

# Impact of novel molecular diagnostics on AMR

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Antimicrobial resistance: Increasing resistance worldwide



ESBL: Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamases

Woerther P.L. Clin Microbiol Rev. 2013;26(4):744-58

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### **AMR: worldwide important public health treath**



Increase in research papers reflects the increase of the problem of AMR



Mostly focused on clinical isolates

L Cantas, et al, Front. Microbiol, 2013

### The genetic content of micro organisms is very dynamic





Wintersdorf et. al. Front Microbiol. 2016

### **Spread of AMR**

Rapid spread of resistant strains

Different routes of transmission

Rapid detection of resistance leads to earlier recognition (infection control)

Rapid detcetion leads to optimal antibiotic treatment



### **Spread of AMR**

Vertical transmission: clonal, specific strain e.g. MRSA

Horizontal transmission: mobile genetic elements, clonal & non-clonal e.g. ESBL

- Large difference in molecular detection
- Different dynamics



# Plasmid Dynamics in KPC-Positive *Klebsiella pneumoniae* during Long-Term Patient Colonization





# Transmission



#### Advantages of phenotypic sensitivity testing:

- Detection of expression of resistance
- Level of sensitivity (sensitive/intermediate/resistant)
- Detection of unknown resistances

#### Disadvantages of phenotypic sensitivity testing:

- Takes a long time (24-48h)
- Low level of resistance difficult to detect
- Requires pure culture (can not be used on clinical specimens)
- Some resistance mechanisms are problematic/difficult to identify



### Need for Speed

- Adequate treatment
- Reduction of transmission of AMR



#### Advantages genotypic resistance detection:

- Possible on clinical specimen
- Rapid result
- Suited for bacteria expressing low resistance levels
- Clear results (specific gene)
- Detection of mobile genetic elements

#### **Disadvantages genotypic resistance detection:**

- Only known genes will be detected
- Many combinations of PCRs needed with mobile genetic elements
- Not every resistance can be detected
- Resistome probems with clinical specimen
- False negative results due to primer location variants

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### New molecular developments in detection of resistance

- Malditof
- Extreme PCR
- NGS



Procedure for detection of beta-lactamase metabolites by MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry.

Preparation scheme for the detection of ß-lactamase activity





## MALDI-TOF mass spectrogram of ampicillin for five ESBL-producing Escherichia coli strains and one ampicillin-susceptible strain.





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Nathan A. Ledeboer, and Richard L. Hodinka J. Clin. Microbiol. 2011;49:S20-S24

### New developments detection of resistance/sensitivity



Extreme PCR: Efficient and Specific DNA Amplification in 15-60 Seconds

Jared S. Farrar, Carl T. Wittwer, Clin. Chem. 2014

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### Resistome

- Many micro-organisms may carry resistance genes
- Resistome = "the collection of antibiotic resistance genes in both pathogenic and non-pathogenic bacteria"
- Culturable & non-culturable
  - Microbial communities potential reservoirs of exchangeable resistance genes



All these ARGs potentially matter and should be studied

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Wright, G.D. Nature Reviews Microbiology. 2007;5:175-186



**Fig. 6** Differentially abundant ARGs and MGEs in 6-month-old infants. **a** MGEs differentially abundant due to breastfeeding in 6-month-old infants compared to non-breastfeed infants. **b** ARGs differentially abundant in breastfeed infants at 6 months, **c** ARGs differentially abundant in 1-month-old infants due to IAP. **d** ARGs differentially abundant in 6-month-old infants due to IAP. **e** MGEs differentially abundant due to IAP in 1-month-old infants. **f** MGEs differentially abundant due to IAP in 6-month-old infants. Genes that have negative fold changes are more abundant in the non-breastfed and IAP groups. Sizes depict the number of samples each gene was found in (n = 1-10), color represents ARG or MGE class. The y-axis shows log2 fold changes and the x-axis denotes gene names

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#### Mode of delivery and breastfeeding impact tetQ prevalence





Quality and completeness of public database records (e.g. diversity of resistance mechanisms)

Sensitivity, specificity and predictive values (compared to standard phenotypic AST approaches)

Clinical, epidemiological and infection controlrelated implications

Way of reporting the results to the clinicians (comprehensible, but not simplistic)

Internal and external quality assurance measures

Unsolved questions standing in the way of establishing whole genome sequencing (WGS) as approach for routine antimicrobial susceptibility testing (A



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### Microculture: Fast detection of AMR in E.coli



(micro) Culture based



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Baltekin Ö, et al, PNAS 2017 22

### **Current developments**

Detection of AMR is changing (culture + molecular)

Detection of resistance become more complictaed due to Increase in diversity of resistance mechanisms

Molecular detection on clinical specimen is increasingly implemented

New technologies speed up detection of resistance

Role resistome will become more important (reservoir)

Miniaturisation of technologies & apparatus



Impact of novel molecular diagnostics on AMR

More rapid molecular detection of AMR will lead to optimized antibiotic treatment and thus less spread of AMR

Molecular diagnostics will give new insight in the resistome and thus AMR reservoir in clinical specimens

Molecular diagnostics will give better insight into transmission routes of specific genes and strains

MDx will give information on spread of mobile genetic elements

MDx will give us more time to develop new antibiotic strategies by decreasing the spread of AMR



### Thanks for your attention



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