

# Data-driven antibiotic discovery: From gaps to solutions

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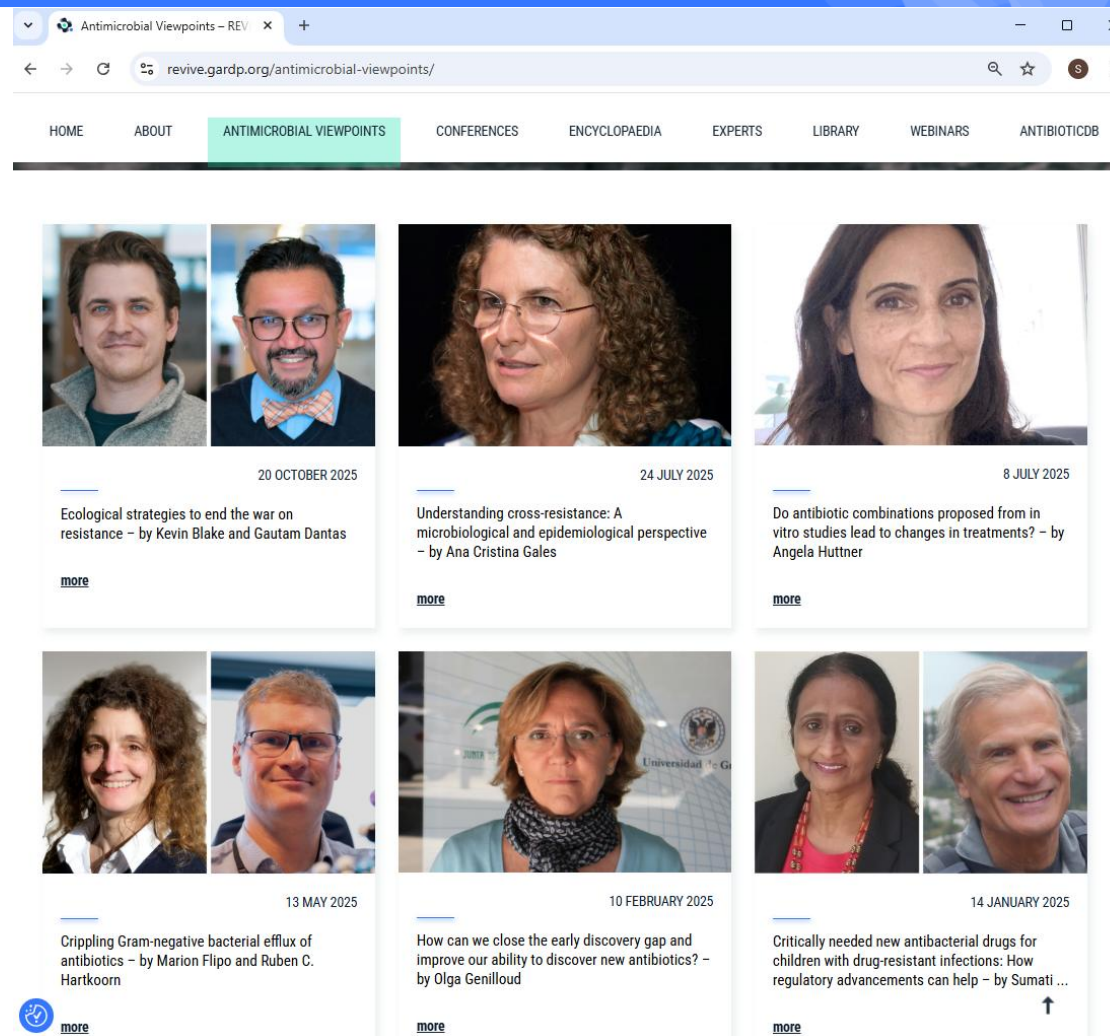
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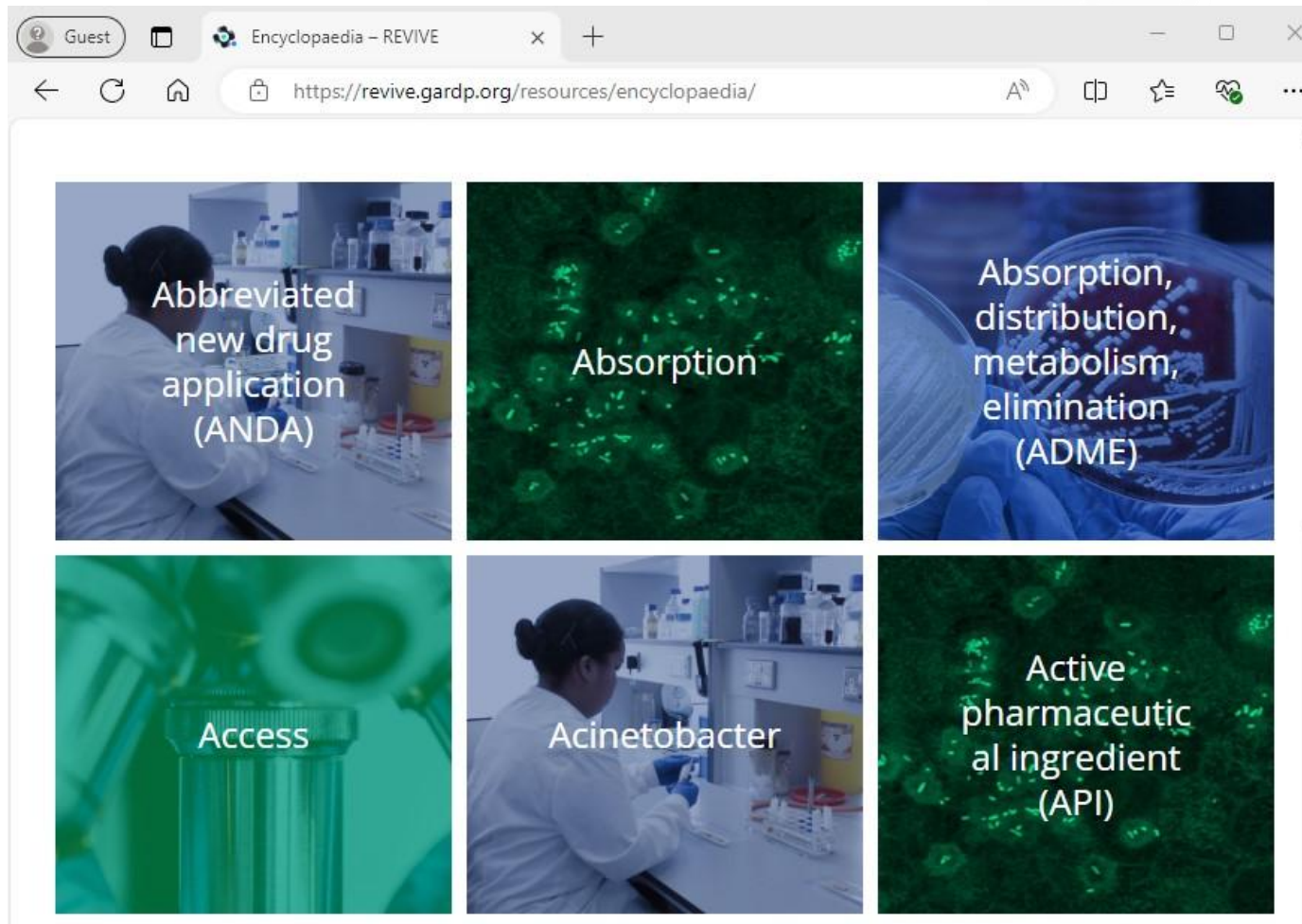
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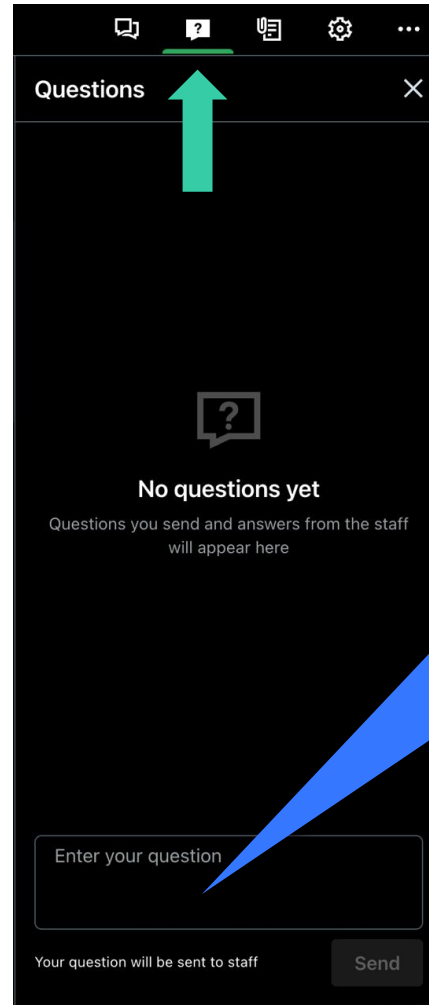
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# Today's speakers

## An introduction to antibiotic research and development (R&D)



**Moderator:**  
**Heike Brötz-Oesterhelt**  
University of Tübingen,  
Germany



**Mark Blaskovich**  
University of  
Queensland, Australia



**Matthew Todd**  
University College  
London, UK



**Luiza Galarion**  
University of Leeds,  
UK



# Data-driven antibiotic discovery: Why is it important?

Heike Brötz-Oesterhelt

Interfaculty Institute of Microbiology and Infection Medicine, University of Tübingen  
Dept. Microbial Bioactive Compounds



## Data sharing and FAIR data use are essential because ...

... bacteria are tough opponents and challenging to overcome, especially nowadays with soaring resistance rates.

→ **We need all the help we can get, and community efforts are powerful.**

... we race against the clock to avoid a post-antibiotic era.

→ **We need to minimize the time per learning cycle.**

... most current antibiotic discovery and development is performed in SMEs and at universities.

→ **We need to preserve knowledge and work along (regionally dispersed) pipelines.**

... most of current antibiotic research is financed by public funds.

→ **We need to spend tax payers' money efficiently.**



## Data sharing ... from gap analysis to solutions

Each analysis provides us with new insights into bottlenecks and how to overcome them.

→ **We will get continuously wiser.**

Each successful joint effort inspires new collaborative efforts.

→ **We will keep getting faster.**

Community efforts allow the sharing of expertise, workload, and responsibility

→ **We can pick our „community brain“ for innovation. And it is fun 😊.**

**Antibiotic resistance is a global problem.**

**Good antibacterial agents are a global, joint, and limited resource.**

**Let's make antibiotic discovery and development a global task !!!**



# Mark Blaskovich



Mark Blaskovich is an ‘antibiotic hunter’ and Director of Translation for the Institute for Molecular Bioscience at The University of Queensland. He also leads the ARC Industrial Transformation Training Centre CEASAR (Centre for Environmental and Agricultural Solutions to Antimicrobial Resistance) and the antibiotic crowdsourcing initiative CO-ADD (Community for Open Antimicrobial Drug Discovery). A medicinal chemist with 15 years of industrial drug development experience at three biotech companies, since 2010 he has been developing new antibiotics, antibiotic alternatives, and diagnostics to detect and treat resistant bacterial and fungal infections. His research includes multiple industry collaborations focused on antimicrobial resistance. Blaskovich is a member of the WHO antibiotic pipeline advisory panel and chair of the GARDP REVIVE review panel.





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# Scientific Bottlenecks in Antibiotic Discovery

*Prof Mark Blaskovich*  
Centre for Superbug Solutions  
Institute for Molecular Bioscience  
The University of Queensland

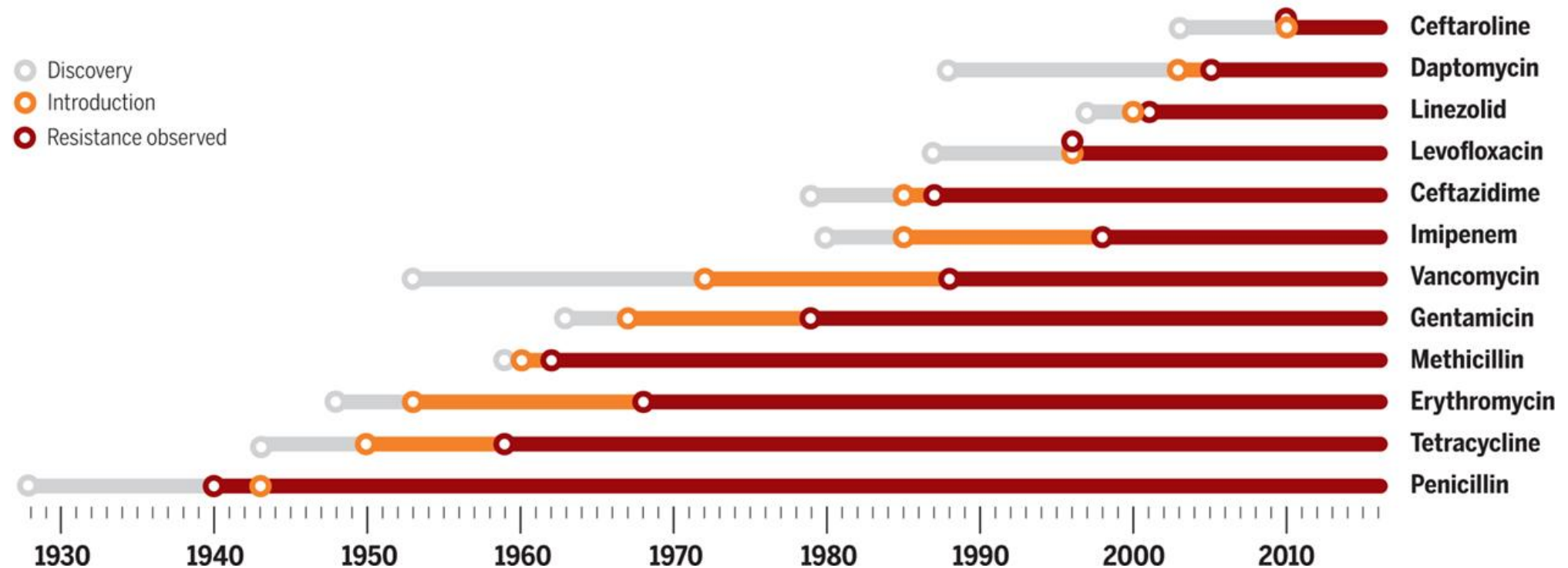
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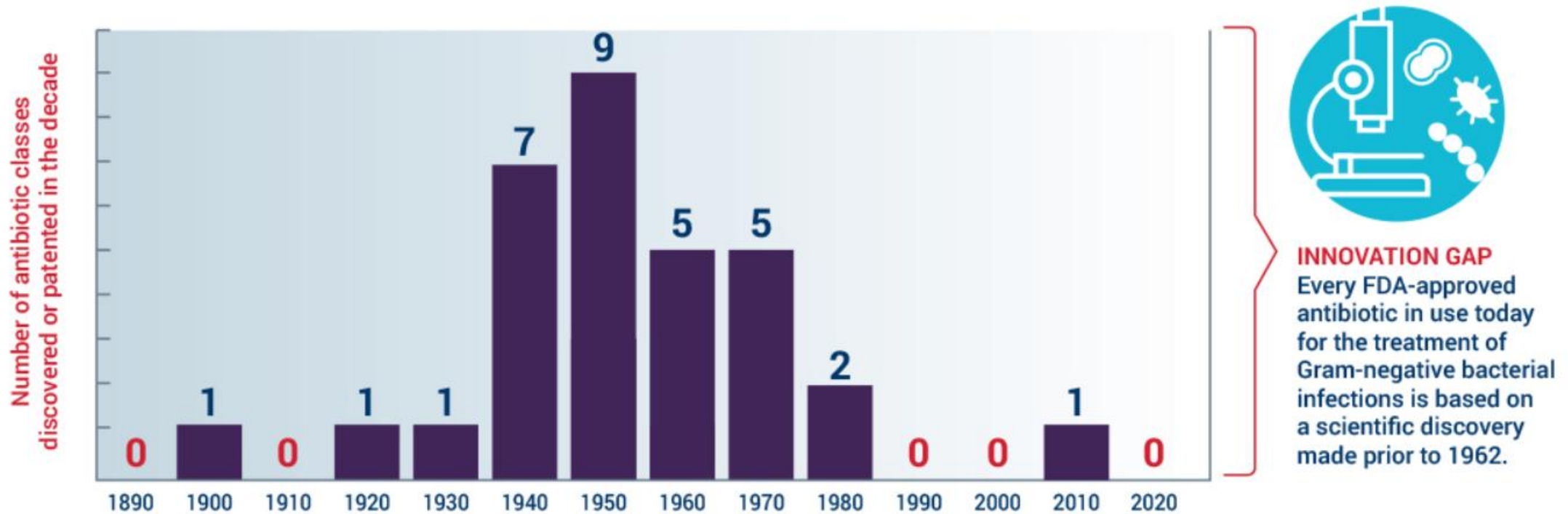
# The Problem: Antibiotic Resistance

## The rise of resistance

Bacteria have developed resistance to every antibiotic discovered so far, sometimes even before the drug reached the market.  
The appearance of resistance does not mean that a drug has become completely useless.



- Discovery of new antibiotics is not keeping pace with development of resistance



**INNOVATION GAP**  
Every FDA-approved antibiotic in use today for the treatment of Gram-negative bacterial infections is based on a scientific discovery made prior to 1962.

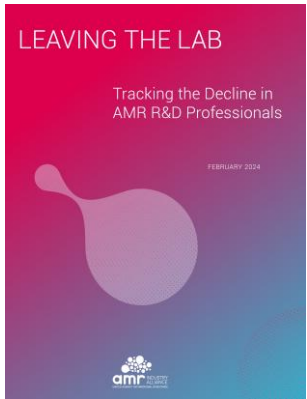
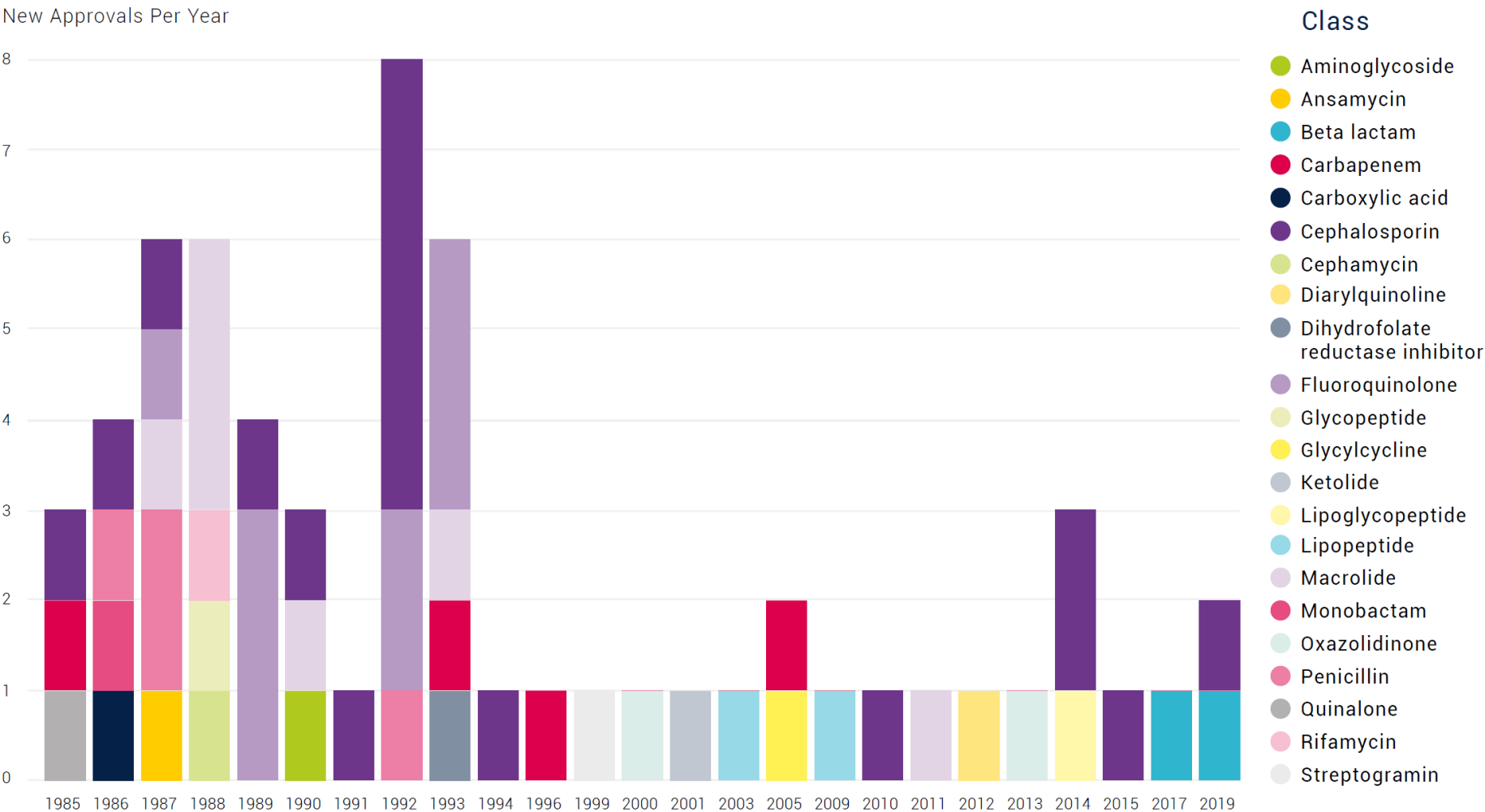
\* Cefiderocol was approved by FDA in 2019 and EMA in 2020. The FDA-approved label for cefiderocol classifies the drug as a cephalosporin, and therefore not a new class but certainly a new mechanism of action. Some experts consider cefiderocol to be a first-in-class sideromycin. The predecessors to cefiderocol were discovered at Shionogi in the early 1990s. CID 2019;69(7):S538-S543

\* This chart excludes bedaquiline, which is the first drug in a new class to treat tuberculosis.

Source: Pew Charitable Trusts; Deak D, Powers JH, Outtersen K, Kesselheim AS. Progress in the Fight Against Multidrug Resistant Bacteria?: A Review of FDA Approved Antibiotics 2010-2015. ANNALS OF INTERNAL MED. 2016 MAY 31. DOI: 10.7326/M16-0291.

# Decline in Antibiotic Approvals

FIGURE 1. ANNUAL FDA APPROVALS OF ANTIBIOTICS HAVE FALLEN FOR DECADES



# Bottleneck 1: Loss of Knowledge

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## Superbugs Win Another Round as Big Pharma Leaves Antibiotics

- Novartis shuts down efforts; Glaxo reviewing some assets
- Public measures to spur research not working for drug giants

## Big Pharma Exit



## Pfizer Draws Curtain On Anti-infective Research; Refocuses On Next-gen Vaccines

*This article was originally published in PharmAsia News*

13 May 2013

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**Despite Industry AMR Declaration commitments  
Sanofi quits R&D on anti-infectives**

## AstraZeneca pulls out of antibiotic drug development



# Bottleneck 1: Loss of Knowledge - AMR Researchers

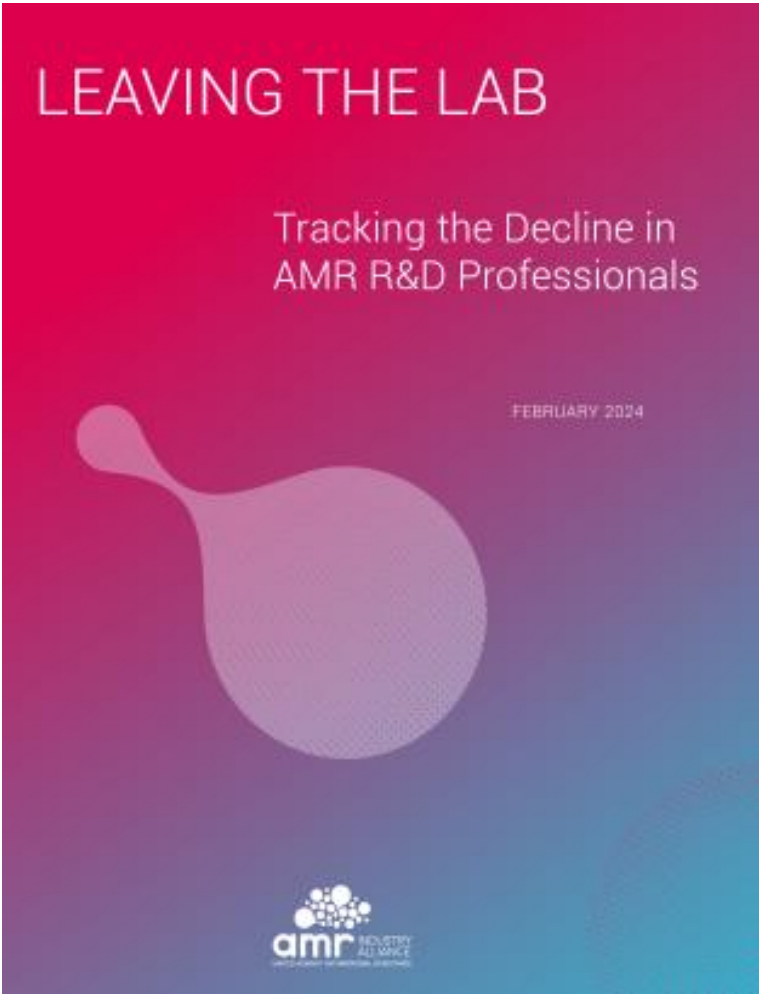


FIGURE 2. AMR PUBLICATIONS HAVE DECLINED FOR 20+ YEARS

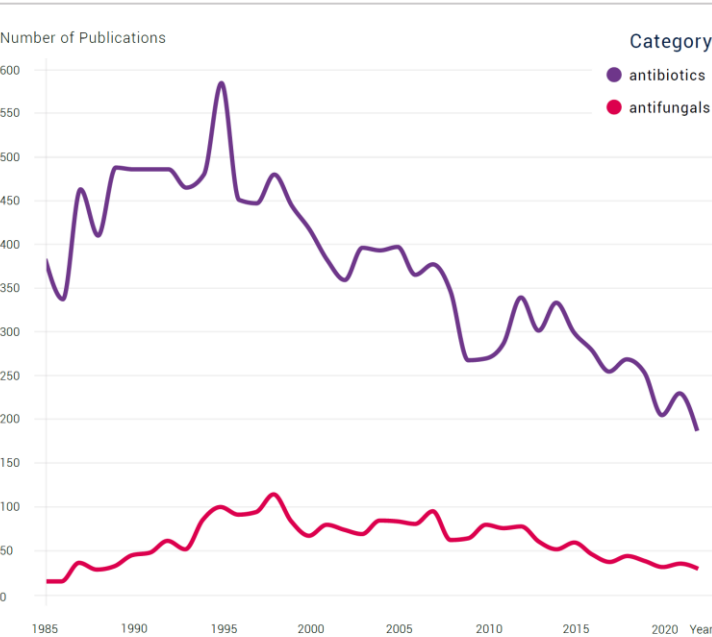


FIGURE 4. PUBLICATIONS ON CANCER AND HIV/AIDS FAR OUTSTRIP AMR TOPICS

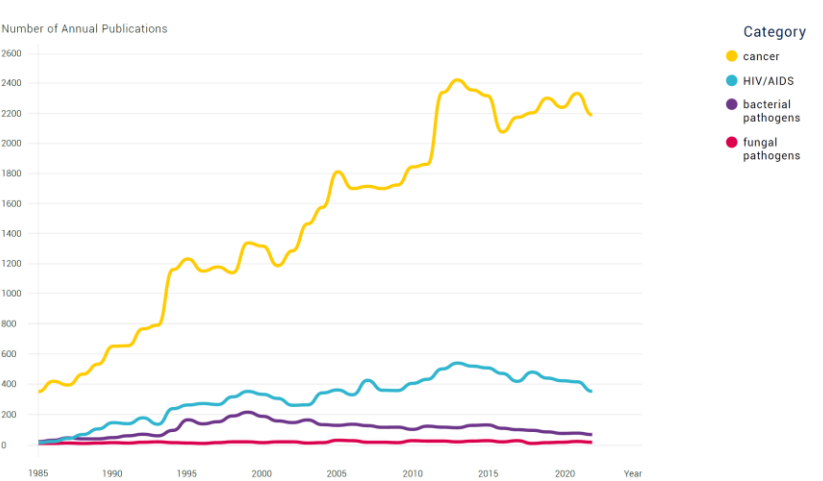
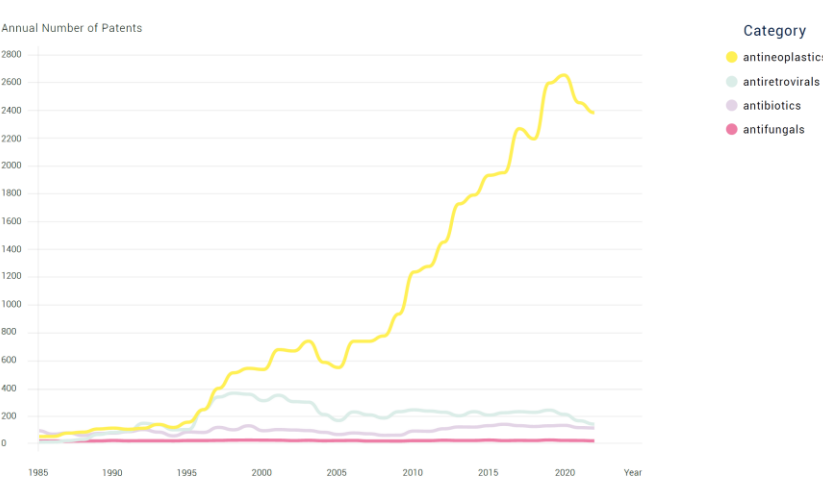


FIGURE 5. PATENTS FOR ANTINEOPLASTICS AND ANTIRETROVIRALS EXCEED ANTIBIOTICS AND ANTIFUNGALS



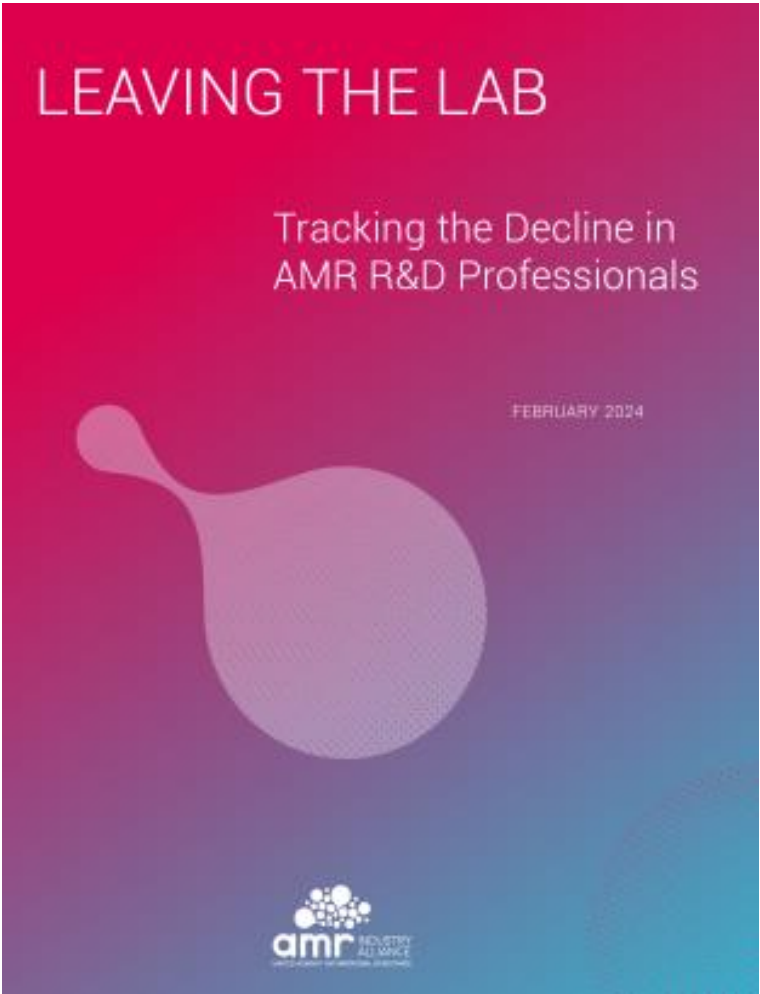
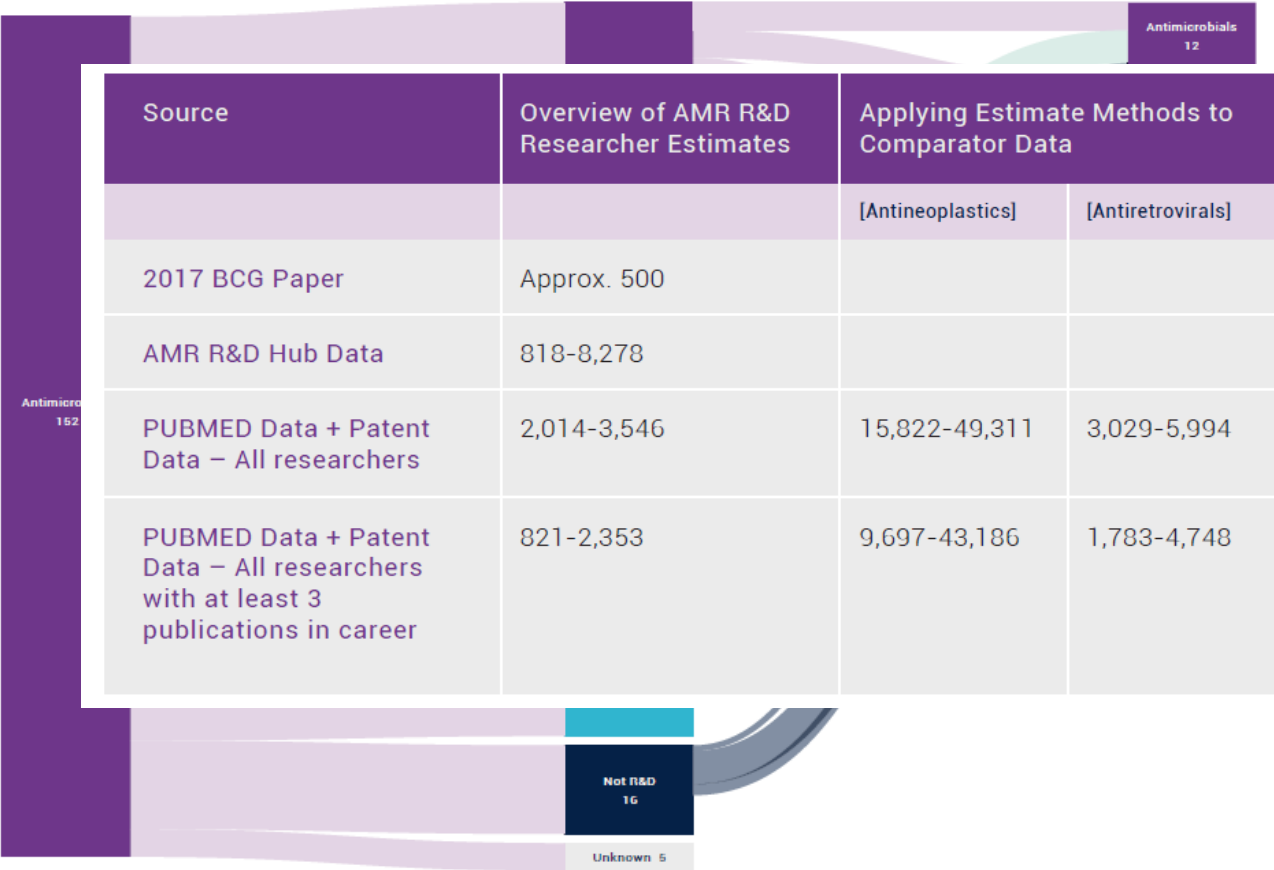


FIGURE 6. CAREER PATHS AT SIX FIRMS WHO ABANDONED AMR-RELATED R&D

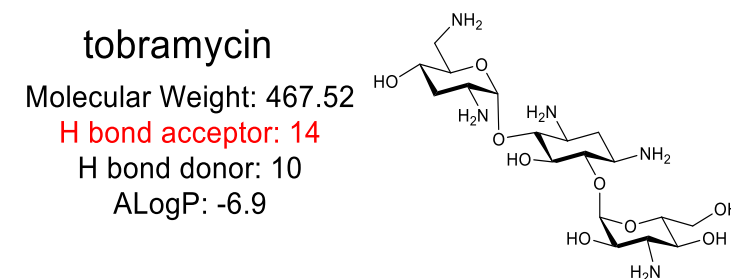
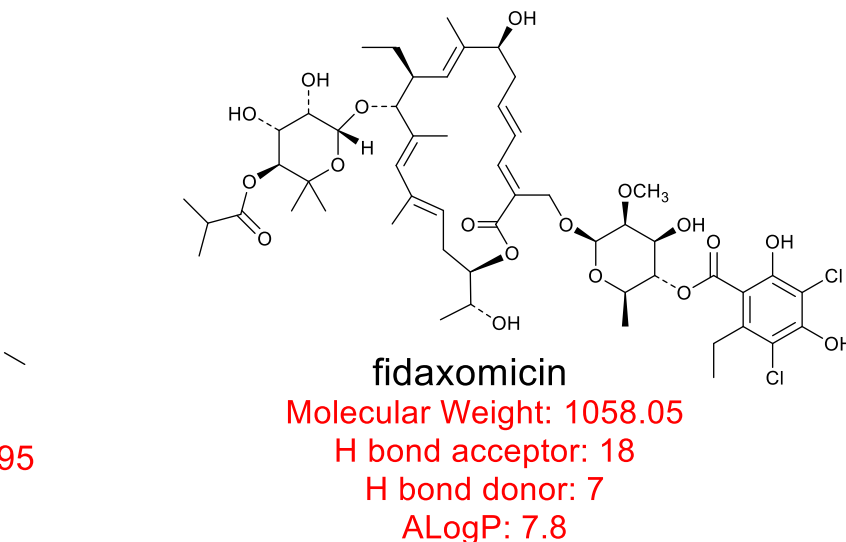
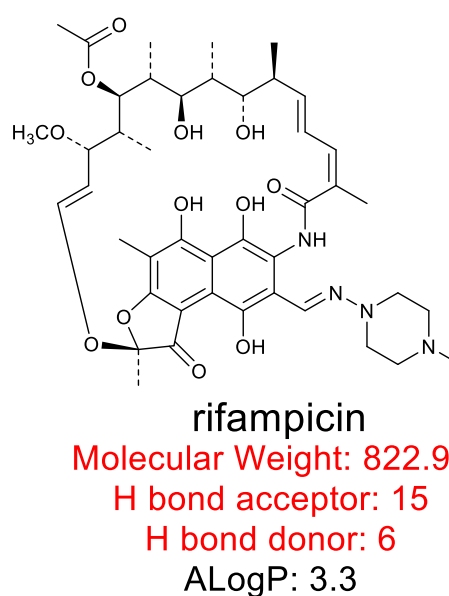
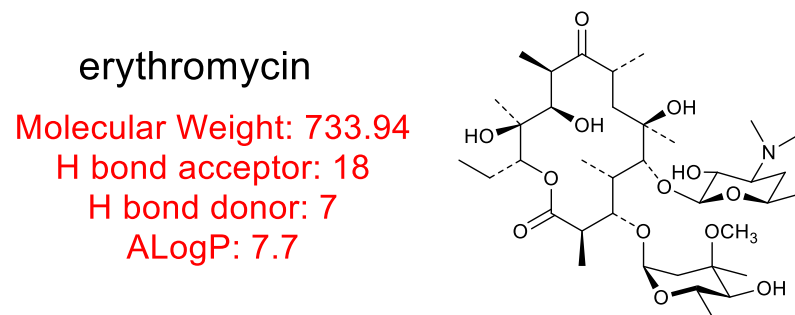
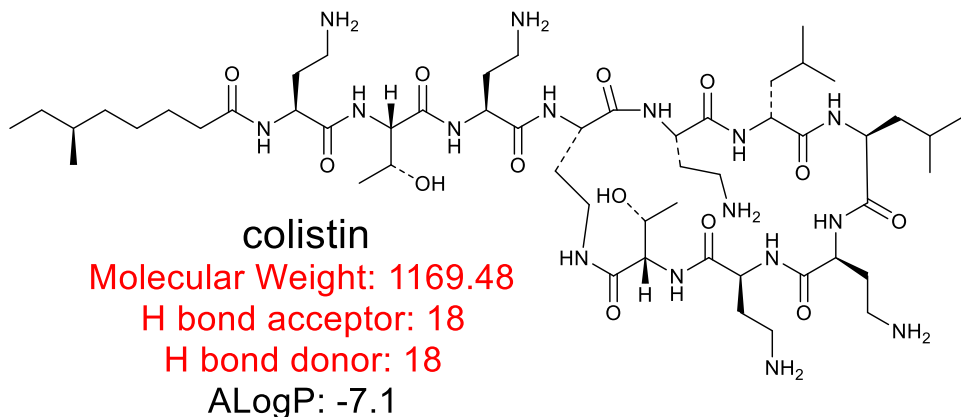


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Antibiotics are not 'drug-like'

Don't obey the 'rules'

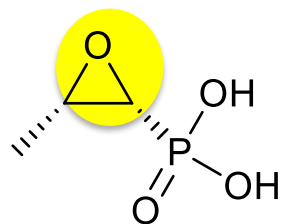
**"Rule of Five"**  
Molecular Weight: <500  
H bond acceptor: ≤10  
H bond donor: ≤5  
logP: ≤5



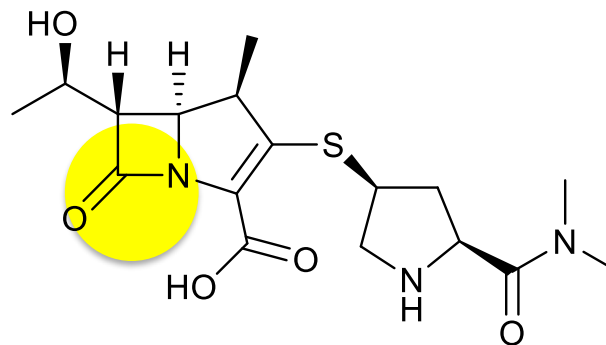
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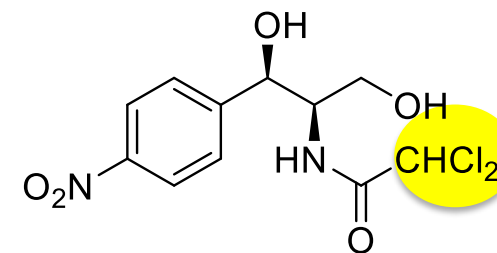
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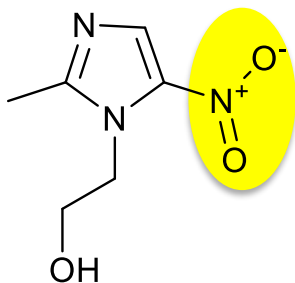
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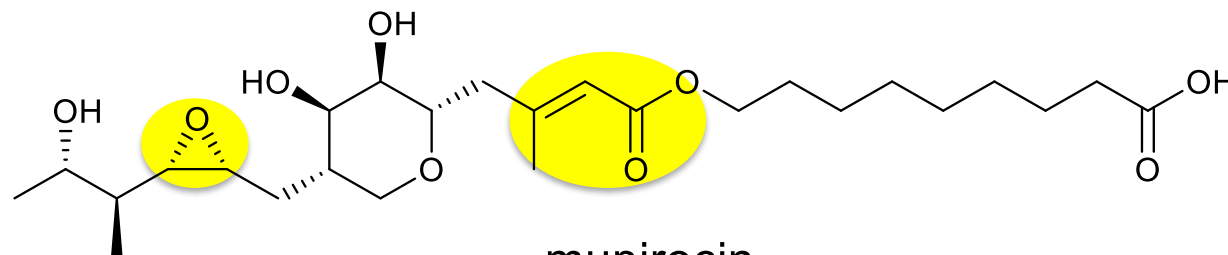
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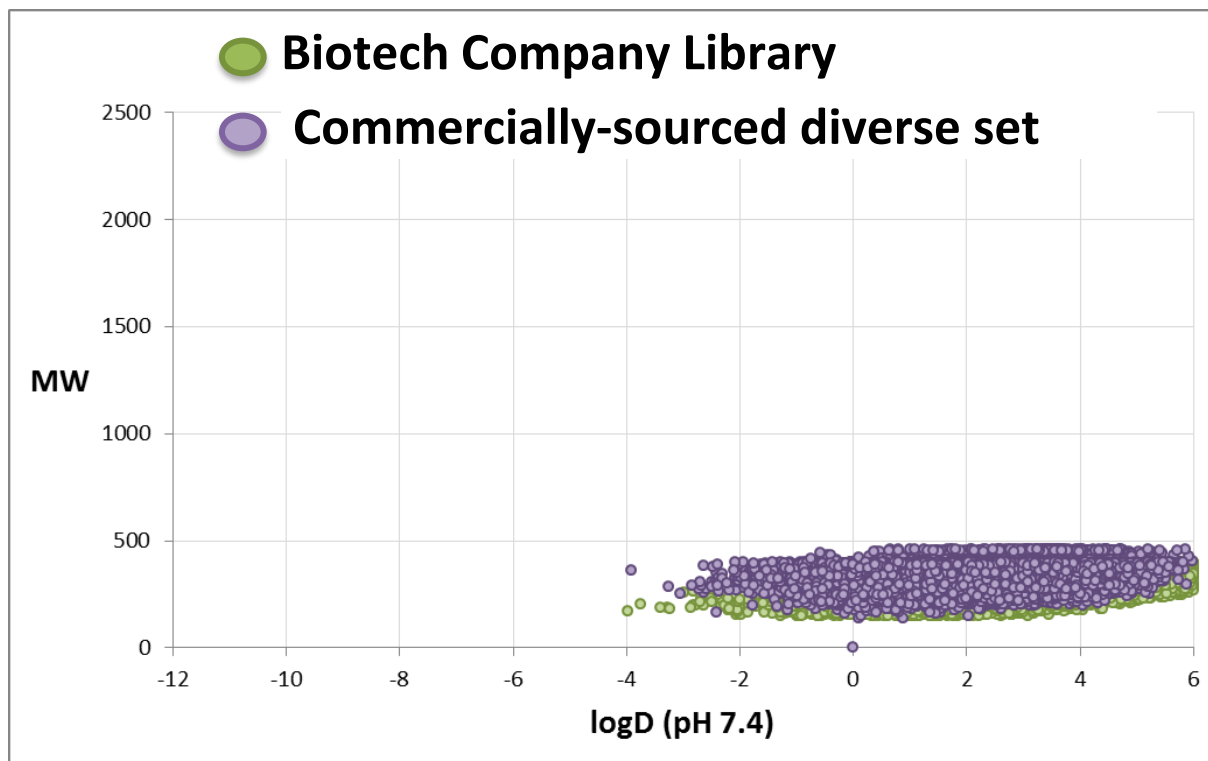
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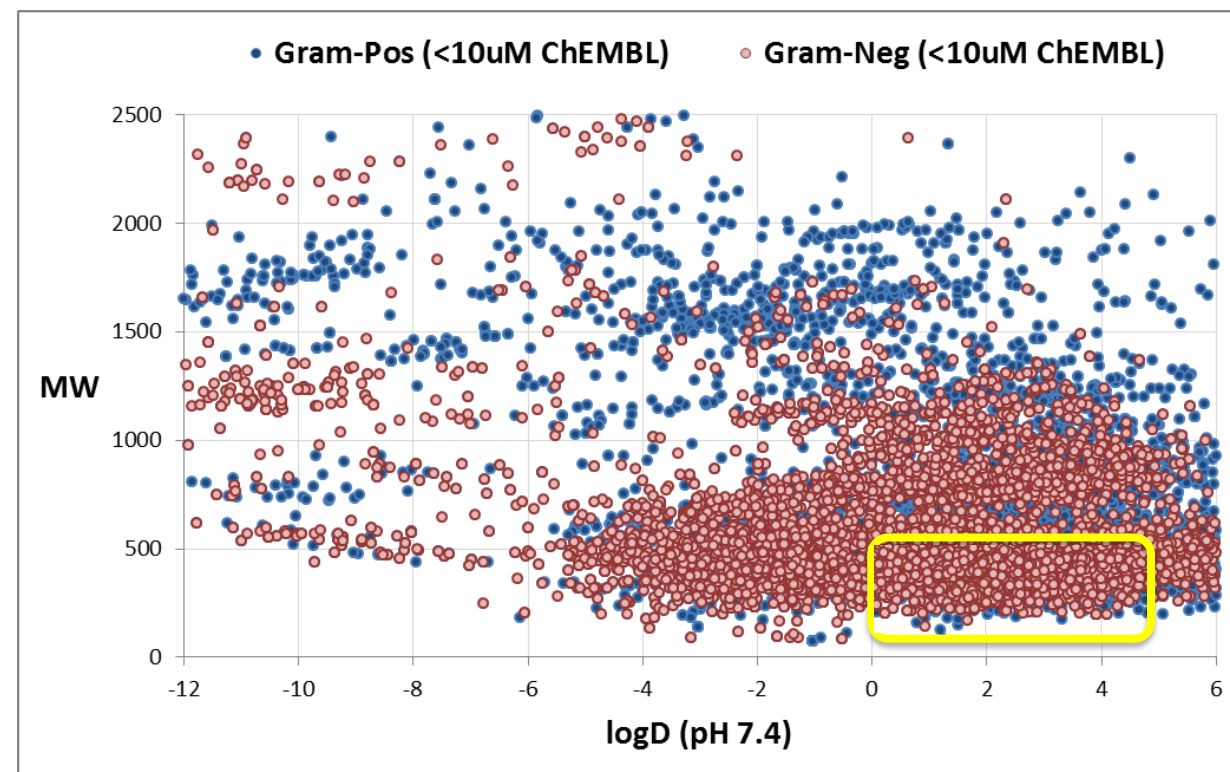
# Bottleneck 2: New Chemical Diversity

## Pharma vs Academic Compounds



Typical Corporate Library  
G-ve hit rate ( $\text{MIC} \leq 32\mu\text{g/mL}$ )  
0.008%

## Published Academic Antibiotics



- ❖ Lack of novelty in compound libraries
- ❖ Reliance on same compound screening libraries from commercial vendors
- ❖ Until recently natural product discovery has focused on same species cultured under similar conditions = rediscovery of existing antibiotics
- ❖ Generative AI can produce un-synthesizable molecules

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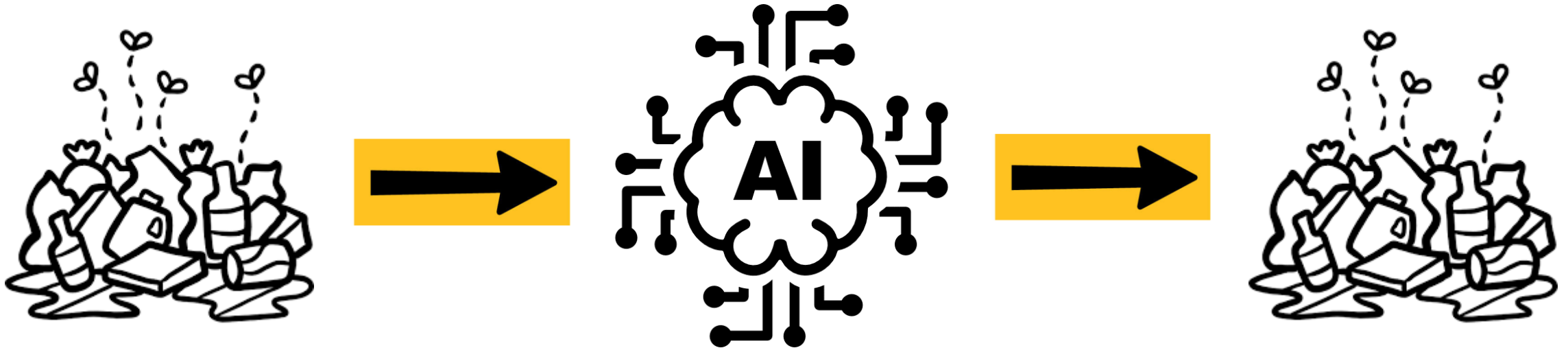
## Generative AI for navigating synthesizable chemical space

Wenhao Gao<sup>A1</sup>, Shitong Luo<sup>B1</sup> , and Connor W. Coley<sup>A1,2</sup> 

Edited by Juan de Pablo, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; received September 27, 2024; accepted April 29, 2025

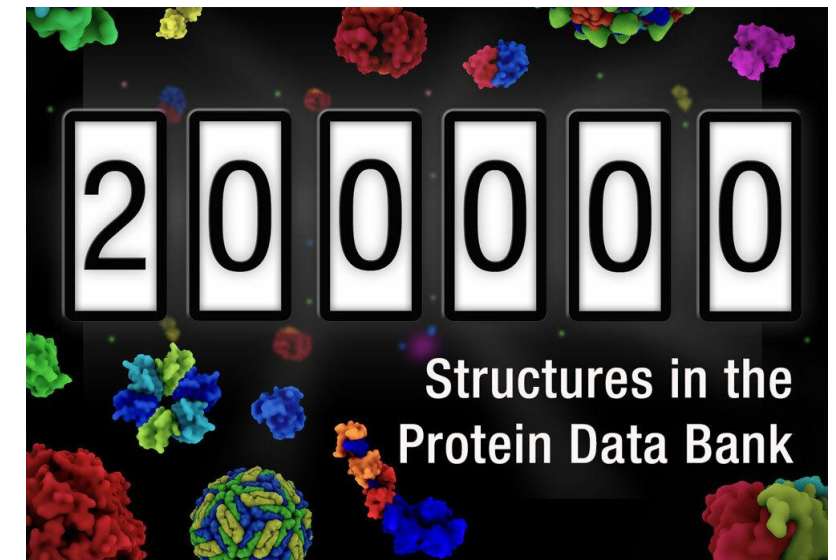
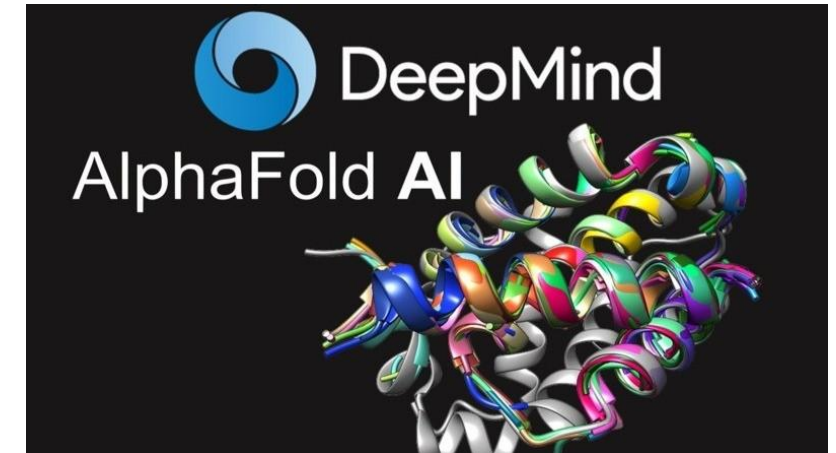
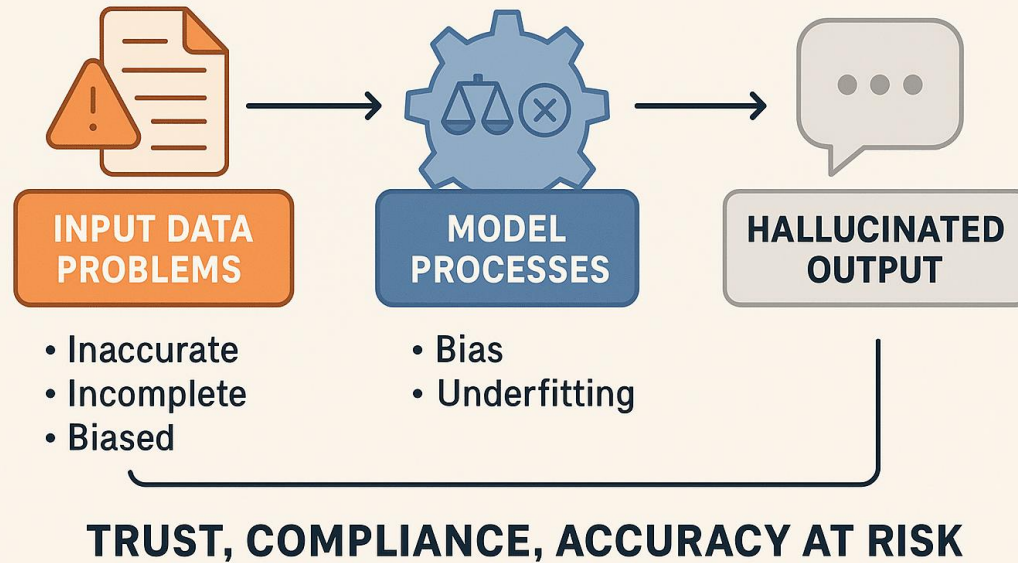


# Bottleneck 3: Standardised Large Data Sets



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## CHAIN OF AI HALLUCINATION



# Bottleneck 3: Standardised Large Data Sets



Dr Johannes Zuegg

**ChEMBL** [www.ebi.ac.uk/chembl](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/chembl)

ChEMBL Activities 14,675,320  
Compounds **1,735,422**

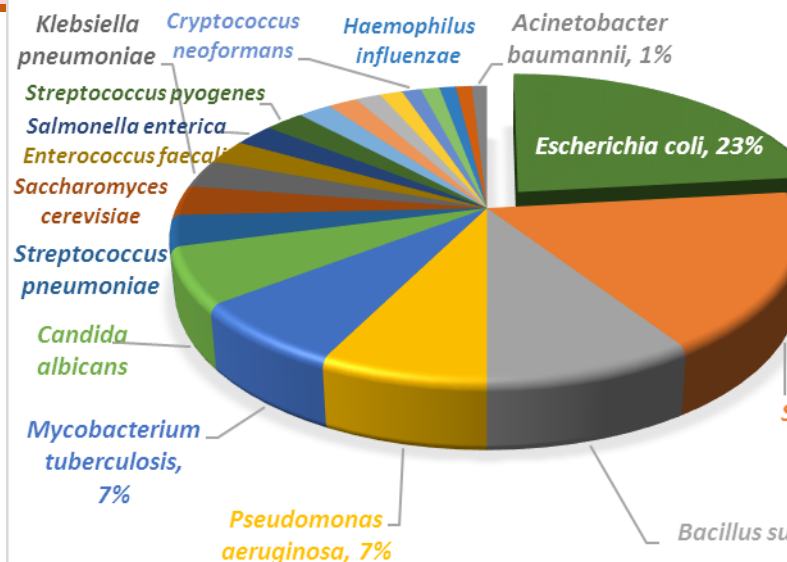
➤ Model building  
requires clean data

➤ 'negative' data often  
absent – never reported

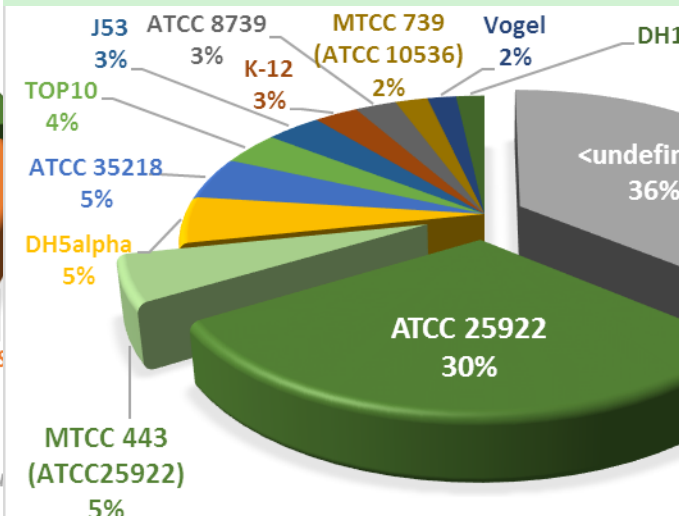
Compounds with  
antimicrobial MIC  
data (76,876)

Compounds with  
antimicrobial  
(243,710)

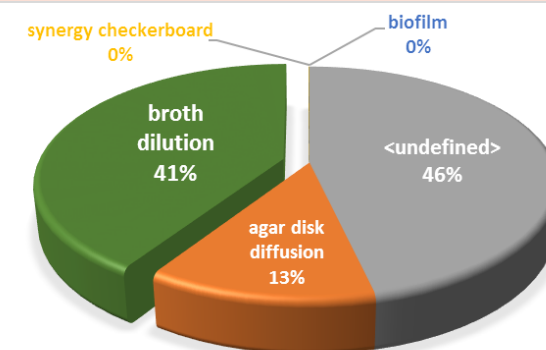
## Organisms with MIC



## E. coli strains



## Assay conditions E. coli ATCC



**E. coli ATCC 25922**  
**no additives,**  
**broth dilution** (CLSI,  
EUCAST?)

Compounds **8,225**

## ➤ Biological Activity - Antimicrobial

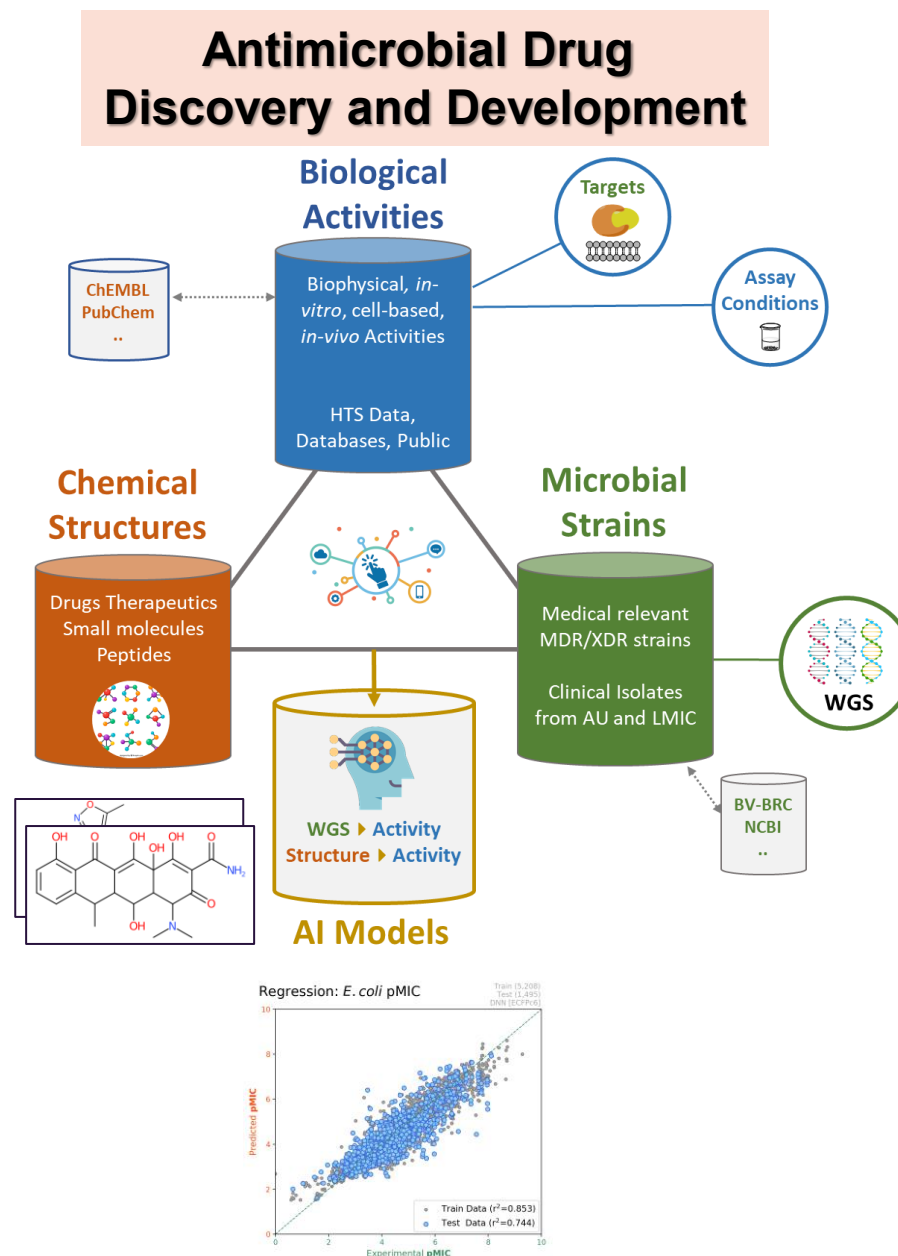
IC<sub>50</sub> EC<sub>50</sub> CC<sub>50</sub>, %Inhibition, MIC, ...  
biophysical, in vitro, in vivo efficacy

- Standardized results/units
- Standardized assay conditions ontologies
- **Non actives**
- **Combination/Synergies**

## ➤ Biological Activity - ADMET

in vitro and in vivo toxicity, PK,

- Standardized results/units
- Standardized assay conditions ontologies
- **Non actives**
- **Combination/Synergies**



## ➤ Chemical Structures

**2D** SMILES, HELM, BILN, ...

**3D** MOL, SDF ...

- Standardized structures  
protonation, tautomers,  
salt forms

## ➤ Isolate/Sequence Data

**short-reads** Illumina

**(long-reads** ONT)

links to NCBI, PATRIC

- **Phenotype**
- Fastq, Fasta
- **Genotype:** Res/Vir genes, MLST

## ➤ AI models

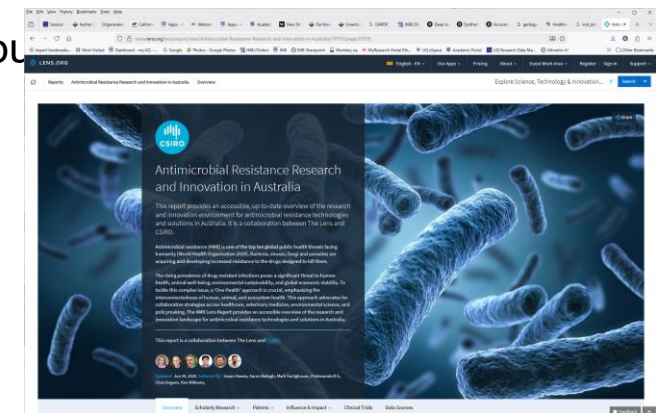
- Predicting Antimicrobial activity
- Genotype to phenotype





# Bottleneck 5: Collaboration

- ❖ How do we enable better transparency and collaboration across academia, SMEs, and industry?
- ❖ Multiple small datasets held by individual entities
- ❖ Multiple entities trying to connect AMR researchers
- ❖ Lack of single-point government coordination
  - Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (hospitals, TGA, reimbursement, Australian Centre for Disease Control, NHMRC, MRFF)
  - Department of Industry, Science and Resources
  - Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
  - Department of Defence (DMTC, DST, HSAA, SABRE Alliance)
  - Department of Education







**Our attempt at a solution to some  
of these issues. ...**



# CO-ADD 'Crowdsourcing' initiative to discover new antibiotics



## Do you have the next antibiotic?

CO-ADD is a **not-for-profit** initiative led by academics at The University of Queensland.  
Our goal is to **screen compounds for antimicrobial activity** for academic research groups for **free**.  
We aim to help researchers worldwide to find new, diverse compounds to combat **drug-resistant infections**.

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Community for Open  
Antimicrobial Drug Discovery

# CO-ADD Outputs

as of October 2024

52  
countries

345  
research groups



346,916

compounds  
received

11,576

hits in primary  
screenings

3227

confirmed hits  
that are  
non-cytotoxic

CO-ADD screening activities have helped research groups across the world. To date, collaborators have benefited from free screening of their compounds.



>129 research journal articles  
(+ 10 under review)



>40 oral and poster presentations

>41 grant applications



>16 patent applications



**CO-ADD** Community for Open Antimicrobial Drug Discovery

HOME PARTICIPATE COMPOUND

**FREE COMPOUND SCREENING**  
for antimicrobial activity

SEND COMPOUNDS

Do you have t

goal is to screen compounds from acaden  
m to help researchers around the world to fi

Screening for antimicrobial activity

Free of charge

**CO-ADD** Community for Open Antimicrobial Drug Discovery  
User Portal Open-Access Antimicrobial Screening Program

COUNT SIGN OUT

### Compound Details

Estimated number of compounds \*

Compound type \*

☐ Synthetic

☐ Natural product

Select all applicable options

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☐ I have read and accept CO-ADD's terms and conditions

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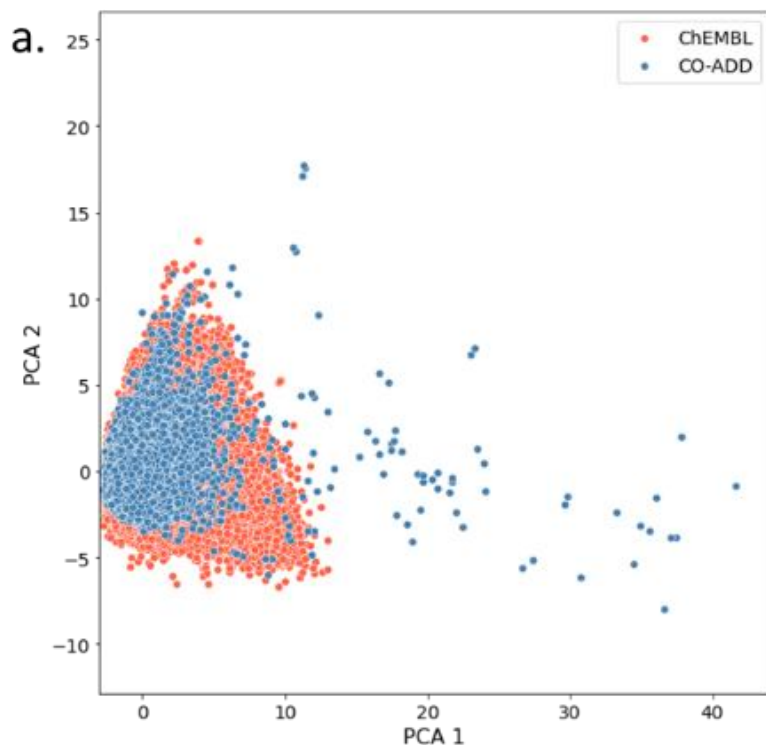
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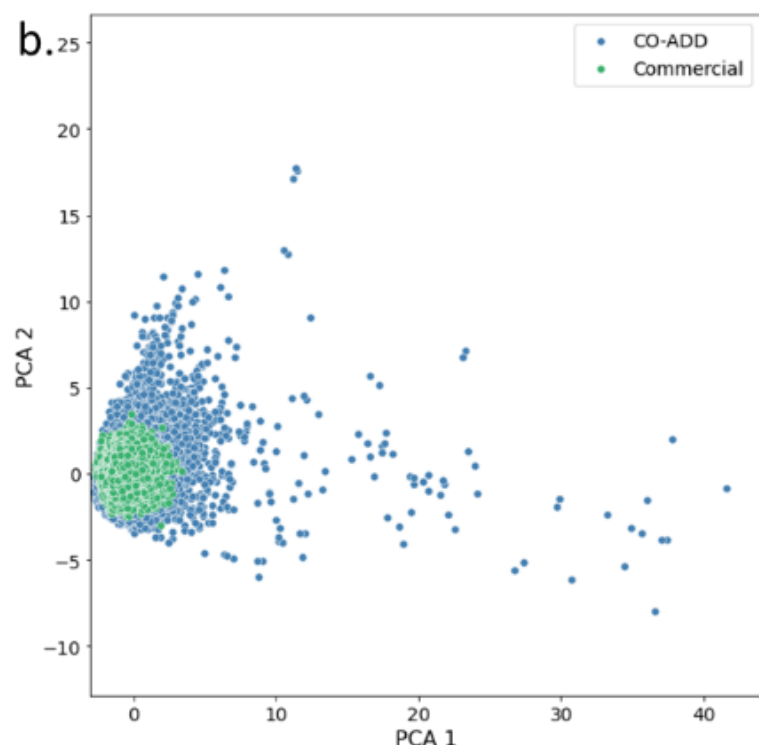


PCA biplot of major physicochemical properties (logP, RotBonds, MW, HBA and HBD)  
of CO-ADD library compared with:

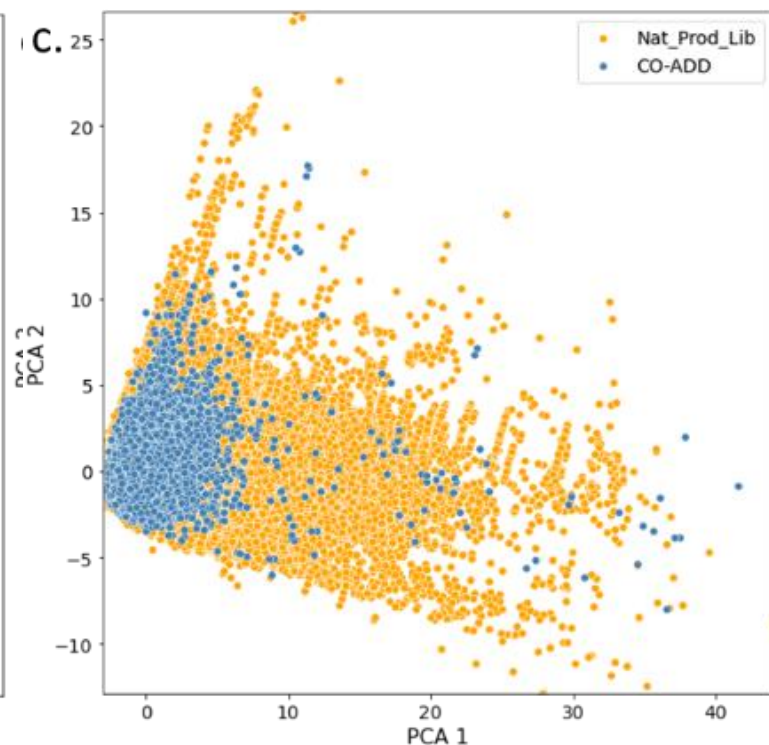
(a) ChEMBL



(b) Commercial library



c) Natural products



# Hidden Wealth of Information.....

- ❖ Novel compound classes
- ❖ Large set of standardised testing data
- ❖ Negative results included



*“Antimicrobial resistance is outpacing advances in modern medicine, threatening the health of families worldwide”*

*Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General.*

AMR is not tomorrow's problem. It is a crisis that we must address today.





# Matthew Todd



Matthew Todd is Professor and Chair of Drug Discovery at University College London. He has a significant interest in open science, and how it may be used to accelerate research, with particular emphasis on open source discovery of new medicines. He founded and currently leads several open science consortia such as Open Source Malaria (OSM) and is a founder of a broader Open Source Pharma movement. He leads the Structural Genomics Consortium (SGC) at UCL and leads the SGC's Open Chemistry Networks initiative as part of Target 2035. With Tim Willson of UNC Chapel Hill he led the medicinal chemistry core of the open READDI-AViDD antiviral discovery project.



# Leveraging Shared Data to Strengthen Discovery

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***Prof Matthew H. Todd***

*Chair of Drug Discovery, University College London*

*CSO, Structural Genomics Consortium at UCL*

*@mattoddchem*



ON THE ANTIBACTERIAL ACTION OF CULTURES OF A  
PENICILLIUM, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THEIR  
USE IN THE ISOLATION OF *B. INFLUENZÆ*.

ALEXANDER FLEMING, F.R.C.S.

*From the Laboratories of the Inoculation Department, St Mary's Hospital, London.*

Received for publication May 10th, 1929.

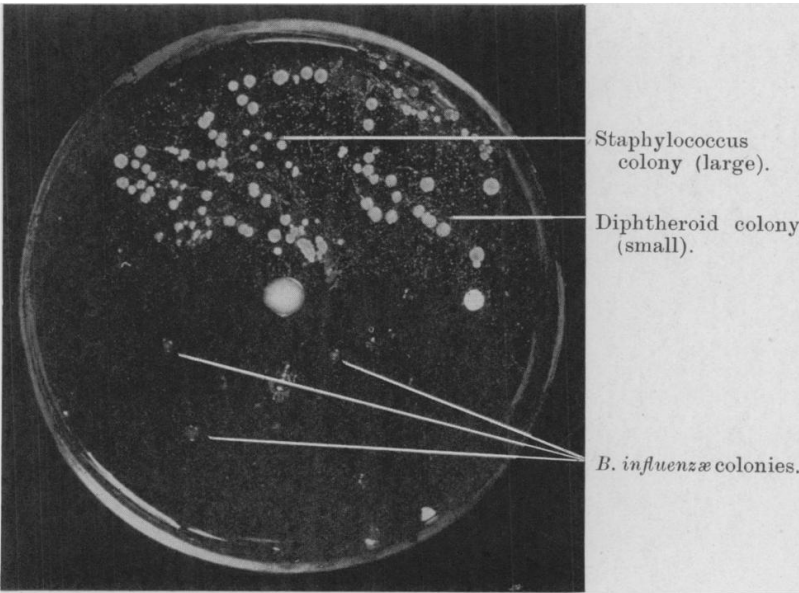


FIG. 4.—Photograph of a culture-plate (Fildes medium) which had been evenly planted with nasal mucus from an individual suffering from a “cold.” Six drops of penicillin were spread over the lower half of the plate before incubation. Note profuse growth of staphylococci and diphtheroid bacilli in untreated half, whereas in **treated** half only some three colonies of *B. influenzae* are seen.

TABLE III.—*Inhibitory Power of Penicillin*

	1/5.	1/10.
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> . . . . .	0	0
” <i>epidermidis</i> . . . . .	0	0
<i>Pneumococcus</i> . . . . .	0	0
<i>Streptococcus</i> (hæmolytic) . . . . .	0	0
” <i>viridans</i> (mouth) . . . . .	0	0
” <i>fæcalis</i> . . . . .	++	++
<i>B. anthracis</i> . . . . .	0	0
<i>B. pseudo-tuberculosis rodentium</i> . . . . .	+	+
<i>B. pullorum</i> . . . . .	+	+
<i>B. dysenteriae</i> . . . . .	+	++
<i>B. coli</i> . . . . .	++	++
<i>B. typhosus</i> . . . . .	++	++
<i>B. pyocyaneus</i> . . . . .	++	++
<i>B. proteus</i> . . . . .	++	++
<i>V. cholerae</i> . . . . .	++	++

<i>B. diphtheriae</i> (3 strains) . . . . .	.
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> (13 strains) . . . . .	.
” (1 ”) . . . . .	.
” <i>fæcalis</i> (11 ”) . . . . .	.
” <i>viridans</i> at random from faeces . . . . .	.

# The Various “Open”s

*Open **Access** – to read*

*Open **Data** – to re-use*

*Open **Innovation** – to ... what?*

*Open **Science** – something more, like samples, liberal licence*

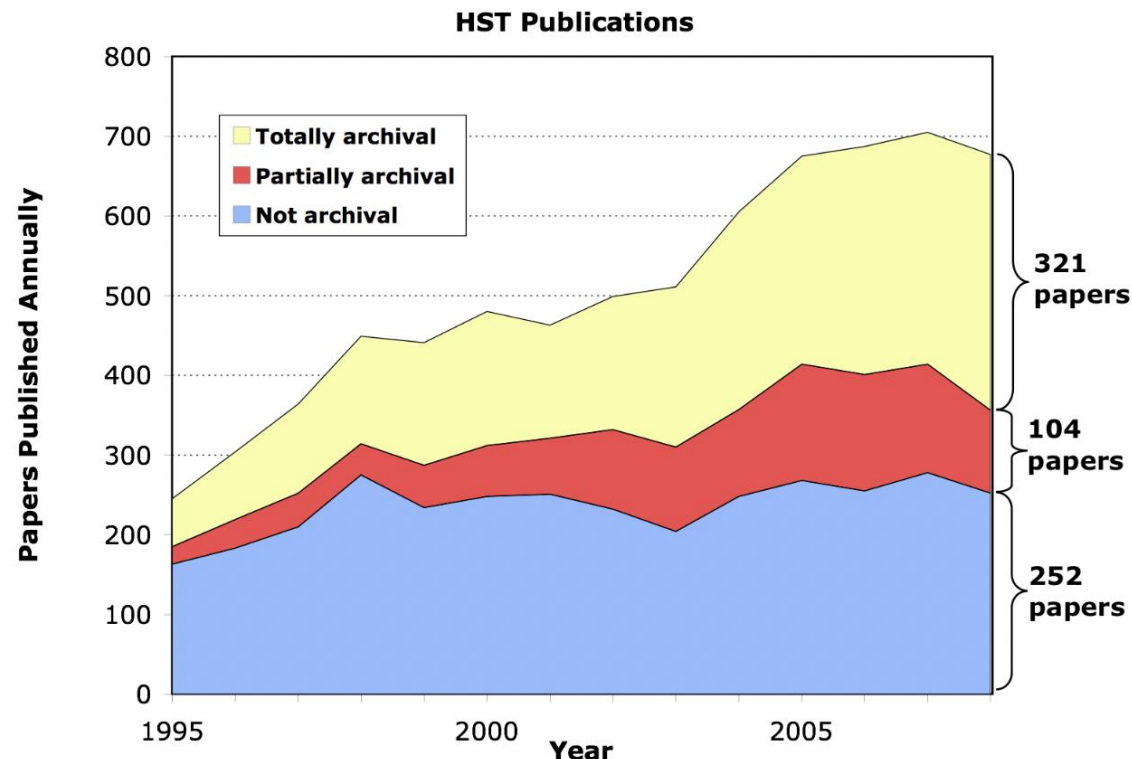
*Open **Source** – all that, and **full details** and can **participate***

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**Figure 1:** Number of annual publications using Hubble Telescope data. The publications have been divided into non-archival papers written by the original investigators (blue), totally archival publications not involving none of the original proposers (yellow), and papers that include data from multiple proposals with some being archival and some not (red). The number of archival papers has exceeded the number of PI-led papers since 2006.

## The High Impact of Astronomical Data Archives

Richard L. White (MAST/STScI), Alberto Accomazzi (ADS/CfA),  
G. Bruce Berriman (IPAC/Caltech), Giuseppina Fabbiano (Chandra/CfA),  
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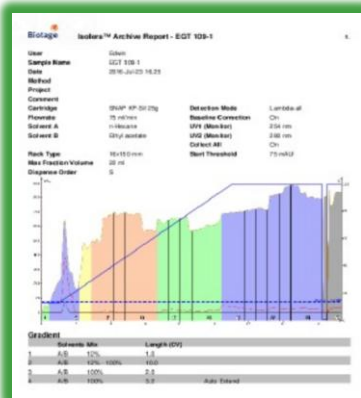


# What I Mean When I Talk about Open

- 1<sup>st</sup> Law: All data are open and all ideas are shared
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Law: Anyone can take part at any level
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Law: There will be no patents
- 4<sup>th</sup> Law: Suggestions are the best form of criticism
- 5<sup>th</sup> Law: Public discussion is much more valuable than private email
- 6<sup>th</sup> Law: An open project is bigger than, and is not owned by, any given lab

**Schisto:** *Nature Chemistry* **2011**, 3, 745; *PLoS NTD* **2011**, 5(9): e1260. **Malaria:** *Nature Commun.* **2024**, 15, 937; *ACS Med. Chem. Lett.* **2024**, 15 1645; *J. Med. Chem.* **2021**, 64, 16450; *J. Org. Chem.* **2020**, 85, 13438; *J. Med. Chem.* **2020**, 63, 11585; *ACS Cent. Sci.* **2016**, 2, 687. **Antibiotics:** *ACS Infect. Dis.* **2023**, 9, 2423. **TB:** *J. Med. Chem.* **2018**, 61, 11327. **Antifungals:** *PLoS NTD* **2018**, 12(4): e0006437; *PLoS NTD* **2022**, 16, e0010159; *Chem. Biodiversity* **2023**, 20, e202300151. **Platform:** *Chem. Sci.* **2015**, 6, 1614; *Parasitology* **2014**, 141, 148. **Laws:** *ChemMedChem*, **2019**, 14, 1804. **Translation/Policy:** *PLoS Med.* **2017**, 14(4): e1002276; *Wellcome Open Res.* **2021**, 6:146.

## Components



Laboratory  
Notebooks

A screenshot of a public to-do list or discussion board. It contains a list of tasks with columns for 'Task', 'Status', and 'Due Date'. The tasks include 'July 2019 Compounds for Metabolic/Physchem Evaluation', 'Next batch of compounds sent for biological testing', 'Write-up of the Predictive Modelling Competition Results', 'KinomeScan of Series 4 and telesubstitution compounds', 'Remaining Data Needed for OHOH Compound(s)', 'November 2018 Potency results', 'Compounds for hERG Evaluation Round 2', 'Exploration of 6-substituted compounds', 'Potency results on the repeated biotransformation', and 'April 2018 Dundee Potency Results'.

Public To Do  
Lists/Discussion

A screenshot of an open data table. It has columns for 'Internal ID', 'PubChem CID', and 'SMILES'. The table lists various chemical structures and their properties, including 'OSM-E-1', 'OSM-E-10', 'OSM-E-11', 'OSM-E-12', 'OSM-E-13', 'OSM-E-14', 'OSM-E-15', 'OSM-E-16', 'OSM-E-17', 'OSM-E-18', 'OSM-E-19', 'OSM-E-2', 'OSM-E-20', 'OSM-E-21', 'OSM-E-22', 'OSM-E-23', 'OSM-E-24', 'OSM-E-25', 'OSM-E-26', 'OSM-E-27', 'OSM-E-28', 'OSM-E-29', and 'OSM-E-3'.

Open Data

A screenshot of a social media post from Joanne Power (@hanniepower). The post discusses the discovery of a new malaria drug and mentions the #Plasmodium and #malaria drug community. It includes a link to a review on malariajournal.biomedcentral.com and a chemical structure diagram.

Community

## Contributions



Students → Pharma

# Open Source Malaria Series

GSK TCAMS

Nc1ccccc1

GSK TCAMS

ClC=CC(=O)O

Pfizer

F

NC(=O)OCc1cc(C)c(Nc2ccc(F)cc2)cc1

SERIES

Potent

Ester Problem

Article | Published: 20 May 2010

**Thousands of chemical starting points for antimalarial lead identification**

[Francisco-Javier Gamo](#), [Laura M. Sanz](#), [Jaume Vidal](#), [Cristina de Cozar](#), [Emilio Alvarez](#), [Jose-Luis Lavandera](#), [Dana E. Vanderwall](#), [Darren V. S. Green](#), [Vinod Kumar](#), [Samiul Hasan](#), [James R. Brown](#), [Catherine E. Peishoff](#), [Lon R. Cardon](#) & [Jose F. Garcia-Bustos](#) 

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Novel MoA: ASN Ligase or CA

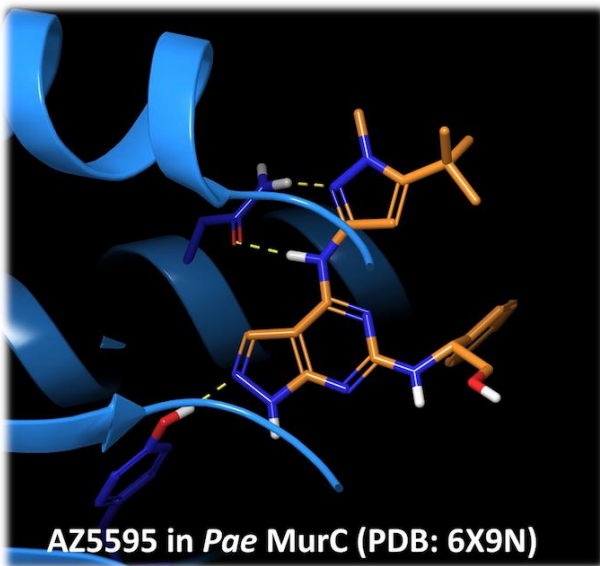
*Series typically not exhausted - Decision points made to move to another.  
Anyone free to employ OSM infrastructure to explore these, or other, series*  
[www.opensourcemalaria.org](http://www.opensourcemalaria.org), @O\_S\_M



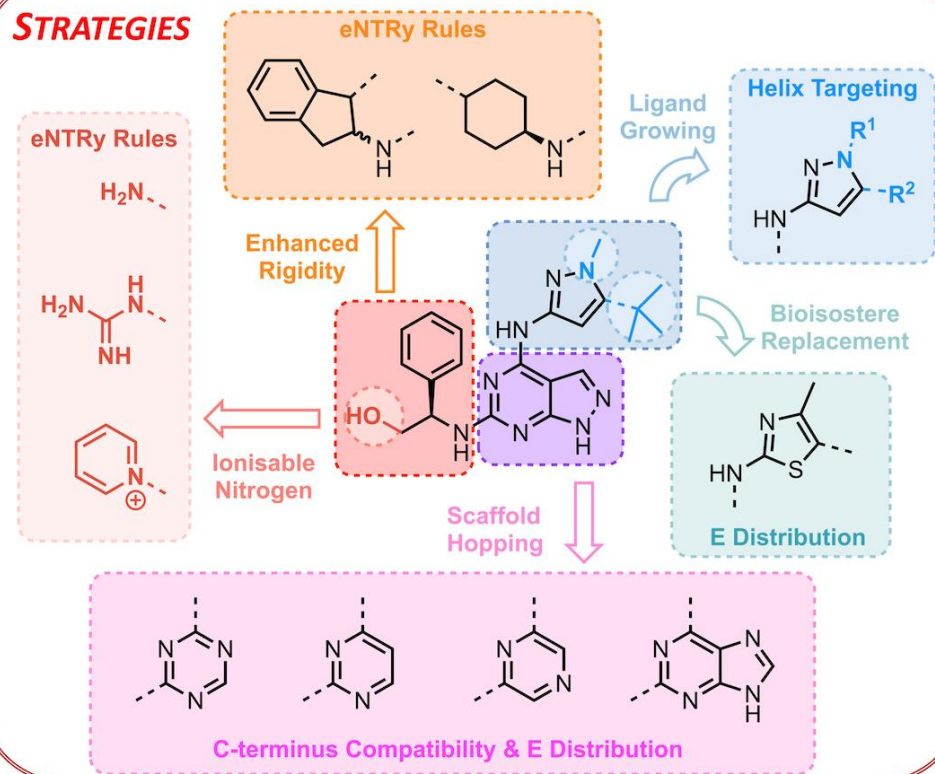
# OPEN SOURCE ANTIBIOTICS SERIES 1 – MUR LIGASES

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Discovered by AstraZeneca, but paused ✗  
 ✓ Potent *in vitro*, ineffective vs Wild Type ✗  
 New Xstal structure - rational design ✓



## STRATEGIES



## JOINT EFFORTS



<https://github.com/opensourceantibiotics/murligase>

ARTICLES | July 18, 2014

**Pyrazolopyrimidines Establish MurC as a Vulnerable Target in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Escherichia coli***

Shahul Hameed<sup>†</sup>, Praveena Manjrekar<sup>†</sup>, Murugan Chinnappattu<sup>†</sup>, Vaishali Humnabadkar<sup>†</sup>, Gajanan Shanbhag<sup>†</sup>, Chaitanyakumar Kedari<sup>†</sup>, Naina Vinay Mudugal<sup>†</sup>

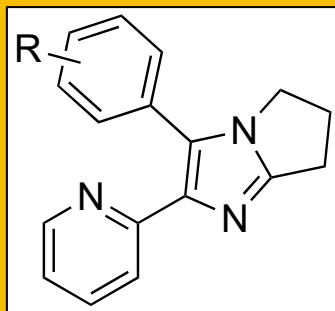
Data from parked industrial series.

# OPEN SOURCE ANTIBIOTICS SERIES 2 – DIARYLIMIDAZOLES VS. MRSA

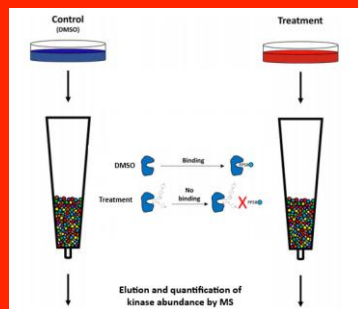
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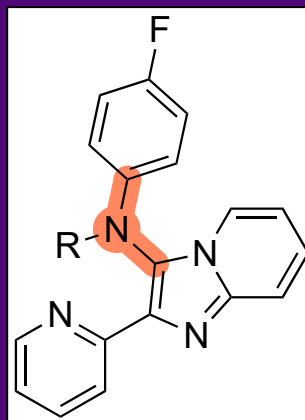
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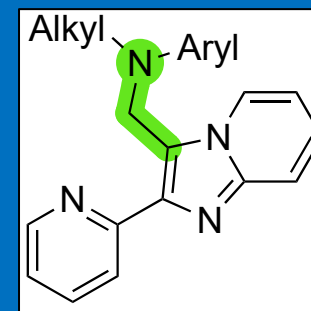
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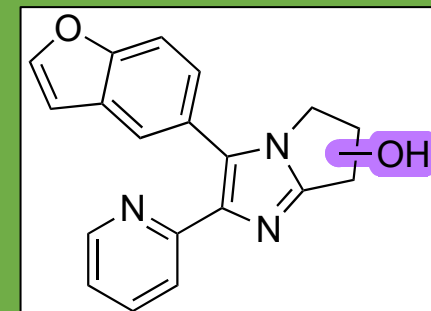
## N Linker



## Homologation



## Metabolites

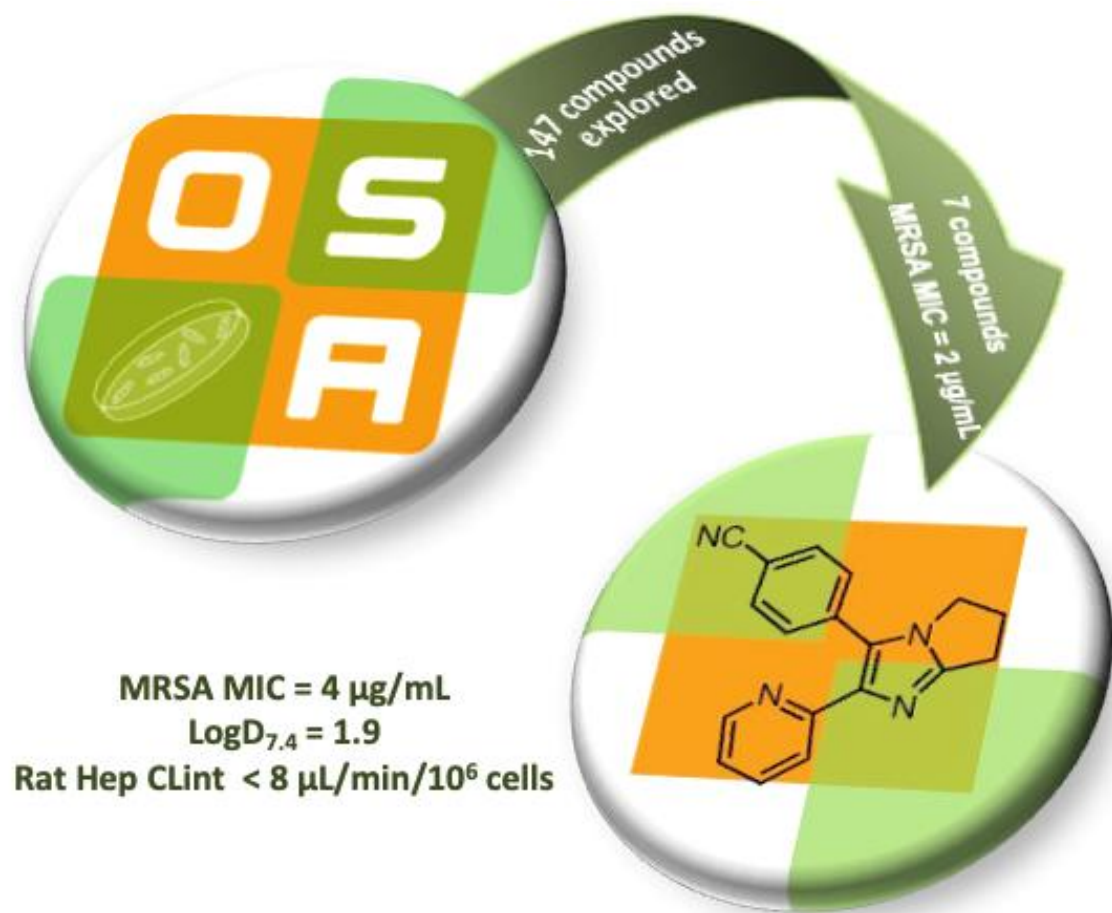


Citizen science

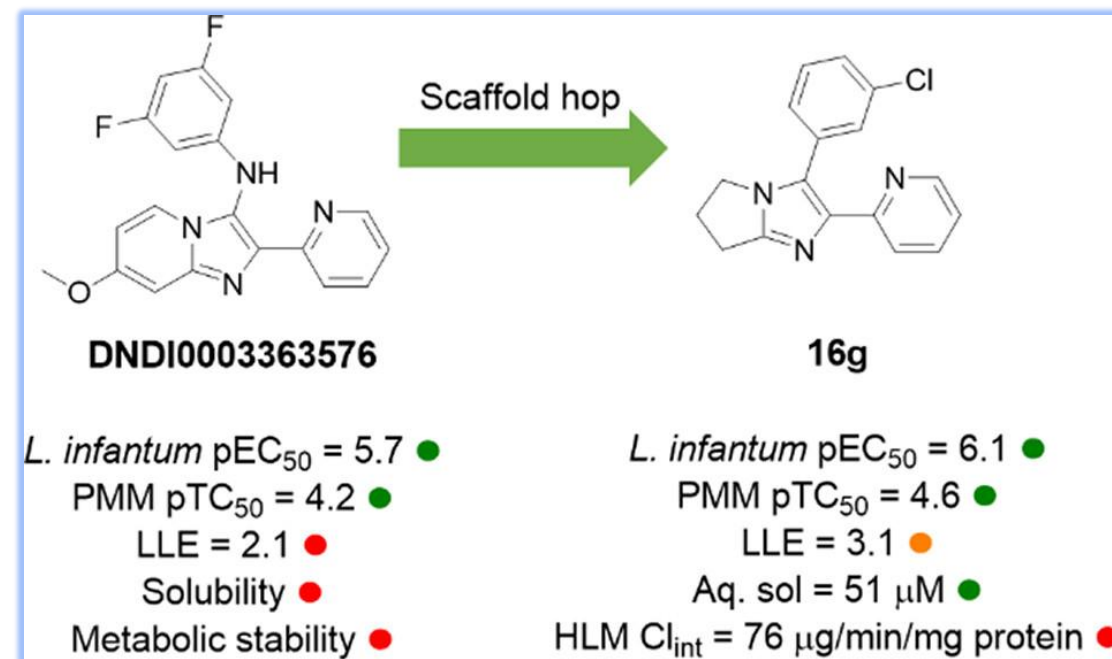


Additional Contributors Not Grant Funded

# OSA2: SHARING COMPOUNDS → NEW PROJECTS



**Parent Project: Antibiotics**  
Open Source Antibiotics - Simple Diarylimidazoles are Potent Against Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus, *ACS Infect. Dis.* **2023**, 9, 2423.

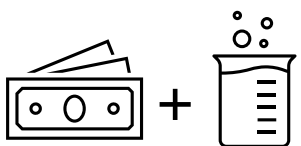


**Sister Project: Leishmaniasis**  
Structure-property Optimization of a Series of Imidazopyridines for Visceral Leishmaniasis, *ACS Infect. Dis.* **2023**, 9, 1470.



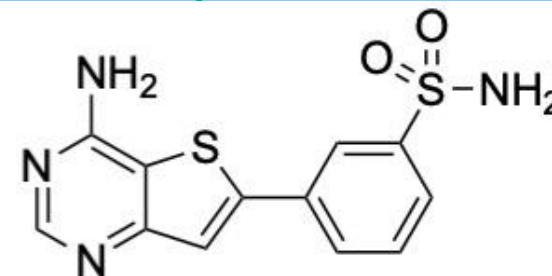
# Idler Compounds: Leveraging the Power of the Fridge

## Accumulated compounds



Purchased and synthesized

## Sharable library



OSM-S-106

(YNW5)

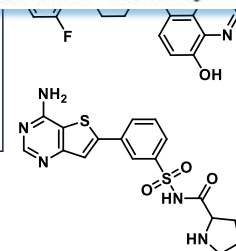
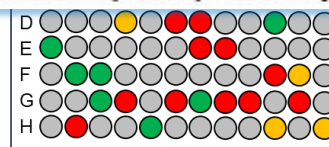
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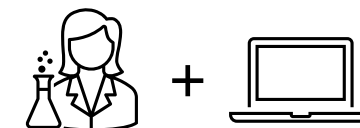
51%

Pf3D7  $\text{IC}_{50}$   
Cytotoxicity HepG2

*M. avium* inhibition at 10  $\mu\text{M}$  (Bedaquiline 50%)



## Curate plate – share with UKHSA



Compound nomination



Curate for diversity

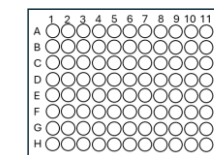


Plate preparation

- ✓ New data
- ✓ New starting points
- ✓ Maximize use



Open science

Ideally we'd have a multitude of ways to evaluate compounds (like CO-ADD, UKHSA etc)

A simple submission process to submit data...

...to an open repository...

...that is suitable for machine learning.

An obvious need here: ***Accumulation***

Article | [Open access](#) | Published: 17 May 2022

## Property space mapping of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* permeability to small molecules

[Inga V. Leus](#), [Jon W. Weeks](#), [Vincent Bonifay](#), [Yue Shen](#), [Liang Yang](#), [Connor J. Cooper](#), [Dinesh Nath](#), [Adam S. Duerfeldt](#), [Jeremy C. Smith](#), [Jerry M. Parks](#), [Valentin V. Rybenkov](#) ✉ & [Helen I. Zgurskaya](#) ✉

[Scientific Reports](#) **12**, Article number: 8220 (2022) | [Cite this article](#)

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## Predictive compound accumulation rules yield a broad-spectrum antibiotic

[Michelle F. Richter](#), [Bryon S. Drown](#), [Andrew P. Riley](#), [Alfredo Garcia](#), [Tomohiro Shirai](#), [Riley L. Svec](#) & [Paul J. Hergenrother](#) ✉

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VIEWPOINT | September 21, 2018

## Shared Platform for Antibiotic Research and Knowledge: A Collaborative Tool to SPARK Antibiotic Discovery

Joe Thomas, Marc Navre, Aileen Rubio, and Allan Coukell\*

“The *lack of well-described, easily accessible, and open-source datasets* is hindering the rate at which machine-learning and deep-learning tools are built and employed for antibiotic-prediction tasks”

A Brief Guide to Machine Learning for Antibiotic Discovery, G. Liu, J. M. Stokes, Curr Opin Microbiol **2022**, 69, 102190 (DOI: 10.1016/j.mib.2022.102190)

Knowledge: A

(Rubio, Aileen) [3]; Coukell, A

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“Unfortunately, so far, traditional **funding** streams have overlooked the importance of datasets. I anticipate that, in the near future, funding agencies will recognize this gap and start supporting projects with the exclusive aim of developing high-quality datasets.”

AI in Infectious Diseases: The Role of Datasets, C. de la Fuente-Nunez, Drug Resistance Updates **2024**, 73, 101067 (DOI: 10.1016/j.drug.2024.101067)

## GSK and Fleming Initiative scientists unite to target AMR with advanced AI

by [Ryan O'Hare](#)

18 November 2025

Article | Published: 24 October 2025

## Deep-learning-based virtual screening of antibacterial compounds

[Gabriele Scalia](#) , [Steven T. Rutherford](#), [Ziqing Lu](#), [Kerry R. Buchholz](#), [Nicholas Skelton](#), [Kangway Chuang](#), [Nathaniel Diamant](#), [Jan-Christian Hütter](#), [Jerome-Maxim Luescher](#), [Anh Miu](#), [Jeff Blaney](#), [Leo Gendelev](#), [Elizabeth Skippington](#), [Greg Zynda](#), [Nia Dickson](#), [Michał Koziarski](#), [Yoshua Bengio](#), [Aviv Regev](#), [Man-Wah Tan](#) & [Tommaso Biancalani](#) 

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Training dataset: experimental HTS (2 million compounds) – Proprietary.

A subset (GNEtoIC) has been released.

Test set: 1.4 Bn from Enamine. *Usefully open!*

Code open on Github.

Cell

[Go to Cell on ScienceDirect](#)



Volume 188, Issue 21, 16 October 2025, Pages 5962-5979.e22

Article

## A generative deep learning approach to *de novo* antibiotic design

[Aarti Krishnan](#)<sup>1 2 3 4 25</sup>, [Melis N. Anahtar](#)<sup>1 2 4 5 25</sup>, [Jacqueline A. Valeri](#)<sup>1 2 4 25</sup>, [Wengong Jin](#)<sup>6 7</sup>, [Nina M. Donghia](#)<sup>4</sup>, [Leif Sieben](#)<sup>1 2 4 8</sup>, [Andreas Lutten](#)<sup>1 2</sup>, [Yu Zhang](#)<sup>1 2 4</sup>, [Seyed Majed Modaresi](#)<sup>1 2 4</sup>, [Andrew Hennes](#)<sup>1 4</sup>, [Jenna Fromer](#)<sup>9</sup>, [Parijat Bandyopadhyay](#)<sup>1 2</sup>, [Jonathan C. Chen](#)<sup>1 2</sup>, [Danyal Rehman](#)<sup>10</sup>, [Ronak Desai](#)<sup>1 11 12</sup>, [Paige Edwards](#)<sup>1 2</sup>, [Ryan S. Lach](#)<sup>13</sup>, [Marie-Stéphanie Aschtgen](#)<sup>14</sup>, [Margaux Gaborieau](#)<sup>14</sup>, [Massimiliano Gaetani](#)<sup>15 16</sup>...  
[James J. Collins](#)<sup>1 2 4 26 \*</sup> 

Article | Published: 22 March 2024

## Generative AI for designing and validating easily synthesizable and structurally novel antibiotics

[Kyle Swanson](#), [Gary Liu](#), [Denise B. Catacutan](#), [Autumn Arnold](#), [James Zou](#)  & [Jonathan M. Stokes](#) 

[Nature Machine Intelligence](#) 6, 338–353 (2024) | [Cite this article](#)

14K molecules screened (owned/commercial)

Generative models predicted many

Triaged by synthesizability

Enamine space/molecules used again!

78K screened, generative models trained

→ millions of possibles

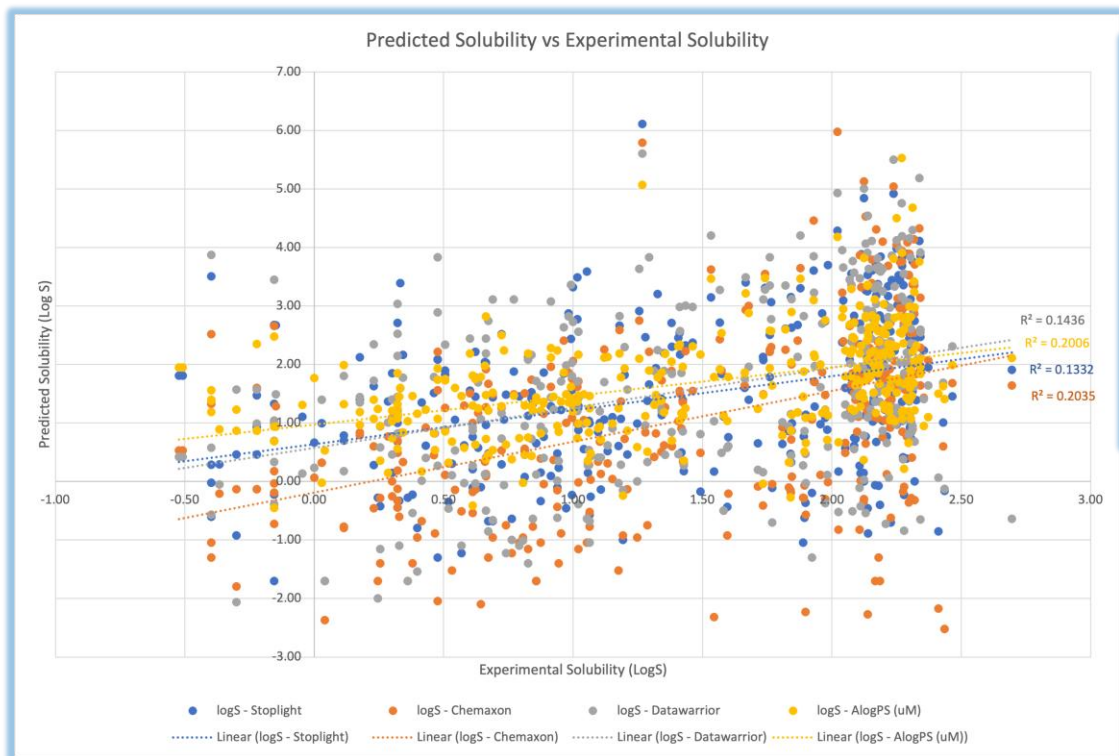
Triaged down to 80. 27 attempted syntheses, leading to 2 new.

Also used Enamine/Broad space.



model predictions. Only En-10 and En-23 could be tested for toxicity in mouse models due to insufficient aqueous solubility of the other four generated antibacterial molecules. Indeed,

Swanson *et al*, *Nat. Machine Intell.* **2024**, 6, 336 (10.1038/s42256-024-00809-7)



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*How might we become better at predicting hits  
vs under- or never-explored bacterial targets,  
through a large, open shared dataset?*



# Structural Genomics Consortium (SGC)



## About

An international public-private partnership with a mission to accelerate the discovery of new medicines through open science



## 7 Research Sites

Research labs in Canada, the US, Germany, the UK and Brazil



## An International Consortium

Partnerships with pharma and tech companies



## Research Focus

Generating open-source protein-ligand data, chemical probes, and benchmarking datasets



## 20+ Years of Impact

Hundreds of chemical probes, thousands of structures, and widely used open datasets

SGC is leading the next phase of Target 2035



TARGET  
2035

# An SGC-led global open science initiative to “drug the entire genome”

**Mission:** To develop pharmacological modulators for every human protein by 2035.

**Challenge:** Artificial intelligence will enable this mission, but it needs large-scale, open datasets that do not yet exist.

**Solution:** In the next 5 years, SGC will generate and share protein-ligand datasets, enabling AI and machine learning to expedite the mission of Target 2035 more effectively and efficiently.

## In the next 5 years, we will deliver:

- Ultra-large protein–ligand datasets
- FAIR, AI-ready datasets openly shared via the [AIRCHECK](#) platform
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- A global open-source machine learning network (MAINFRAME)
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- Validated chemical tools & AI-driven pipelines
- A faster and more efficient probe and hit discovery process across the proteome
- A sustainable open-science ecosystem linking academia, industry, and patients.

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Academia



Hospitals



Non-Profit



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# How to get involved

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## Contribute Proteins

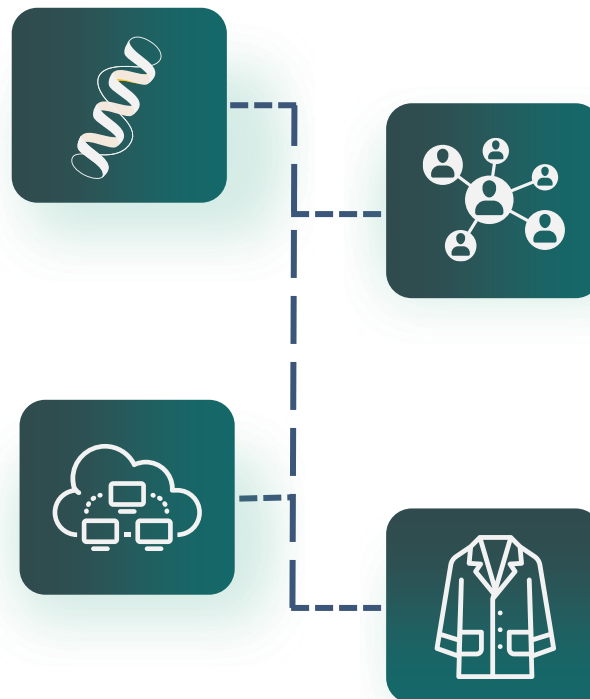
Join the Protein Contribution Network and submit purified, high-quality proteins. These will be screened for ligands using advanced platforms.

Learn more at:

<https://www.thesgc.org/Target2035ProteinContribution>

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## Join MAINFRAME

A new international network of machine learning researchers, computational chemists, and data scientists, which gives you access to curated datasets to test and benchmark your models.

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Participate in regular prospective or retrospective benchmarking challenges to compare the performance of your machine learning models.



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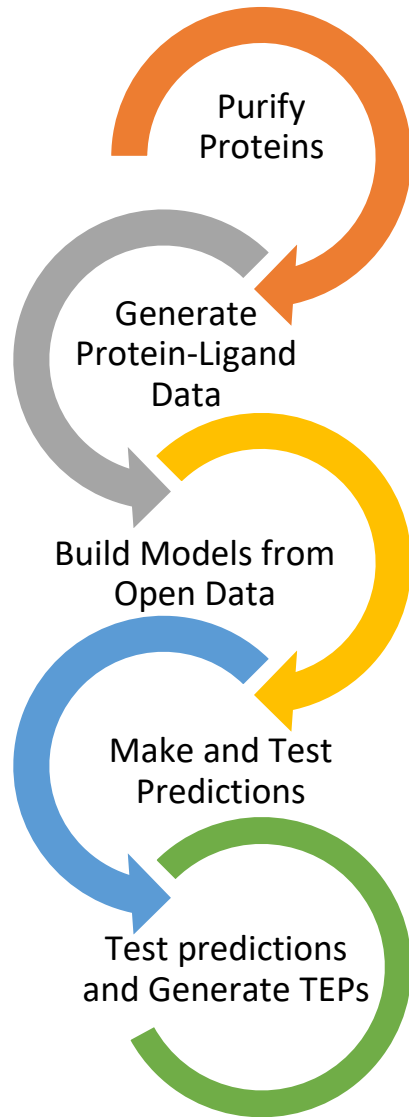


*The first MAINFRAME meeting is scheduled to take place in Barcelona in March 2026.*



# Towards Target 2035: Hit-Finding Roadmap of the Structural Genomics Consortium 2025–2030

*A Major International Open Science Project in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for Drug Discovery*



- **Screen >2,000 human proteins against DEL (10B) libraries**
- Produce proteins at SGC and **obtain them from the community**

- Generate ligand binding data experimentally at SGC and in Technology Partners
- ASMS and DEL are the initial screening platforms

- Make screening data and metadata available via SGC database (AIRCHECK)
- **Build models and predict hits** in consortium and **through benchmarking challenges**

- Procure compounds and test predictions at SGC hubs and in Technology Partners
- Make hits, data and algorithms available without restriction

## **Deliverables:**

- **Experimentally verified hits for >500 human proteins**
- **Open protein/ligand data for 2,000 proteins**
- **Improved hit-finding algorithms**

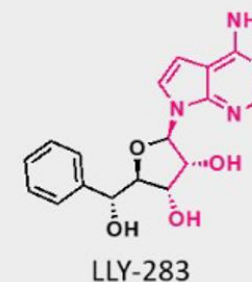
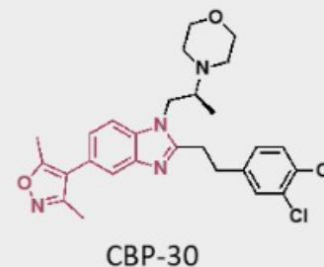
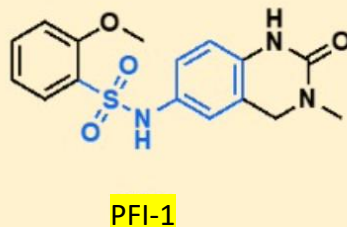
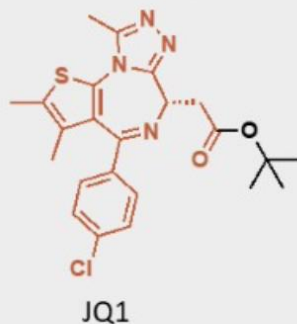
# TRANSLATION: MAKING PROBES OPEN SPURS (NOT INHIBITS) DRUG DISCOVERY

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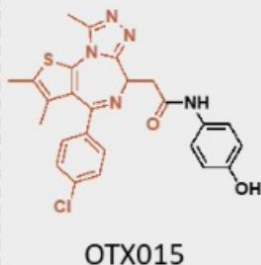
Examples of SGC Chemical Probe-Enabled Clinical Programs (a total of 85)



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Probe



Clinical  
Candidate



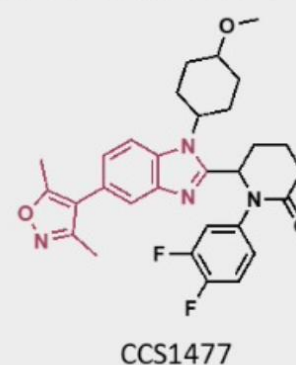
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Mitsubishi Tanabe



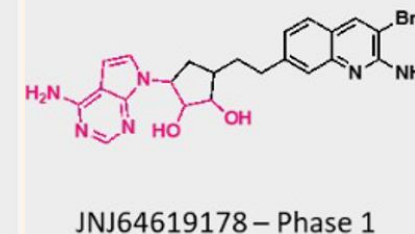
**Phase 1**  
Advanced  
Lymphoma  
GSK



**Phase 1**  
Advanced  
Lymphoma  
GSK



**Phase 1/2**  
Prostate Cancer  
CellCentric



**Phase 1**  
Advanced Lymphoma  
Solid Tumors  
Janssen

## OSA Series 1 (Mur Ligases)

**UCL:** Dana Klug, Fahima Idiris, Yuhang Wang, Edwin Tse, Daniel Gedder, Kato Leonard, Giada Sabatino, Dayang Usop, Zige Bu, Brooks Paige, @dehaenw, Paul Stapleton, Alex Vaideanu, Andreas Schatzlein

**Warwick:** Chris Dowson, Laura Diaz Saez, Becca Steventon, Adrian Lloyd

**Northeastern:** Lori Ferrins and team

**University of Cape Town H3D:** Joe Eyermann, Kelly Chibale

**Oxford/Diamond:** Lizbe Koekemoer, Tobias Krojer, Frank von Delft, Paul Brennan

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## OSA Series 2 (Diarylimidazoles)

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**Northeastern:** Lori Ferrins, Quillon Simpson, Maria Dichiara, Antonio Quotadamo, Bruno Quiroga, Jyoti Chauhan

**UNC Chapel Hill:** Lee Graves, Tom Gilbert, Laura Herring, Bill Zuercher, Álvaro Lorente-Macías, David Drewry

**Monash:** Sue Charman

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In 2023, Luiza joined Alex, a team from The University of Edinburgh, and GARDP in curating and supporting the development of AntibioticDB, an open-access database first introduced in 2017 which captures relevant information on compounds with known or potential antibacterial activity, a project that has been under the support and management of GARDP since 2021.

# **AntibioticDB: A Tool for Smarter Discovery**

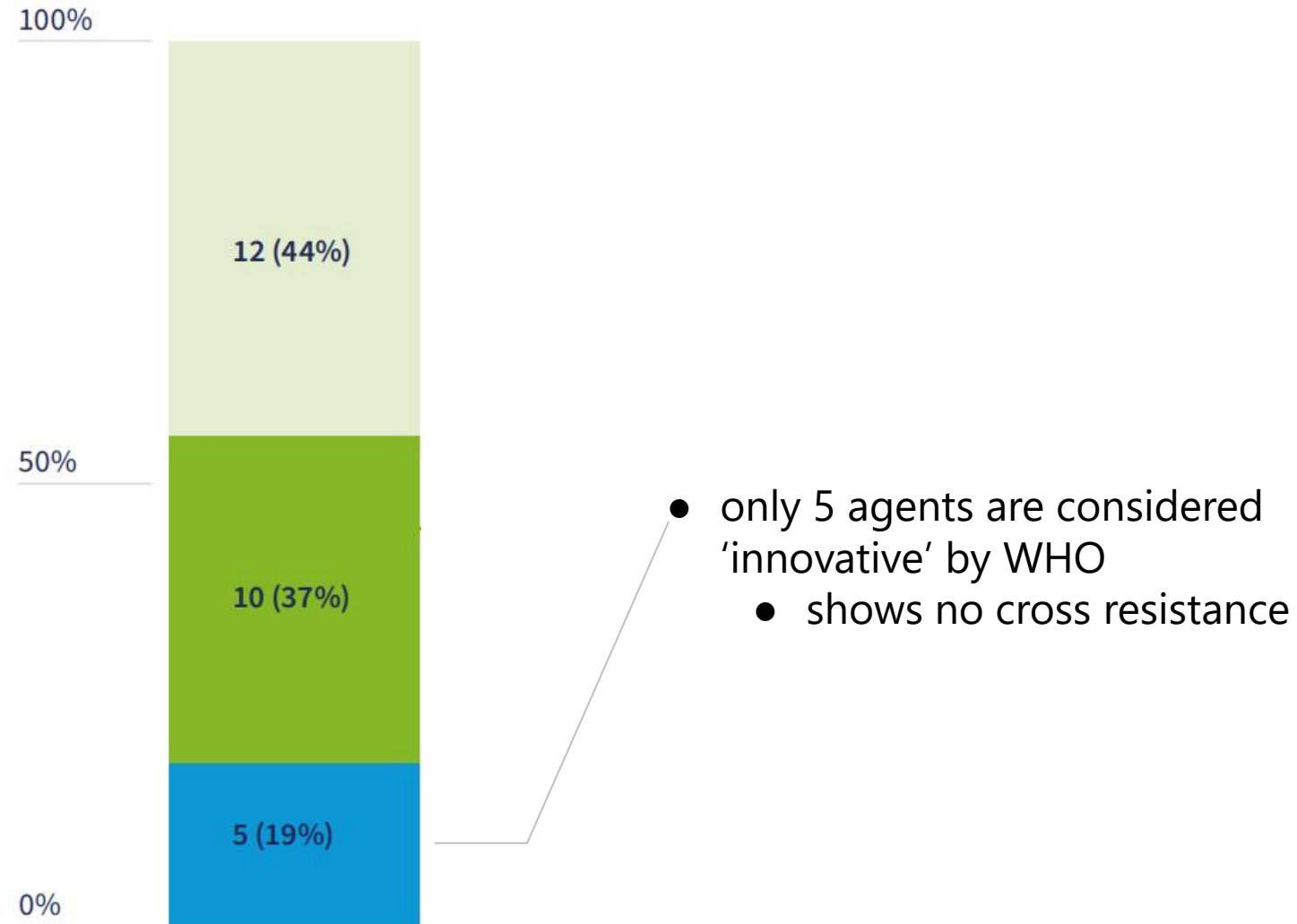


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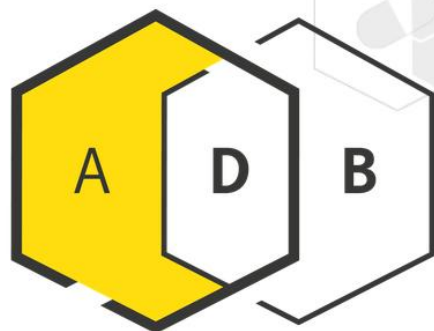


# Analysis of antibacterial agents in clinical and preclinical development

Overview and analysis 2025



(Figure adapted from <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240113091>)



## AntibioticDB

An open-access database of antibacterial agents

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Data last updated on: 10 September 2025

Next release due: 10th December 2025

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## AntibioticDB

<https://antibioticdb.com>

- first, online, freely and globally-accessible database of antibacterial agents
- valuable resource in antibacterial drug discovery for
  - starting compounds
  - revisiting discontinued/undeveloped drug candidates
  - tracking compounds of interest
  - compounds with particular properties/ targets

**AntibioticDB created**



2017

2018



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## Revitalizing the drug pipeline: AntibioticDB, an open access database to aid antibacterial research and development <sup>FREE</sup>

L J Farrell, R Lo, J J Wanford, A Jenkins, A Maxwell, L J V Piddock Author Notes

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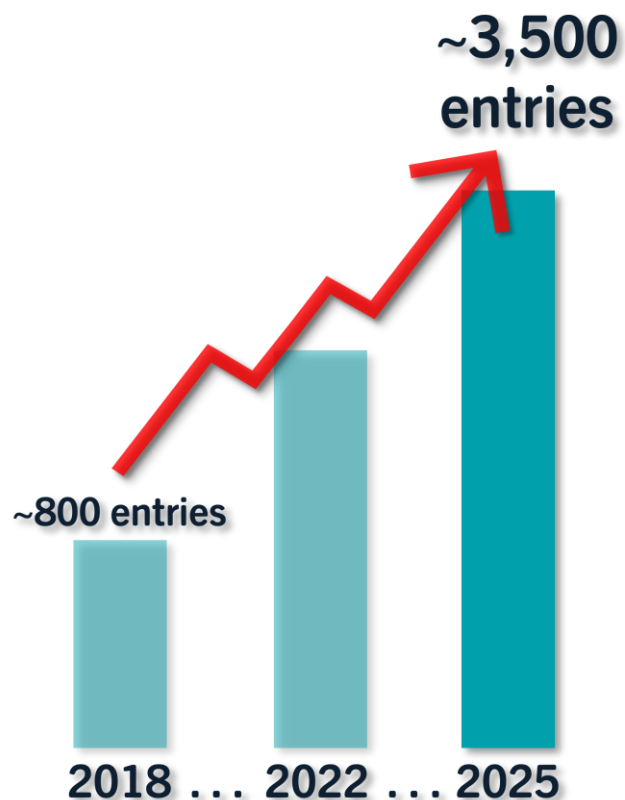
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## Expanding the database content

- >3,500 entries, a 4-fold increase over original release in 2018
- now includes historical natural product antibiotics, non-traditional modalities, and antimycobacterial agents



### Key sources:



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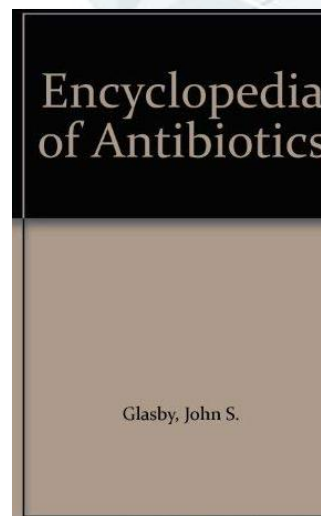
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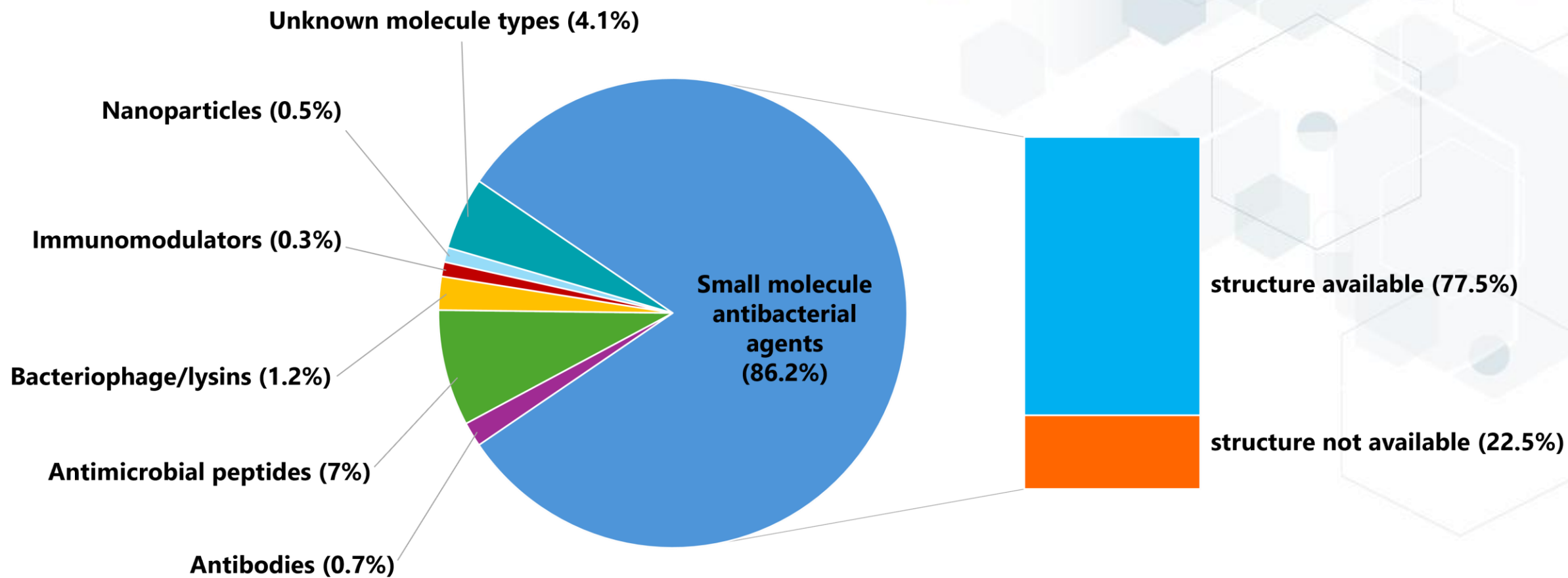
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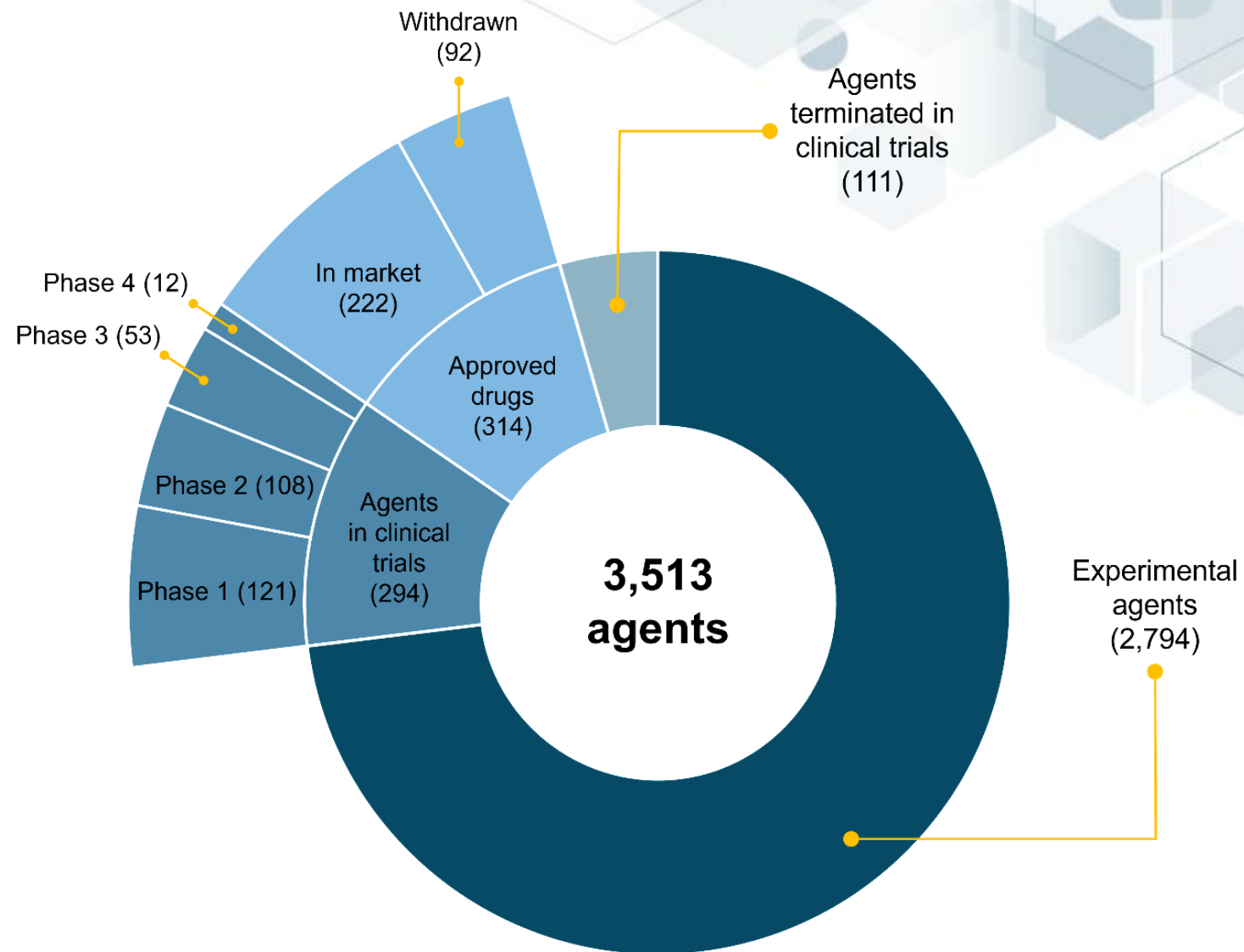
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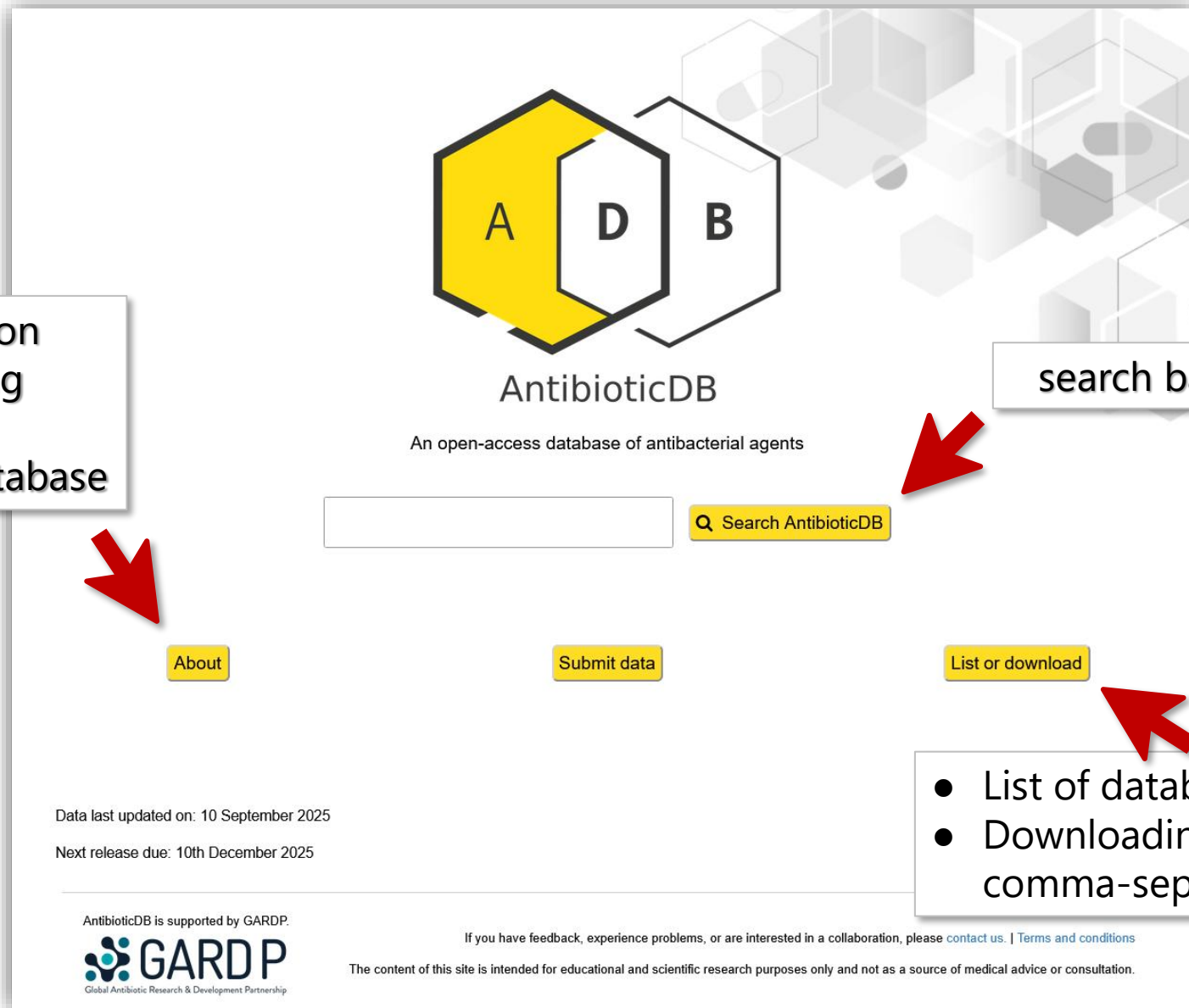


## Agents in AntibioticDB and their development status (as of November 2025)



## The web portal

- Database description
- 'Wildcard' searching instructions
- How to use the database



- List of database contents
- Downloading contents as a comma-separated value (.csv)

# 1. Search page

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Zorbonomycin

Description: Natural product from Streptomyces bikiniensis var. **zorbonensis**

Zoliflodacin

Zosurabalpin

Fisetin

Institute: **Zoonotic** Infectious Diseases, Key Laboratory for **Zoonosis** Research of the Ministry of Education, College of Veterinary...

# 3. Entry page

Synonym(s): RG6006

**Class:** Antimicrobial peptide

**Spectrum of activity:**

Gram-negative

**Details of activity:**

Active against carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii*; targets the LptB2FGC complex in the Gram-negative inner membrane blocking lipopolysaccharide transport  
Yes, at 10<sup>-7</sup> to 10<sup>-9</sup> mutation frequency

**Propensity to select resistant mutants:**

**Description:**

Synthetic compound from the Tranzyme Pharma compound library (R07075573) which was further modified to produce this second-generation antibiotic; >5-log reduction in neutropenic mouse thigh *Acinetobacter baumannii* infection model; a macrocyclic peptide

**Institute where first reported:**

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**Year first mentioned:**

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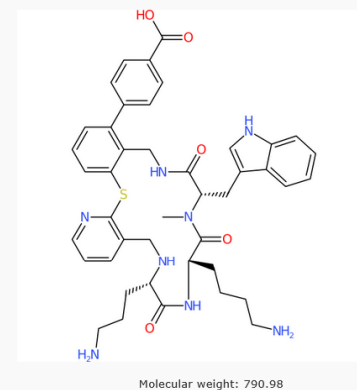
**Highest developmental phase:**

Phase 1 (NCT05614895)

**Development status:**

Active (as of 2024)

**Chemical structure(s):**



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**External links:**

PubChem link:

<https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/148636827>

Guide to Pharmacology:

[zosurabalpin](https://www.guidetopharmacology.org/compound/148636827)

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Patent:

US2019321440A1



# Improved information capture and harmonisation of terminology

Compound ID | 2705

Update compound information

## Zosurabalpin

Synonym(s): RG6006

### Class: Antimicrobial peptide

**Spectrum of activity:** Gram-negative

**Details of activity:** Active against carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii*; targets the LptB2FGC complex in the Gram-negative inner membrane blocking lipopolysaccharide transport

**Propensity to select resistant mutants:** Yes, at  $10^{-7}$  to  $10^{-9}$  mutation frequency

**Description:** Synthetic compound from the Tranzyme Pharma compound library (RO7075573) which was further modified to produce this second-generation antibiotic; >5-log reduction in neutropenic mouse thigh *Acinetobacter baumannii* infection model; a macrocyclic peptide

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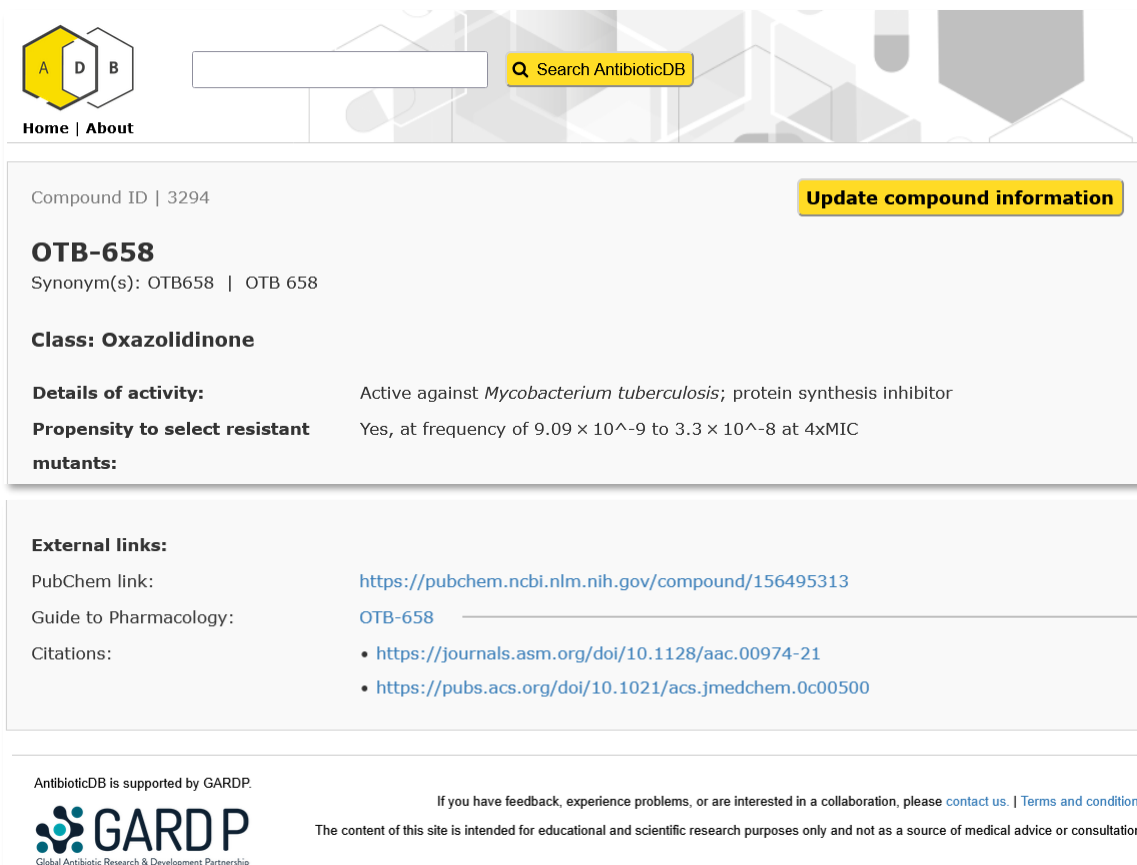
**Highest developmental phase:** Phase 1 (NCT05614895)

**Development status:** Active (as of 2024)

- synonym(s)
- harmonisation of antibacterial class
  - established antibacterial class
  - other recognised groupings (ex: antimicrobial peptide)
  - cellular pathway being inhibited/ specific drug target
  - non-traditional antibacterial modalities
  - nature of compound (ex: small molecule antibacterial agent, natural product antibiotic)
- origin of antibacterial agent (natural product, semi-synthetic, or synthetic)
- therapeutic potential where available

# New functionalities: Integration with IUPHAR/BPS Guide to Pharmacology

- reciprocal integration of AntibioticDB with IUPHAR/BPS Guide to Pharmacology (GtoPdb) since 2019
- 18% (~632) of AntibioticDB entries have reciprocal links to GtoPdb



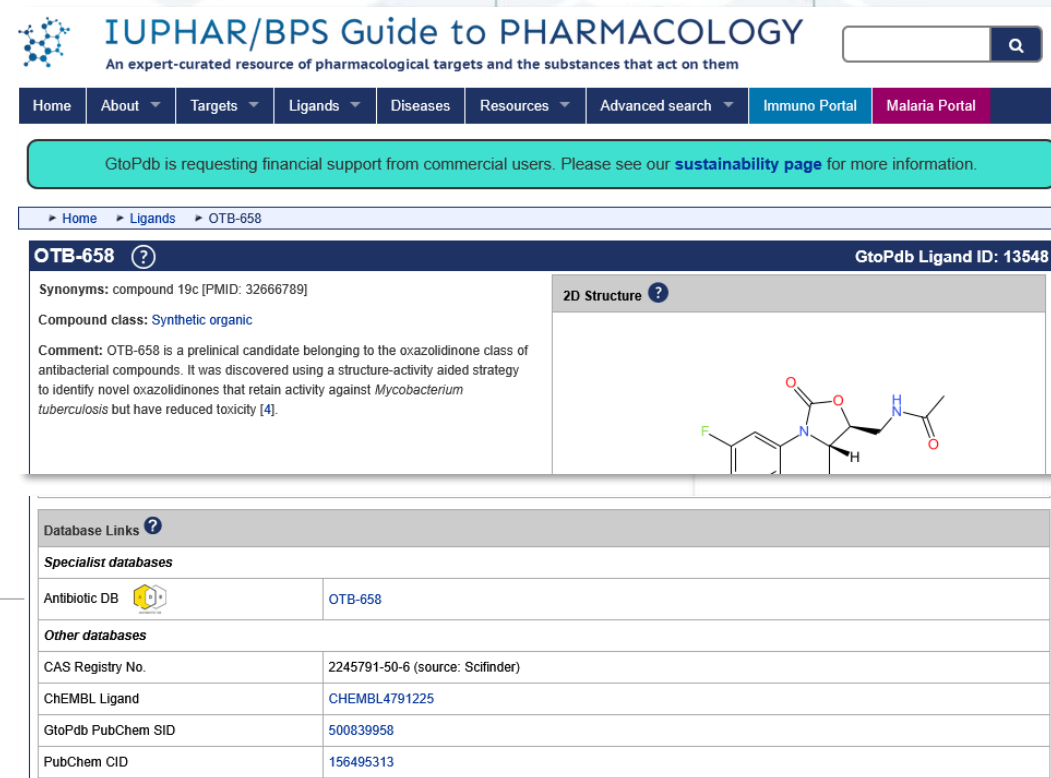
AntibioticDB interface showing compound details for OTB-658. The interface includes a search bar, a navigation menu (Home | About), and a main content area with the following sections:

- Compound ID | 3294** (with an **Update compound information** button)
- OTB-658**  
Synonym(s): OTB658 | OTB 658
- Class: Oxazolidinone**
- Details of activity:** Active against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*; protein synthesis inhibitor
- Propensity to select resistant mutants:** Yes, at frequency of  $9.09 \times 10^{-9}$  to  $3.3 \times 10^{-8}$  at 4xMIC
- External links:**
  - PubChem link: <https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/156495313>
  - Guide to Pharmacology: [OTB-658](#)
  - Citations:
    - <https://journals.asm.org/doi/10.1128/aac.00974-21>
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- OTB-658** (GtoPdb Ligand ID: 13548)
- Synonyms:** compound 19c [PMID: 32666789]
- Compound class:** Synthetic organic
- Comment:** OTB-658 is a preclinical candidate belonging to the oxazolidinone class of antibacterial compounds. It was discovered using a structure-activity aided strategy to identify novel oxazolidinones that retain activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* but have reduced toxicity [4].
- 2D Structure** (with a chemical structure image)
- Database Links**

Specialist databases	
Antibiotic DB	<a href="#">OTB-658</a>
Other databases	
CAS Registry No.	2245791-50-6 (source: Scifinder)
ChEMBL Ligand	<a href="#">CHEMBL4791225</a>
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# New functionalities: Updated structure information



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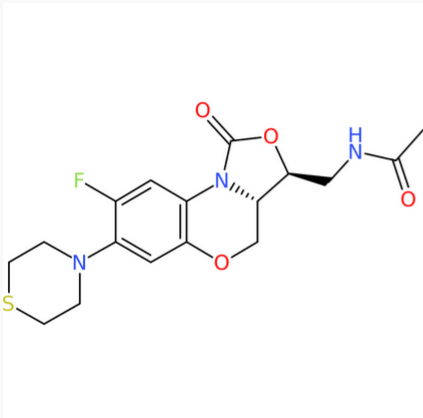
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Molecular weight: 381.42

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- ~55% AntibioticDB entries have associated PubChem link
- ~72% of AntibioticDB entries have structural information captured as:
  - 2D structure representation
  - Molecular weight
  - Isomeric SMILES
  - InChI Key
  - Canonical SMILES
  - InChI

# Underway...

- structure searching
- improved filtering options for searching:
  - by agent type (natural product, semisynthetic, synthetic)
  - by mechanism of action
  - by activity spectrum
  - direct-acting vs indirect-acting
  - by molecular weight range
- further addition of compounds to grow the database

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AntibioticDB - Chemical structure search

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Load or draw a structure into the editor below

CC1(C)[C@H](C(=O)O)N2C(=O)[C@H]([C@H]2S1)NC(=O) [Import SMILES](#)

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Choose type of search to perform:  
Substructure

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Search the IUPHAR/BPS guide to Pharmacology for your input structure (note, this will navigate away from antibioticdb.com, opening a new tab).  
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AntibioticDB - Chemical structure search results

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## AntibioticDB <https://antibioticdb.com>

- valuable reference and source of starting points for future research and (re-) development of antibacterial therapeutics
- >3,500 entries from experimental to preclinical/ clinical candidates, approved and withdrawn/discontinued drugs
- expanded to include both classical direct-acting and diverse non-canonical antibacterial agents (e.g., anti-virulence compounds, antibodies, bacteriophages, immunomodulating agents)
- addition of chemical identifiers and 2D structure representation widens its utility to include medicinal chemists

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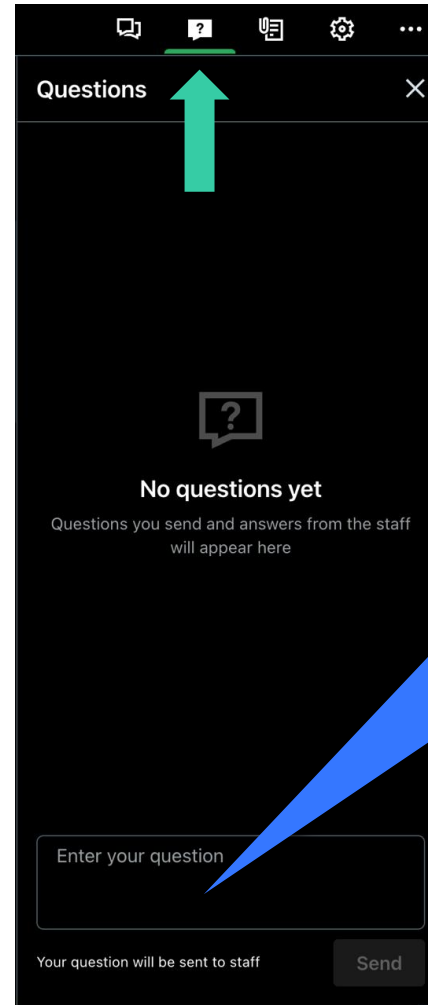
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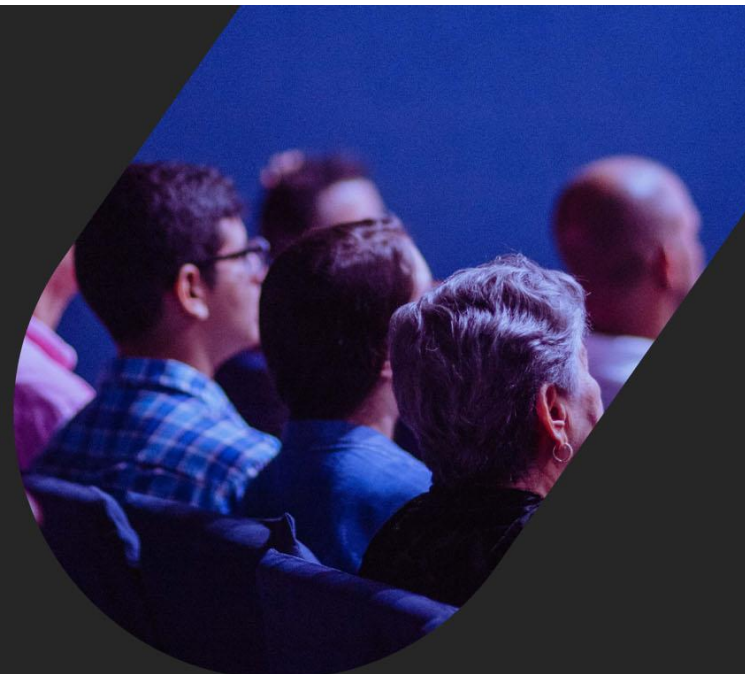
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