

Resistance to polymyxins in *Enterobacteriaceae*



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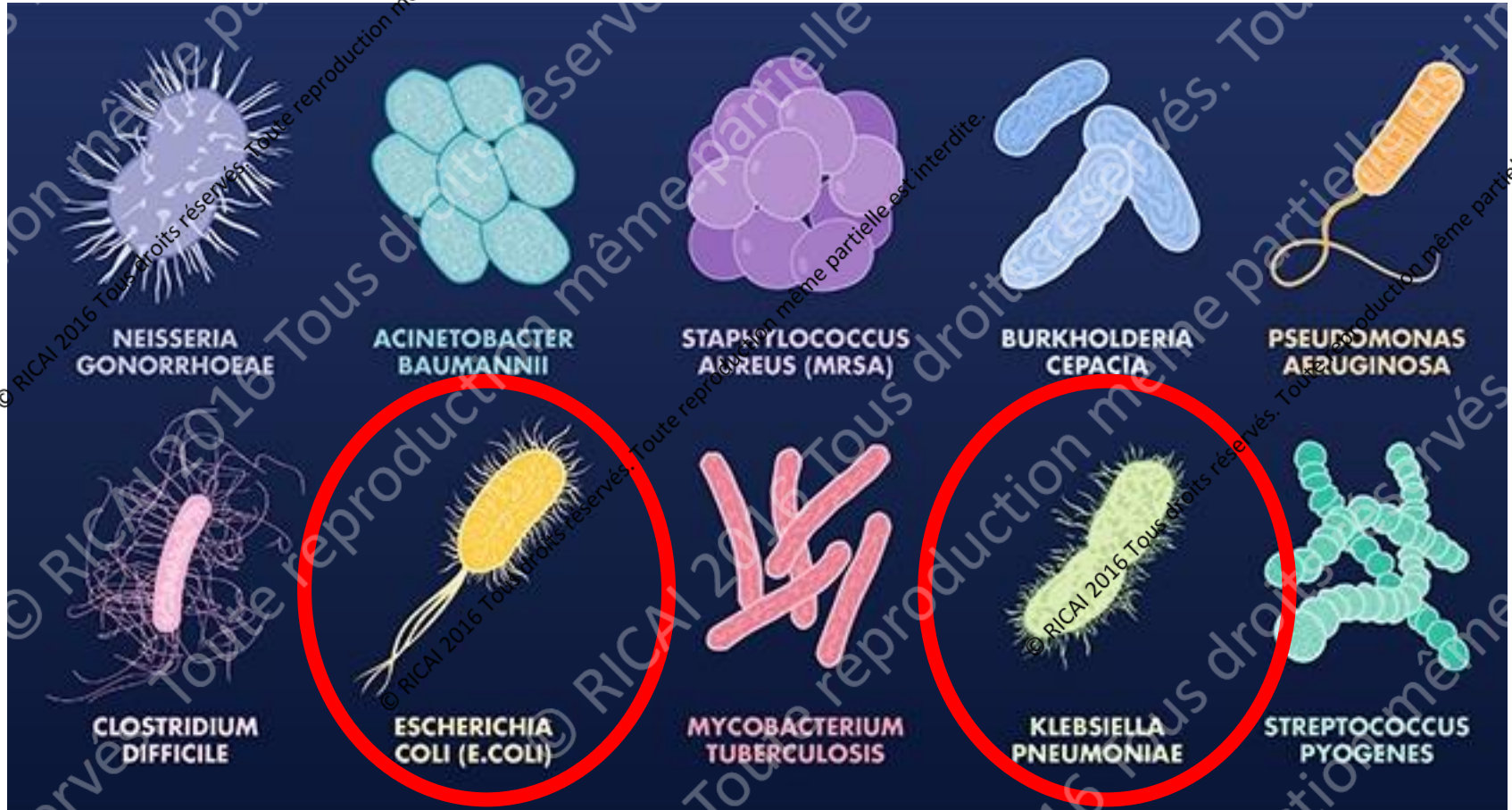


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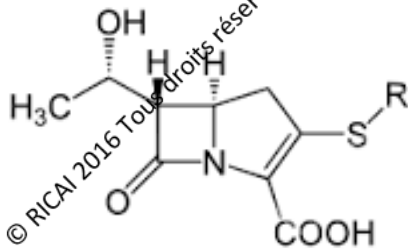
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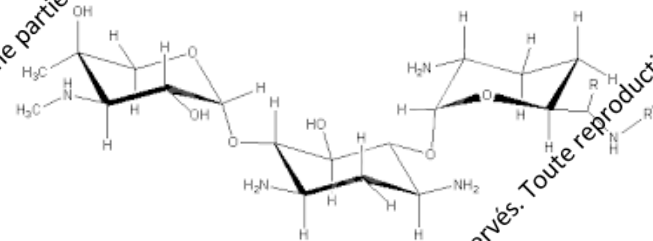
Those emerging antibiotic resistance problems...

Cephalosporins,
Carbapenems



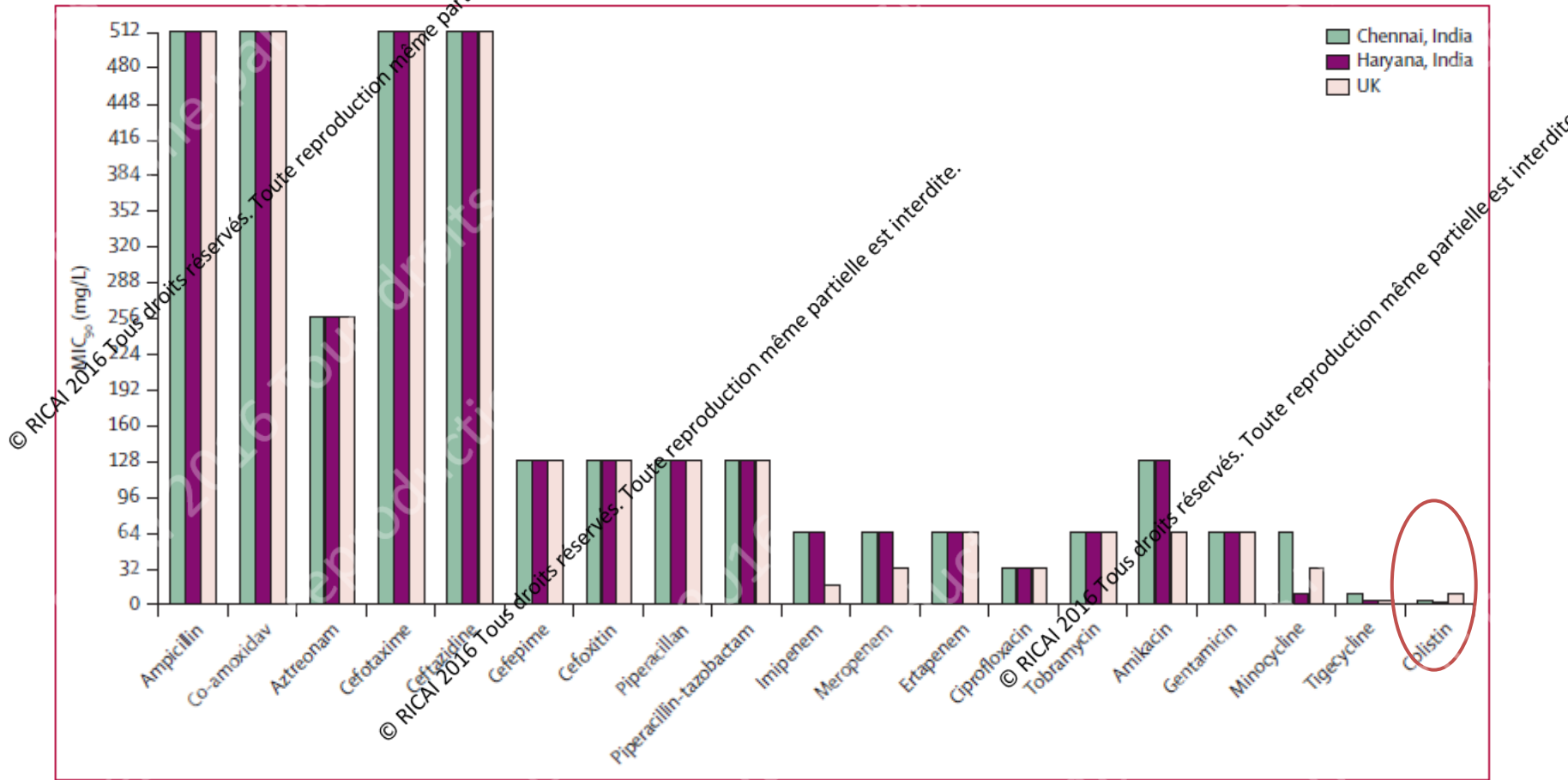
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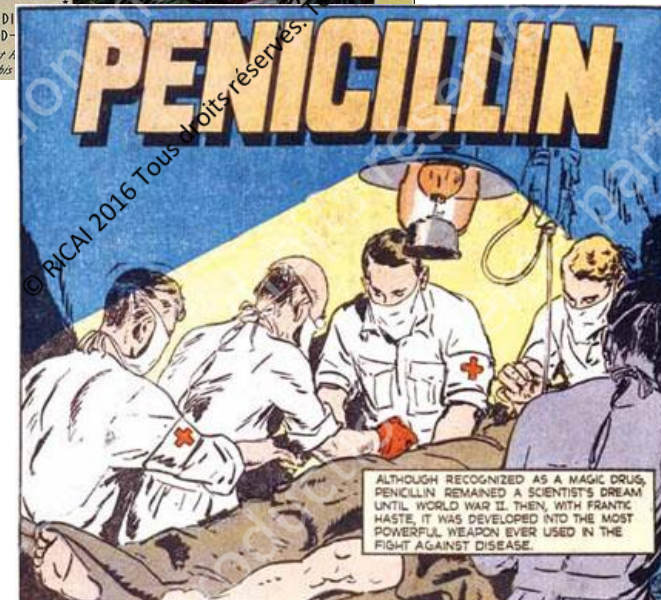
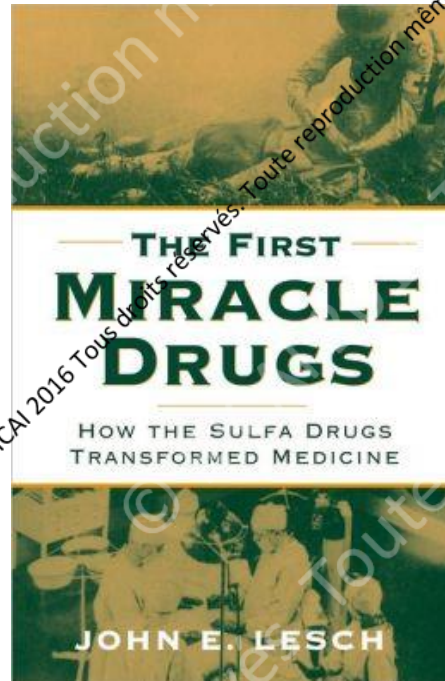
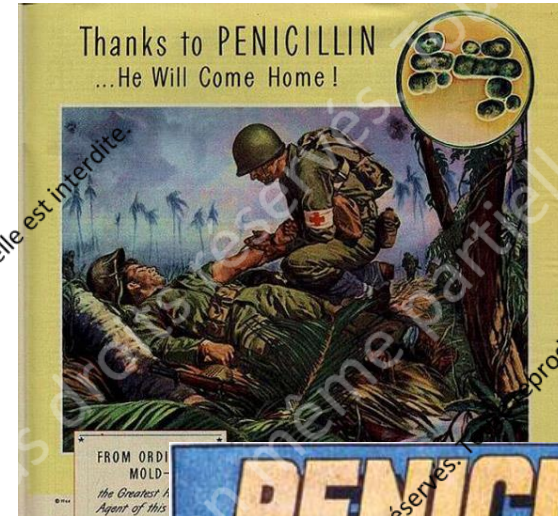


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NDM-1 producers in *Enterobacteriaceae*



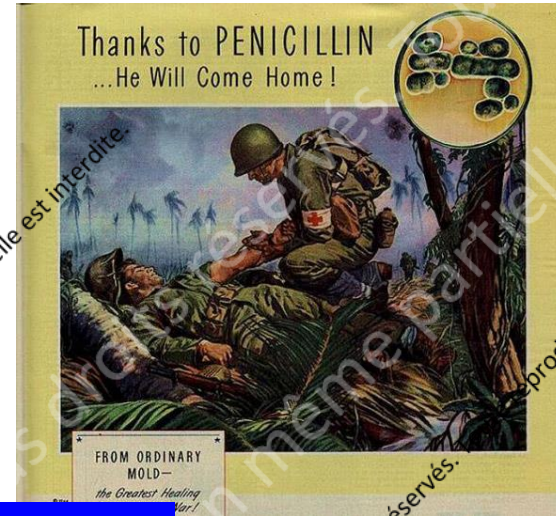
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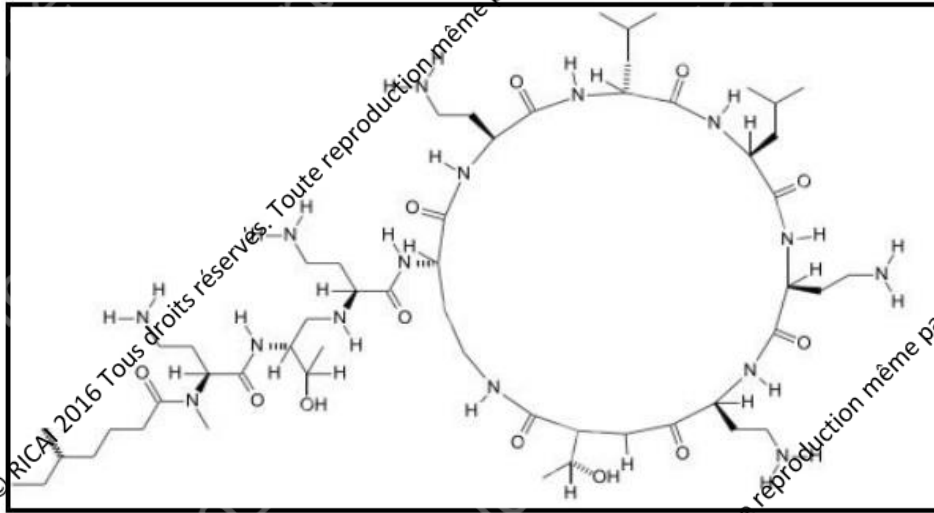


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POLYMYXINS

The polymyxins



Colistin

- Colistin, polymyxin B
- Synthesis by *Bacillus polymyxa* spp colistinus
- Discovered in the 1950's

Spectrum of Activity

Susceptible bacteria

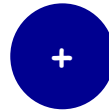
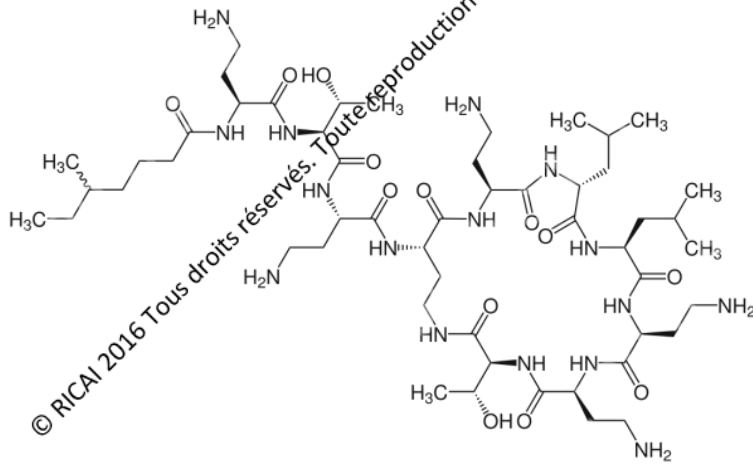
- ▶ *E. coli*, *Klebsiella* spp. *Enterobacter*
- ▶ *P. aeruginosa*, *A. baumannii* *H. influenzae*, *Bordetella pertussis*
- ▶ *Salmonella* spp., *Shigella* spp
- ▶ *Legionella*, *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*

Non-susceptible bacteria

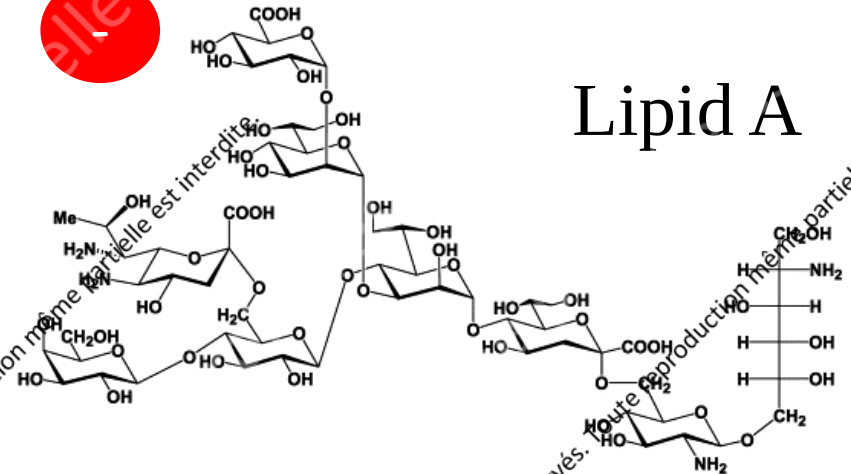
- ▶ All gram positives
- ▶ Gram-negative cocci: *N. gonorrhoeae*; *N. meningitidis*
- ▶ *Proteus* group, *Serratia* spp; *Burkholderia* spp; *Brucella* spp
- ▶ Anaerobes

Mechanism of action

Colistin



Lipid A

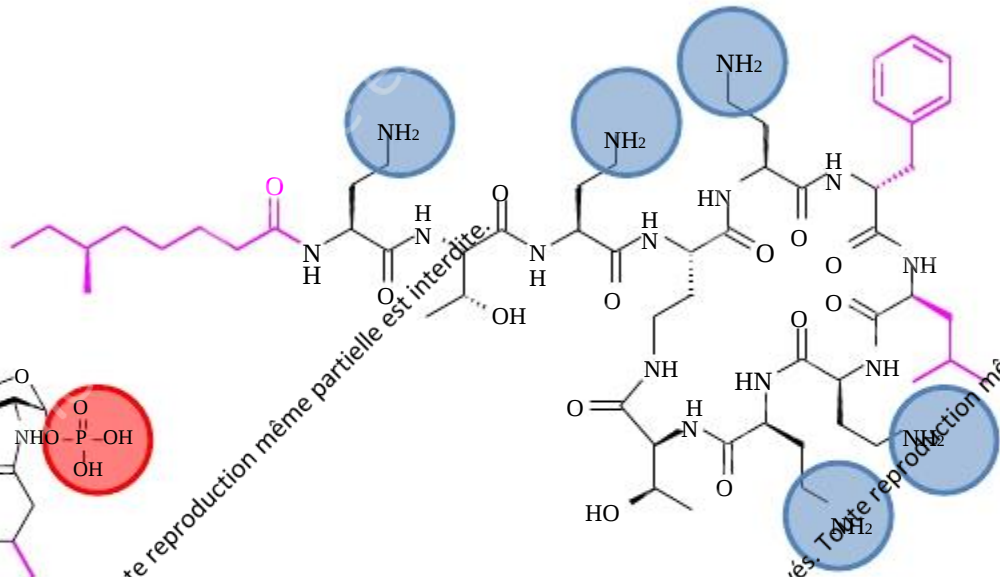
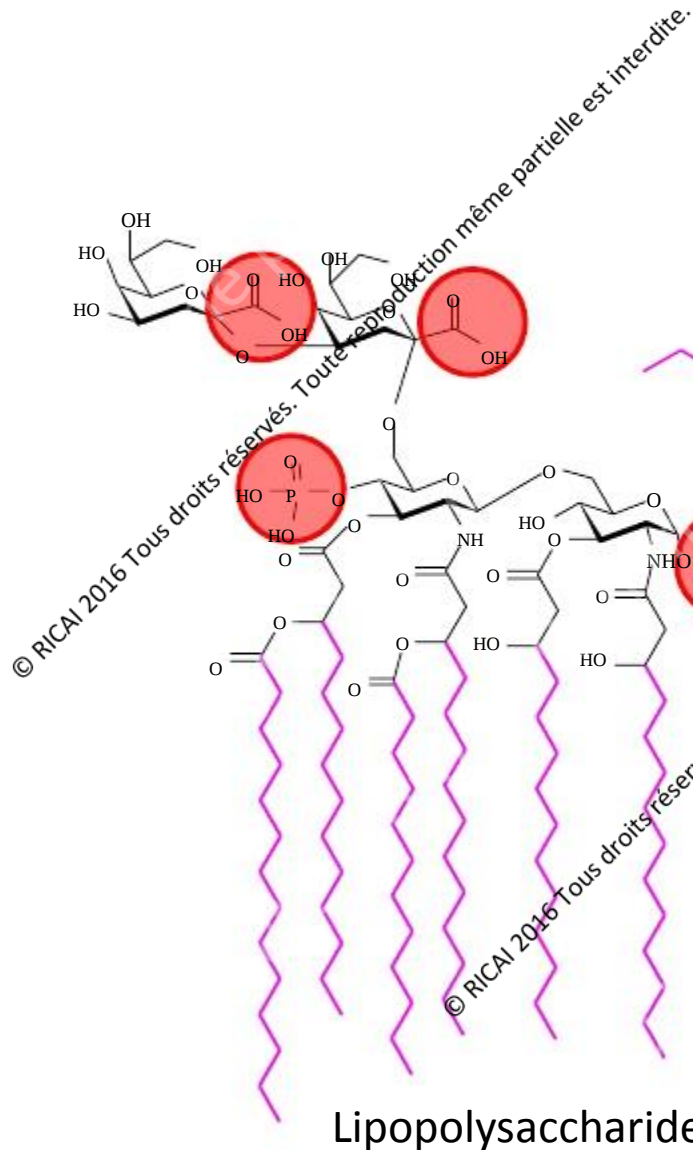


Colistin is a cationic antibiotic that is composed of a cyclic heptapeptide covalently attached to a fatty acyl chain

Lipopolysaccharide (LPS) of Gram- negative bacteria is composed by :

- Lipid A
- Core
- Oligosaccharide O

Polymyxins interact with lipopolysaccharide

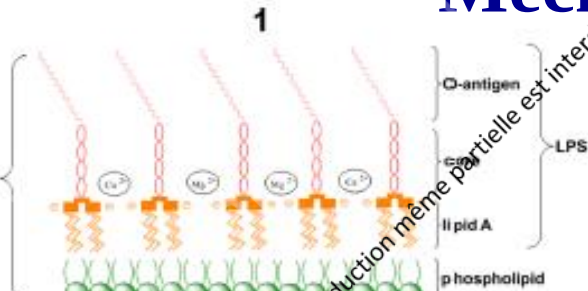


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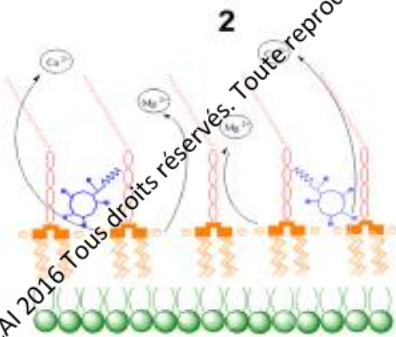
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Mechanism of action

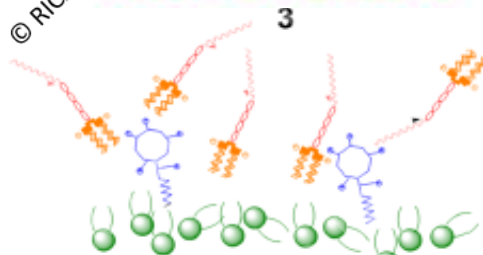
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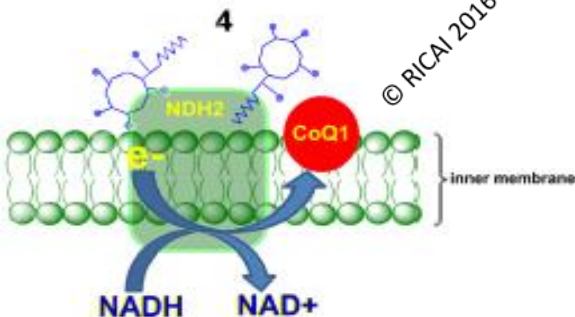
2. Displacement of divalent cation (Ca^{2+} et Mg^{2+})



3. Destabilisation of the outer membrane of Gram negatives



4. Penetration throughout the inner membrane and inhibition of the respiratory enzymes NDH2



Toxicity

- Nephrotoxicity
- Neurotoxicity
 - Parasthesia, visual alteration, ataxia, neuromuscular blockade
 - Reversible on stopping CMS
 - Cases are mild & infrequent

Colistin use : hospital acquired pneumonia (HAP) & Ventilator associated pneumonia (VAP)



Rationale for inhaled colistin: delivery of antibiotic directly to the infection site with the intention of achieving selective targeting minimizing systemic exposure & potential adverse effects

Polymyxins.. now

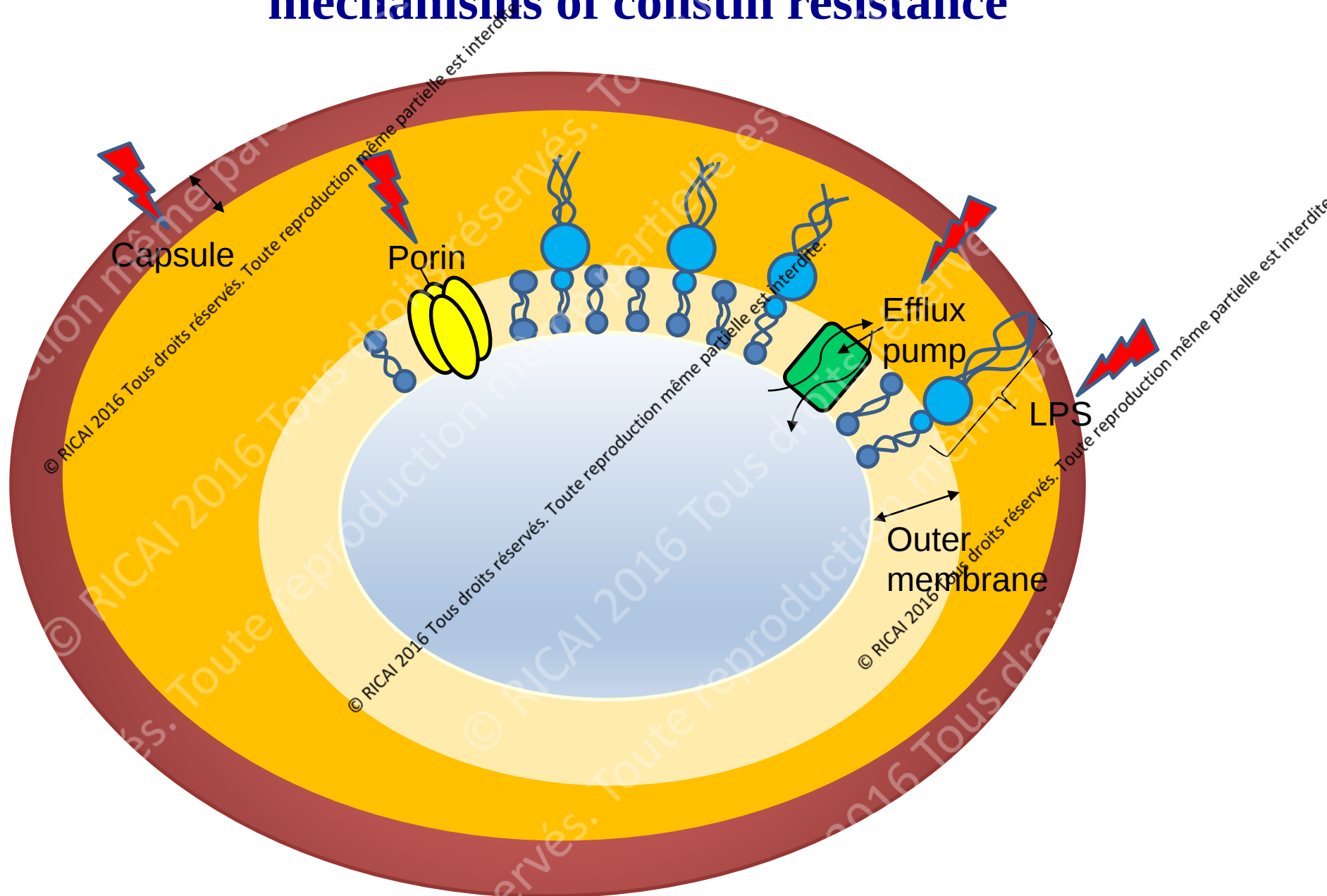
- Last resort antibiotic for MDR Gram negatives :
 - *Klebsiella* / carbapenemase producers
 - *Acinetobacter* multi-R
 - *Pseudomonas* multi-R
- In association
- Loading dose
- Twice a day 12 h; uncertain PK/PD

Colistin use

Mostly in veterinary medicine (prophylaxis and metaphylaxis)



Multiple and combined chromosomal mechanisms of colistin resistance



Role of LPS in polymyxin resistance

❖ Loss of LPS :

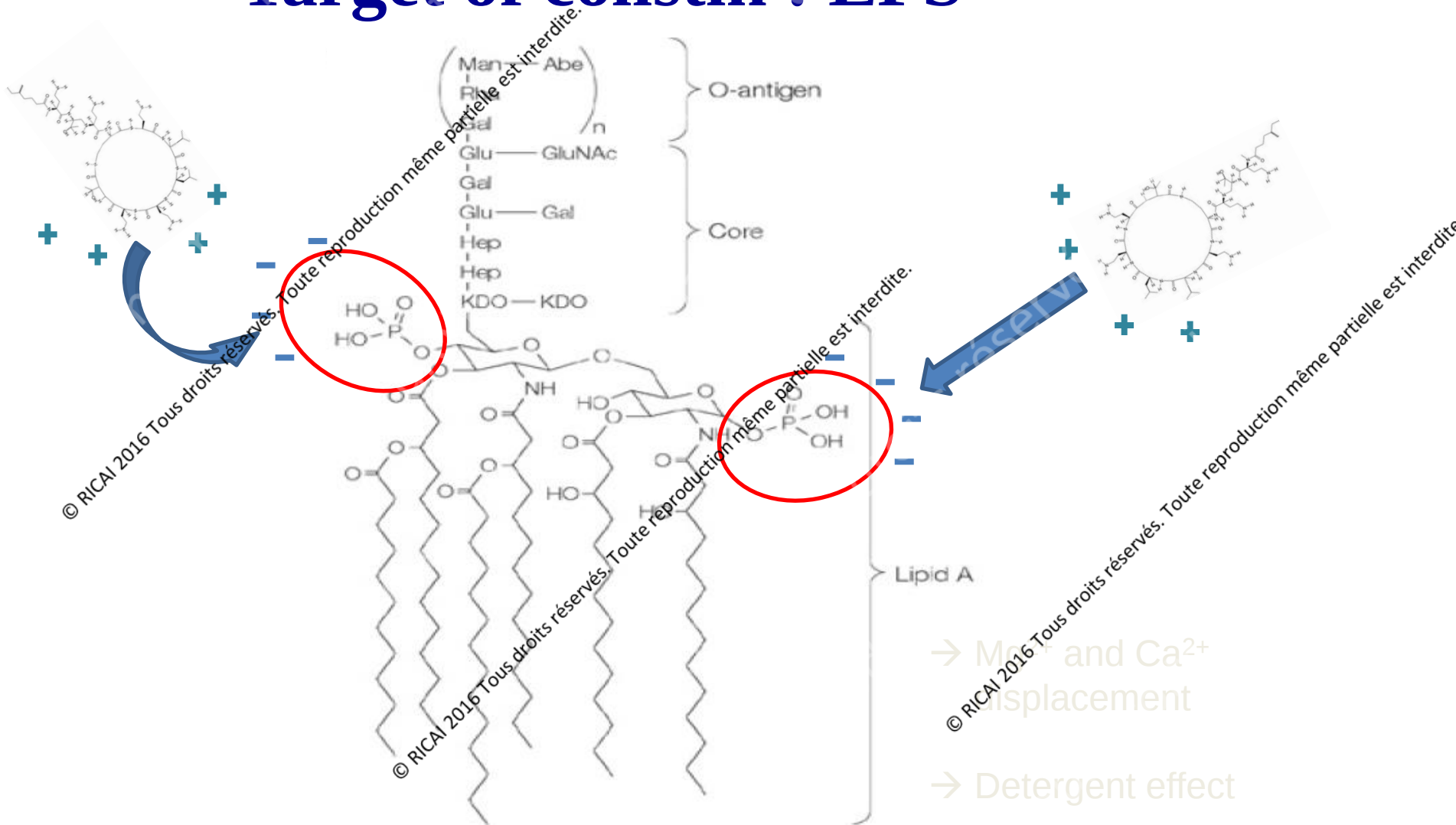
Inactivation of lipid A biosynthesis genes (*lpxA*, *lpxC* and *lpxD*) cause loss of LPS and prevent the interactions of polymyxins with its binding sites on the LPS, described in *A. baumannii*

❖ LPS modifications : the main mechanism of resistance to colistin :

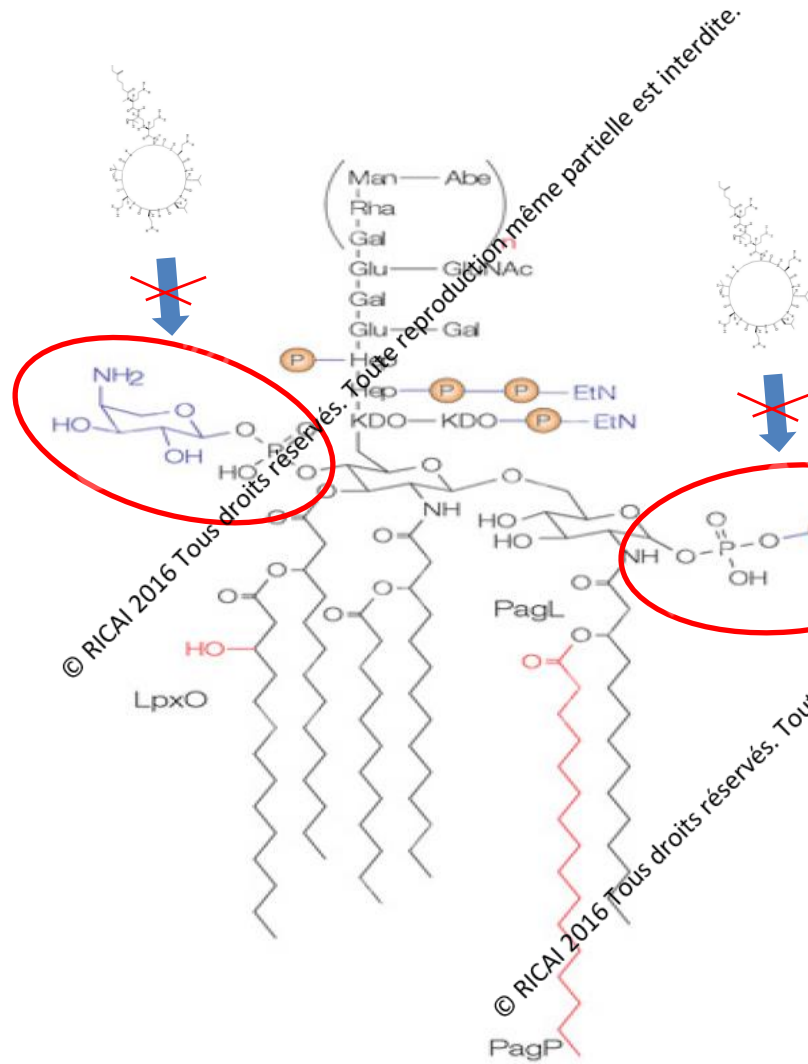
Addition of 4-amino-4-deoxy-L-arabinose (Lara4N) and/or phosphoethanolamine (pEtN) to lipid A → Increase of positive charges → decreased affinity for LPS

Synthesis of L-Ara4N and pEtN mediated by PmrA / PmrB, PhoP / PhoQ, and *mgrB* gene

Target of colistin : LPS



Modification of the chemical structure of the LPS



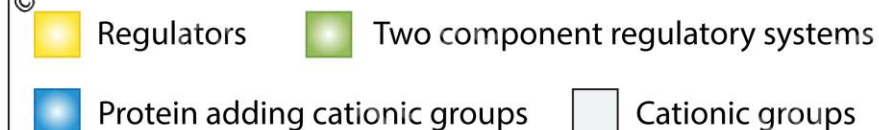
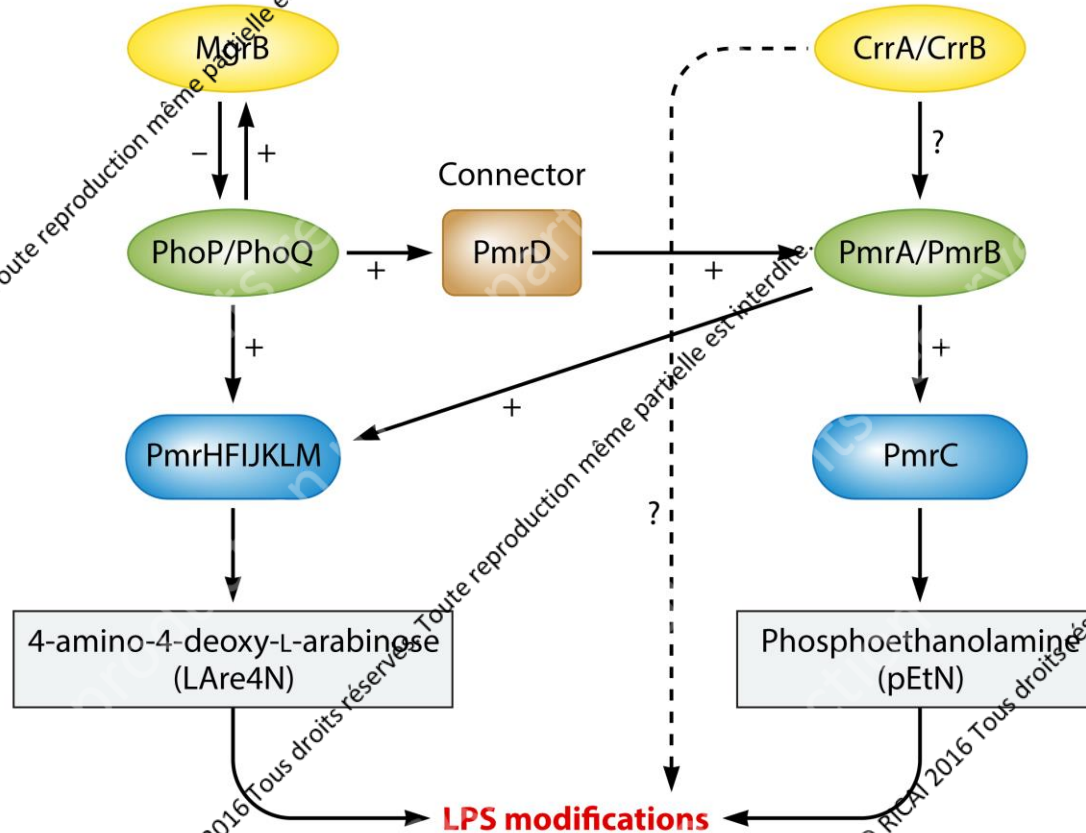
Modifications :

- Addition of phosphoethanolamine (pEtN)
- Addition of 4-amino-4-deoxyl-L-arabinose (Ara4N)

➔ Adaptation against hostile environment

➔ Lower affinity for cationic molecules such as colistin

Modification of the LPS structure



Acquired resistance to colistin in *K. pneumoniae*



Resistance to Colistin Associated with a Single Amino Acid Change in Protein PmrB among *Klebsiella pneumoniae* Isolates of Worldwide Origin

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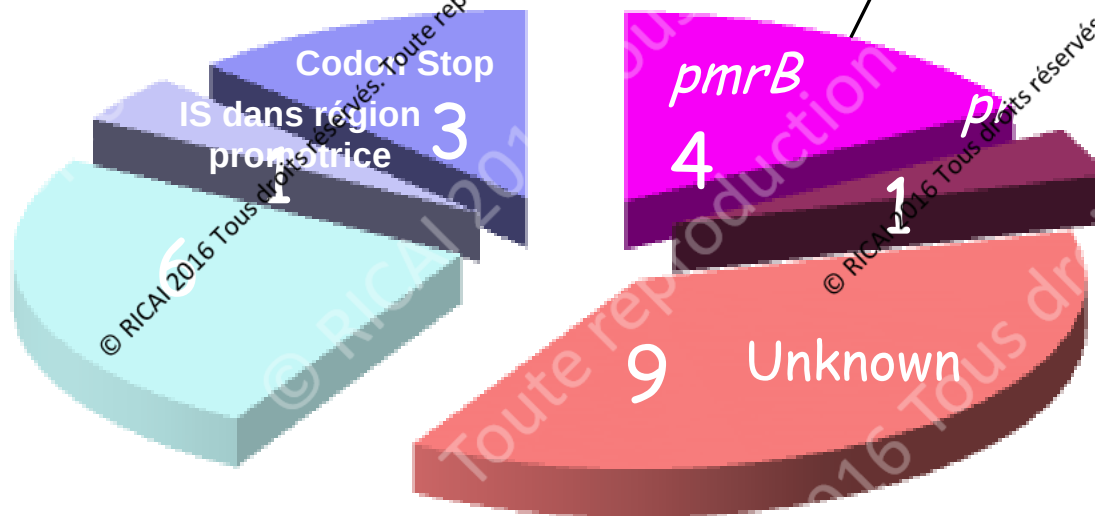
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The *mgrB* gene as a key target for acquired resistance to colistin in *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

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High rate of colistin resistance among patients with carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae* infection accounts for an excess of mortality

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Colistin resistance superimposed to endemic carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae*: a rapidly evolving problem in Italy, November 2013 to April 2014

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Consecutive non- replicate clinical isolates (n=191) of carbapenem non-susceptible Enterobacteriaceae were collected from 21 hospital laboratories across Italy from November 2013 to April 2014 as part of the European Survey on Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (EuSCAPE) project. *Klebsiella pneumoniae* carbapenemase-producing *K. pneumoniae* (KPC-KP) represented 178 (93%) isolates with 76 (43%) respectively resistant to colistin, a key drug for treating carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae. KPC-KP colistin-resistant isolates were detected in all participating laboratories. This underscores a concerning evolution of colistin resistance in a setting of high KPC-KP endemicity.

Large Nosocomial Outbreak of Colistin-Resistant, Carbapenemase-Producing *Klebsiella pneumoniae* Traced to Clonal Expansion of an *mgrB* Deletion Mutant

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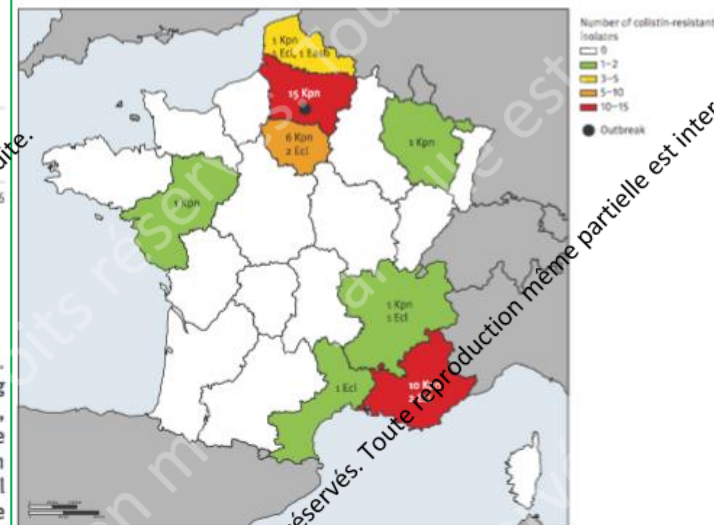
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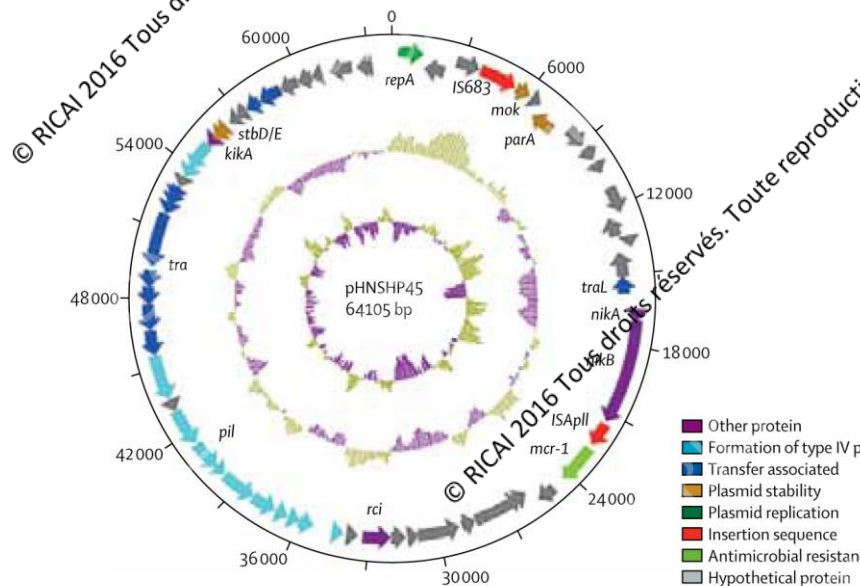
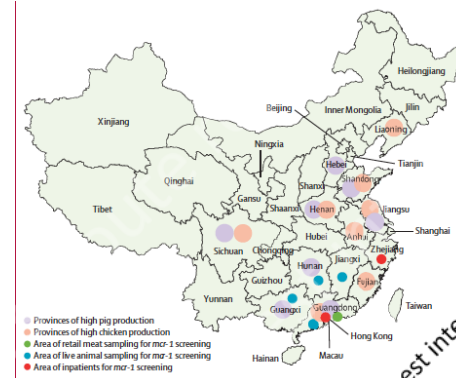
Carbapenemase-producing *Enterobacteriaceae* isolatesGeographic distribution of colistin-resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* isolates, France, January–December 2014 (n = 43)

† Easb: *Enterobacter asburiae*; Ecl: *Enterobacter* sp.; Kpn: *Klebsiella pneumoniae*.

Plasmid-mediated resistance to colistin

Emergence of plasmid-mediated colistin resistance mechanism MCR-1 in animals and human beings in China: a microbiological and molecular biological study

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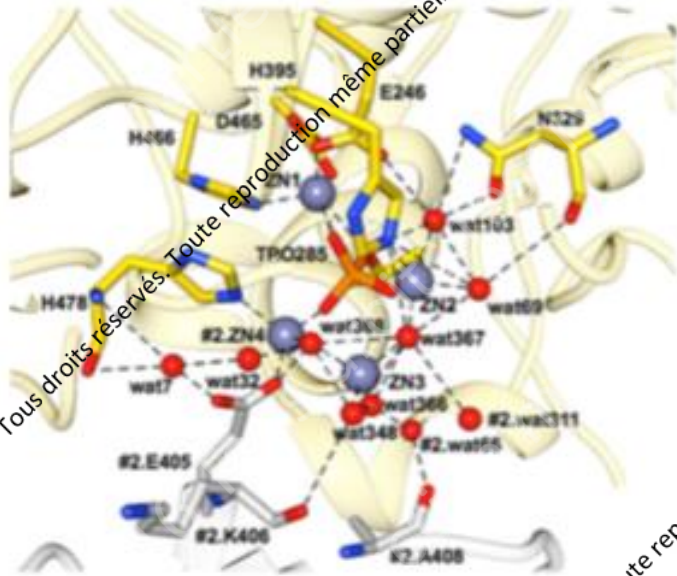


	Year	Positive isolates (%) / number of isolates
<i>Escherichia coli</i>		
Pigs at slaughter	All	166 (20.6%) / 804
Pigs at slaughter	2012	31 (14.4%) / 216
Pigs at slaughter	2013	68 (25.4%) / 268
Pigs at slaughter	2014	67 (20.9%) / 320
Retail meat	All	78 (14.9%) / 523
Chicken	2011	10 (4.9%) / 206
Pork	2011	3 (6.3%) / 48
Chicken	2013	4 (25.0%) / 16
Pork	2013	11 (22.9%) / 48
Chicken	2014	21 (28.0%) / 75
Pork	2014	29 (22.3%) / 130
Inpatient	2014	13 (1.4%) / 902
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>		
Inpatient	2014	3 (0.7%) / 420

Table 2: Prevalence of colistin resistance gene mcr-1 by origin



The MCR-1 protein is a phosphoethanolamine transferase



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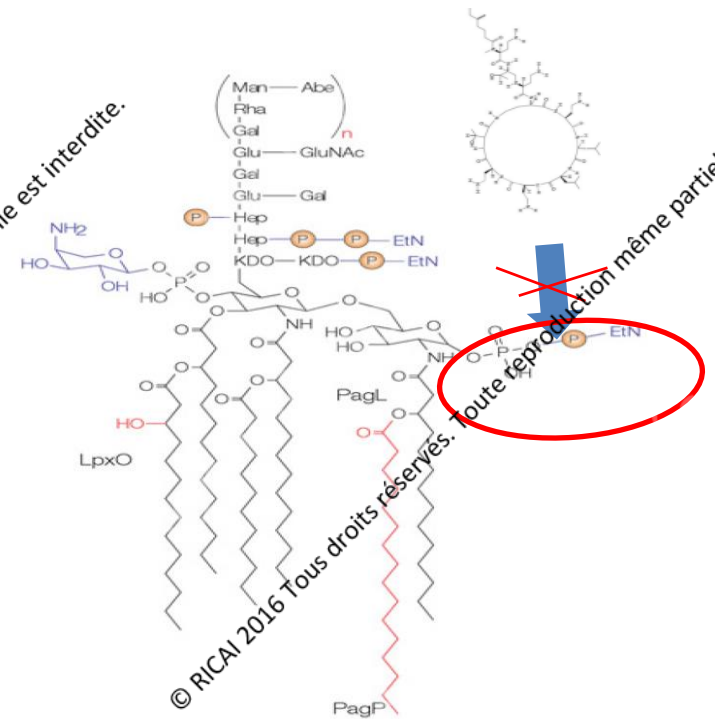
Structure of the catalytic domain of the colistin resistance enzyme MCR-1

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Abstract

Due to the paucity of novel antibiotics, colistin has become a last resort antibiotic for treating multidrug resistant bacteria. Colistin acts by binding the lipid A component of lipopolysaccharides and subsequently disrupting the bacterial membrane. The recently identified plasmid-encoded MCR-1 enzyme is the first transmissible colistin resistance determinant and is a cause for concern for the spread of this resistance trait. MCR-1 is a phosphoethanolamine transferase that catalyzes the addition of phosphoethanolamine to lipid A to decrease colistin affinity. The structure of the catalytic domain of MCR-1 at 1.32 Å reveals the active site is similar to that of related phosphoethanolamine transferases. The putative nucleophile for catalysis, threonine 285, is phosphorylated in cMCR-1 and a zinc is present at a conserved site in addition to three zincs more peripherally located in the active site. As noted for catalytic domains of other phosphoethanolamine transferases, binding sites for the lipid A and phosphatidylethanolamine substrates are not apparent in the cMCR-1 structure, suggesting that they are present in the membrane domain.

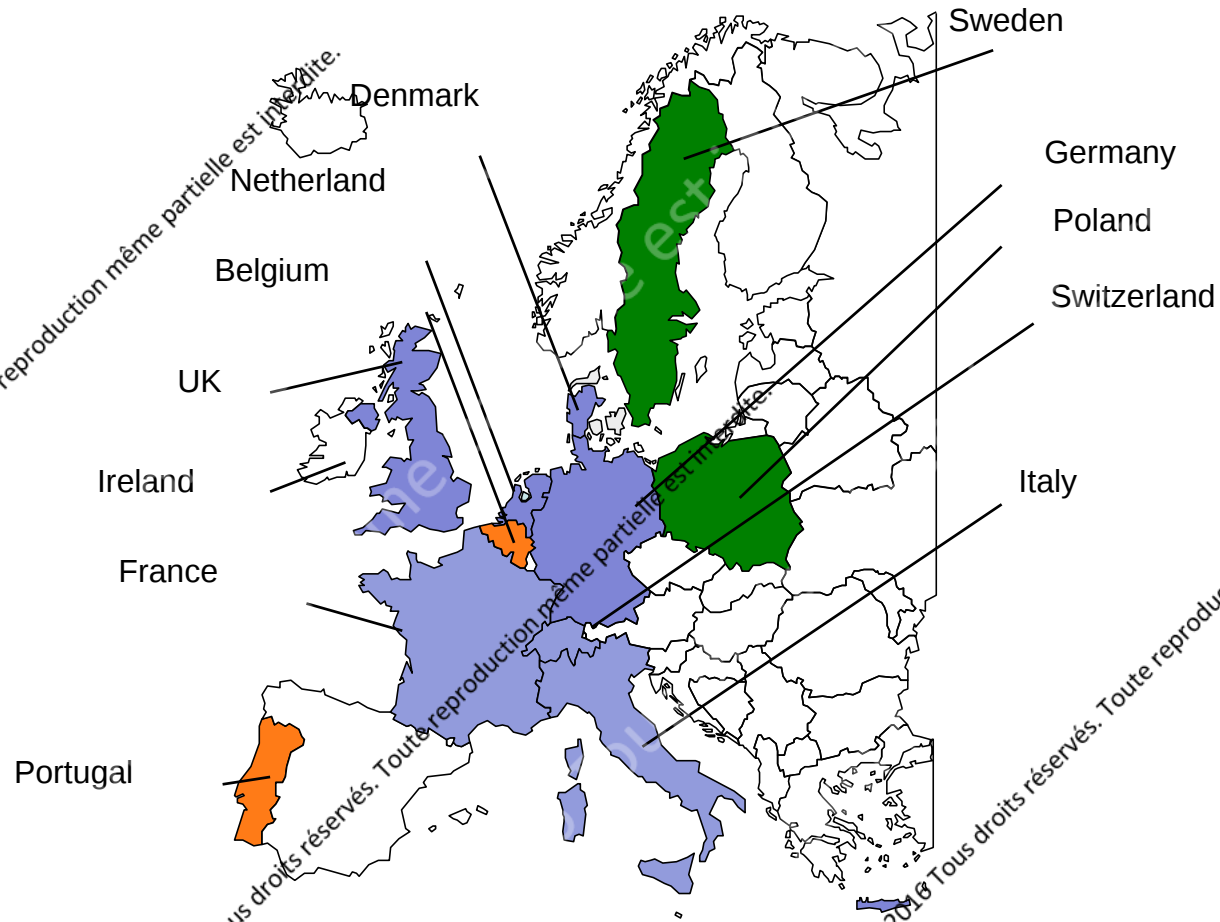
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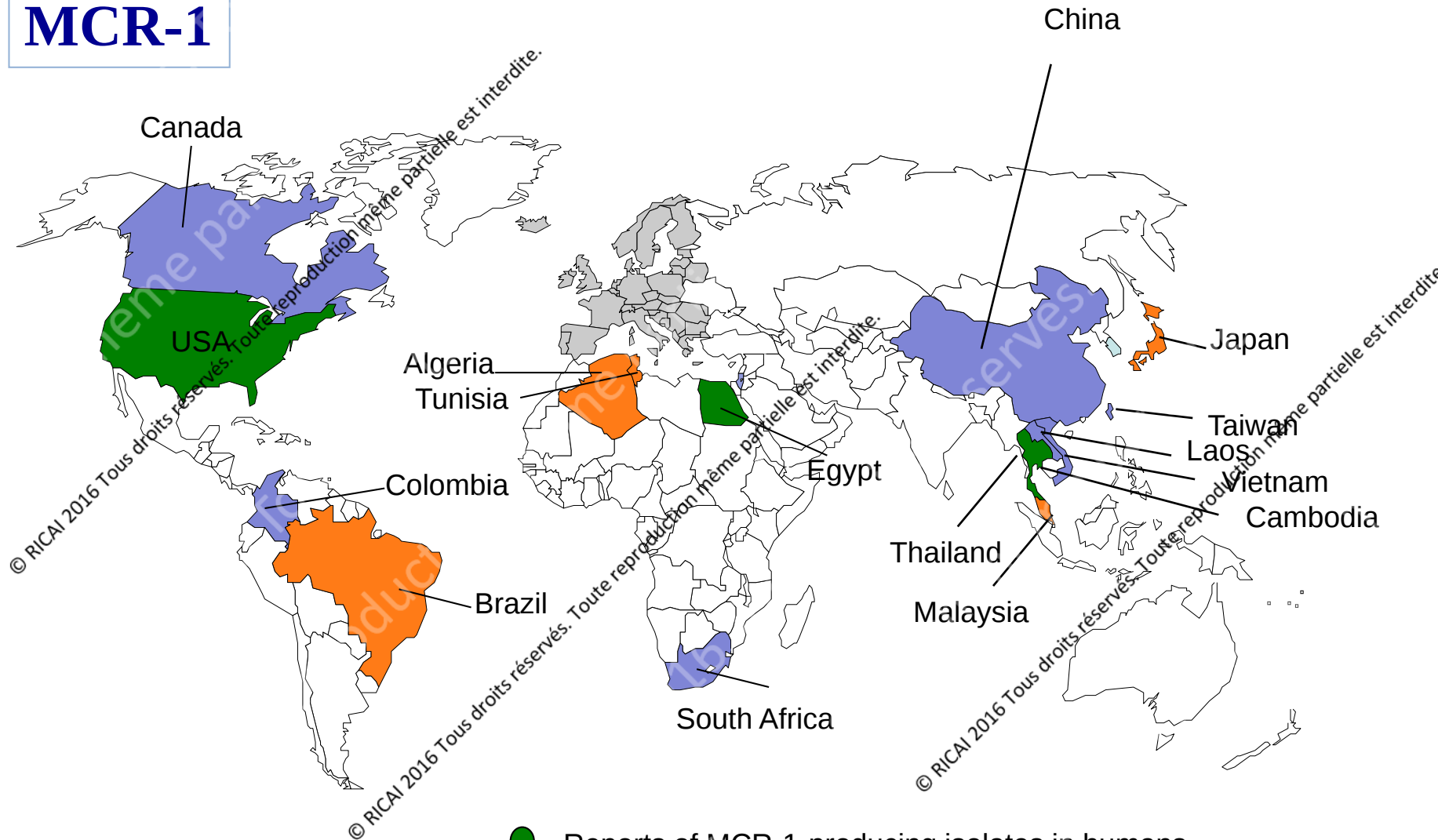


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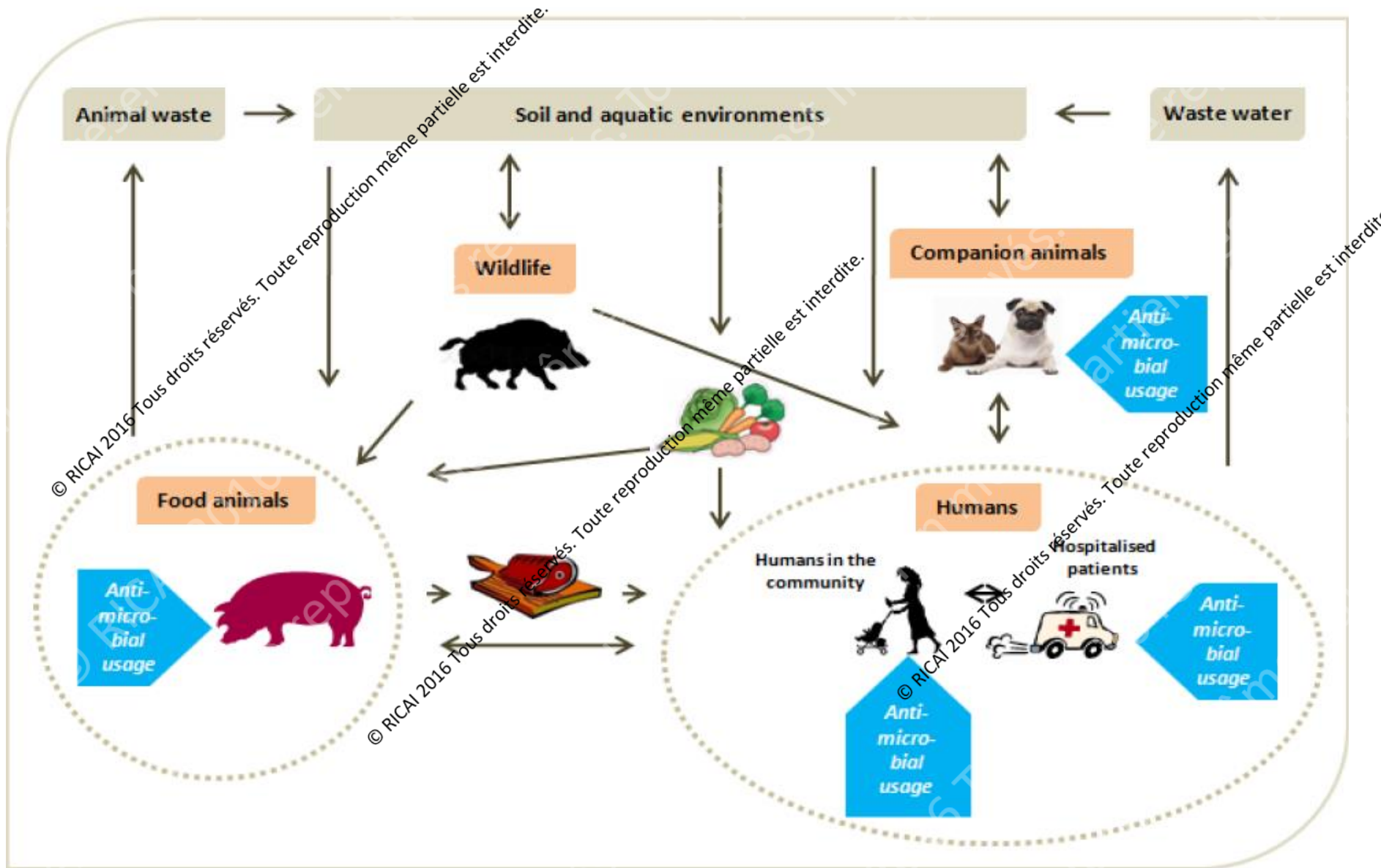
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MCR-1



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MCR-1= a one-health approach



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☐ SAMU / Centre 15

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Pour information

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☐ Autre :

Des souches d'entérobactéries porteuses du gène *mcr-1* de résistance plasmidique à la colistine émergent dans le monde. Décrites initialement en Chine, de telles souches ont été isolées dans d'autres pays (dans l'environnement, la nourriture, chez les animaux, mais aussi chez l'homme) en Europe (Espagne, Royaume Uni notamment), au Canada et aux États-Unis.

En France ultramarine, dans le cadre d'une analyse rétrospective, le Centre national de référence de la résistance aux antibiotiques a signalé à Santé publique France la première détection de deux souches d'*Escherichia coli* BLSE porteuses du gène *mcr-1*, isolées de prélèvements cliniques en 2014 en Nouvelle-Calédonie.

L'émergence et la diffusion de cette résistance représente un risque pour la santé publique. La colistine est l'un des rares antibiotiques encore actifs sur les souches d'entérobactéries productrices de carbapénémases (EPC). Le caractère plasmidique est donc hautement transférable et les bactéries de cette résistance accroît considérablement le risque de voir apparaître à terme des souches de *E. coli* et très probablement d'entérobactéries totalement résistantes à tous les antibiotiques, conduisant à des impasses thérapeutiques.

La détection de ce mécanisme de résistance peut poser des difficultés. En routine, la recherche de la résistance à la colistine n'est généralement pas réalisée en première intention et/ou réalisée avec des méthodes d'antibiogramme non adaptées à la détection de ce nouveau mécanisme. De plus, la présence d'un gène *mcr* doit être confirmée à l'aide de techniques moléculaires non commercialisées à ce jour, qui sont les seules permettant un diagnostic de certitude.

Dans ce contexte et dans l'attente de recommandations spécifiques à venir du Haut conseil de la santé publique, nous vous recommandons :

➤ de rechercher une résistance phénotypique à la colistine pour toute entérobactérie :

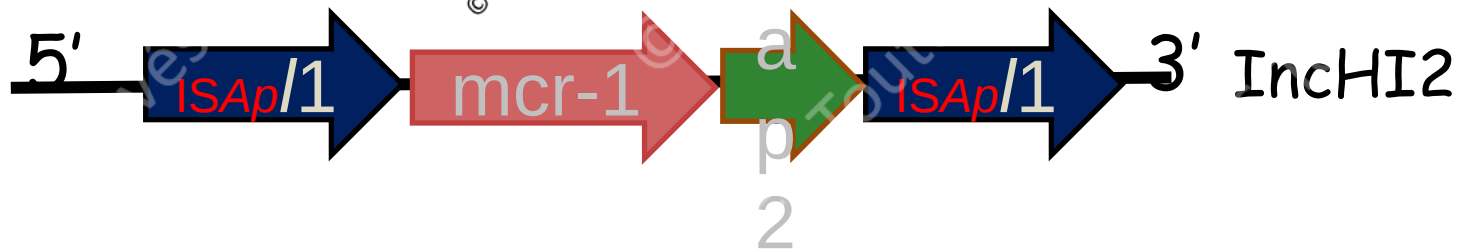
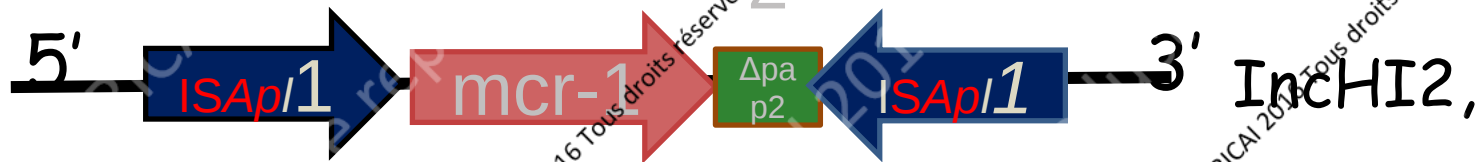
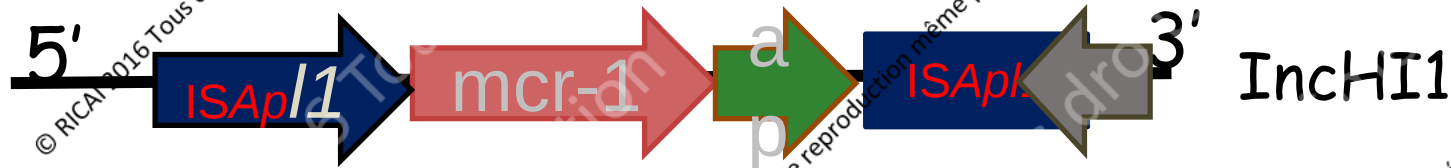
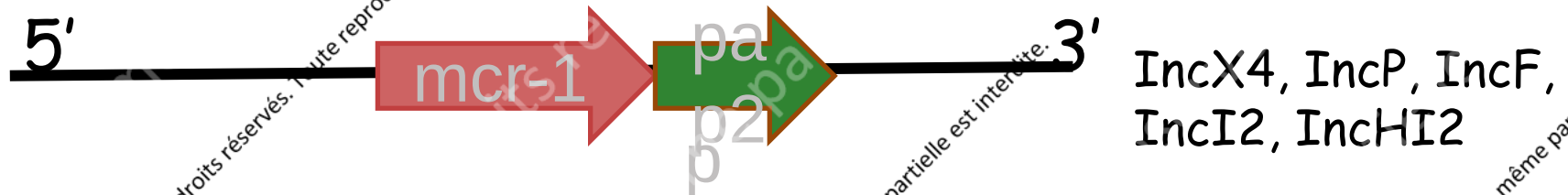
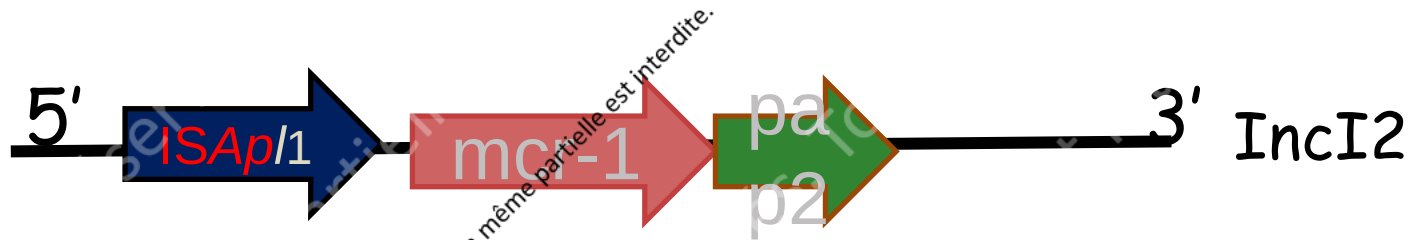
1. Résistante aux céphalosporines de troisième génération ou aux carbapénèmes, à l'exception des entérobactéries naturellement résistantes à la colistine comme les souches appartenant aux genres *Morganella*, *Proteus*, *Serratia* et *Providencia* ;
2. Et isolée chez un patient rapatrié ou ayant des antécédents récents d'hospitalisation à l'étranger ou dans les départements et territoires d'Outre-Mer ;

➤ d'adresser ces souches résistantes à la colistine au Centre national de la résistance aux antibiotiques (site de Clermont-Ferrand) pour recherche du mécanisme de résistance à l'aide de méthodes moléculaires.

MCR-1 worldwide

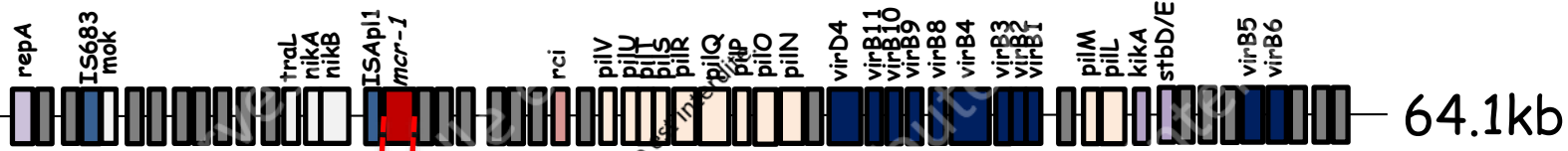
Team	Species	Plasmid(s)	IncGroup	Origin	Country
Stoesser (Uk)	<i>E. coli</i>	-1 plasmid -ISApl1+ -IS1294 +	IncA	Feces, human	UK, 2012
Suzuki (Jp)	<i>E. coli</i> , <i>Salmonella</i>	-5 plasmids -Ca 60kb	IncI2	Animal	Japan
Herman Goosens (Be)	<i>E. coli</i>	-9 plasmids -ISApl1 +	ND	Rectal swabs pigs	Viet-nam
Petrillo (It)	<i>E. coli</i>	-6 plasmids -ISApl1 +/-	ND	Chicken/water/food / pig feces	Malaysia
Madec/Nordmann (Fr, CH))	<i>E. coli</i>	-1 plasmid -60-200kb ?	IncHI2	Animal	France, 2005
Goosens (Be)	<i>E. coli</i>	-1 plasmid -Ca 80kb -dfrA1, tetA, Aph3", aadA1	IncX1	Animal	Belgium
Nordmann (CH)	<i>E. coli</i>	ISApl1 +, 60kb	ND	Human (urine)	Switzerland
Falgenhauer	<i>E. coli</i>	-1 plasmid -ISApl1 + -blaKPC +	IncX4, IncHI2	Swine, human	Denmark

The *mcr-1* gene: genetic features

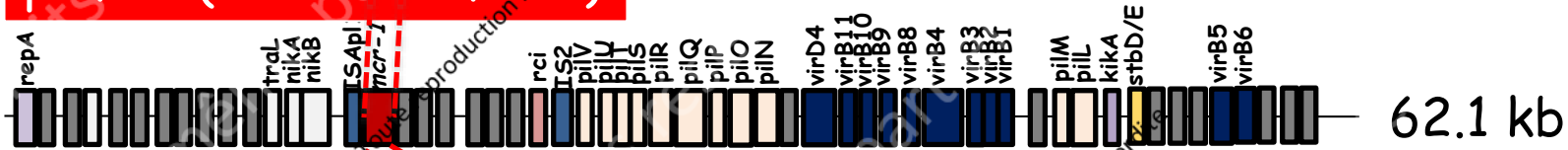


A 2.6 kb MCR-1-containing cassette

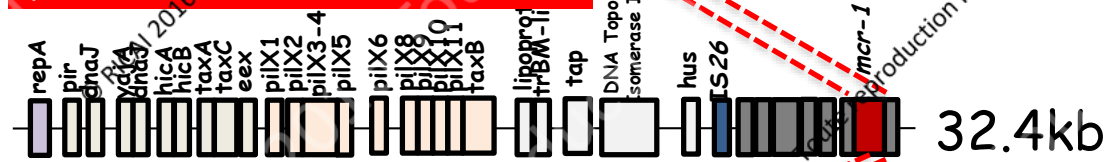
pHNSHP45 (China)



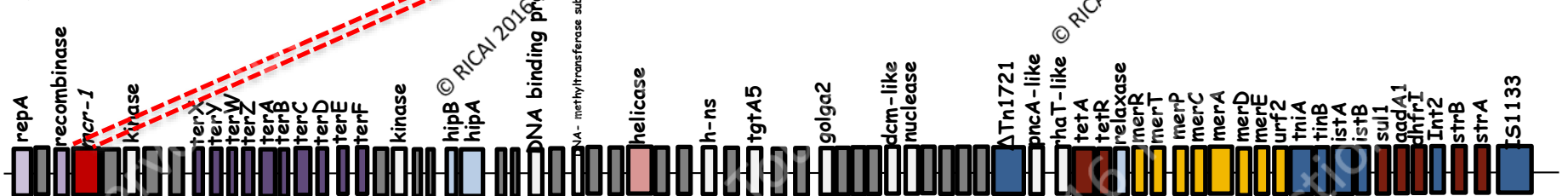
pAf24 (South Africa)



pAf48 (South Africa)



pKH457-3 (Belgium)



The *mcr-1* gene: the origin, *Moraxella* spp.

- *Moraxella* sp are commensal for animals and humans
- Amino acid identity among the MCR-like proteins
- MCR-1 like proteins confer colistin resistance

	MCR-1	MCR-2	MCR- <i>porci</i>	MCR- <i>osloensis</i>	MCR- <i>lincolnii</i>	MCR- <i>catarrhalis</i>
MCR-2	81%					
MCR- <i>porci</i>	64%	63%				
MCR- <i>osloensis</i>	63%	64%	59%			
MCR- <i>lincolnii</i>	59%	60%	60%	59%		
MCR- <i>catarrhalis</i>	59%	60%	99%	59%	99%	

- The mobile element **IS*ApI*** was found in *M. porci*
- The **IncX4** replicon marker was found in *M. lacunata*

Plasmid-mediated colistin resistance; a nightmare ?





MCR-1: an optimistic point of view

- MCR-1 still, by far, mostly located in animal isolates
- MCR-1 is located in *E. coli*; very few MCR- producing *K. pneumoniae*
- MCR-1 isolates still susceptible to many other antibiotics
- Plasmid conjugation rate of *mcr-1* plasmids: low
- Prevalence of MCR- producing isolates still low; not a true emerging resistance gene: identified already as early as in 2005.
- Very low amount of colistin use in humans (600-fold less than in animals); a very light driving force for selecting resistance to polymyxins in humans
- Low level resistance may indicate a possibility to treat patients with polymyxin-containing antibiotics

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Screening of plasmid-mediated MCR-1 colistin-resistance from bacteremia

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257 Enterobacteriaceae isolates-
bacteremia, CHUV, Lausanne, 2015

MCR producer; n = 0

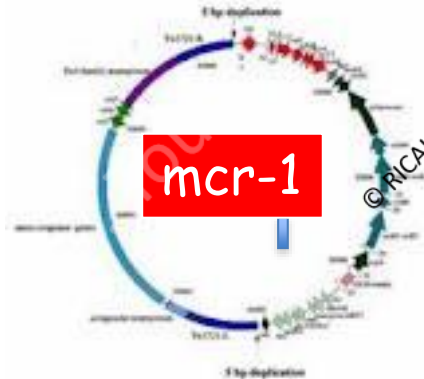


MCR-1: a pessimistic point of view

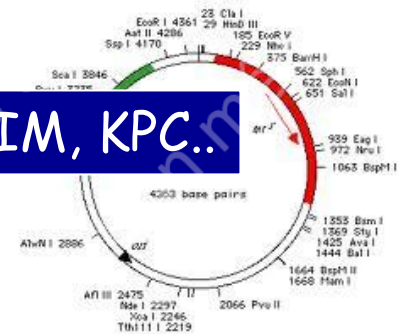
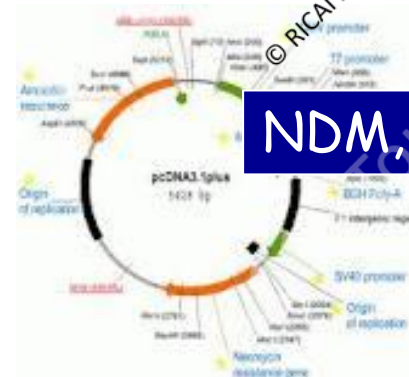
- Plasmid-mediated colistin resistance exists
- Severe infections may be due to MCR-1 positive isolates
- Identification worldwide in the environment, animals and humans
- The main target is *E. coli*: the main bacterial species exchanged between animals and humans; same trend as for CTX-Ms ?
- Further extensive spread from *E. coli* to *K. pneumoniae* ?
- Identification on several plasmid backbones: simultaneous events of translocation worldwide
- Driving force; polymyxins as growth promoters, prophylaxis and metaphylaxis in animals
- Low level resistance: difficult detection; silencious diffusion
- Plasmid-mediated colistin resistance and carbapenemase may co-exist

Transfer of plamid-mediated colistin resistance *mcr-1* gene to carbapenamase producers ?

E. coli



K. pneumoniae



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NDM, VIM, KPC..

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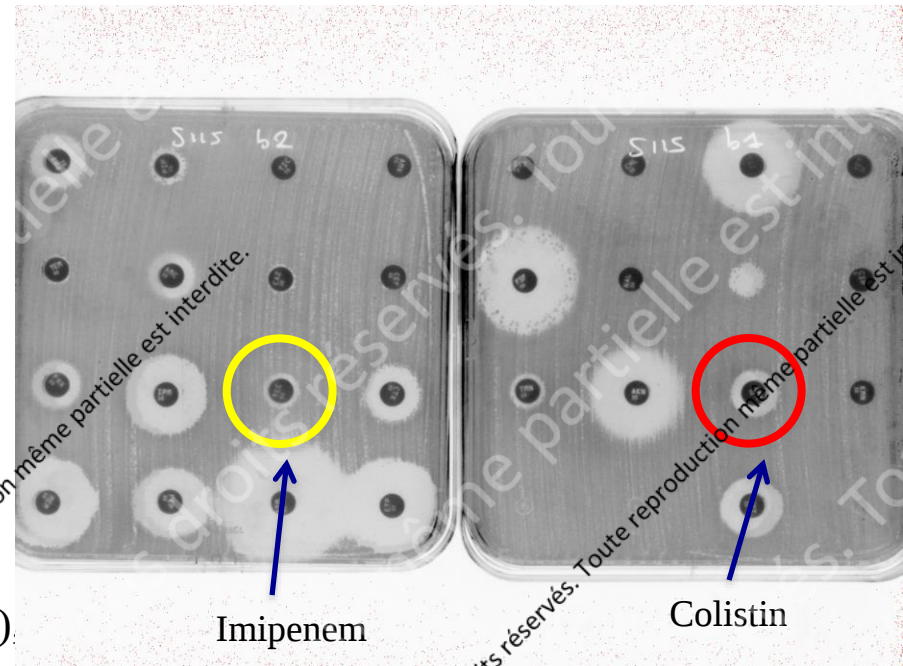
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Emergence of plasmid-mediated carbapenem and colistin resistance in *E. coli* in Europe

- Patient from Switzerland, December 2015
- No history of travel abroad
- No colistin-based treatment
- Urinary tract infection-Community-acquired
- *E. coli* isolate being resistant to carbapenems, fluoroquinolones, aminoglycosides (except amikacin), chloramphenicol, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, and colistin
- Metallo- β -lactamase VIM-1 + phosphoethanolamine transferase MCR-1



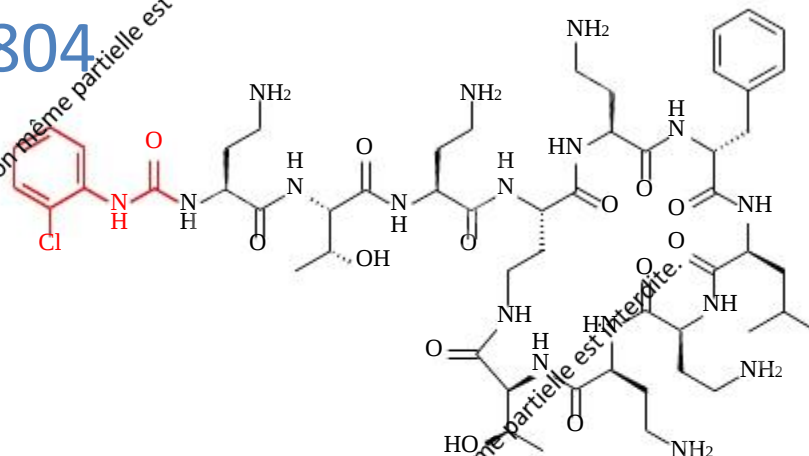
L. Poirel, N.Kieffer, N Liassine, P. Nordmann;
Lancet Infect Dis, 2016, Jan 7

The future



Future; novel colistin –like molecules

Cubist CB-182,804



In vitro activity

Strain	n	CB-182,804		Polymyxin B	
		MIC ₅₀	MIC ₉₀	MIC ₅₀	MIC ₉₀
<i>E.coli</i>	3049	2	4	1	1
<i>K.pneumoniae</i>	1155	2	4	1	2
<i>P.aeruginosa</i>	679	2	8	1	2
<i>A.baumannii</i>	407	2	4	1	2

Quale *et al.* (2012) Microb. Drug Resist. 18, 132.

Cytotoxicity vs LLC-PK1:

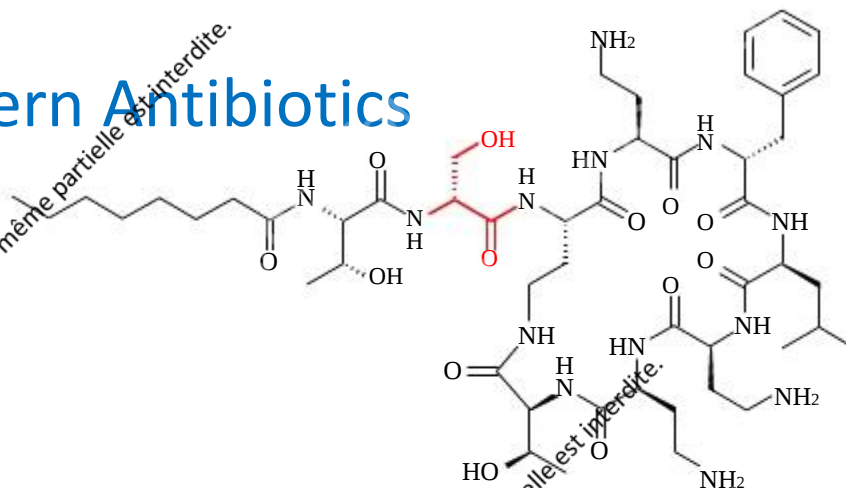
Cmpd	IC ₅₀ (μg/ml)
PMB	318
CB-182,804	>1,000

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Improved toxicity but at the expense of *in vitro* activity

Novel colistin –like molecules

NAB739 – Northern Antibiotics Cantab



In vitro activity

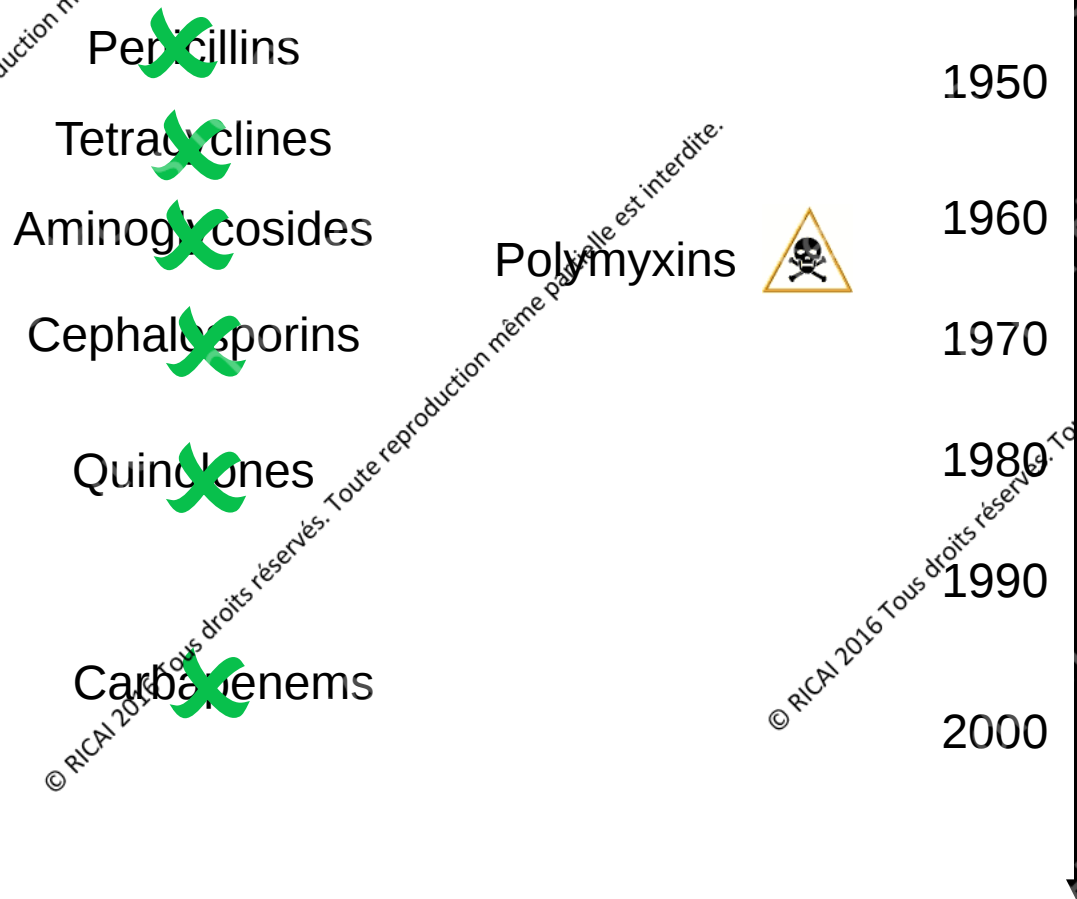
Microorganism	n	NAB739		PolymyxinB	
		MIC ₅₀	MIC ₉₀	MIC ₅₀	MIC ₉₀
<i>E.coli</i>	51	1	2	0.5	2
<i>K.pneumoniae</i>	50	2	2	0.5	1
<i>P.aeruginosa</i>	49	4	8	1	2
<i>A.baumannii</i>	49	16	16	1	2

Cytotoxicity (HK2):

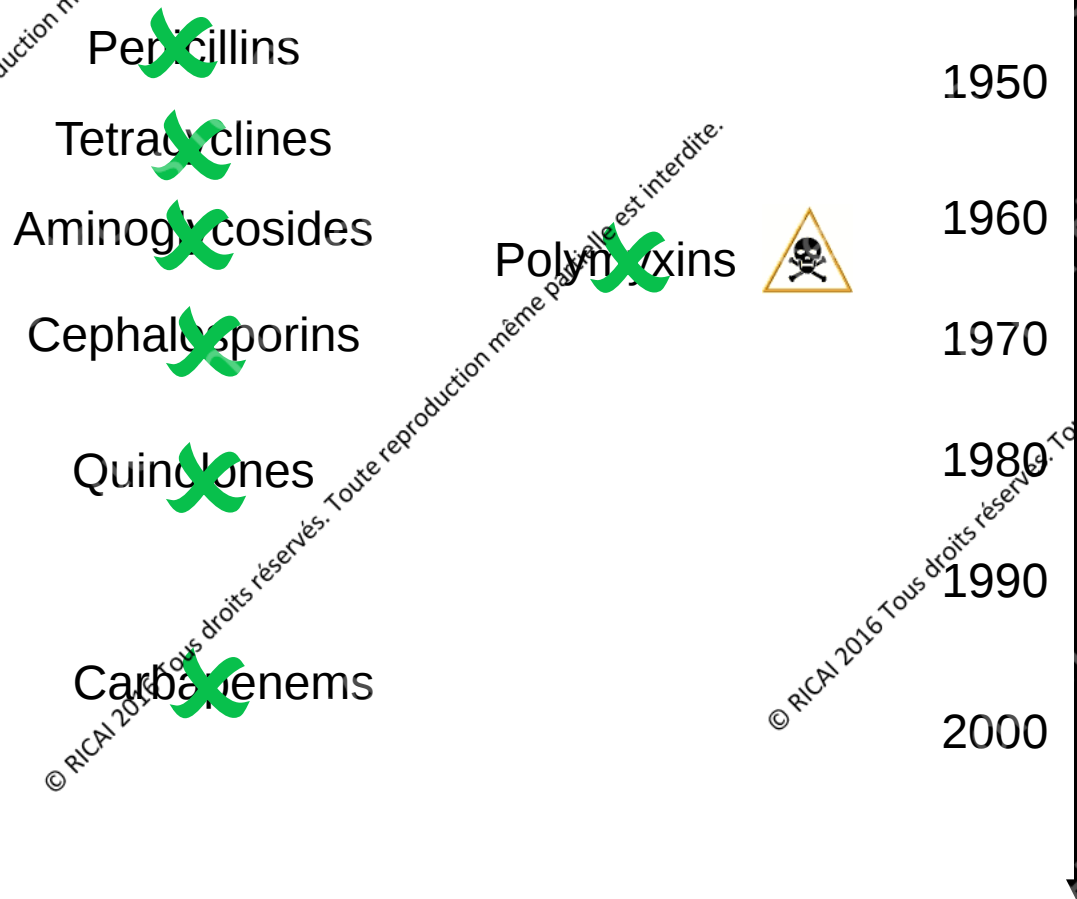
Compound	IC ₅₀ (μg/ml)
PMB	13
NAB739	337

Vaara & Vaara (2013) Int. J. Antimicrob. Agents 41., 292.

Rise of Antimicrobial Resistance in Gram-negative bacteria



Rise of Antimicrobial Resistance in Gram-negative bacteria



Conclusion

- Chromosome and plasmid-mediated colistin resistance are now identified, in particular in *E. coli* and *K. pneumoniae*
- Novel polymyxin-like molecules are under development
- Rapid diagnostic technique for identification of colistin resistance is needed.