

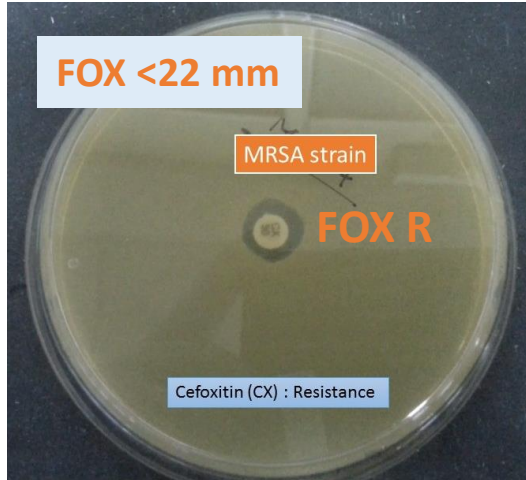
Σύγκριση μελετών-μεθόδων
δύσκολη

MRSA



Φαινοτυπικές μέθοδοι

Disk diffusion



CEFOXITIN: a very **sensitive and specific marker** of *mecA/mecC*-mediated methicillin resistance including in heterogeneous expressing strains and **is the agent of choice**.

Broth microdilution



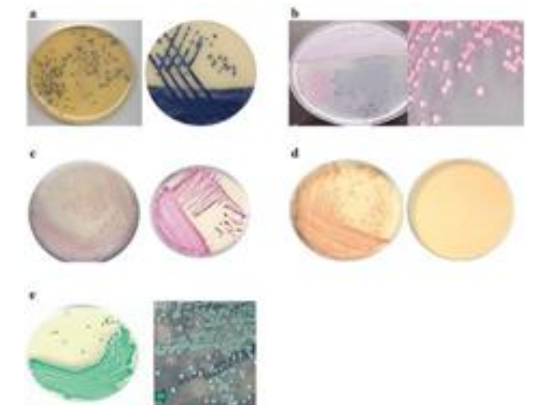
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Organism Origin		Technologist			
Selected Organism		Staphylococcus aureus			
		Entered: Oct 7, 2023 17:56 EEST		By: LabTech	
Analysis Messages:					
Susceptibility Information		Card: AST-P659	Lot Number: 8092252103	Expires: Jan 26, 2024 12:00 EET	
		Status: Final	Analysis Time: 8.48 hours	Completed: Oct 8, 2023 02:22 EEST	
Antimicrobial	MIC	Interpretation	Antimicrobial	MIC	Interpretation
Cefoxitin Screen	POS	+	Linezolid	2	S
Benzylpenicillin	>= 0.5	R	Daptomycin	0.25	S
Oxacillin	>= 4	R	Teicoplanin	<= 0.5	S
Ceftaroline			Vancomycin	<= 0.5	S
Pneumonia	0.25	S	Tetracycline	<= 1	S
Other	0.25	S	Tigecycline	<= 0.12	S
Gentamicin	<= 0.5	S	Fusidic Acid	8	R
Levofloxacin	>= 8	R	Mupirocin	<= 1	S
Inducible Clindamycin Resistance	NEG	-	Rifampicin	<= 0.03	S
Erythromycin	0.5	S	Trimethoprim/ Sulfamethoxazole	<= 10	S
Clindamycin	0.25	S			

Detection of PBP2a with latex agglutination kits



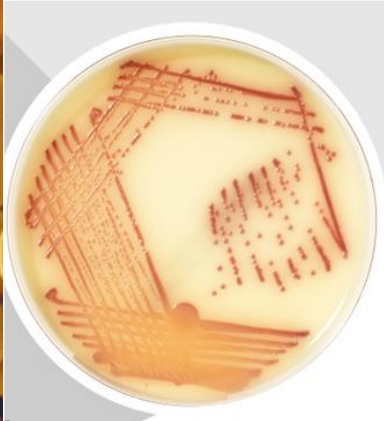
*PBP2c is not detected by the majority of commercial assays

Chromogenic media



Χρωμογόνα εκλεκτικά υλικά για MRSA

CHROMID® MRSA
SMART, bioMérieux



ChromID *S. aureus*/
ChromID MRSA, bioMérieux



Brilliance™ MRSA 2
Agar, Oxoid



Brilliance™ MRSA 2 Agar/
Brilliance™ Staph 24 Agar



MRSA Select,
Bio-Rad



ChromAgar MRSA



Variable	CHROMagar [43]	BBL-CHROMagar [43]	CHROMagar MRSA [35]
Sensitivity (%)	82–93	83–94	96–100
Specificity (%)	97–99	98–99	95–97
Turnaround time (h)	24–48	24–48	24–48
Storage for incubation	2–8 °C; dark	2–8 °C; dark	2–8 °C; dark

Variable	MRSASelect [35]	Brilliance MRSA agar [43]	ChromID [43]
Sensitivity (%)	81–93	90–96	83–94
Specificity (%)	92–97	69–87	90–96
Turnaround time (h)	18–24	18–24	
Storage for incubation	Room temperature	2–10 °C; dark	Room temperature

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Μοριακές μέθοδοι για ανίχνευση του MRSA απευθείας από το δείγμα: παραδείγματα

Molecular Method Used	Principle of the Method	On Culture/ on Clinical Sample	TAT ¹
Xpert [®] SA Nasal Complete (Cepheid)	Real-time PCR for <i>mecA/C</i> , <i>spa</i> and <i>SCCmec-orfX</i>	Nasal samples	1 h
Xpert [®] MRSA/SA BC Assay (Cepheid)	Real-time PCR for <i>mecA/C</i> , <i>spa</i> and <i>SCCmec-orfX</i>	Positive blood cultures	1.7 h
Xpert [®] MRSA/SA SSTI (Cepheid)	Real-time PCR for <i>mecA/C</i> , <i>spa</i> and <i>SCCmec-orfX</i>	BAL samples	68 m



Molecular Method Used	Principle of the Method	On Culture/ on Clinical Sample	TAT ¹	Brief Advan- tages/Disadvantages +/-
Hologic Panther Fusion [®] MRSA	PCR and Invader chemistries for <i>mecA/C</i> , <i>gap</i> and <i>SCCmec-orfX</i>	Nasal samples	<3 h	+ Can analyze 350 samples in 8 h – Need comparison with a similar method
MRSA/SA ELITe MGB assay (ELITech-Group)	Real time PCR for <i>mecA/C</i> and a <i>S. aureus</i> specific sequence	Sputum, tracheal aspirate, BAL	<3 h	+ Accurate – Do not target <i>SCCmec-orfX</i> junction
Eazyplex [®] MRSA	LAMP targeting <i>S. aureus</i> , <i>S. epidermidis</i> , <i>mecA/C</i>	Positive blood cultures	1 h	+ Portable; faster than similar methods – Need optimization for CONS

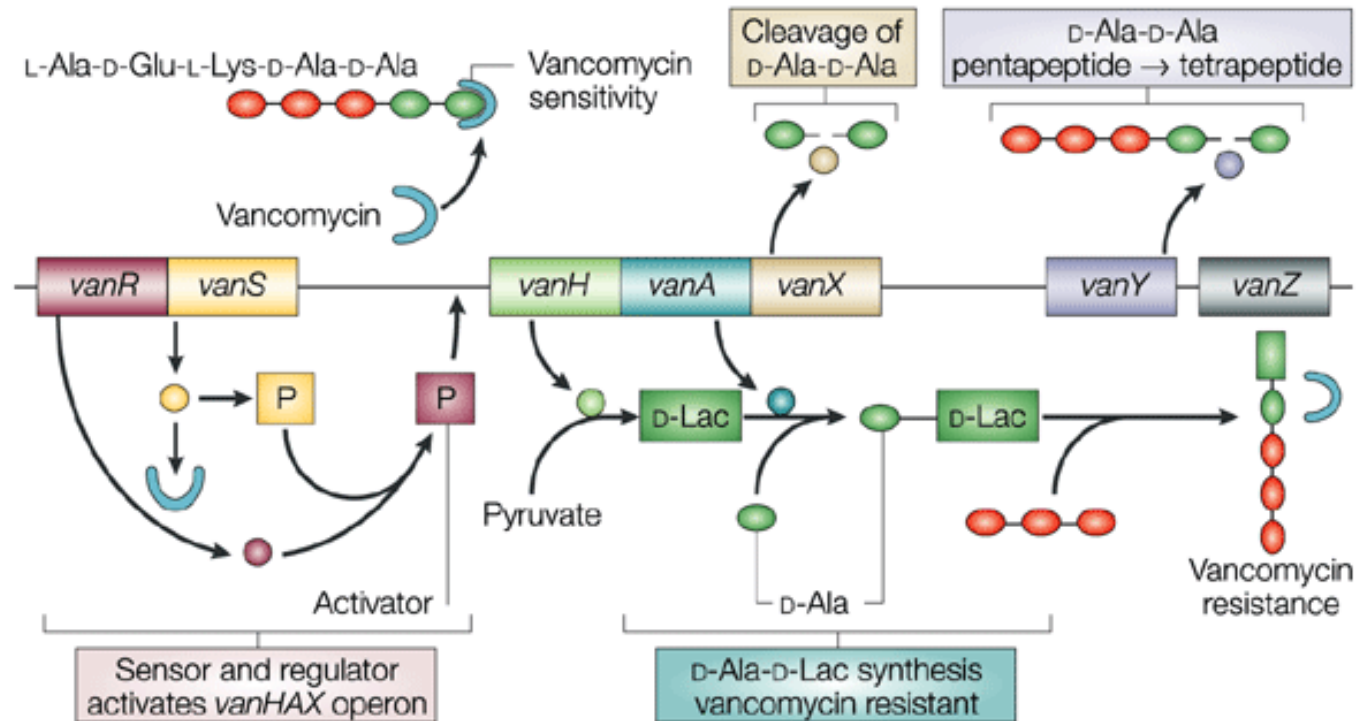
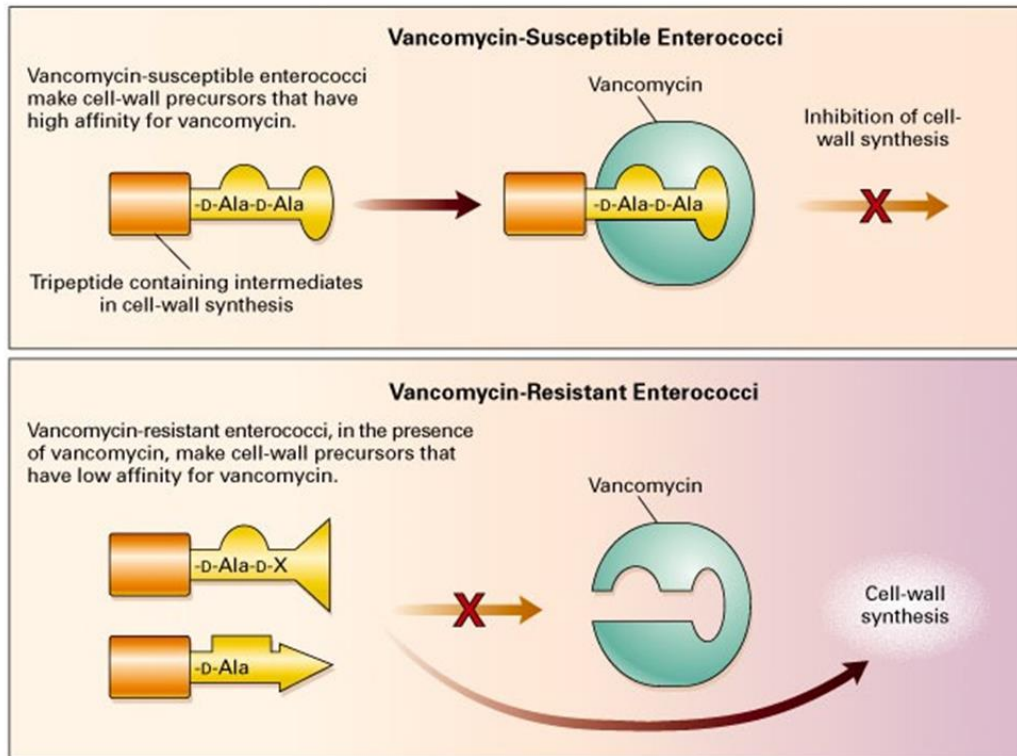


VRE, μηχανισμός αντοχής: τροποποίηση στόχου δράσης

Σύνθεση πεπτιδογλυκάνης που φέρει
πλευρικές πενταπεπτιδικές
αλυσίδες που καταλήγουν σε

D-ala-D-lactate
(VanA, VanB, VanD)

D-ala-D-serine
(VanC, VanE,
VanG, VanL, VanN)

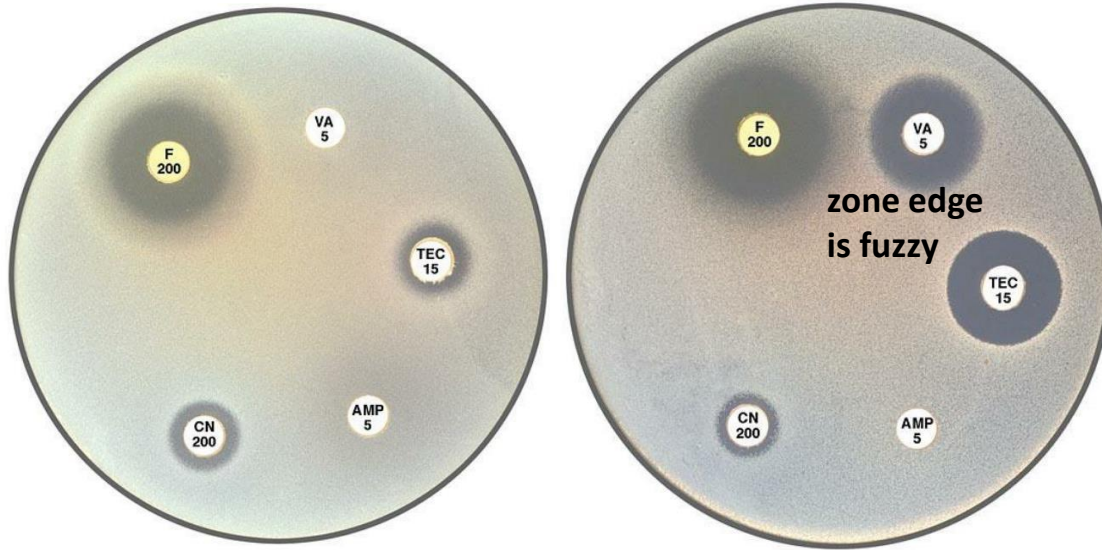


Glycopeptide resistance due to *van*-type gene clusters

Resistance level	Acquired							Intrinsic
	High	Variable	Moderate	Low				Low
Type	VanA	VanB	VanD	VanE	VanG	VanL	VanN	VanC
MIC in mg/L:								
Vancomycin	≥16	≥4	≥64	6–32	12–16	8	8	2–32
Teicoplanin	>8	0,5–1	4–64	0,5	0,5			0,5–1
Expression	Inducible	Inducible	Constitutive/ Inducible (<i>vanD2</i>)	Inducible/ (Constitutive)	Inducible			Constitutive/ Inducible
<i>van</i> ligase gene	<i>vanA</i>	<i>vanB1–B3</i>	<i>vanD1–5</i>	<i>vanE</i>	<i>vanG1–2</i>	<i>vanL</i>	<i>vanN</i>	<i>vanC1–C3</i>
Modified target	D-alanine-D-lactate	D-alanine-D-lactate	D-alanine-D-lactate	D-alanine-D-serine	D-alanine-D-serine	D-alanine-D-serine	D-alanine-D-serine?	D-alanine-D-serine
Conjugative transfer	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Location	Plasmid/chromosome on transposon(s)	Plasmid/chromosome ± transposon/ICE ^a	Chromosome	Chromosome	Chromosome on possible ICE	Chromosome?	Plasmid	Chromosome
Distribution	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i> <i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> <i>Enterococcus avium</i> <i>Enterococcus casseliflavus</i> <i>Enterococcus durans</i> <i>Enterococcus gallinarum</i> <i>Enterococcus hirae</i> <i>Enterococcus mundtii</i> <i>Enterococcus raffinosus</i> <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> <i>Bacillus circulans</i> <i>Oerskovia turbata</i> <i>Arcanobacterium haemolyticum</i> <i>Paenibacillus</i> <i>Rhodococcus</i>	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i> <i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> <i>Enterococcus casseliflavus</i> <i>Enterococcus durans</i> <i>Enterococcus gallinarum</i> <i>Enterococcus hirae</i> <i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i> <i>Streptococcus</i> <i>Clostridium</i> <i>Ruminococcus</i> <i>Eggerthella</i>	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i> <i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> <i>Enterococcus avium</i> <i>Enterococcus gallinarum</i> <i>Enterococcus raffinosus</i> Non-enterococcal faecal flora	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> Non-enterococcal faecal flora	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	<i>Enterococcus gallinarum</i> – <i>vanC1</i> <i>Enterococcus casseliflavus</i> – <i>vanC2/3</i>

Ανίχνευση VRE: παραδείγματα

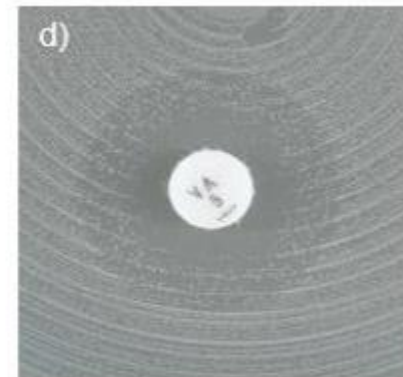
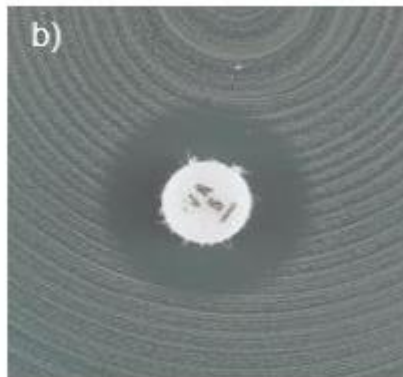
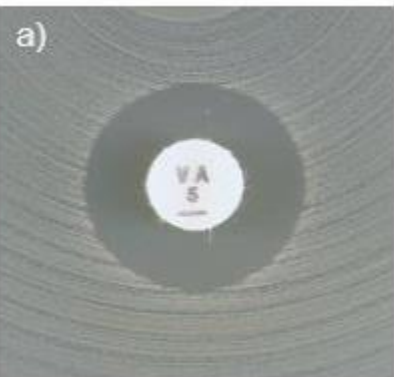
Μέθοδος διάχυσης των δίσκων



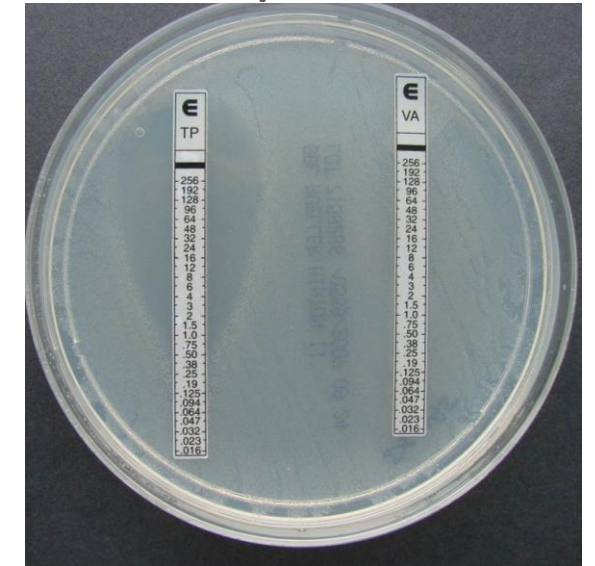
Isolates must not be reported susceptible before 24 h incubation

sharp zone edges

Confirmatory testing with PCR or report **resistant** even if the zone diameter is ≥ 12 mm



Ταινίες διαβαθμισμένης συγκέντρωσης αντιβιοτικών



Ανίχνευση VRE: παραδείγματα

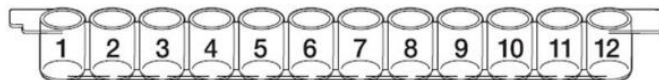
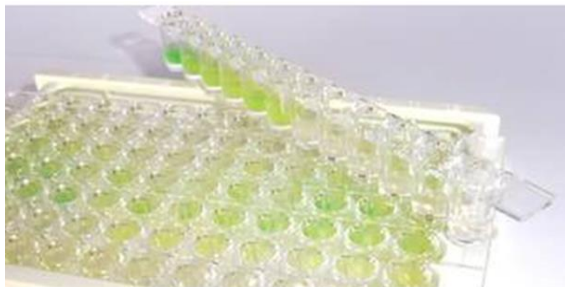
Αυτοματοποιημένα συστήματα

Bionumber: 532047265773771
Organism Quantity:

Selected Organism: Enterococcus faecium

Antimicrobial	MIC	Interpretation	Antimicrobial	MIC	Interpretation
Cefoxitin Screen			Moxifloxacin	(-)	(-)
Benzylpenicillin	(-)	(-)	Inducible Clindamycin Resistance		
Ampicillin	≥ 32	R	Erythromycin	(-)	(-)
Oxacillin			Clindamycin	(-)	(-)
Imipenem	≥ 16	R	Quinupristin/Dalfopristin	4	R
Gentamicin High Level (synergy)	SYN-S	S	Linezolid	1	S
Streptomycin High Level (synergy)	SYN-R	R	Daptomycin		
Gentamicin			Teicoplanin	≥ 32	R
Ciprofloxacin			Vancomycin	≥ 32	R
Urine	≥ 8	R	Tigecycline	≤ 0.12	S
Other	≥ 8		Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole		

Broth microdilution



Μοριακές μέθοδοι απευθείας από το δείγμα

VanA or VanB resistance in 20 min, from rectal swabs, blood culture or as culture confirmation



VRE Cepheid Xpert® vanA/vanB



VanA SN= 87.1%, SP=99.7%, PPV=98.0%, NPV=97.7%

VanB SN=77.6%



The saving of time to results corresponded to 141 saved isolation days and 292 saved transmission risk days.

Development and validation of a lateral flow immunoassay for rapid detection of VanA-producing enterococci

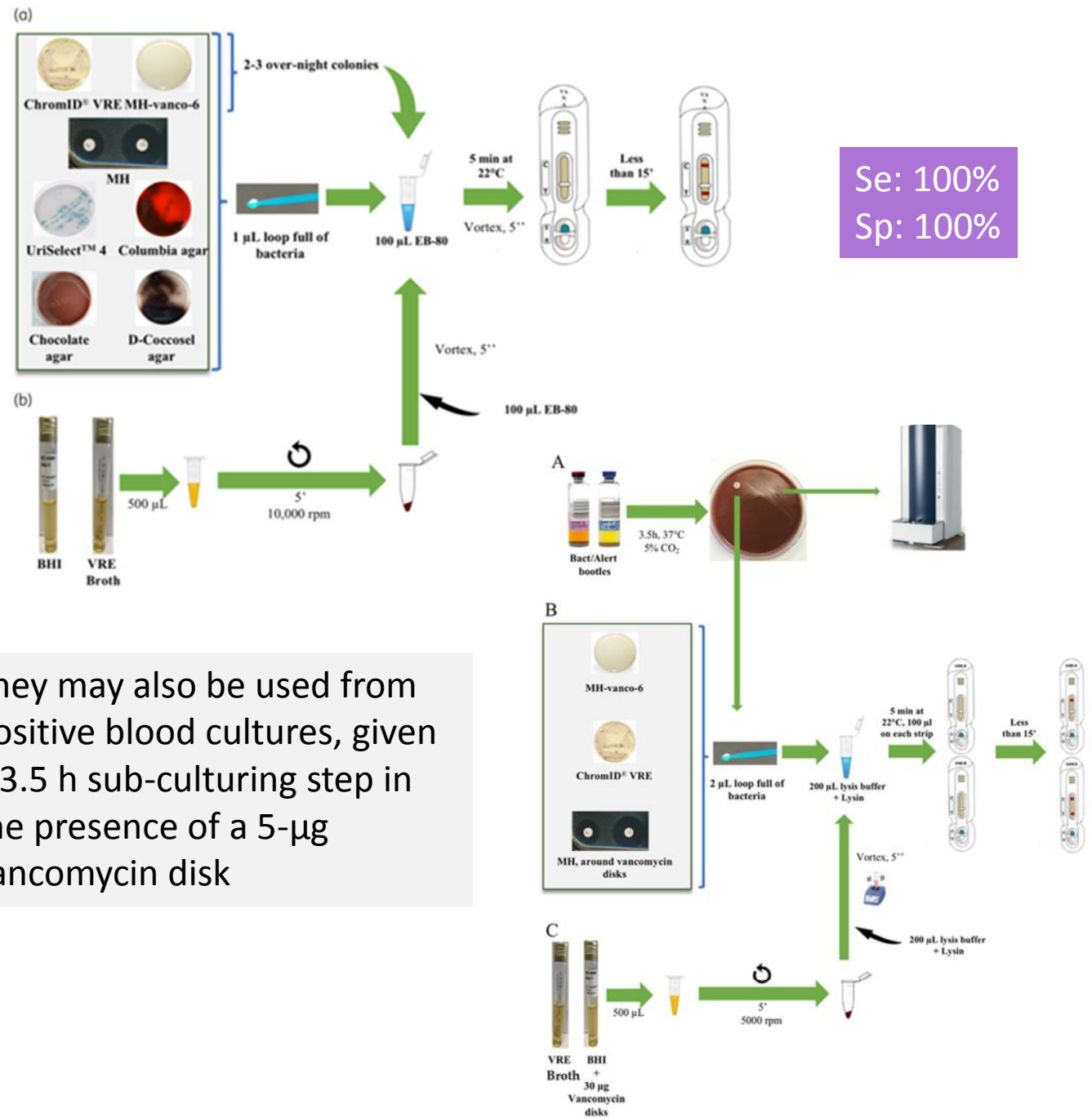
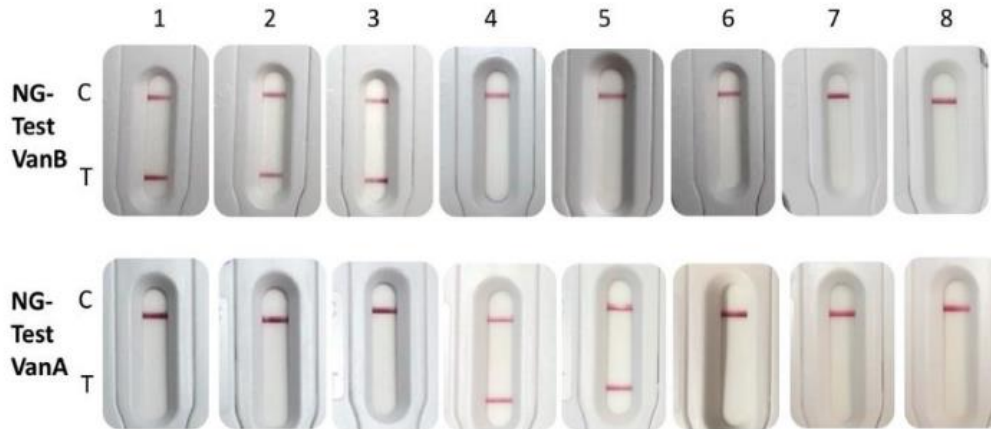
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Article

Rapid Detection of VanA/B-Producing Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococci Using Lateral Flow Immunoassay

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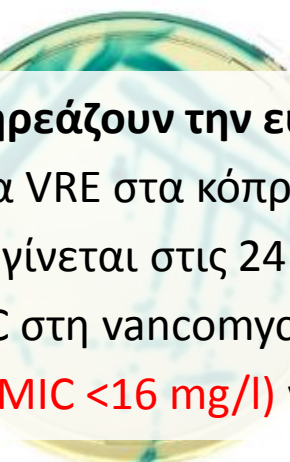
They may also be used from positive blood cultures, given a 3.5 h sub-culturing step in the presence of a 5-µg vancomycin disk

Χρωμογόνα εκλεκτικά υλικά για VRE

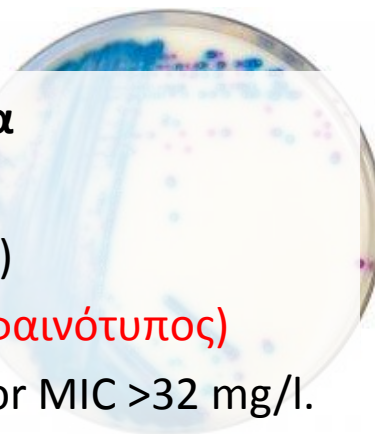
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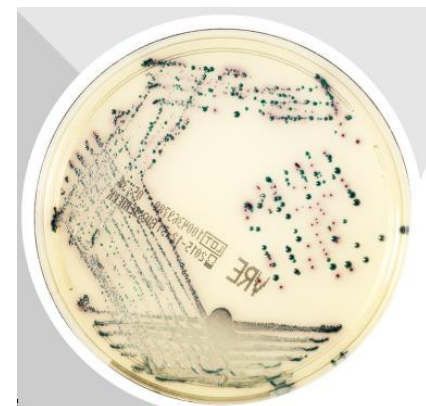
Chromatic VRE,
Liofilchem



ChromAgar® VRE



chromID® VRE,
bioMerieux



Bile-esculin-azide agar +
6 mg/L vancomycin



Παράγοντες που επηρεάζουν την ευαισθησία

- χαμηλή πυκνότητα VRE στα κόπρανα
- όταν η ανάγνωση γίνεται στις 24 h (vs 48 h)
- χαμηλές τιμές MIC στη vancomycin (**VanB φαινότυπος**)
 - **SN 25-75% (MIC <16 mg/l) vs 100% for MIC >32 mg/l.**

TABLE 2 Comparison 396 specimens (combined data)

Medium	Performance (% [95% CI]) ^b			
	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV
BEAV broth	98.0 (94.7–98.0)	100 (98.9–100)	100 (96.7–100)	99.3 (98.3–99.3)
Enterococcosel (BEAV)	84.8 (80.9–84.8)	100 (98.7–100)	100 (95.3–100)	95.2 (93.9–95.2)
InTray Colorex VRE	91.9 (86.9–94.8)	98.3 (96.6–99.3)	94.8 (89.6–97.9)	97.3 (95.7–98.3)
chromID	94.9 (91.0–95.9)	99.7 (98.3–100)	98.9 (94.8–99.9)	98.3 (97.0–98.7)
VRESelect	91.9 (87.8–92.9)	99.7 (98.3–100)	98.9 (94.4–99.9)	97.4 (96.0–97.7)
HardyCHROM VRE	89.9 (85.6–90.9)	99.7 (98.2–100)	98.9 (94.2–99.9)	96.7 (95.4–97.0)
Spectra VRE	93.9 (89.9–94.9)	99.7 (98.3–100)	98.9 (94.7–99.9)	98.0 (96.7–98.3)

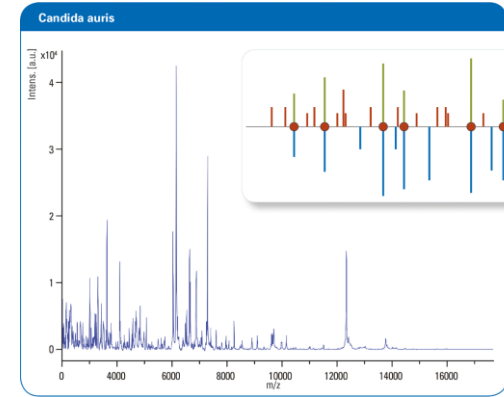
Τα χρωμογόνα υπερέχουν έναντι του BEAV: SN 89.9-93.9% vs 84.8%
Αποτελέσματα διαθέσιμα 24-48 h νωρίτερα

Επιλογή σύμφωνα με:

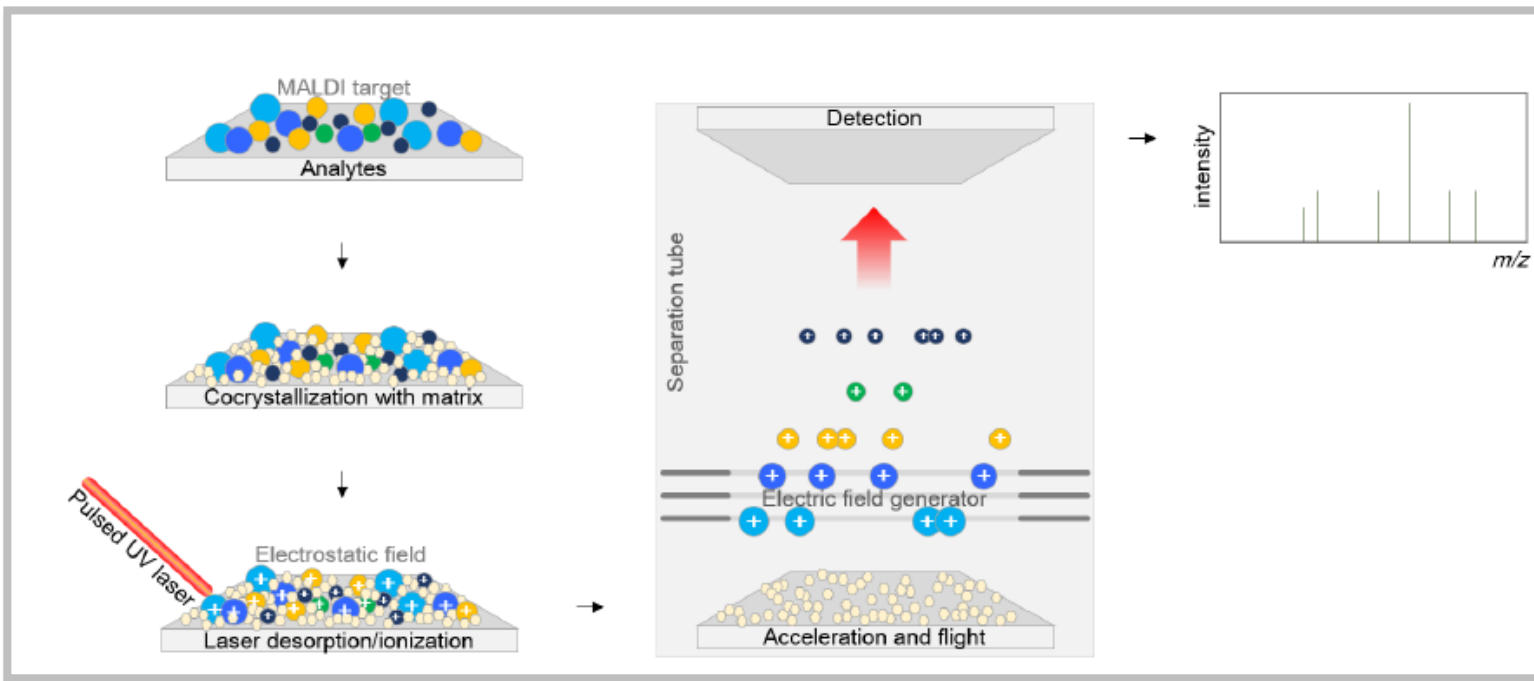
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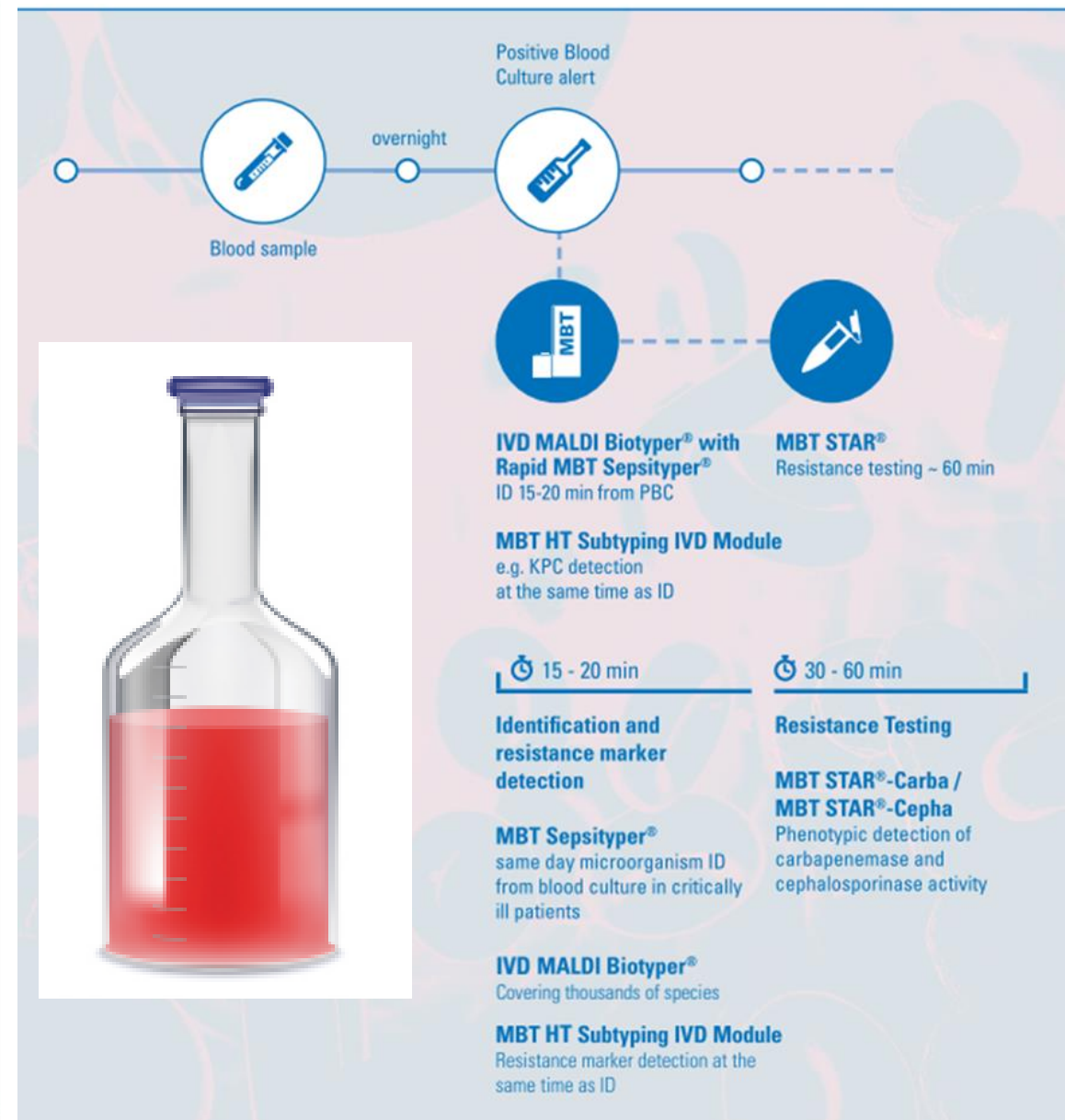
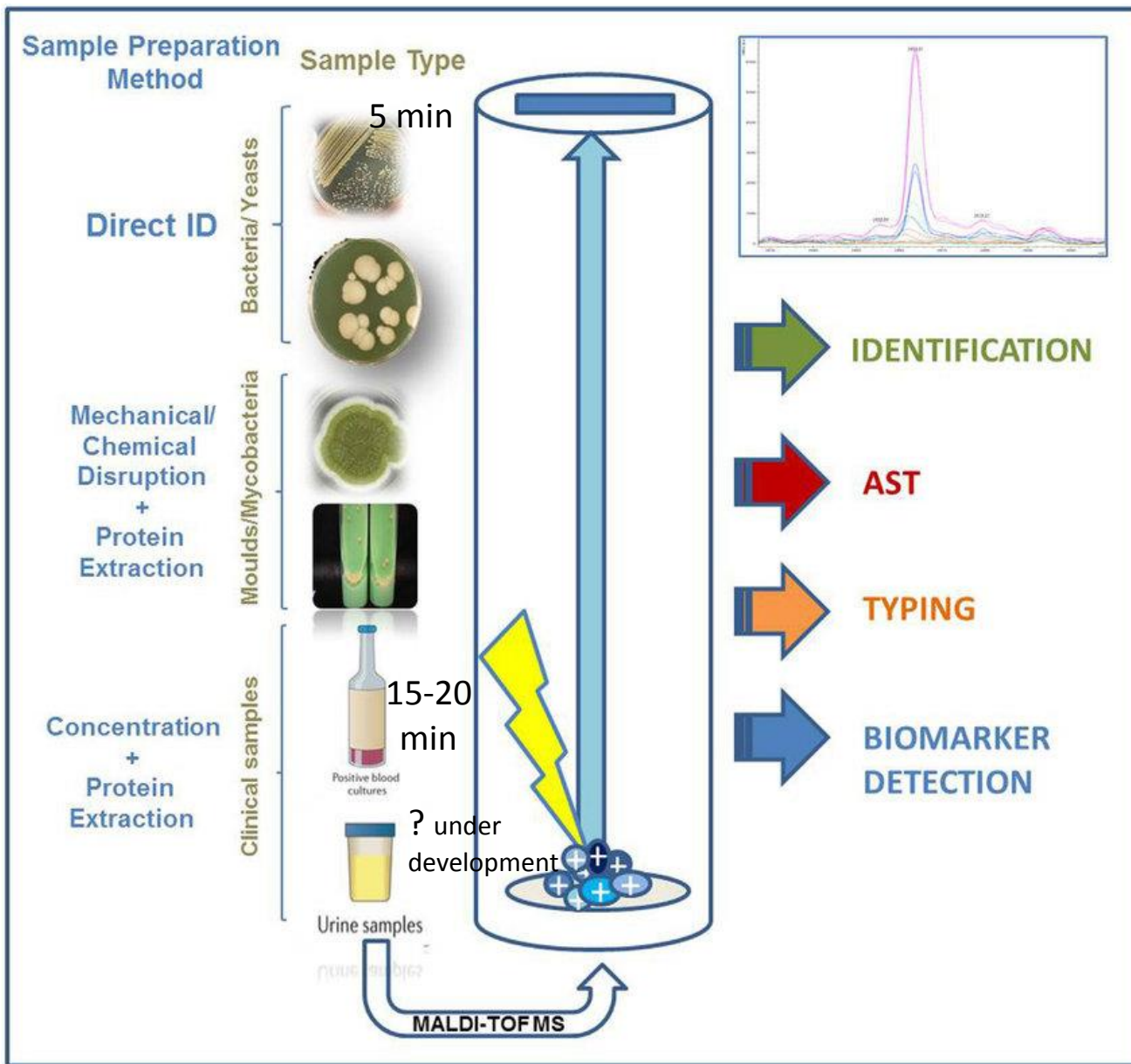
MALDI-TOF Mass Spectrometry και ανίχνευση αντοχής

Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization
(MALDI) Time-Of-Flight (TOF)
Mass Spectrometry



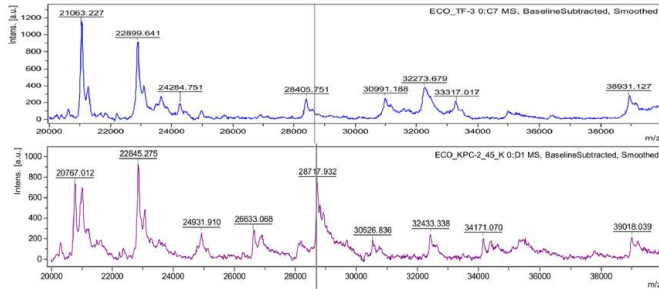
System analysis time to ID result:
95 isolates + 1 QC sample ~5 min





MALDI-TOF Mass Spectrometry και ανίχνευση αντοχής

Identification of the KPC producer



beta-lactamases
Porin defects

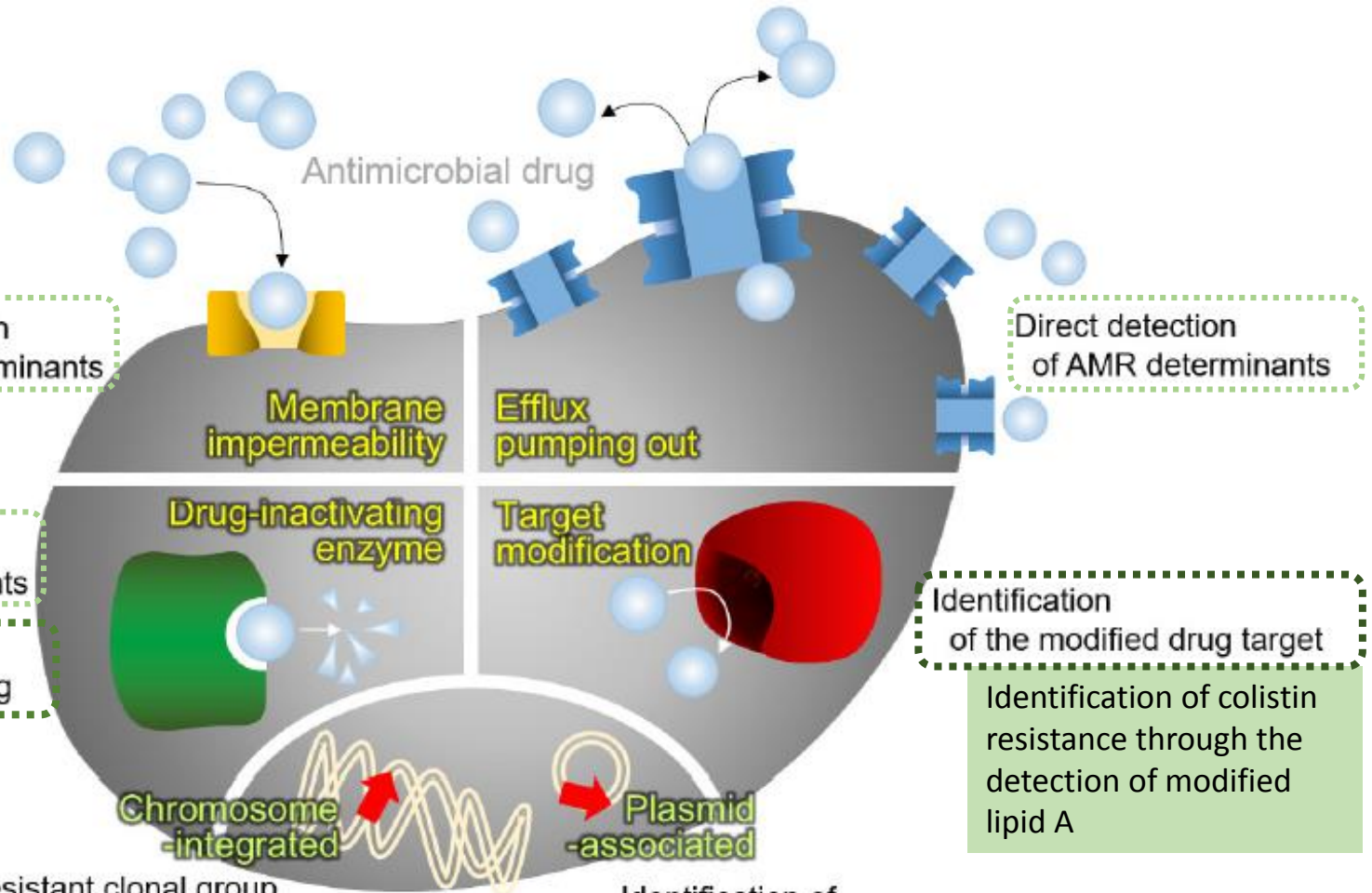
Direct detection
of AMR determinants

The modified antibiotics
change their molecular
weights.
AMR is identified by
detecting the peak shift
using the MALDI-TOF MS
methodology

MALDI-TOF MS protein
fingerprints of well-
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Direct detection
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Identification
of the modified drug

Identification of
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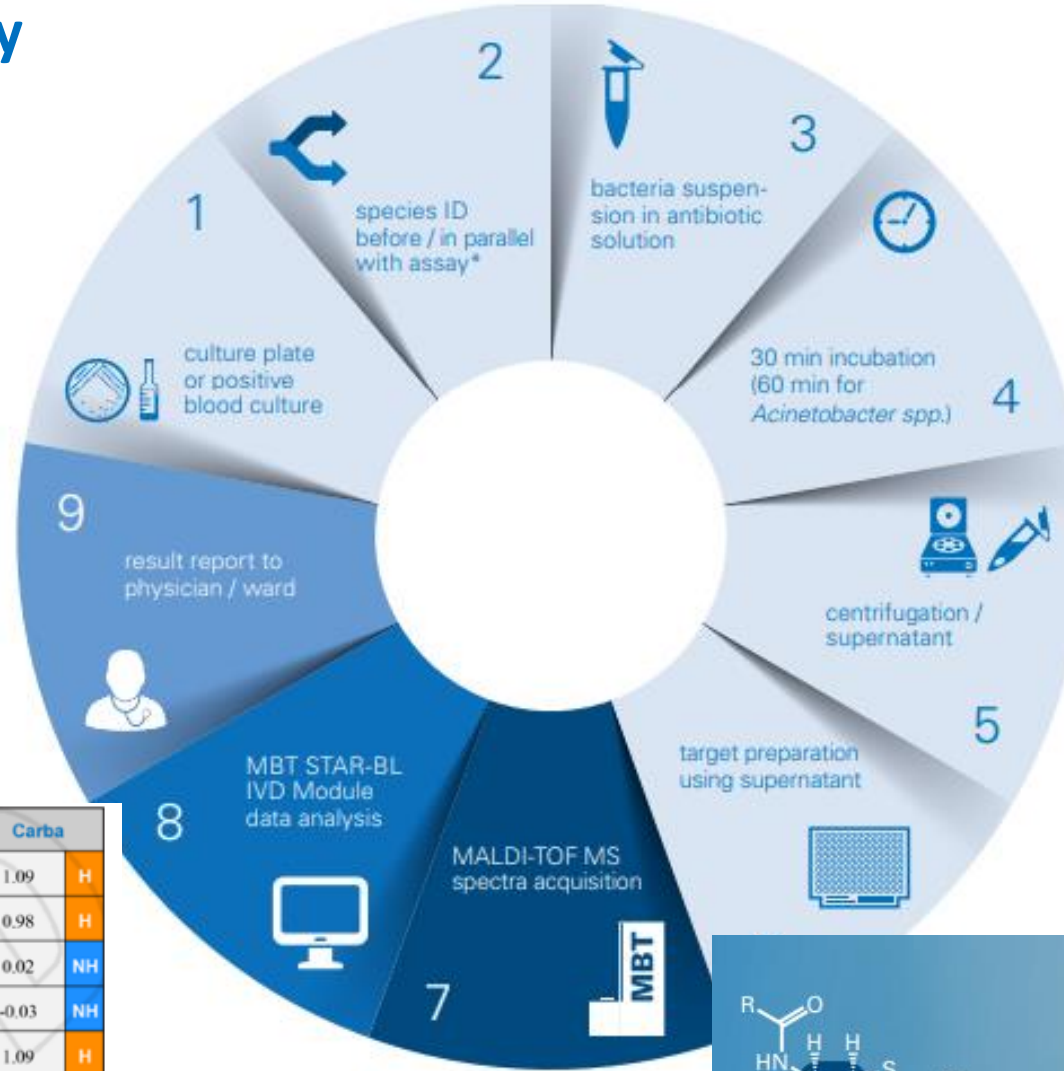


MALDI-TOF Mass Spectrometry και ανίχνευση αντοχής

MBT STAR®-Carba IVD Assay



Sensitivity 93.9%
specificity, 100%



Bacteria with active carbapenemase will inactivate the carbapenem antibiotic by hydrolysis of the β -lactam ring, **which is associated with a detectable mass shift.**

In assays with bacteria without active carbapenemase, only peaks corresponding to the intact antibiotic will be present in the mass spectrum.

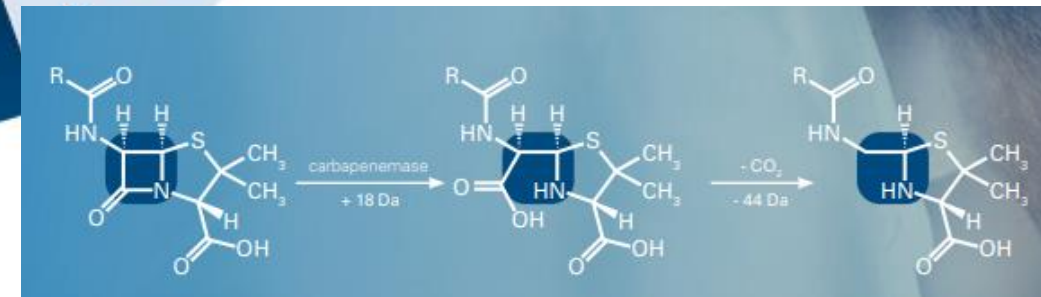
In assays with bacteria with active carbapenemase, peaks of the intact antibiotic will decrease.

Sample	Species	Control ID	Carba
Sample 1	Klebsiella pneumoniae	confirmed	1.09 H
Sample 2	Klebsiella pneumoniae	confirmed	0.98 H
Sample 3	Escherichia coli	confirmed	0.02 NH
neg. control		not performed	-0.03 NH
pos. control		not performed	1.09 H
Δ controls			1.47

H	Hydrolyzed ¹
NH	Non-hydrolyzed ²

Se: 100%, Sp: 100%

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MBT STAR®-Cepha IVD Assay

-  Positive blood culture[§] or culture plate
-  Optional species ID before / in parallel (control ID) with assay*
-  Bacteria suspension in antibiotic solution
-  30 min incubation
-  MALDI target plate preparation
-  MALDI-TOF MS spectra acquisition and automated data analysis by MBT STAR-BL IVD Module

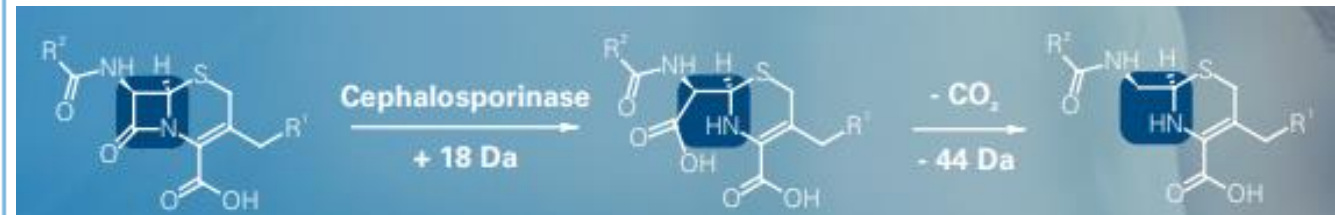


Se: 94%

Sp: 97%

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Hydrolysis of β -lactam ring leads to mass shifts that can easily be detected by MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry



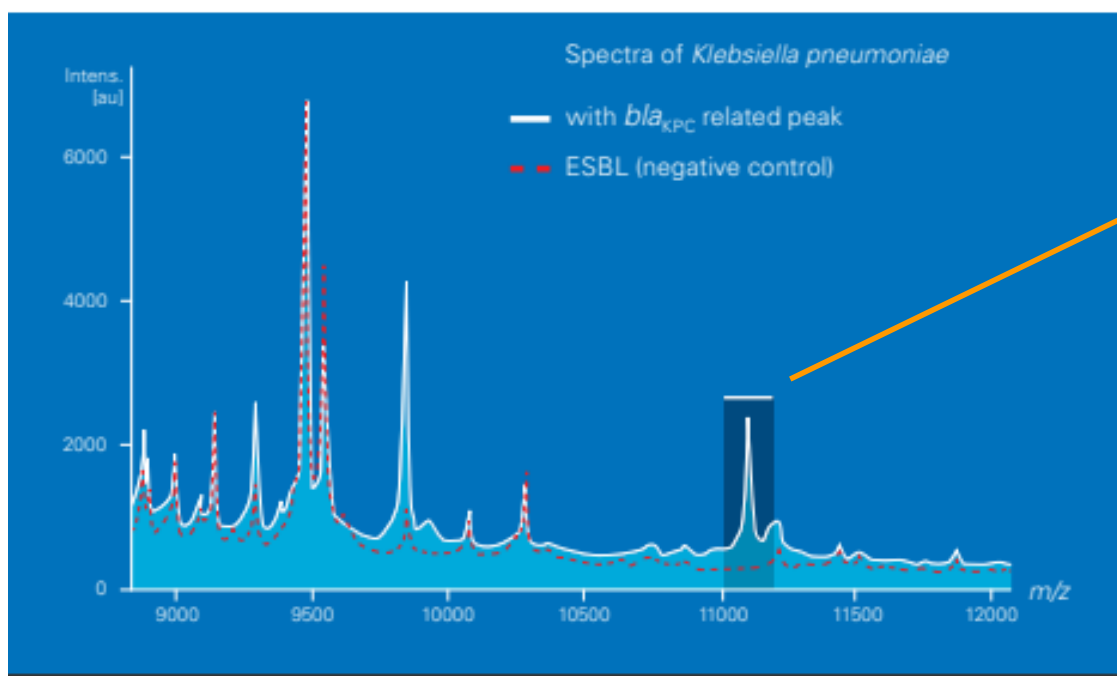
Sample	Species	Control ID	Cepha
Sample 1	Escherichia coli	confirmed	1.28 H
Sample 2	Escherichia coli	confirmed	1.14 H
Sample 3	Klebsiella variicola	confirmed	-0.55 NH
neg.control		not performed	-0.10 NH
pos.control		not performed	1.04 H
Δ controls			1.12

H	Hydrolyzed ¹
NH	Non-hydrolyzed ²

MALDI-TOF Mass Spectrometry και ανίχνευση αντοχής

MBT Subtyping IVD Module

Quick detection of *bla*_{KPC} expressing *K. pneumoniae* and *E. coli*



*A peak in MALDI-TOF mass spectra of KPC-producing *K. pneumoniae*, related to the plasmid carrying *bla*_{KPC} (pKpQIL). This peak at 11,109 m/z is clearly detectable in MALDI-TOF mass spectra.

Prerequisite for the automated detection process is the successful ID.

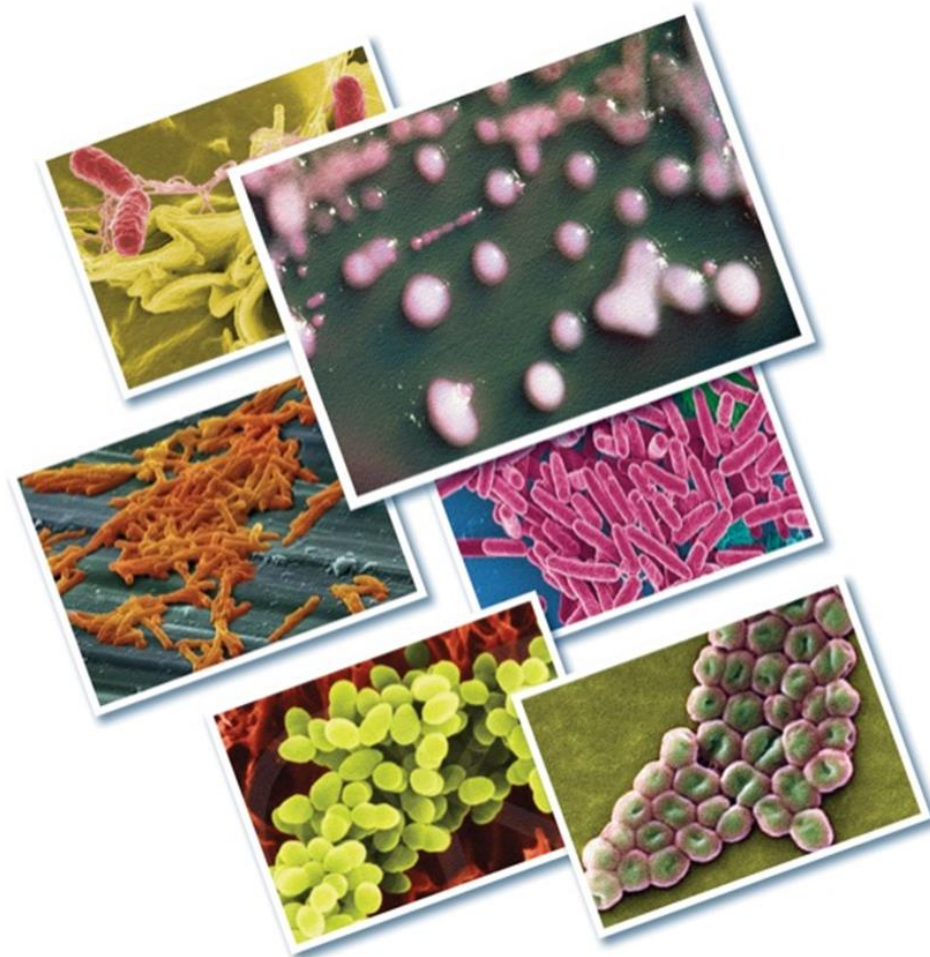
The MBT HT Subtyping IVD Module then looks for the *bla*_{KPC} related peak in the sample spectrum and, if present, the software will report this sample as a KPC positive one.

KPC detection of *K. pneumoniae* and *E. coli* includes only strains with a *bla*_{KPC} pKpQIL plasmid.

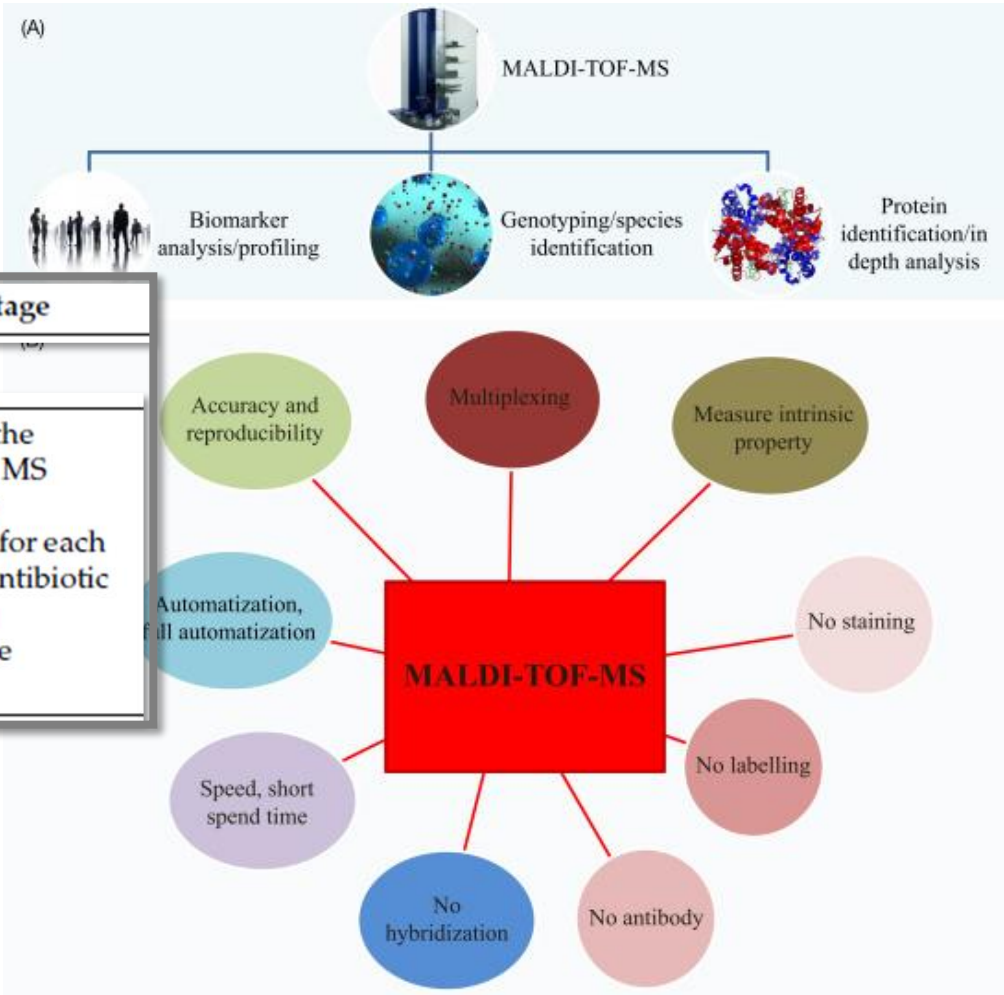
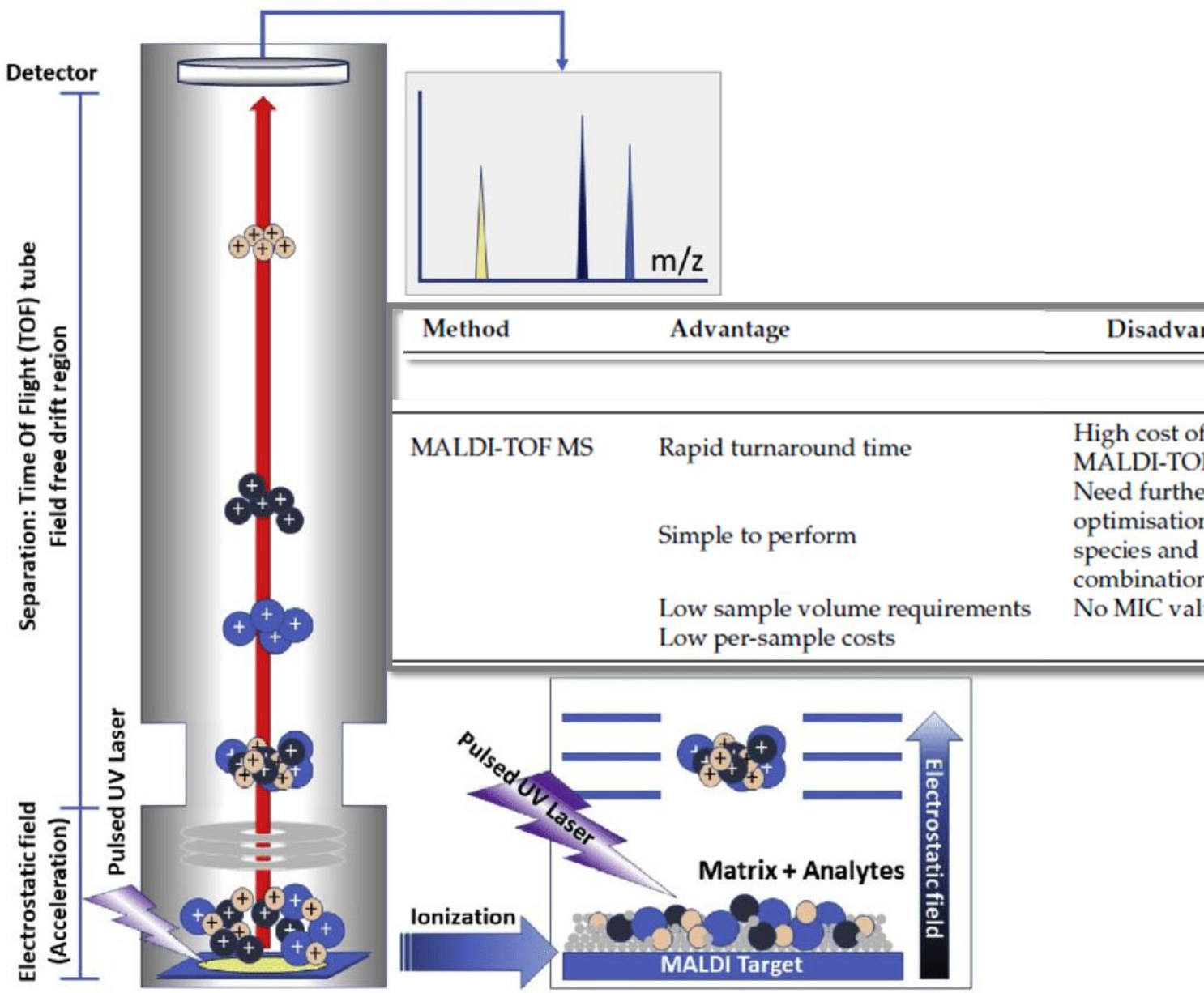
If the gene expression rate is low, there will be no characteristic peak and no KPC subtyping alert.

Cultivation media and conditions might suppress or induce a signal at m/z 11,109 which is not related to a KPC resistance. Therefore, Columbia Agar with 5% sheep blood agar must be used for cultivation of *K. pneumoniae* and *E. coli*.

Applications of MALDI-TOF MS for specific AMR detection



Organism	Antibiotic	Year (Reference)
<i>E. coli</i>	Polymyxins	2018 [122]
<i>E. coli</i>	Colistin	2019 [123]
<i>E. coli</i> <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	Beta-lactams (ESBL-producing isolates)	2019 [124]
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> <i>S. intermedius</i> <i>S. pseudintermedius</i>	Novobiocin Polymyxin B Acriflavine	2019 [125]
<i>S. aureus</i>	Methicillin	2019 [126]
<i>Candida auris</i>	Echinocandins	2019 [127]
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> <i>Bacteroides fragilis</i> <i>S. aureus</i>	Carbapenems (carbapenemase-producing isolates) Methicillin	2019 [128]
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	Carbapenems (carbapenemase-producing isolates)	2019 [129]
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	Carbapenem	2019 [130]
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Beta-lactams (MBL)	2019 [131]
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	Vancomycin	2019 [132]
<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	Carbapenems (carbapenemase-producing isolates)	2019 [133]
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	Colistin	2020 [134]
<i>E. coli</i> <i>K. pneumoniae</i>	Cefotaxime Meropenem, Ciprofloxacin	2020 [135]
<i>S. aureus</i> <i>Enterococcus</i> species <i>E. coli</i> <i>K. pneumoniae</i>	Oxacillin (methicillin) Vancomycin Ceftriaxone Meropenem	2020 [136]
<i>Enterobacterales</i>	Imipenem/Relebactam	2020 [137]
<i>S. aureus</i>	Methicillin	2020 [138]

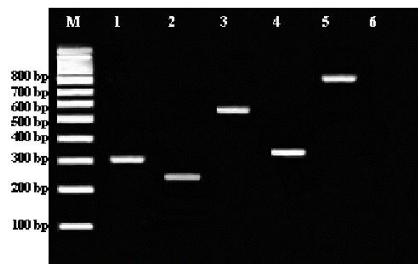
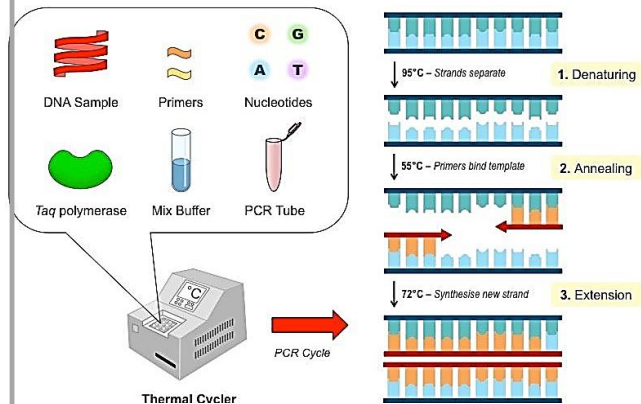




Μοριακές μέθοδοι: από την PCR στο mNGS

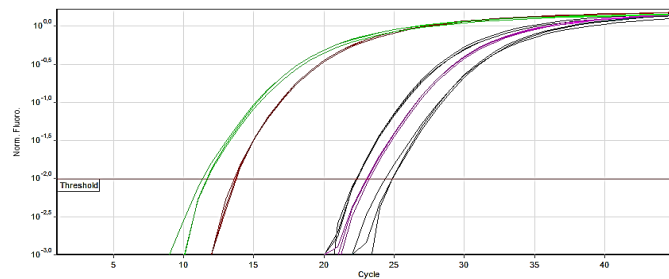
Gene(s) amplification + amplicons detection

Single / Multiplex Endpoint PCR



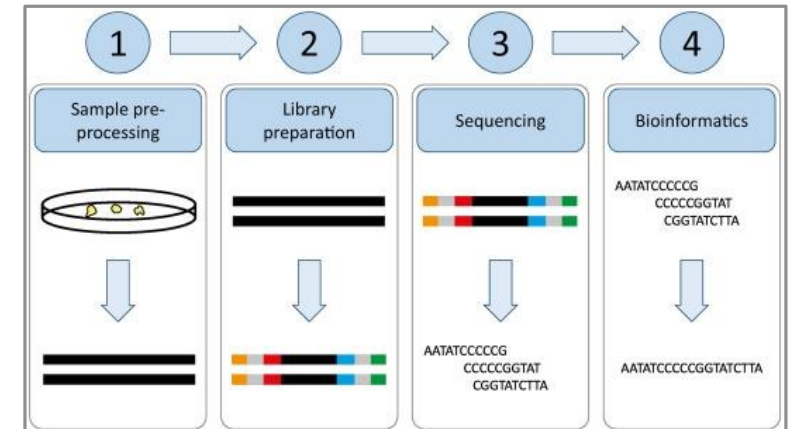
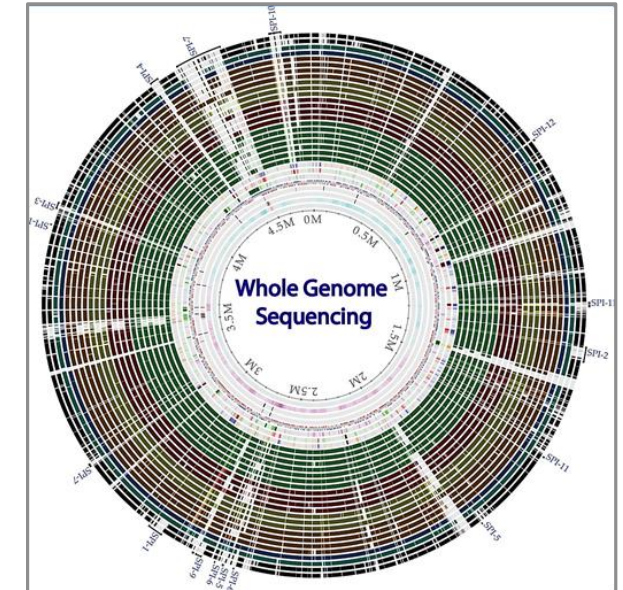
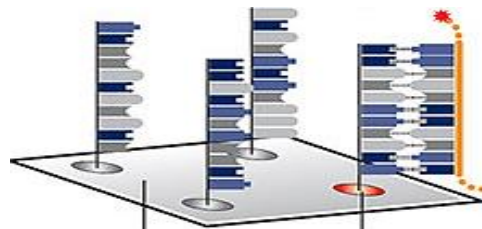
Διαδικασία εργώδης
Κίνδυνος επιμολύνσεων

Single / Multiplex Real time PCR



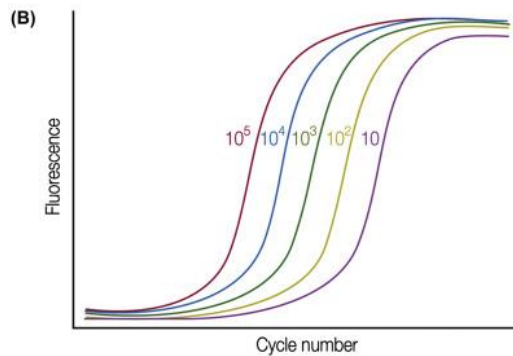
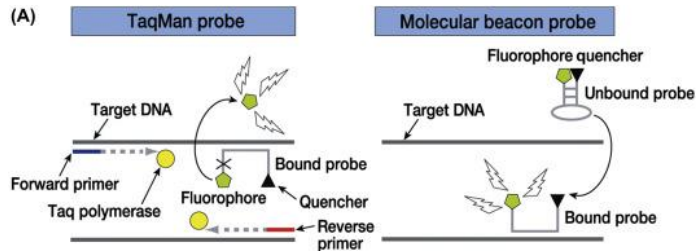
Multiplexing and miniaturization
of the hybridization step

PCR / hybridization σε microarray

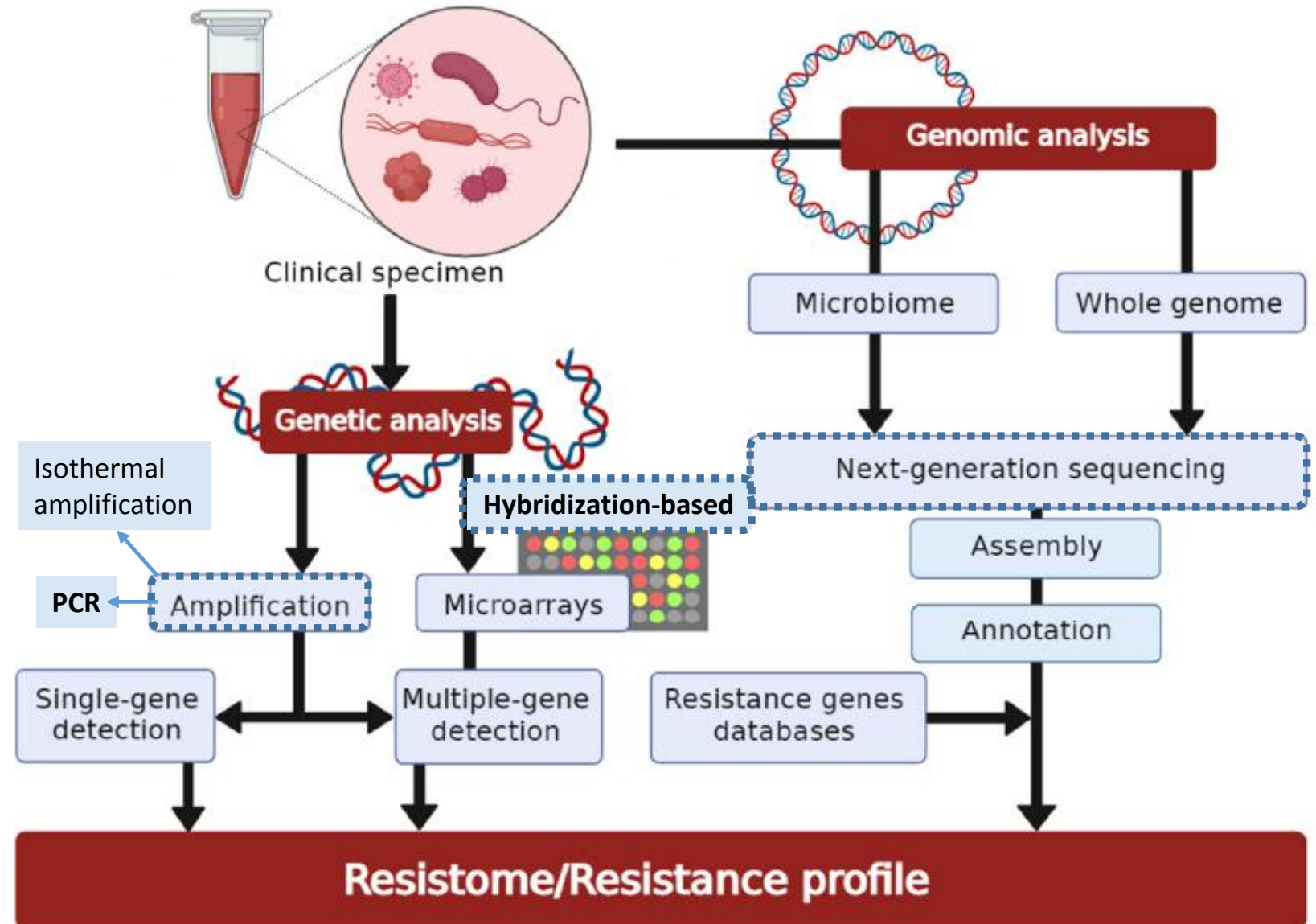


The basic workflow of molecular-based techniques for AMR detection

Real-time PCR (qPCR)



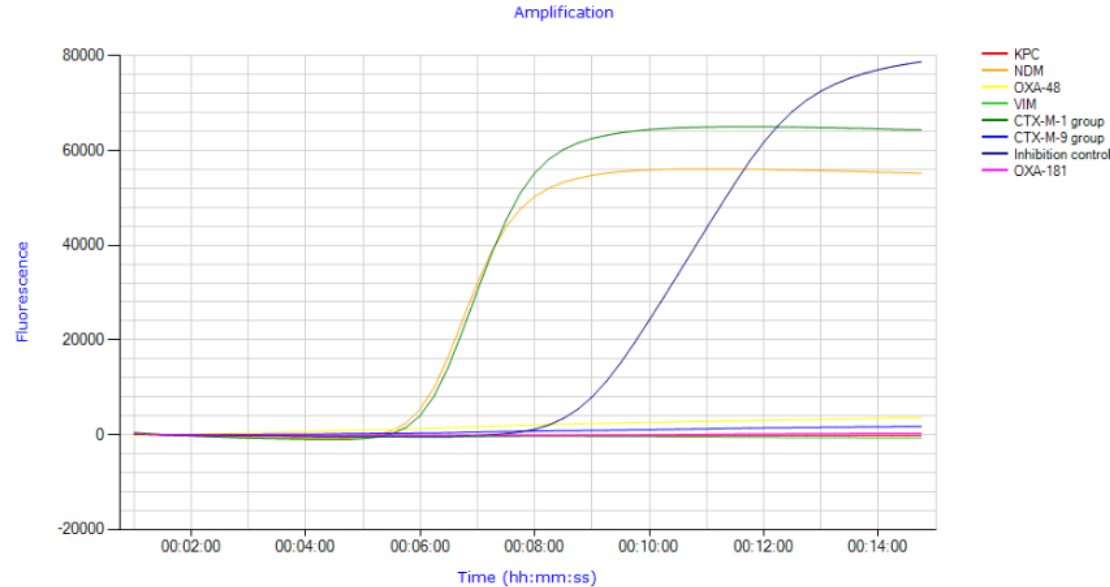
- measurement of data in real-time
- greater sensitivity
- reduced risk of contamination
- greater amenity to multiplexing
- many systems are partially or even completely automated



Ισοθερμικές μοριακές μέθοδοι και ανίχνευση αντοχής: παράδειγμα

Loop-mediated isothermal amplification technology and a real-time PCR platform
No DNA/RNA extraction necessary

eazyplex[®], Amplex



TAT= 20-30 min

Sample: swab, culture

eazyplex[®] SuperBug CRE

KPC, NDM, OXA-48, OXA-181 and VIM
ESBL genes: CTX-M-1 and CTX-M-9 group

TAT= 15-20 min

Direct screening from **rectal swab and urine**
Confirmation from **positive BC and agar plate**

eazyplex SuperBug Acineto

OXA-51, OXA-23-, -40- and -58-like
and NDM
in 15 minutes

	SuperBug complete A	SuperBug complete B	SuperBug complete C
NDM	X	X	X
VIM	X	X	X
KPC	X	X	X
OXA-48	X	X	X
OXA-23	X	X	
OXA-40	X	X	
OXA-58	X		
OXA-181		X	X
IMP			X

Μοριακές μέθοδοι και ανίχνευση αντοχής: παραδείγματα

Xpert® Carba-R, Cepheid

TAT: 48-minutes



Targeted genes

KPC, NDM, VIM, IMP, OXA-48
(covering OXA-181 & OXA-232)

Δείγμα

Ορθικός
στυλεός
Αποικίες

¹Overall percentage agreement with WGS: 92.8%

²Metanalysis of 17 studies involving 15,972 samples
Pooled Se= 95%, Sp= 99%

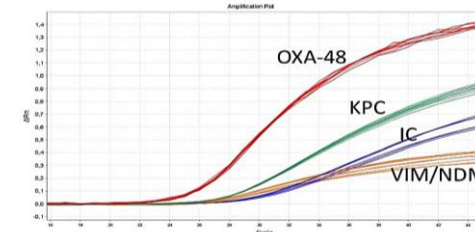
In high-risk populations: Se= 99%, Sp= 98%

1. Khoo BY et al. J Clin Microbiol. 2023;61(9):e0031623.
2. Bai Y et al. J Mol Diagn. 2021;23(11):1534-1544.

Check-Direct CPE® assay, (Checks points)



TAT: 2 h
(+DNA extraction)



Targeted genes	Specimen	Technology/ instrumentation
KPC, VIM, NDM, OXA-48	Rectal swab Strains	Two-step ligation-mediated multiplex real-time PCR amplification – micro array hybridization / non-dedicated platform

867 samples from 627 patients (Reference method: culture + PCR)

CPO assay Se= 95.7%, SP= 96.5%, PPV= 60.8% and NPV= 99.8%

Xpert assay

Se= 97.9%, Sp= 99.8%, PPV= 95.8%, and NPV= 99.9%

The CPO assay: useful when handling many specimens, as tests are conducted in batches.

Positive cases showing high Ct values should be confirmed by another assay to rule out false positivity.

Συμβατική vs. ταχεία διάγνωση

Εμπειρική
αγωγή



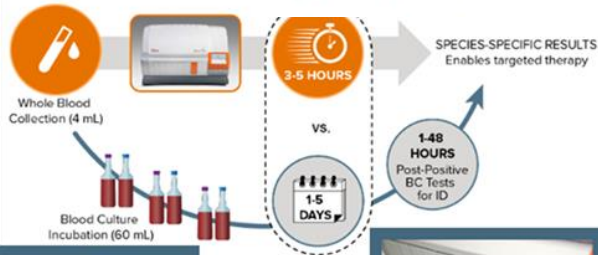
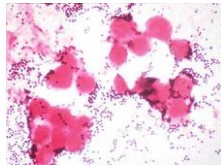
Ολικό αίμα



Θετική
BC



Χρώση Gram



T2Bacteria Panel

Sensitivity: 95%^{1*}
Specificity: 98%^{1*}

E. faecium
S. aureus
K. pneumoniae
P. aeruginosa
E. coli



T2RESISTANCE
PANEL

Gram-negative marker
KPC
OXA-48 Group
NDM /VIM/IMP
CTX-M 14/15
AmpC(CMY/DHA)

Gram-positive marker
vanA/B
mecA/C



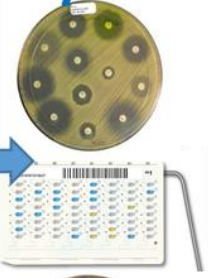
T2Candida Panel

Sensitivity: 91%³
Specificity: 99%³

Candida albicans
Candida tropicalis
Candida krusei
Candida glabrata
Candida parapsilosis

Ροή εργασίας συμβατικών μεθόδων (~48-168 h)

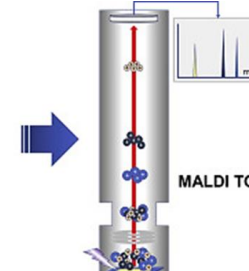
Short subculture → ID /AST



Bacteria Culture



Clinical Specimen



MALDI TOF MS

MALDI Sepsityper

VITEK MS blood culture kit

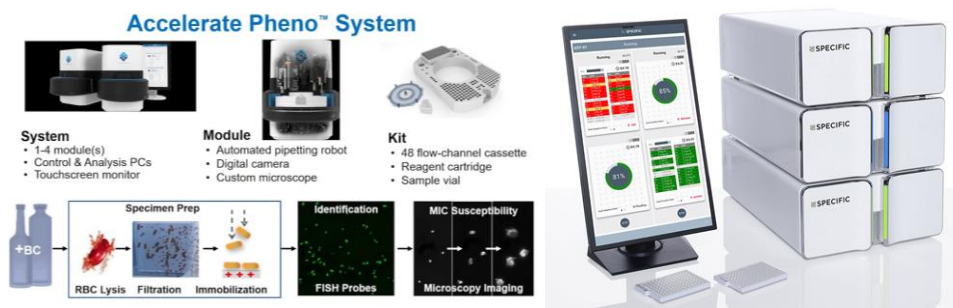
Antibiotic
Susceptibility
Testing

Microorganism
Identification

Subtyping

Ροή εργασίας
μοριακών
μεθόδων

Διάγνωση
Στοχευμένη
αγωγή





Direct MALDI-TOF MS identification from positive blood cultures

ADVANTAGES LIMITATIONS

Very rapid identification

Easy

Low additional cost

Identification difficulties with some species

Confirmation might be needed

Mixed cultures

MALDI-TOF MS identification from positive blood cultures using short sub-culture on solid medium

ADVANTAGES LIMITATIONS

Rapid identification

Very easy

Easy to integrate in lab workflow

Confirmation usually not needed

Slow-growing organisms

Mixed cultures

Molecular methods for identification from positive blood cultures

ADVANTAGES LIMITATIONS

Rapid identification

Easy

High cost

Confirmation needed

Limited pathogen panels

Reduced diagnostic accuracy for polymicrobial cultures

Sensitivity is influenced by:

- the concentration of pathogen-derived nucleic acids
- the presence of PCR inhibitors
- the sample volume

90% των αιτίων μικροβιαιμίας

DNA-based identification from whole blood

ADVANTAGES LIMITATIONS

Time advantage compared to culture

Advantage in pathogen detection under antibiotics

Limited number of pathogens in panel assays

Relatively low sensitivity (only 1-5 ml blood sampled)

Resistance detection ≠ susceptibility testing

Clinical relevance of DNAemia ?

High workload

Highly experienced staff required

High cost

Analytical cut-offs set by some manufacturers

Does not substitute culture-based testing

Ολικό αίμα



Prevalence of Antibiotic-Resistant Pathogens in Culture-Proven Sepsis and Outcomes Associated With Inadequate and Broad-Spectrum Empiric Antibiotic Use

Resistant GP isolated in 13.6% of patients
Resistant GN in 13.2%
Both undertreatment (failure to cover organisms)
and overtreatment (resistant organisms targeted but not isolated)
were associated with higher mortality after detailed risk adjustment.

N= 17 430 adults with culture-positive sepsis
 admitted to 104 US hospitals
 67% received empiric broad-spectrum antibiotics

Is there risk associated with the receipt of empiric broad-spectrum antibiotics?

Table 2.

Outcomes Associated With Inadequate and Unnecessarily Broad Empiric Antibiotic Therapy^a

Outcome	Inadequate vs adequate empiric therapy						Unnecessarily broad vs not unnecessarily broad empiric therapy ^b					
	No./total No. (%)		Unadjusted OR (95% CI)	P value	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P value	No./total No. (%)		Unadjusted OR (95% CI)	P value	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P value
	Inadequate	Adequate empiric therapy					Unnecessarily broad	Not unnecessarily broad				
In-hospital death	488/2785 (17.5)	2011/12 388 (16.3)	1.10 (0.98-1.22)	.09	1.19 (1.03-1.37)	.02	1575/8405 (18.7)	436/3993 (10.9)	1.88 (1.68-2.11)	<.001	1.22 (1.06-1.40)	.007
Hospital-onset acute kidney injury	486/2785 (17.5)	2196/12 398 (17.7)	0.98 (0.88-1.09)	.74	1.02 (0.90-1.16)	.72	1641/8405 (19.5)	555/3993 (13.9)	1.50 (1.35-1.67)	<.001	1.12 (1.00-1.26)	.05
<i>Clostridioides difficile</i>	207/2785 (7.4)	498/12 398 (4.0)	1.92 (1.63-2.27)	<.001	1.19 (0.98-1.45)	.09	367/8405 (4.4)	131/3993 (3.3)	1.34 (1.10-1.65)	.004	1.26 (1.01-1.57)	.04

These findings underscore the need for better tests to rapidly identify patients with resistant pathogens

FilmArray BCID2: 43 Targets, TAT 1 h

GRAM-NEGATIVE BACTERIA

Acinetobacter baumannii complex
Bacteroides fragilis

Enterobacterales

Enterobacter cloacae complex
Escherichia coli
Klebsiella aerogenes
Klebsiella oxytoca
Klebsiella pneumoniae group
Proteus spp.
Salmonella spp.
Serratia marcescens

Haemophilus influenzae
Neisseria meningitidis
Pseudomonas aeruginosa
Stenotrophomonas maltophilia

GRAM-POSITIVE BACTERIA

•*Enterococcus faecalis*
•*Enterococcus faecium*
•*Listeria monocytogenes*
•*Staphylococcus* spp.
Staphylococcus aureus
Staphylococcus epidermidis
Staphylococcus lugdunensis
•*Streptococcus* spp.
Streptococcus agalactiae
Streptococcus pneumoniae
Streptococcus pyogenes

YEAST:

•*Candida albicans*
•*Candida auris*
•*Candida glabrata*
•*Candida krusei*
•*Candida parapsilosis*
•*Candida tropicalis*
•*Cryptococcus*
(*C. neoformans*/*C. gattii*)

AMR GENES

Carbapenemases

IMP
KPC
OXA-48-like
NDM
VIM

Colistin Resistance: *mcr-1*

ESBL: CTX-M

Methicillin Resistance

mecA/C
mecA/C and *MREJ*
(MRSA)

Vancomycin Resistance:

vanA/B



5 Inject Sample into Pouch



6 Insert Pouch into FilmArray and Start Run

Nested-PCR and melting curve analysis dedicated platform

ePlex® BCID Panels



*Se 97-99%
Sp 96-99%

*Huang TD et al.
J Clin Microbiol. 2019;57(2).

Gram-positive Organisms

21 παθογόνα
6 γονίδια αντοχής
Gram-Negative Organisms

20 παθογόνα
4 γονίδια αντοχής

15
παθογόνα

Fungal Organisms

VERIGENE® Bloodstream Infection Testing Panels

Gram-Positive Blood Culture Test (BC-GP)

Species

Staphylococcus aureus
Staphylococcus epidermidis
Staphylococcus lugdunensis
Streptococcus agalactiae
Streptococcus pneumoniae
Streptococcus pyogenes
Enterococcus faecalis
Enterococcus faecium

Group

Streptococcus anginosus

Genus

Staphylococcus spp.
Streptococcus spp.
Micrococcus spp.*
Listeria spp.

Resistance

mecA (methicillin)
vanA (vancomycin)
vanB (vancomycin)

Gram-Negative Blood Culture Test (BC-GN)

Species

*Escherichia coli**
Klebsiella pneumoniae
Klebsiella oxytoca
Pseudomonas aeruginosa
*Serratia marcescens***

Genus

Acinetobacter spp.
Citrobacter spp.
Enterobacter spp.
Proteus spp.

Resistance

CTX-M (ESBL)
IMP (carbapenemase)
KPC (carbapenemase)
NDM (carbapenemase)
OXA (carbapenemase)
VIM (carbapenemase)

Se: 98.1% GN, 97.3% GP, 99.2% *Candida*

Sp: 99.9% GN, 99.8% GP, 99.9% *Candida*

Se/Sp για AMR γονίδια: 98.4-100/98.3-100%

Salimnia H et al J Clin Microbiol 2016.

Micro-array hybridization
dedicated platform



TAT 2-2.5 h



Συνδρομική διάγνωση και ανίχνευση γονιδίων αντοχής: Blood Culture Panels (positive BC bottle)

Parameter	FilmArray BCID	Verigene	
		Gram-positive blood culture	Gram-negative blood culture
Total no. of targets	27	15	14
Ability to detect presence of resistance gene			
<i>mecA</i>	✓	Se 93.9%	✓
<i>vanA</i>	✓	Se: 90.9	✓
<i>vanB</i>	✓		✓
<i>bla</i> _{KPC}	✓		
<i>bla</i> _{NDM}	✓		
<i>bla</i> _{OXA}	✓		
<i>bla</i> _{VIM}	✓		
<i>bla</i> _{IMP}	✓		
<i>bla</i> _{CTX-M}	✓		
<i>mcr-1</i>	✓		
Time to result (h)	~1	~2.5	~2

Sp > 98 %

Se 93.9%

Se: 90.9

Se: 94.9%

NPA >99.9%

PPA 100%

PPA 96.2%

PPA 94.3%

PPA 100%

PPA 100%

PPA 98.9%

ePlex BCID, GenMark



Resistance
Genes

CTX-M
KPC
NDM
VIM
IMP
OXA

Resistance
Genes

mecA
mecC
vanA
vanB

Multiplexed NAAT and a
electrochemical detection technology
with a dedicated platform

Peri AM et al. BMC Infect Dis. 2022;22(1):794.

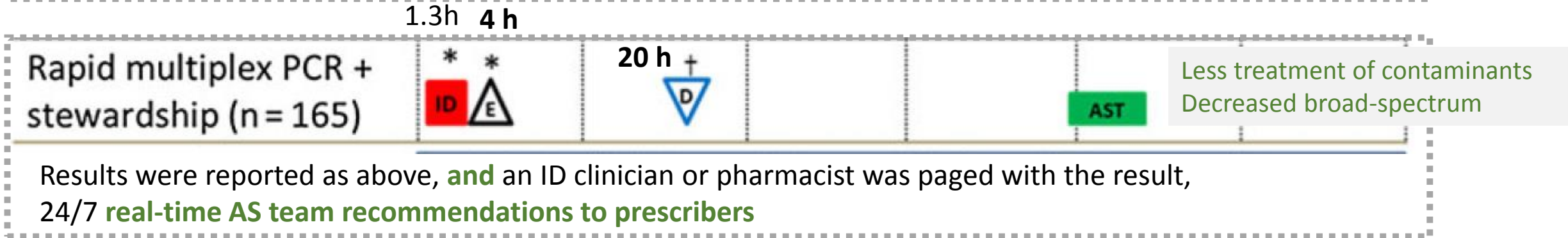
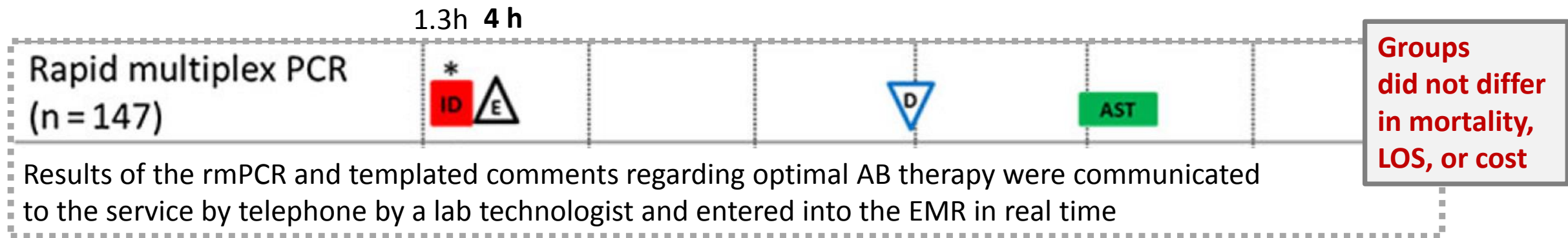
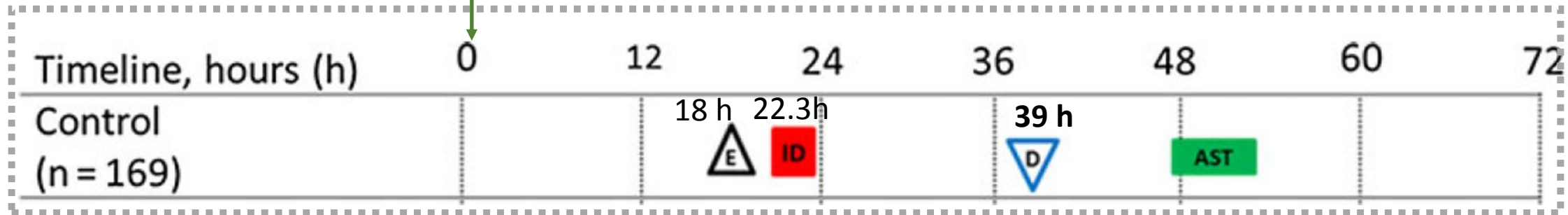
Ramanan P et al. Clin Microbiol Rev. 2017;31(1) (με επικαιροποίηση).

Salimnia H et al. J Clin Microbiol. 2016;54(3):687-98.

Ledeboer NA et al. J Clin Microbiol. 2015;53(8):2460-72.

Prospective RCT, 617 patients with BSI

Gram result reported



Organism identification



Phenotypic antimicrobial susceptibility report



De-escalation



Escalation

Impact of an Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Intervention Associated with the Rapid Identification of Microorganisms by MALDI-TOF and Detection of Resistance Genes in ICU Patients with Gram-Negative Bacteremia

216 episodes of GN bacteremia, ICU

MALDI-TOF και ανίχνευση των γονιδίων AMR απευθείας από τη φιάλη της θετικής αιμοκ/ας

Table 4. Antimicrobial consumption in DOT per 1000 days, present and collection (21 days).

Antimicrobial Consumption and Cost	Pre-Intervention	Intervention	p-Value
Consumption (DOT/1000 days present, median, IQR)			
All antimicrobials	N = 114 1.381 (1.103–2.251)	N = 102 1.262 (1.063–1.662)	0.032 ^a
Antimicrobial for gram-negative bacteria	N = 114 1.281 (1.004–1.775)	N = 102 1.172 (1.006–1.427)	0.067 ^a
Antimicrobial for gram-positive bacteria	N = 52 475 (238–761)	N = 43 270 (139–467)	0.004 ^a
Carbapenems	N = 76 836 (504–1056)	N = 72 543 (301–991)	0.040 ^a
Colistin/Polymyxin B	N = 45 722 (390–932)	N = 40 881 (462–1001)	0.299 ^a
Ceftazidime/avibactam	N = 3 931 (725–1022)	N = 8 911 (823–940)	0.865 ^a

Καμιά επίδραση στη θνητότητα 30-ημερών
Σημαντικά μικρότερη η συνολική διάρκεια νοσηλείας (44 vs. 39 ημέρες, $p = 0.005$) και ο χρόνος νοσηλείας στη ΜΕΘ (17 vs. 13 ημέρες, $p = 0.033$)



Whole Blood



EXPERT REVIEW OF MEDICAL DEVICES
2021, VOL. 18, NO. 5, 473–482
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17434440.2021.1919508>



META-ANALYSIS

OPEN ACCESS

Antimicrobial and resource utilization with T2 magnetic resonance for rapid diagnosis of bloodstream infections: systematic review with meta-analysis of controlled studies

Blood Culture
Incubation (60 mL)

61.4% των αιτίων
μικροβιαμίας



T2BACTERIA PANEL

Sensitivity: 90%⁷
Specificity: 98%⁷

E. faecium
S. aureus
K. pneumoniae
P. aeruginosa
E. coli



T2RESISTANCE PANEL

Gram-negative marker
KPC
OXA-48 Group
NDM /*VIM*/*IMP*
CTX-M 14/15
AmpC(*CMY*/*DHA*)

Gram-positive marker
vanA/B
mecA/C



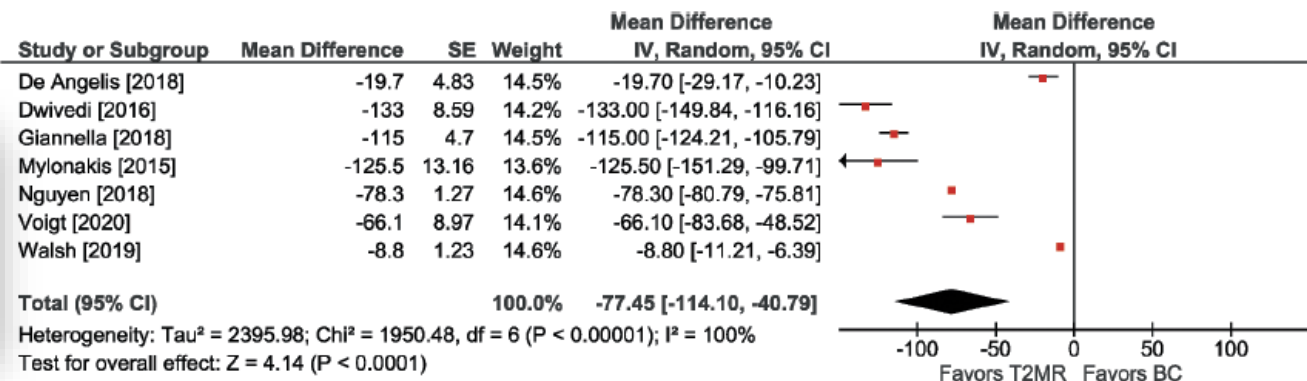
T2CANDIDA PANEL

Sensitivity: 91%⁵
Specificity: 99%⁵

Candida albicans
Candida tropicalis
Candida krusei
Candida glabrata
Candida parapsilosis

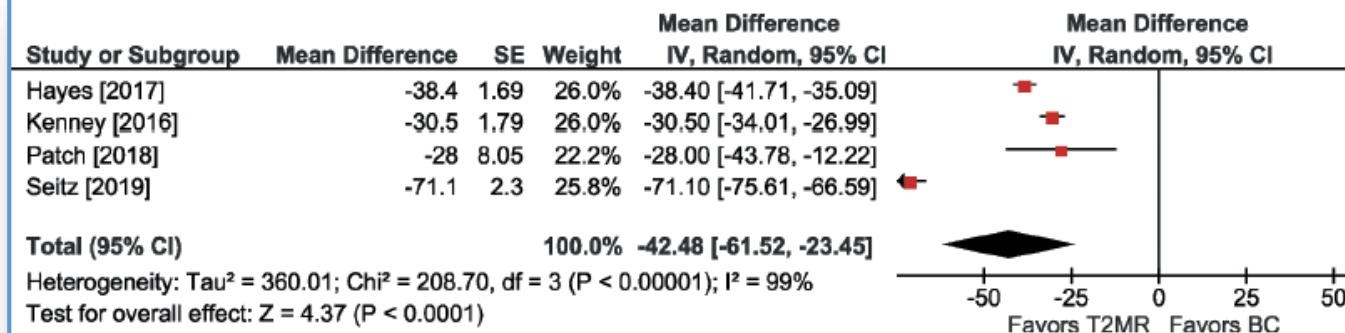
1-3 CFU/mL LoD

Hours to species identification with T2MR vs. BC



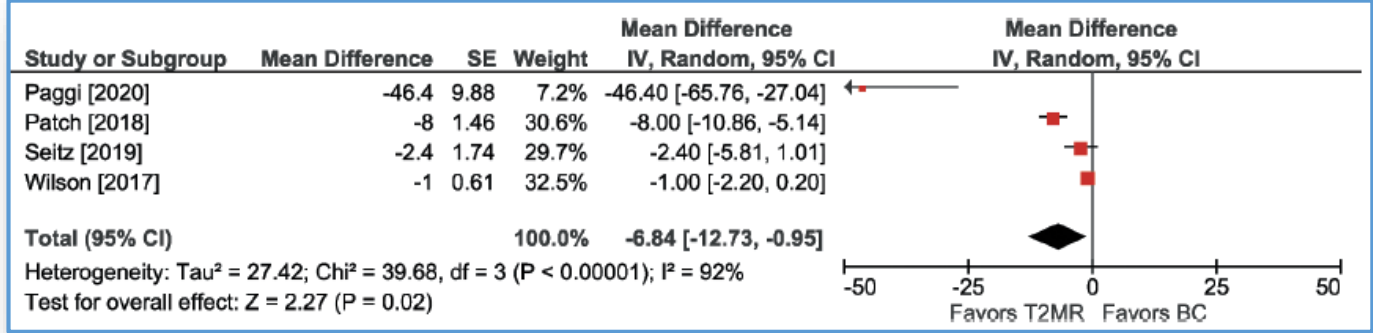
Pooled mean difference = -77 hours ($p < 0.001$)

Hours to targeted therapy among T2MR positive cases vs. BC



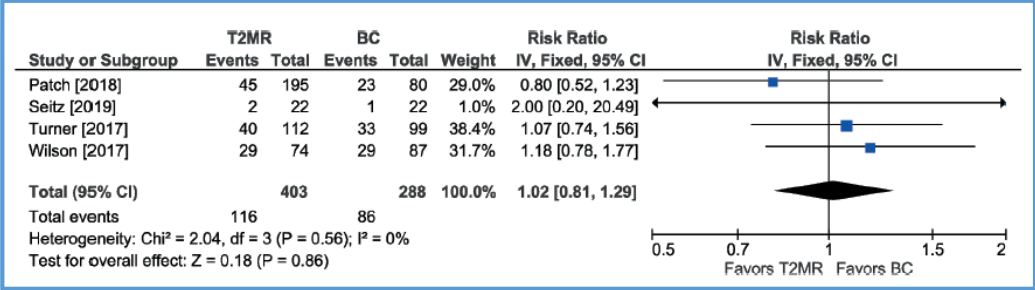
Pooled mean difference = -42 hours ($p < 0.001$)

Hours to empirical therapy de-escalation among T2MR negative cases vs. BC



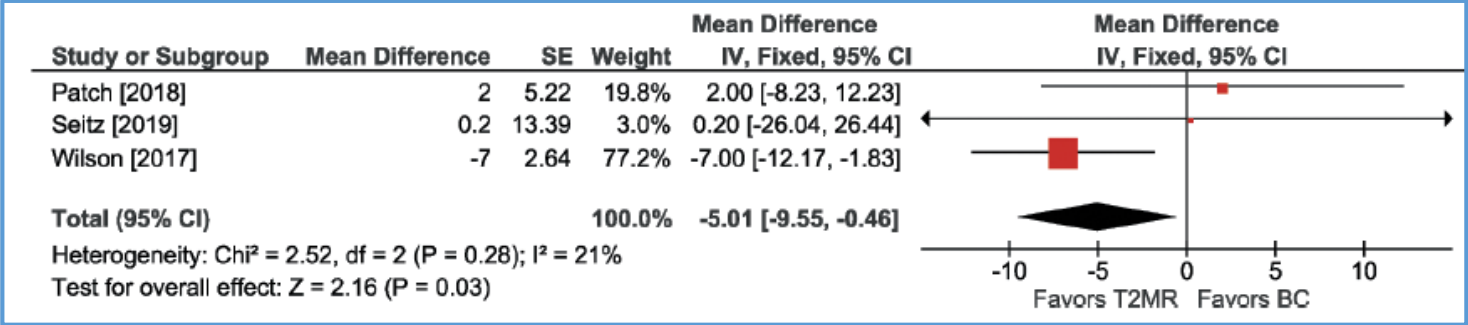
Pooled mean difference = -7 hours (p = 0.02).

Mortality with T2MR vs. BC

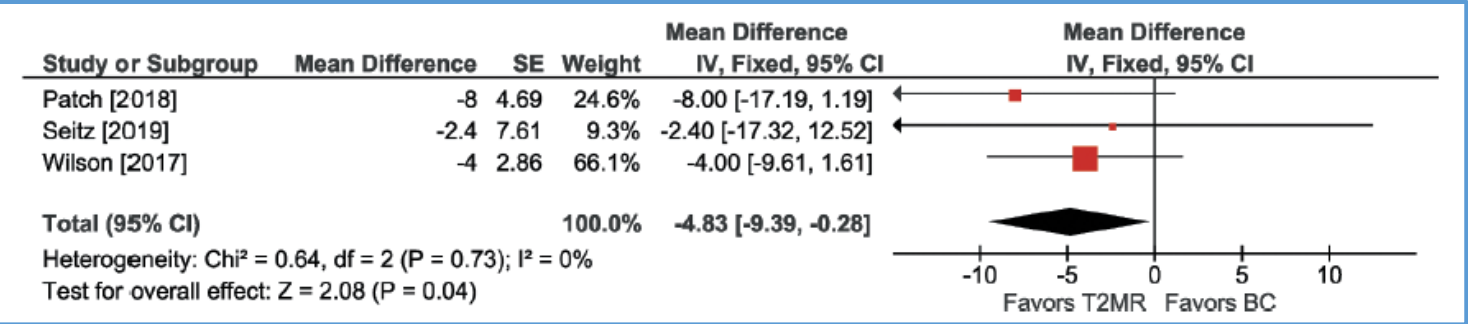


28.9% vs. 29.9%, RR = 1.02, p = 0.86

ICU stay with T2MR vs. BC. Pooled mean difference = -5.0 days (p =0.03)



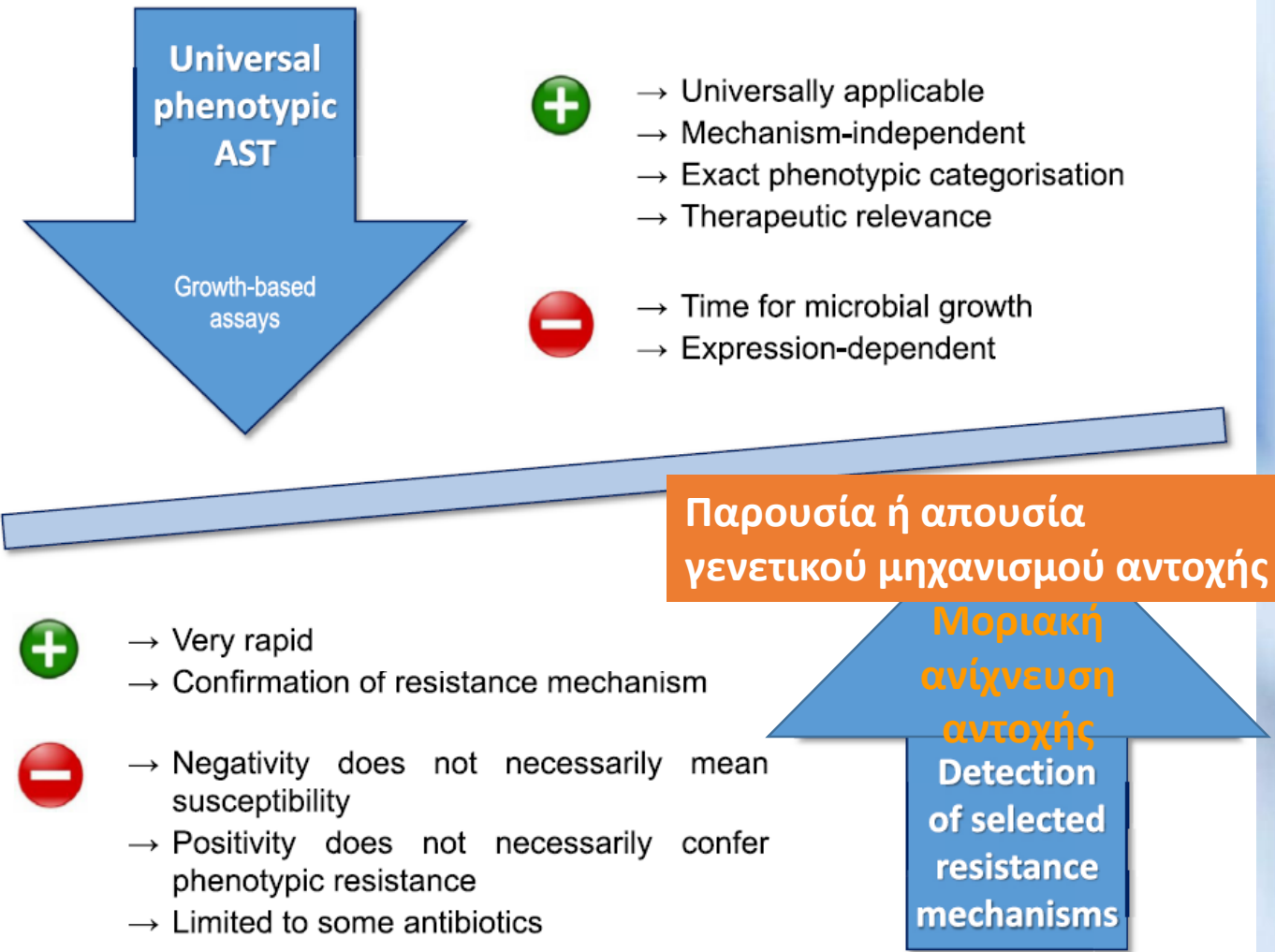
Hospital stay with T2MR vs. BC. Pooled mean difference = -4.8 days (p =0.04)



Considering hospital costs for sepsis patients range from 2,000 USD to 5,000 USD per day depending on sepsis severity, implementation of T2MR could theoretically reduce hospital costs by 10,000 USD to 25,000 USD per patient tested

Μοριακή ανίχνευση αντοχής: προβληματισμοί

Detection of particular resistance mechanisms vs. phenotypic AST



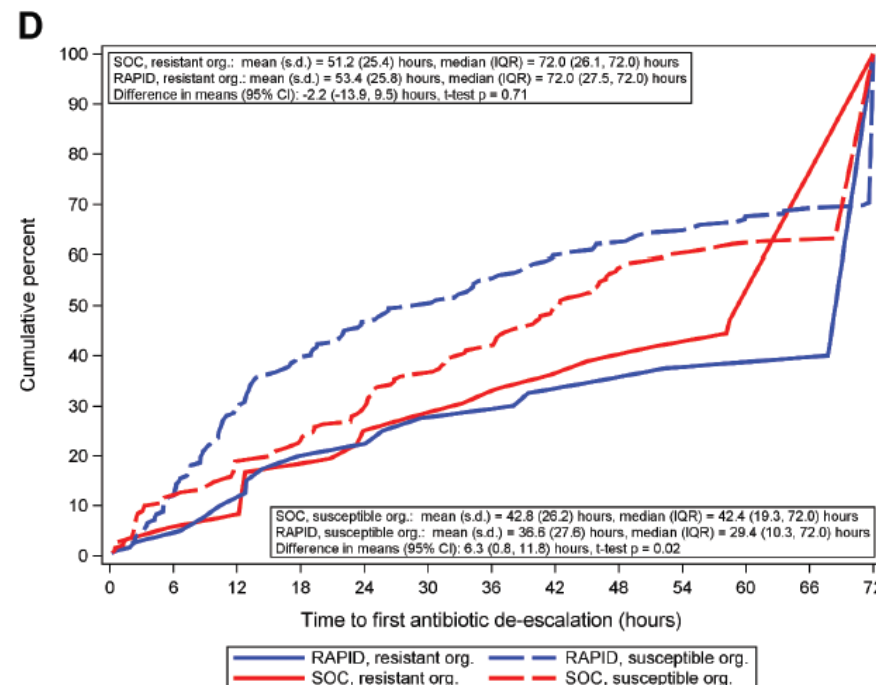
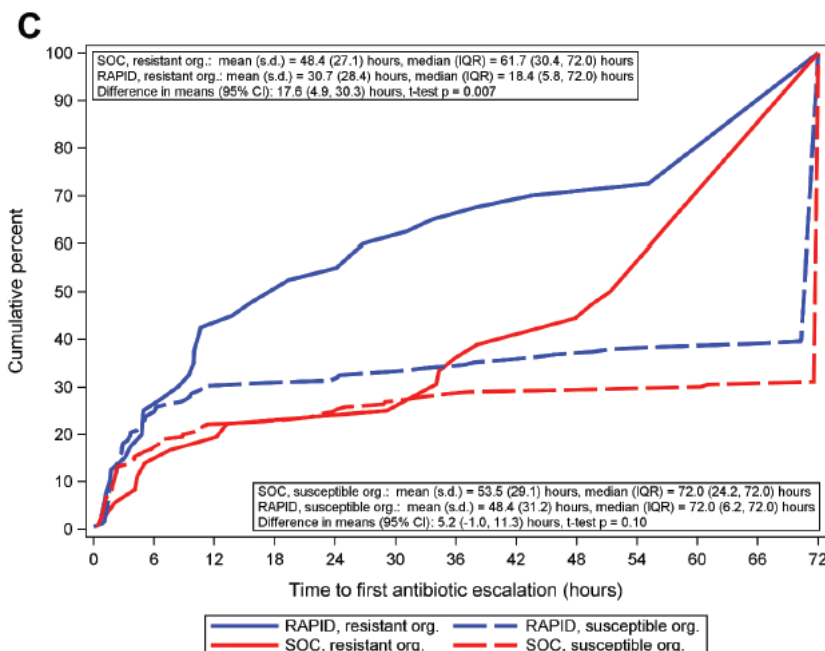
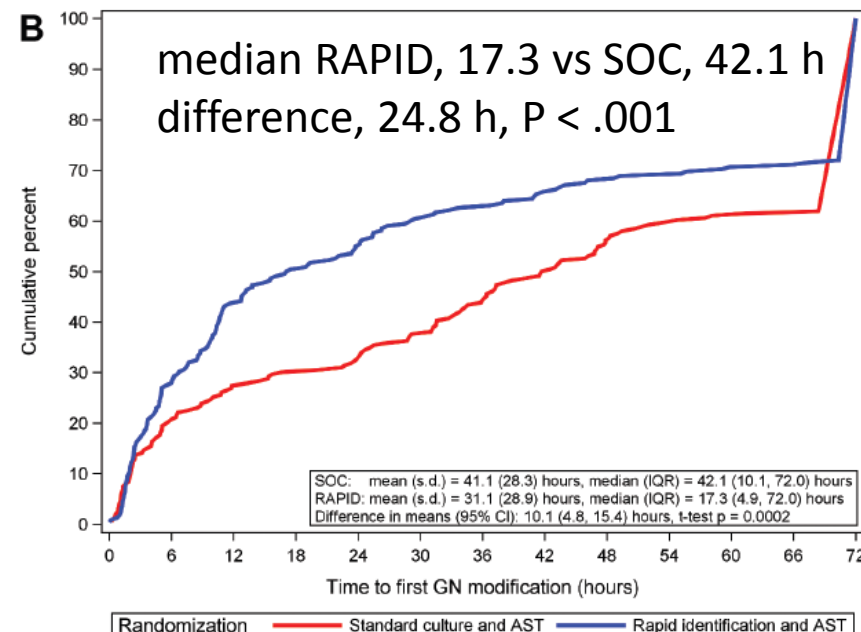
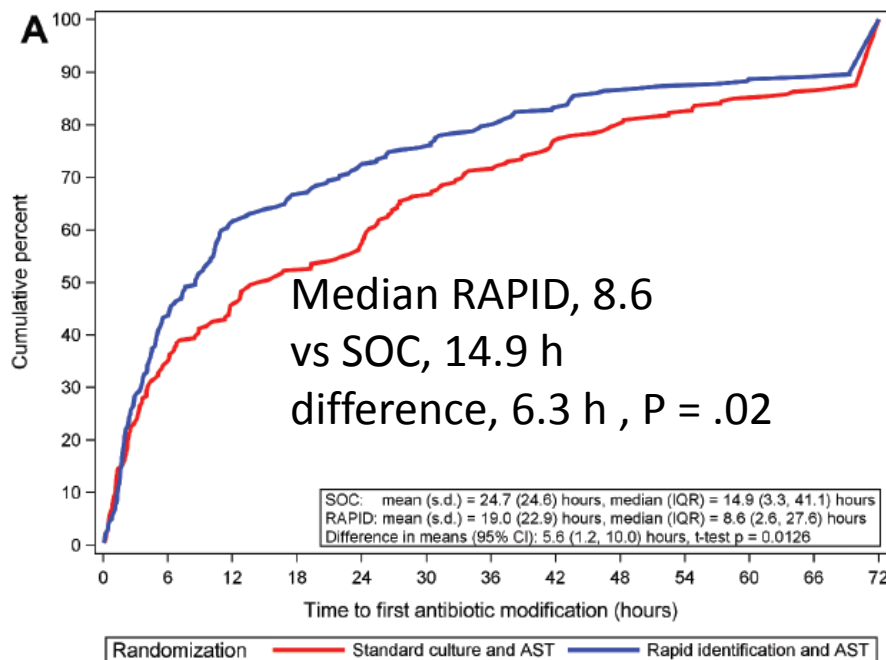
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- Πόσα και ποια γονίδια περιλαμβάνονται στα panel
 - Επιλογή γονιδίων σε σχέση με την τοπική επιδημιολογία τη δεδομένη χρονική στιγμή
 - Μη αναγνώριση κάποιων variants ή αναγνώριση variants με διαφορετικό υδρολυτικό προφίλ
 - Μη ανίχνευση νέων αναδυόμενων γονιδίων αντοχής
 - **Σύνθετοι μηχανισμοί αντοχής**
 - **Πολυμικροβιακά δείγματα και γονίδια αντοχής**



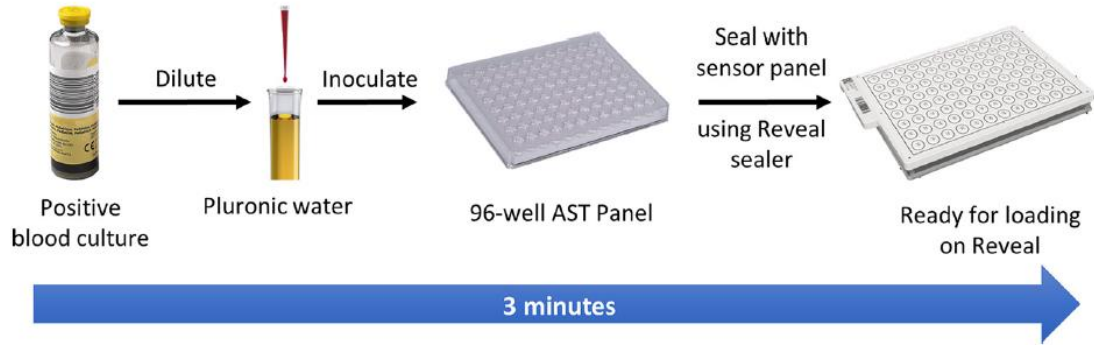
ID and phenotypic AST using the Accelerate Pheno System (RAPID)

RCT
Patients (N= 448)
with positive BC with GNB
RANDOMIZED
SOC testing with AS review
or RAPID with AS

Patients with MDRO, escalation
Median RAPID, 18.4 vs SOC, 61.7 h
(difference, 43.3 h; $P = .01$)
Patients with S organisms, de-escalation
median RAPID, 29.4 vs SOC, 42.4 h
(difference, 13 h, $P = .02$)



Rapid AST



RAPID AST SYSTEM

5.5 hours



TABLE 1 Overall performance of the Reveal AST system

Parameter or detail	Performance of Reveal AST against:	
	Sensititre	Vitek 2
Parameter, % (no. positive/total no.)		
EA ^c	98.0 (2,129/2,173)	97.0 (1,482/1,528)
CA ^c	96.3 (2,174/2,258)	96.2 (1,554/1,615)
mE	3.5 (78/2,258)	3.3 (54/1,615)
ME	0.3 (5/1,889)	0.3 (4/1,342)
VME	1.3 (4/313)	1.3 (3/232)

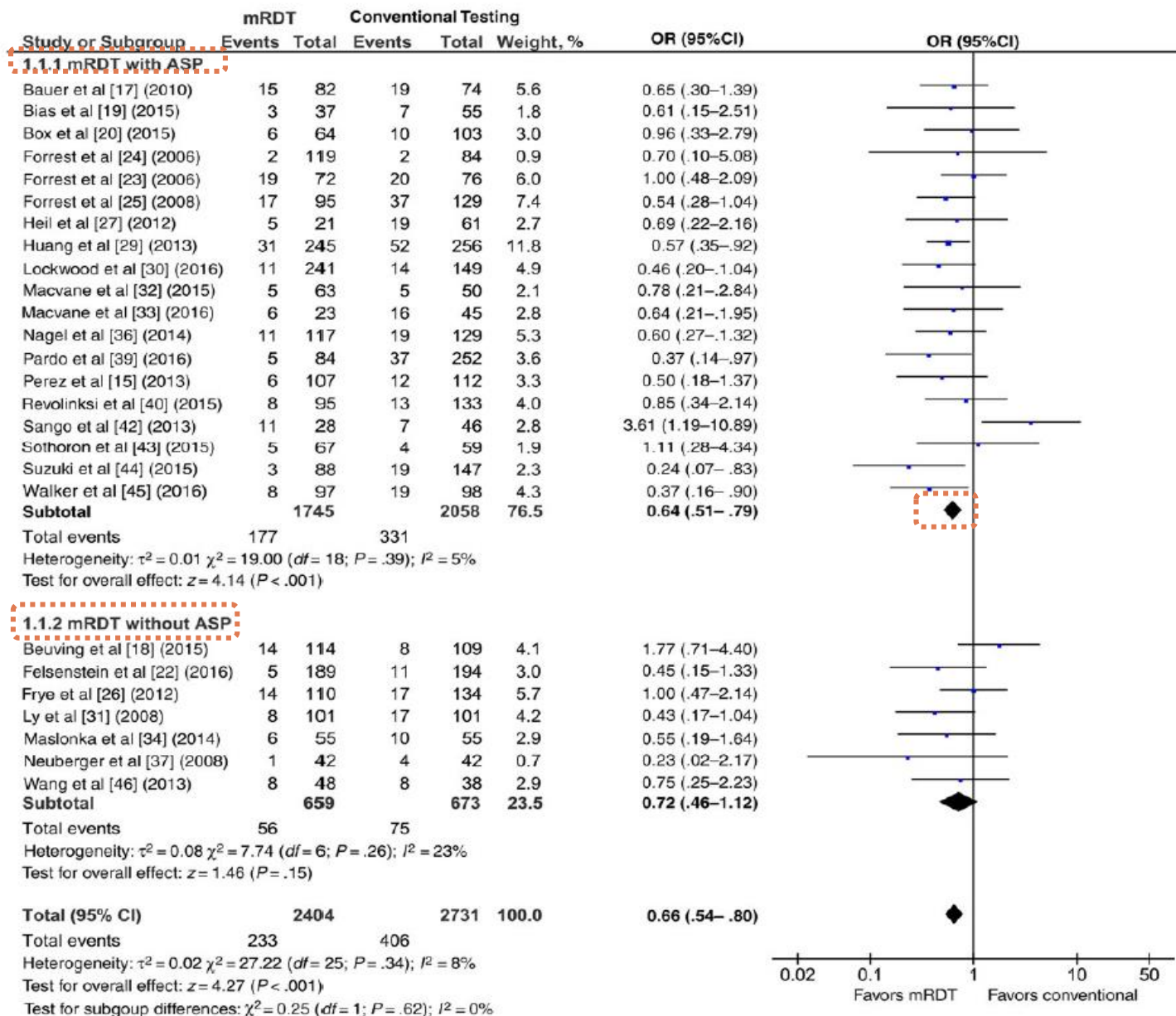
Wide antimicrobial coverage for Gram-negative bloodstream infections, with 176 bug drug combinations.

ANTIMICROBIAL DRUG	MIC CALLING RANGE (µg/ml)	A. baumannii	C. freundii	C. koseri	E. cloacae	E. coli	K. aerogenes	K. oxytoca	K. pneumoniae	P. mirabilis	P. aeruginosa	
Amikacin	4 - 16	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10	
Amoxicillin / Clavulanate	4/2 - 16/2			✓		✓		✓	✓		5	
Ampicillin	4 - 8				✓				✓		2	
Aztreonam	1 - 16		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	8	
Cefepime	0.125 - 64		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	8	
Cefotaxime	0.125 - 4		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		8	
Cefoxitin	8 - 16			✓		✓		✓	✓		5	
Certazidime	0.125 - 64		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	9	
Certazidime / Avibactam	0.25/4, 1/4 - 16/4		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	9	
Certazidime / Clavulanate	0.25/4 - 8/4				✓			✓			3	
Ceftolozane / Tazobactam	1/4 - 4/4				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	6	
Ciprofloxacin	0.06, 0.25 - 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10	
Ertapenem	0.125 - 1		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		8	
Gentamicin	2 - 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		9	
Imipenem	1 - 8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	9	
Levofloxacin	0.25 - 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10	
Meropenem	0.125 - 8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10	
Meropenem / Vaborbactam	2/8 - 8/8		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9	
Piperacillin	8 - 16		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8	
Piperacillin / Tazobactam	4/4 - 16/4		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9	
Tigecycline	0.5 - 1			✓		✓					2	
Tobramycin	2 - 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10	
Trimethoprim / Sulfamethoxazole	2/38 - 4/76	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		9	
TOTAL		8	17	19	18	23	17	21	21	18	14	176

System reports results with S/I/R interpretation according to CA-SFM 2019 and EUCAST 2021 Breakpoints

Mortality outcomes with molecular rapid diagnostic testing (mRDT) versus conventional testing in bloodstream infection

mRDT και ASP



31 μελέτες, 5920 BSI pts

Mortality risk decreased significantly with mRDT in the presence of ASP

Number needed to treat: 20 patients with BSI to prevent 1 death within 30 days

Time to effective therapy decreased by a weighted mean difference of –5.03 hours

Length of stay decreased by –2.48 days



The Cost-Effectiveness of Rapid Diagnostic Testing for the Diagnosis of Bloodstream Infections with or without Antimicrobial Stewardship

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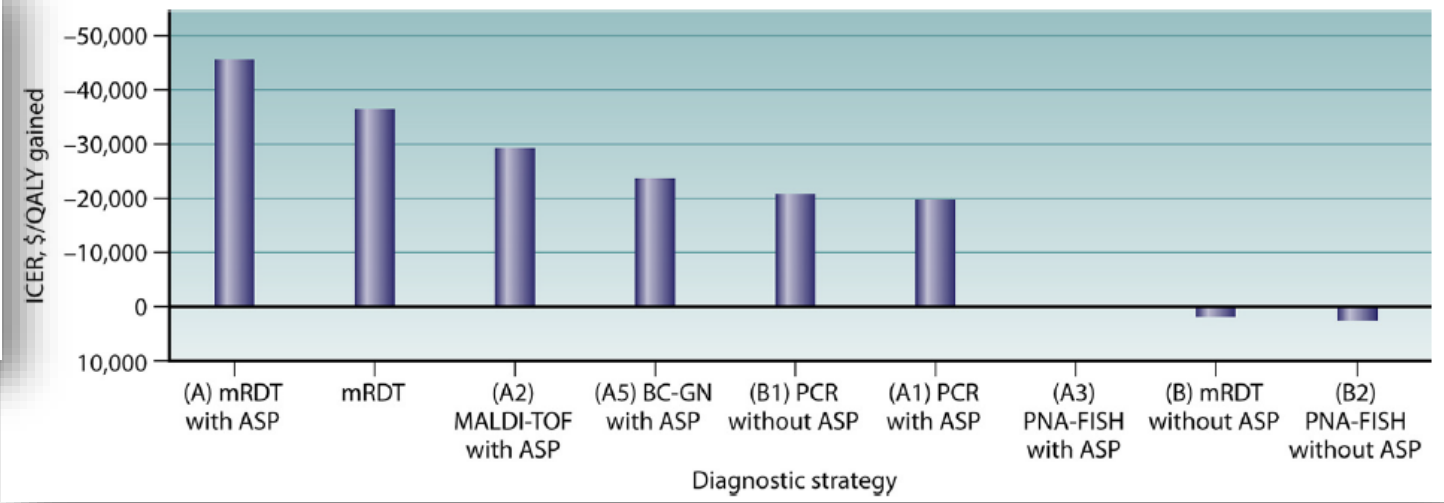


TABLE 3 Base-case analysis results for competing strategies

Strategy	Base-case estimate				
	Cost (\$)	Effect		ICER	
		Probability of survival	QALY value	\$/death averted	\$/QALY gained
mRDT (with and without ASP)	36,301.50	0.89	11.9883	−490,763	−36,434
mRDT with ASP (A)	31,274.24	0.89	11.9883	−616,445	−45,764
mRDT without ASP (B)	57,220.14	0.90	12.1230	25,762	1,913
PCR with ASP (A1)	47,917.58	0.88	11.8536	−267,148	−19,833
MALDI-TOF analysis with ASP (A2)	28,394.21	0.92	12.3924	−393,397	−29,205
PNA-FISH with ASP (A3)	53,226.09	0.85	11.4495	0	0
BC-GP with ASP (A4)	24,904.91	0.84	11.3148	Dominated	Dominated
BC-GN with ASP (A5)	33,691.47	0.92	12.3924	−317,722	−23,587
PCR without ASP (B1)	47,430.21	0.88	11.8536	−283,394	−21,039
PNA-FISH without ASP (B2)	58,284.16	0.92	12.3924	33,602	2,495
Conventional laboratory methods with ASP (C)	41,723.98	0.84	11.3148	Dominated	Dominated
Conventional laboratory methods without ASP (D)	55,932.02	0.85	11.4495	Baseline	Baseline



Ταχεία μοριακή διάγνωση και diagnostic stewardship

Right test



Right patient



Right time



TABLE 1 Key diagnostic stewardship considerations for implementation of rapid infectious disease diagnostics

Goal	Key question	Key considerations and potential strategies
Right test	Is the test appropriate for the clinical setting?	Sensitivity and specificity Predictive values Testing volumes Diagnostic yield Laboratory feasibility Cost Clinical impact
Right patient	Will the clinical care of the patient be affected by the test result?	Laboratory test utilization committee Automatic laboratory reflex CPOE decision support Appropriate use criteria Indication selection Prior authorization Benchmarking Specimen rejection
Right time	Will the result be available in time to optimally affect care?	Time to specimen receipt Centralized vs point-of-care testing On-demand vs batched testing Specimen preparation time Run time Result reporting time

Λειτουργεία 24/7?

Τρόπος παρουσίασης αποτελεσμάτων

Μοριακή ανίχνευση: αναφορά αποτελέσματος

Reporting

“detected” or “not detected” for a specific molecular target

+

interpretative comments with therapeutic guidance

Simner PJ et al. Clin Infect Dis. 2023;76(9):1550-1558.

Organisms Detected: Enterobacterales Klebsiella pneumoniae group		Controls: Passed
Applicable Antimicrobial Resistance Genes Detected: CTX-M NDM		
Note: Antimicrobial resistance can occur via multiple mechanisms. A Not Detected result for antimicrobial resistance gene(s) does not indicate antimicrobial susceptibility. Subculturing is required for species identification and susceptibility testing of isolates.		
Result Summary		
Gram Negative Bacteria		
✓	Not Detected	Acinetobacter calcoaceticus-baumannii complex
	Not Detected	Bacteroides fragilis
	Detected	Enterobacterales
	Not Detected	Enterobacter cloacae complex
	Not Detected	Escherichia coli
	Not Detected	Klebsiella aerogenes
	Not Detected	Klebsiella oxytoca
✓	Detected	Klebsiella pneumoniae group
	Not Detected	Proteus spp.
	Not Detected	Salmonella spp.
	Not Detected	Serratia marcescens
	Not Detected	Haemophilus influenzae
	Not Detected	Neisseria meningitidis
	Not Detected	Pseudomonas aeruginosa
	Not Detected	Stenotrophomonas maltophilia
Yeast		
	Not Detected	Candida albicans
	Not Detected	Candida auris
	Not Detected	Candida glabrata
	Not Detected	Candida krusei
	Not Detected	Candida parapsilosis
	Not Detected	Candida tropicalis
	Not Detected	Cryptococcus neoformans/gattii

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Result Summary		
Antimicrobial Resistance Genes		
✓	Detected	CTX-M
	Not Detected	IMP
	Not Detected	KPC
	Not Detected	mcr-1
⊗	N/A	mecA/C
⊗	N/A	mecA/C and MREJ (MRSA)
✓	Detected	NDM
⊗	Not Detected	OXA-48-like
	N/A	vanA/B
	Not Detected	VIM
Gram Positive Bacteria		
	Not Detected	Enterococcus faecalis
	Not Detected	Enterococcus faecium
	Not Detected	Listeria monocytogenes
	Not Detected	Staphylococcus spp.
	Not Detected	Staphylococcus aureus
	Not Detected	Staphylococcus epidermidis
	Not Detected	Staphylococcus lugdunensis
	Not Detected	Streptococcus spp.
	Not Detected	Streptococcus agalactiae (Group B)
	Not Detected	Streptococcus pneumoniae
	Not Detected	Streptococcus pyogenes (Group A)

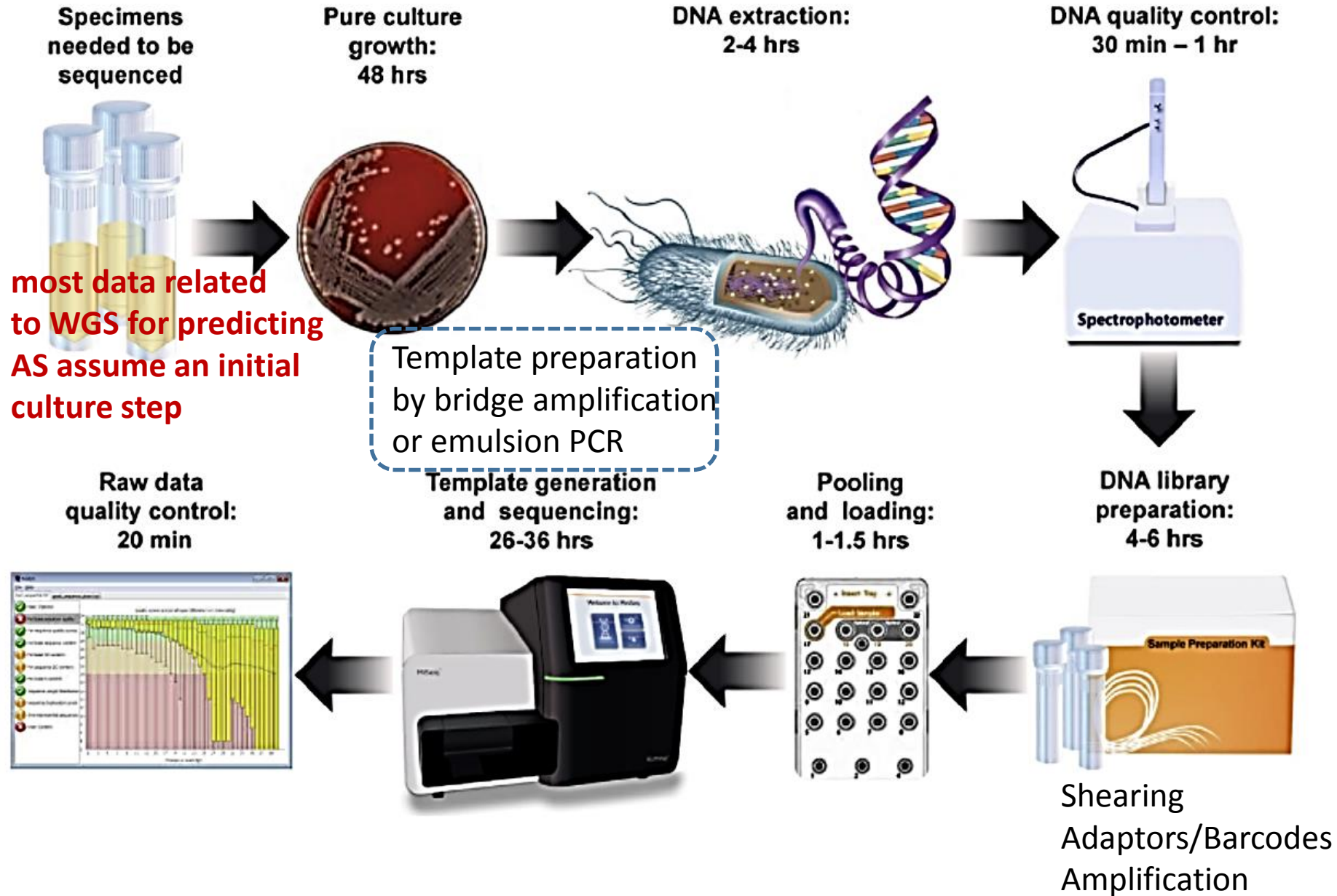
Μοριακή ανίχνευση αντοχής: σχόλια για την αναφορά των αποτελεσμάτων

Table 3. Reporting comments for molecular blood culture diagnostics.

Adapted from Banerjee et al.²⁹

<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>mecA</i> detected	Probable methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA); further testing in progress. MRSA is predictably resistant to beta-lactam antibiotics (except ceftaroline). Patient requires contact precautions if hospitalized.	<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> complex	This organism may contain an inducible β -lactamase. Penicillin or second- or third-generation cephalosporin monotherapy may result in emergence of high-level resistance.
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>mecA</i> not detected	Methicillin (oxacillin)-susceptible <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> . Preferred therapy is an anti-staphylococcal β -lactam antibiotic, unless clinically contraindicated.	<i>Escherichia coli</i> , <i>bla</i> _{CTX-M} detected	Extended-spectrum β -lactamase-producer. Carbapenems are drugs of choice for ESBL-producers.
<i>Staphylococcus</i> , coagulase-negative, <i>mecA</i> detected	Methicillin (oxacillin)-resistant coagulase-negative <i>Staphylococcus</i> . Possible blood culture contaminant (unless isolated from more than one blood culture draw or clinical case suggests pathogenicity). No antibiotic treatment is indicated for blood culture contaminants.	<i>E. coli</i> , <i>bla</i> _{KPC} detected	Carbapenemase producer. Patient requires contact precautions if hospitalized. This organism is resistant to carbapenems and other β -lactam antibiotics. Consult infectious diseases.

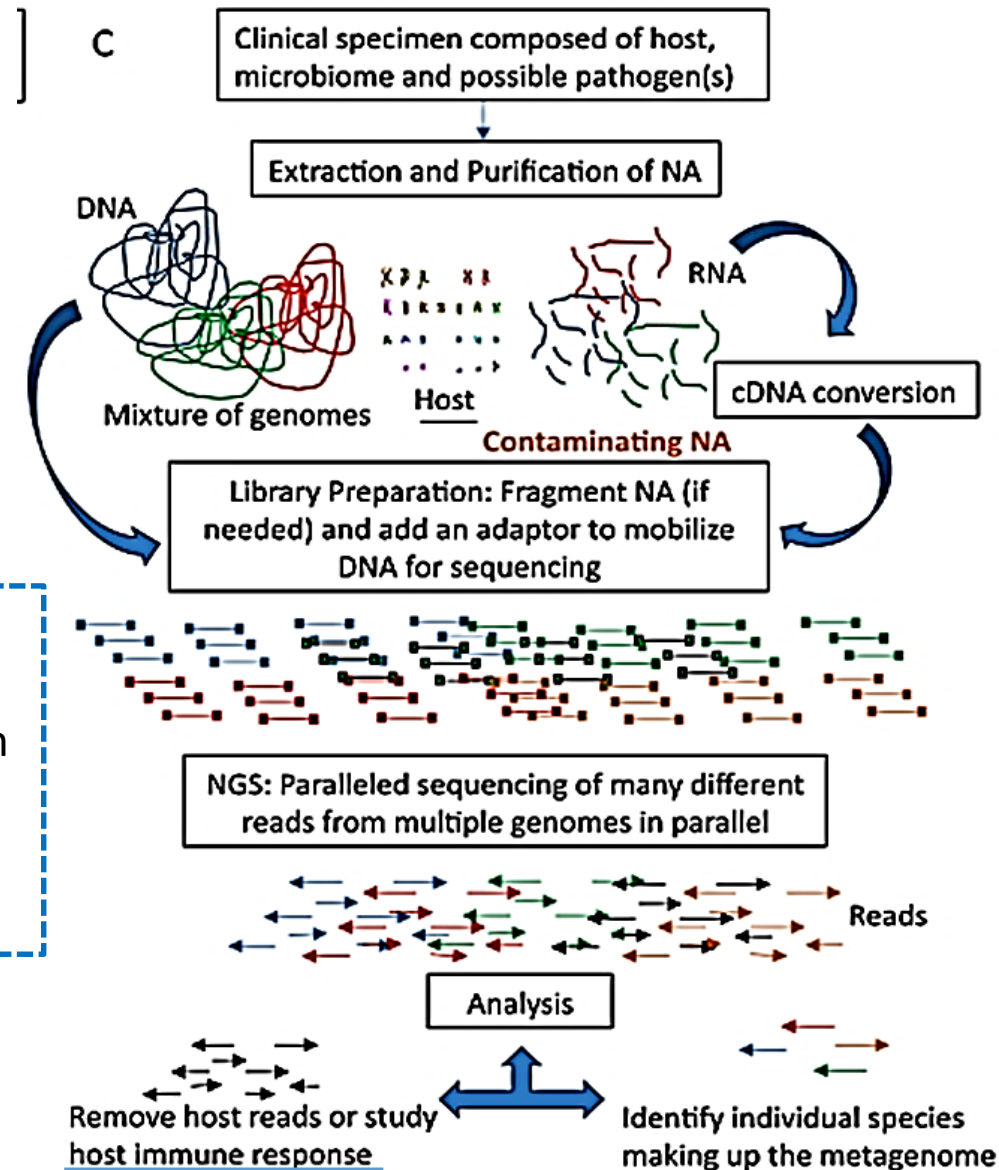
WGS: τα βήματα της διαδικασίας



Metagenomic NGS (agnostic NGS): το επόμενο βήμα

hypothesis-free,
culture-independent,
pathogen detection

evaluate the immunologic
response associated
with the presence and type of infection
e.g. biomarkers
provide insight into the pathogenesis
of the microorganisms detected



Ερμηνεία αποτελεσμάτων

WGS:
**“one test fits all”
approach**



NAAT versus Genomic data

Tweet versus... Tome

Leo Tolstoy, War and Peace

Napoleon invades Russia.

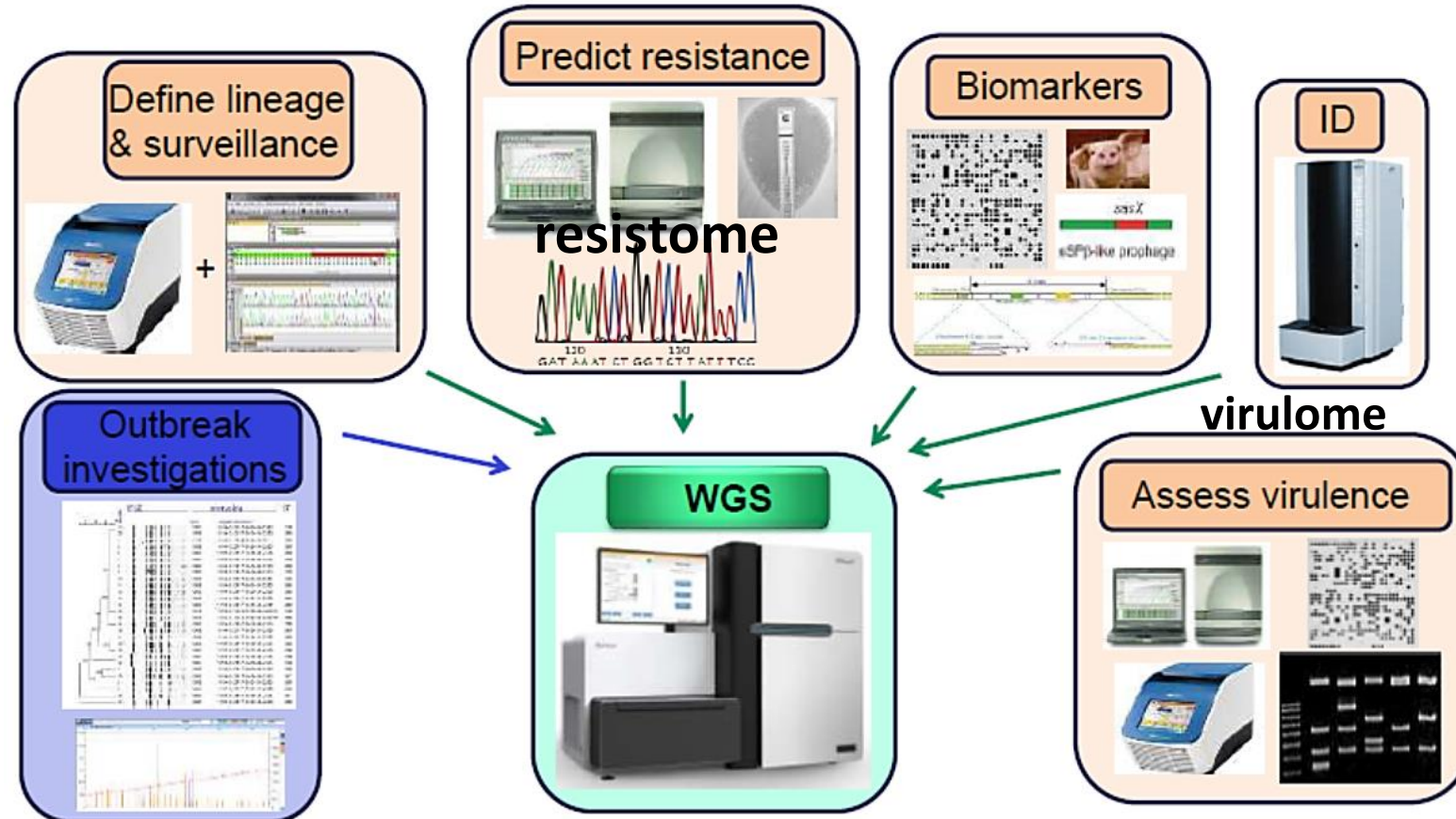
Russian aristocratic families sent into a tizz

War ensues. French retreat.

Russians celebrate. Lots of them marry.



Reed T. ECCMID, 2016.



Woodford N. ECCMID, 2016.



Rebelo AR et al. 2022;13:804627.

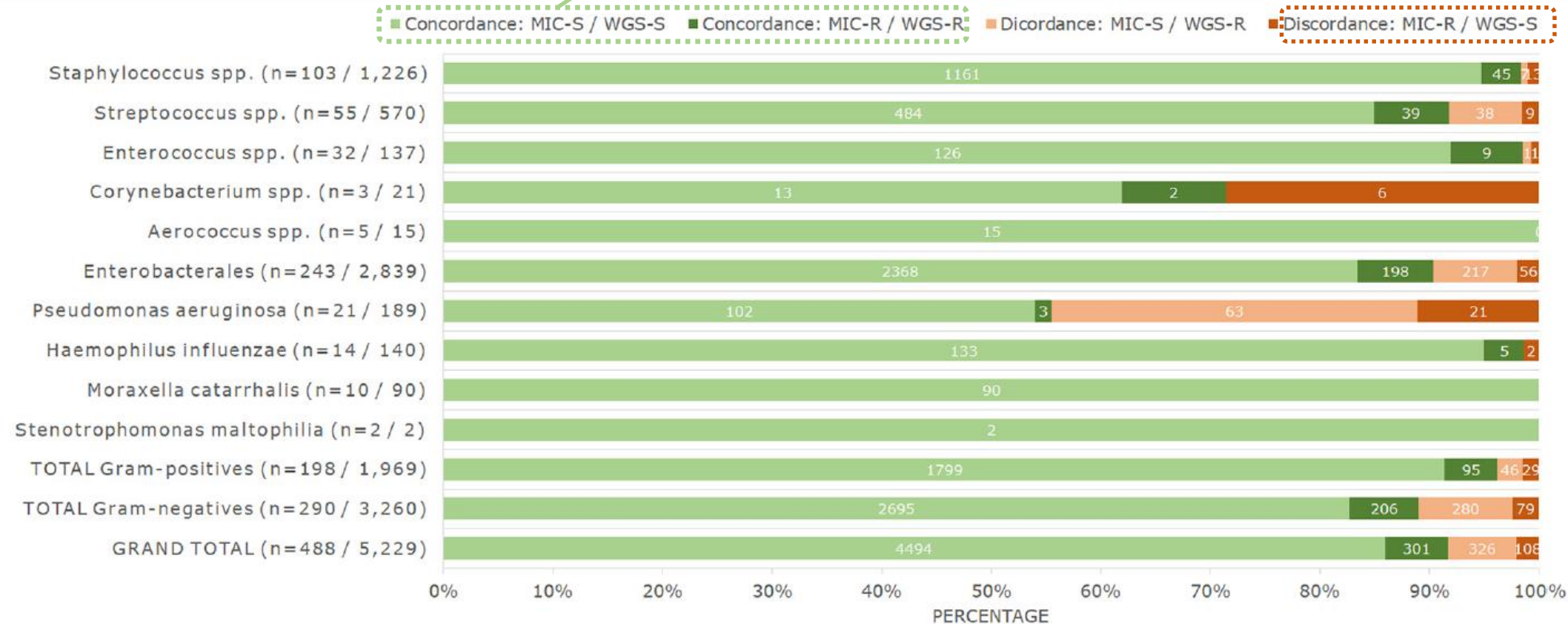
One Day in Denmark: Comparison of Phenotypic and Genotypic Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing in Bacterial Isolates From Clinical Settings

N= 500 isolates randomly selected

concordance of 91.7%

cases of phenotypically resistant isolates without any known genetic resistance mechanism: 2.1% of all combinations analyzed

Percentage and number of genotype–phenotype concordances and discordances observed for all bacteria analyzed in this study, when comparing MIC and WGS results.



One size does not fit all



stewardship

Noun: the activity or job of
protecting
and being **responsible**
for something



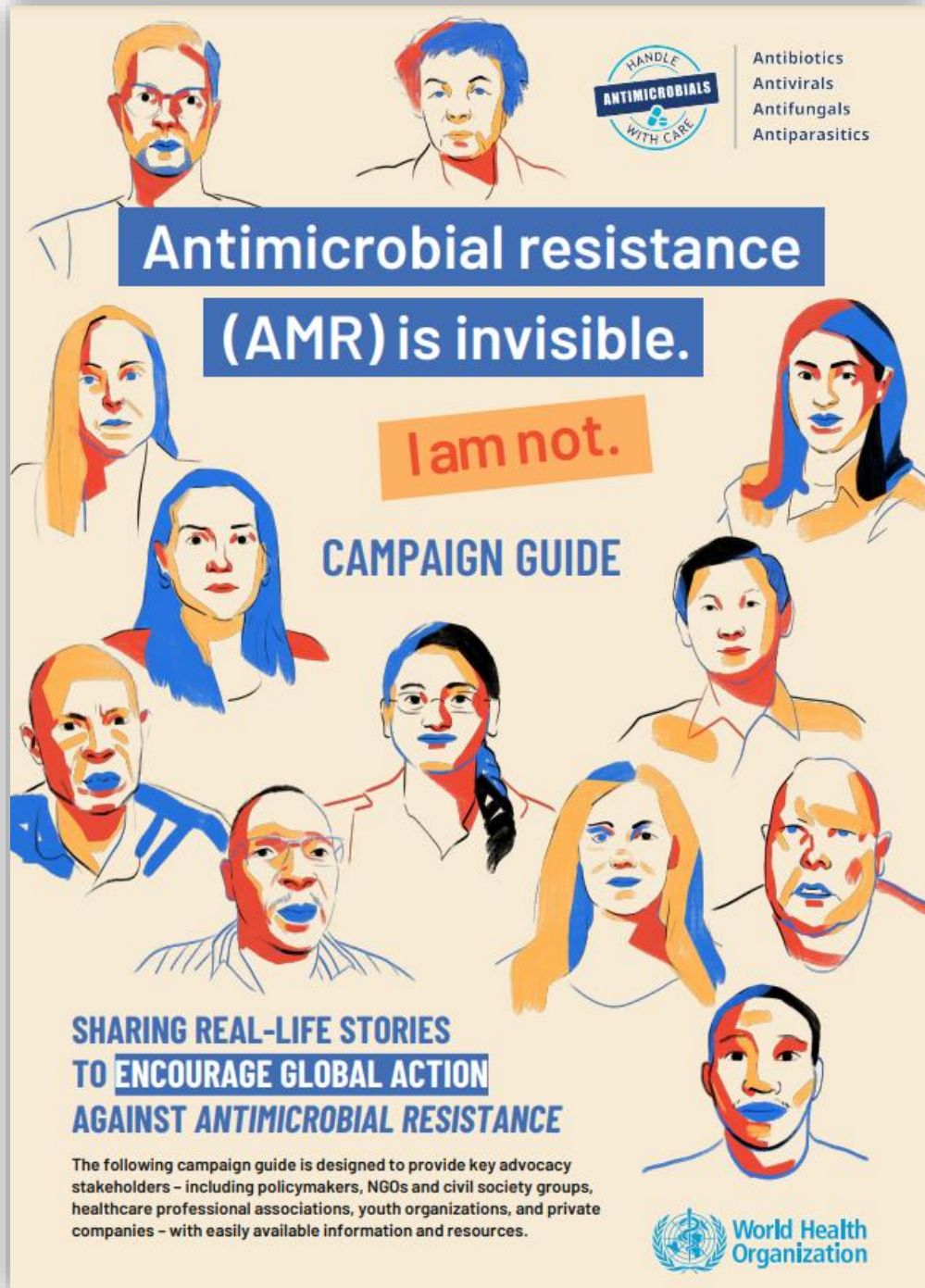
Our time with antibiotics
is running out.

CHANGE CAN'T WAIT



THE FUTURE OF
ANTIBIOTICS
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Antibiotics
Antivirals
Antifungals
Antiparasitics

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is invisible.

I am not.

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