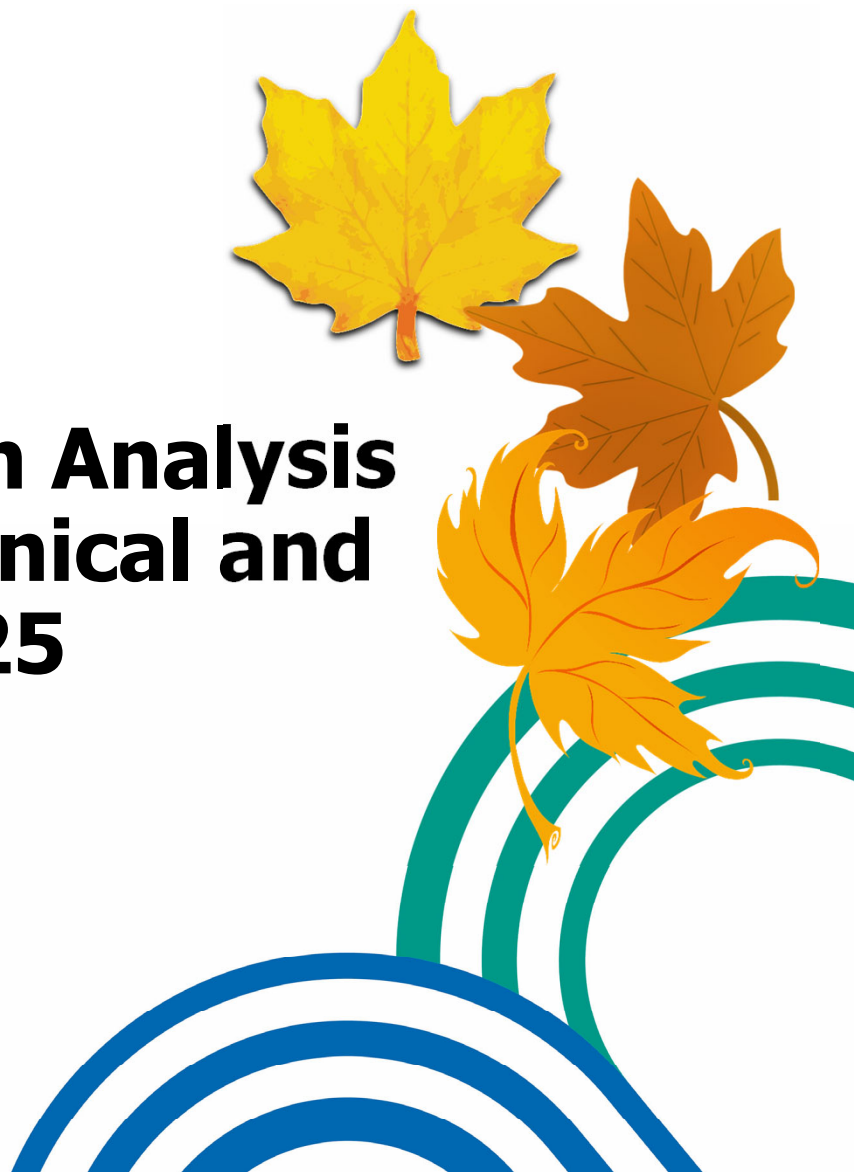




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# Global antibiotic resistance surveillance report 2025

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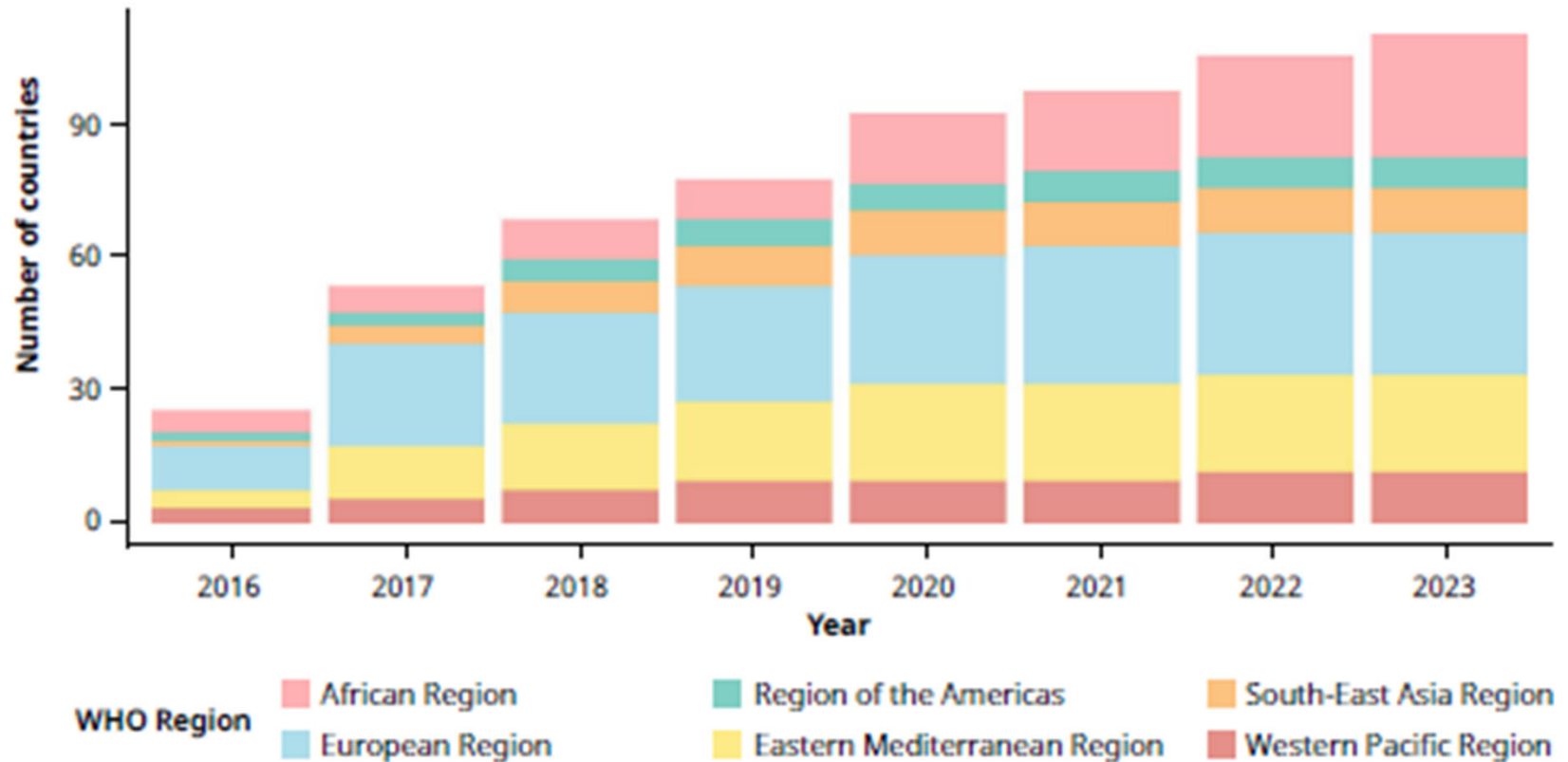
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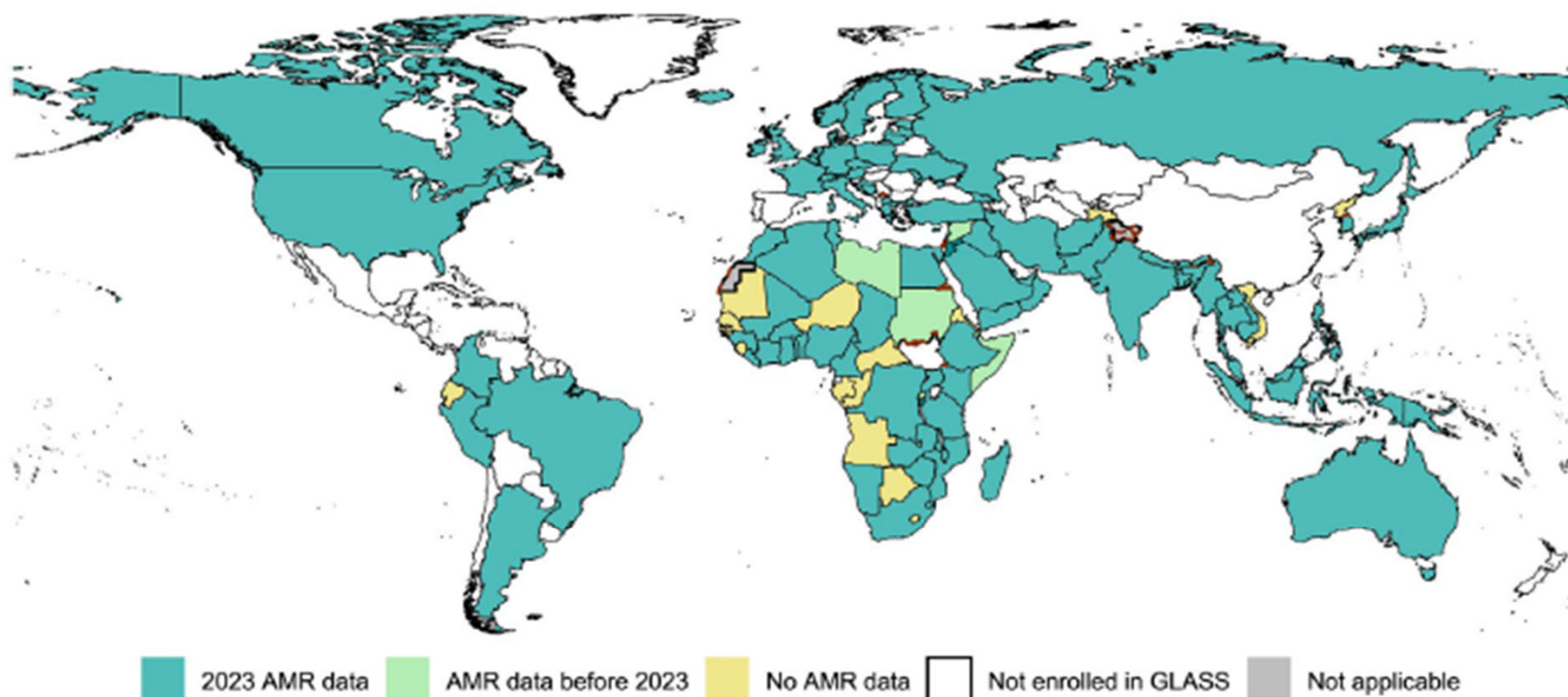
- Lanserat 2015
- Vid slutet av 2024 deltog 127 länder och 3 territorier
- Regionala och globala uppskattningar för 93 Infektion-patogen-antibiotika kombinationer
- Redovisar data fram till 2023
- För första gången, nationella skattningar av prevalens och regionala och globala resistenstrender för några av dessa kombinationer
- Stödjer målet från FN mötet 2024 att minska AMR relaterade dödsfall med 10% till 2030 och att >70% av antibiotika till människor ska tillhöra Access i AWaRe

Figure 1. Numbers of countries that reported AMR data to GLASS, by WHO region, 2016–2023<sup>1</sup>



Numbers of countries include three territories and areas

**Figure 2.1. Countries reporting AMR data to WHO GLASS for at least one calendar year, 2016–2023**



A country is considered to have reported AMR data if it has submitted AST results for at least one surveillance-defined infection type, pathogen and antibiotic combination under surveillance for at least one calendar year.

**Figure 2. Median AMR in 93 infection type-bacterial pathogen-antibiotic combinations, by WHO region, 2023**

**All infection types combined**

South-East Asia Region: 31.1% (7.3-55.1)

Eastern Mediterranean Region: 30.0% (9.2-53.6)

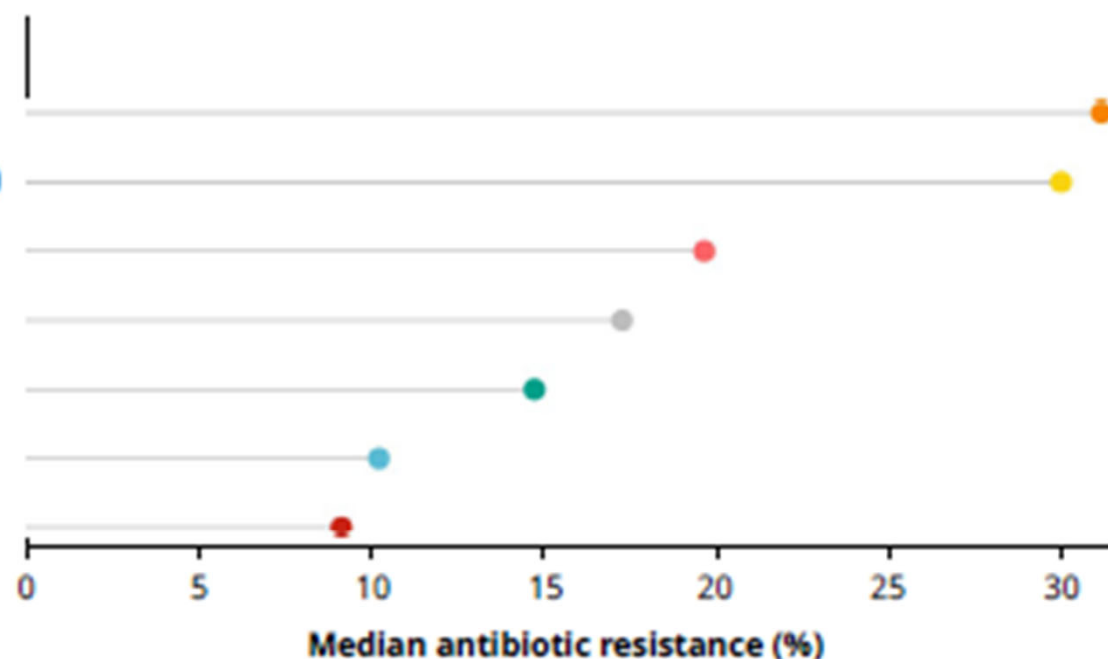
African Region: 19.6% (4.2-55.4)

**Global: 17.2% (3.5-39.5)**

Region of the Americas: 14.7% (2.3-34.7)

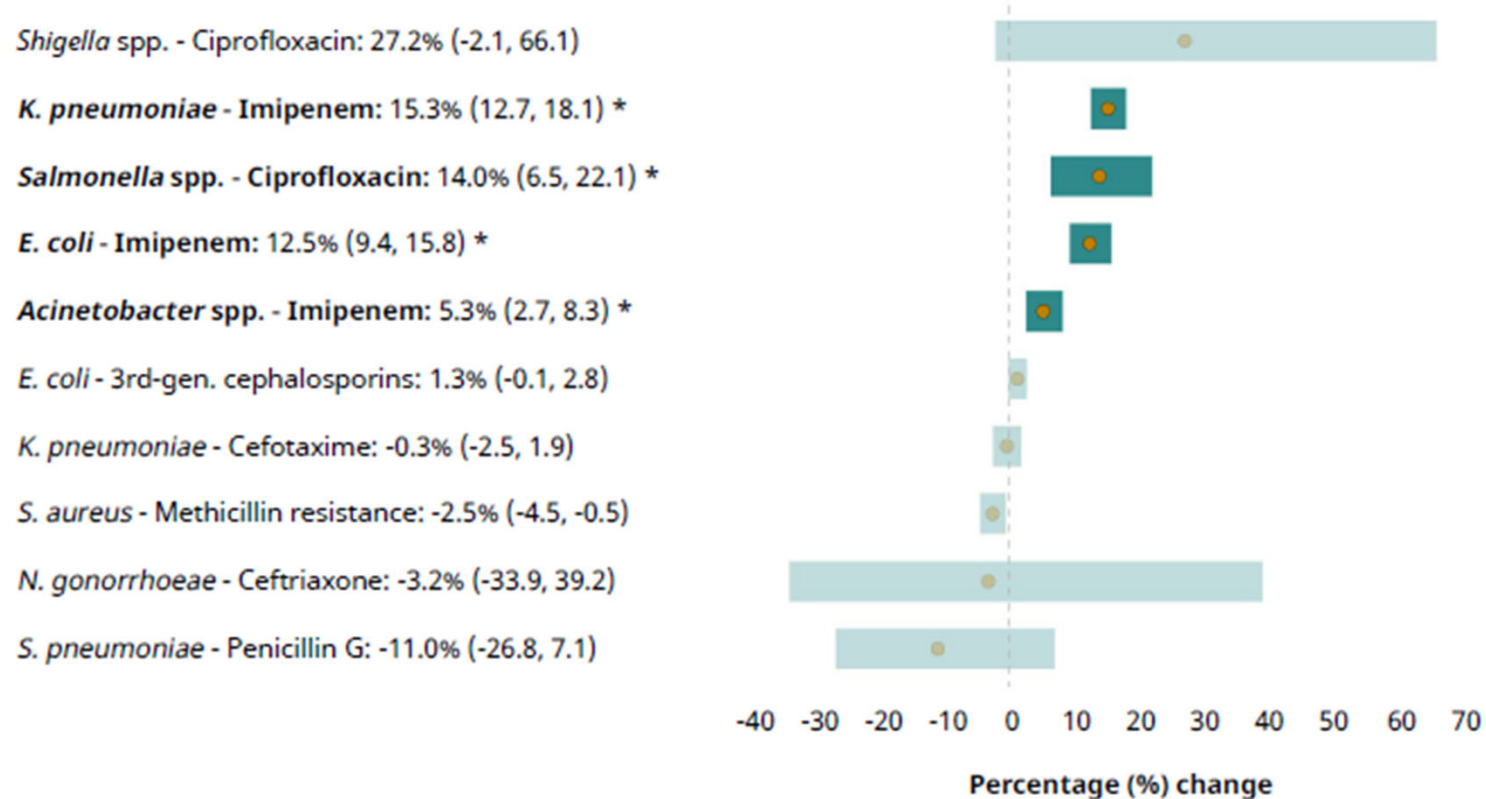
European Region: 10.2% (1.5-24.6)

Western Pacific Region: 9.1% (2.1-25.4)



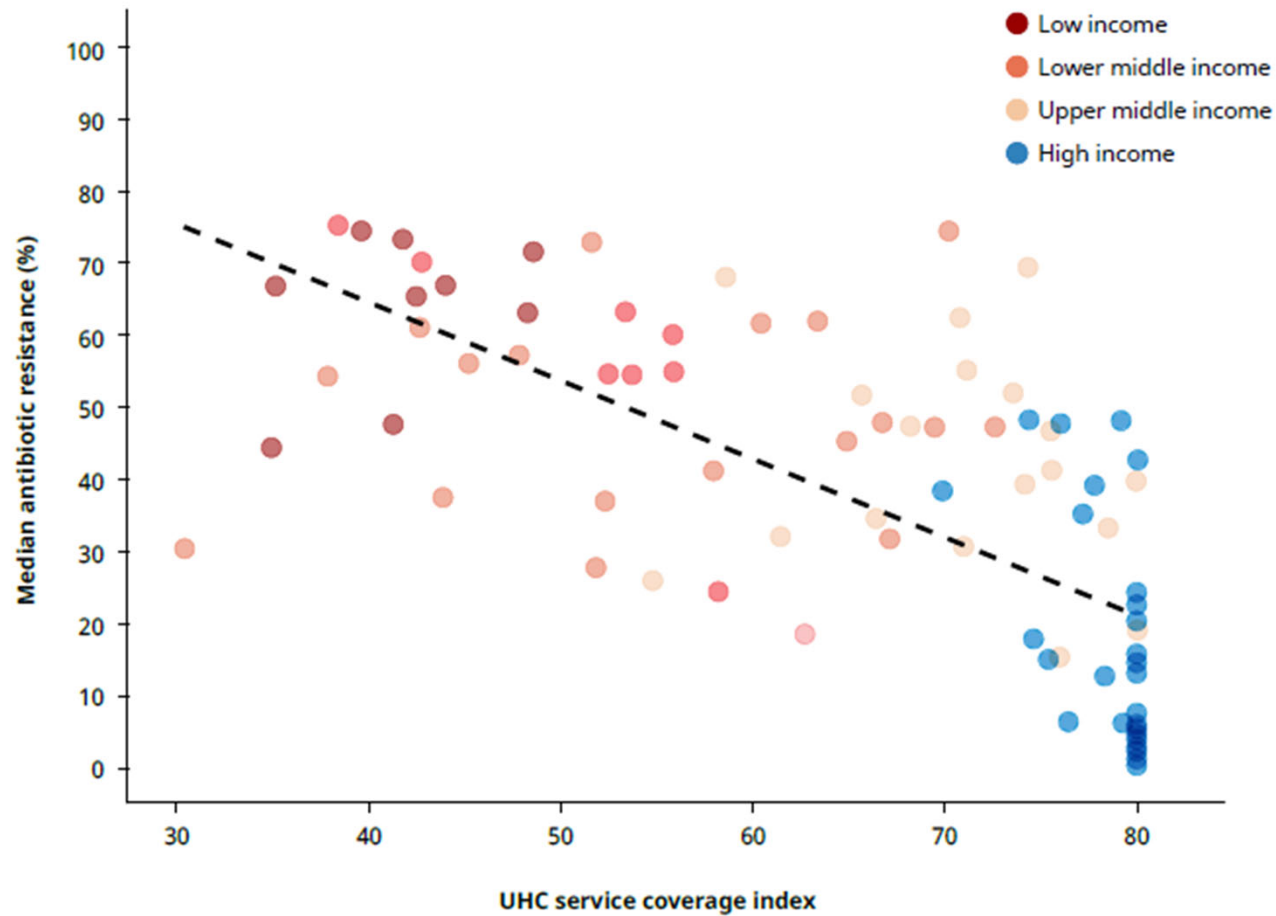
The median and interquartile ranges are useful summaries for comparing the percentage of resistance among regions, but they do not reflect the full variation in resistance in specific infection-pathogen-antibiotic combinations. For example, for urogenital gonorrhoea, the level of global resistance to four of the six commonly used antibiotics, including ceftriaxone (0.3%), is low (< 1.0%), but it is much higher to azithromycin (12.6%) and ciprofloxacin (75.0%).

**Figure 3. Trends of AMR: median annual change in percentage, 2018–2023**

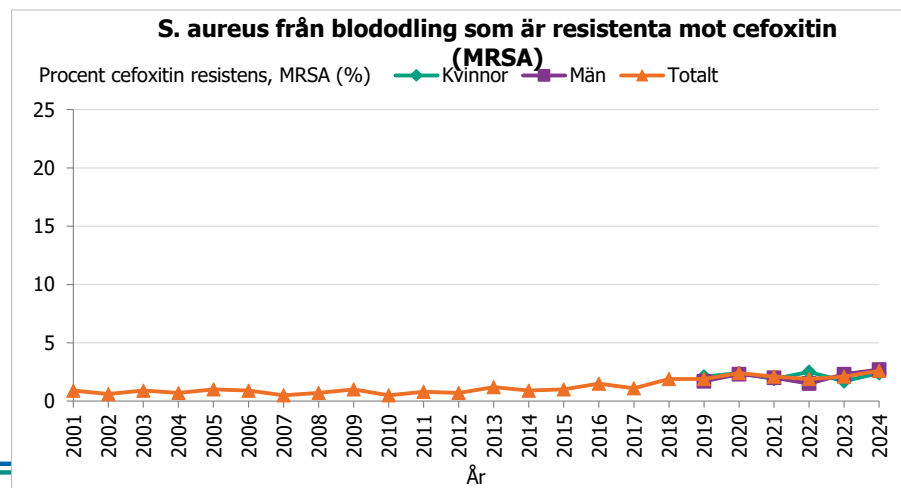
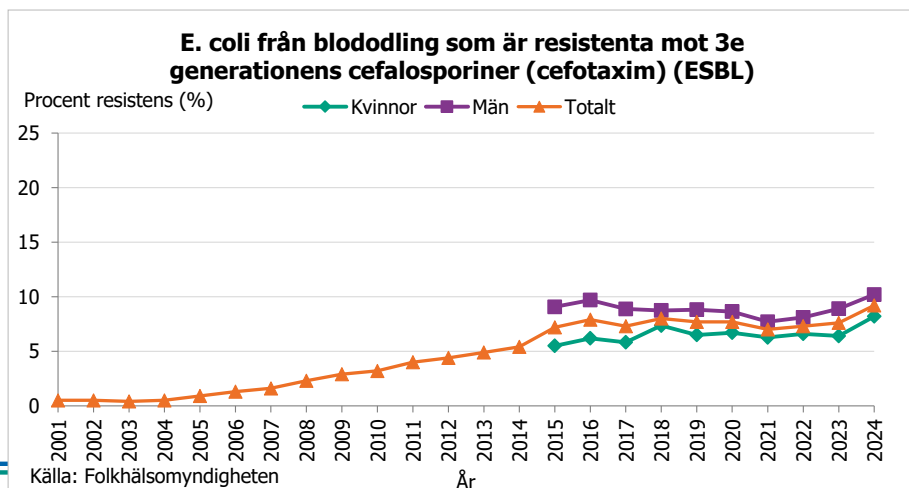
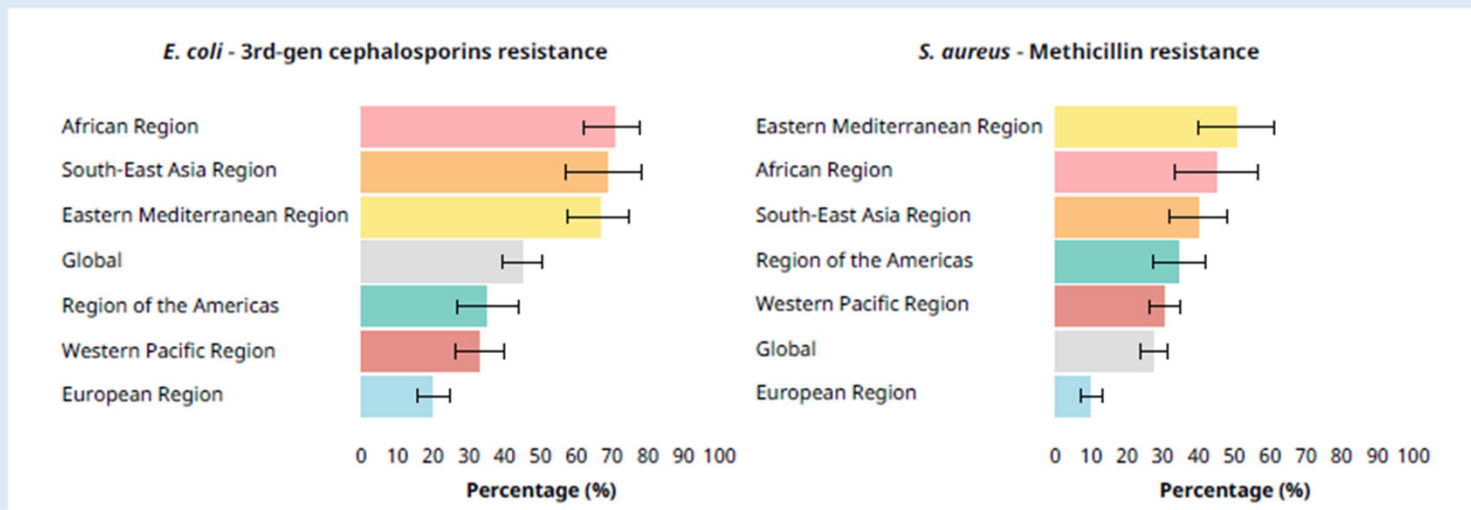


Population-weighted median annual percentage change in AMR between 2018 and 2023, represented by a dot, with 95% CrI. An asterisk (\*) indicates a statistically meaningful trend. When trends were available for several infection types, only that with the highest annual percentage change is shown in the figure.

**Figure 5. Median national percentage of AMR in bloodstream infections (2023), by income classification and universal health coverage (UHC) service coverage index**



**Figure 3.2. Percentage resistance to third-generation cephalosporins in *E. coli* and MRSA: global and regional estimates, 2023**

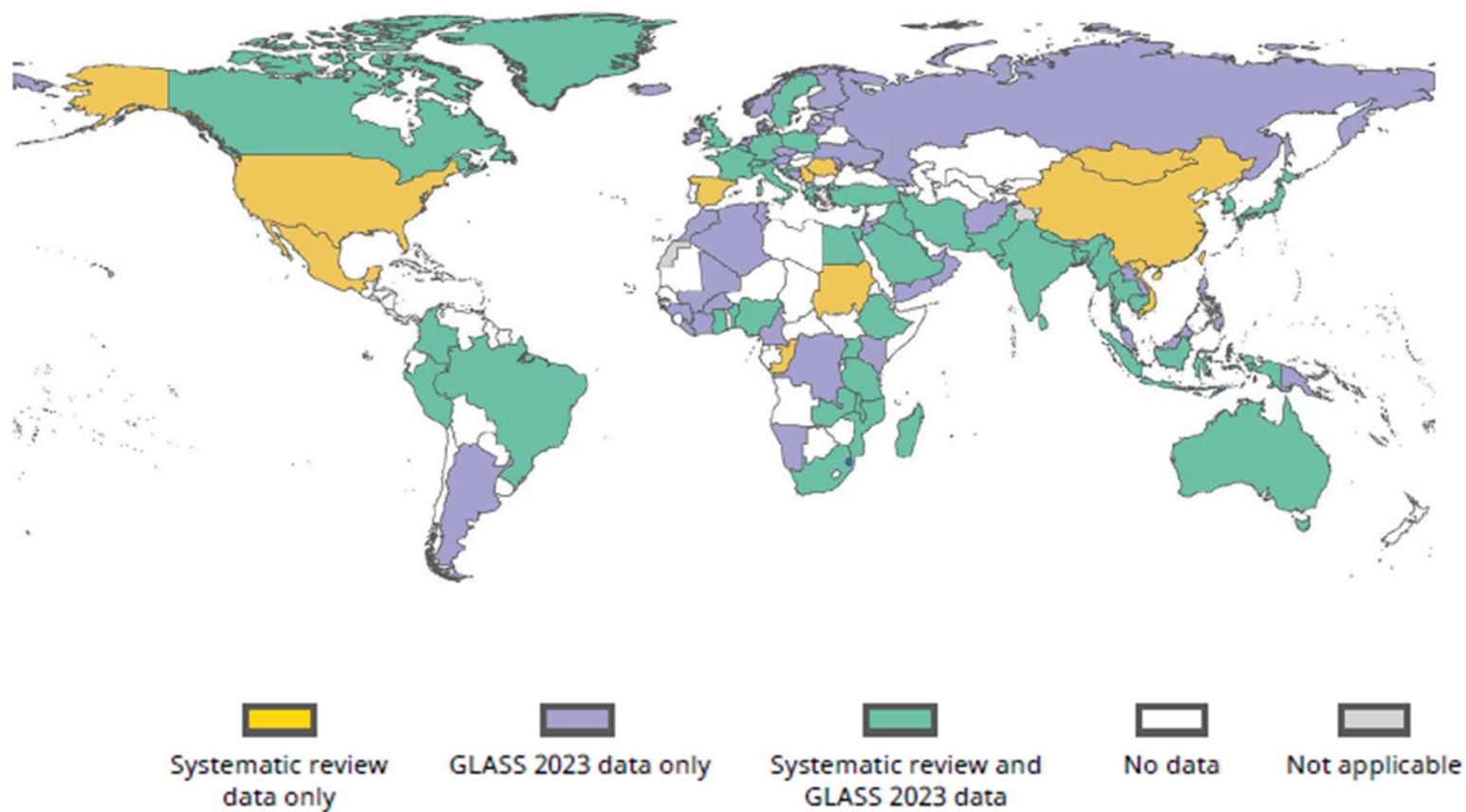


**Table 3.1. Global trends in percentage AMR by infection type: median annual change (2018–2023) and 2023 percentage resistance estimates**

| Infection type            | Antibiotic              | Trend      | Annual % change <sup>a</sup> | Resistance in 2023 (%) <sup>b</sup> | No. of countries <sup>c</sup> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bloodstream               |                         |            |                              |                                     |                               |
| <i>Acinetobacter</i> spp. | Imipenem                | Increasing | 5.3 (2.7, 8.3)               | 54.3 (49.3, 59.2)                   | 64                            |
| <i>E. coli</i>            | Cefotaxime              | Stable     | 1.4 (–0.1, 2.9)              | 39.0 (33.5, 44.8)                   | 64                            |
|                           | 3rd-gen. cephalosporins | Stable     | 1.3 (–0.1, 2.8)              | 44.8 (39.3, 50.4)                   | 83                            |
|                           | Imipenem                | Increasing | 12.5 (9.4, 15.8)             | 2.4 (1.8, 3.3)                      | 74                            |
| <i>K. pneumoniae</i>      | Cefotaxime              | Stable     | –0.3 (–2.5, 1.9)             | 55.2 (48.5, 61.7)                   | 60                            |
|                           | Imipenem                | Increasing | 15.3 (12.7, 18.1)            | 16.7 (13.9, 19.9)                   | 73                            |
| <i>Salmonella</i> spp.    | Ciprofloxacin           | Increasing | 9.4 (3.9, 15.3)              | 18.0 (13.9, 22.9)                   | 65                            |
| <i>S. aureus</i>          | Methicillin resistance  | Stable     | –2.5 (–4.5, –0.5)            | 27.1 (23.5, 31.0)                   | 84                            |
| <i>S. pneumoniae</i>      | Penicillin G            | Stable     | –11.0 (–26.8, 7.1)           | 5.2 (3.6, 7.6)                      | 44                            |
| Gastrointestinal          |                         |            |                              |                                     |                               |
| <i>Salmonella</i> spp.    | Ciprofloxacin           | Increasing | 14.0 (6.5, 22.1)             | 16.3 (13.8, 19.1)                   | 46                            |
| <i>Shigella</i> spp.      | Ciprofloxacin           | Stable     | 27.2 (–2.1, 66.1)            | 29.7 (22.9, 37.5)                   | 19                            |
| Urinary tract             |                         |            |                              |                                     |                               |
| <i>E. coli</i>            | Cefotaxime              | Stable     | –0.3 (–1.5, 1.0)             | 39.8 (33.9, 46.0)                   | 53                            |
|                           | Imipenem                | Increasing | 8.5 (6.1, 11.0)              | 2.6 (2.0, 3.5)                      | 55                            |
| <i>K. pneumoniae</i>      | Cefotaxime              | Stable     | –0.4 (–2.3, 1.4)             | 45.5 (38.6, 52.5)                   | 45                            |
|                           | Imipenem                | Increasing | 12.9 (10.6, 15.1)            | 10.9 (8.7, 13.6)                    | 51                            |
| Urogenital                |                         |            |                              |                                     |                               |
| <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i>     | Ceftriaxone             | Stable     | –3.2 (–33.9, 39.2)           | 0.3 (0.1, 0.6)                      | 38                            |

Figure 4.1. Data availability from the systematic review and GLASS, by infection type

Bloodstream infections



| No. of bloodstream infections reported in 2023 (% of total) |               |                           |                      |                      |                        |                      |                      |
|---|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| WHO region and country*                                     | Total         | <i>Acinetobacter</i> spp. | <i>E. coli</i>       | <i>K. pneumoniae</i> | <i>Salmonella</i> spp. | <i>S. aureus</i>     | <i>S. pneumoniae</i> |
| France  | 919           | 0 (0.0)                   | 0 (0.0)              | 0 (0.0)              | 56 (6.1)               | 0 (0.0)              | 863 (93.9)           |
| Georgia   | 898           | 101 (11.2)                | 225 (25.1)           | 183 (20.4)           | 2 (0.2)                | 355 (39.5)           | 32 (3.6)             |
| Greece  | 6464          | 1523 (23.6)               | 1837 (28.4)          | 2093 (32.4)          | 23 (0.4)               | 922 (14.3)           | 66 (1.0)             |
| Croatia   | 2826          | 258 (9.1)                 | 1299 (46.0)          | 562 (19.9)           | 13 (0.5)               | 606 (21.4)           | 88 (3.1)             |
| Ireland   | 4946          | 56 (1.1)                  | 3049 (61.6)          | 555 (11.2)           | 0 (0.0)                | 947 (19.1)           | 339 (6.9)            |
| Iceland*  | 466           | 1 (0.2)                   | 258 (55.4)           | 44 (9.4)             | 0 (0.0)                | 128 (27.5)           | 35 (7.5)             |
| Italy   | 53 987        | 2651 (4.9)                | 24 841 (46.0)        | 11 836 (21.9)        | 123 (0.2)              | 13 404 (24.8)        | 1132 (2.1)           |
| Lithuania   | 3099          | 120 (3.9)                 | 454 (46.9)           | 532 (17.2)           | 6 (0.2)                | 810 (26.1)           | 177 (5.7)            |
| Luxembourg  | 621           | 7 (1.1)                   | 461 (74.2)           | 83 (13.4)            | 3 (0.5)                | 5 (0.8)              | 62 (10.0)            |
| Latvia  | 807           | 55 (6.8)                  | 329 (40.8)           | 143 (17.7)           | 1 (0.1)                | 235 (29.1)           | 44 (5.5)             |
| Republic of Moldova   | 406           | 62 (15.3)                 | 68 (16.7)            | 190 (46.8)           | 3 (0.7)                | 79 (19.5)            | 4 (1.0)              |
| North Macedonia   | 283           | 32 (11.3)                 | 52 (18.4)            | 95 (33.6)            | 0 (0.0)                | 99 (35.0)            | 5 (1.8)              |
| Malta   | 859           | 24 (2.8)                  | 498 (58.0)           | 168 (19.6)           | 7 (0.8)                | 134 (15.6)           | 28 (3.3)             |
| Netherlands (Kingdom of the)                                | 11 748        | 139 (1.2)                 | 7255 (61.8)          | 1387 (11.8)          | 152 (1.3)              | 2034 (17.3)          | 781 (6.6)            |
| Norway  | 6015          | 33 (0.5)                  | 3949 (65.7)          | 779 (13.0)           | 86 (1.4)               | 792 (13.2)           | 376 (6.3)            |
| Poland  | 7277          | 425 (5.8)                 | 3031 (41.7)          | 1562 (21.5)          | 96 (1.3)               | 1796 (24.7)          | 367 (5.0)            |
| Russian Federation  | 9671          | 1443 (14.9)               | 1627 (16.8)          | 3980 (41.2)          | 57 (0.6)               | 2378 (24.6)          | 186 (1.9)            |
| Sweden  | 21 978        | 125 (0.6)                 | 10 717 (48.8)        | 2165 (9.9)           | 0 (0.0)                | 7915 (36.0)          | 1056 (4.8)           |
| Türkiye   | 19 875        | 3048 (15.3)               | 6 000 (30.2)         | 6218 (31.3)          | 99 (0.5)               | 4256 (21.4)          | 254 (1.3)            |
| Ukraine   | 1897          | 271 (14.3)                | 212 (11.2)           | 711 (37.5)           | 11 (0.6)               | 618 (32.6)           | 74 (3.9)             |
| Kosovo†   | 164           | 29 (17.7)                 | 24 (14.6)            | 63 (38.4)            | 2 (1.2)                | 36 (22.0)            | 10 (6.1)             |
| <b>Eastern Mediterranean Region</b>                         | <b>39 836</b> | <b>6362 (16.0)</b>        | <b>11 266 (28.3)</b> | <b>9701 (24.4)</b>   | <b>693 (1.8)</b>       | <b>10 620 (26.7)</b> | <b>1194 (3.1)</b>    |
| Afghanistan   | 2             | 0 (0.0)                   | 0 (0.0)              | 0 (0.0)              | 0 (0.0)                | 2 (100.0)            | 0 (0.0)              |
| United Arab Emirates  | 3959          | 167 (4.2)                 | 1499 (37.9)          | 1000 (25.3)          | 124 (3.1)              | 908 (22.9)           | 261 (6.6)            |
| Bahrain   | 964           | 106 (11.0)                | 267 (27.7)           | 249 (25.8)           | 25 (2.6)               | 294 (30.5)           | 23 (2.4)             |
| Egypt   | 919           | 115 (12.5)                | 187 (20.3)           | 327 (35.6)           | 1 (0.1)                | 289 (31.4)           | 0 (0.0)              |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of)                                  | 2925          | 688 (23.5)                | 826 (28.2)           | 621 (21.2)           | 14 (0.5)               | 723 (24.7)           | 53 (1.8)             |
| Iraq  | 2164          | 565 (26.1)                | 492 (22.7)           | 366 (16.9)           | 113 (5.2)              | 606 (28.0)           | 22 (1.0)             |
| Jordan  | 3 297         | 391 (11.9)                | 659 (20.0)           | 482 (14.6)           | 17 (0.5)               | 1675 (50.8)          | 73 (2.2)             |

**Table 1. Population and hospitals contributing data: coverage, representativeness and blood culture rate, EU/EEA, 2023**

| Country       | Estimated population coverage <sup>a</sup> (%) | Geographical representativeness <sup>b</sup> | Hospital representativeness <sup>c</sup> | Isolate representativeness <sup>d</sup> | Blood culture rate (blood culture sets/ 1 000 patient-days) <sup>e</sup> |
|---------------|--|--|--|---|--|
| Austria       | 90   | High   | High                                     | High                                    | ND   |
| Belgium       | 42 <sup>f</sup>                                | High   | Medium                                   | High                                    | 115.7 <sup>f</sup>   |
| Bulgaria      | 45   | Medium                                       | Medium                                   | Medium                                  | 12.8   |
| Croatia       | 90   | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 29.0   |
| Cyprus        | 82   | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 69.4   |
| Czechia       | 70   | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 18.2   |
| Denmark       | 100  | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 261.7  |
| Estonia       | 100  | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 40.2   |
| Finland       | 84   | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 195.8  |
| France        | 0 <sup>f</sup>                                 | Low <sup>f</sup>                             | Low <sup>f</sup>                         | Low <sup>f</sup>                        | ND   |
| Germany       | 40   | High   | Medium                                   | High                                    | ND   |
| Greece        | 68   | High   | High                                     | High                                    | ND   |
| Hungary       | 90   | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 19.5   |
| Iceland       | 100  | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 72.0   |
| Ireland       | 92   | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 56.5   |
| Italy         | 66   | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 61.2   |
| Latvia        | 90   | High   | High                                     | Medium                                  | 24.8   |
| Liechtenstein | 40   | Medium                                       | Medium                                   | Medium                                  | 2.1  |
| Lithuania     | 100  | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 8.8  |
| Luxembourg    | 100  | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 42.5   |
| Malta         | 95   | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 32.8   |
| Netherlands   | 76   | High   | High                                     | High                                    | ND   |
| Norway        | 94   | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 80.9   |
| Poland        | 21   | Medium                                       | Medium                                   | High                                    | 55.1   |
| Portugal      | 98   | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 323.6  |
| Romania       | 13   | Low  | Low                                      | Low                                     | 39.7   |
| Slovakia      | 54   | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 30.6   |
| Slovenia      | 99   | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 44.7   |
| Spain         | 28   | Medium                                       | High                                     | High                                    | 606.6  |
| Sweden        | 89   | High   | High                                     | High                                    | 112.4  |

# GLASS dashboard

The GLASS dashboard presents global antimicrobial use (AMU) and resistance (AMR) data for countries, territories, and areas (CTAs) that were enrolled in GLASS by the end of 2024, by means of interactive visualisations. CTA profiles for AMR and AMU are also provided. Dashboards are optimised for use in Google Chrome.

All figures and underlying data are downloadable.

Further information about GLASS can be found in the link below. The link also provides access to comprehensive pdf GLASS reports for previous years.

**Last updated on 25 September 2025, with 2016- 2023 data (submitted by end of 2024)**



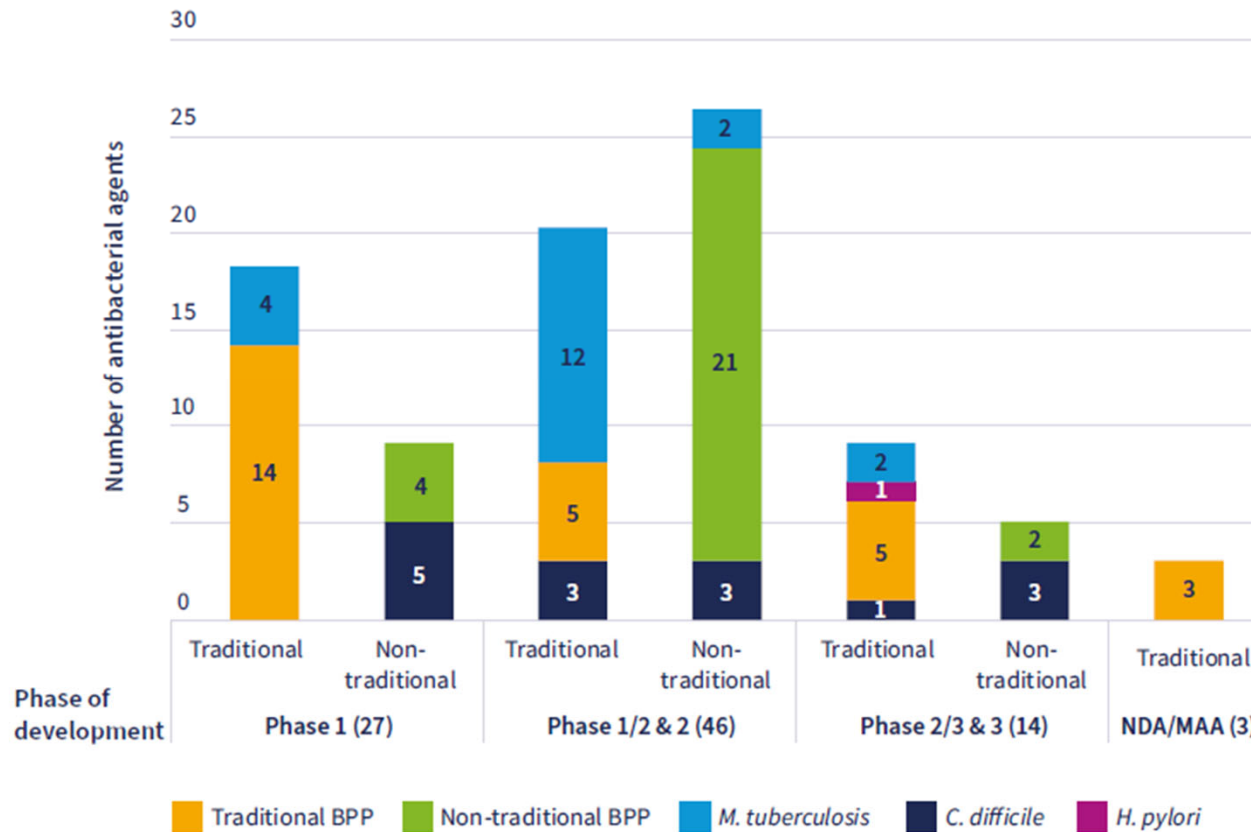


# Analysis of antibacterial agents in clinical and preclinical development

Overview and analysis 2025



Fig. 1. Number of traditional and non-traditional antibacterials by clinical development phase (Phases 1–3 and NDAs/MAAs)



BPP: bacterial priority pathogen; NDA: new drug application; MAA: marketing authorization application.

As of 15 February 2025, there are:

- 90 antibacterials and/or combinations that include at least one new therapeutic entity targeting the WHO bacterial priority pathogens, or *Clostridioides difficile* and *Helicobacter pylori*, in the clinical pipeline from Phase 1
  - 50 are traditional antibacterial
    - 45 (90%) target WHO BPPs, including 18 (40%) focused on drug-resistant *M. tuberculosis*.
  - 40 are non-traditional agents

Table 3. The activity of different  $\beta$ -lactams and  $\beta$ -lactam/BLI combinations approved since 2017 or currently in development against the most clinically relevant  $\beta$ -lactamases, including carbapenemases

| Reference   | $\beta$ -lactams and $\beta$ -lactam/BLI combination | CRE             |                   |                 |                | CRAB           |      |
|-------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------|
|             |  | A               | A                 | D               | B              | OXA            | CRPA |
|             |  | ESBL<br>(CTX-M) | KPC<br>(KPC-2,-3) | OXA<br>(OXA-48) | MBL<br>(NDM)   |                |      |
| Approved    | Vaborbactam + Meropenem                              | •               | •                 | •               | X              | X              | X    |
| Approved    | Relebactam + Imipenem + Cilastatin                   | •               | •                 | •               | X              | X              | ?    |
| Approved    | Cefiderocol  | •               | •                 | •               | •              | •              | •    |
| Approved    | Sulbactam+ Durlobactam (ETX-2514)                    | X               | X                 | X               | X              | •              | X    |
| Approved    | Cefepime + Enmetazobactam (AAI-101)                  | •               | ?                 | X               | X              | X              | X    |
| NCT05584657 | Sulopenem  | •               | X                 | X               | X              | X              | X    |
| NCT03840148 | Cefepime+ Taniborbactam (VNRX-5133)                  | •               | •                 | •               | ?*             | -              | •    |
| NCT04505683 | Benapenem  | X               | X                 | X               | X              | X              | X    |
| NCT04979806 | Cefepime + Zidebactam                                | •               | •                 | •               | ?              | ? <sup>b</sup> | ?    |
| NCT05072444 | Xeruborbactam (QPX7728) + beta-lactam (S-649228)     | •               | •                 | •               | •              | •              | •    |
| NCT05204368 | Funobactam (XNW4107) + Imipenem + Cilastatin         | •               | •                 | ?               | X              | ?              | X    |
| NCT05488678 | Ceftibuten + Ledaborbactam (VNRX-7145)               | •               | •                 | • <sup>d</sup>  | X              | X              | X    |
| NCT05645757 | Ertapenem + Zidebactam                               | •               | •                 | • <sup>e</sup>  | • <sup>e</sup> | X              | ?    |
| NCT05887908 | Cefepime+ Nacubactam (OP0595)                        | •               | •                 | X               | ?              | X              | ?    |
| NCT05887908 | Aztreonam + Nacubactam (OP0595)                      | •               | •                 | •               | •              | X              | X    |
| NCT05905913 | Meropenem + ANT3310                                  | •               | •                 | •               | /              | •              | X    |
| NCT05226923 | Meropenem + KSP-1007(MEROPEN)                        | •               | •                 | ?               | ?              | ?              | ?    |

Pathogen activity: • active; ? possibly active; X not active; / not tested.

CRAB: carbapenem-resistant *A. baumannii*; CRPA: carbapenem-resistant *P. aeruginosa*; CTX-M: CTX-M-type  $\beta$ -lactamase; ESBL: extended-spectrum  $\beta$ -lactamase; KPC: *K. pneumoniae* carbapenemase; MBL: metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase; NDM: New Delhi metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase; OXA: oxacillinase.

Grey shading: Market authorized as of July 2017.

<sup>a</sup>Heteroresistance described (15).

<sup>b</sup>MICs for CRAB isolates (16) expressing OXA23,24 and 58 clustered around 8–16 mg/L, compared with 64 mg/L for cefepime alone and >128 mg/L for zidebactam alone (16).

<sup>c</sup>Not active in vivo against IMP6-producing KP. See product profile for details.

<sup>d</sup>Loss of activity if co-production of class C and class D (OXA48-like) SBL (17).

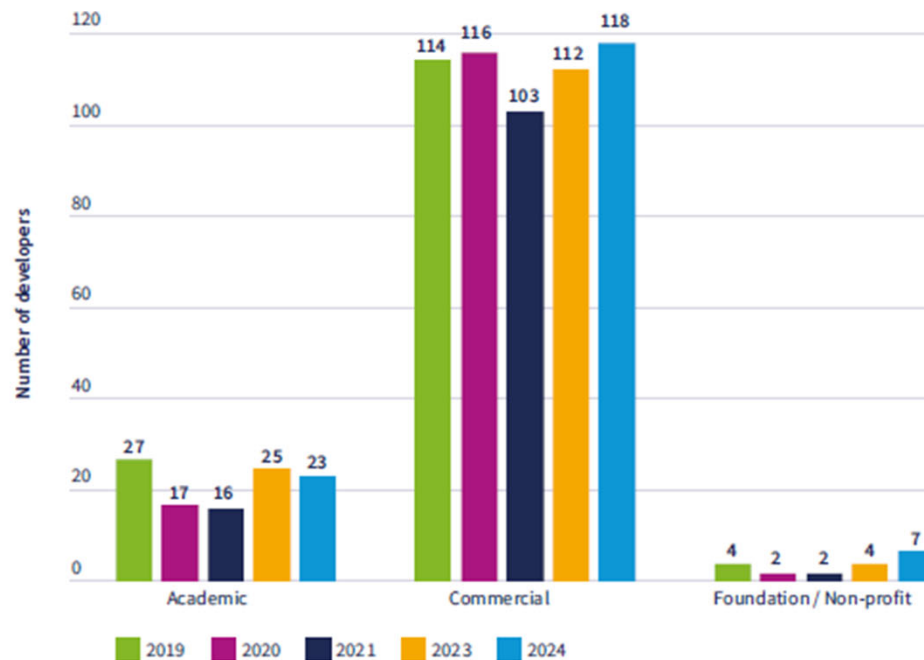
<sup>e</sup>Active against MBL-producing *E. coli*, but not *K. pneumoniae*; not active against Enterobacterales with the combination of MBL+OXA48 (18).

## Xeruborbactam (QPX7728) + $\beta$ -lactam (S-649228)

- bicyclic boronate BLI (new class) under development with a still undisclosed  $\beta$ -lactam.
  - The preclinical development included testing in combination with several  $\beta$ -lactams.
    - Phase 1 clinical studies are testing the combination with cefiderocol.
    - QPX7831 is the oral prodrug of xeruborbactam (QPX7728) (33–35) undergoing clinical testing in phase 1 studies with ceftibuten.
    - is being studied as treatment in carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter*, *Pseudomonas* and Enterobacterales infections.
    - The oral formulation in combination with ceftibuten is intended as treatment of CRE.
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# Preclinical pipeline

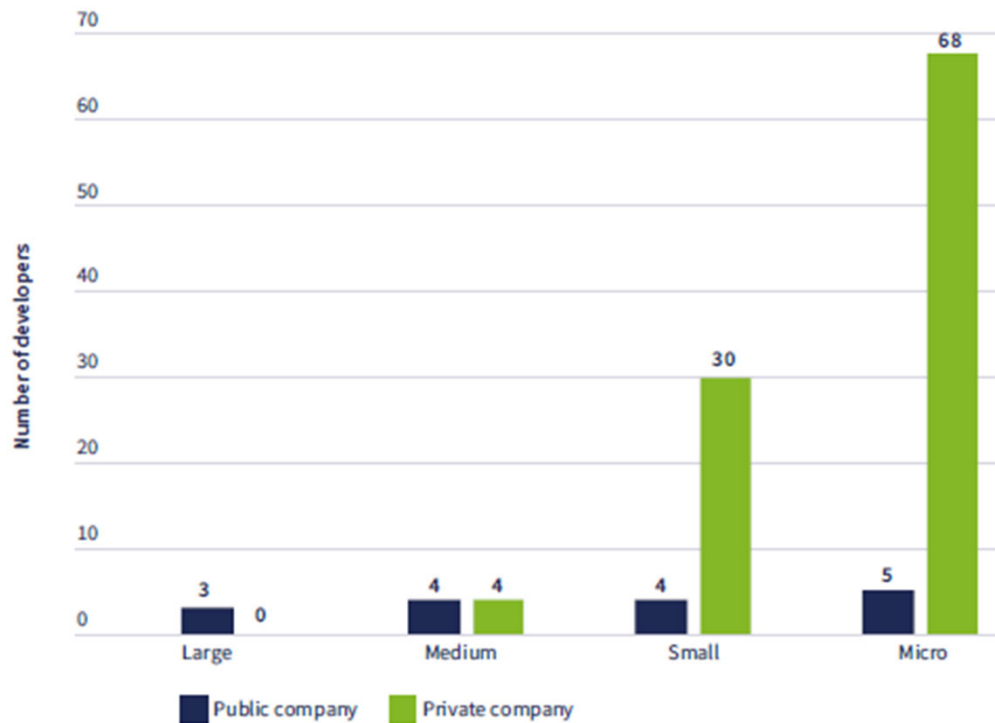
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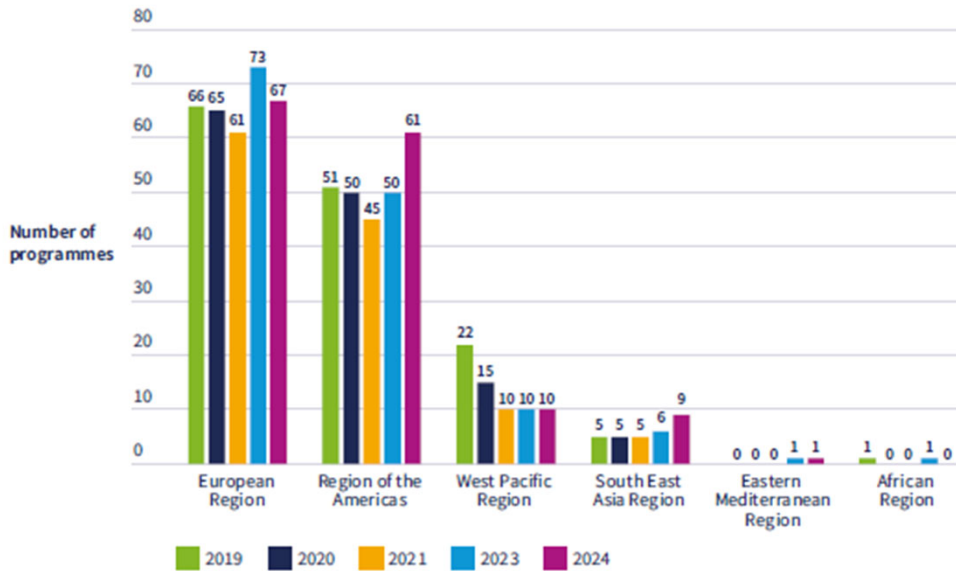
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Fig. 10. Geographical distribution of the 148 institutions with preclinical pipeline projects across the 2019–2024 analysis shown by WHO geographical regions (panel A)



<sup>3</sup> This refers to the number of developers.

Fig. 10. Geographical distribution of the 148 institutions with preclinical pipeline projects across the 2019–2024 analysis shown by country (panel B).

