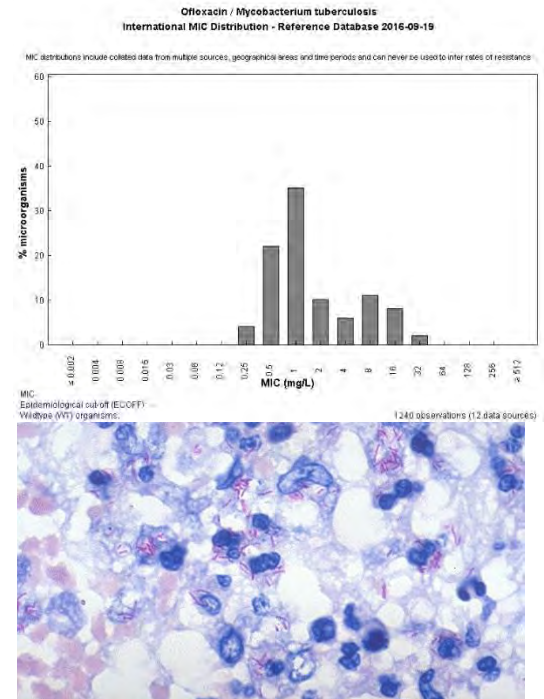


# The role of MIC determinations and *M. tuberculosis* subpopulations - what would be clinically useful?



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# MIC determinations – why?

- Therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM)
- Low level resistance
- Establish drug susceptibility breakpoints

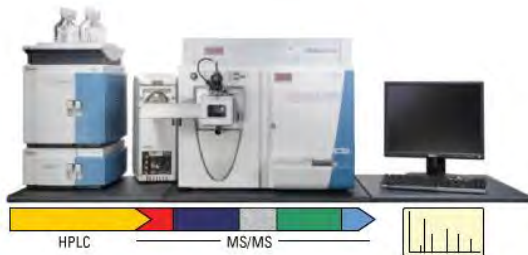
# Individualized treatment



MIC (susceptibility level)  
Resistance mutations



Drug concentrations  
LC-MS/MS



Host  
Immune  
defence



**TDM**



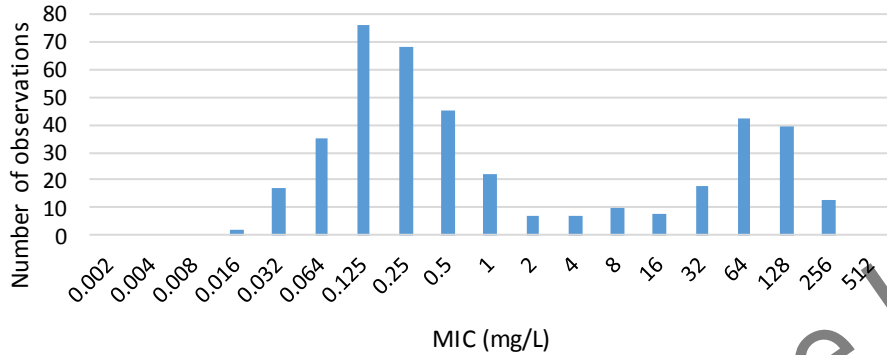
Clinical evaluation - TB-score  
Patient factors

Bacterial load – CFU/time to  
positivity (TTP)

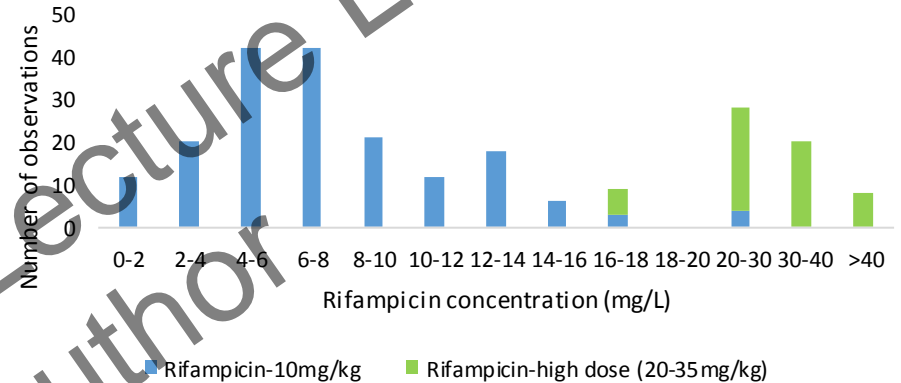


# TDM/MIC in clinical practice – Rifampicin

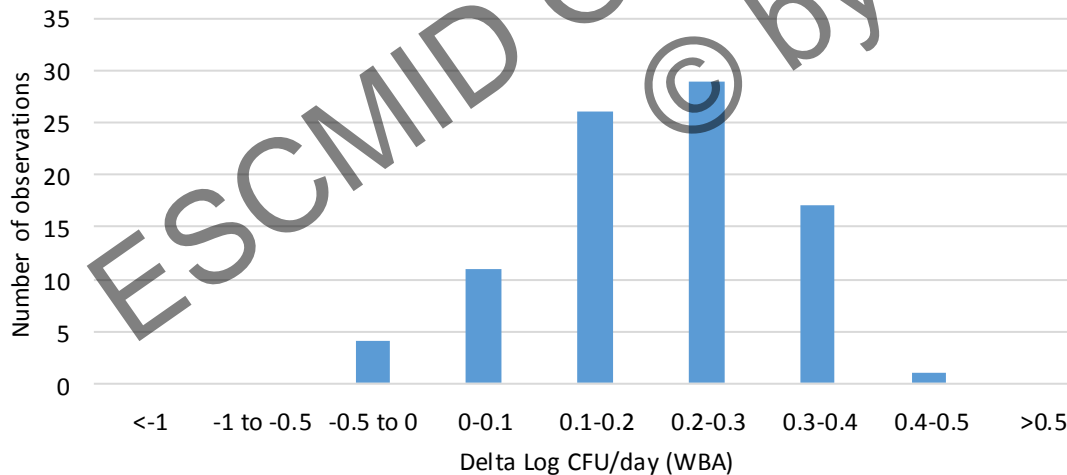
MIC distribution of rifampicin (8 studies, n=409)



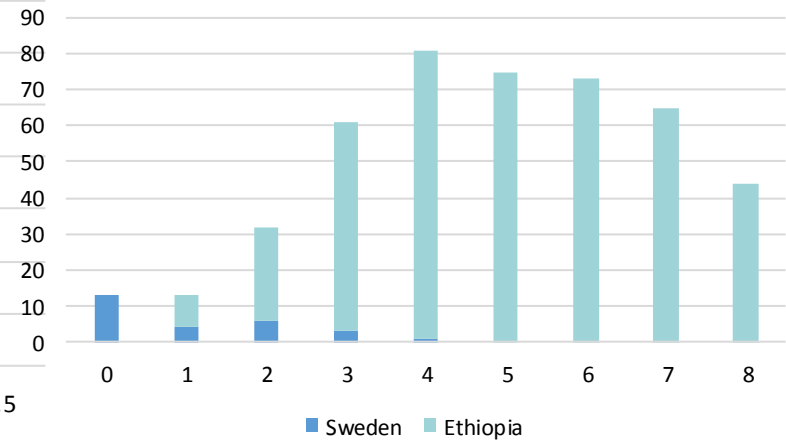
Rifampicin drug concentrations (3 studies, n=238)



Host immunity represented by whole blood bactericidal assay (WBA)



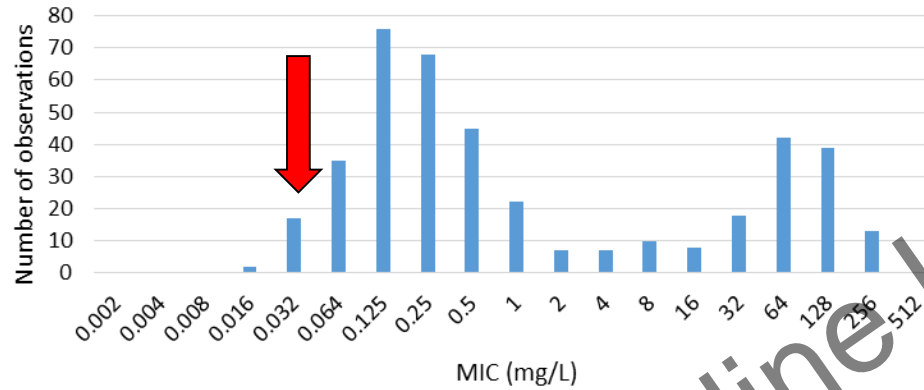
TBscoreII



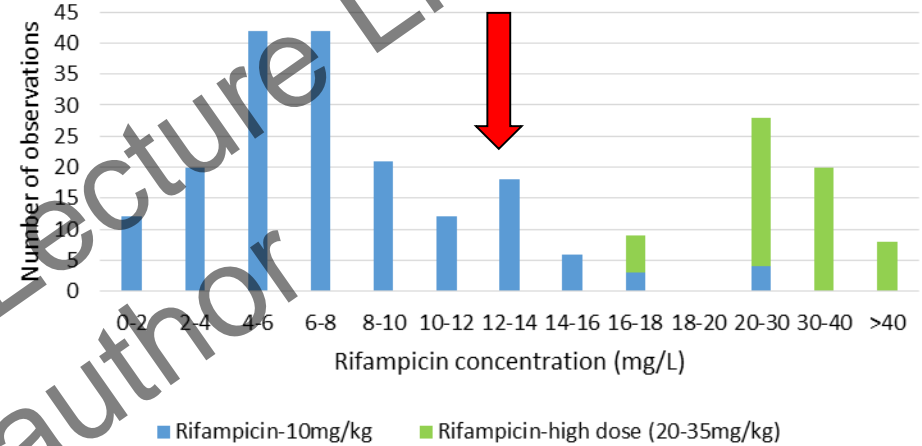
# Case 1. Drug susceptible pulmonary TB (600mg RIF)

MIC: 0.032 mg/L, Rif serum conc: 12.7 mg/L WBA -0.24, TB-scoreII:2

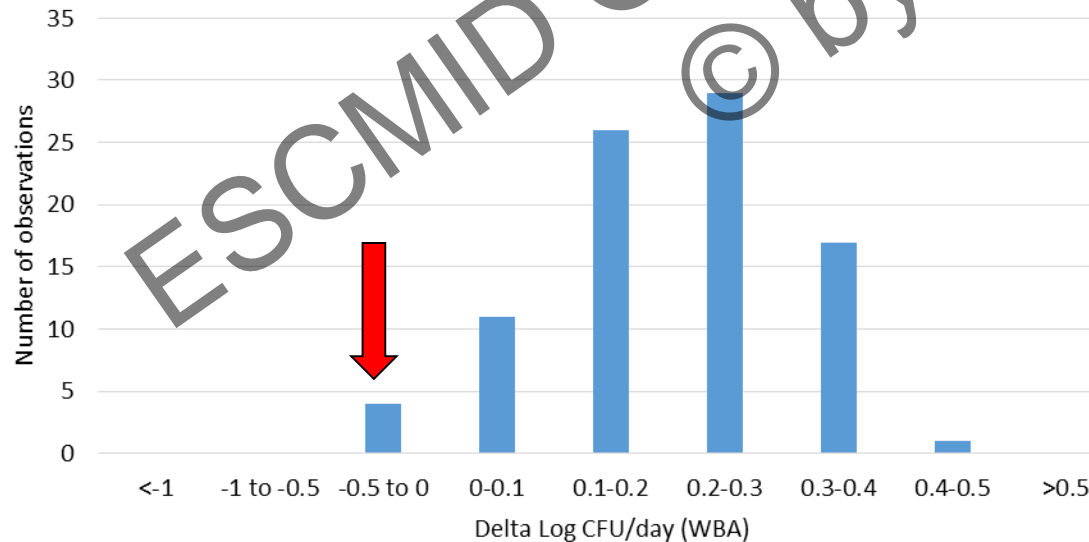
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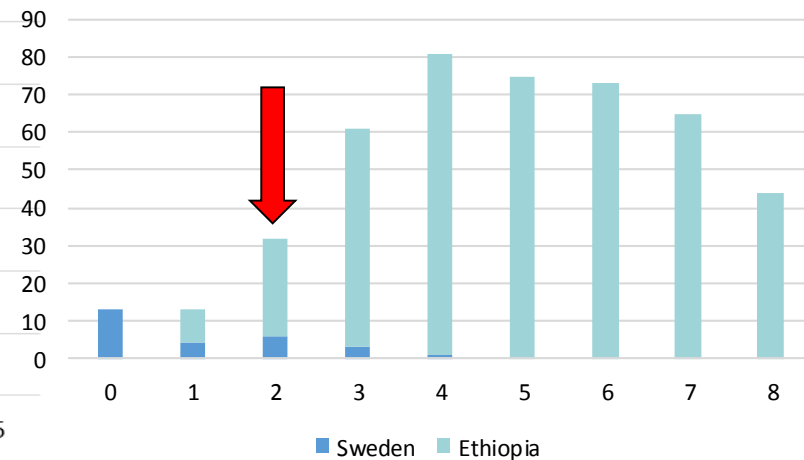
### Rifampicin drug concentrations



### Host immunity represented by whole blood bactericidal assay (WBA)



### TBscoreII

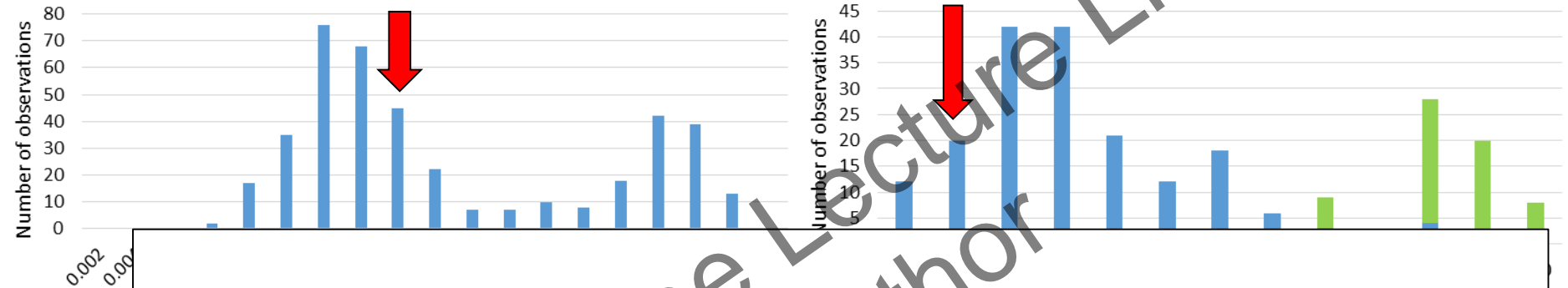


# Case 2. Drug susceptible pulmonary TB (600mg RIF)

MIC: 0.5 mg/L, Rif conc: 3.1 mg/L, WBA: 0.32 CFU/day, TB-scorell:8

MIC distribution of rifampicin

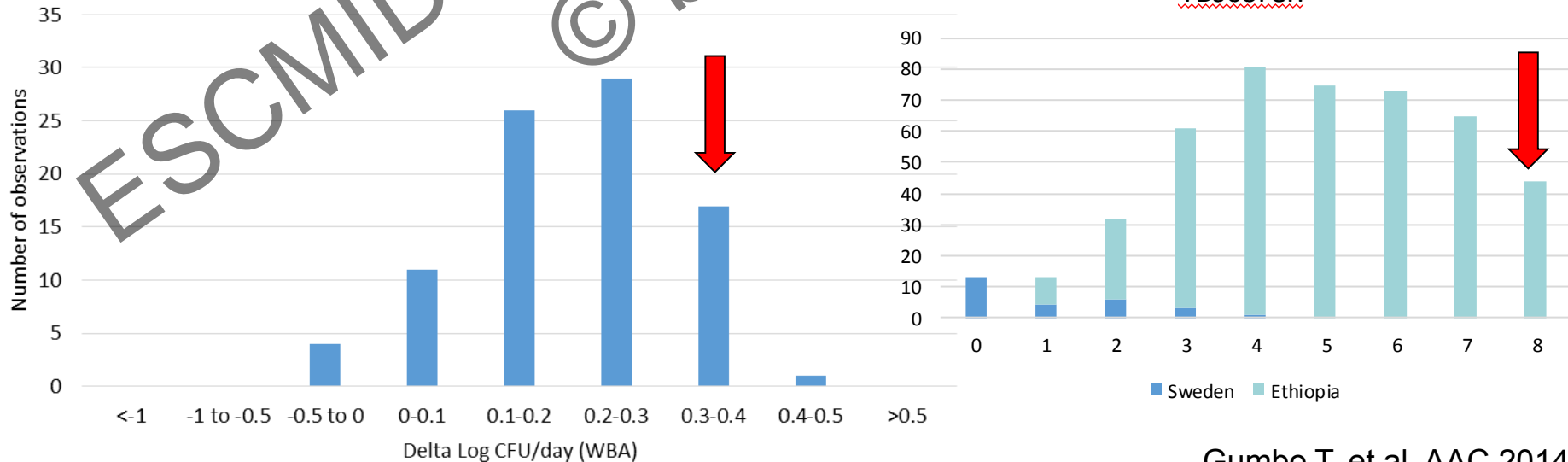
Rifampicin drug concentrations



1. The RIF dose needed for cure is dependent on the MIC
2. Could higher RIF dosing vs MIC lead to shorter regimens ?

Host immunity represented by whole blood bactericidal assay (WBA)

TBscorell



# MIC and Low level resistance

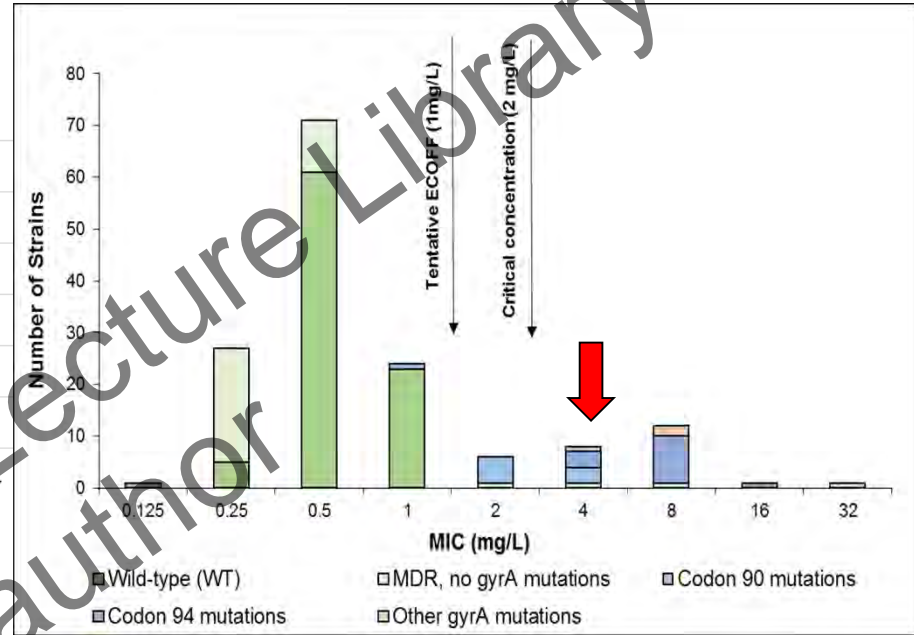
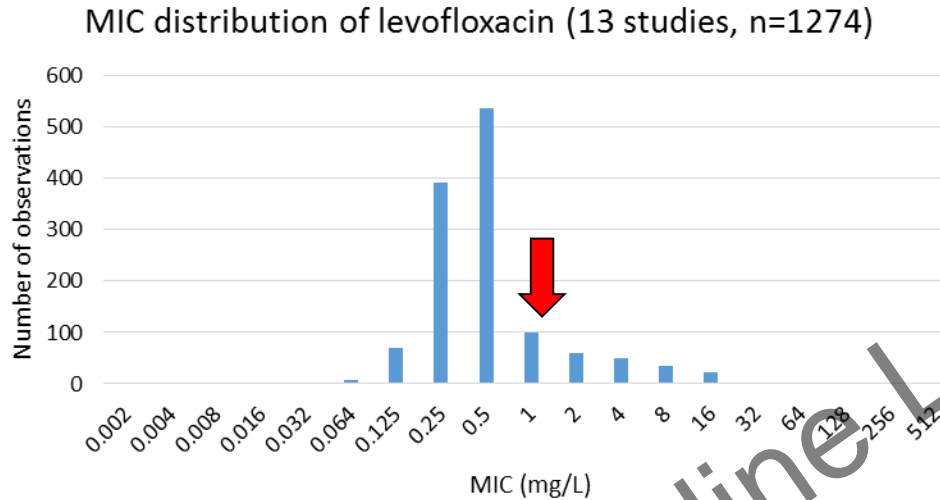
Action	Mutation	MIC range	DST	Hain	Frequency (%)	Clinical outcome data
HD FQ?	FQ <i>gyrA</i> A90V	LEV 0.5-2 MOX 0.25-2	S/R(I)	<i>gyrA</i> Mut 1	20-30	+/-
HD AMI/CAP?	AK/CAP: <i>Eis</i> C-12T, C-14T G-10A	KAN 8-32 AMI 1-4 CAP 2-8	KAN R AMI S/R(I) CAP S/R(I)	<i>Eis</i> Mut 1 (WT-)	5-22	-
HD INH?	INH: <i>inhA</i> C-15T A-16G T-8C/A	INH 0.25-2	INH R(I)	<i>inhA</i> Mut1 Mut2 Mut3ab	10-20	+/-
HD RIF?	RIF: <i>rpoB</i> D516Y L533P H526S/L	RIF:0.25-8	RIF S/R(I)	<i>rpoB</i> WT3/4- WT8- WT7-	<0.1	+/-
HD RIB?	RIF: <i>rpoB</i> D516V	RIF:2-64 RIB:0.064-0.5	RIF R RIB S/R(I)	<i>rpoB</i> Mut 1	5-32	+/-

# Low level resistance – mutations vs MICs

- Clinical outcome data limited
  - *inhA*, *gyrA* codon 90, *rpoB* A516V, *eis*, *embB* 306
  - Intermediate (I) - dose increase - TDM
- Each resistance mutation - MIC distribution
  - MIC determination if “low level resistance mutation”
- Are critical concentrations = clinical breakpoints = gold standard ?



# Pre-XDR or not ?



**MDR; OFL R, LEV S, MOX S**

**Dose 750mgx1**

**Cmax:11.2 mg/L**

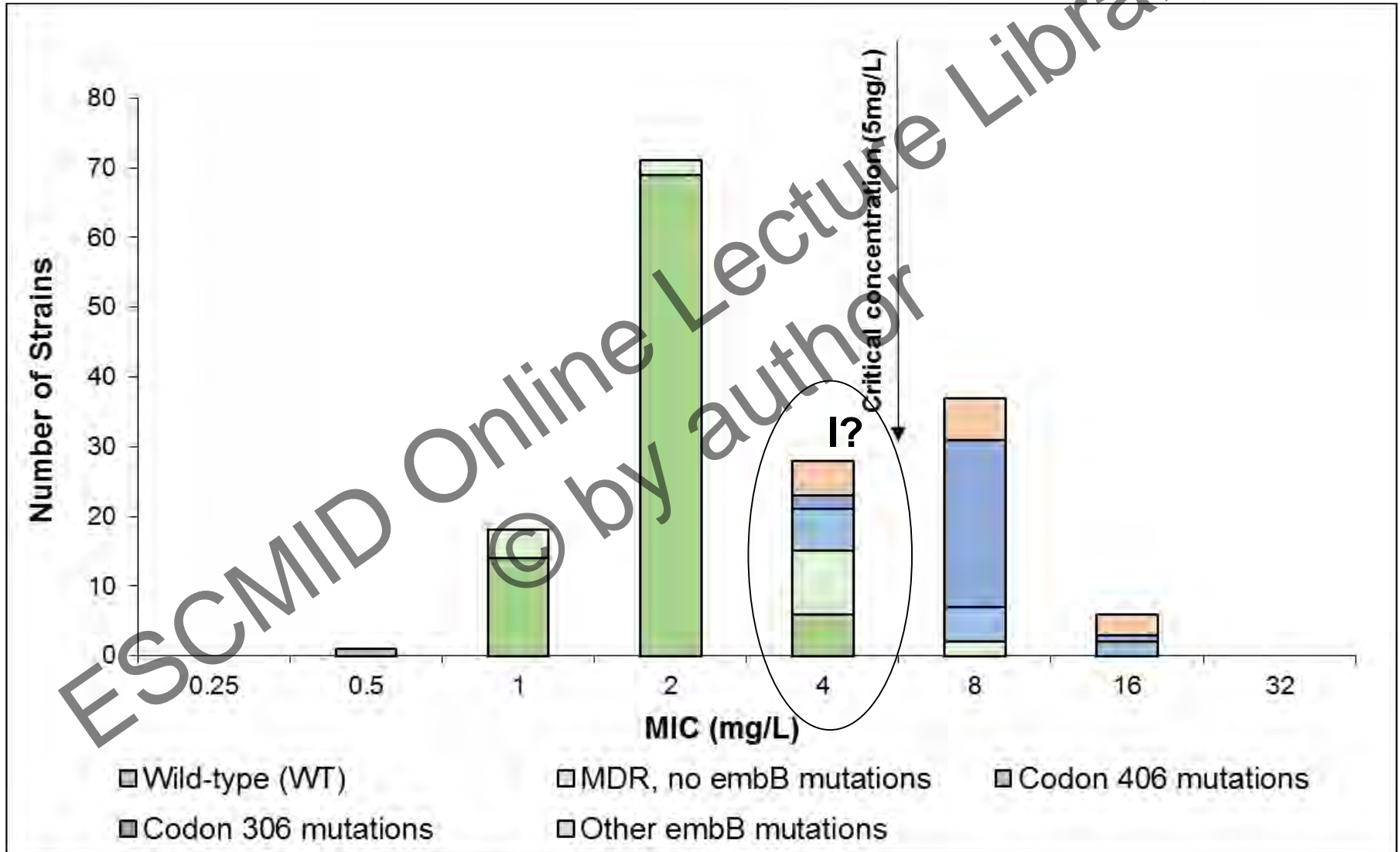
**LEV MIC 1mg/L, OFL MIC 4mg/L**

**HAIN *gyrA* mut 1 (A90V), WGS:A90V**

# MICs and clinical breakpoints

- Can we be sure about the gold standard ?
  - EUCAST: PK/PD, clinical outcome, MIC
  - FQs, CAP, RIB, ETH/PTO, EMB?
- Methodology – MIC determination
  - No reference standard (!)
  - Categorical S/R validation of new methods (?)
  - LJ->7H10->B460->MGIT->TREK->...
  - MIC distributions for EUCAST
- Quality control

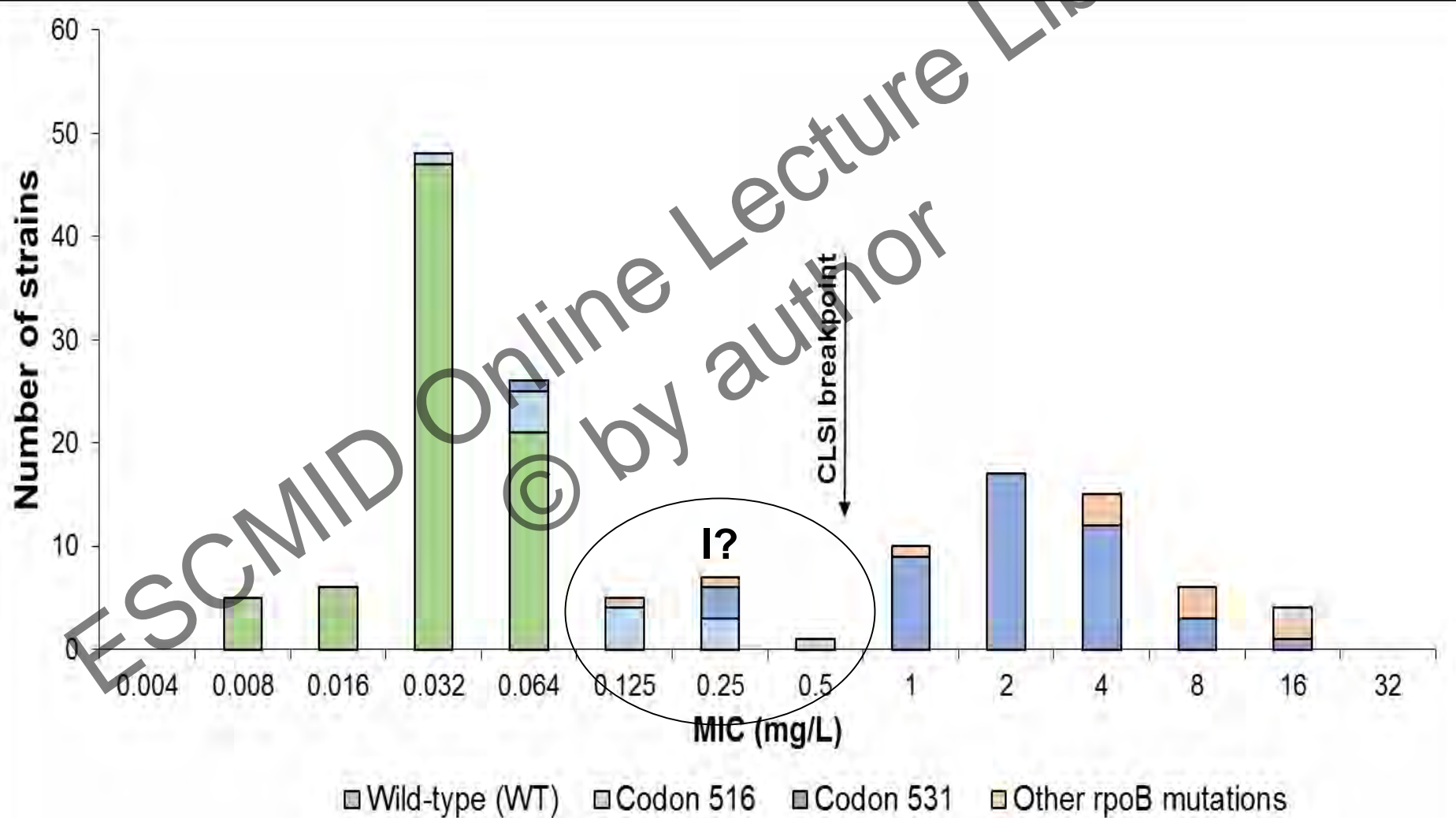
# Ethambutol



Schön T et al JAC 2009  
and unpublished observations

	WHO (2013/1998)	CLSI (2011)	WHO
LJ	7H10	7H10	MGIT
EMB	2	5/10	5

# Rifabutin (RIB S, RIF R ?)



# Standard media for MIC testing of *M. tuberculosis*

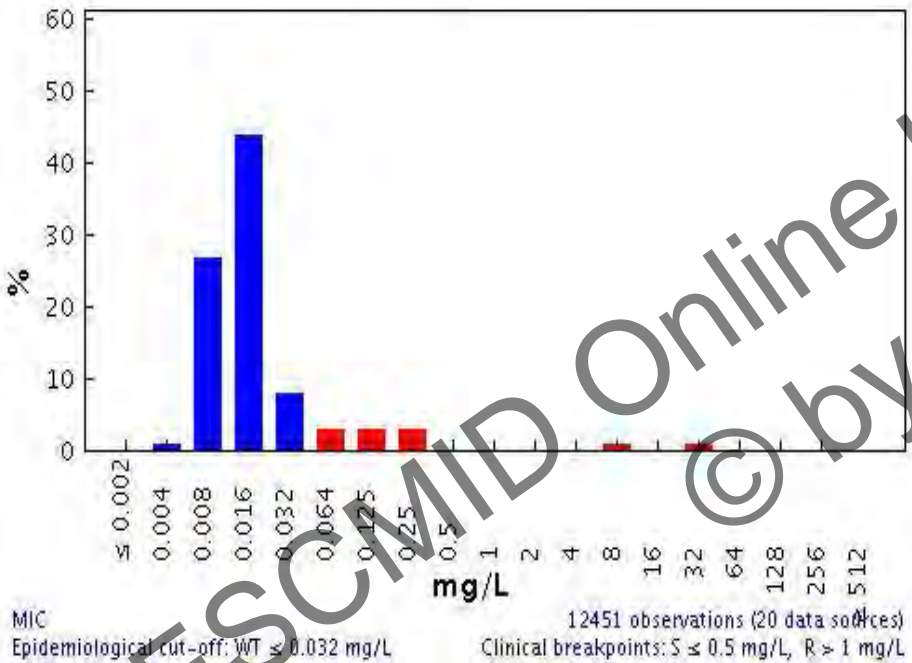
- Löwenstein Jensen (LJ)
  - Pro: Widely used, inexpensive
  - Con: Variation in preparation, takes time (4v)
- Middlebrook 7H9 (used in TREK/MGIT)
  - Pro: 96-well format possible
  - Con: Contamination, "readability" (TREK)
- Middlebrook 7H10/7H11
  - Pro: Used by CLSI (standardized protocol)
  - Con: Variation in preparation, contamination

# ECOFFs vs Clinical breakpoints

- ECOFF (epidemiological cut-off):
  - Highest MIC of organisms lacking phenotypically expressed resistance
  - The lowest possible breakpoint
  - A tool in determining clinical breakpoints
  - Sensitive detection/surveillance of resistance
- Clinical breakpoints:
  - MIC-concentrations decided by man to separate treatable from non-treatable organisms
  - Based on ECOFFs, PK/PD- and clinical outcome data
  - Predict outcome (SIR-system)

# What is a wild type distribution ?

Ciprofloxacin / Escherichia coli  
Antimicrobial wild type distributions of microorganisms - reference database  
EUCAST



- EUCAST: Gaussian MIC distribution for organisms without resistance mechanisms
- Establishing a clinical breakpoint (SIR)
  - Wild-type MIC distributions (ECOFF)
  - PK/PD simulations
  - Clinical outcome data
- ECOFF is NOT = clinical breakpoint ...nor the critical concentration:

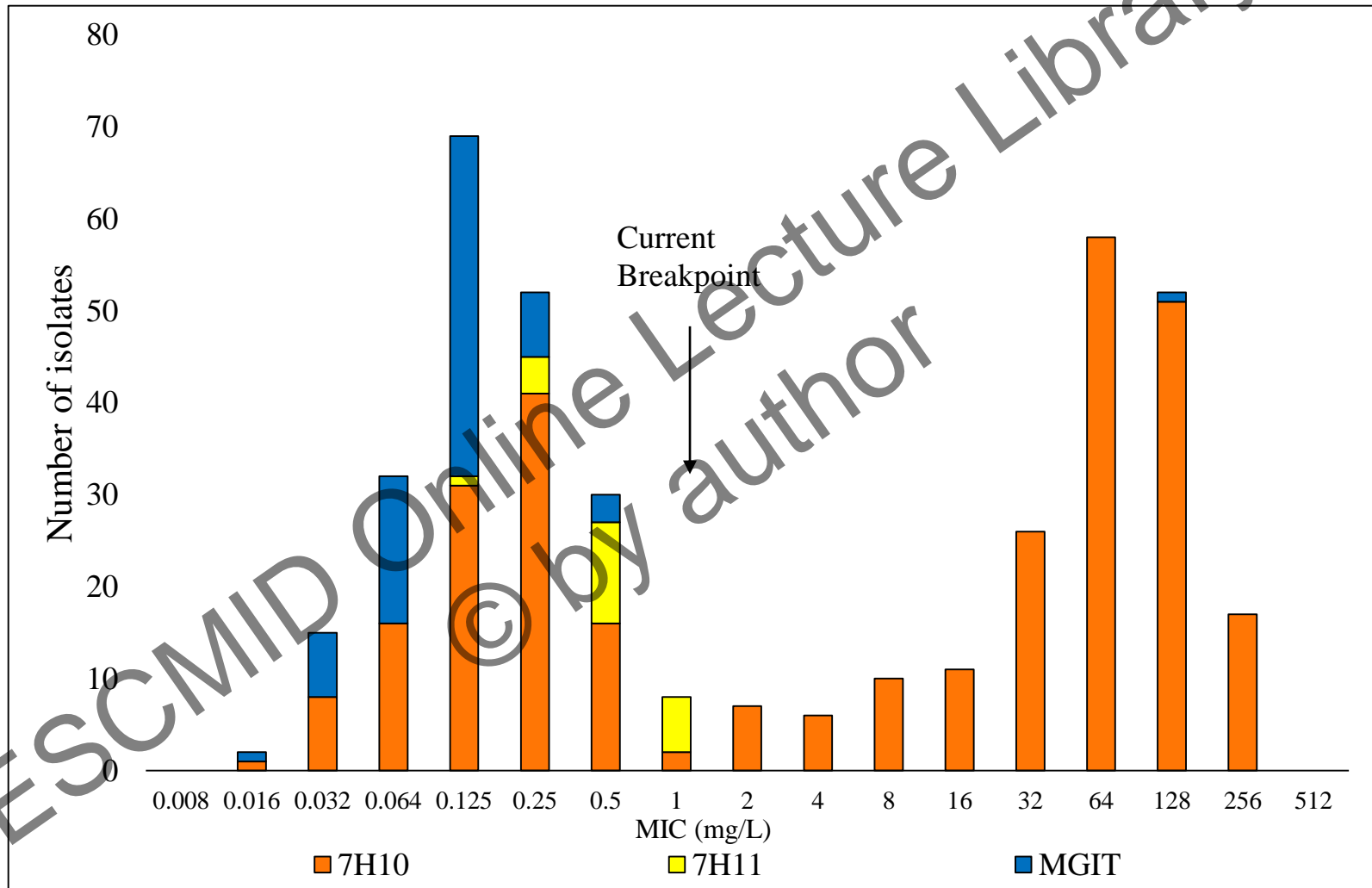
“...the lowest concentration of drug that will inhibit 95% (90% for pyrazinamide) of wild strains of *M. tuberculosis* that have never been exposed to drugs, while at the same time not inhibiting clinical strains of *M. tuberculosis* that are considered to be resistant (e.g. from patients who are not responding to therapy)”.

# MIC distributions for EUCAST

- Literature study
  - Truncation and non-standard dilutions
- <http://mic.eucast.org/Eucast2>
- Standard methods (7H9/10/11, LJ, MGIT)
  - Not colorimetric methods, QC
- Compared to other pathogens
  - Bias towards inclusion of MDR/XDR isolates

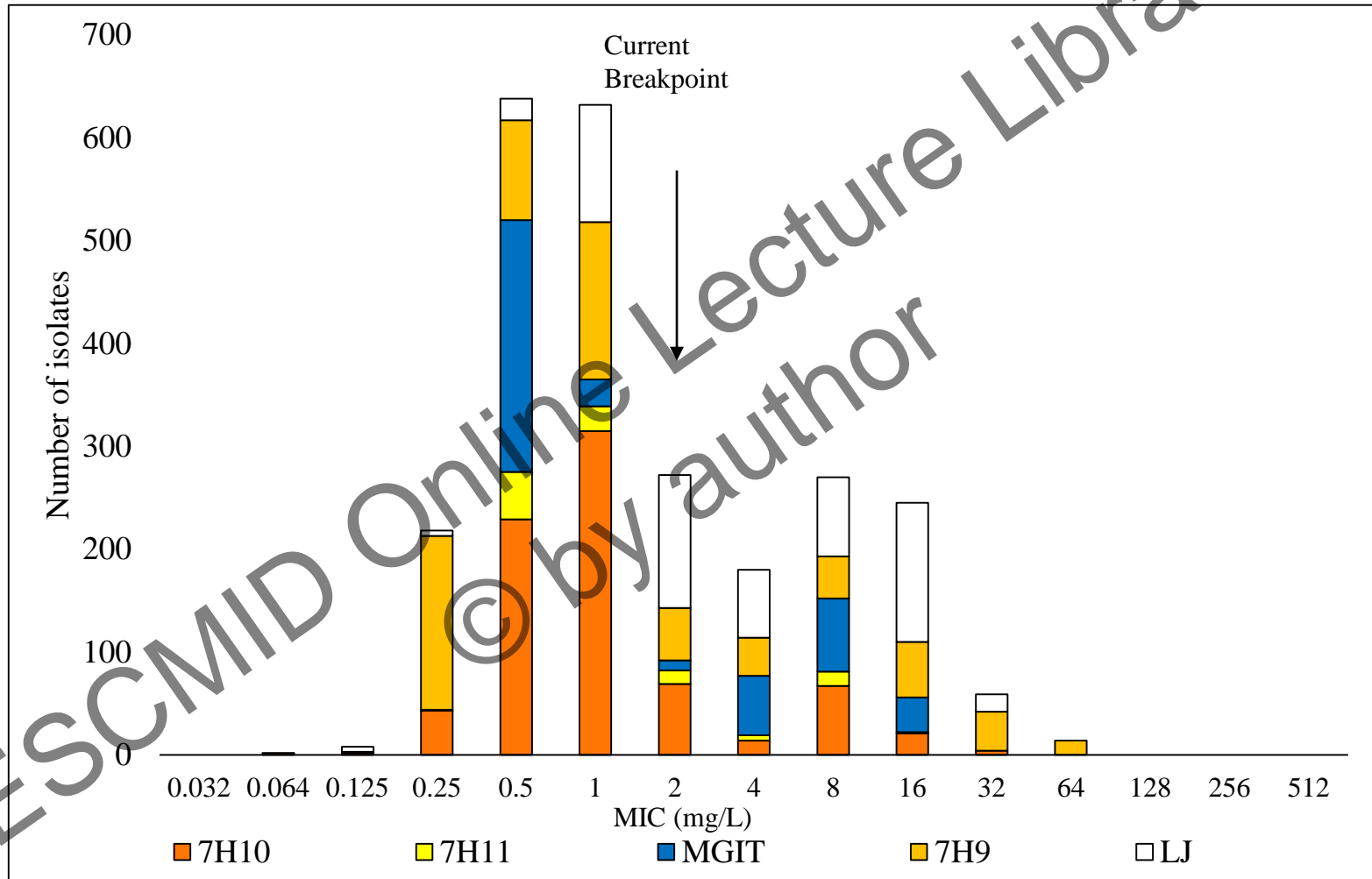


# Rifampicin MIC-distribution



	LJ	WHO (2013/1998) 7H10	CLSI (2011) 7H10	WHO MGIT
RIF	40	1	1	1

# Ofloxacin MIC-distribution



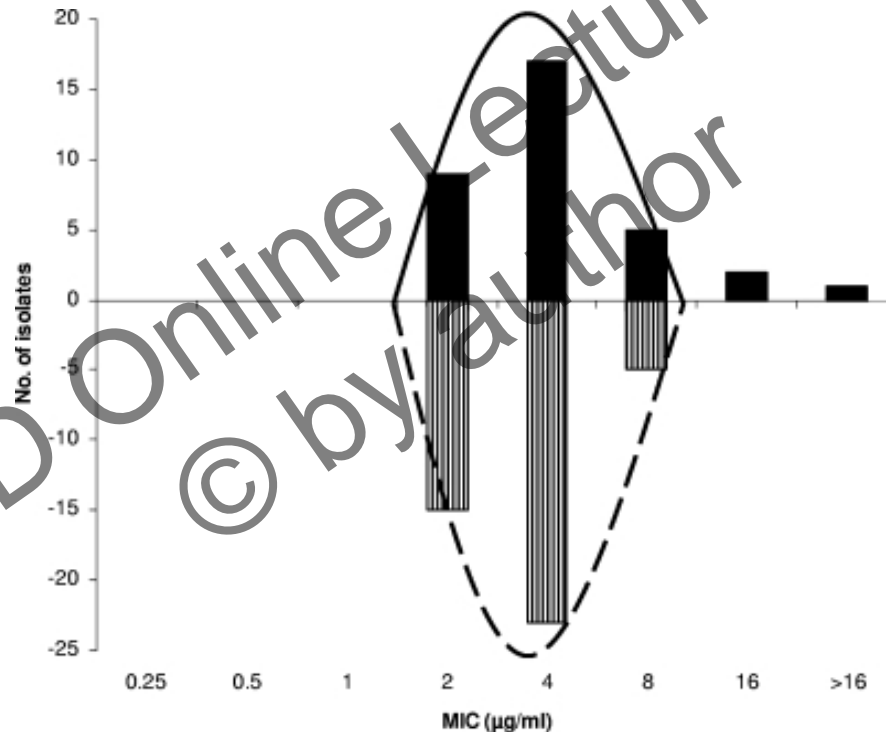
	LJ	WHO (2013/1998) 7H10	CLSI (2011) 7H10	WHO MGIT
OFL	4 (2)	2	2	2

# Quality control in MIC determination

- Reference MIC-ranges for H37Rv
  - Used for QC in DST of bacterial pathogens
  - Reproducibility – NOT S/R only !
- Proficiency testing
  - Not only S/R
  - H37Rv and isolates close to Bp (MOX/OFL, EMB, RIF)

# What is the reproducibility of your comparator DST method?

- ISO 20776-2: within  $\pm 1$  dilution of the mode for  $\geq 95\%$  of the results
- Usually below  $\pm 1$  dilution



Fluconazole MIC distributions of 34 individual *Candida glabrata* isolates (black bars) compared with the MICs obtained by 51 repeated tests of a single *C. glabrata* isolate (striped bars) originally determined to have a MIC of 2 µg/ml.

# Summary – MIC determinations

- TDM - quantify resistance
- Phenotype – genotype correlation
- Establishing clinical breakpoints