

## Evolutionary management of drug resistance

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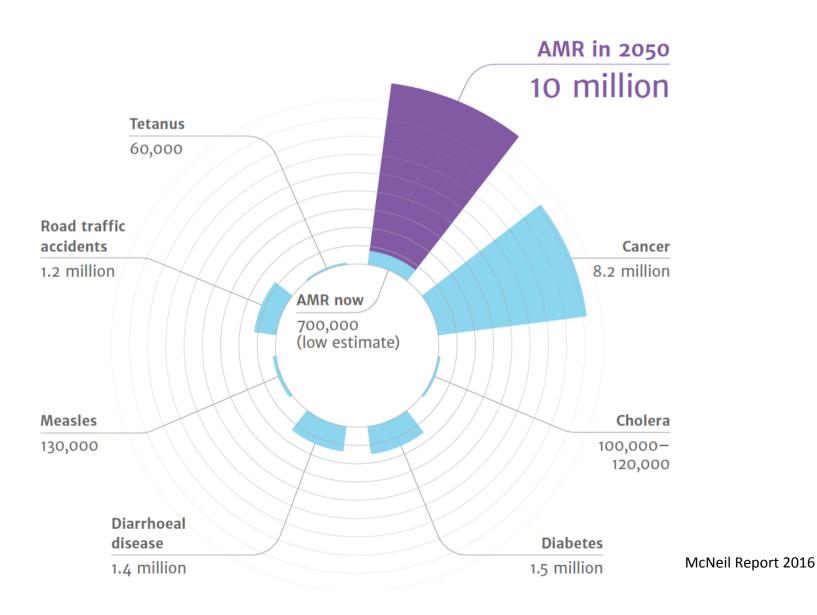
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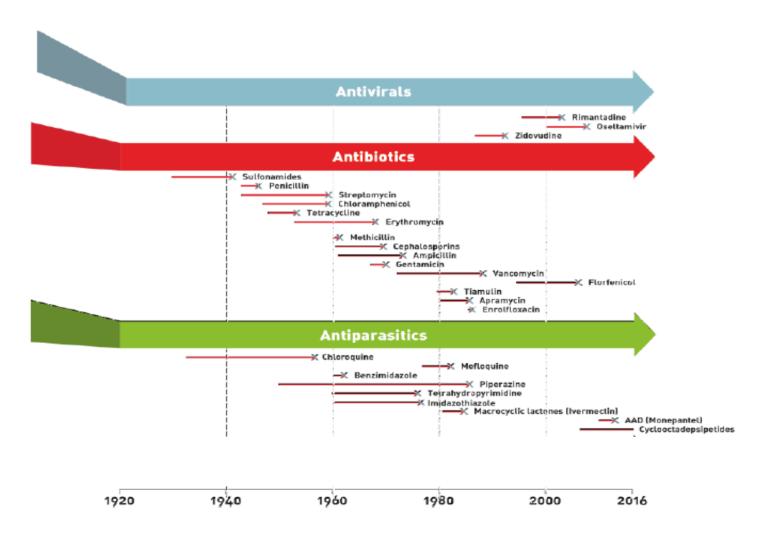
# The end of antibiotics? Health chief warns we will soon have to treat the sick with 'fresh air and sunshine'

The UK's chief medical officer has warned of 'post-antibiotic' era

#### Post-antibiotic era?



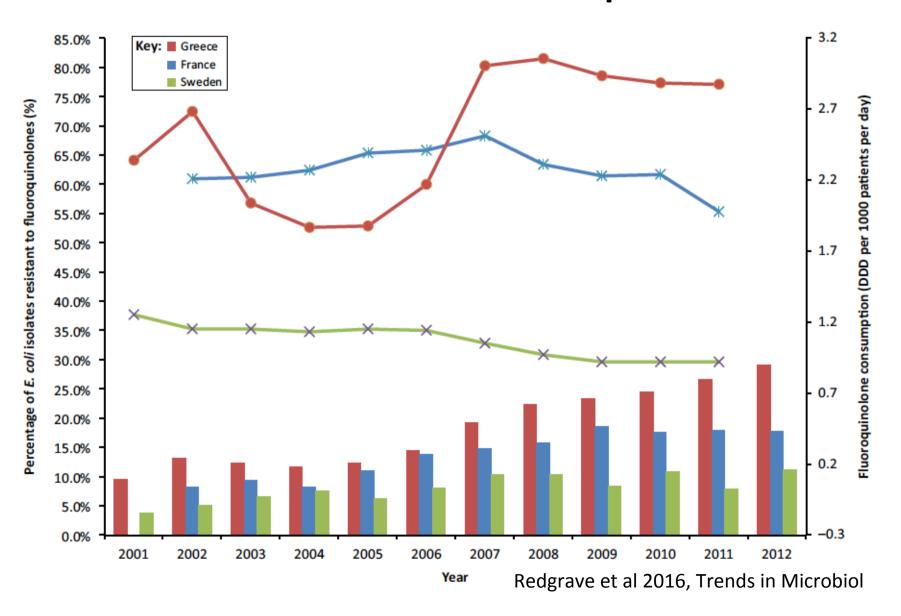
#### Resistance evolves readily



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#### What now?

#### Prudent use helps



#### Prudent use works New antbiotics work But not sufficient

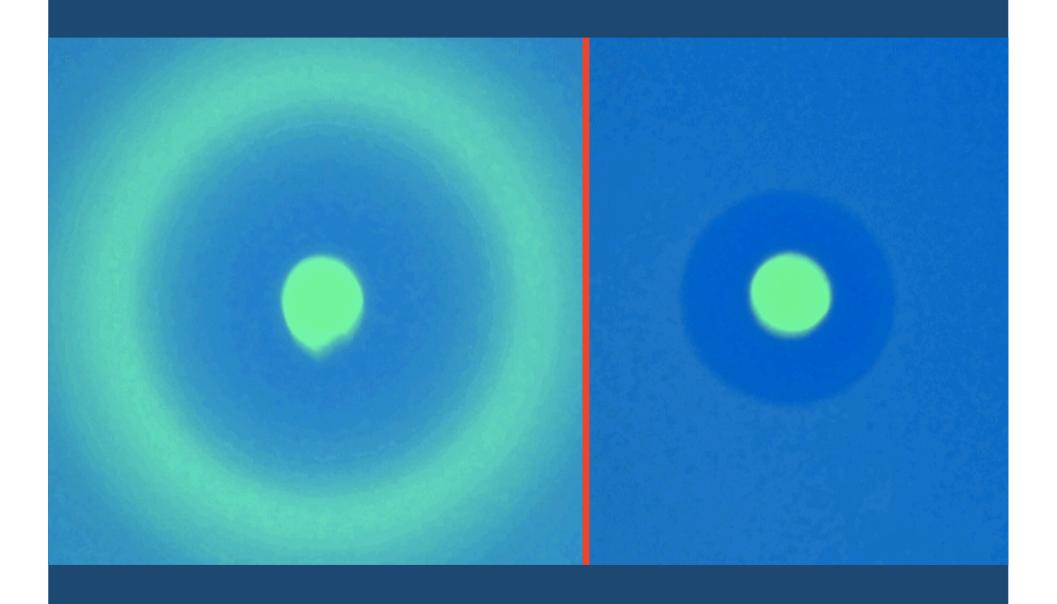
#### Insects as inspiration?



Mealworm beetle (*Tenebrio molitor*)

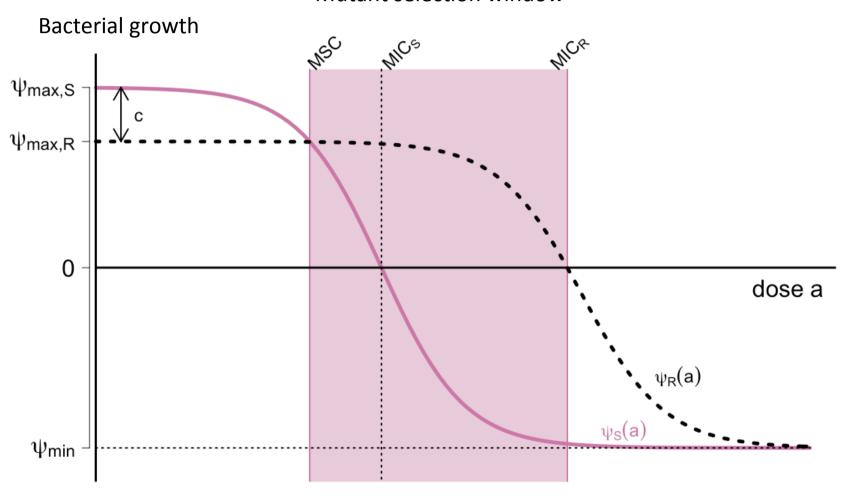






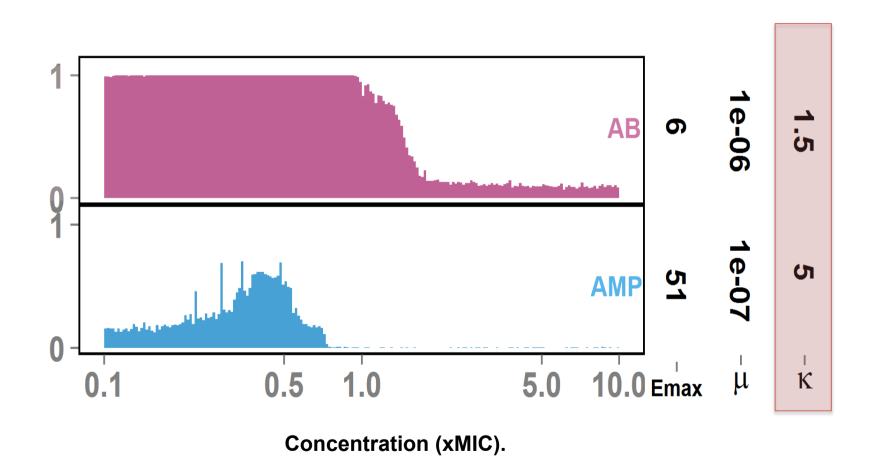
#### Pharmacodynamic interlude

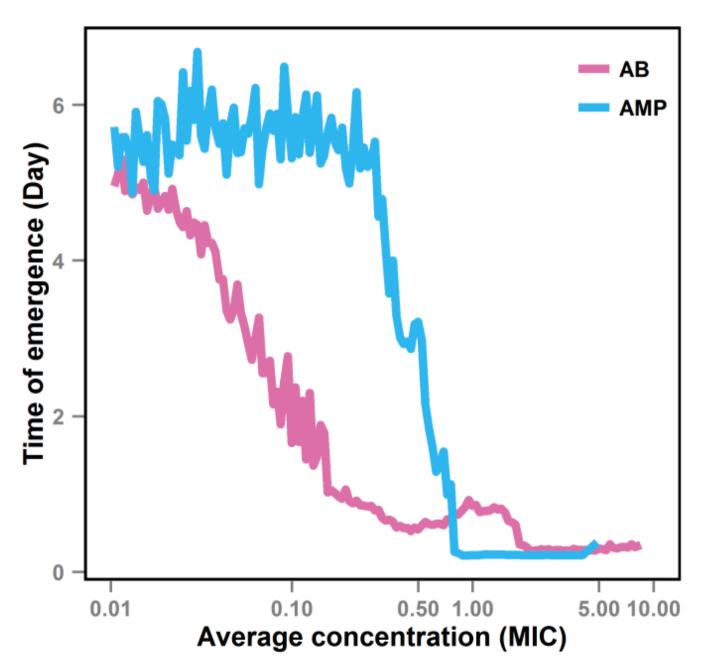
Mutant selection window



Drug concentration

#### Probability of resistance evolution





#### Outlook



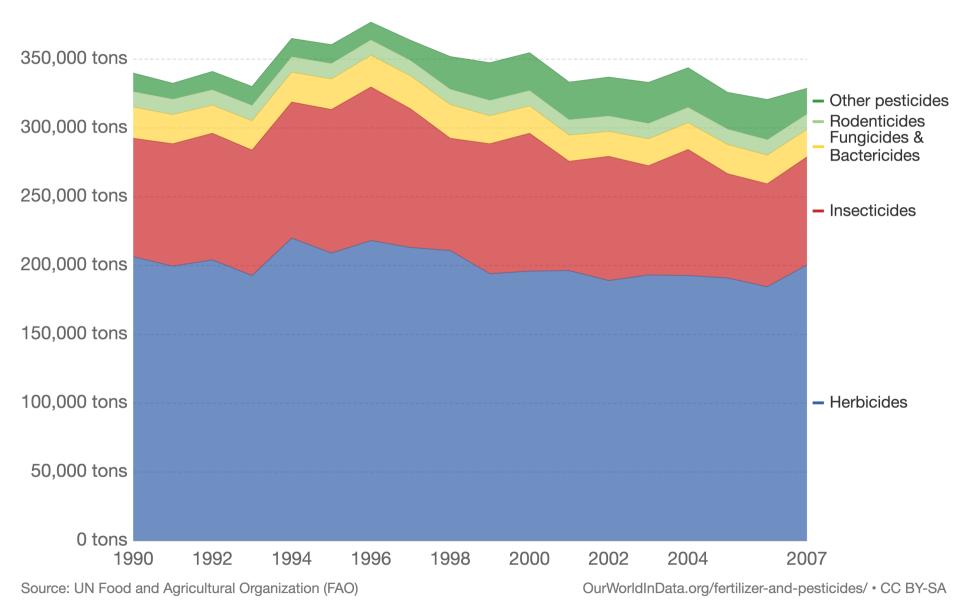
Drug stewardship

Evolutionary risk assessment

time

#### Pesticide breakdown by type, United States

Pesticide use, broken down by product type, measured in tonnes of active ingredient.

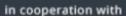


#### Everyday Evolution Revealed in Flu Shots

By Allison MacLachlan, National Institutes of Health 

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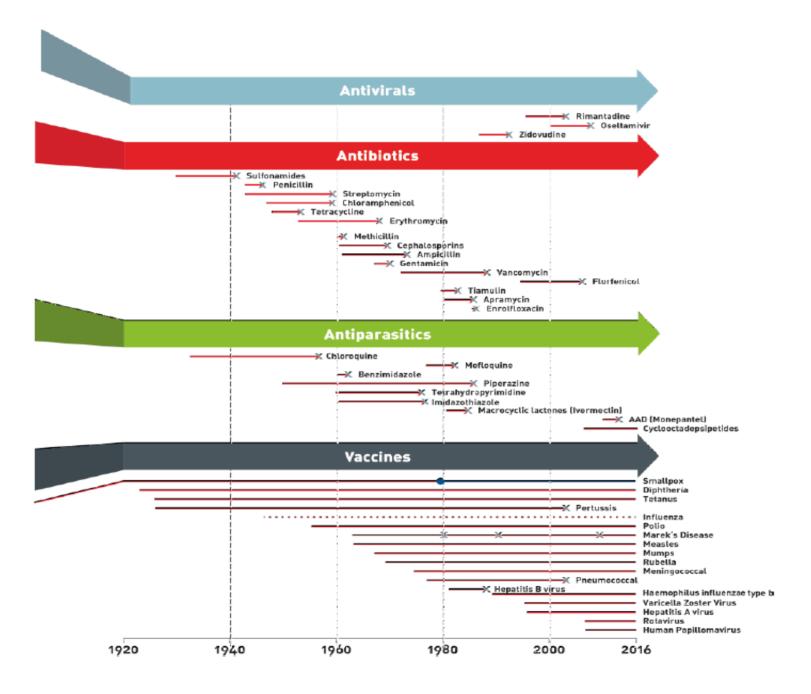


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Flu viruses replicate quicky, so the helpful antibodies you may have developed to a previous year's strain often can't attach to this year's viruses. In other words, viruses evolve and so must the vaccines.

Credit: CDC



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#### Thank you



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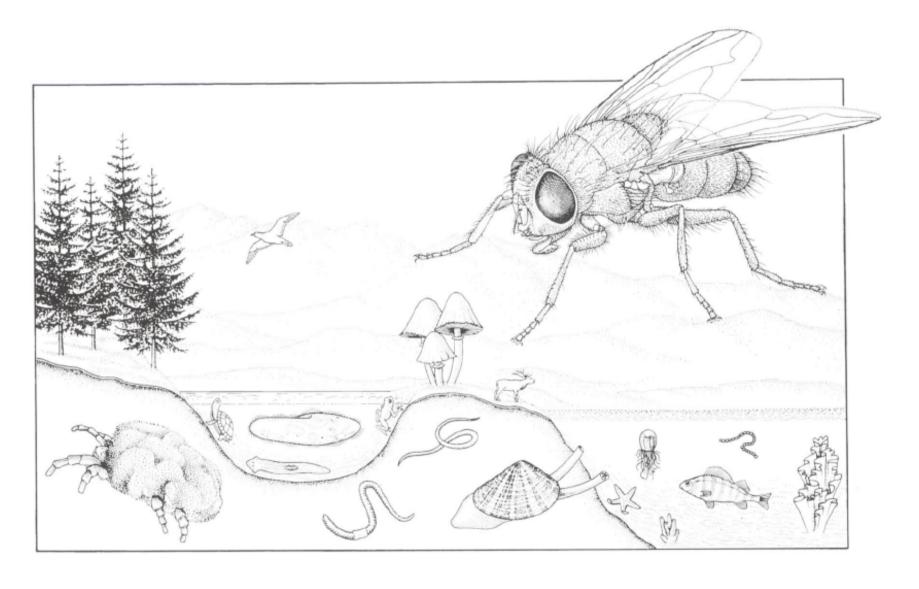












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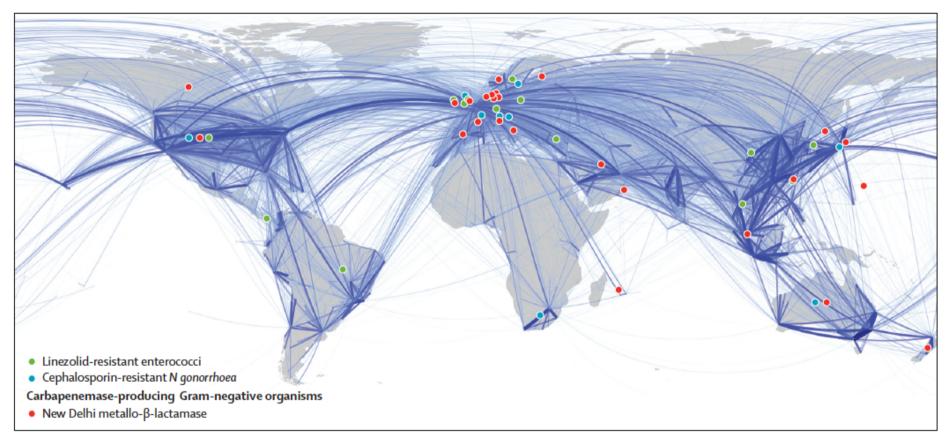


Figure 2: Worldwide travel routes and emergence of antimicrobial resistance

Although extended-spectrum β-lactamase-producing Enterobacteriaceae and MRSA are now nearly ubiquitous, certain novel types of resistance, among both Gramnegative and Gram-positive organisms, are of particular concern. The mechanisms of human-to-human transmission for these organisms are likely to be complex, but include association with travel. Data shown includes NDM-positive bacteria from patients with an epidemiological link to the Indian subcontinent, <sup>52</sup> linezolid-resistant enterococci, <sup>53</sup> and reported cefixime/ceftriaxone treatment failures for Neisseria gonorrhoea. <sup>54</sup> Flight path data developed by Dr Jonathan Read and Professor Tom Solomon, based on the number of commercial flight bookings made (number of travellers might be higher).





The evolving threat of antimicrobial resistance
Options for action





### 500.000.000 years

~300.000

~80

~2-3