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# **Antibiotikaresistens og nye antibiotika - er det mulig å tenke nytt?**

**Engelsk:**

## **The ZinChel Project - Overcoming $\beta$ -Lactam Resistance**

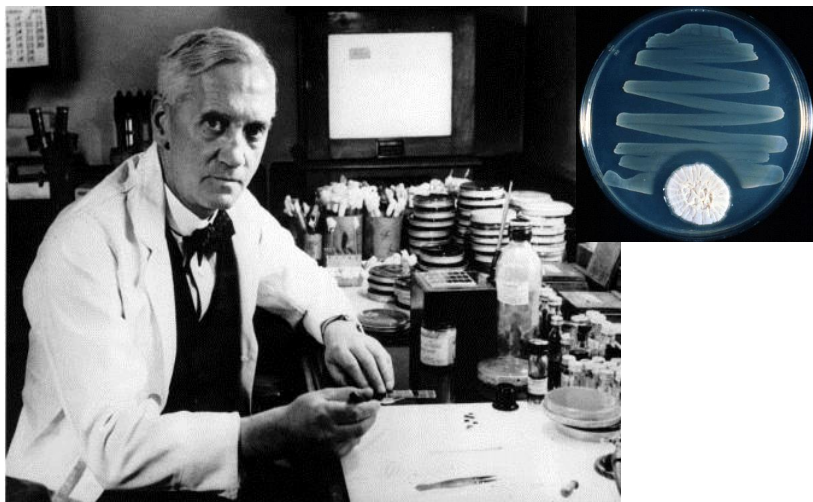
The Zinchel Project  
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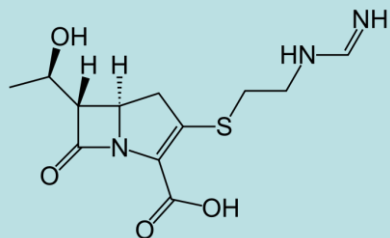
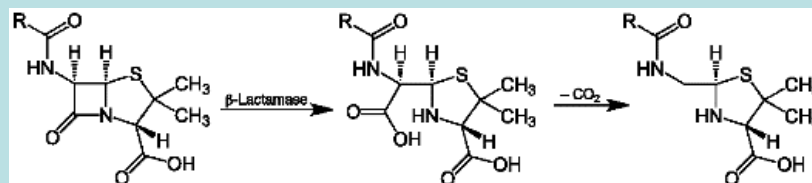
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# Drug Discovery within Antibiotics

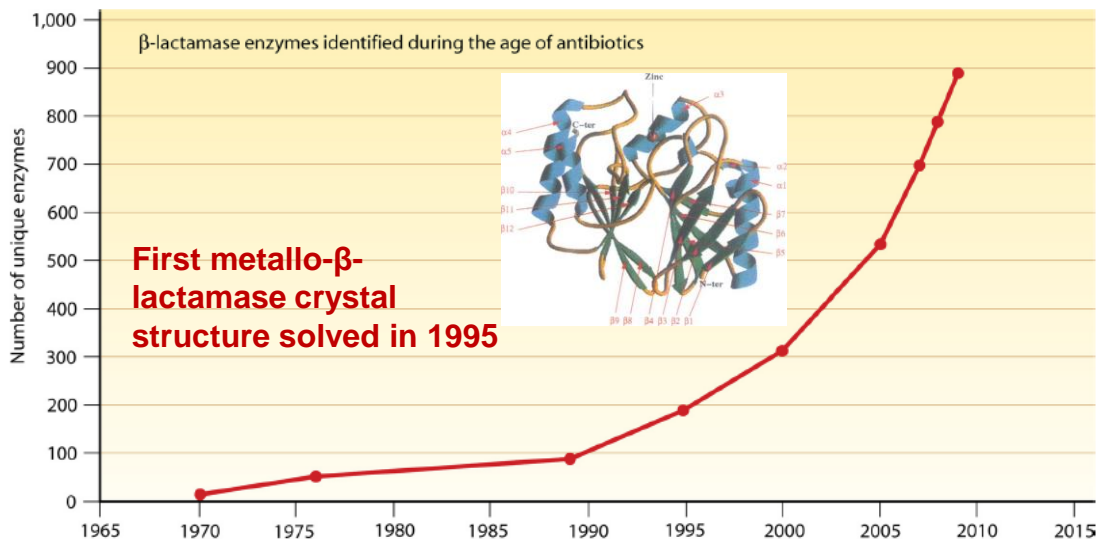
**Alexander Fleming: penicillin G in 1928**  
**- the 1945 Nobel Price in medicine**



**1940 – first penicillinase discovered**  
**1942 – first penicillin became «available»**

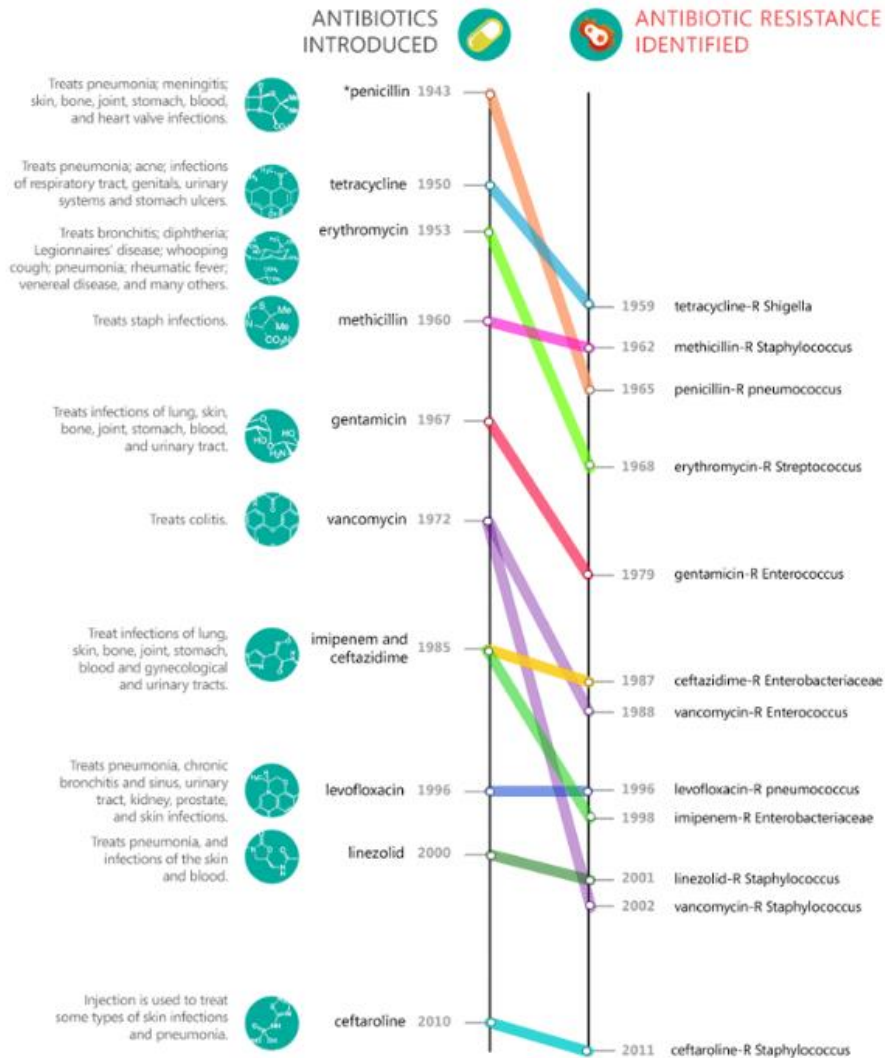


**Imipenem. The first carbapenem. FDA approved 1985.**



# Timeline of Antibiotic Resistance

Nearly as quickly as life-saving antibiotics are created, new drug-resistant infections appear

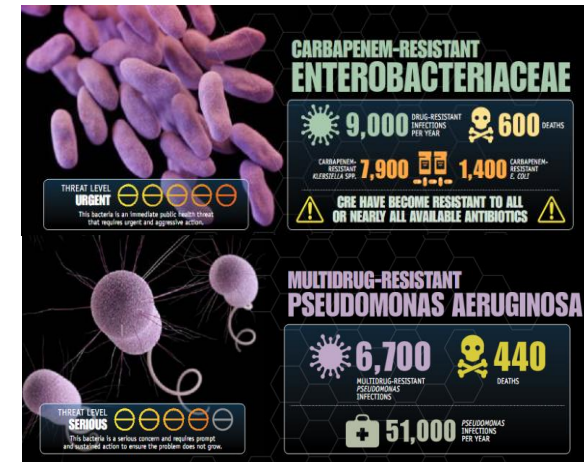
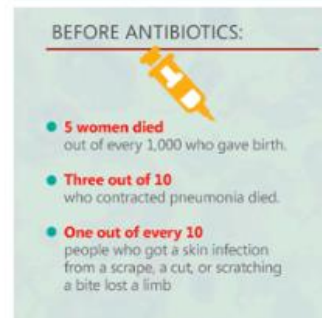
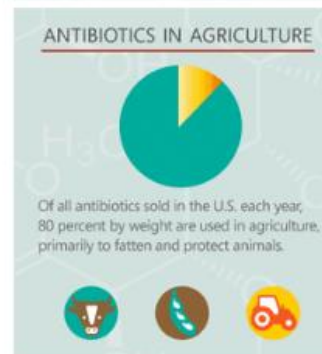


\*Penicillin-resistant Staphylococcus appeared in 1940, three years before widespread use of the drug.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Credits: Switchyard Media and Food & Environment Researching Network

Source: M. McKenna, 2013, Fern's AG Insider

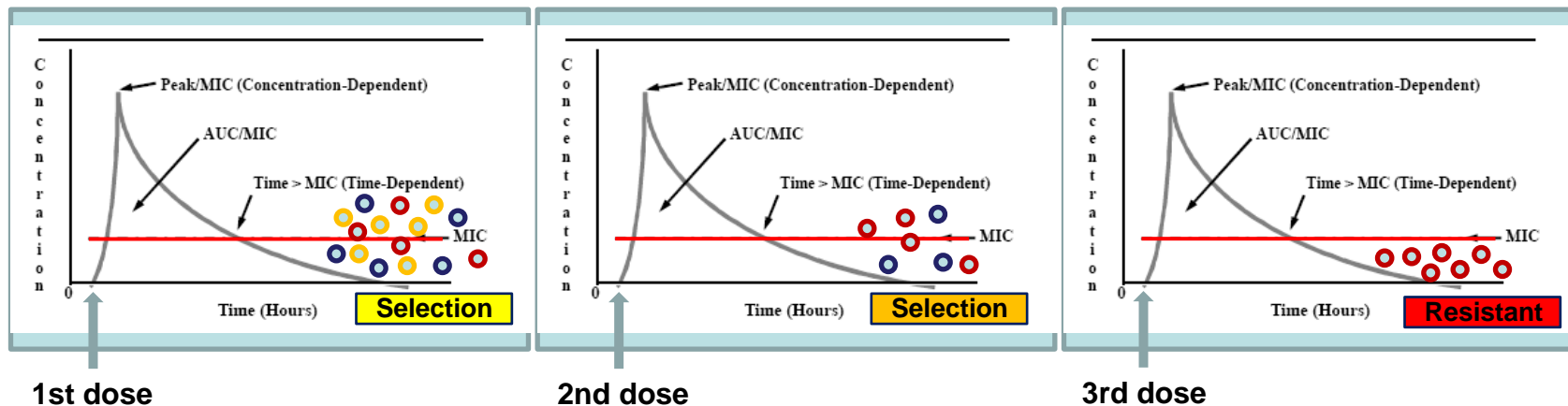


**Hospitals – immuno deficiency...**





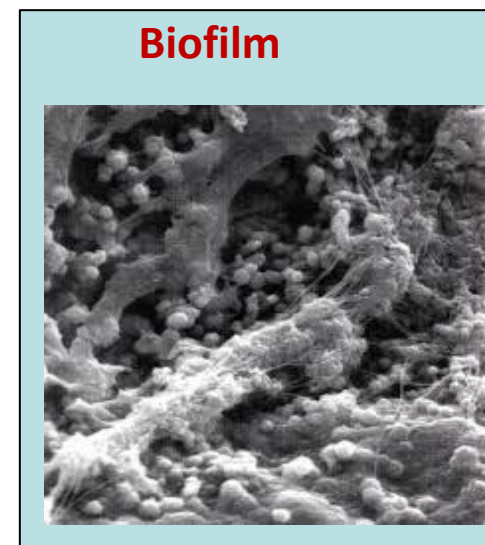
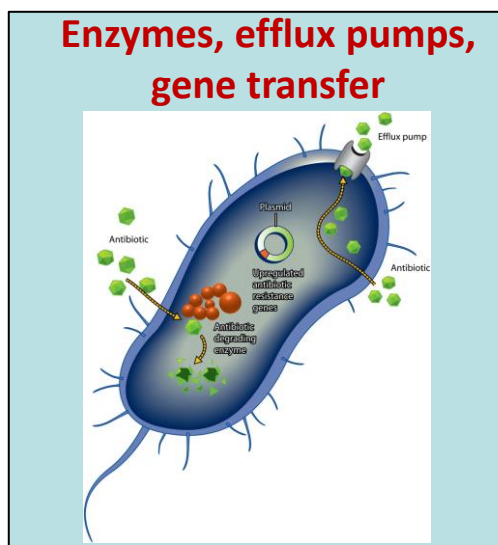
# Antibiotics and Resistance



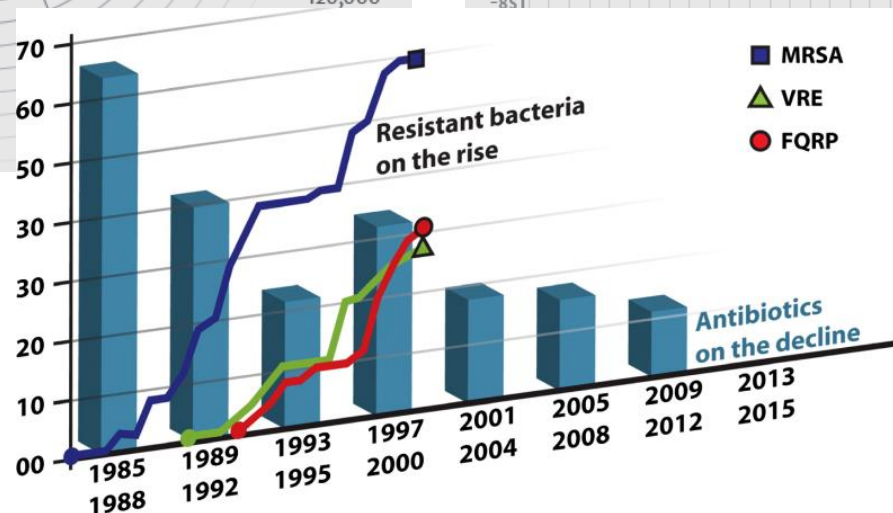
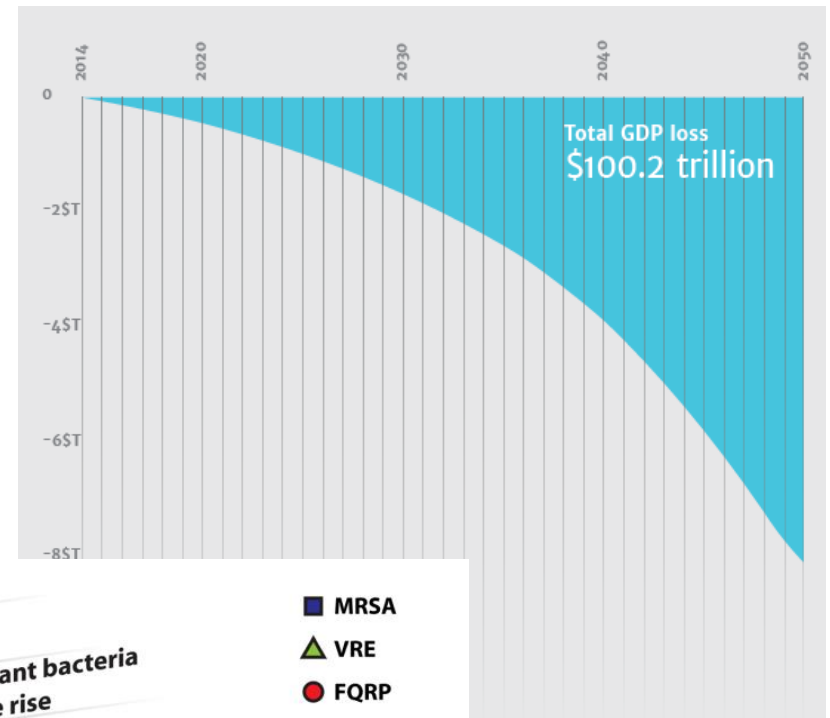
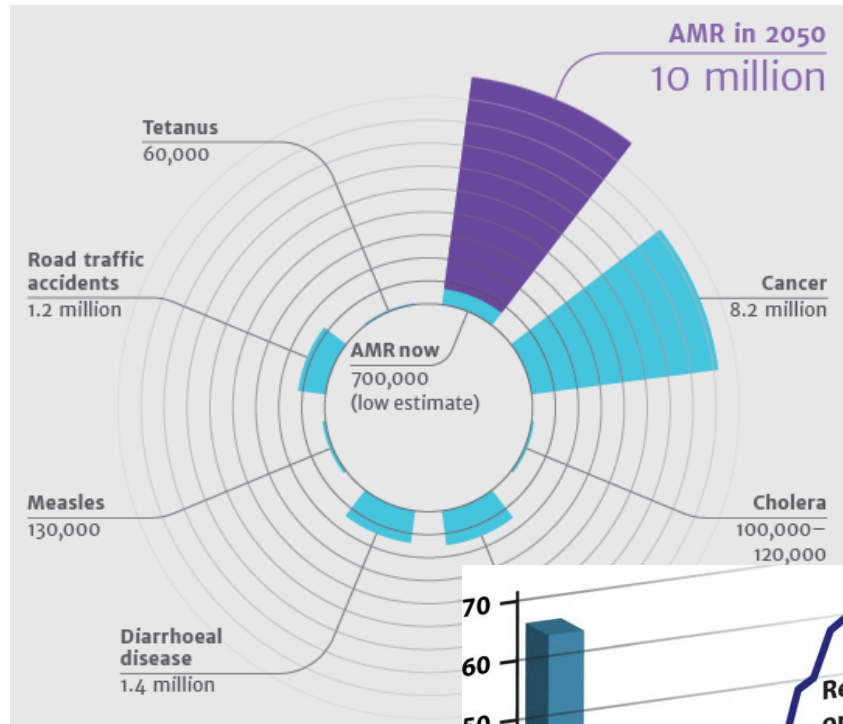
Level of resistance:

- High ○
- Medium ○
- Low ○

MIC: minimum effective concentration



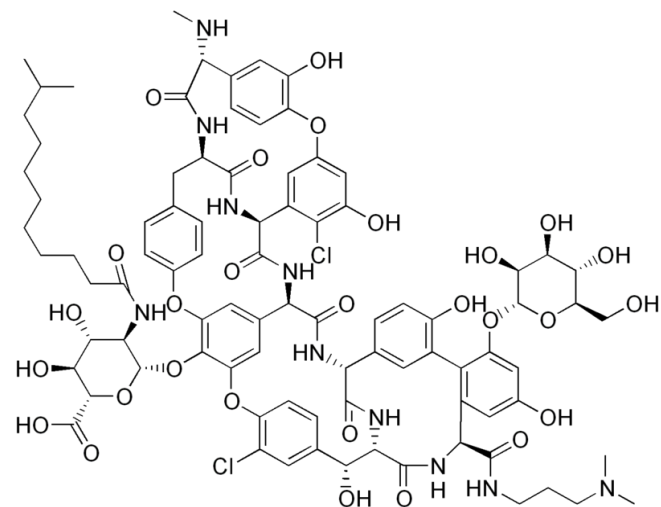
# If no new antibiotics..



# What new Antibiotics Marketed?

***In 20 years: only three genuinely first-in-class AB to the market (US):***

- **2014: Dalbavancin (Dalvance, Durata Therapeutics) – lipoglycopeptide – against *gram-positive***
- **2012: Bedaquilin (Sirturo, Janssen) – diarylquinoline – against *tuberculosis***
- **2011: Fidaxomicin (Dificid, Cubist/Merck) – macrocyclic – against *clostridium difficile***



**Dalbavancin**  
**(EU: Xydalba, Actavis)**

# $\beta$ -Lactamases

- $\beta$ -lactamases:  $\beta$ -lactam-cleaving enzymes.
- Capable of cleaving all  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics
- Zinc is essential for catalytic activity.
- 2015: no clinical inhibitor of metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase on the market.

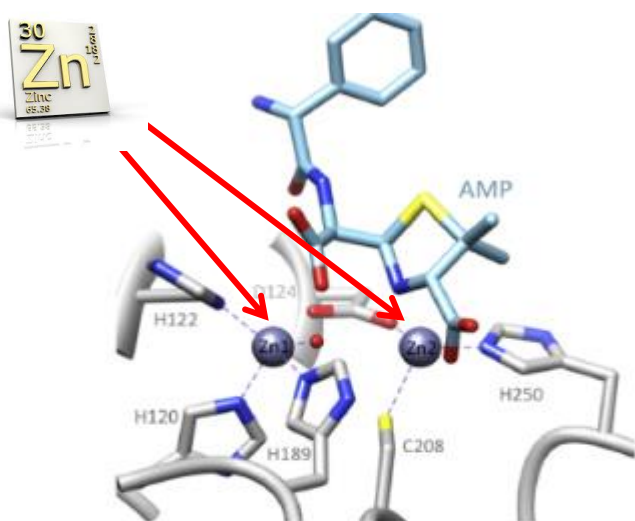
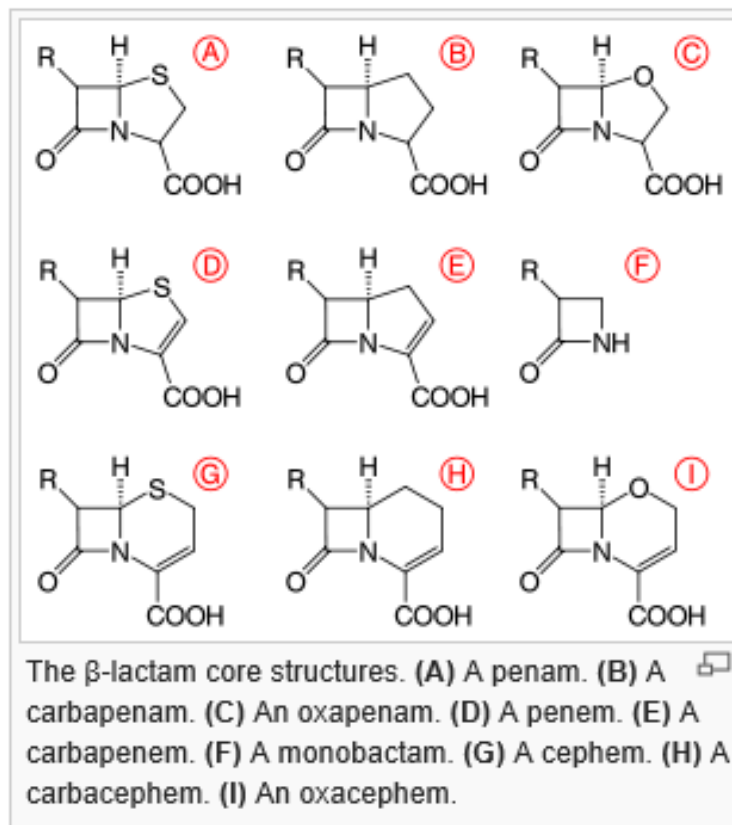


Figure 5. Primary zinc ligands of NDM-1. A structure of NDM-1 (grey) bound to hydrolyzed ampicillin (light blue) shows the primary zinc ligands conserved throughout the B1 family of metallo-beta-lactamases. Notably,  $Zn_2$  bridges between Cys208 and the product carboxylate. The figure was prepared using coordinates from protein databank accession code 3Q6X<sup>23</sup> and the molecular visualization program UCSF Chimera.<sup>34</sup>

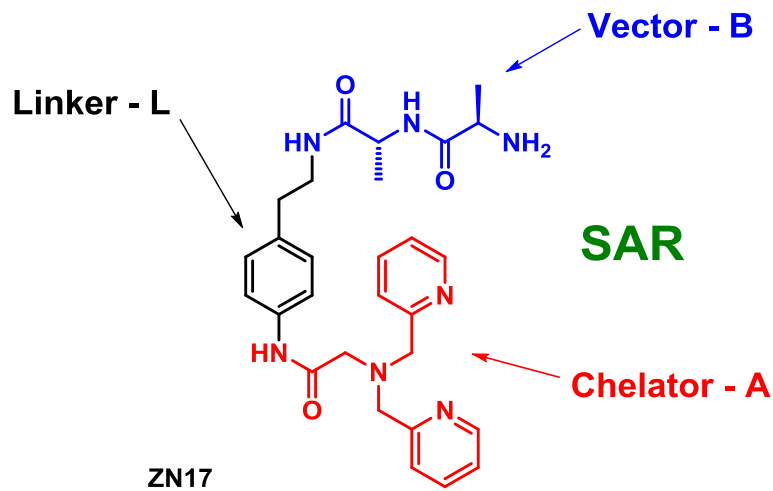
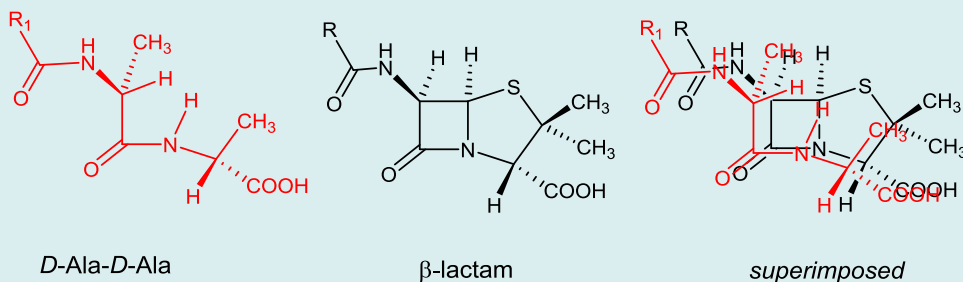


- 2008 – New Dehli metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase discovered in Sweden.
- Active against all  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics on the market.
- First patient with NDM-1-related disease died in 2010.

# ZinChel project – a new strategy against resistant bacteria

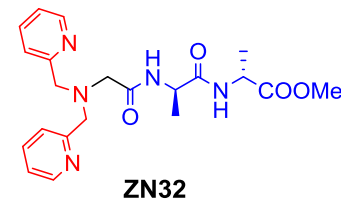
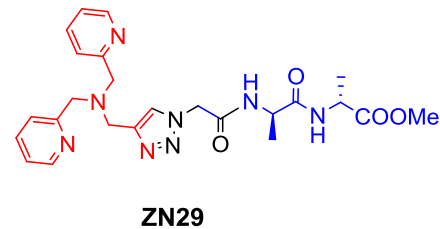
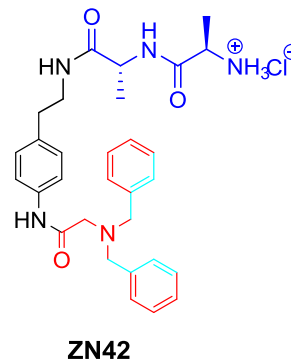
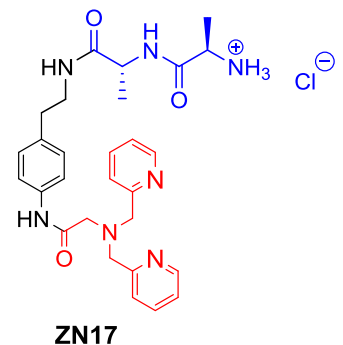
*Based on chemistry – rational design*

## Mechanism of action (MOA) $\beta$ -lactams



*General binding to penicillin-binding proteins (PBPs)?*

Structure gram negative bacteria are ongoing. They revealed the necessity of all the elements **A**, **L** and **B** in the general structure below, exemplified by the lead candidate **ZN17**.

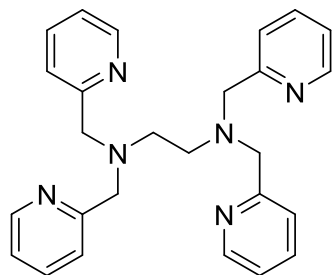




# Results – Enzyme Inhibition and Whole Cell

## Enzyme inhibition pure enzyme

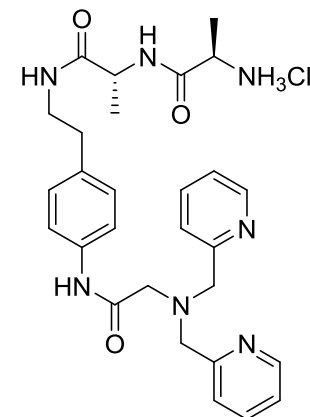
	IC <sub>50</sub> value VIM-2 $\mu$ M	IC <sub>50</sub> value VIM-7 $\mu$ M	IC <sub>50</sub> value GIM-1 $\mu$ M	IC <sub>50</sub> value NDM-1 $\mu$ M
<b>TPEN</b>	11.69	103.2	0.61	0.30
<b>ZN17</b>	22.8	54.48	0.40	0.52



**TPEN**

## Whole cell assay

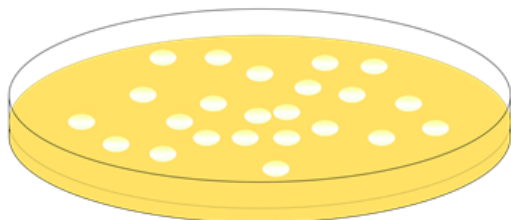
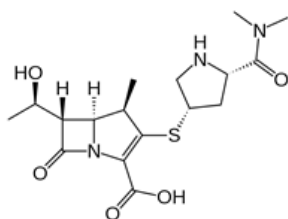
	% inhibition at 250 $\mu$ M VIM-2	% inhibition at 250 $\mu$ M GIM-1
<b>TPEN</b>	98.90	38.45
<b>ZN17</b>	98.25	69.20
Positive control	90.63	18.07
Netative control	0	0



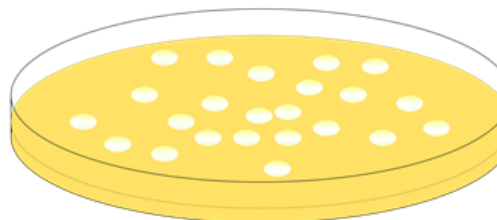
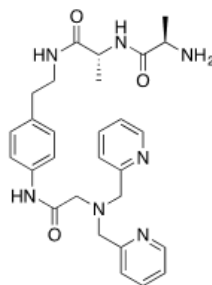
**ZN17**

# Results – Testing Clinically Relevant Resistant Bacteria

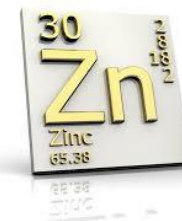
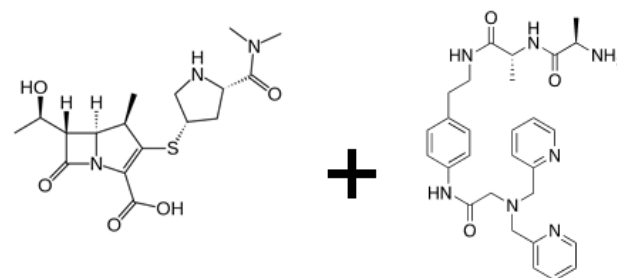
Meropenem



ZN17

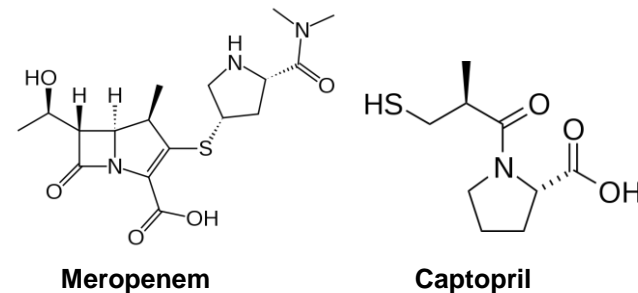


Meropenem + ZN17

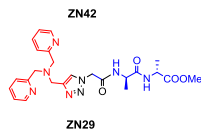
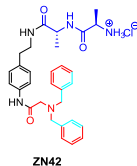
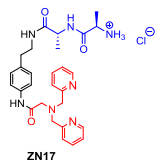


# Results – Clinical Isolates

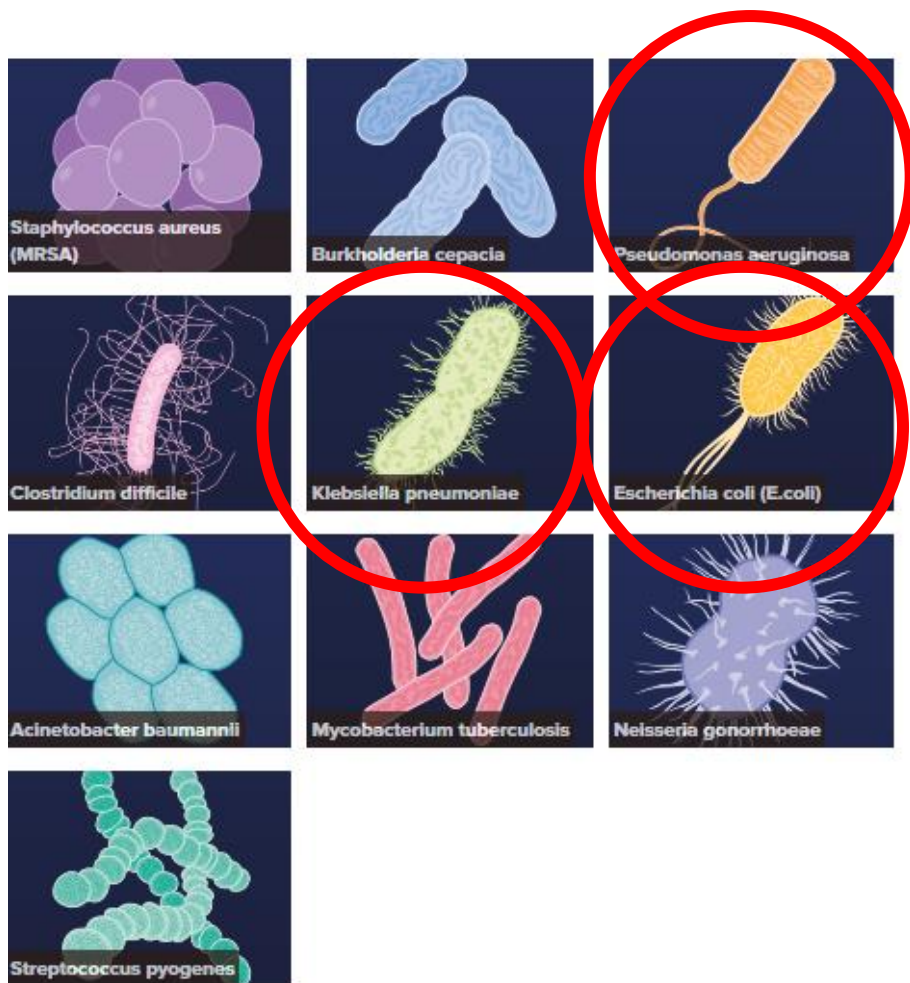
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	Gram-negative bacteria harboring NDM-1			Toxicity in human cancer cells (IC <sub>50</sub> , µM)		
Ref. no	50692172	K66-45	K71-77	Pancreas cancer		Breast cancer
Species	P. aeruginosa	K. pneumoniae	E. coli	MDA-MB-231	MiaPaCa	Colo357
MEM	32-128	32-64	1-8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
MEM + ZN17	≤0,5	≤0,5	≤0,064	127.2 ± 91.6	118.4 ± 31.5	117.9
MEM + ZN 29	2	≤0,5	≤0,064	152.2 ± 17.1	115.7 ± 8.9	186.4
MEM + ZN32	16	8-16	0,5-1	183.6 ± 45.8	97.7 ± 6.3	169.1
MEM + ZN42	64	128	32	15.4 ± 10.0	12.7 ± 4.3	20.4 ± 5.1
MEM + Captopril	32-64	64	2-4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.



## The most Threatening Resistant Bacteria

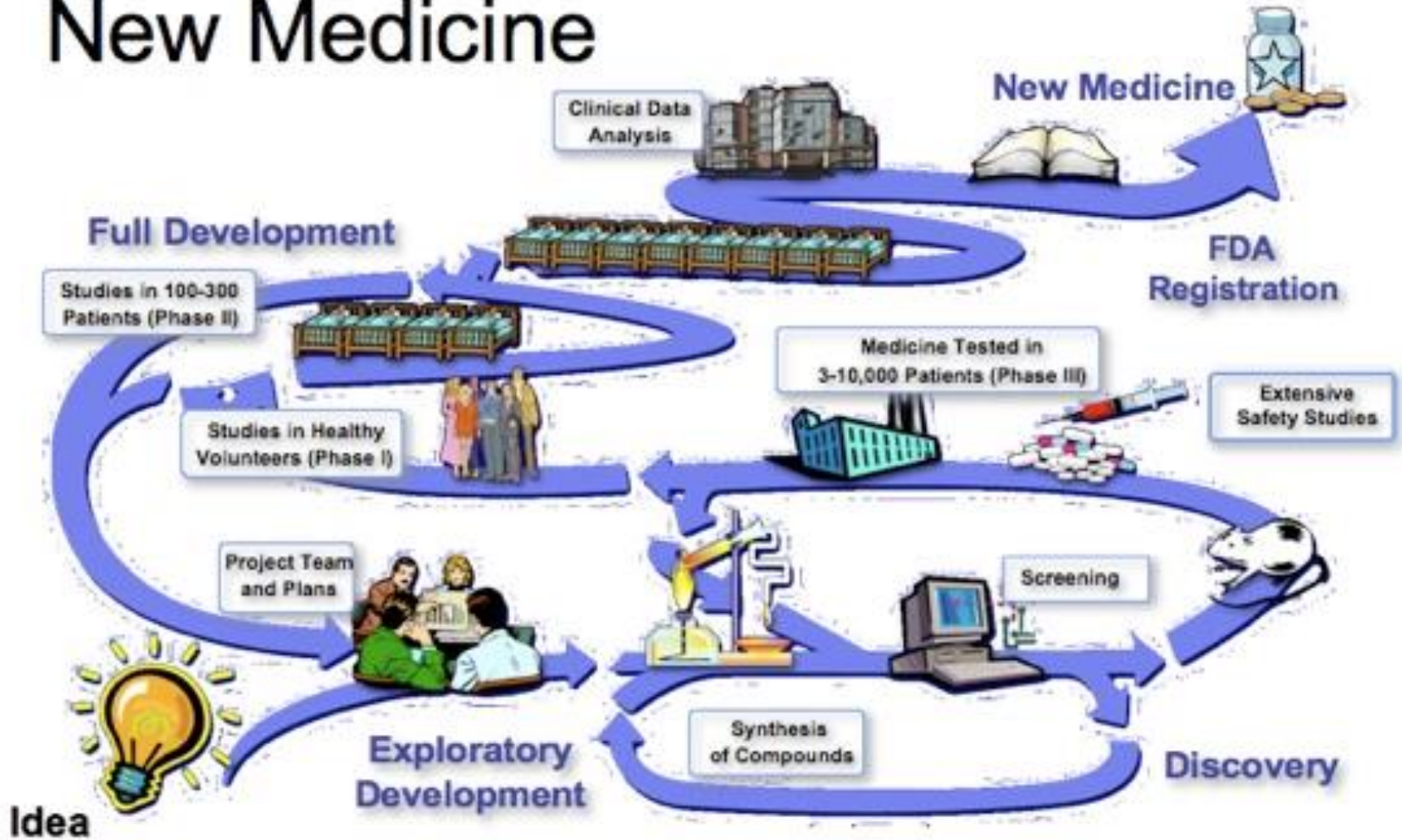


## Zinchel: Bold Hypotheses:

1. Resistance seem to develop faster in mono-target antibacterial technologies.
2. Zinchel is a multi-target concept – data indicates PBP-binding.
3. ZinChel disturbs a basic physiological parameter – the Zinc homeostasis.
4. In spite of 3., the compounds seem non-toxic to human cells – more data needed!

*Investigation of resistance development potential key study in project plan*

# The Long Road to a New Medicine





# Summary

- Only three genuinely new classes of antibiotics has been introduced to the market in 20 years (R.J. Anderson)
- More people are going to die from infections than cancer in 2050 if no new technologies are brought to the market.
- Industry is reluctant because of rapid development of resistance.
- Health authorities/governements world wide must (and will) take action both financially and in other ways.
- Our research group at School of Pharmacy/UiO has discovered a genuinely new adjuvant technology, dramatically reducing resistance towards carbapenems.
- The scope of application for other antibacterial drug classes is very wide.
- The project is not based on natural products but on medicinal chemistry rational design.
- The project has attracted attention and financing from both The NRC and two pharmaceutical companies.

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N	Nano technology
F	Formulation Physical chemistry
A	Analysis
S	Synergy

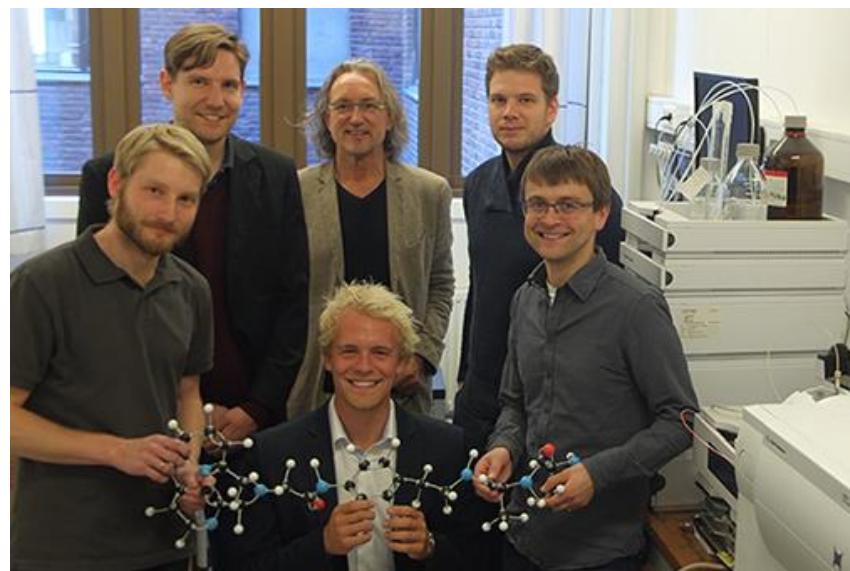


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