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"Pillenwahn": von erwünschten und unerwünschten Wirkungen -

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Führen uns Antibiotikaresistenzen in ein neues Zeitalter?

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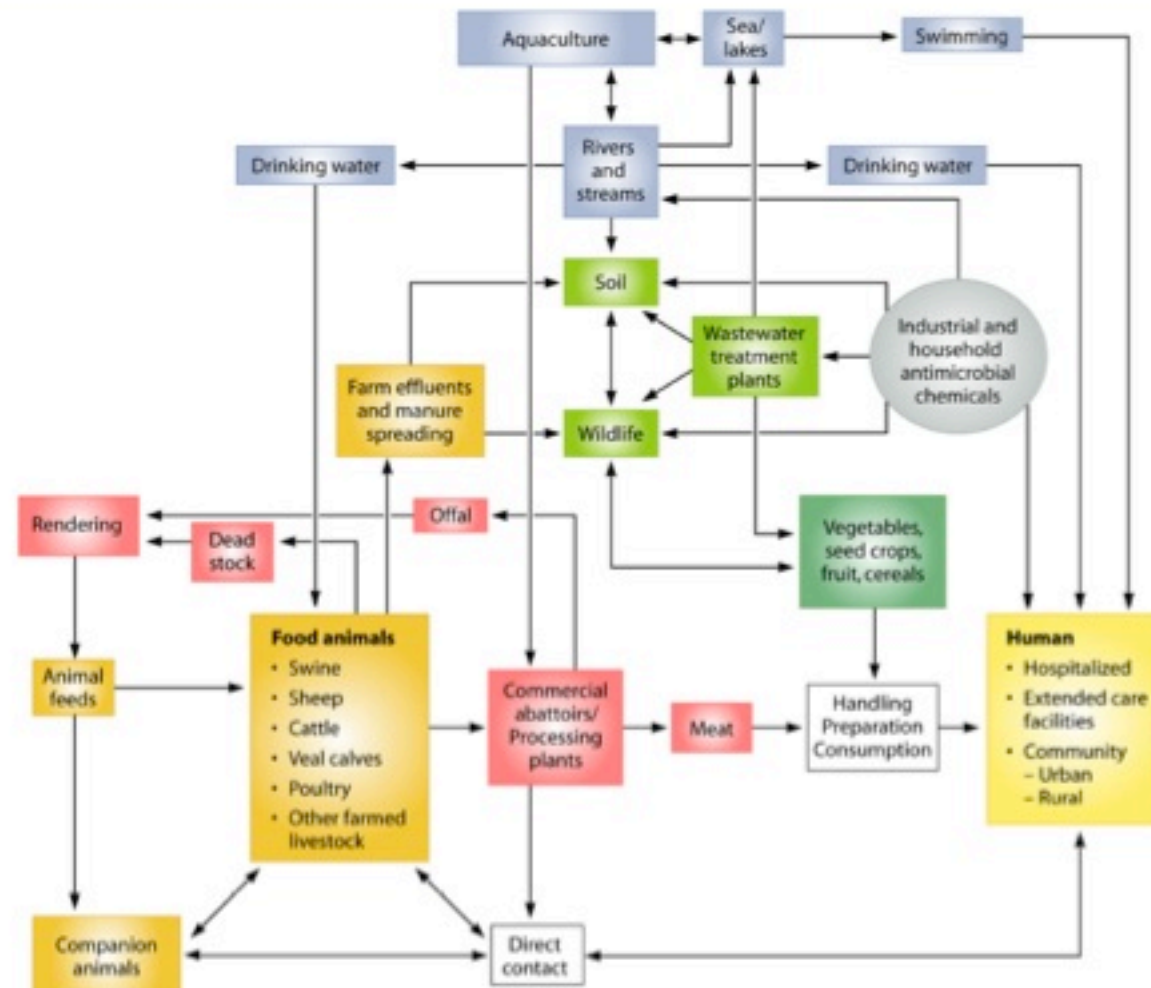


FIG. 4. Dissemination of antibiotics and antibiotic resistance within agriculture, community, hospital, wastewater treatment, and associated environments. (Adapted from reference 49 and reference 83a with permission of the publishers.)

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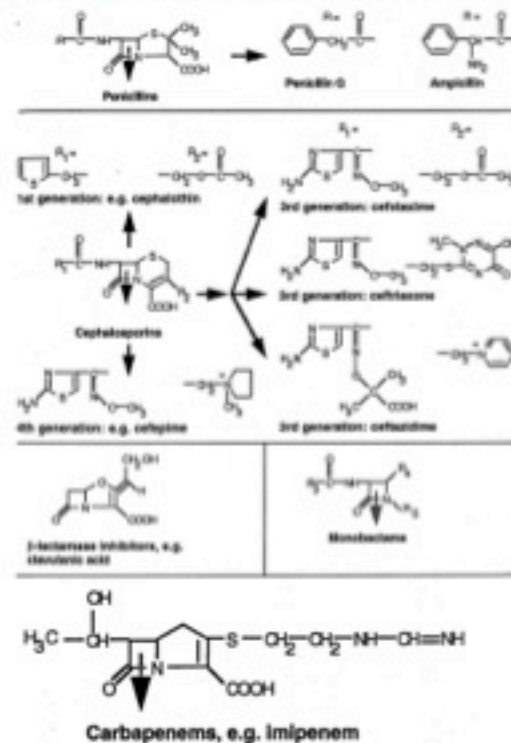


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Extremely important:

β -Lactams:

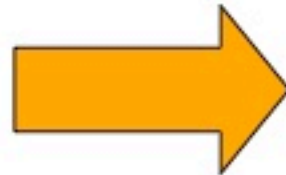


- Penicillins
- Inhibitor Combinations
- Cephalosporins
- Carbapenems
- etc.

Why? → Because around 2/3 of human anti-infectious therapies worldwide are still based on β -lactams!

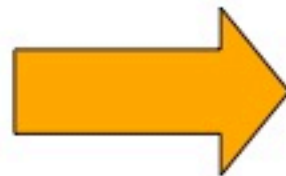


Gram-positive: Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*



MRSA

Gram-negative: Producers of extended-spectrum β -lactamase



ESBL

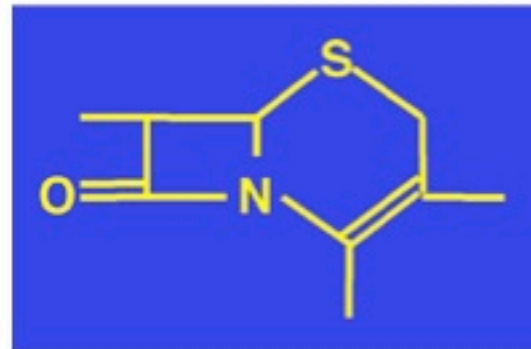
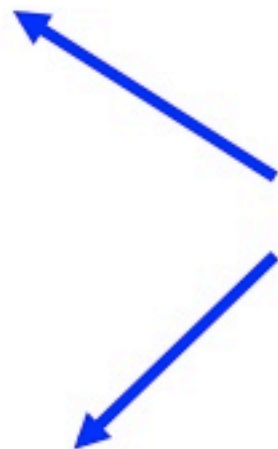


Even more abundant!



Corruption of cephalosporins 1: BSBLs

4. Generation:
Cefepime
Cefpirome



Basic structure

~~1. Generation:
Cephalexin
Cefadroxil~~

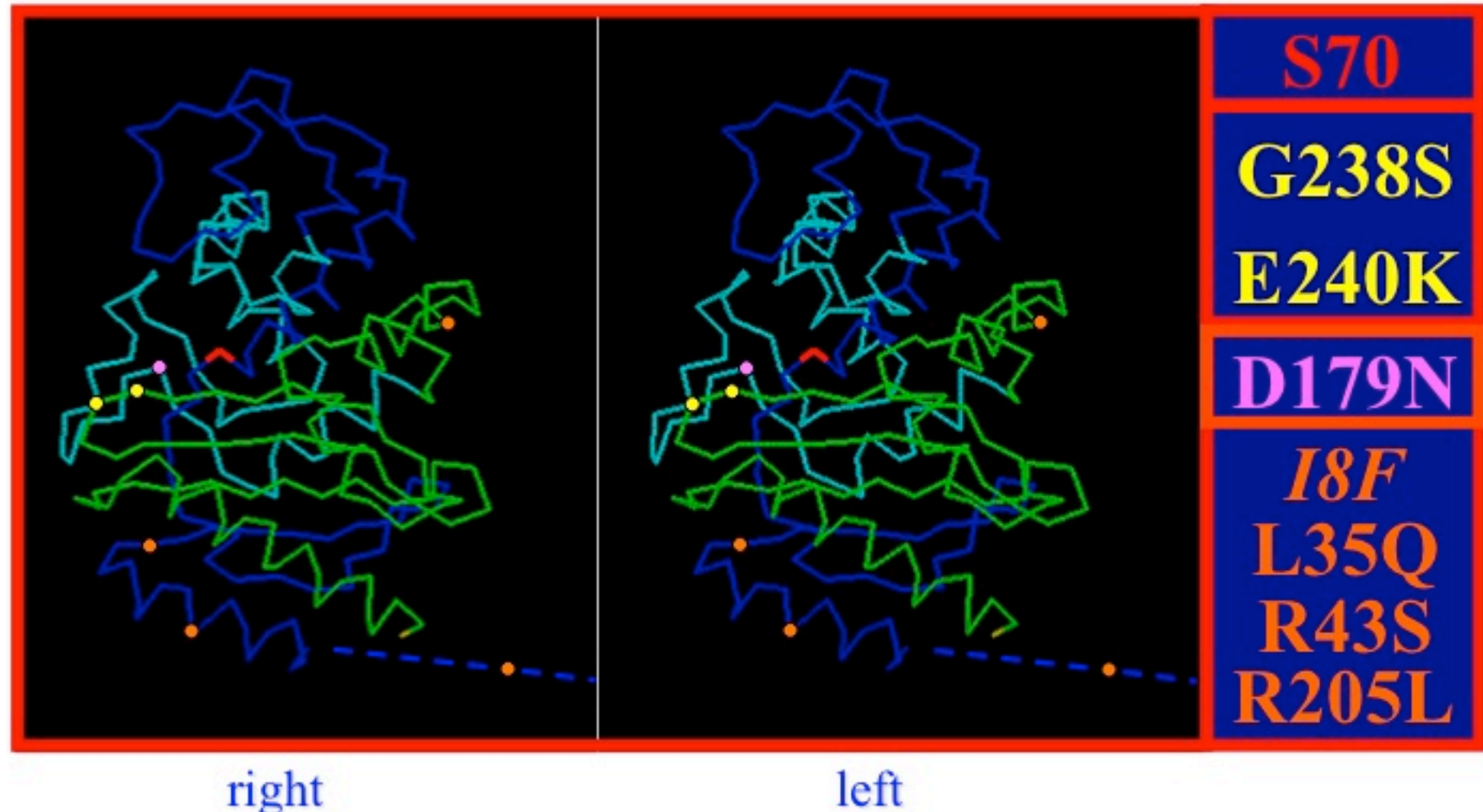
BSBLs

~~2. Generation:
Cefamandole
Cefuroxime~~

3. Generation:
Cefotaxime
Ceftriaxon
Ceftazidime

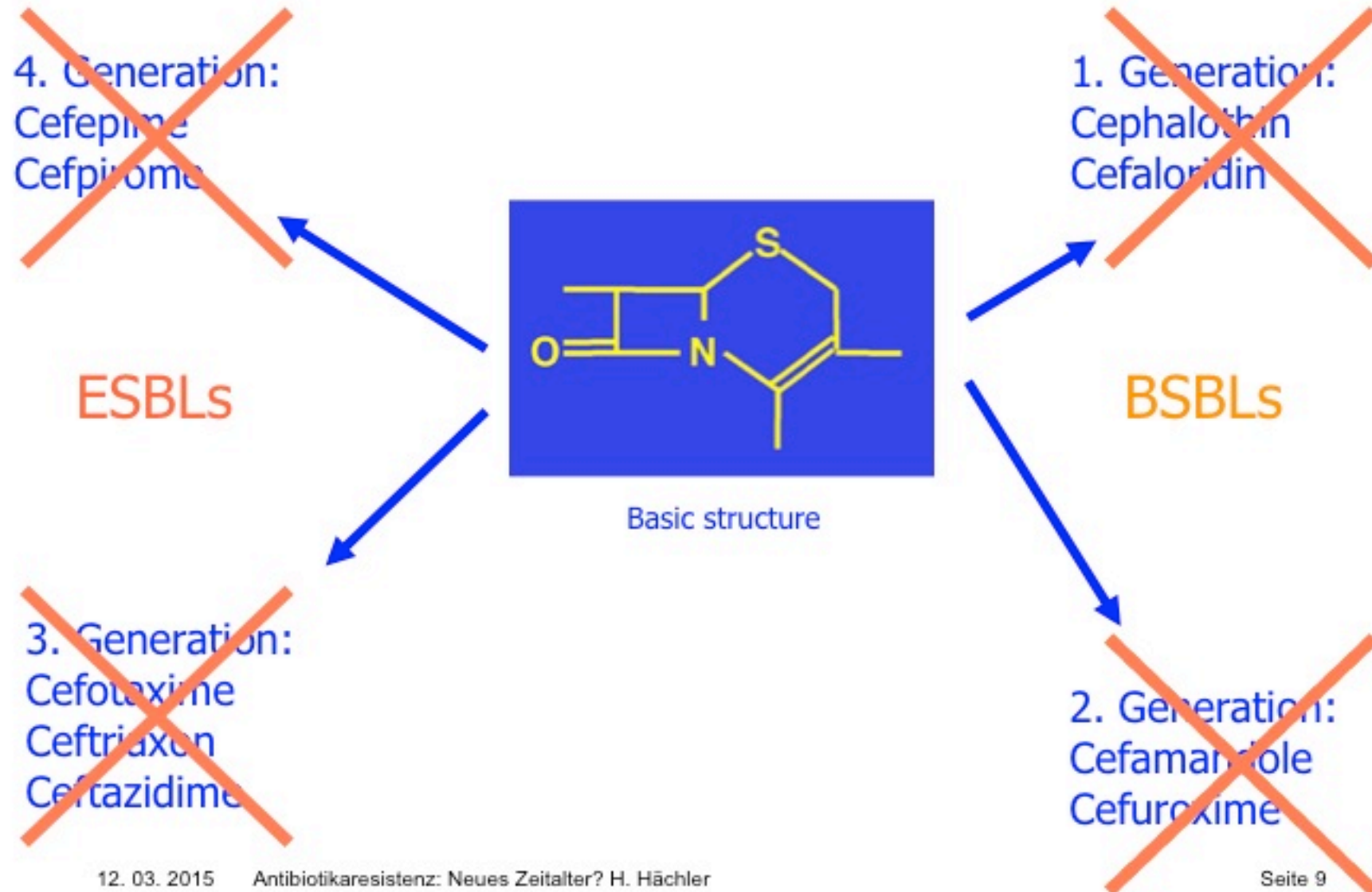


Amino acid substitutions: BSBL → ESBL





Corruption of cephalosporins 2: ESBLs





1. 1983: SHV-2 (published by German group)
2. 1987: TEM-3 (published by French group)
3. 1993: First time in Switzerland (SHV-11, SHV-12)
4. By 1997: TEM >50, SHV >10: → **Worldwide!**
5. From ca. 2001: slow displacement of TEM/SHV by CTX-M
6. Until 2005: Mainly nosocomial problem (outbreaks)
7. Since 2006: Steady increase in general community
[Mesa RJ. 2006. AAC 58:211-215]





World dissemination CTX-M enzymes

The Trade Routes of the CTX-M Enzymes

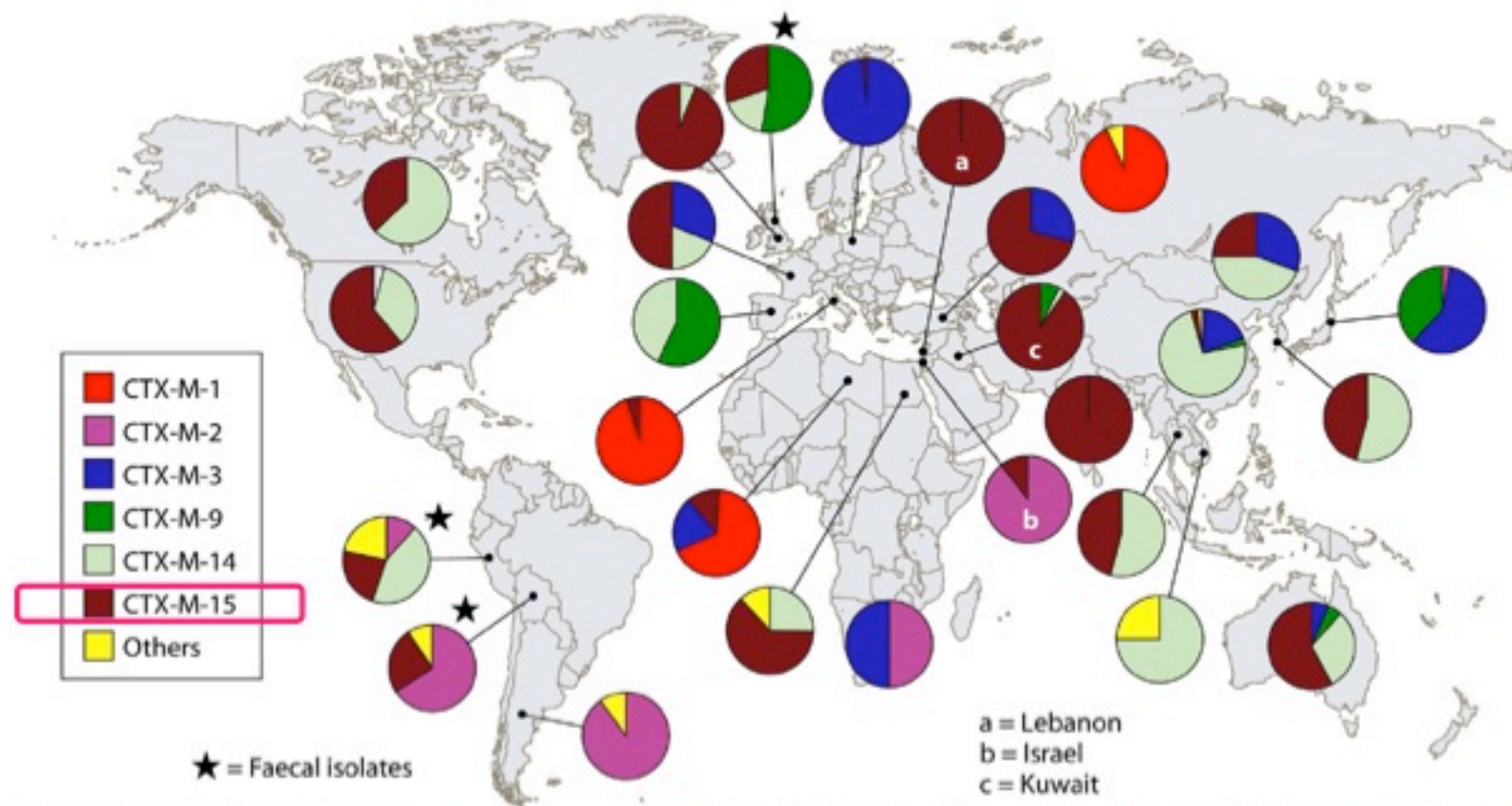


FIG. 3. Worldwide distribution of different classes of CTX-M β -lactamases (first identified in 1989). (Reprinted from reference 71 by permission of Oxford University Press.)

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ESBL prevalence in food animals

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1. Total of ESBL producers	91
2. <i>Escherichia coli</i>	89
3. <i>Citrobacter youngae</i>	1
4. <i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	1

Origin	n	ESBL producing strains
cattle	124	17 (13.7%)
calves	63	16 (25.3%)
others	61	1 (1.6%)
pig	59	9 (15.3%)
chicken	93	59 (63.4%)
sheep	58	5 (8.6%)
lambs	40	2 (5.0%)
others	18	3 (16.7%)





Origin	n	ESBL producing strains
meat (Ground beef and pork)	104	0 (0.0%)
milk	167	1 (0.6%)
Bulk tank milk	100	0 (0.0%)
<i>E. coli</i> mastitis milk	67	1 (1.5%)





ESBL producers in humans

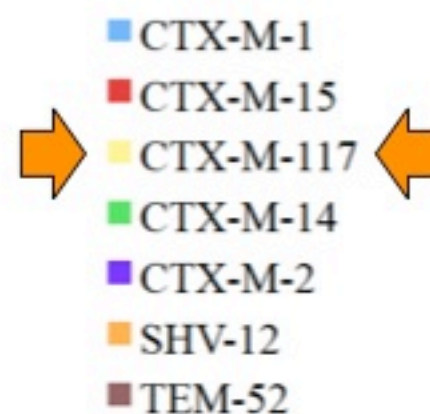
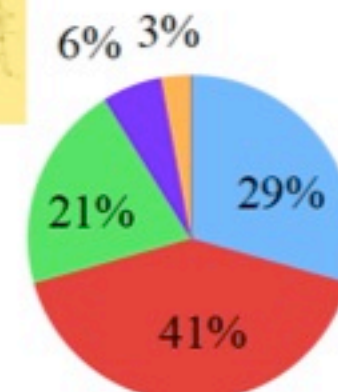
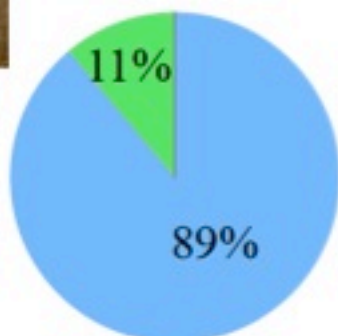
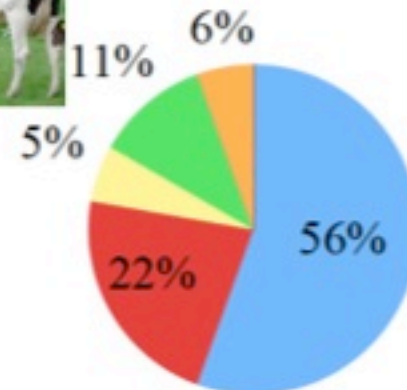
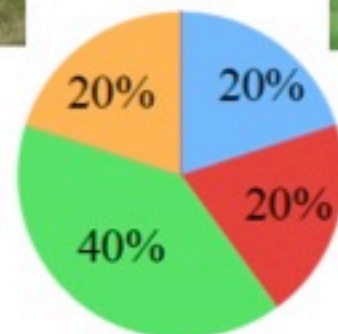
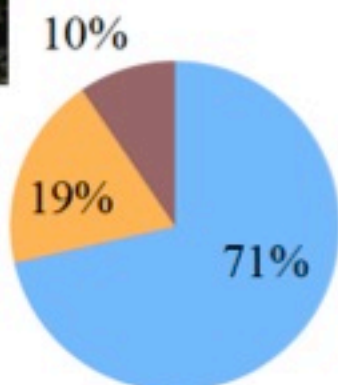
Stool samples from healthy humans screened 586

Positive for ESBL producers 34

% 5.8

Involved bacterial species 1 (*Escherichia coli*)

Expressing additional TEM-1 15 (44 %)





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Research Note

**Fecal Carriage of Extended-Spectrum β -Lactamase-Producing
Enterobacteriaceae in Swine and Cattle at Slaughter
in Switzerland**

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**Molecular Identification of Extended-Spectrum- β -Lactamase Genes
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**Occurrence and characteristics of extended-spectrum beta-lactamase (ESBL)
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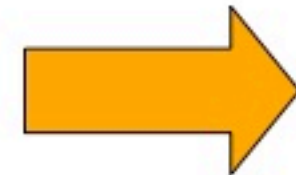


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Total samples from:
Switzerland
Hungary
France

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Beta-lactamase	Frequency	Frequency (%)
TEM BSBL	2 / 9	22
AmpC type CMY-2	5 / 9	56
ESBL type CTX-M-1	7 / 9	78





ESBL on kitchen cutting boards



1. Cutting boards from the hospital kitchen were sampled after various foods had been cut:
2. The boards had to be washed or even treated in the dish washer to make sure to avoid carry-over
3. No ESBL producers were detected after cutting of either beef, pork, lamb, fish or vegetables
4. ESBL producers were found on **15.6% of the boards** after cutting of **poultry**: 80% of the isolates produced **CTX-M-1**



Extended-Spectrum β -Lactamase (ESBL)–Producing Enterobacteriaceae: A Threat from the Kitchen

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Research Note

Characteristics of Extended-Spectrum Cephalosporin-Resistant *Escherichia coli* Isolated from Swiss and Imported Poultry Meat

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Vertical transmission of ESBLs in chickens



Vertical transmission of highly similar *bla*_{CTX-M-1}-harboring IncI1 plasmids in *Escherichia coli* with different MLST types in the poultry production pyramid

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Objectives: The purpose of this study was to characterize sets of extended-spectrum β -lactamases (ESBL)-producing *Enterobacteriaceae* collected longitudinally from different flocks of broiler breeders, meconium of 1-day-old broilers from these breeder flocks, as well as from these broiler flocks before slaughter.

Methods: Five sets of ESBL-producing *Escherichia coli* were studied by multi-locus sequence typing (MLST), phylogenetic grouping, PCR-based replicon typing and resistance profiling. The *bla*_{CTX-M-1}-harboring plasmids of one set (pHV295.1, pHV114.1, and pHV292.1) were fully sequenced and subjected to comparative analysis.

Results: Eleven different MLST sequence types (ST) were identified with ST1056 the predominant one, isolated in all five sets either on the broiler breeder or meconium level. Plasmid sequencing revealed that *bla*_{CTX-M-1} was carried by highly similar IncI1/ST3 plasmids that were 105 076 bp, 110 997 bp, and 117 269 bp in size, respectively.

Conclusions: The fact that genetically similar IncI1/ST3 plasmids were found in ESBL-producing *E. coli* of different MLST types isolated at the different levels in the broiler production pyramid provides strong evidence for a vertical transmission of these plasmids from a common source (nucleus poultry flocks).

Keywords: *E. coli*, plasmid sequencing, CTX-M-1, poultry production pyramid, IncI1, conjugation

1. Most *E. coli* with variable genetic background

2. IncI1 plasmids highly similar

3. Evidence for vertical transmission of IncI1::*bla*_{CTX-M-1} plasmids from nucleus poultry flocks



Vertical transmission of ESBLs in chickens

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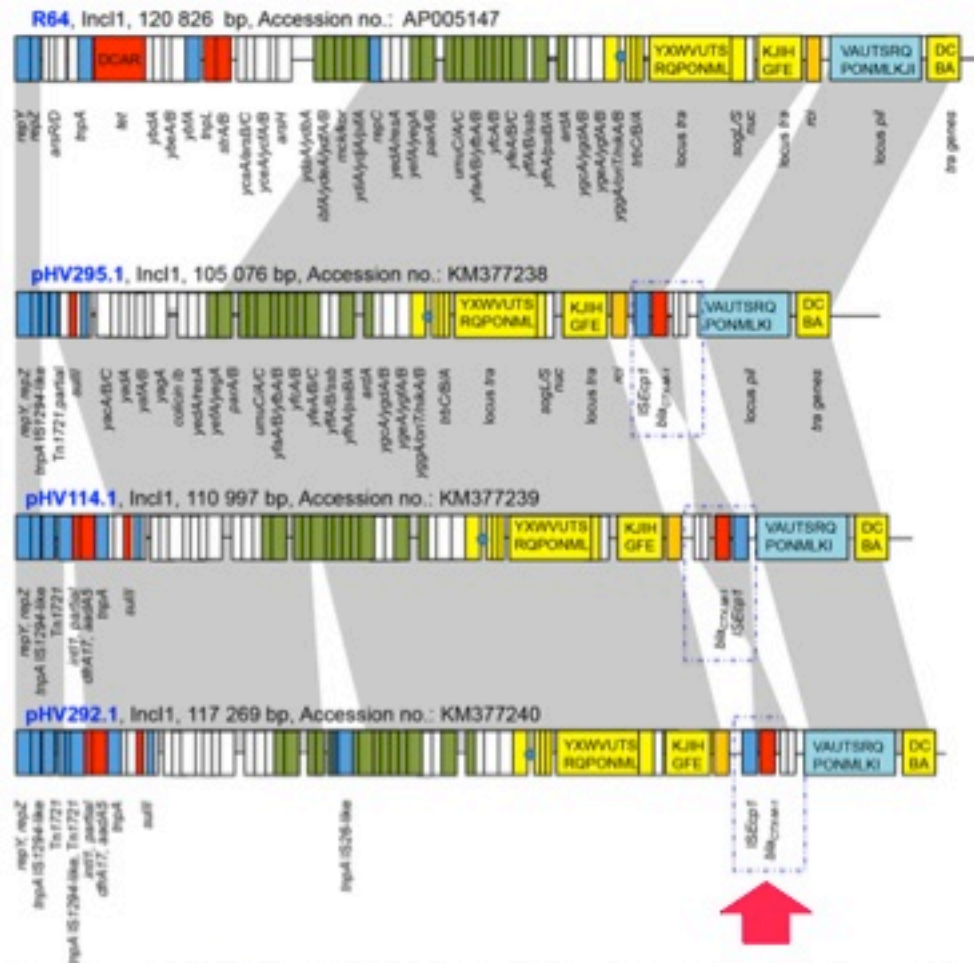
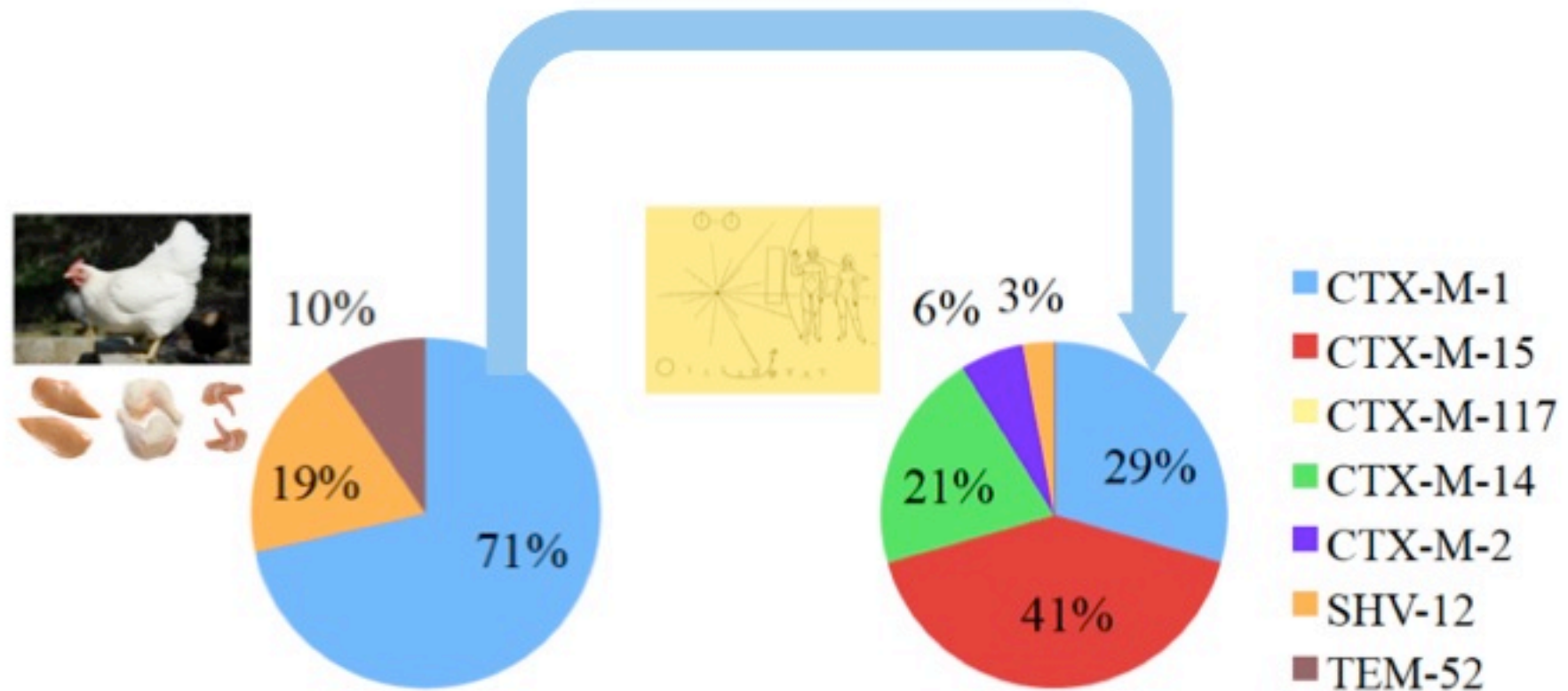


FIGURE 1 | Comparative analysis of pHV295.1, pHV114.1, and pHV292.1. Major structural features of the IncI1 plasmids are shown in comparison with the IncI1 reference plasmid R64 (Accession no. AP005147). Gray shaded areas indicate homologies in the plasmid scaffold regions. Red boxes mark antibiotic resistance genes. Conjugation-related genes are shown with capital

letters in yellow boxes. Blue boxes indicate transposon-, integron-, or replication associated genes. Green boxes denote maintenance- and stability-related genes. White boxes indicate hypothetical proteins and light blue boxes show *pil* genes. The origin of transfer *oriT* is shown as a blue circle. The figure is not drawn to scale.



*bla*_{CTX-M-1}



Plausible explanation for human burden due to CTX-M-1 expressing *E. coli*



Origin	Sample ID	Vegetable	Species	MLST/CC	E. coli Phylo- group	ESBL(x)	Antibiotic resistance profile
			E. coli E. proteomicrobiae E. chrysae E. aerogenes E. sakazakii			CTX-M-15 CTX-M-14 CTX-M-13 CTX-M-12 CTX-M-11 CTX-M-10 CTX-M-9 CTX-M-8 CTX-M-7 CTX-M-6 CTX-M-5 CTX-M-4 CTX-M-3 CTX-M-2 CTX-M-1 CTX-M-0	
Dominican Republic	058L 0806	Bitter melon		ST131	B1		
	058L 0824	Bitter melon		ST661	B1		
	058L 0845	Chili		ST405/CC405	D		
	058L 0813	Curry leaves		ST307	D		
	058L 0826	Curry leaves		ST386/CC38	D		
	058L 0847T	Curry leaves		ST1742	B1		
	058L 0847B	Curry leaves		ST1656	B1		
	058L 0823	Egg plant		ST45	B1		
	058L 0827	Egg plant		ST147	B1		
	058L 0831	Egg plant		ST147	B1		
India	058L 0809	Green Chili		ST307	A		
	058L 0828	Small Chili		ST167 JCC38	A		
	058L 0828 T	Cucumber		ST410/CC 23	A		
	058L 0828 V	Curry leaves		ST1739	B1		
	058L 0828 L	Curry leaves		ST155/CC155	B1		
	058L 0828 S	Curry leaves		ST4681	B1		
	058L 0828 T	Curry leaves		ST1741	B1		
	058L 0828 V	Curry leaves		ST152	B1		
	058L 0828 L	Curry leaves		ST1881	B1		
	058L 0828 T	Curry leaves		ST1740	B1		
Thailand	058L 0828 T	Green Chili		ST37	D		
	058L 0828 V	Okra (marrow)		ST386/CC38	D		
	058L 0828 L	Okra		ST155/CC155	B1		
	058L 0828 S	Okra		ST443/CC205	B1		
	058L 0828 T	Okra		ST997	B1		
	058L 0828 V	Okra		ST4682	B1		
	058L 0828 L	Okra		ST4684	B1		
	058L 0828 S	Okra		ST244	A		
	058L 0828 T	Okra		ST641/CC86	A		
	058L 0828 V	Okra		ST15	A		
Vietnam	058L 0828 T	Okra		ST15	A		
	058L 0828 V	Okra		ST15	A		
	058L 0828 L	Okra		ST15	A		
	058L 0828 S	Okra		ST15	A		
	058L 0828 T	Okra		ST15	A		
	058L 0828 V	Okra		ST15	A		
	058L 0828 L	Okra		ST15	A		
	058L 0828 S	Okra		ST15	A		
	058L 0828 T	Okra		ST15	A		
	058L 0828 V	Okra		ST15	A		

CTX-M-15

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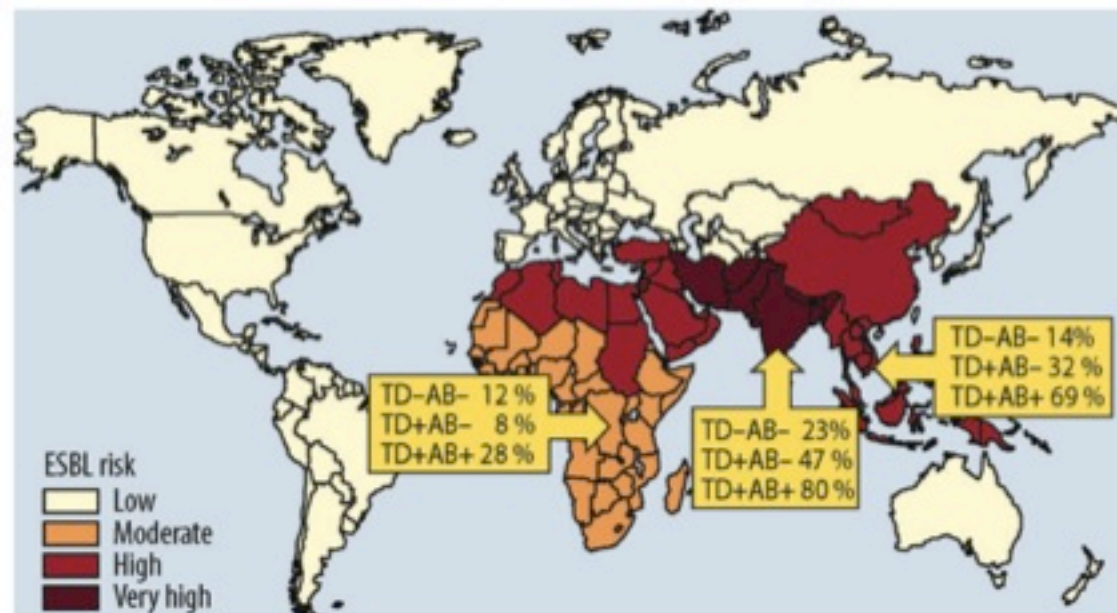
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Antimicrobials Increase Travelers' Risk of Colonization by Extended-Spectrum Betalactamase-Producing *Enterobacteriaceae*

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CTX-M:

79% of ESBL strains

Most prevalent:

CTX-M-1

CTX-M-9

CiDa 39 D und D und Flo Indien ESBL Carba ab d14



Feral rock pigeon

Columba livia

Great cormorant

Phalacrocorax carbo





ESBLs in feral birds: Results

Sample size:

Pigeons 298

Cormorants 30

Strain	Origin	β -Lactamase	MLST	Phylogroup
W117E	Pigeon	CTX-M-15	N/D	B2
W117C	Pigeon	CMY-2	ST457	D
W132	Pigeon	CMY-2	ST457	D
W265	Pigeon	CMY-2	ST457	D
W34	Cormorant	CTX-M-15	ST120	B1
W43	Cormorant	CTX-M-27	ST131	B2



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Total fecal samples analysed:
235



Positive: 1 Roe deer hunted in Rotkreuz ZG

Sequenced ESBL: → CTX-M-1

Doctoral thesis: Tobias Obwegeser



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ESBL producing *E. coli* in wild ruminants

Discovery of extended-spectrum β -lactamase producing *Escherichia coli* among hunted deer, chamois and ibex

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64 Whitefish *Coregonus lavaretus*



33 Perch *Perca fluviatilis*



29 Roach *Rutilus rutilus*

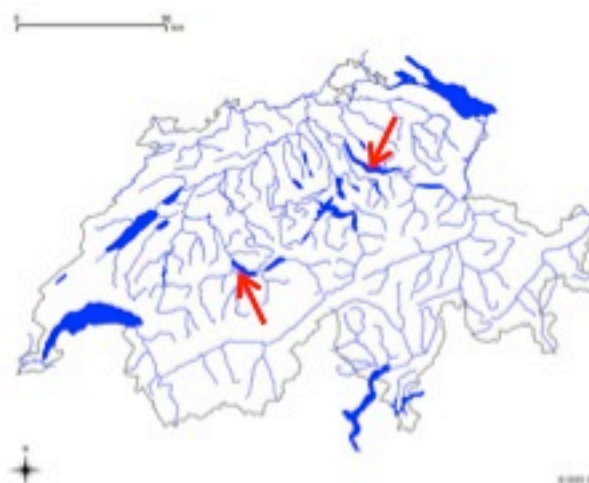


6 Brown Trout *Salmo trutta*

139 Samples from:

Lake of Zurich

Lake of Thun



4 Pike *Esox lucius*



1 Bream *Abramis brama*



1 Tench *Tinca tinca*



1 Sunfish *Centrarchidae*



- 26 / 139 fish (18.7%) yielded 33 carriers of pAmpC or ESBL: 23 (16.5%) from lake Zurich, 3 (2.2%) from lake Thun
- Among the 33 strains, the following *bla* genes were found:

13 <i>bla</i> CTX-M-15	7 <i>bla</i> CTX-M-27	4 <i>bla</i> CTX-M-1
4 <i>bla</i> CTX-M-14	2 <i>bla</i> CTX-M-24	2 <i>bla</i> SHV-12
1 <i>bla</i> CMY-2		



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Enterobacteriaceae with Extended-Spectrum- and pAmpC-Type β -Lactamase-Encoding Genes Isolated from Freshwater Fish from Two Lakes in Switzerland

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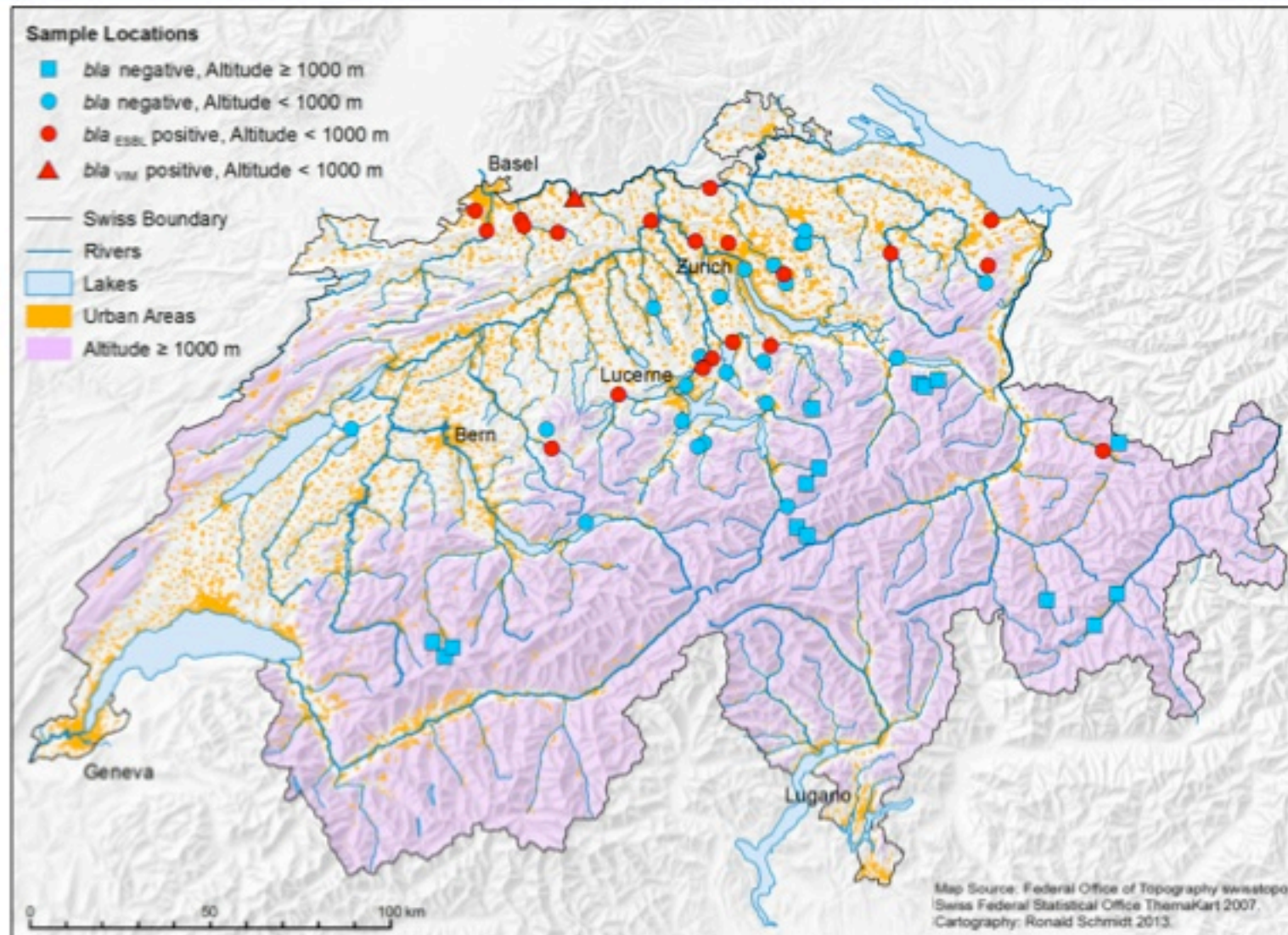
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3rdGen-Ceph^R and Carb^R in surface waters

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Surface waters: 58

Rivers: 40

Lakes: 18

Positive for ESBL
or carbapenemase:
21/58 (36.2%)

Total isolates: 75
ESBL-producer: 74
Carba-producer: 1



3rdGen-Ceph^R and Carb^R in surface waters

Water/Lake	Sample No.	Species	ESBL-phenotypic group	Resistance	ESBL-CTX-M-15	Carbapenem
		<i>Escherichia coli</i>				
		<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> subsp. <i>pneumoniae</i>				
		<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>				
		<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>				
		<i>Enterobacter amnigenus</i>				
		<i>E. coli</i> phylogenetic group				
		AM				
		AMC				
		CF				
		CTX				
		OP				
		GM				
		TE				
		S				
		C				
		K				
		NA				
		SMZ				
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		TEM				
		CTX-M-1				
		CTX-M-3				
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		CTX-M-27				
		VIM				

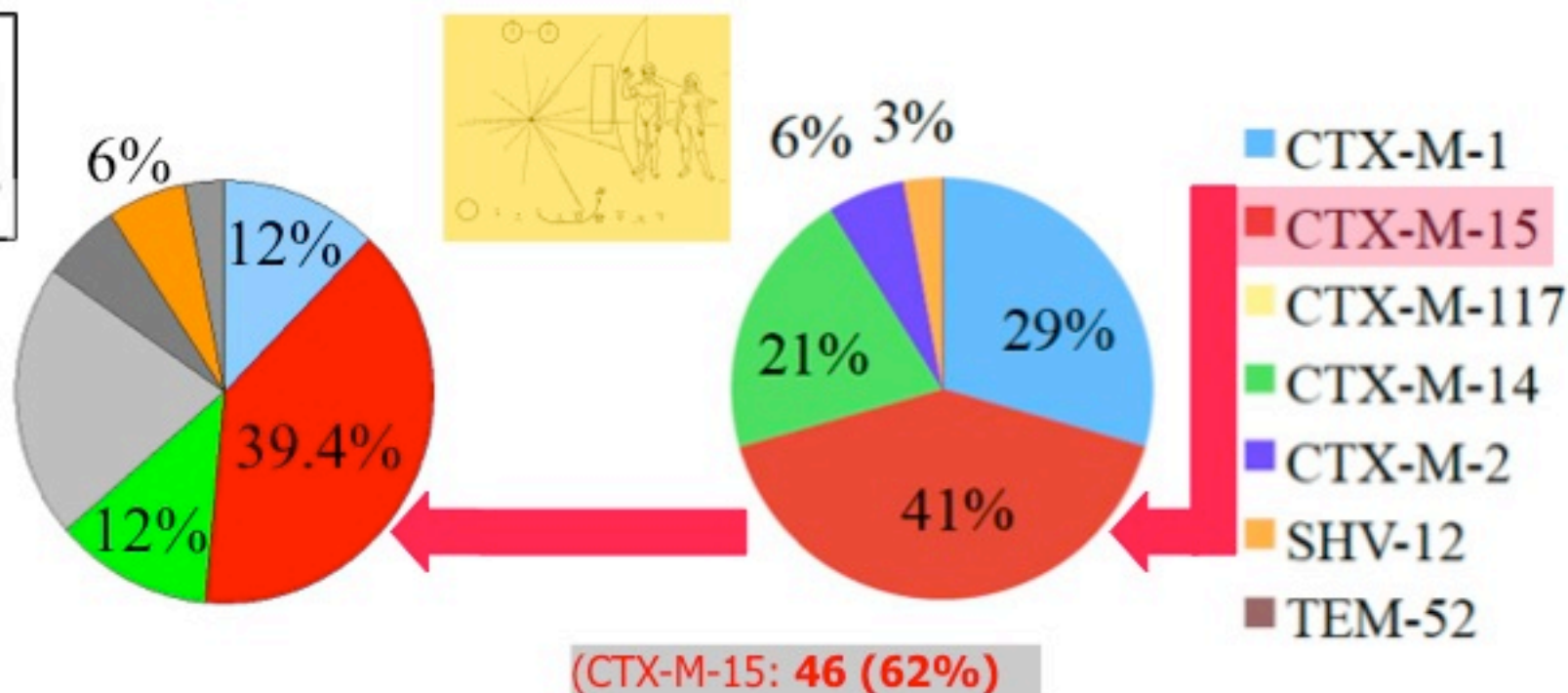
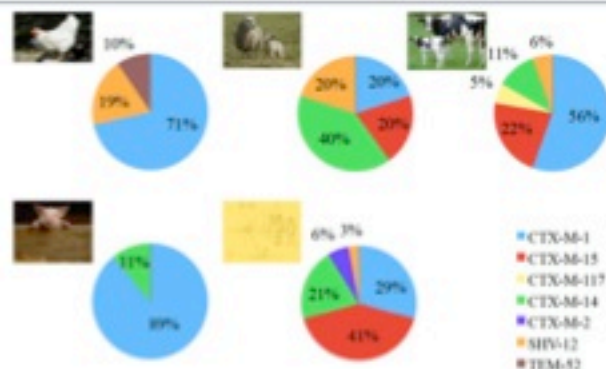
Total isolates: 75 ↑ ESBL-producer: 74 (CTX-M-15: 46 (62%)) / Carba-producer: 1



Origin of CTX-M-15 producers in water??

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A Novel Tn3-Like Composite Transposon Harboring *bla*_{TEM-1} in *Klebsiella pneumoniae* spp. *pneumoniae* Isolated from River Water

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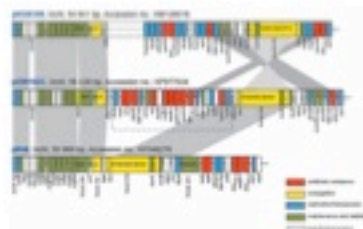
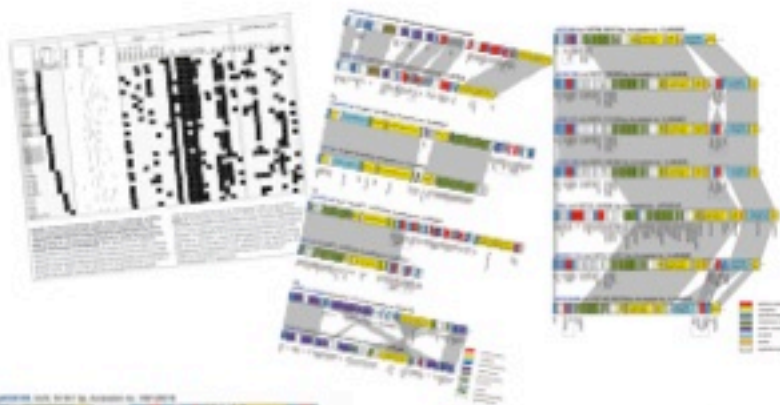
Replicon typing of plasmids carrying *bla*_{CTX-M-1} in *Enterobacteriaceae* of animal, environmental and human origin

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Characterization of the genetic environment of *bla*_{CTX-M} genes, integrons and toxin-antitoxin systems identified on large transferable plasmids in multi-drug resistant *Escherichia coli*

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Poultry-derived plasmids with *bla*_{CTX-M-1} → highly linked to IncI1/
ST3, human-, cattle and pig-derived ones to a lesser extent
plus to IncI1/ST1

Human-derived plasmids with *bla*_{CTX-M-15} → predominantly linked
to IncF, and, to a lesser extent, to IncI1, IncK and IncR

Moreover, many conjugative plasmids carrying *bla*_{CTX-M} genes
express Toxin/Antitoxin systems for stability



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Wastewater Treatment Plants Release Large Amounts of Extended-Spectrum β -Lactamase-Producing *Escherichia coli* Into the Environment

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(See the Editorial Commentary by Griffiths and Barza on pages 1666–7.)



Results and conclusions in Besançon

1. Total *E. coli* in waste water (/ml): Urban > hospital
 $7.5 \times 10^5 > 3.5 \times 10^5$ x 2.2
2. ESBL *E. coli* in waste water (/ml): Urban < hospital
 $0.8 \times 10^3 < 27 \times 10^3$ x 34
3. Elimination total *E. coli* in WWTPlant: 98%
4. Elimination ESBL *E. coli* in WWTPlant: 94%
- **Relative enrichment of ESBL *E. coli* by WWTPlant !!**
5. Daily release of ESBL *E. coli* into river Doubs $> 600 \times 10^8$
5. ESBL *E. coli* in sludge (fertilizer) from WWTP $2.6 \times 10^5/\text{g}$

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When the investigators tested isolates for antibiotic susceptibility, they found that the ESBLECs in the hospital wastewater were more resistant to antibiotics than those in the urban wastewater, particularly to ceftazidime ($P < .001$) and ofloxacin ($P < .001$).

Our results suggest that there is a need for improvements in the monitoring of antibiotic-resistant microorganisms of human origin in effluent," they conclude.

In an editorial commentary accompanying the study, Jeffrey K. Griffiths, MD, MPH, from the Department of Public Health and Community Medicine, Tufts University, Boston, Massachusetts, and Michael Barza, MD, from the Steward Carney Hospital, Tufts University School of Medicine, emphasize **that effective treatment of hospital wastewater should be a key component in efforts to stem antibiotic resistance.**

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ESBL producing *Enterobacteriaceae* in Switzerland are to be found in patients, healthy humans, food, farm animals, wild fish, birds and mammals as well as in surface waters

There is strong evidence for transmission of CTX-M-1 producers between chicken (products) and humans

CTX-M-15 is the most frequent ESBL in humans, in WWTPs, and in surface waters

Although located on conjugative plasmids of various Inc groups, *bla*_{CTX-M} genes were most often associated with transposable elements such as ISEcp1 or IS26 suggesting common ancestry

The reservoir of CTX-M-15 producers is as yet unknown, but preliminary results seem to suggest partly vegetable foods



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