

## What's really new in antibiotic therapy?

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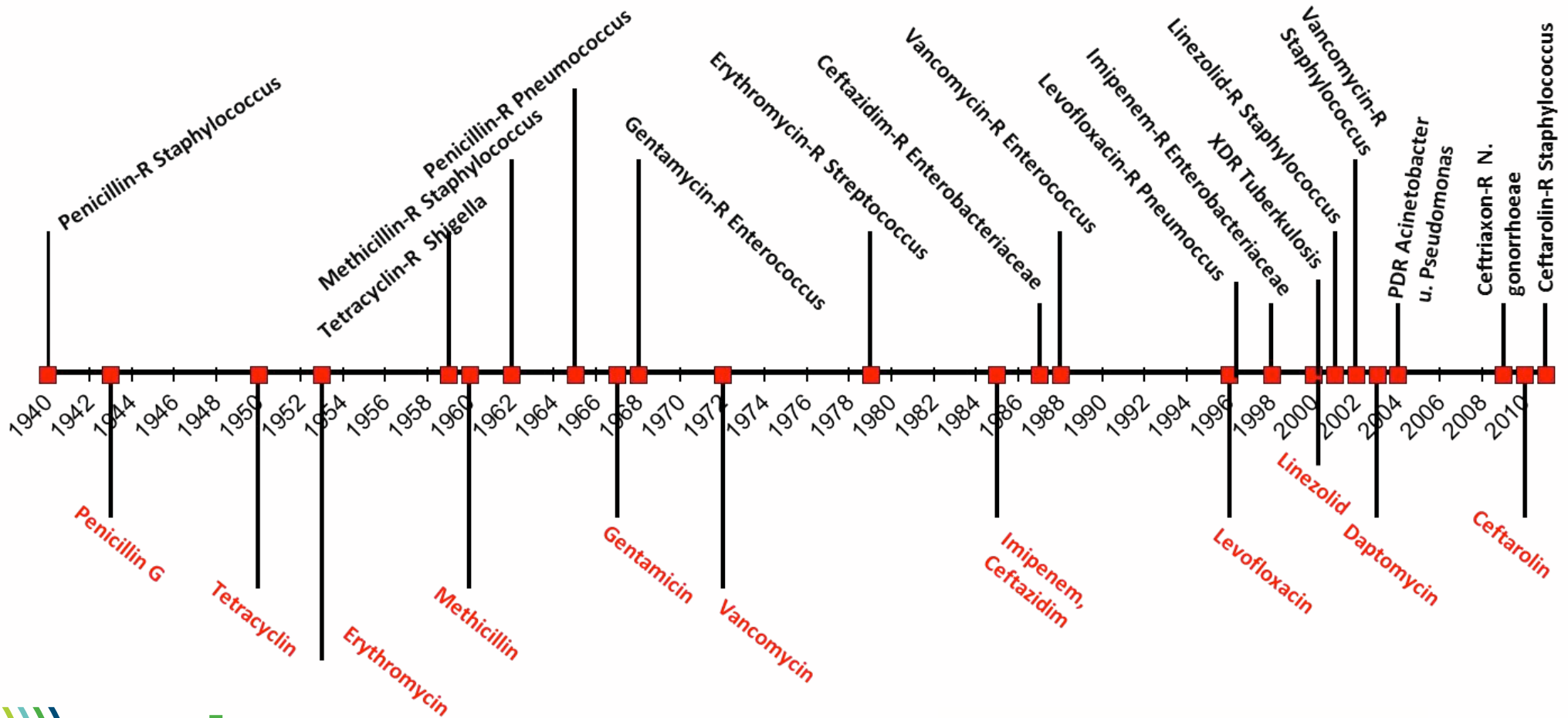


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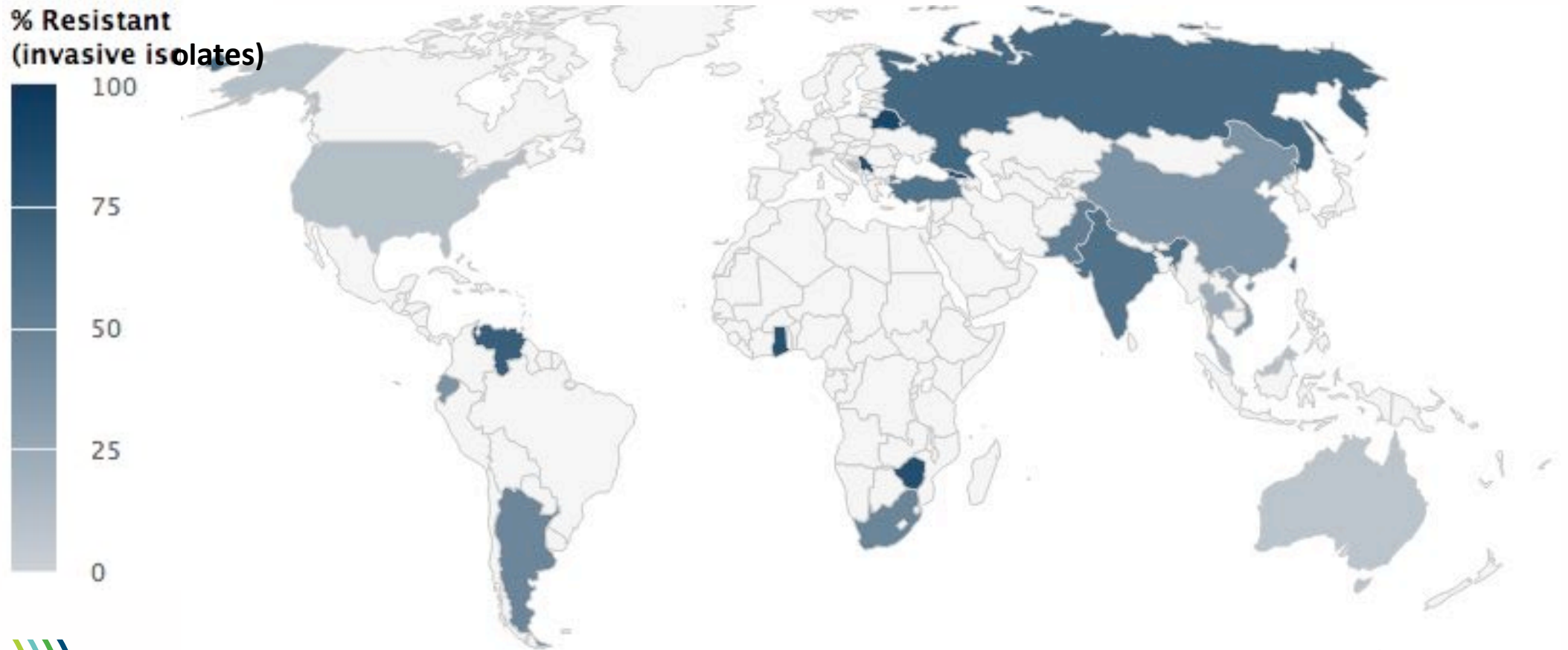
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# Antiinfectives and Resistance

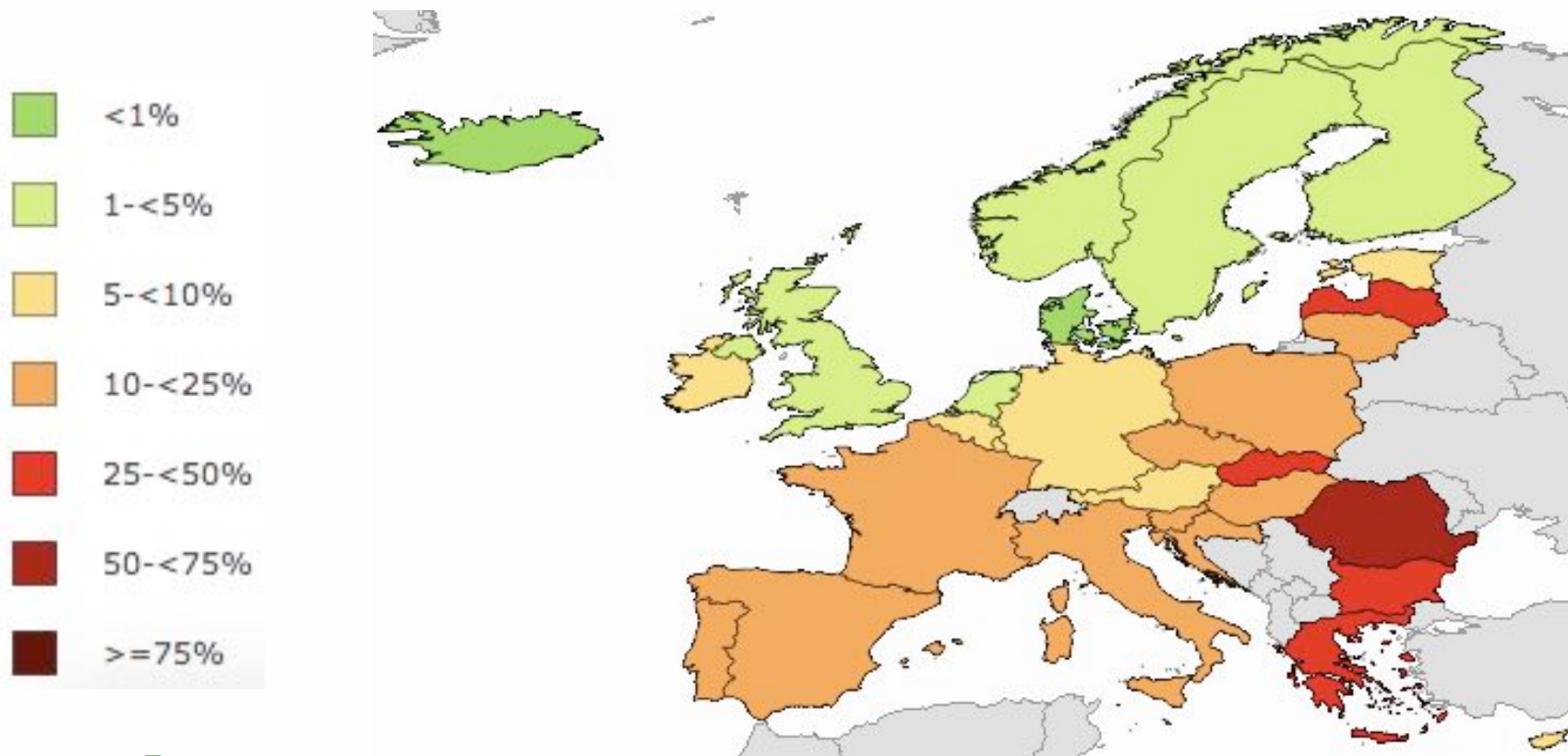


# Resistance of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* to Pip.-Taz.



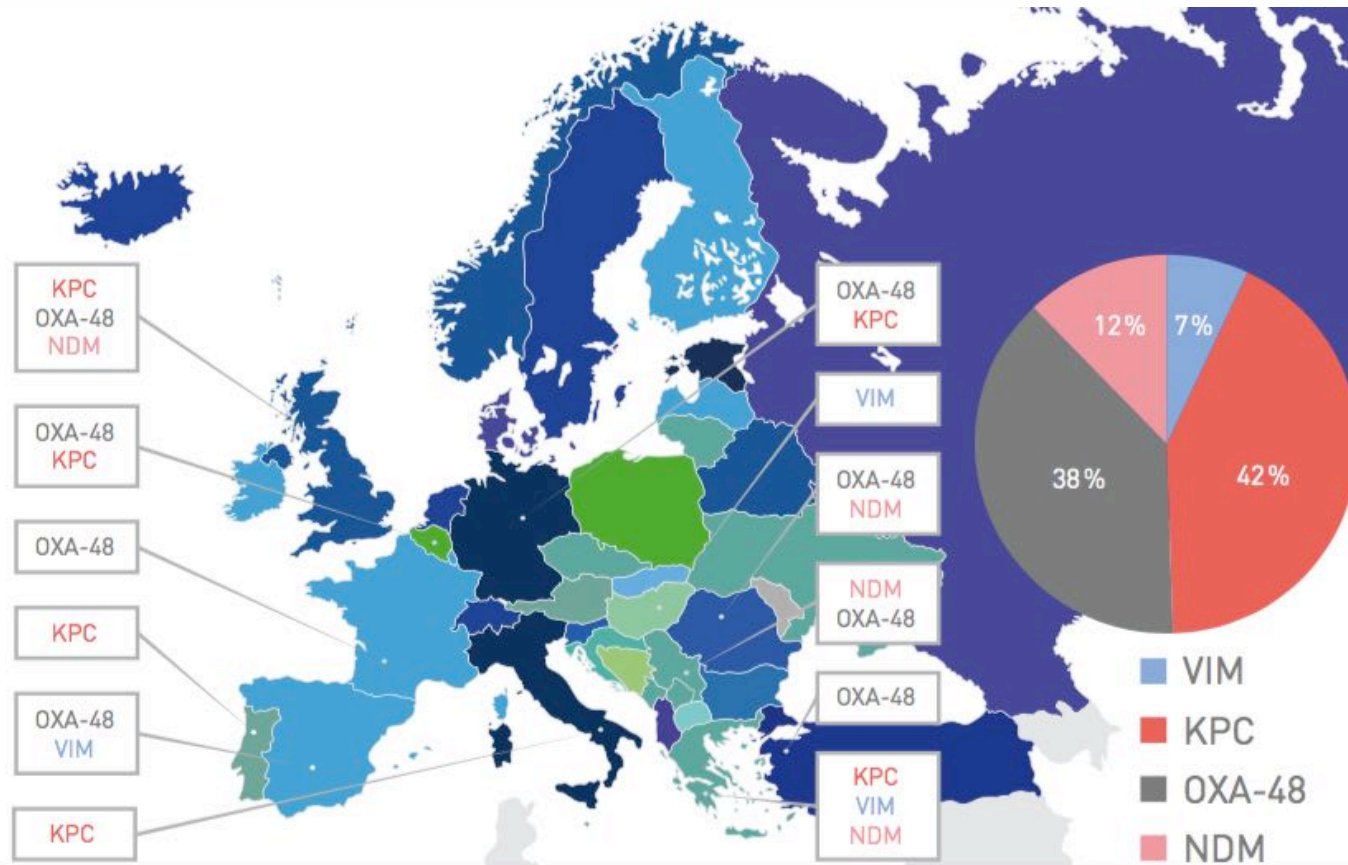
# Multiresistant *Pseudomonas Aeruginosa*

Combined resistance against at least three different types of antibiotics, 2017





# Distribution of ESBL producing *Enterobacteriaceae*

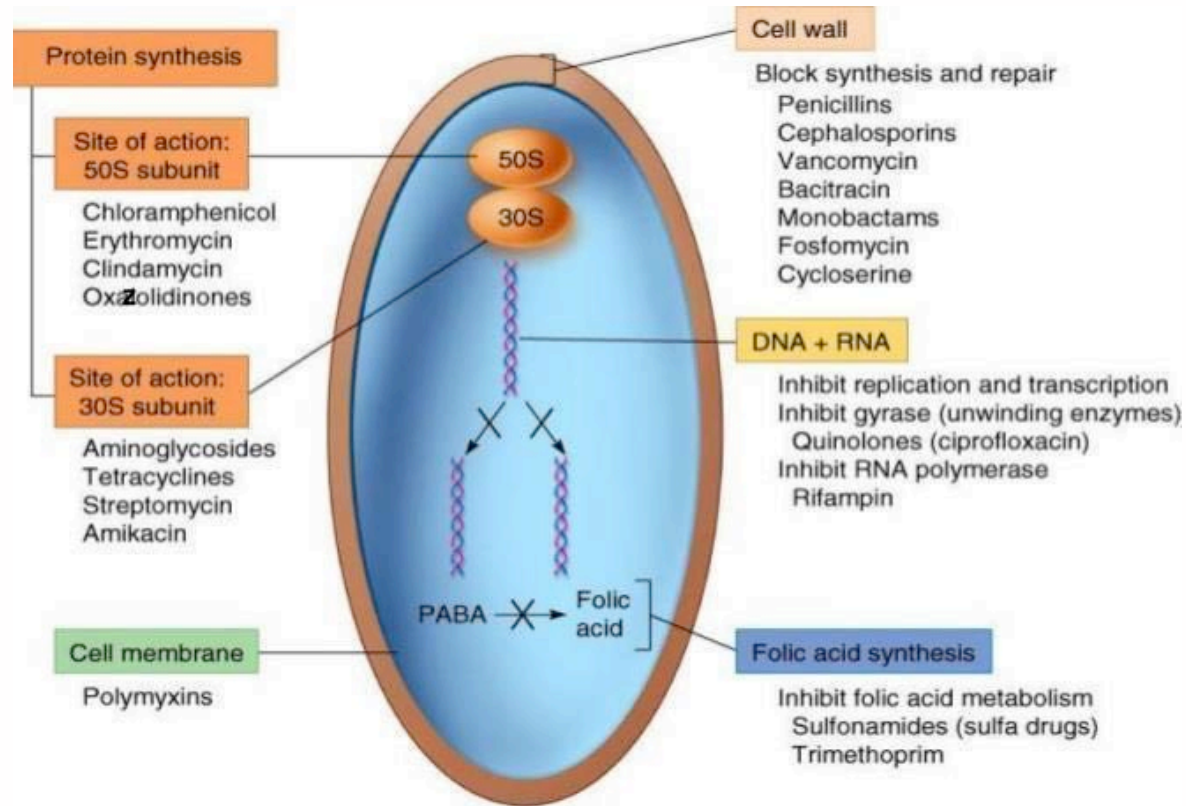


# Priority Pathogens Defined by the World Health Organisation

Critical Priority	High Priority	Medium Priority
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> carbapenem-resistant	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i> vancomycin-resistant	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> penicillin-non-susceptible
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> carbapenem-resistant	<i>Helicobacter pylori</i> clarithromycin-resistant	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> ampicillin-resistant
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> carbapenem-resistant	<i>Salmonella species</i> fluoroquinolone-resistant	<i>Shigella species</i> fluoroquinolone-resistant
	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> vancomycin or methicillin -resistant	
	<i>Campylobacter species</i> fluoroquinolone-resistant	
	<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> 3rd gen. cephalosporin-resistant fluoroquinolone-resistant	

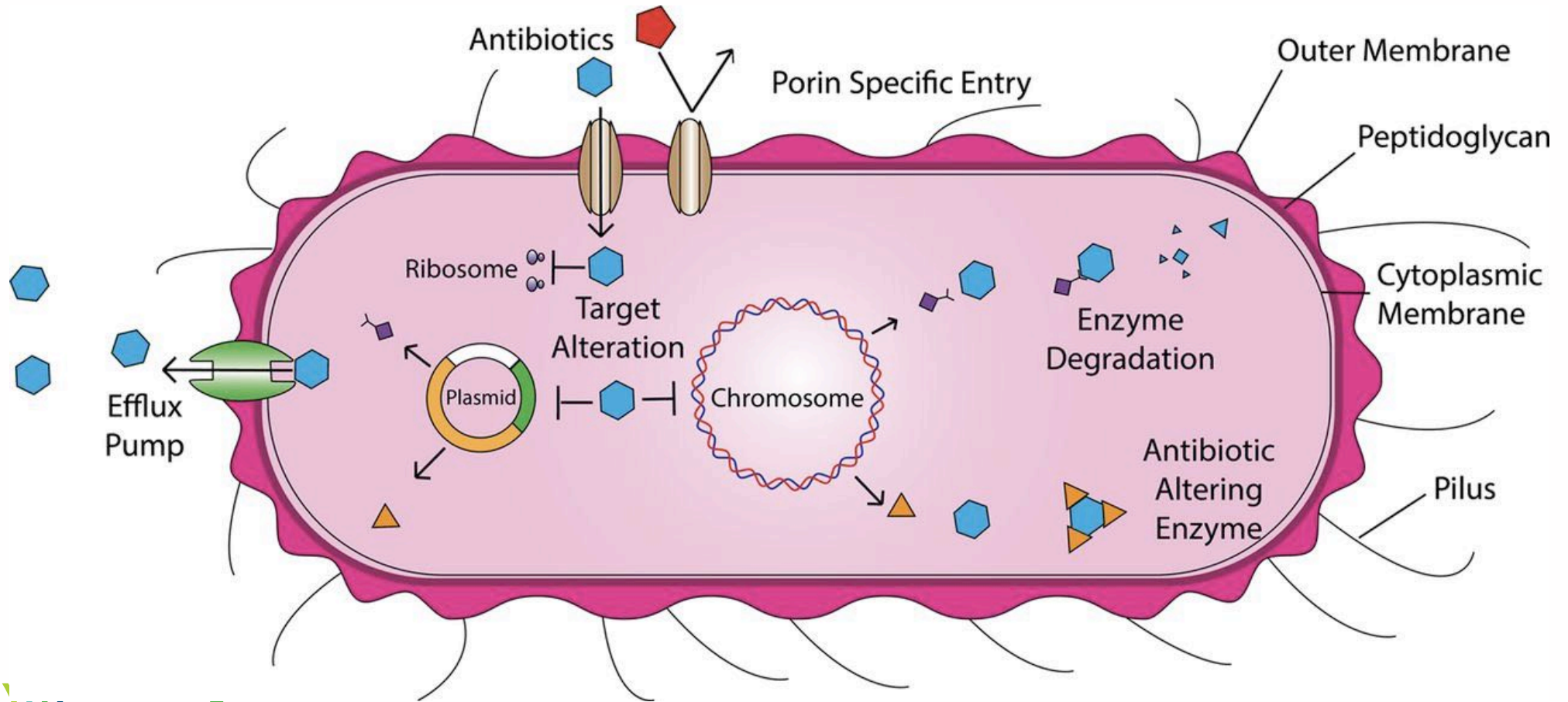


# Antibacterial Targets



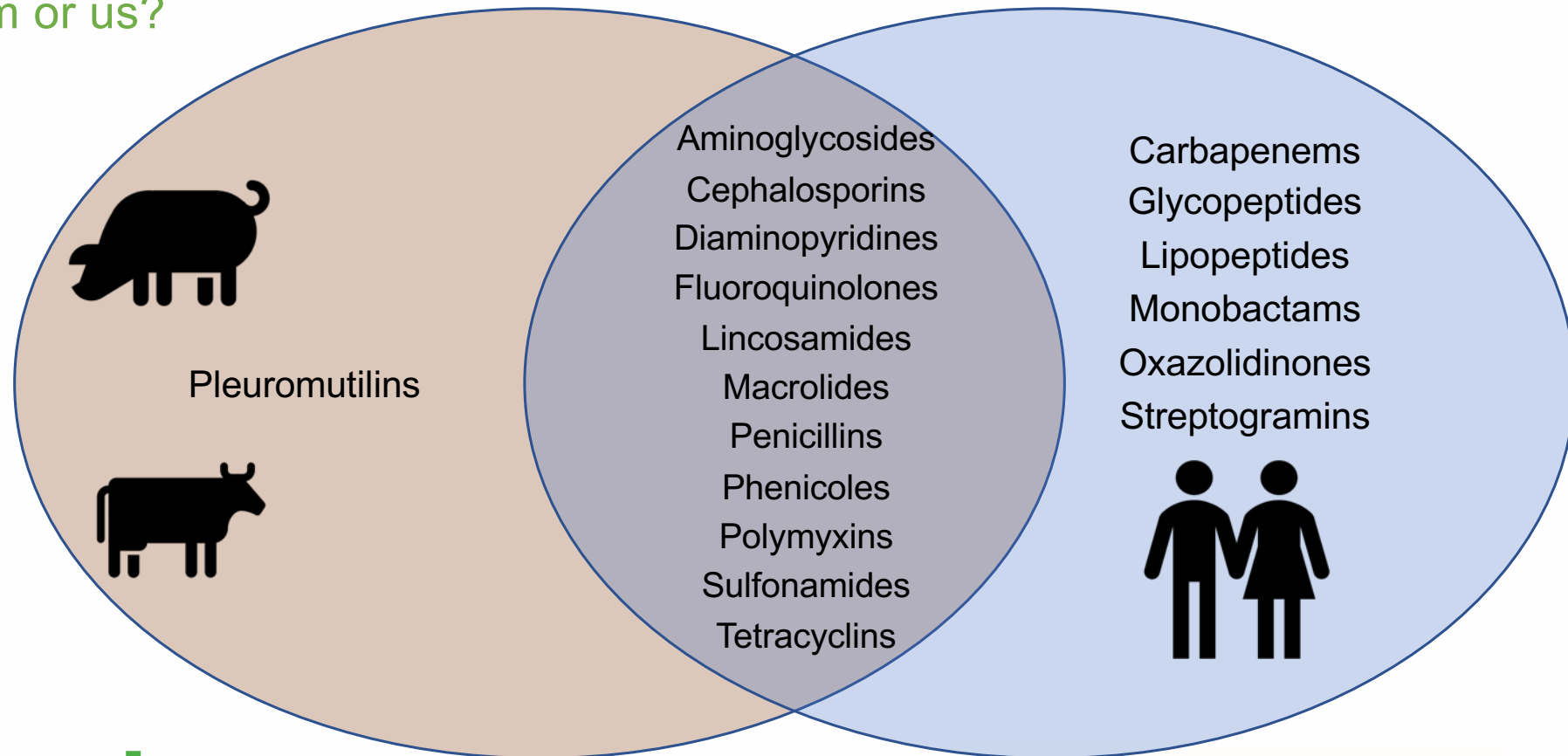


# Resistance mechanisms



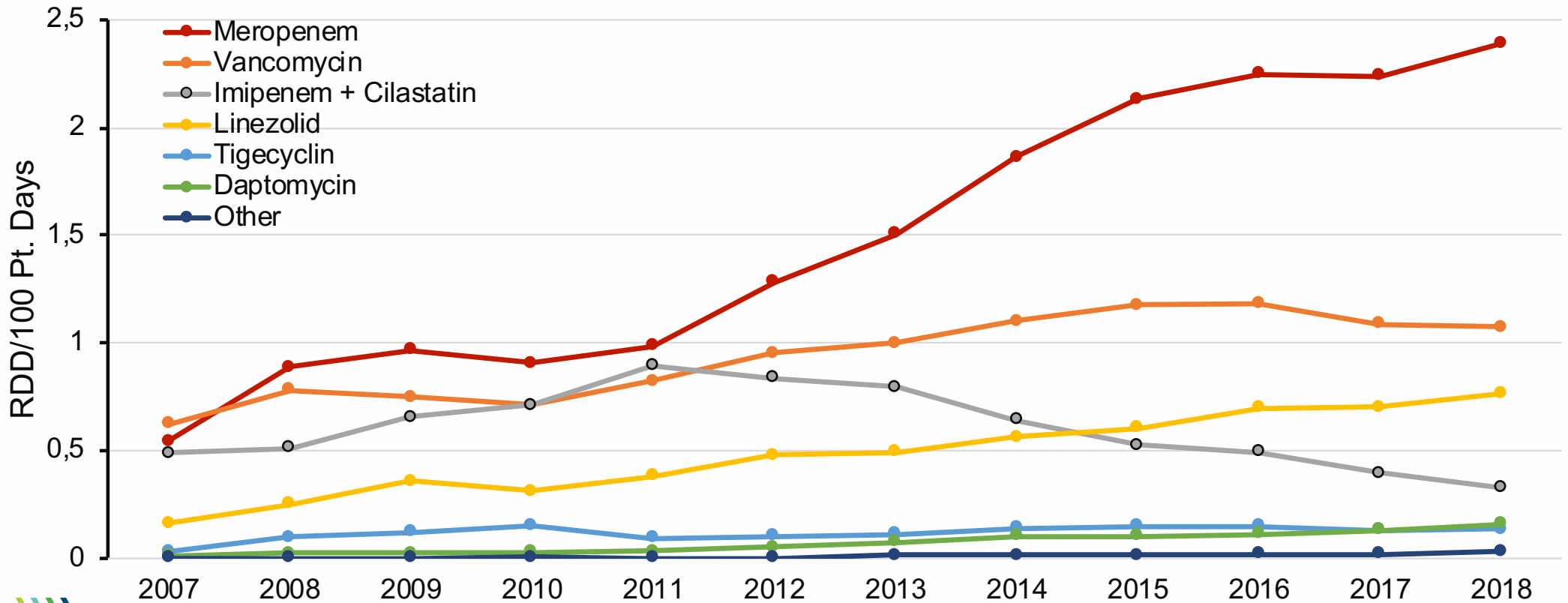
# Veterinary and Human use of Antibiotics

Them or us?



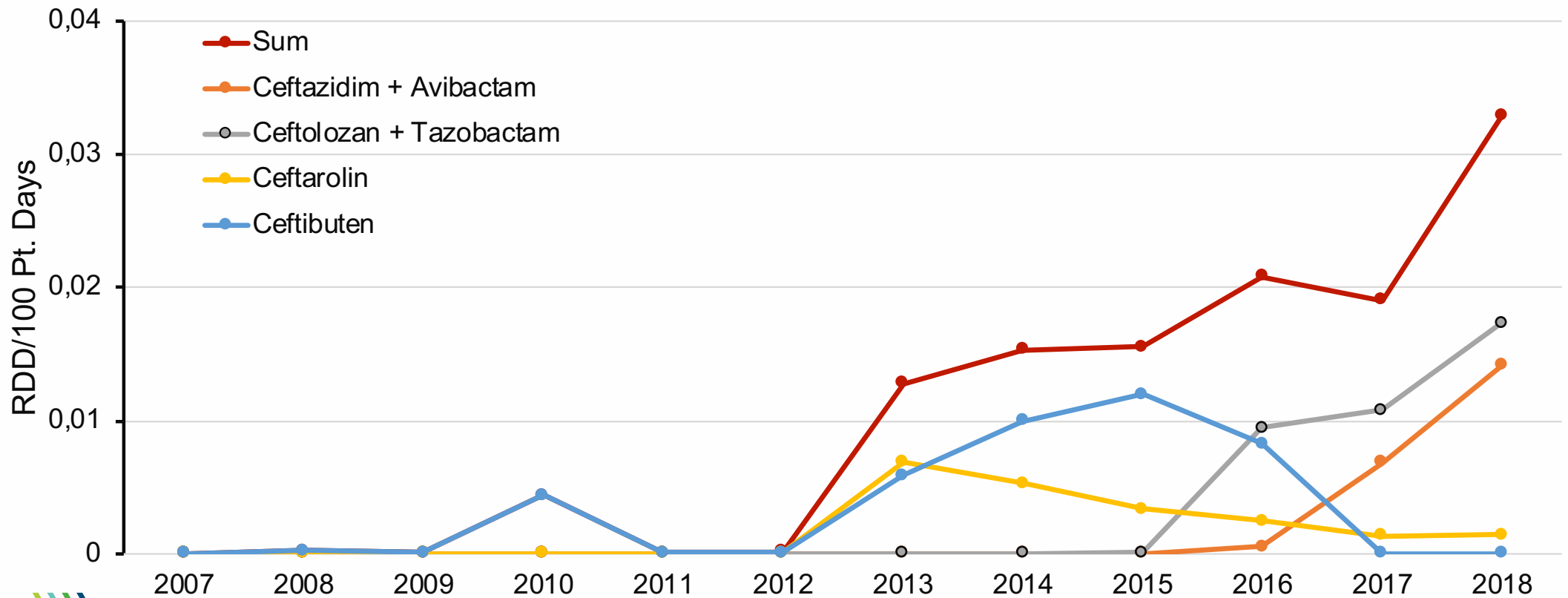
# Use Density of Critically Important Antibiotics in German Hospitals

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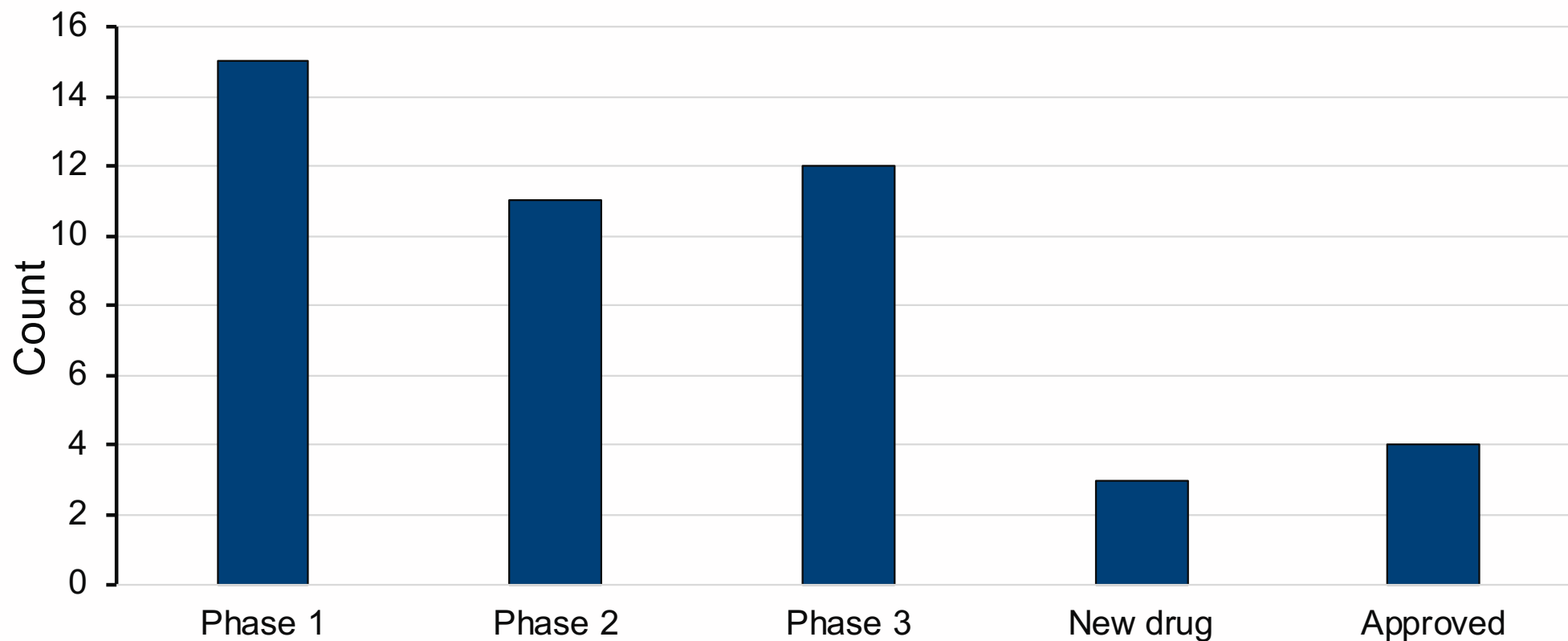


# Use Density of Novel Cephalosporins in German Hospitals

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# Development Pipeline of Antibiotic Drugs



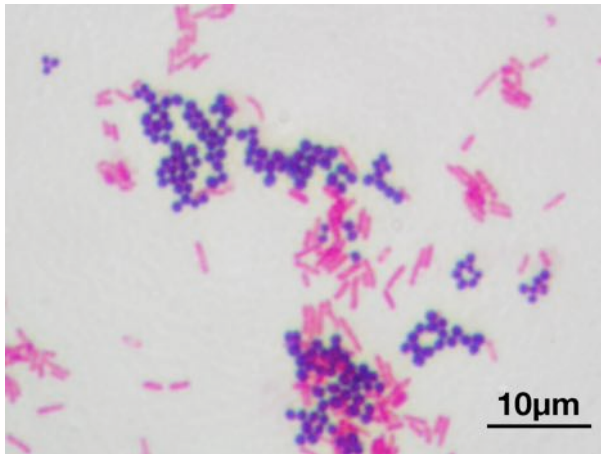


# Novel Antibiotics (a selection)

- Long acting Glycopeptides
- $\beta$ -lactams
- $\beta$ -lactams +  $\beta$ -lactam inhibitors
- Pleuromutilines
- LpxC Inhibitors
- Bacteriophages
- ~~Fecal Microbiome Transfer~~ 🍌



# Antiinfective drugs – already FDA / EMA approved



Gram-positive bacteria

DALBAVANCIN (Dalvance™/ Xydalba®)

ORITAVANCIN (Orbactiv™)

TEDIZOLID (Sivextro®)

CEFTOBIPROL (Zevtera®)



Gram-negative bacteria

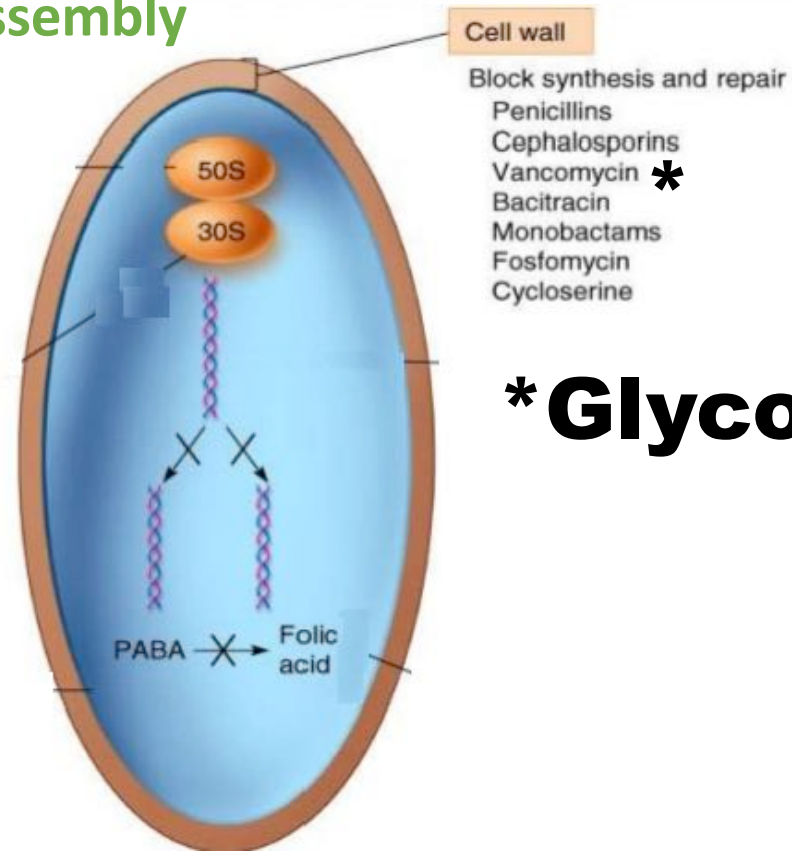
CEFTOBIPROL (Zevtera®)

CEFTOLOZAN-TAZOBACTAM  
(Zerbaxa™)

CEFTAZIDIM-AVIBACTAM  
(Avycaz™/ Zavicefta®)

# Antibacterial Targets

## Inhibitors of cell wall assembly

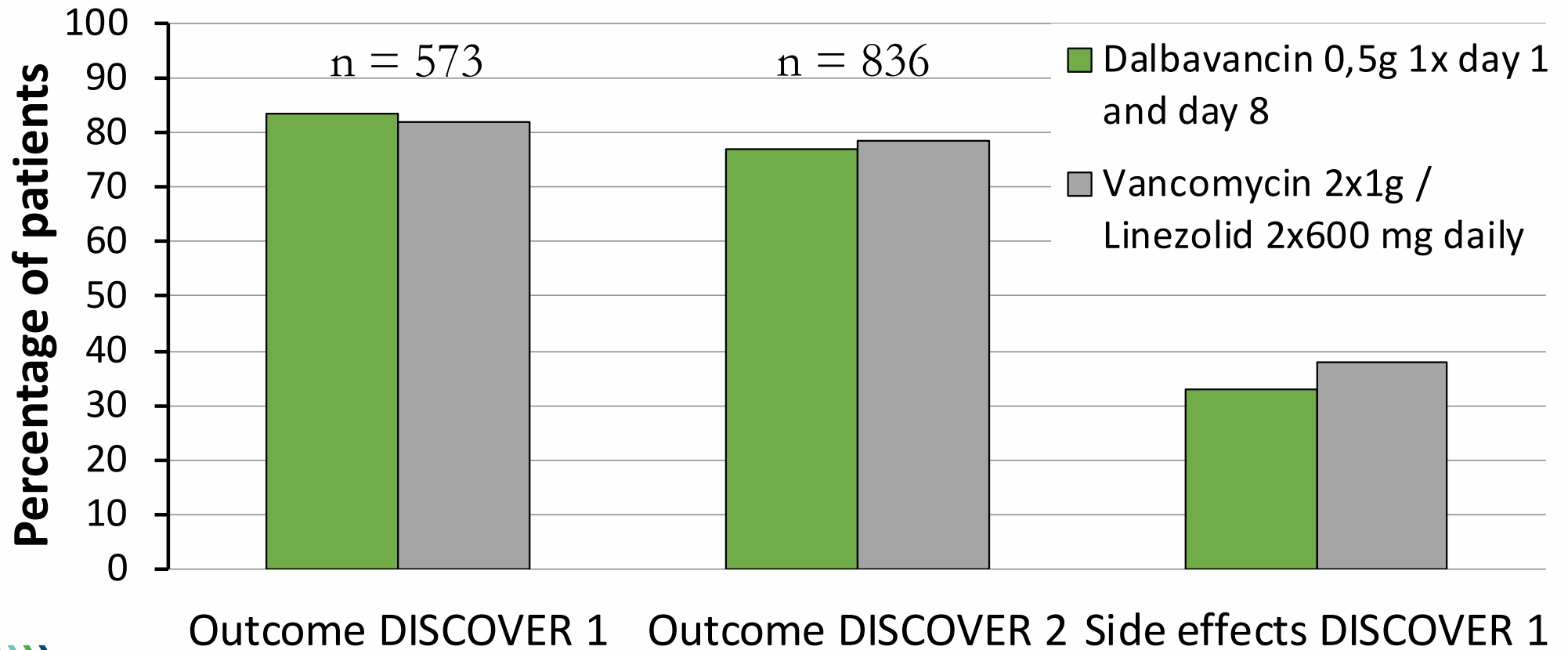


**\* Glycopeptides**



# Clinical response to Dalbavancin

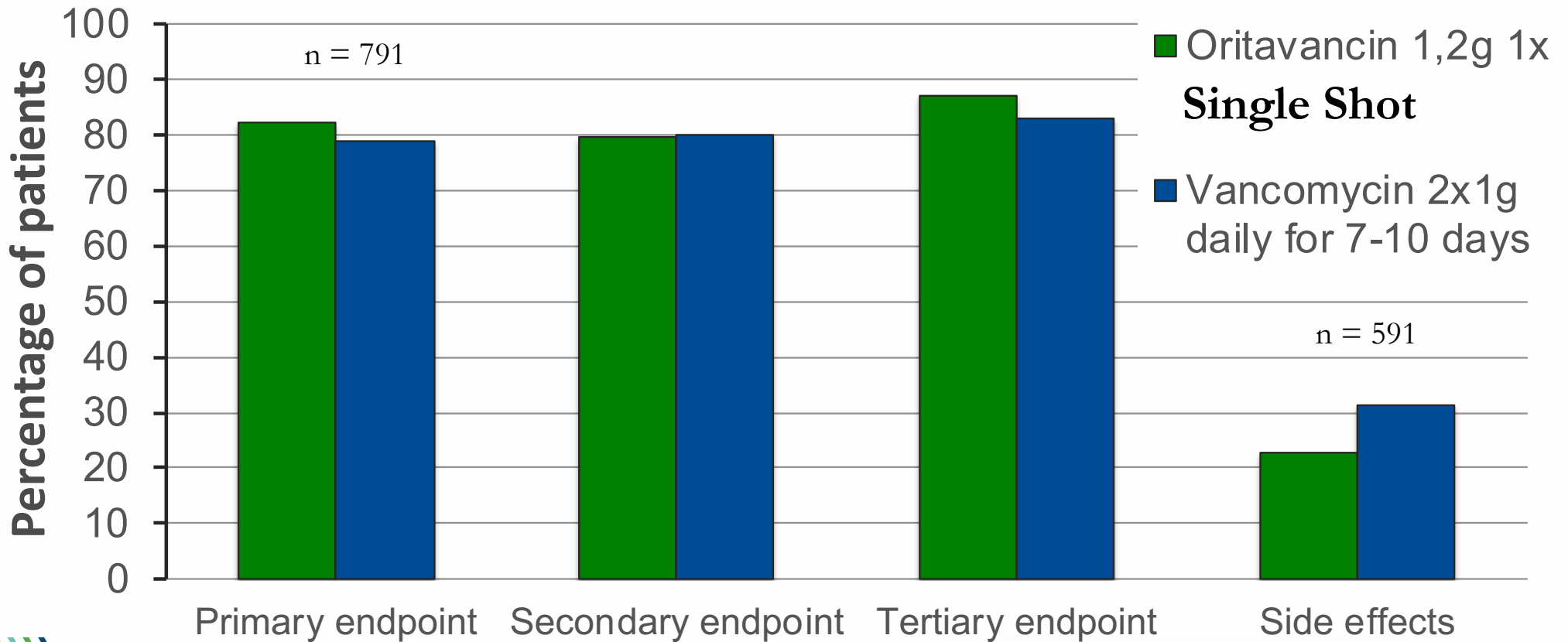
Acute bacterial skin and skin-structure infection





# Clinical response to Oritavancin

Acute bacterial skin and skin-structure infection



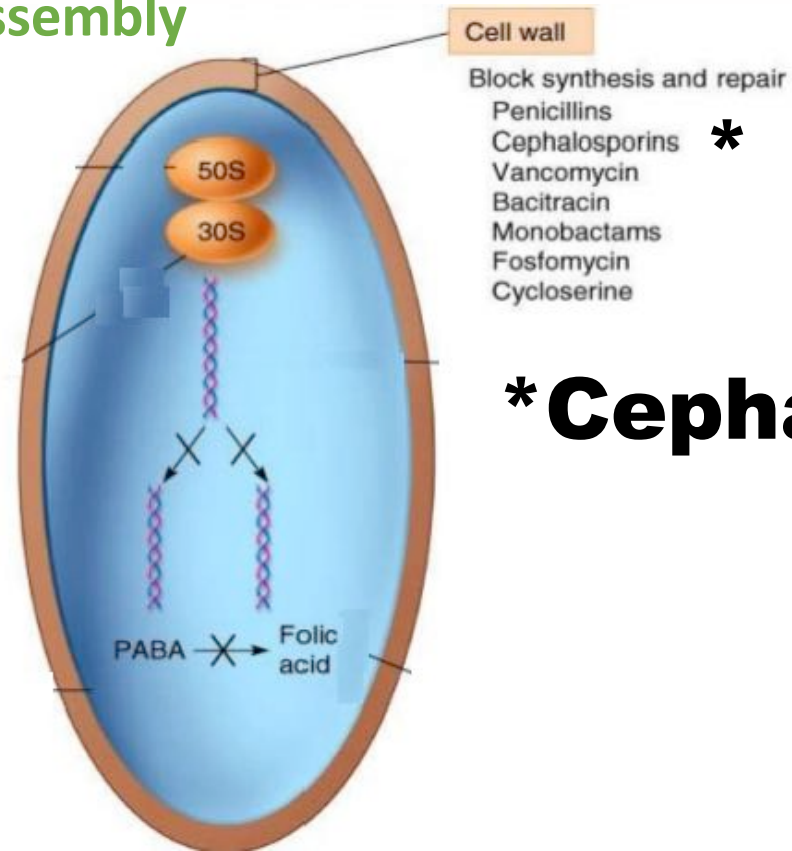
# Take Home Message

- Dalbavancin and Oritavancin are novel Glycopeptide antibiotics to treat infections caused by gram-positive bacteria.
- Oritavancin and Dalbavancin have an apparent half-life of 10 – 15 days respectively, which permits a single dosing regime.
- Both substances are approved for the treatment of acute bacterial skin, skin-structure and soft tissue infections.
- To this end no data exist to demonstrate a clinical benefit compared to established Glycopeptides other than better treatment options in the outpatient sector.



# Antibacterial Targets

## Inhibitors of cell wall assembly



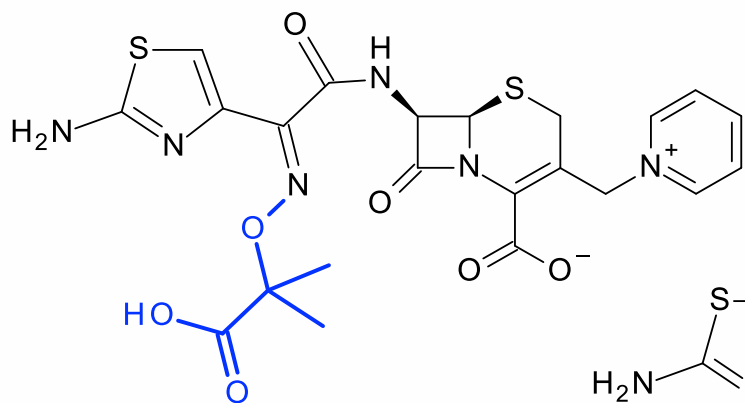
# Novel Antiinfectives: Cephalosporins

(O) = oral use

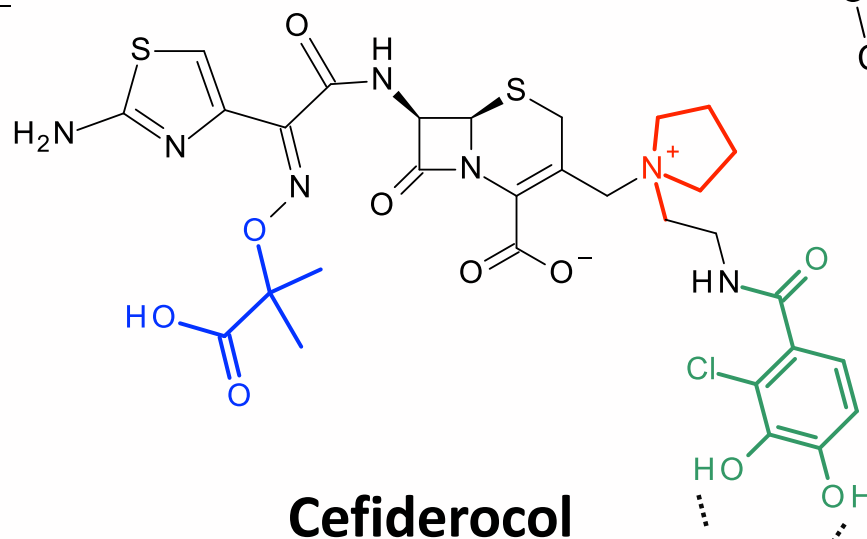
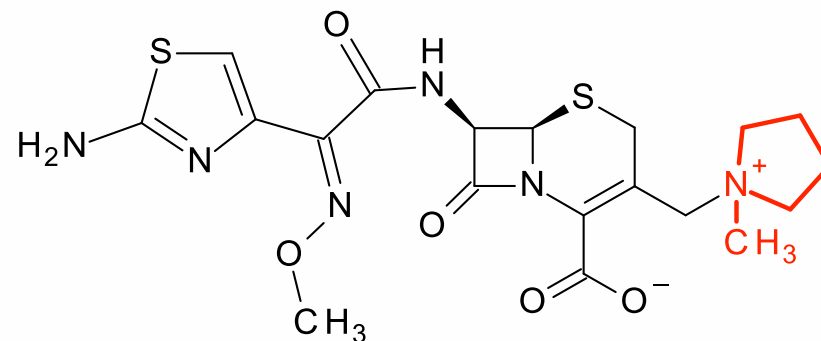
1st Generation	2nd Generation	3rd Generation	4th Generation
Cefazolin	Cefamandole	Cefoperazone	Cefepime
Cephalothin	Cefonicid	Cefotaxime	Cefpirome
Cefadroxil (O)	Cefuroxime (-axetil (O))	Ceftazidime	
Cephalexin (O)	Cefaclor (O)	Ceftizoxime	
Cephradine (O)	Cefprozil (O)	Ceftriaxone	
	Loracarbef (O)	Moxalactam	
		Cefdinir (O)	
	Cefmetazole	Cefditoren (O)	
	Cefotetan	Cefixime (O)	
	Cefoxitin	Cefpodoxime (O)	
		Ceftibuten (O)	
			5th Generation
			Ceftarolin
			Ceftobiprol

# Cefiderocol – *same same* but different

**Ceftazidime**



**Cefepime**



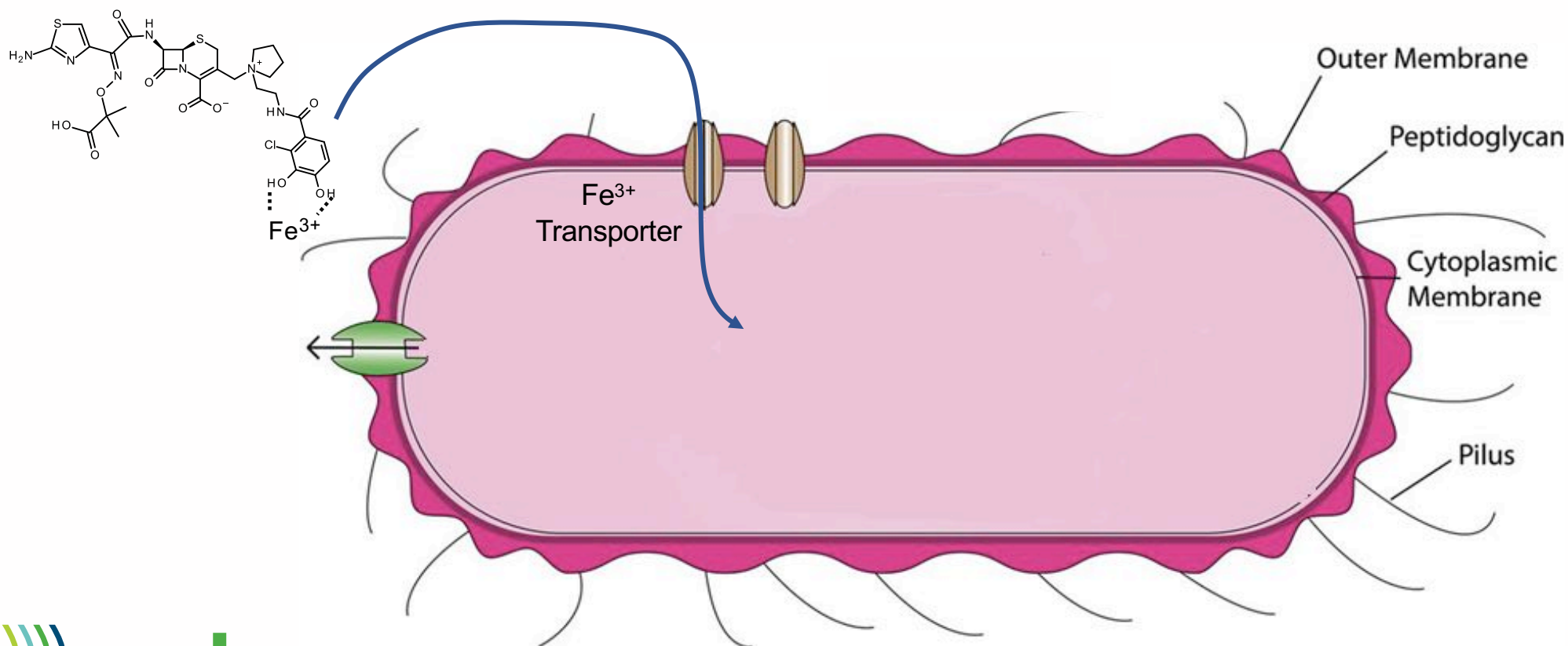
**Cefiderocol**

$\text{Fe}^{3+}$

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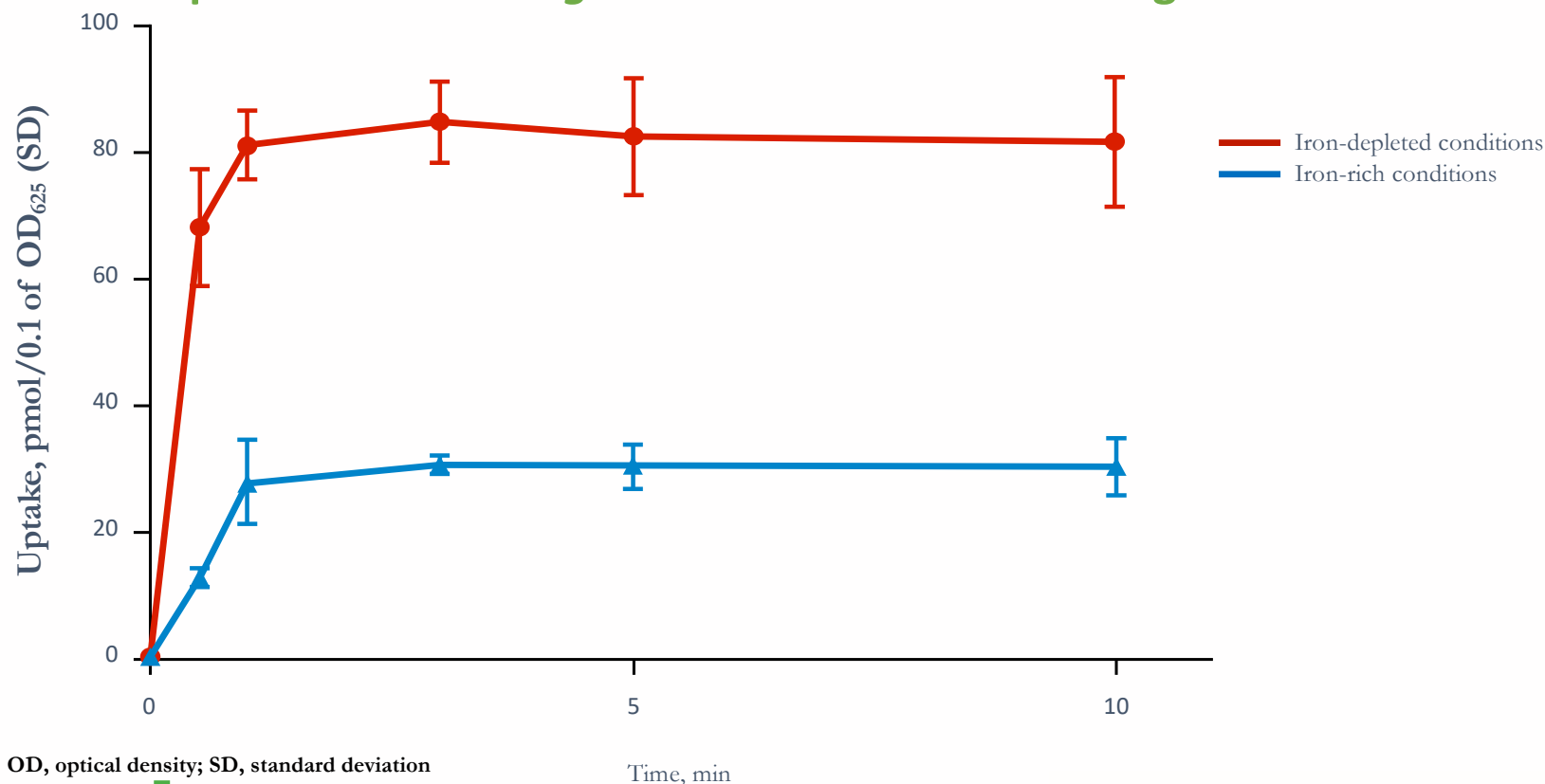


# Porin Specific Entry of Cefiderocol



# Uptake of Cefiderocol in Iron-depleted Conditions

Cefiderocol uptake into *P. aeruginosa* cells was >2 times higher under low iron conditions

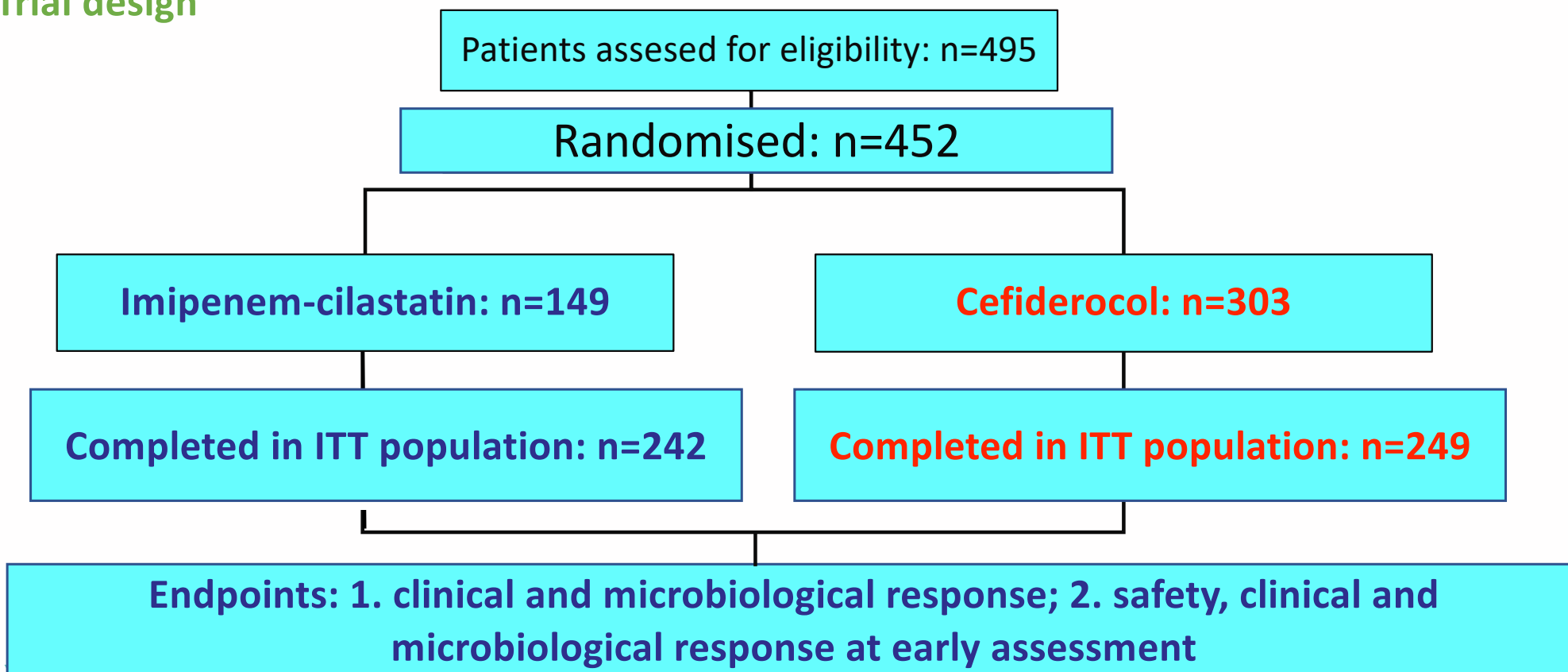


OD, optical density; SD, standard deviation

Time, min

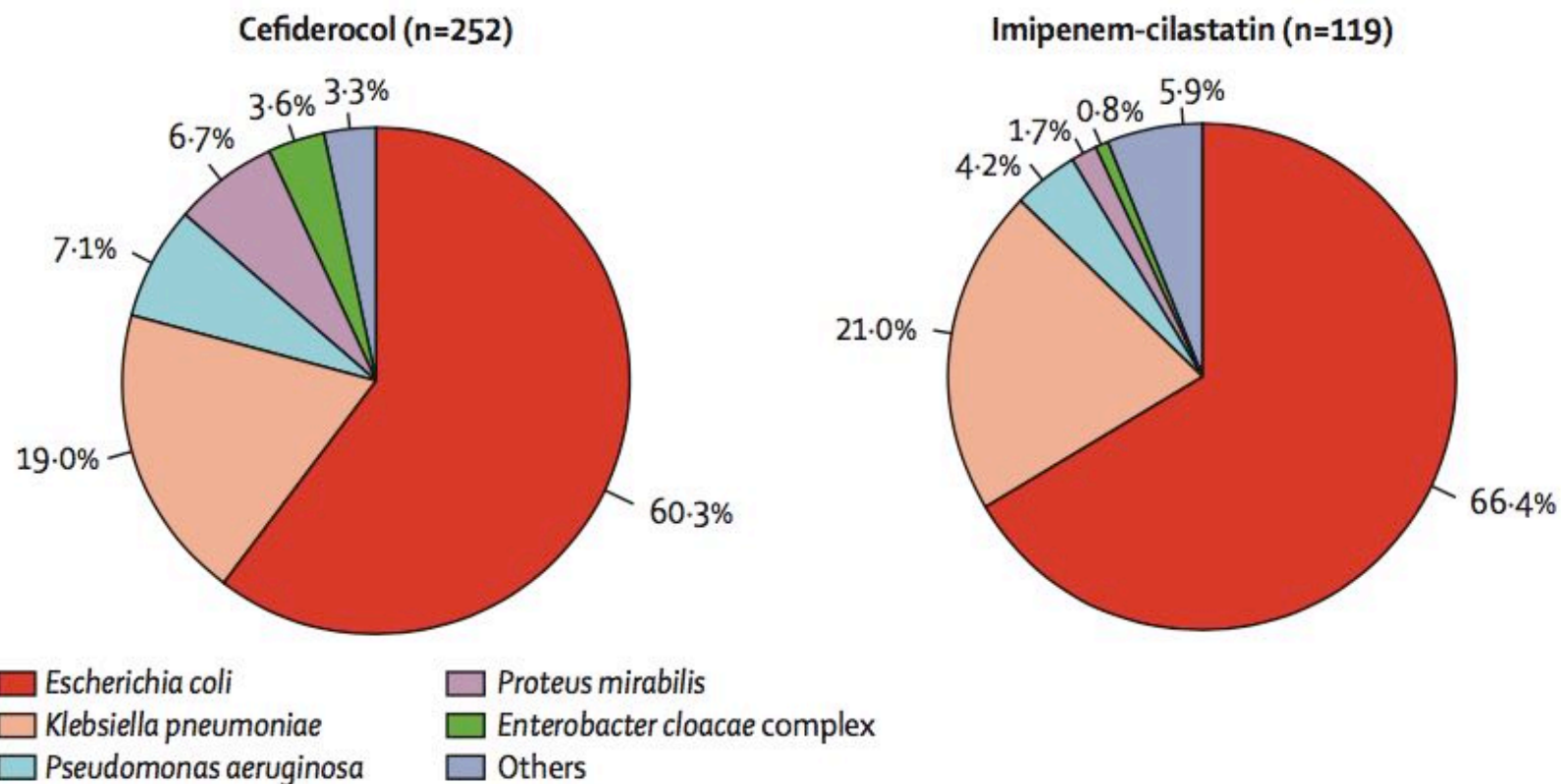
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## Trial design



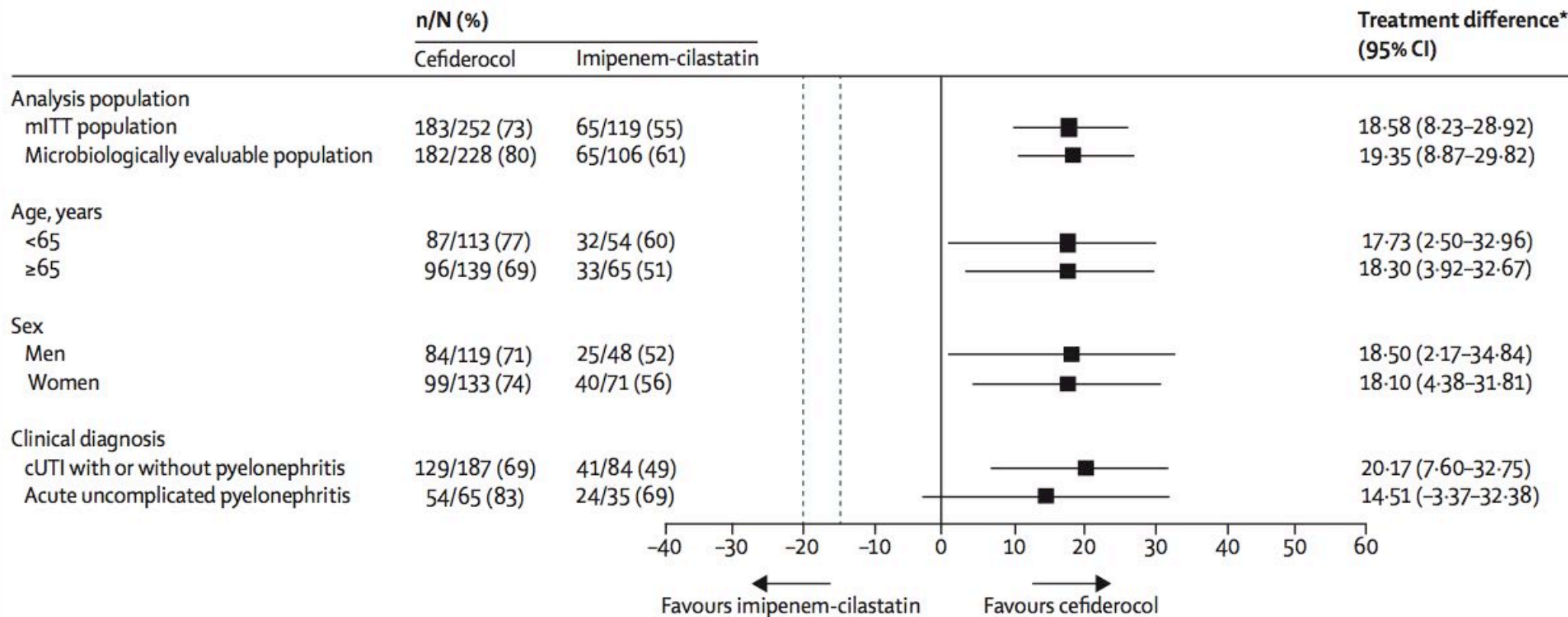
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## Distribution of pathogens isolated at baseline



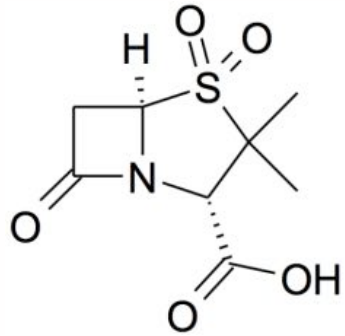
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## Results

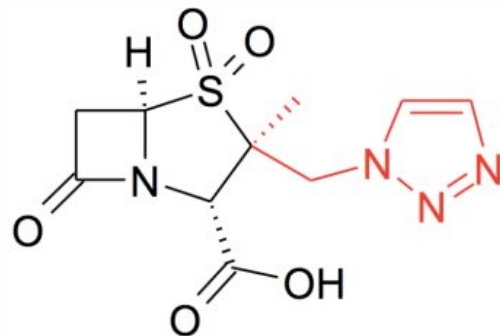


# Novel Antiinfectives: Combination of Cephalosporines with $\beta$ -Lactamase Inhibitors

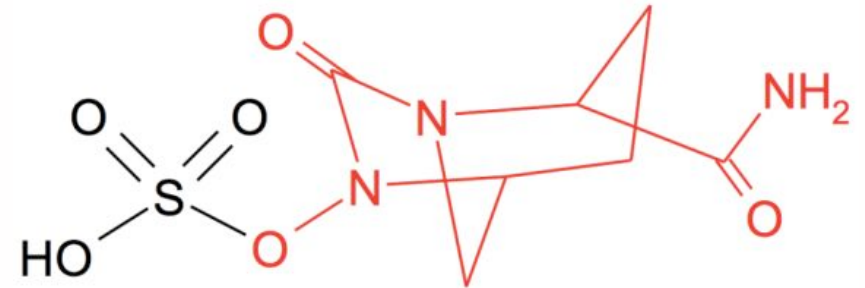
Sulbactam



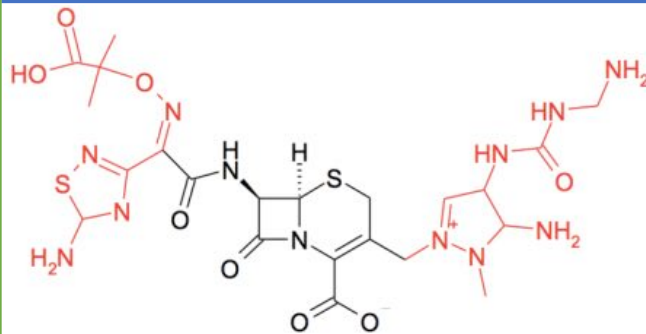
Tazobactam



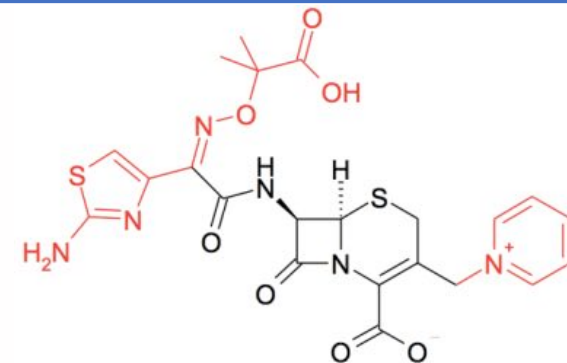
Avibactam



Ceftolozan



Ceftazidime

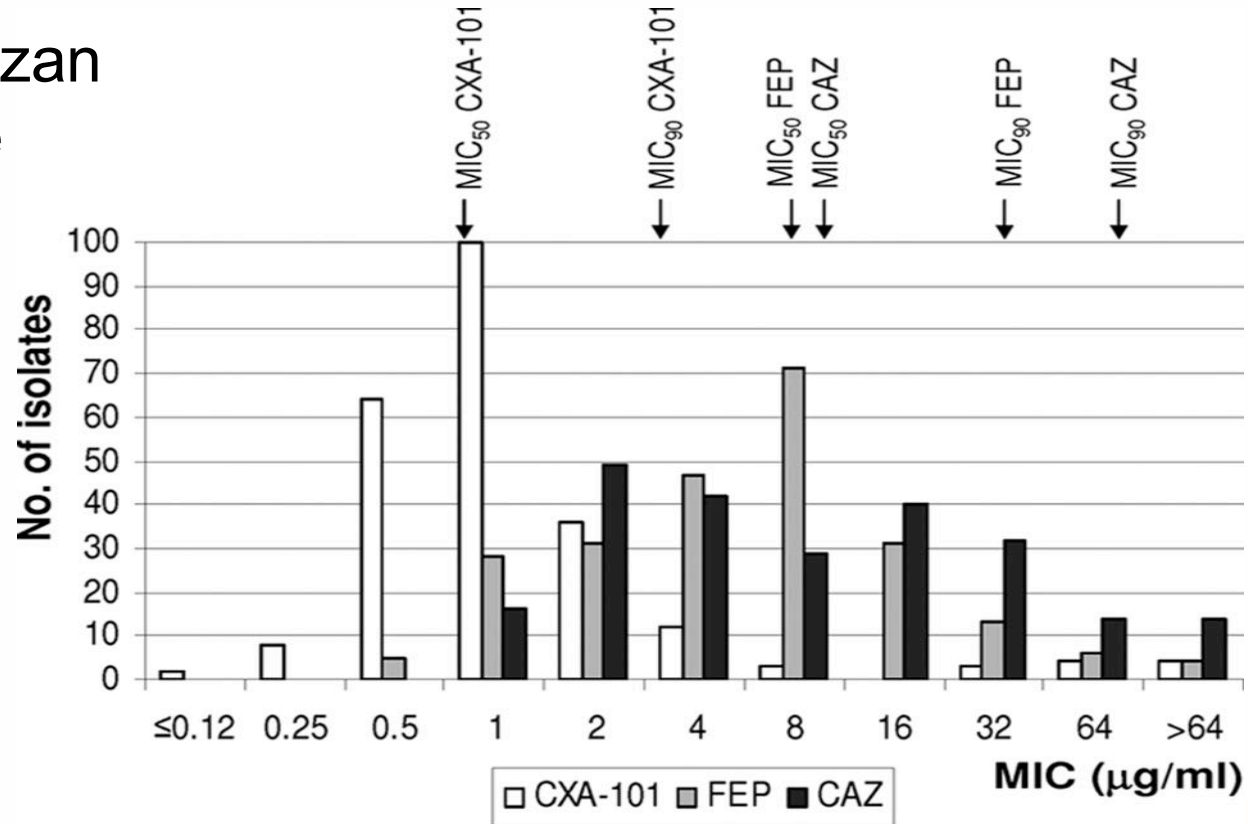


# Susceptibility of Different Carbapenem-resistant Pseudomonas Strains in Spain

CXA-101 = Ceftolozan

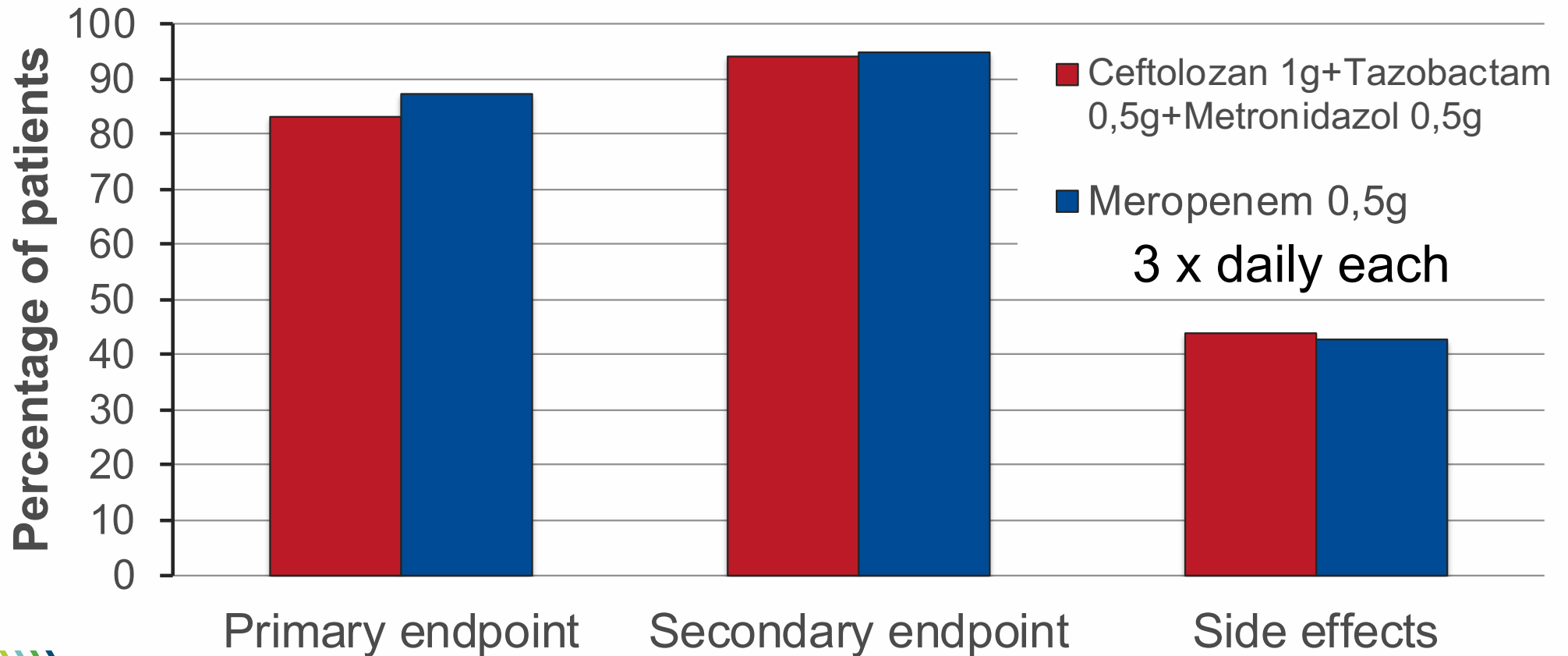
CAZ = Ceftazidime

FEP = Cefepime



# Clinical Response to Ceftolozan-Tazobactam

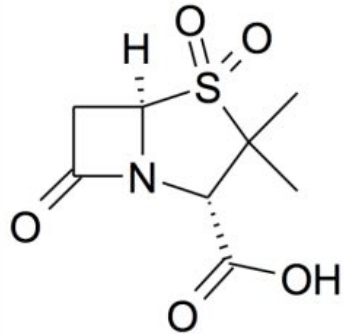
## Acute abdominal infections



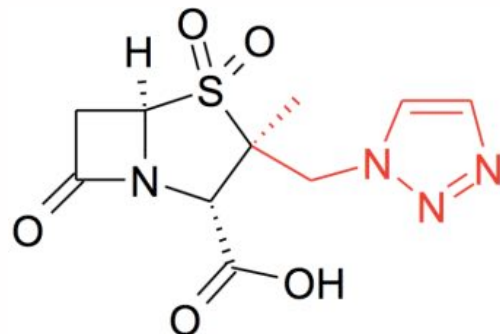


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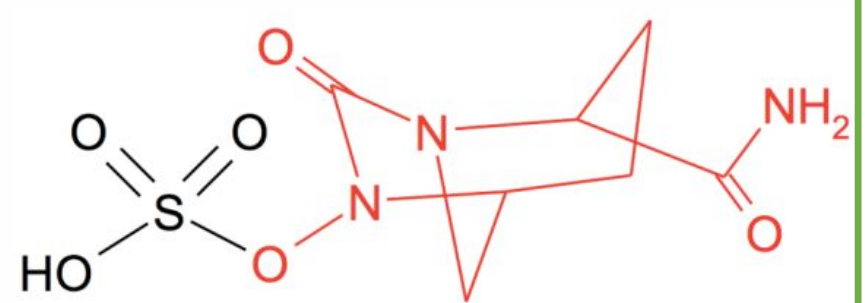
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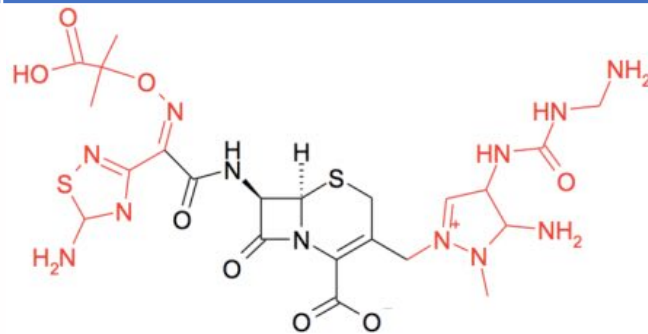
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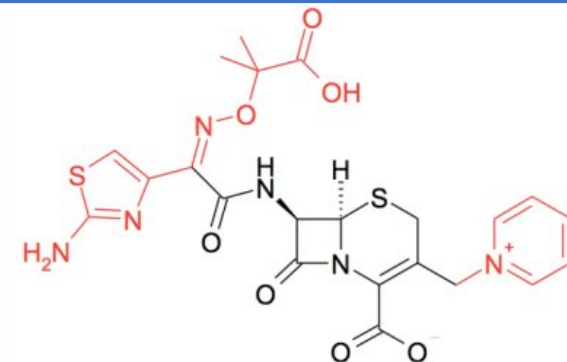
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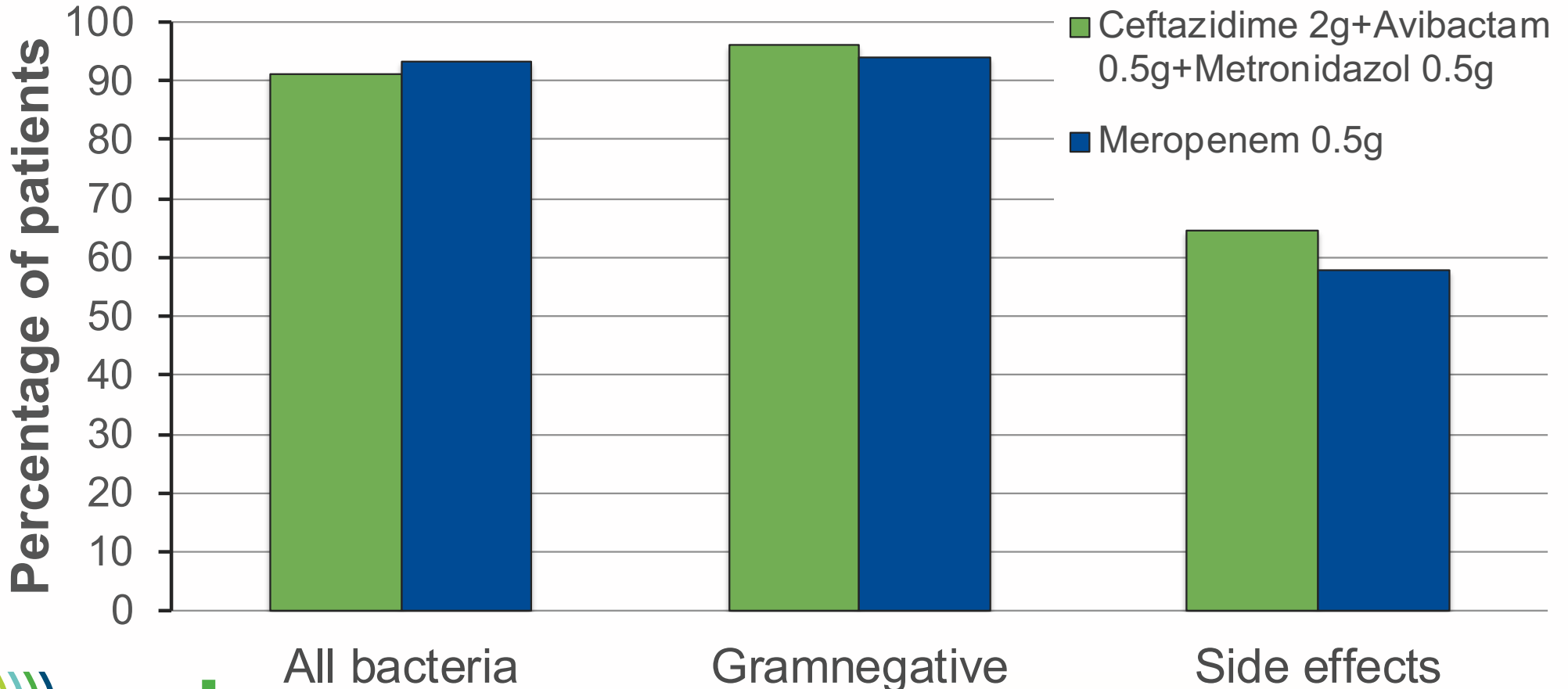


Ceftazidime



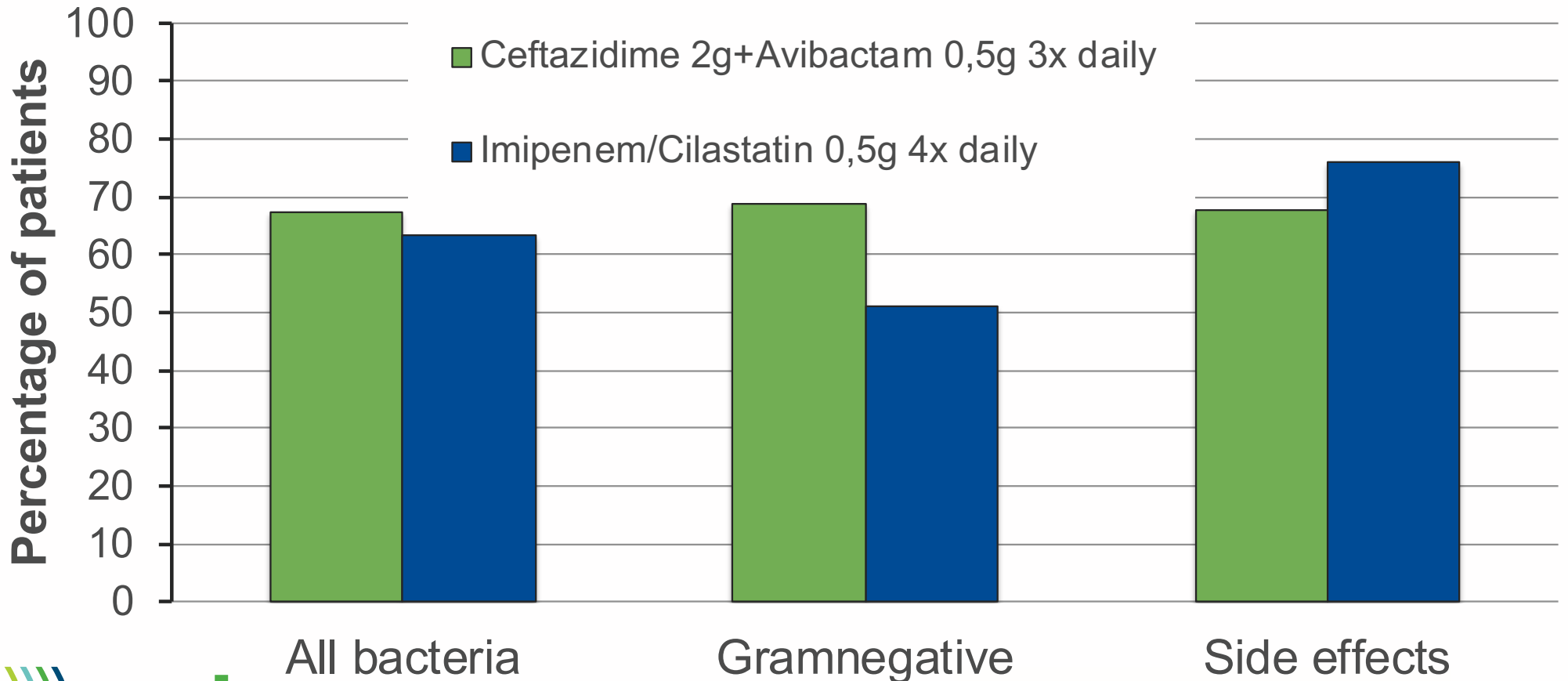
# Clinical Response to Ceftazidime-Avibactam

Acute abdominal infections



# Clinical Response to Ceftazidime-Avibactam

Complicated urinary tract infections



# Combinations of $\beta$ -lactams and BLI

## Ongoing Clinical Trials

	Avibactam	Nacubactam	Relebactam	Vaborbactam	Zidebactam
	Diazabicyclooctane	Diazabicyclooctane	Diazabicyclooctane	Cyclic boronate	Diazabicyclooctane
Aztreonam	X*				
Cefepime					X
Imipenem-Cilastatin			X		
Meropenem		X		X*	

\*FDA approved



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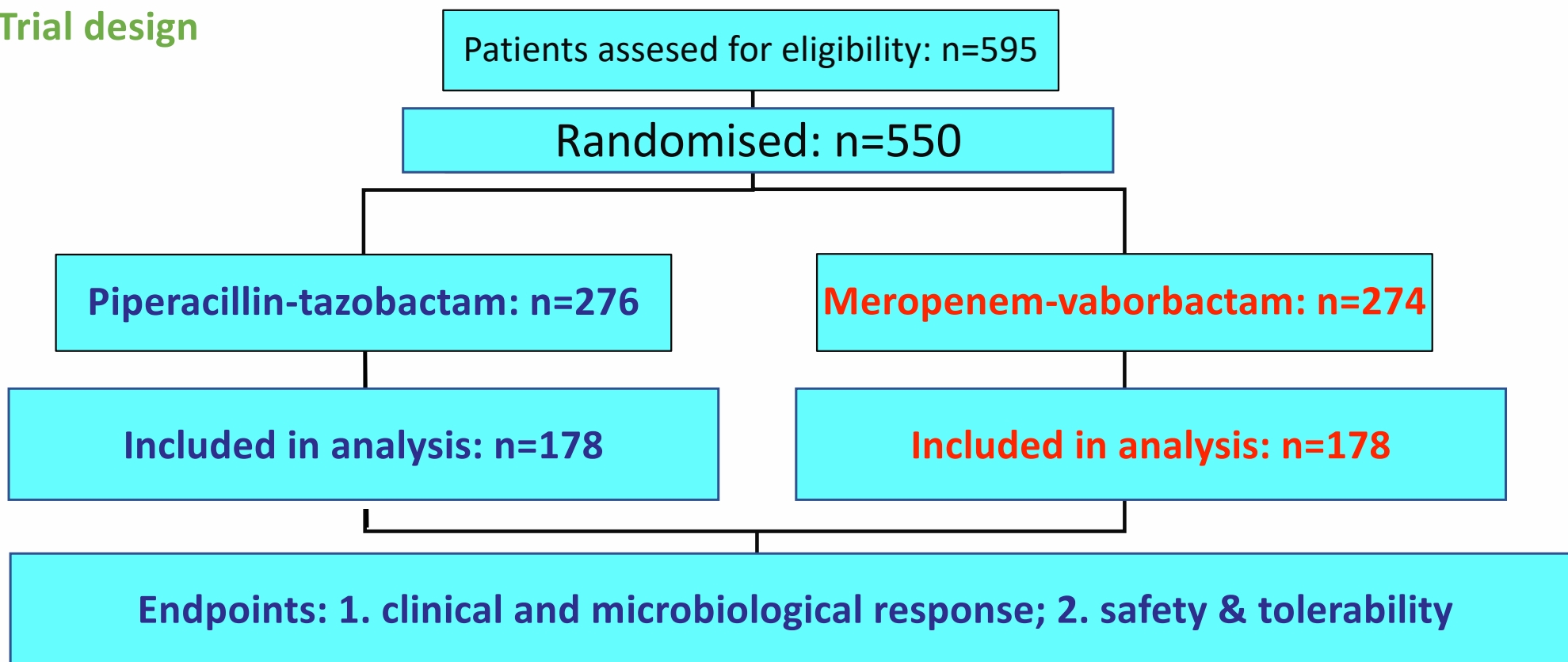
## Ongoing Clinical Trials – early development

	AAI-101	ETX0282	ETX2514	VNRX-5133
	$\beta$ -lactame	Diazabicyclo- octane	Diazabicyclo- octane	Cyclic boronate
Cefepime	X			X
Cefpodoxime- proxetil		X		
Imipenem- Cilastatin			X	
Sulbactam			X	



# Targeting Antibiotic Non-susceptible Gram-negative Organisms (TANGO) Trial – Meropenem+ *Vaborbactam*

## Trial design

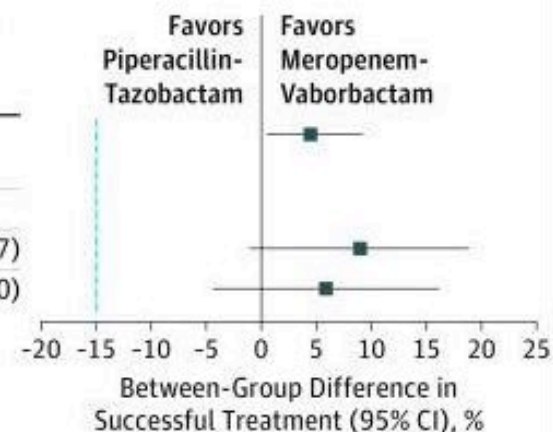


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## TANGO I: Complicated Urinary Tract Infection

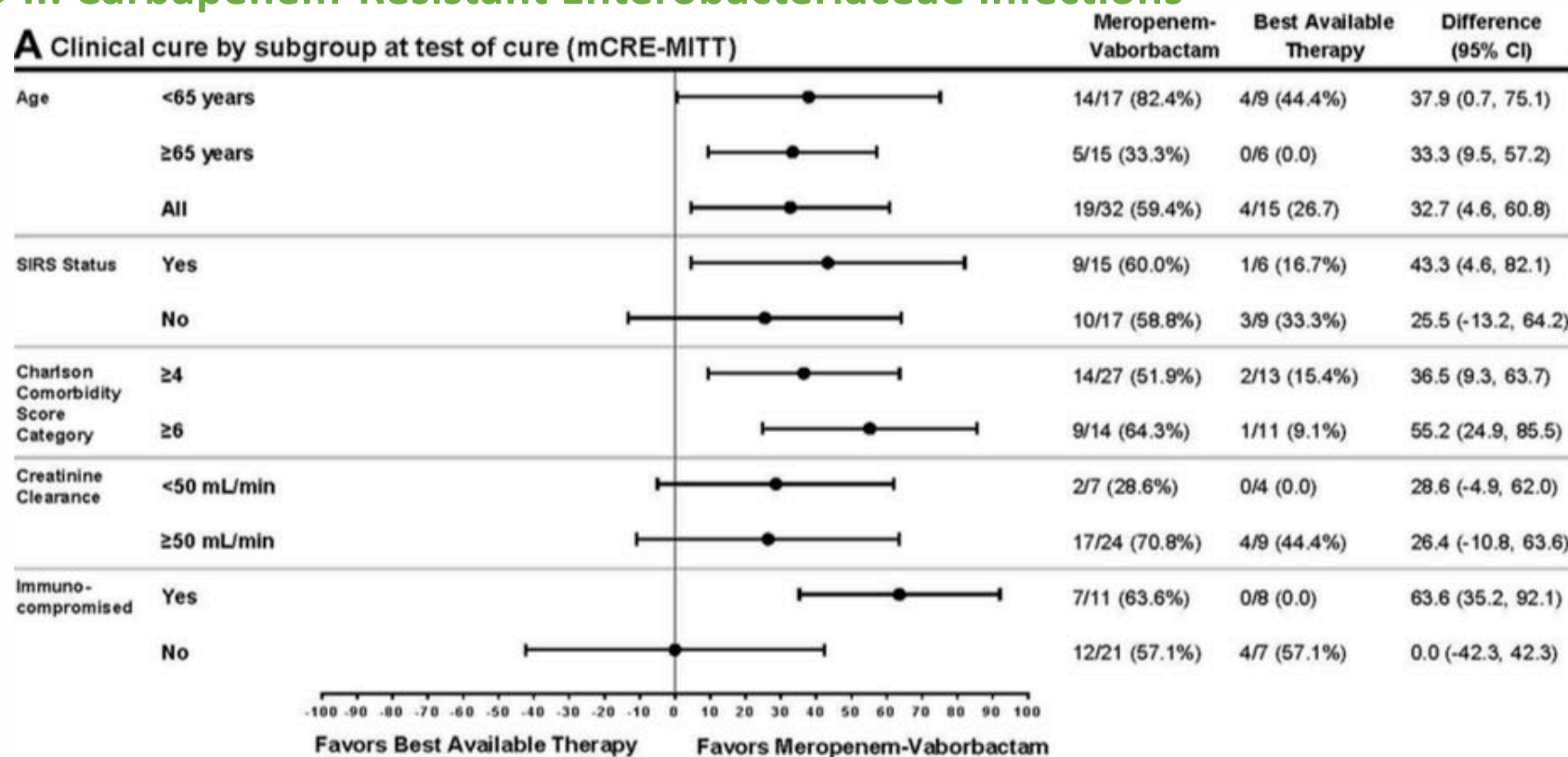
### A Primary end points

	No. of Patients Successfully Treated/Total No. (%)		Between-Group Difference (95% CI), %
	Meropenem-Vaborbactam	Piperacillin-Tazobactam	
FDA primary: overall success at end of intravenous treatment (microbiologic MITT analysis) <sup>a,b</sup>	189/192 (98.4)	171/182 (94.0)	4.5 (0.7 to 9.1)
EMA primary: microbial eradication at test of cure			
Microbiologic MITT analysis <sup>b</sup>	128/192 (66.7)	105/182 (57.7)	9.0 (-0.9 to 18.7)
Microbiologic evaluable analysis	118/178 (66.3)	102/169 (60.4)	5.9 (-4.2 to 16.0)



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## TANGO II: Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae Infections





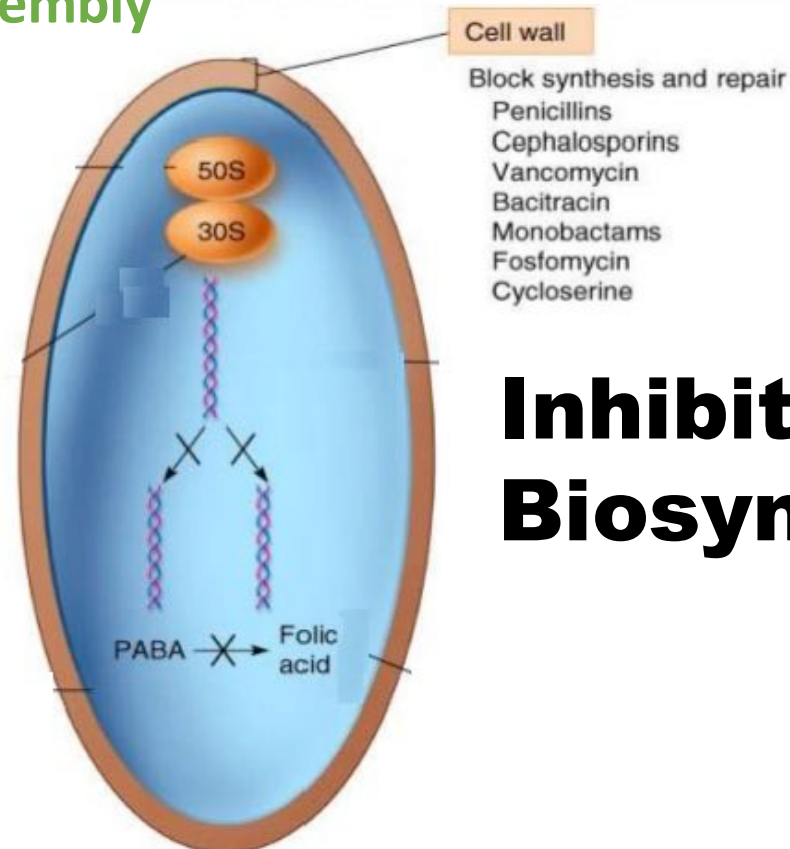
# Take Home Message

- Cefiderocol is a novel substance related to the 3rd and 4th generation cephalosporins ceftazidime and cefepime but has an additional residue that binds to iron.
- The unique structure of cefiderocol results in an increased concentration of the antibiotic in the bacterium thus bypassing some but not all resistance mechanisms.
- Several combinations of cephalosporins and carbapenems with beta-lactamase inhibitors result in an increased activity against multiresistant gram-negative bacteria.
- To this end none of the novel compounds demonstrates to be vastly superior to existing  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics but some may be effective against otherwise resistant bugs.



# Antibacterial Targets

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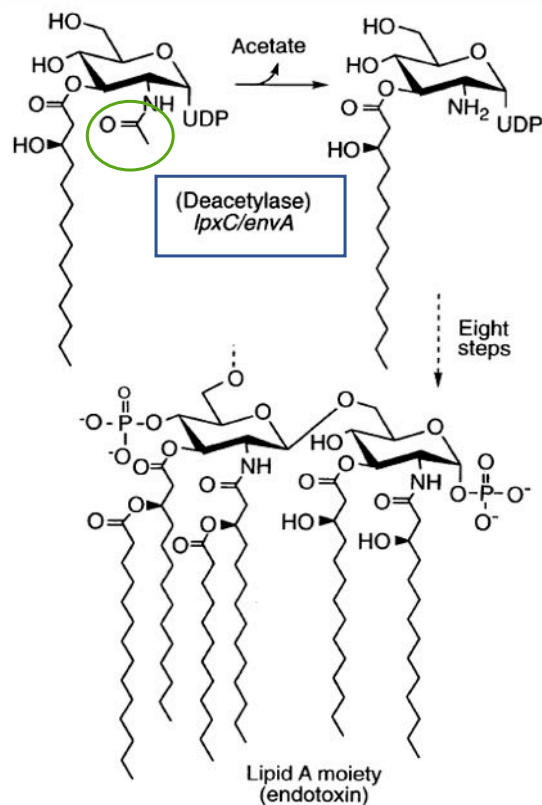


## Inhibitors of Lipid A Biosynthesis

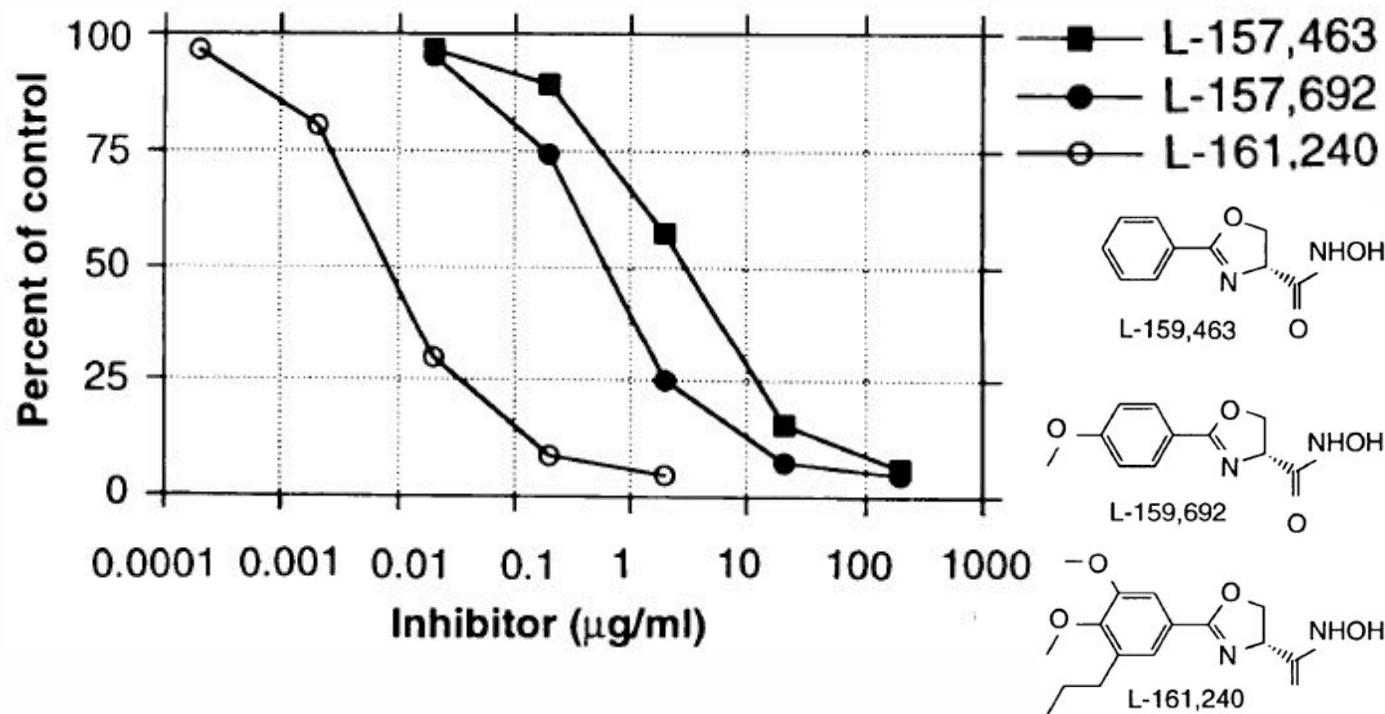


# UDP-3-O-acyl-N-acetylglucosamine deacetylase (LpxC)

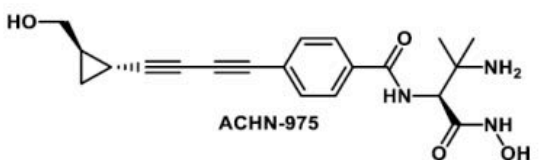
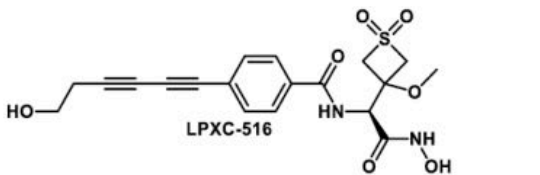
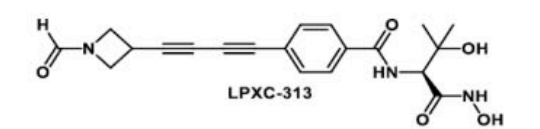
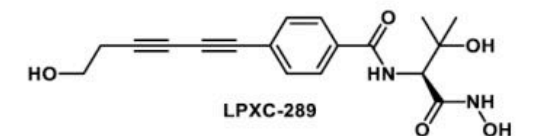
## Role in bacterial wall formation



## Effect of LpxC inhibition on e.coli growth

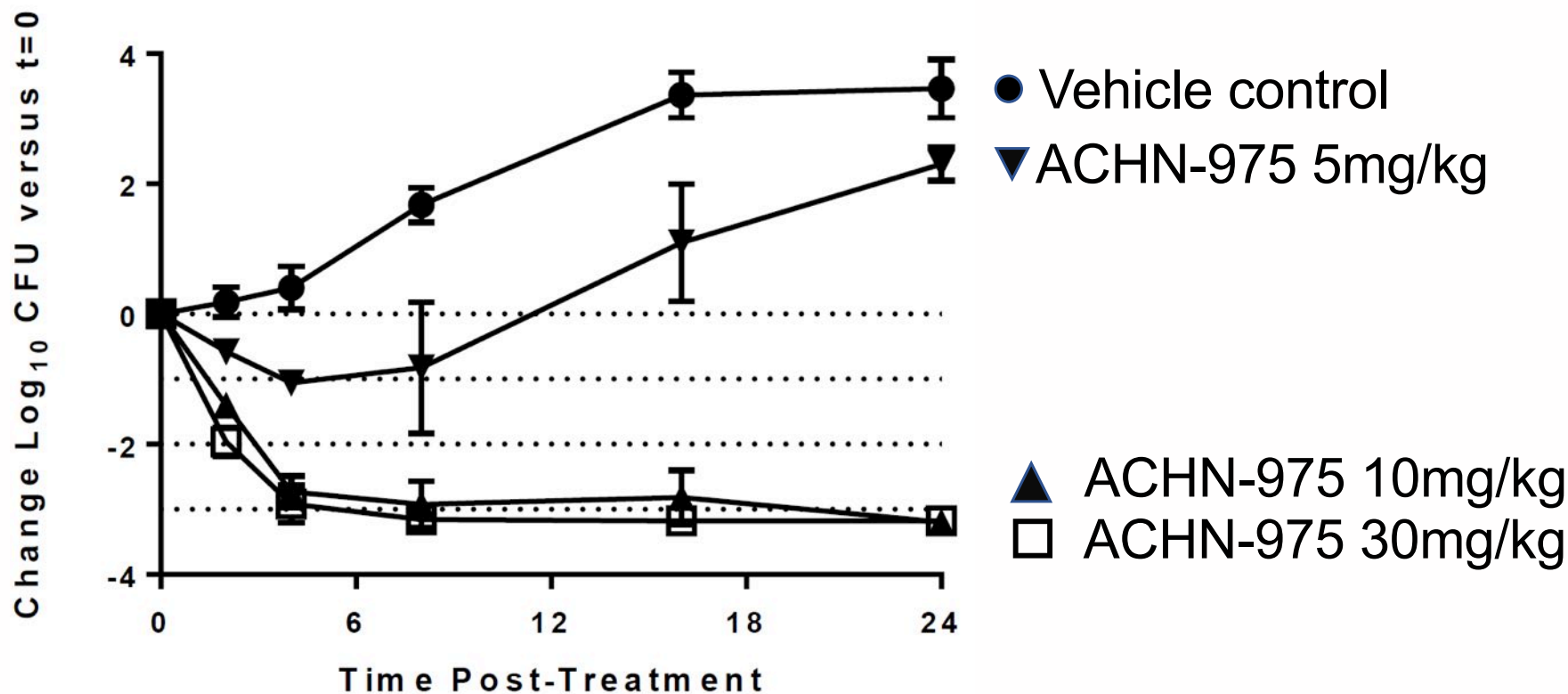


# In Vitro Activity of LpxC Inhibitors

Compound	Molecular Weight	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> LpxC IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	MIC <sub>5</sub> (µg/mL) <sup>a</sup>	Rat Clp (L/hr/kg) <sup>b</sup>
 ACHN-975	369.4	0.68	0.38	0.83
 LPXC-516	420.4	0.71	2.3	1.1
 LPXC-313	383.4	4.8	2.4	1.3
 LPXC-289	344.4	13	1.8	1.9

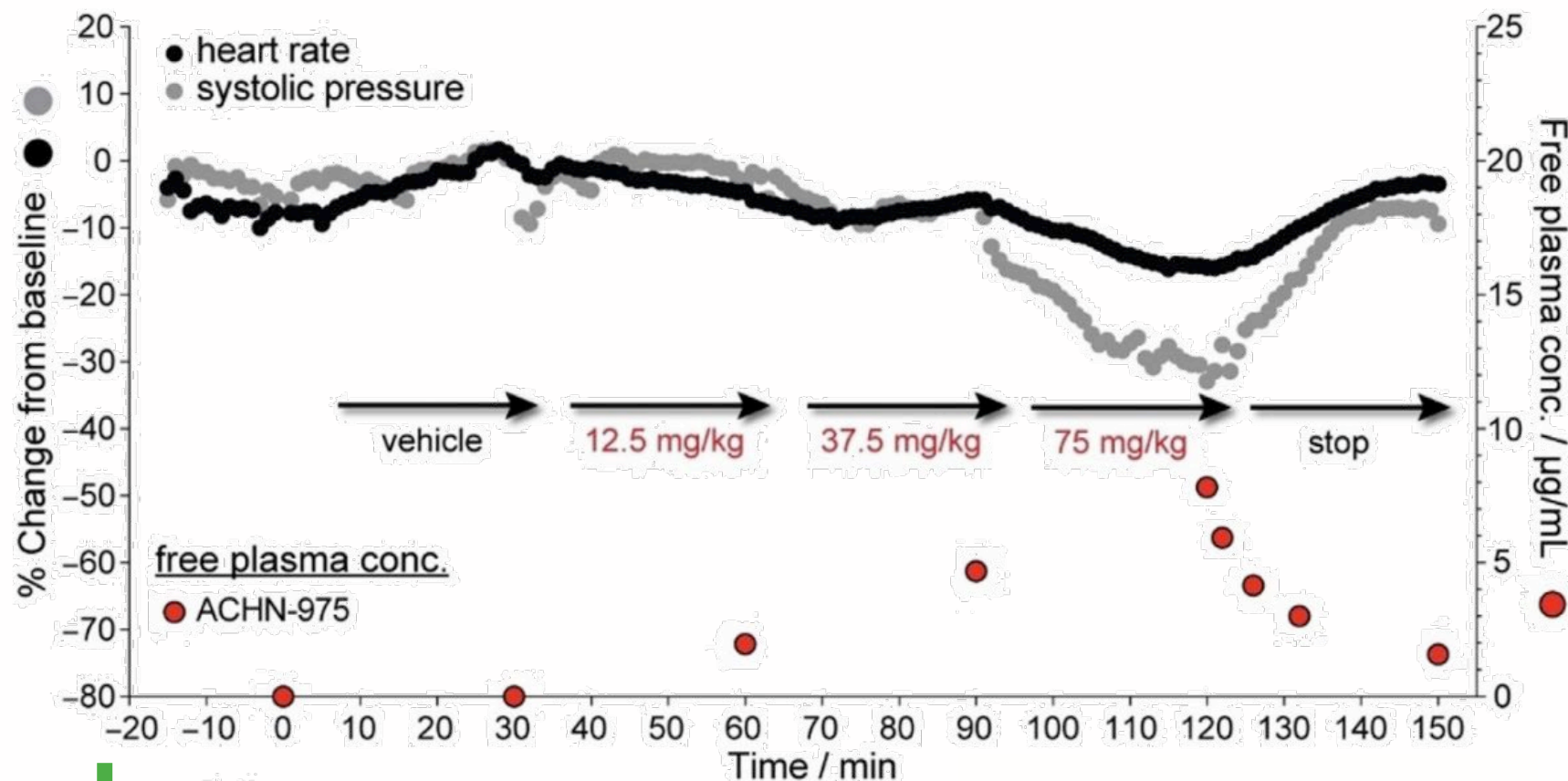
# In Vivo Bactericidal Activity of ACHN-975

Neutropenic Mouse Thigh Model, Multiresistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*



# ACHN-975 seems to be an ideal compound but...

Effect of ACHN-975 on heart rate and systolic pressure of male Sprague–Dawley rats



# Take Home Message

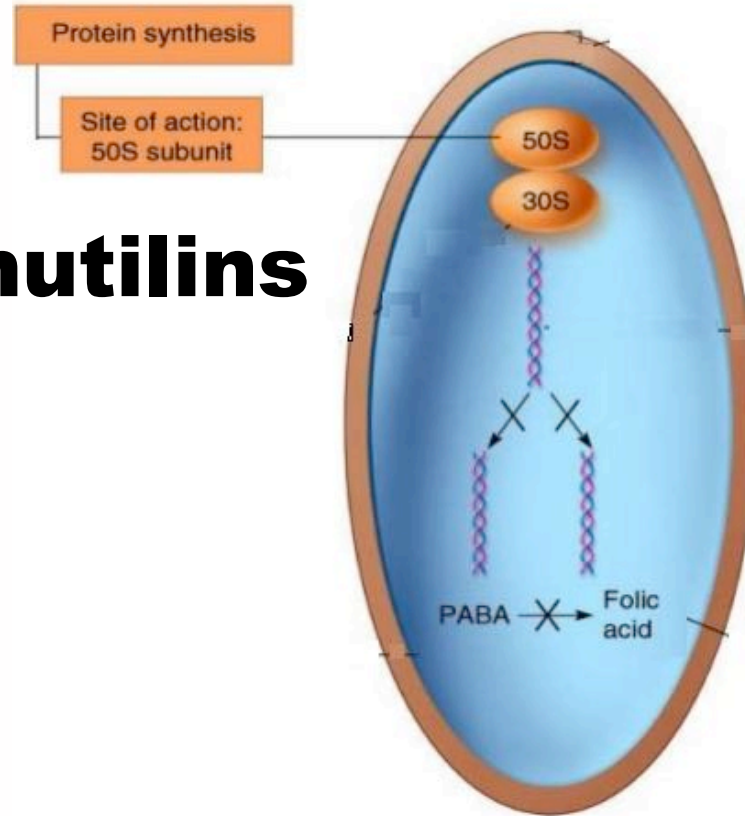
- Inhibitors of the UDP-3-O-acyl-N-acetylglucosamine deacetylase (LpxC) have bactericidal activity against gramnegative bacteria.
- The most potent candidate is ACHN-975 with nanomolar affinity to LpxC.
- Unfortunately ACHN-975 and related compounds have negative effects on the cardiovascular system.
- To this end no clinical trials are performed with any LpxC inhibitor.



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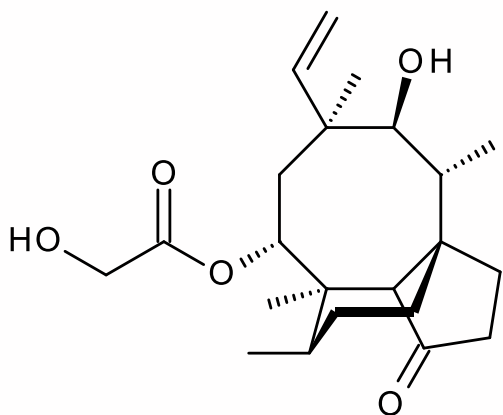
Inhibitors of protein synthesis

## Pleuromutilins

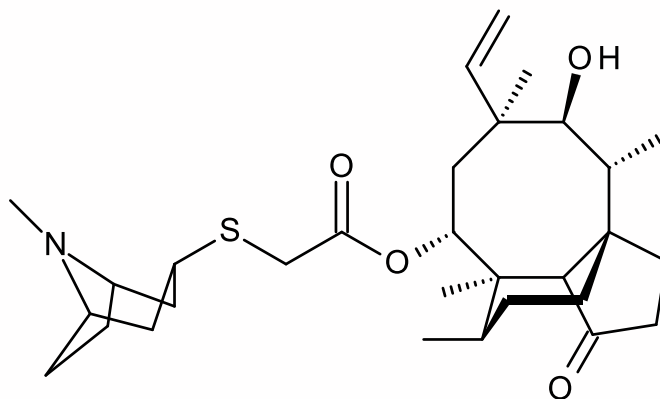




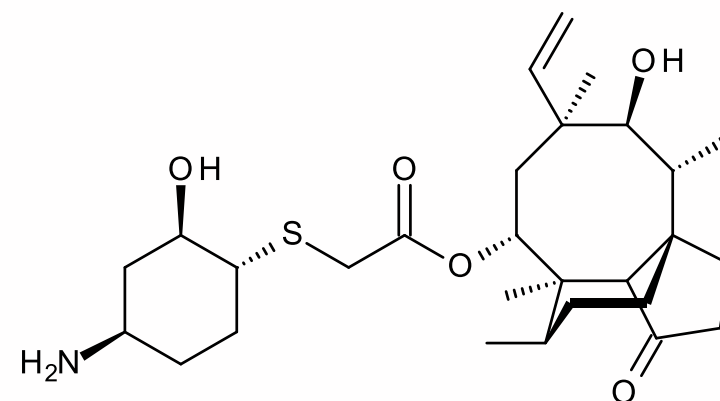
# Pleuromutilins



Pleuromutilin



Retapamulin  
(Altargo<sup>®</sup>, topical cream)

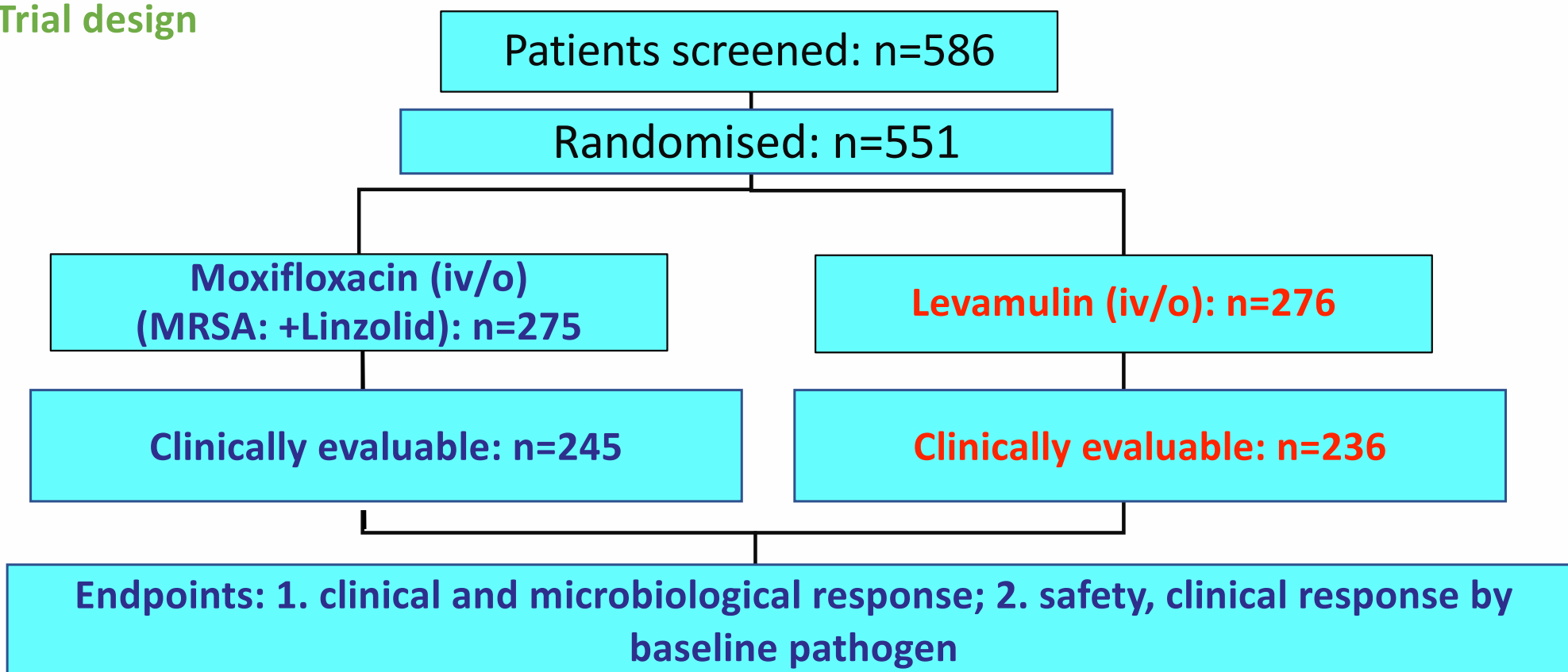


Levamulin  
(Xenleta<sup>™</sup>, oral, i.v.)



# Levamlin Evaluation Against Pneumonia (LEAP 1) Trial

## Trial design



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## Results 1

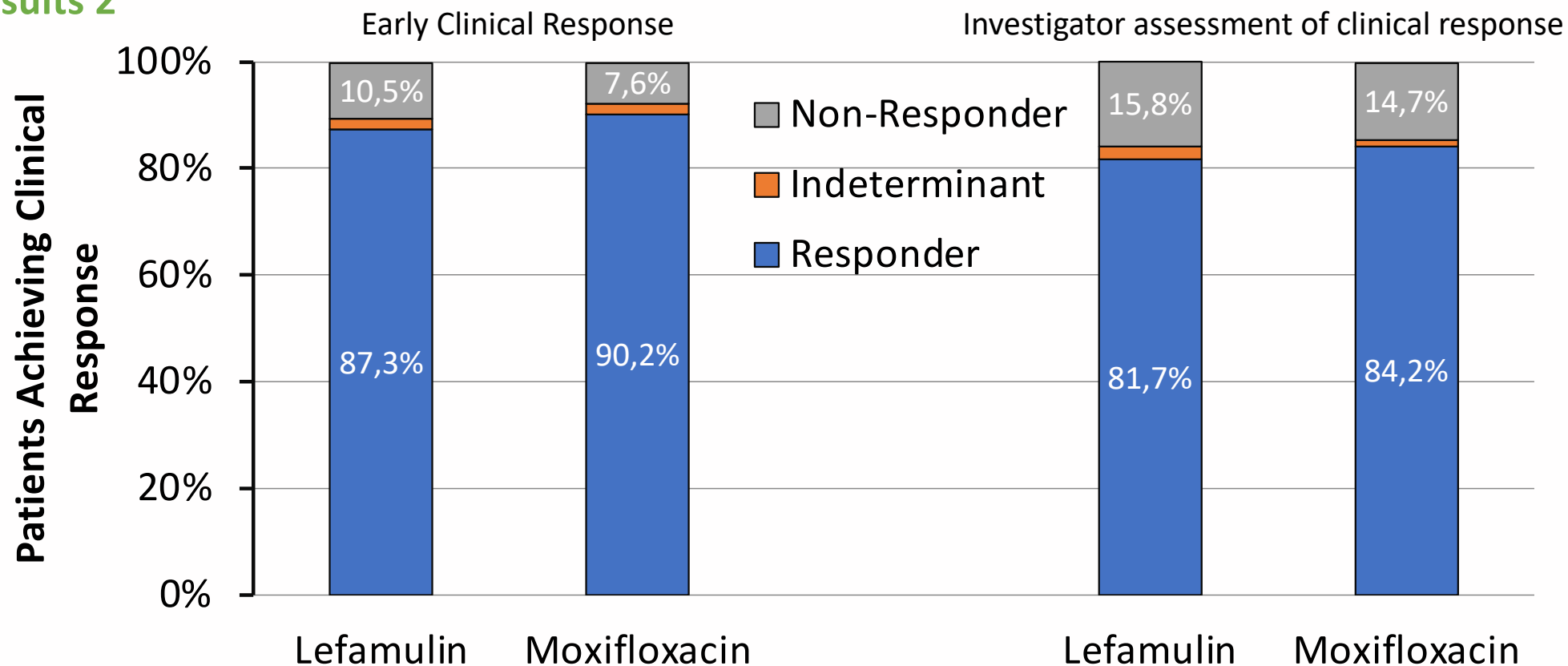
Baseline pathogen, rate <sup>a</sup> (n/N)	ECR				IACR at TOC			
	microITT		microITT-2		microITT		microITT-2	
	Lefamulin	Moxifloxacin ± Linezolid	Lefamulin	Moxifloxacin ± Linezolid	Lefamulin	Moxifloxacin ± Linezolid	Lefamulin	Moxifloxacin ± Linezolid
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	88.2% (82/93)	93.8% (91/97)	85.7% (36/42)	88.6% (39/44)	84.9% (79/93)	87.6% (85/97)	81.0% (34/42)	86.4% (38/44)
MDR	... (6/6)	... (5/6)	... (6/6)	... (5/6)	... (6/6)	... (4/6)	... (6/6)	... (4/6)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> <sup>b</sup>	100.0% (10/10)	... (4/4)	... (7/7)	... (3/3)	80.0% (8/10)	... (4/4)	... (6/7)	... (3/3)
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	92.2% (47/51)	94.7% (54/57)	... (6/6)	... (5/6)	84.3% (43/51)	84.2% (48/57)	... (5/6)	... (6/6)
<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>	92.0% (23/25)	100.0% (11/11)	... (0/1)	... (1/1)	80.0% (20/25)	100.0% (11/11)	... (0/1)	... (1/1)
<i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i>	84.2% (16/19)	90.0% (18/20)	92.9% (13/14)	91.7% (11/12)	84.2% (16/19)	95.0% (19/20)	85.7% (12/14)	91.7% (11/12)
<i>Legionella pneumophila</i>	88.9% (16/18)	85.7% (12/14)	88.2% (15/17)	85.7% (12/14)	77.8% (14/18)	78.6% (11/14)	82.4% (14/17)	78.6% (11/14)
<i>Chlamydophila pneumoniae</i>	90.9% (10/11)	94.7% (18/19)	... (8/9)	93.3% (14/15)	72.7% (8/11)	68.4% (13/19)	... (7/9)	73.3% (11/15)

MDR isolates were defined as isolates displaying resistance phenotype to ≥2 of the following: oral penicillin, moxifloxacin, ceftriaxone, clindamycin, azithromycin or erythromycin, doxycycline, or trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole. The microITT group consisted of all patients in the ITT analysis set who had ≥1 baseline pathogen detected. The microITT-2 group consisted of all patients in the ITT analysis set who had ≥1 baseline pathogen detected by diagnostic means other than polymerase chain reaction. Percentages are not included for numbers <10.

Abbreviations: ECR, early clinical response; IACR, investigator assessment of clinical response; ITT, intent-to-treat; MDR, multidrug-resistant; microITT, microbiological ITT; microITT-2, microbiological ITT-2; TOC, test of cure.

# Levamlin Evaluation Against Pneumonia (LEAP 1) Trial

## Results 2



# Take Home Message

- Pleuromutilins selectively inhibit bacterial translation through binding to the 50s ribosomal subunit.
- Tiamulin and valnemulin are two established pleuromutilins in veterinary medicine.
- Levamulin is the first candidate for systemic use and exhibits activity against a number of resistant bacteria.
- The LEAP trial demonstrates non-inferiority of Levamulin against Moxifloxacin alone or in combination with Linezolid.
- To this end resistance patterns caused by the use of pleuromutilins in veterinary medicine cannot be anticipated.

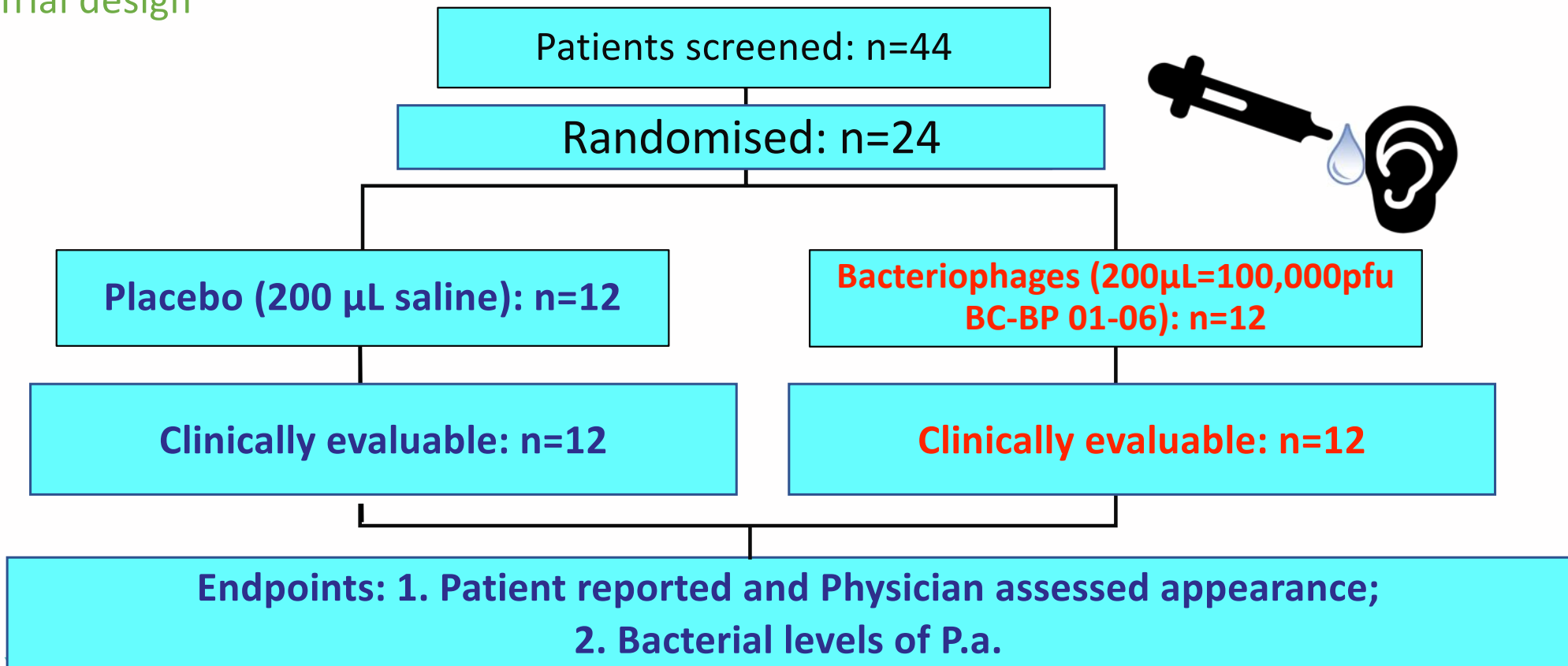


# Bacteriophages – Friend of Foe?



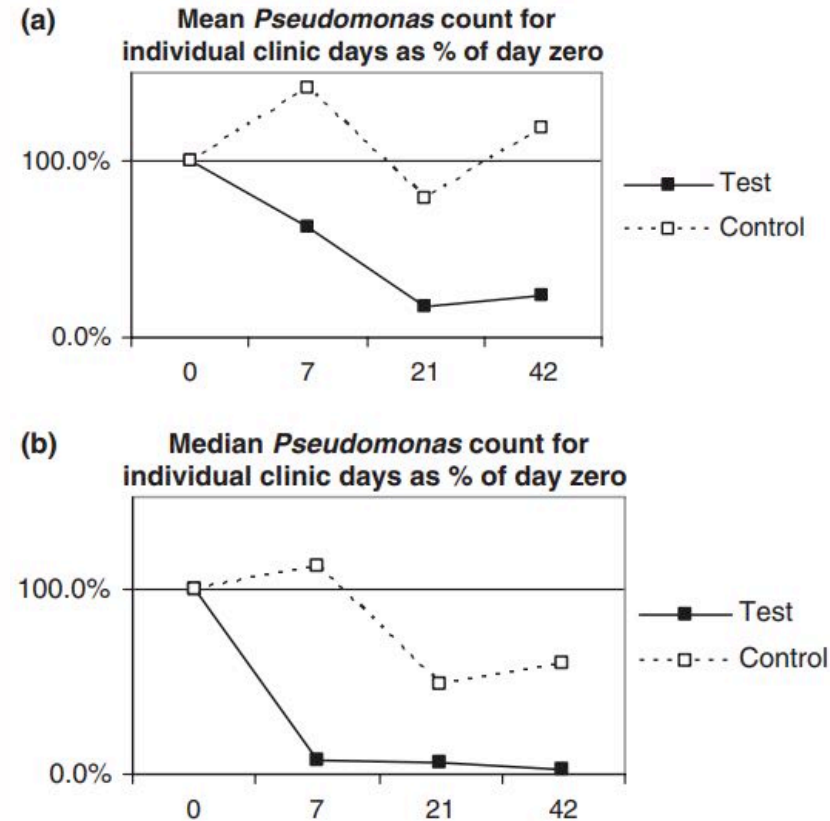
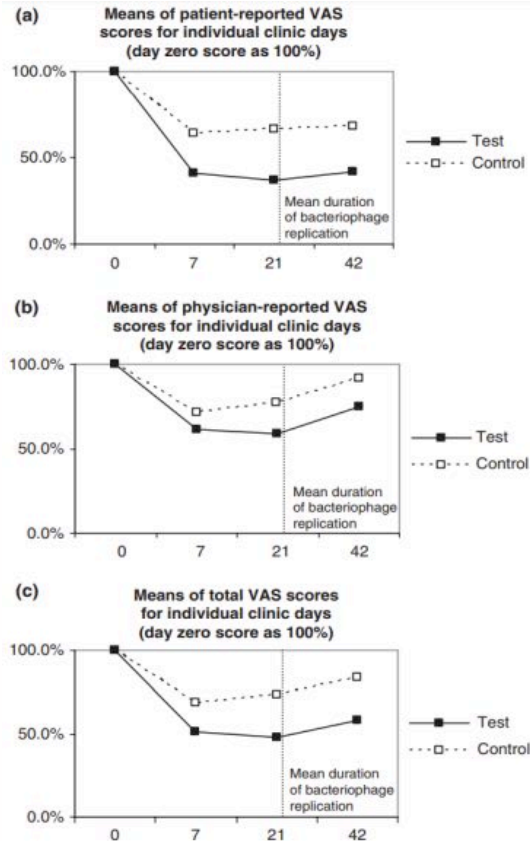
# Bacteriophage preparation targeting antibiotic-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in chronic otitis

Trial design





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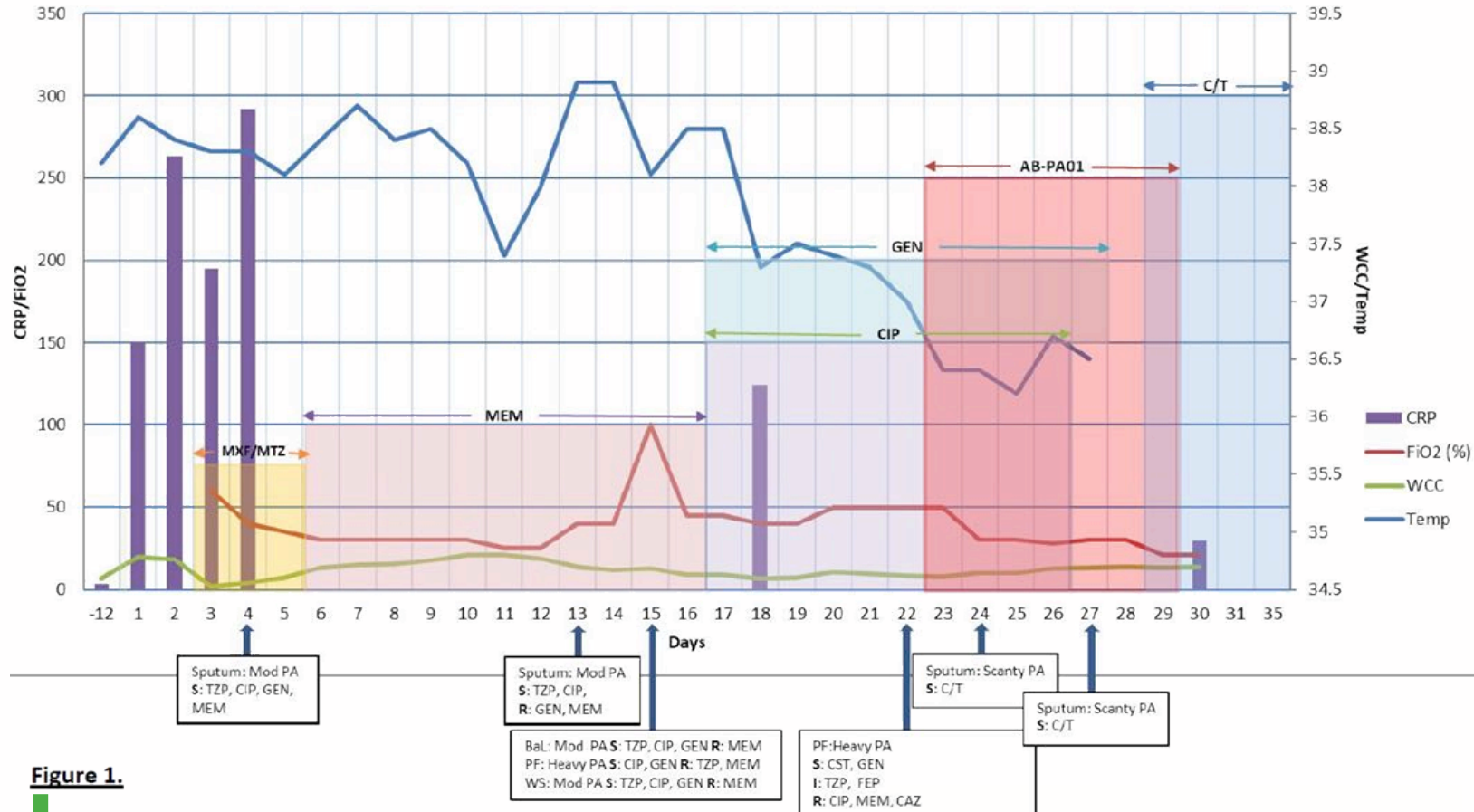


# Bacteriophage therapy of ventilator-associated pneumonia and empyema caused by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

## Case Report

- 77 year old female post thoracotomy after adenocarcinoma of the right lower lobe
- On the second day increased white blood cell count and CRP
- After two weeks of intravenous antibiotic treatment detection of multiresistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in BAL
- On day 23 AB-PA01 (AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation) a phage product of four obligately lytic bacteriophages (two Myoviridae and two Podoviridae, each at  $\sim 1 \times 10^9$  plaque-forming units (PFU)/mL) was administered intravenously and via nebuliser

# Case Report: Successful Treatment of Pneumonia



# Take Home Message

- Bacteriophages have been used for more than a century to treat bacterial infections but sound scientific results are scarce.
- Case studies and small size clinical trials have demonstrated that bacteriophages seem to be effective against multiresistant bacteria with reasonable safety and tolerability.
- Development, production and administration of bacteriophages is dependent of the respective microbial pattern and therefore hard to be upscaled. It is unlikely that bacteriophages will become a household *off the shelf* therapy any time soon.



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