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**Breaking Barriers
Among Antibacterial Strategies:
The Patient, the Group, and the
Environment**

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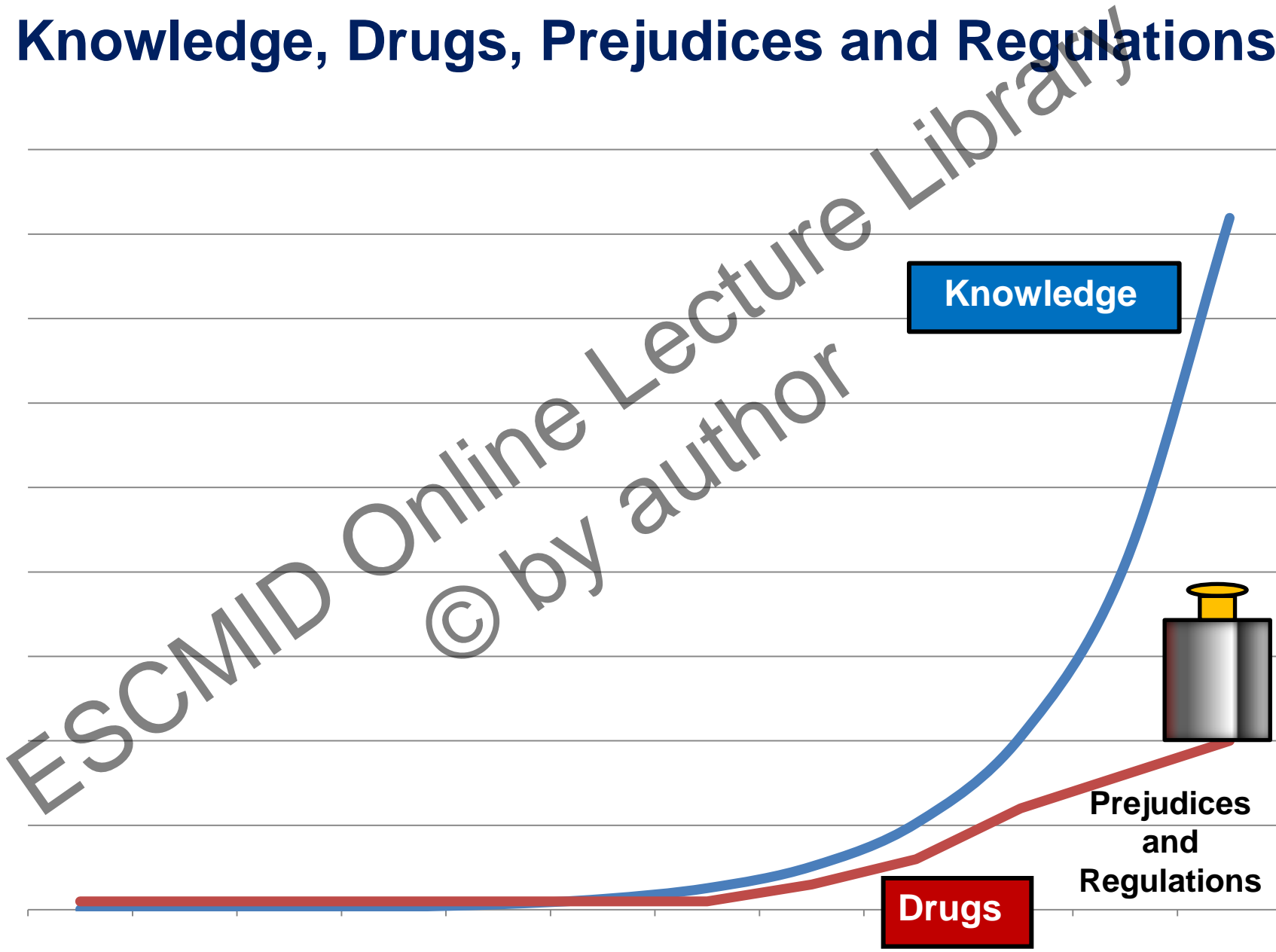
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Knowledge, Drugs, Prejudices and Regulations

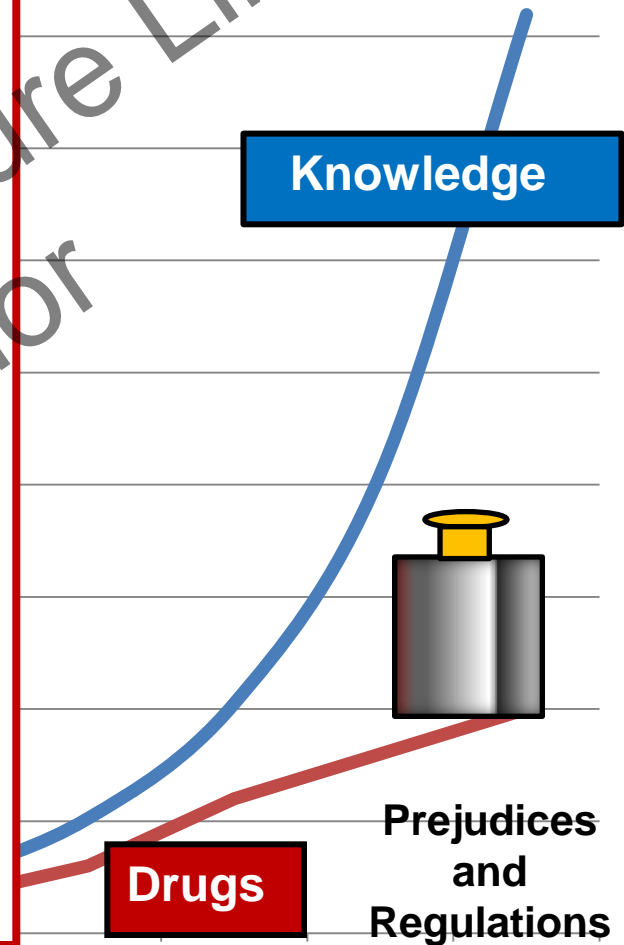


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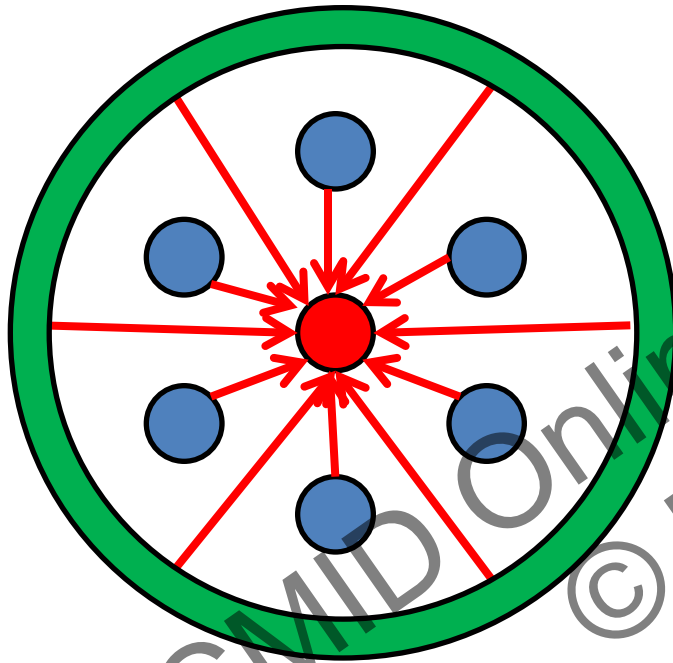
Some Classic Prejudices

- Single Genes/Proteins as targets
- Full enzyme or cell inhibition required
- Only drugs with low MICs matters
- PK based on conventional MICs
- The need of being cidal, cell killers
- Large spectrum required
- Absence of toxicity required
- Very low “mutation rate”
- Never treat a non-infected patient
- Drug combinations anathematized
- “One infection, one germ, one antimicrobial”

- The immutable concept of what is a “drug”
- The immutable “single-drug” clinical assay

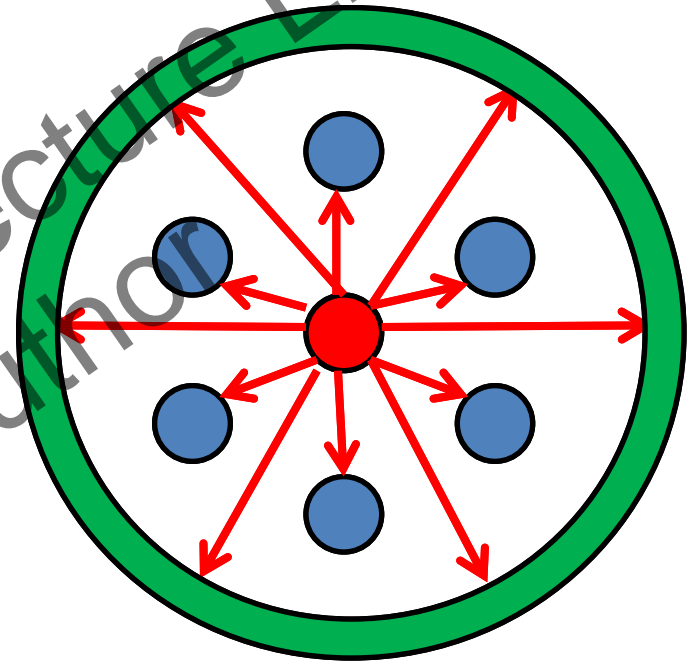


The Individual, Group, and Environment Continuum



The classic view:

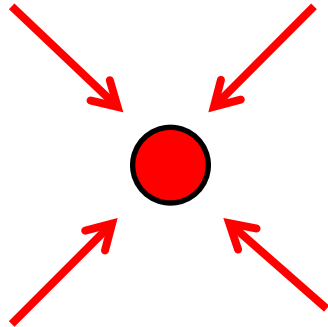
The group and the environment as cause of the individual infection



The other side of the coin:

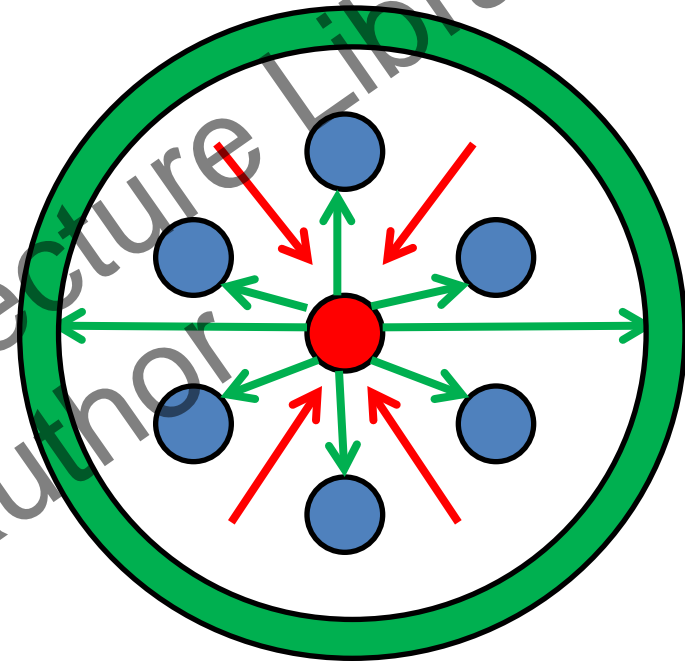
The infected individual as cause of group and environmental sickness

Personalized Interventions AND Particular Group and Environment Interventions



**Personalized
Anti-infective Interventions**

**The individual patient as
target**

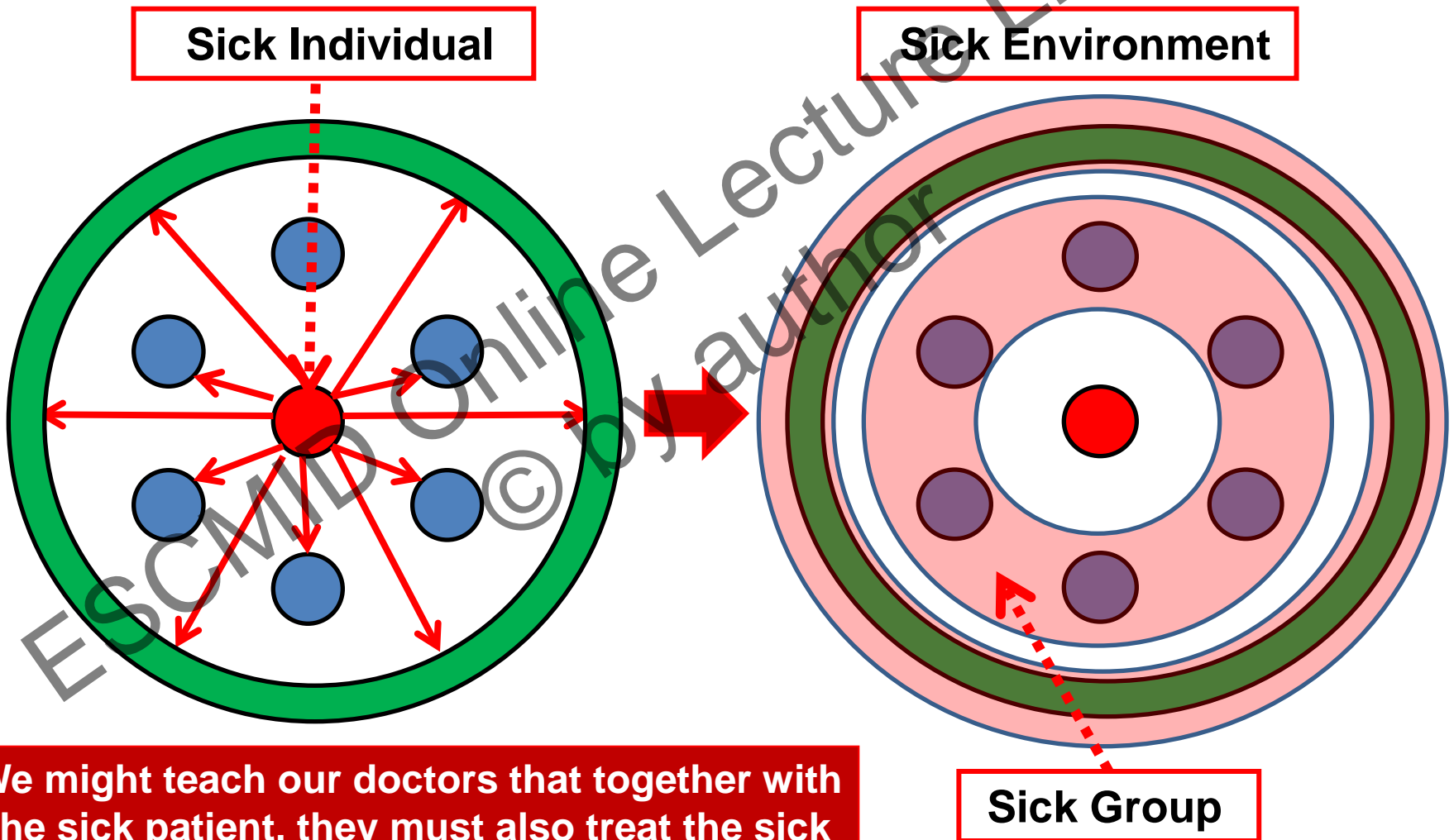


**Personalized
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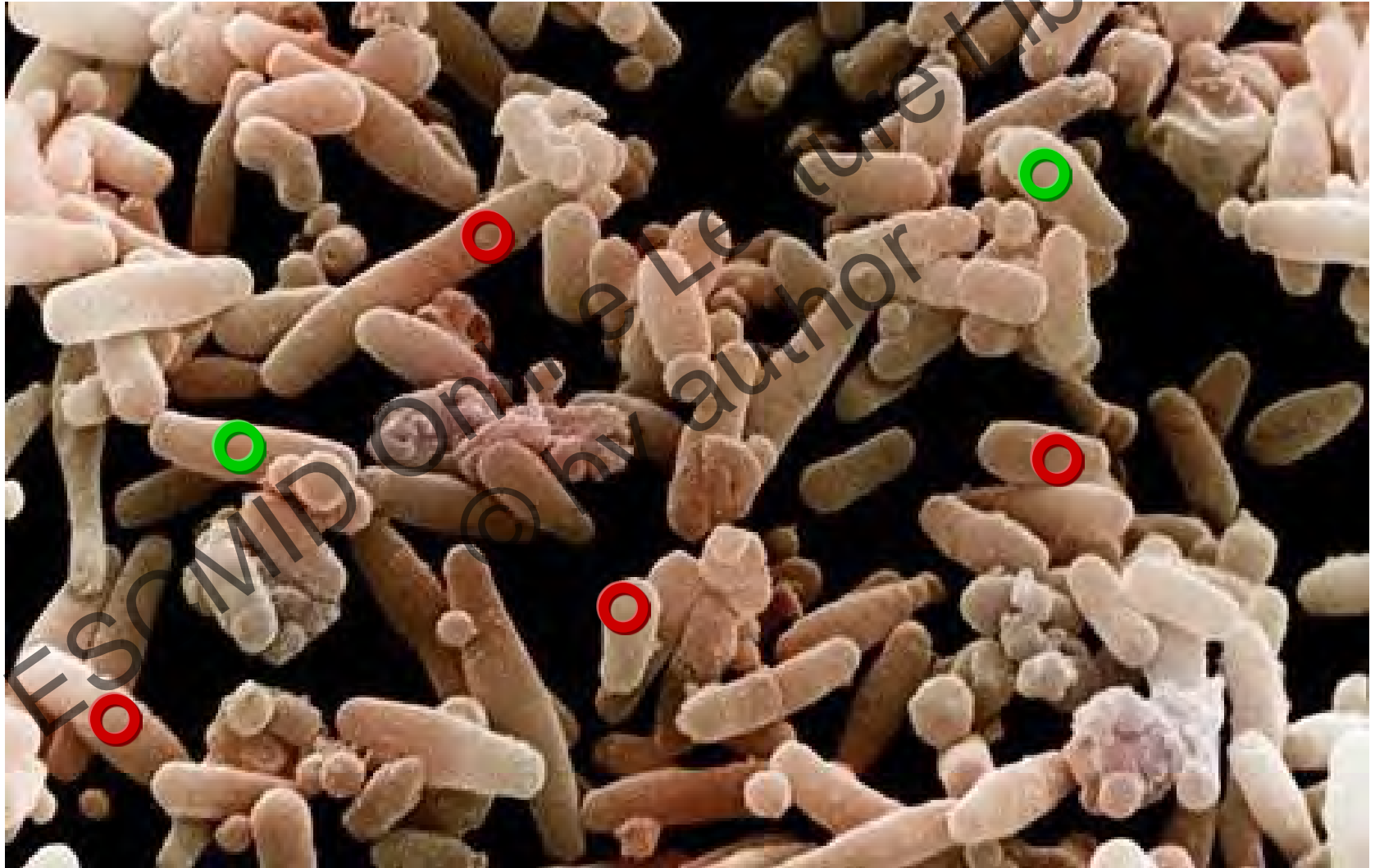
**Interventions from the
individual patient to the group
and the environment**

From sick individual to sick environment



We might teach our doctors that together with the sick patient, they must also treat the sick group and the sick environment

Sick Microbiota



Sick Microbiota because of Resistance

Sick Environment

Sick water because
of antibiotic
resistance

SICK WATER?

THE CENTRAL ROLE OF WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A RAPID RESPONSE ASSESSMENT



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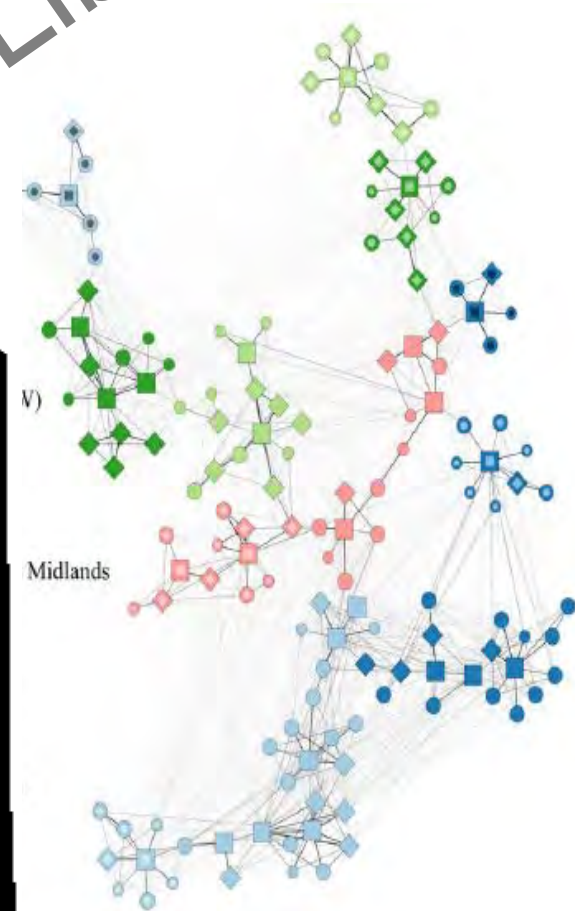
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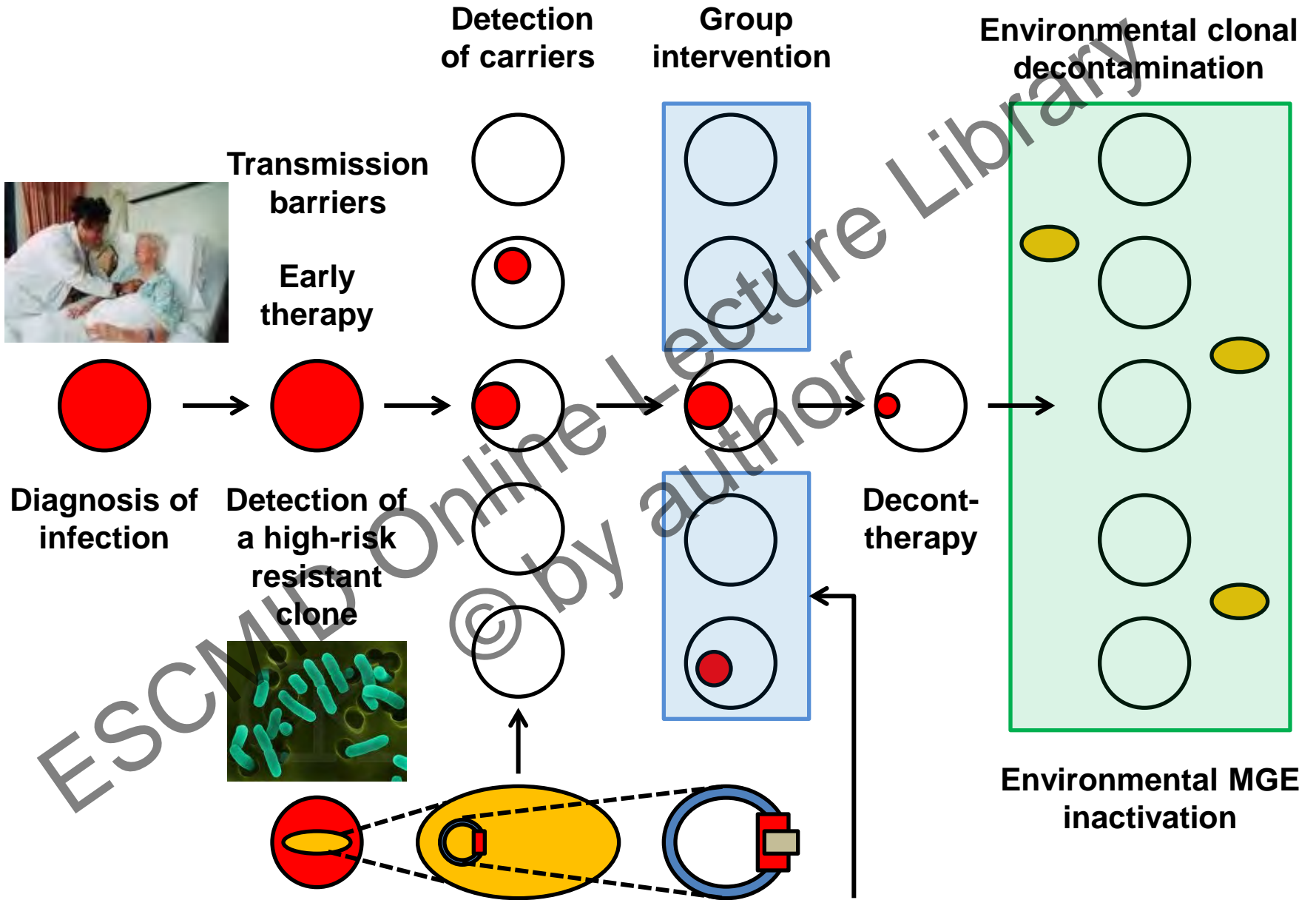
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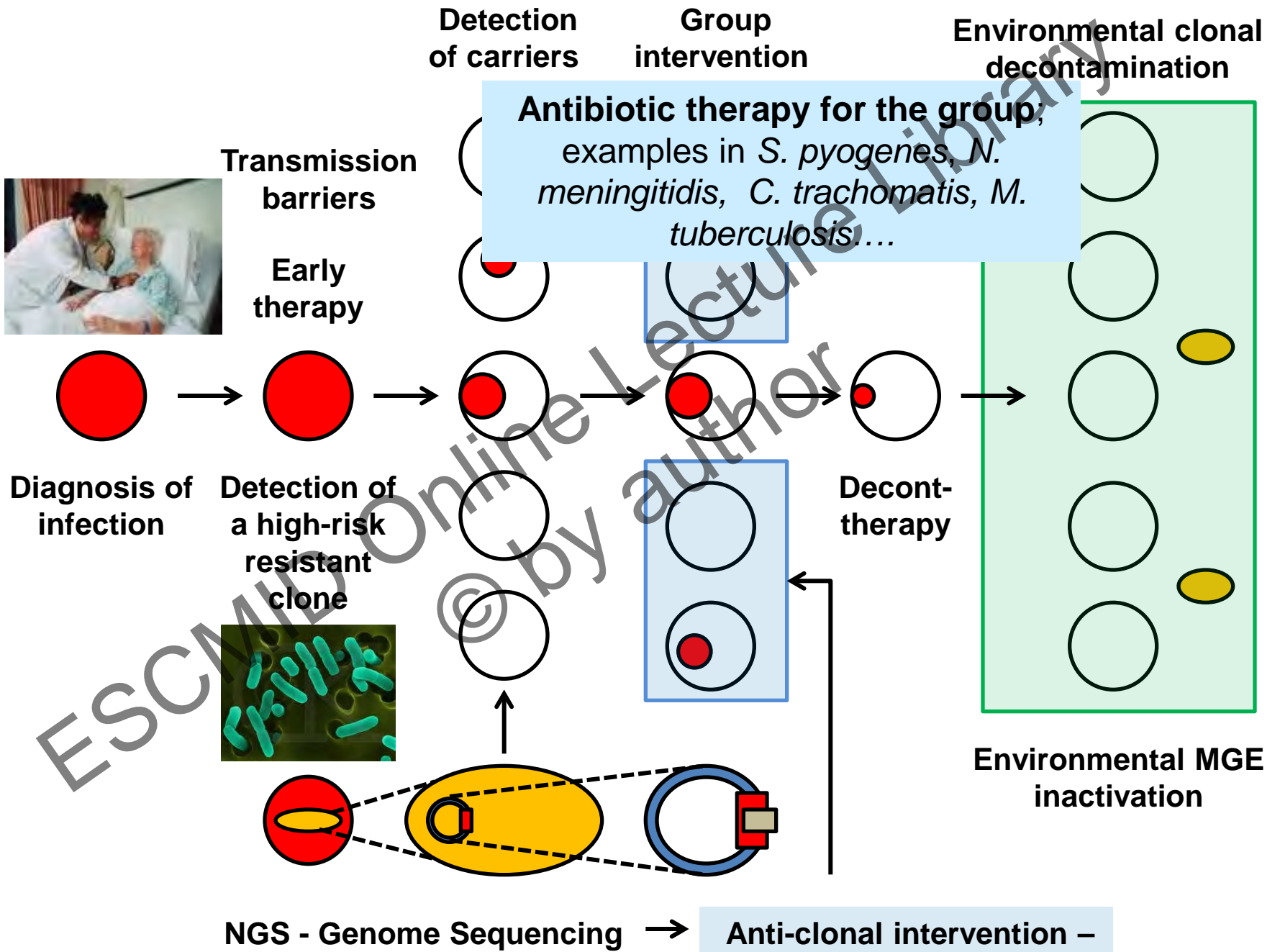
Sick Hospital



The Structure of a Hospital Referral Network

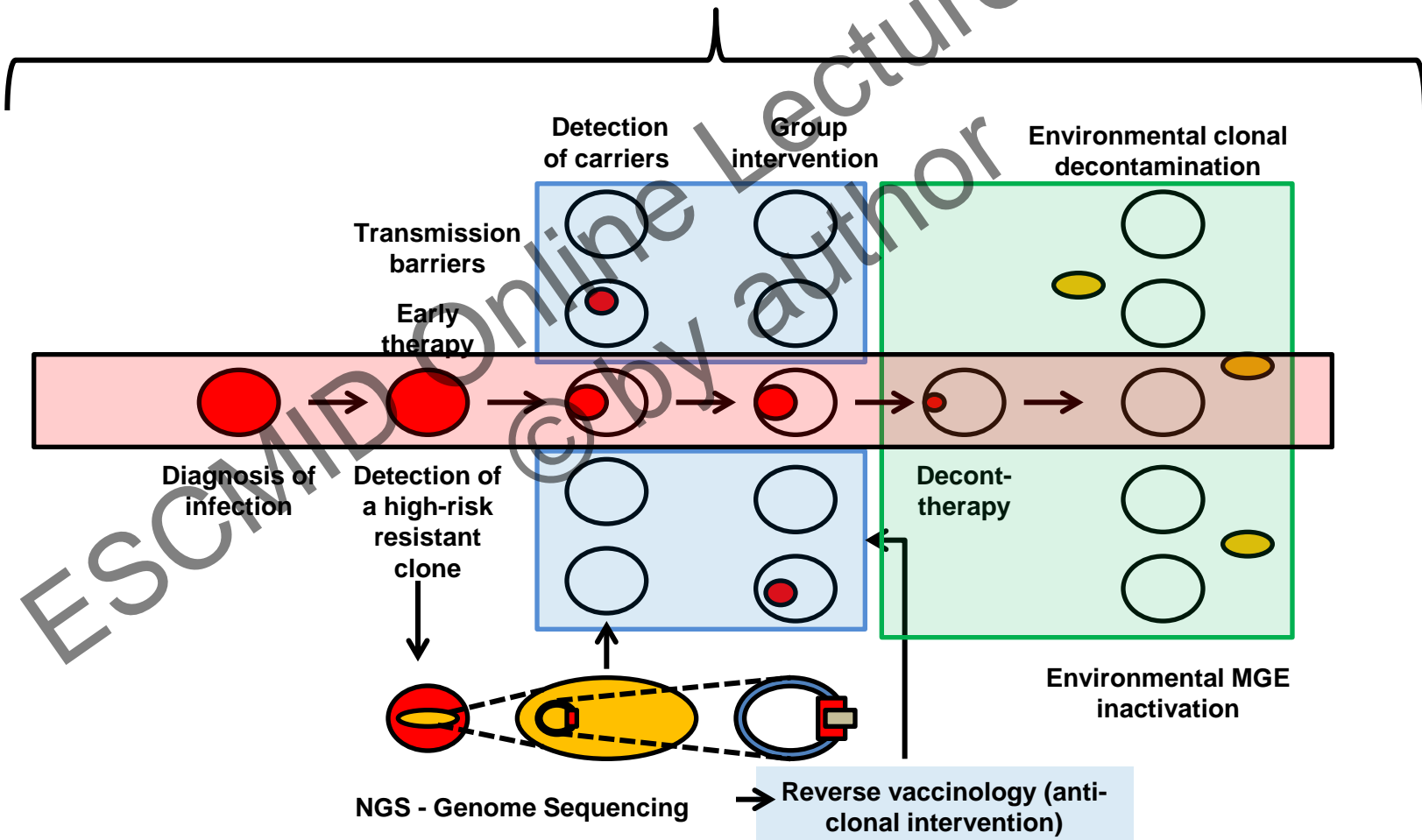


Characterization: NGS - Genome Sequencing → Anti-clonal intervention –

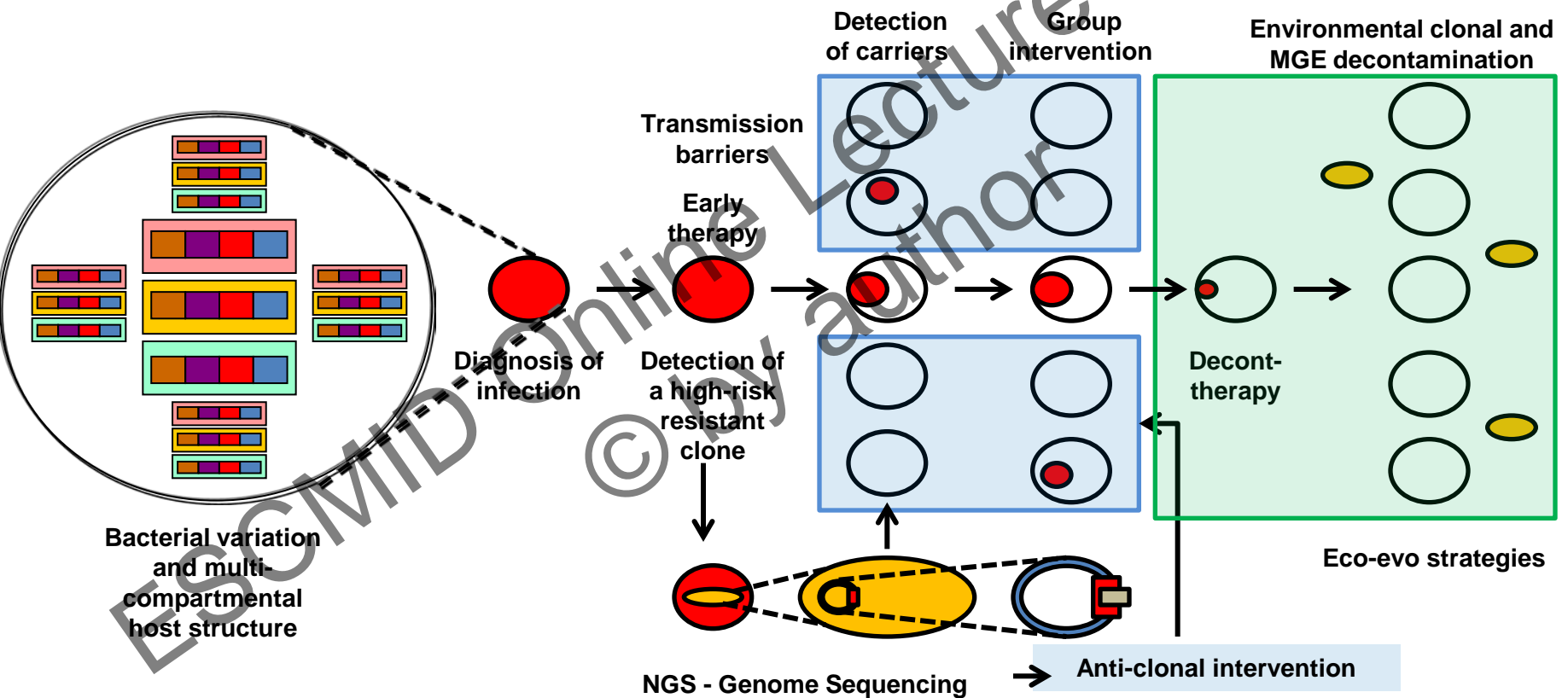


The individual, the group, and the environment

Multi-compartment antimicrobial interventions

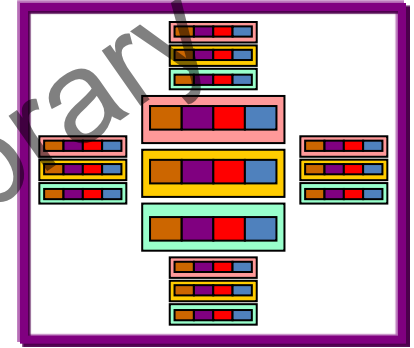
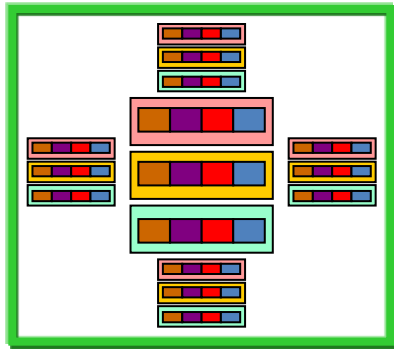


Multiple Compartments and Complex Integrated Therapy

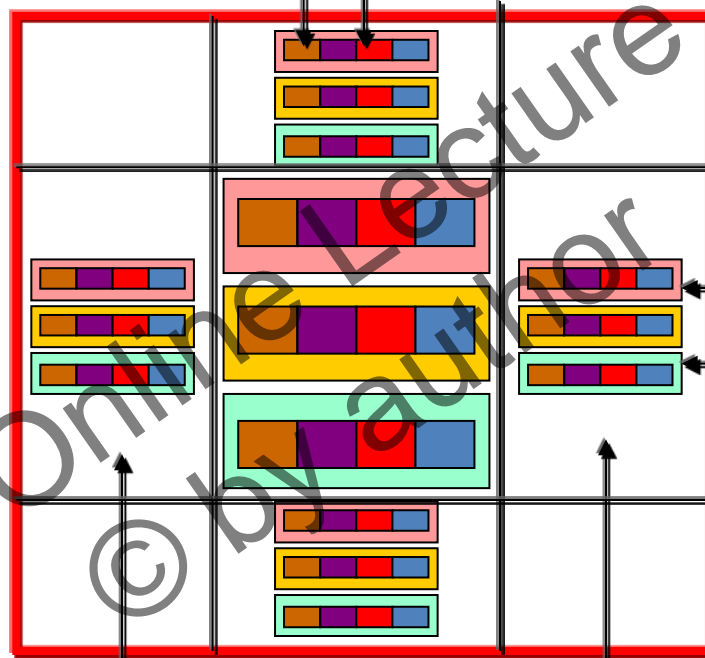


(a single case!!)

Antibacterial Drugs Dealing with a Highly Complex System

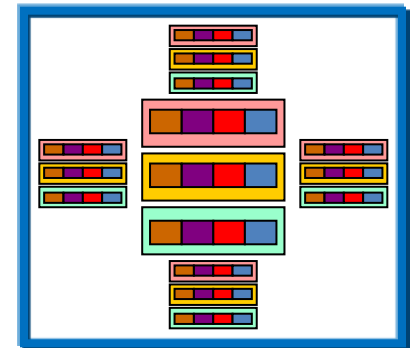
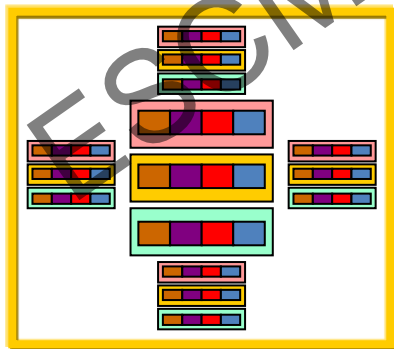


Several targets in a cell



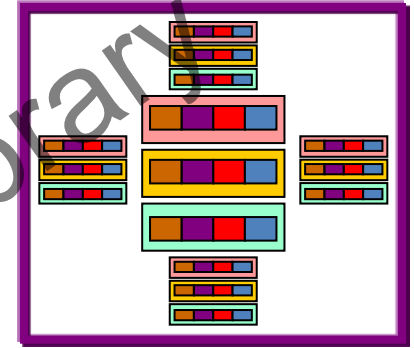
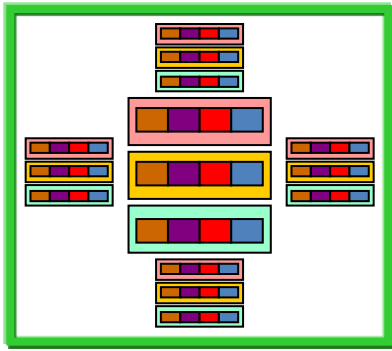
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Several compartments
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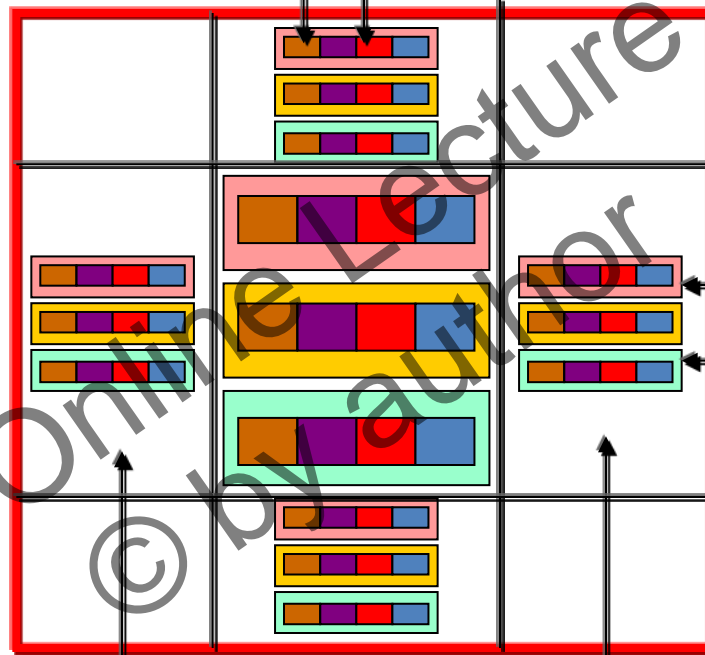


Several types of hosts
within a group

Multi-targeted antimicrobial therapy; Combined therapy



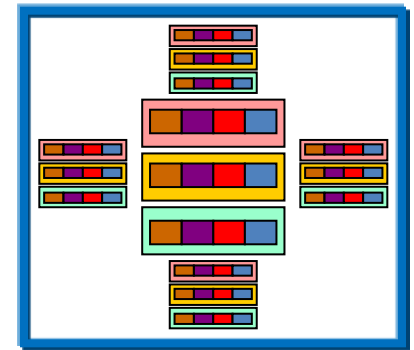
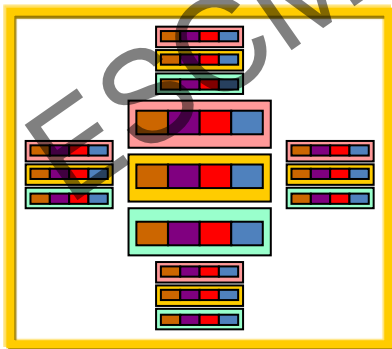
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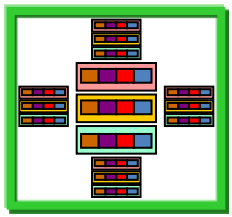
Personalized Antimicrobial Therapy

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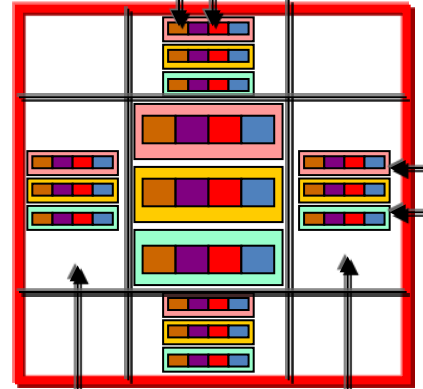
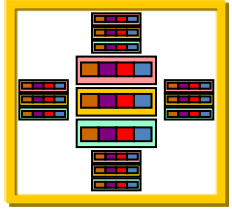
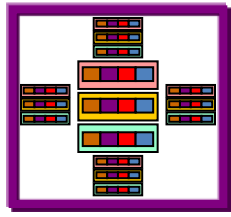


Several types of hosts within a group

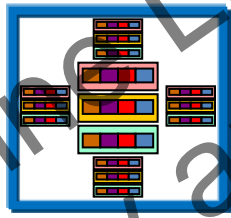
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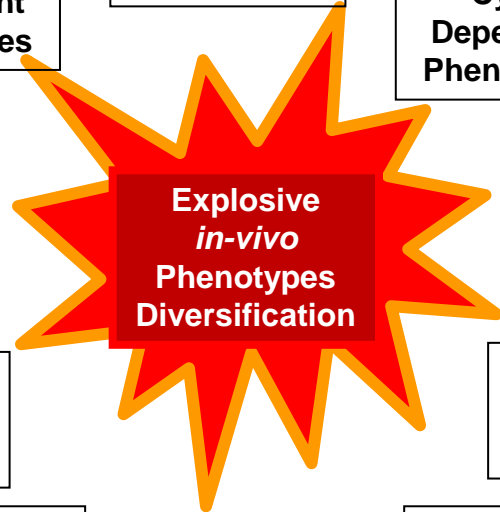
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Cell-Density Dependent Phenotypes

Growth Cycle Dependent Phenotypes

Nutrition Dependent Phenotypes



Host-cells Dependent Phenotypes

Virulence Dependent Phenotypes

Microbiota Dependent Phenotypes

Biofilm Dependent Phenotypes

Antibiotic Dependent Phenotypes

Redox, ph, osmo, temp. - dependent Phenotypes

Inflammation Dependent Phenotypes

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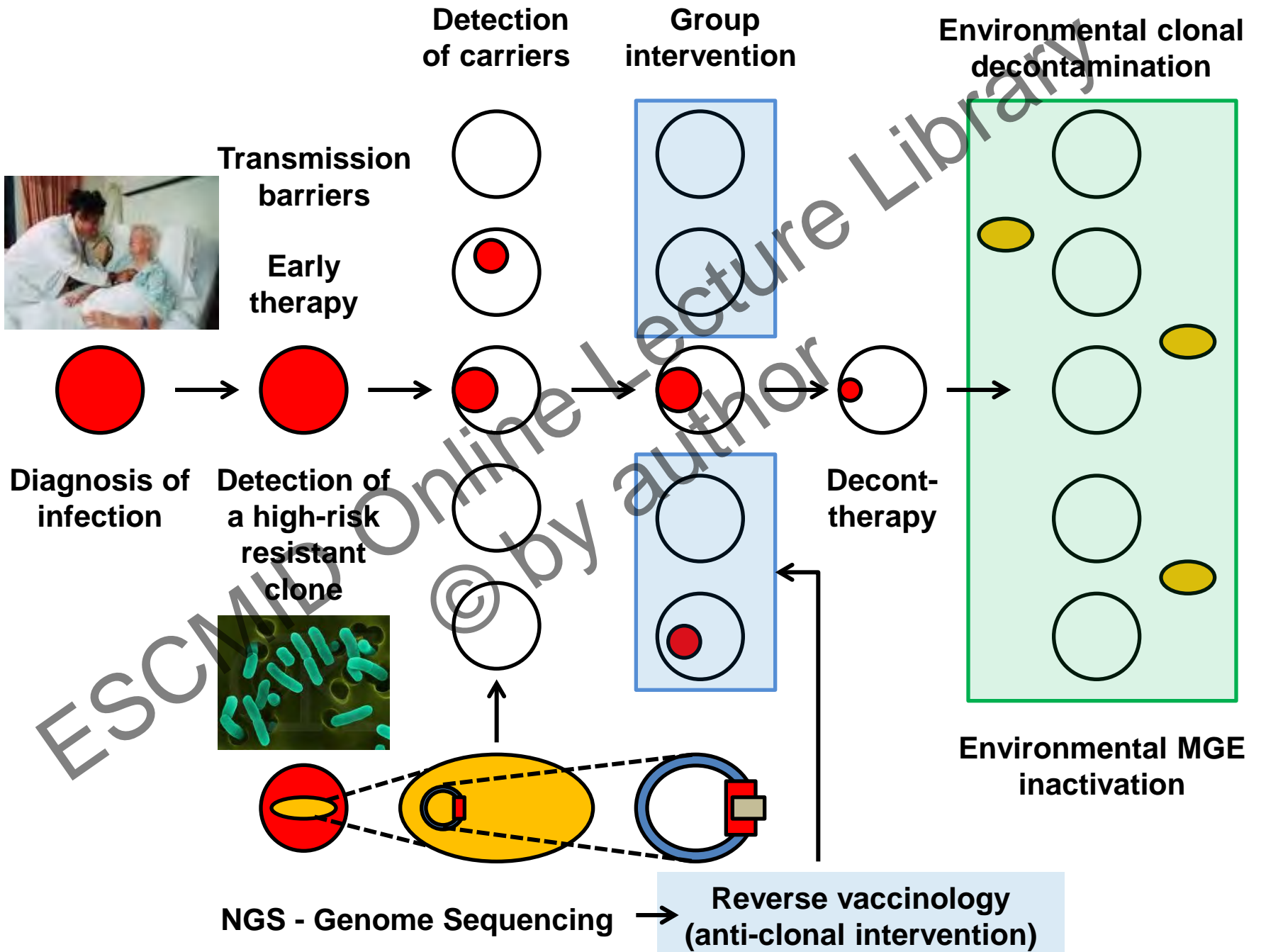
Inflammation Dependent Phenotypes

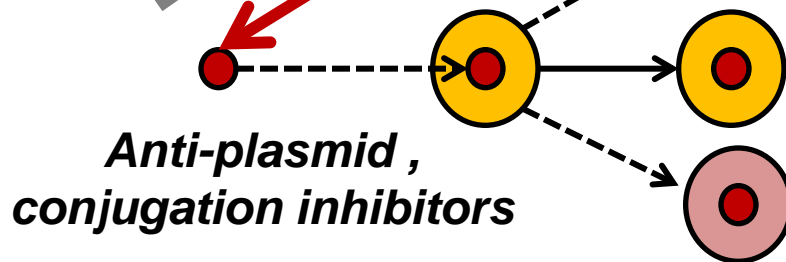
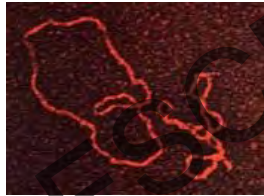
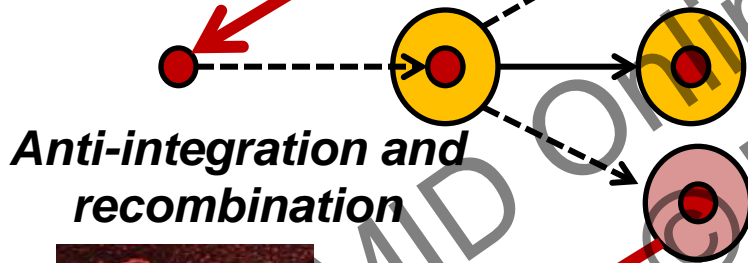
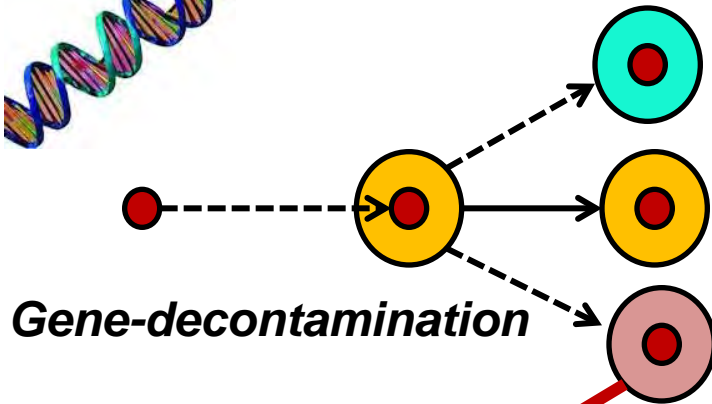
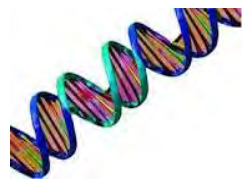
Antibiotic Dependent Phenotypes

Growth Cycle Dependent Phenotypes

Biofilm Dependent Phenotypes

- Is there a predictable time-sequence of phenotypes during the process of infection?
- This sequence might be variable in different infections
- Should we predict different degrees of antibiotic susceptibility during the different phases of infection?
- Should we apply different antibiotics/dosages/combinations along the infective process?





Antibiotics, Anticlonal therapy



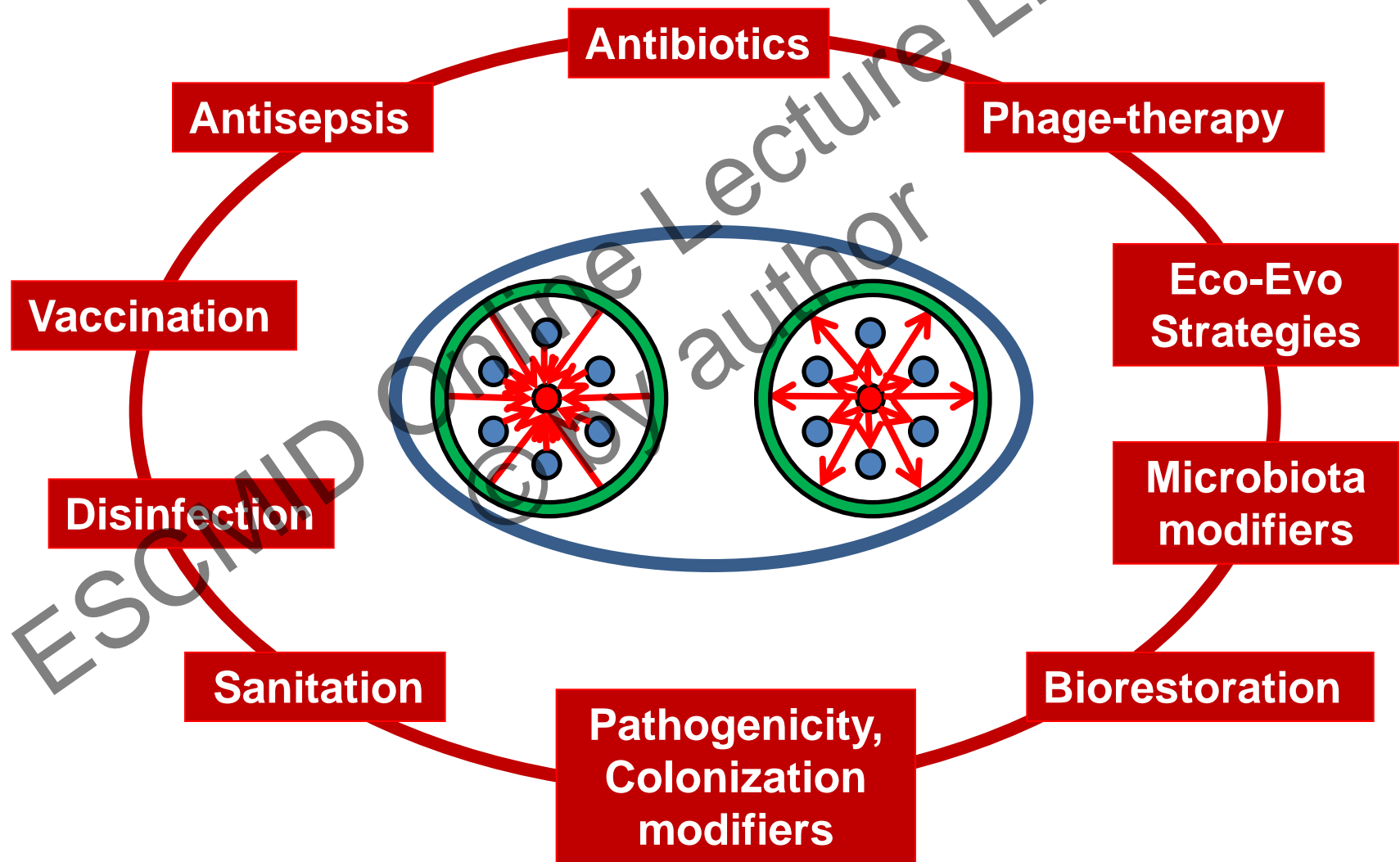
Vaccination, Disinfection



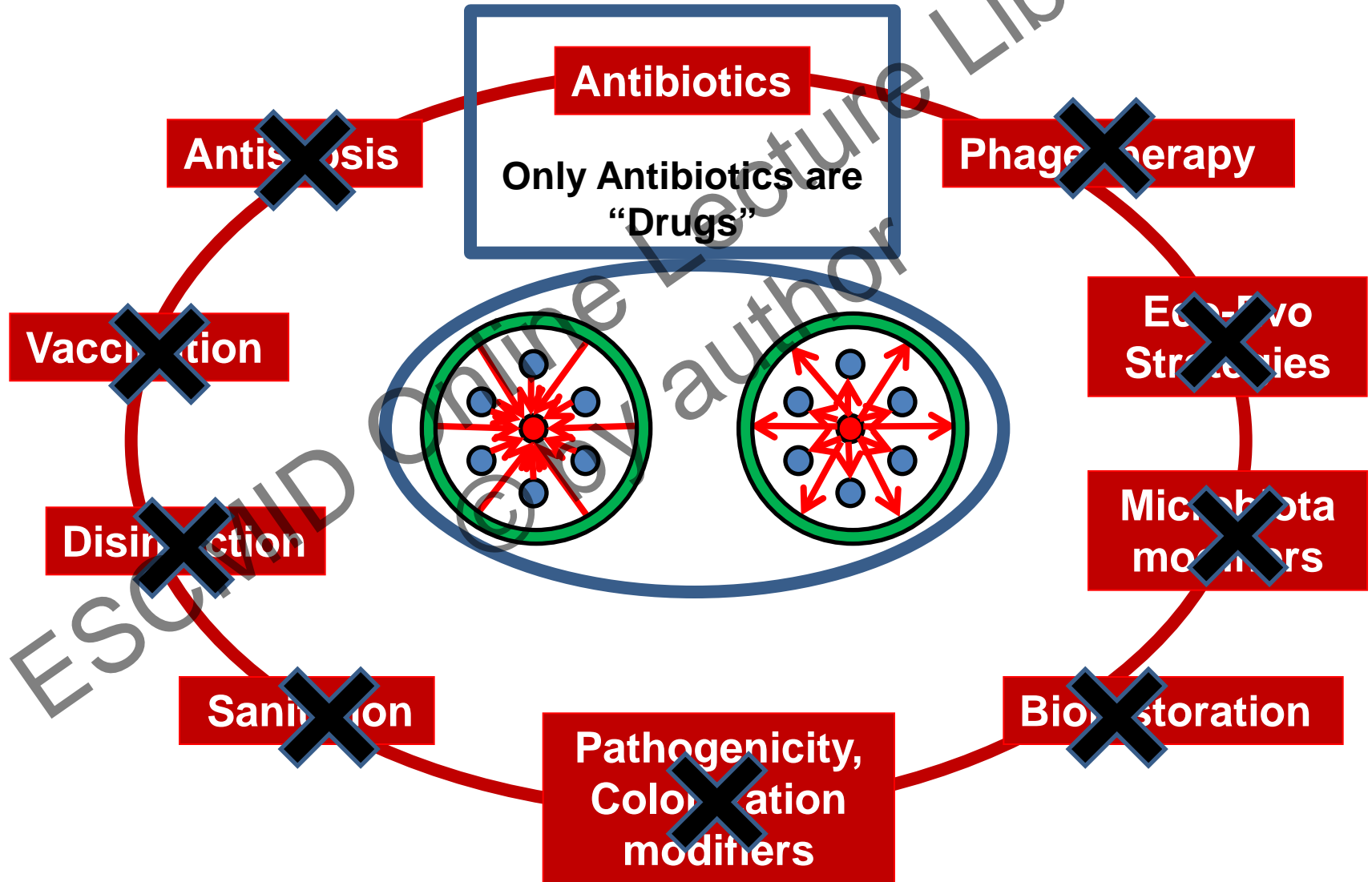
Sanitation, Decontamination

**Multi-level Therapy of Infection in an
Holistic Perspective**

Convergence of anti-bacterial “therapies”



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What is an antimicrobial drug?

- An antimicrobial drug is a chemical-pharmaceutical product of natural, synthetic, or semisynthetic origin, impeding the multiplication of infective agents, administered to a patient accordingly to precise schedules for treatment or prevention of infectious diseases, either unspecifically (broad-spectrum drugs) or specifically (antituberculous, antimalarials..). Antibiotics are antimicrobial drugs.
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Vaccines as “drugs for the groups”?

- Biocides are not drugs, but can be chemical or biological “medicines”, applied to a contaminated environment reducing the possibility of multiplication of infective agents in the environment.

Biocides as “drugs for the environment”?

Breaking barriers among anti-infectives

	Bacterial viability as primary target	Possible Interaction with host functions	External / Internal use	Individual or Group as primary target	Example
Systemic Antibiotics	Y	Y	I	I	Beta-lactams
Topical Antibiotics	Y	Y/N	E	I	Mupirocin
Systemic Antiseptics	Y	Y	I	I	Nitrofurantoin
Topical Antiseptics	Y	Y/N	E	I	Hexachlorophene
Disinfectants	Y	N/Y	E	I/G	Povidone Iodine
Anti-resistance mechanisms	N	N/Y	I/E	I/G	Beta-lactamase inhibitors
Anti-virulence in bacteria	N	N/Y	I/E	G/I	Anti-quorum HSL inhibitors
Anti-colonization in bacteria	N	N/Y	E	G/I	Biofilm inhibitors
Anti-host receptors	N	Y	I/E	I	Type III secretor systems inhibitors
Bacteriophages	Y/N	N/Y	I/E	G/I	
Interference (probiotics, amensalism)	N/Y	N/Y	E	I	<i>E. coli</i> Nissle 1917
Decolonization	N/Y	N/Y	E	G/I	Intestinal decolonization, fecal transplants
Immunomodulation	N	Y	I	I	
Anti-toxins	N	N/Y	I/E	I/G	Anti-tetanus
Antibiotic deactivators	N	N/Y	E	I/G	Antibiotic-binding compounds
Anti-M-GM-HGT (Eco-Evo)	N	N/Y	E	G/I	
Immunotherapy	N/Y	Y	I	I	Anti-pneumococcal immune sera
Vaccines	N/Y	N/Y	I	G/I	Anti-Haemophilus B vaccination

Systems Biology and Multi-Compartmentalized Anti-Bacterial Strategies

- The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases recently initiated the **Systems Biology Program for Infectious Disease Research**.
- Bacterial pandemics remain, food and waterborne illnesses are frequent, multidrug-resistant microbes are on the rise, and the **needed drugs and vaccines have not been developed**.
- Intense research **focus on individual genes and proteins** typical of molecular biology—**have not been sufficient** to address these challenges.

Aderem A. et al., mBio 2(1):e00325-10, 2011

A stronger **systems biology perspective** must now focus on the interactions between **drug, host, infectious bacteria and environment** to foster the long-term success of antibiotic strategies

Dandekar T&M. Pharmacogenomics, 11, 2010

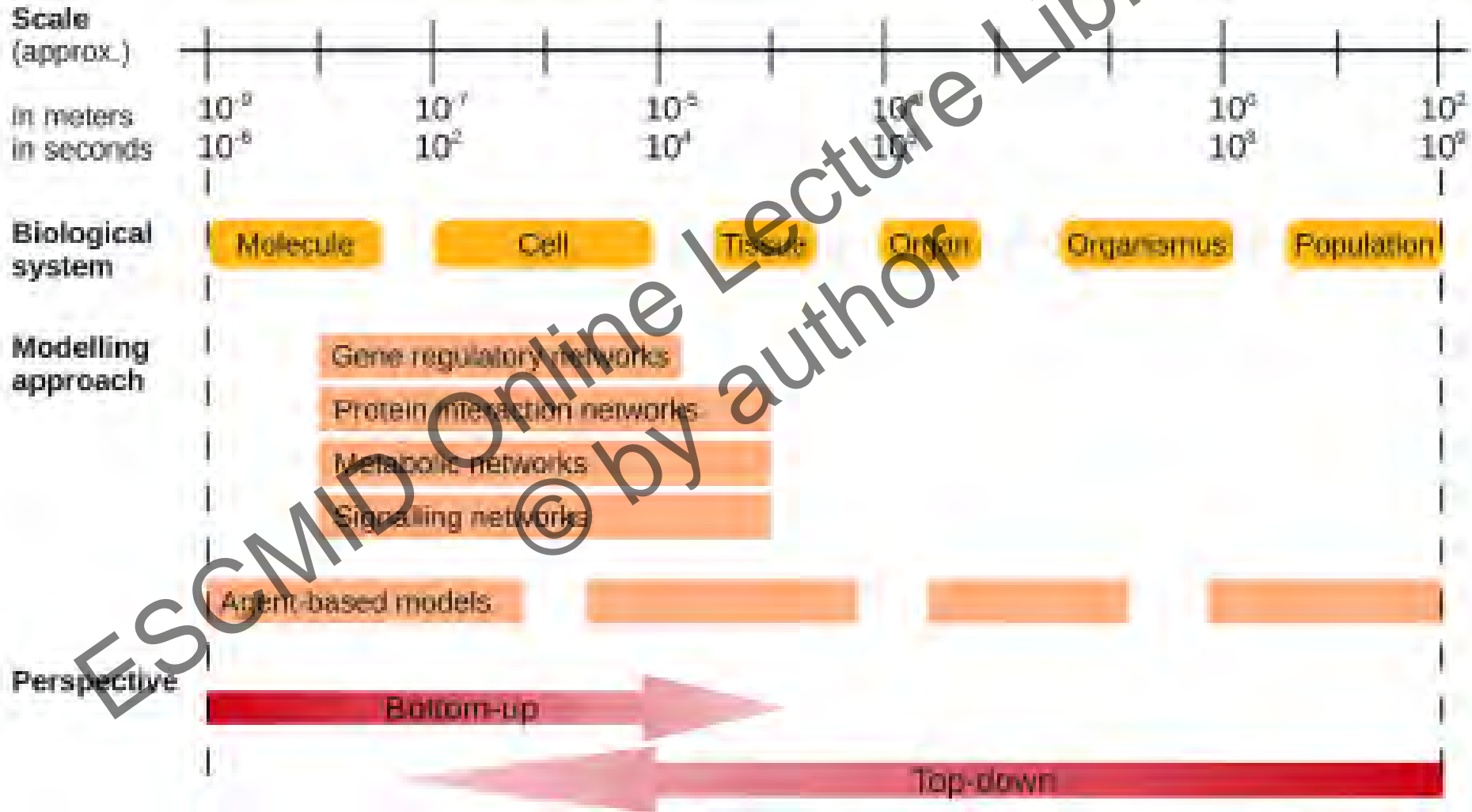
Multilevel Analysis of Infectious Diseases

Ana V. Diez Roux and Allison E. Aiello

Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

The J. of Infect. Dis., 191:S25, 2005

Biological and Modeling levels of System Biology of Infectious Diseases



Eco-Evo Drugs and Strategies

Decontamination of high-risk clones

- Targeting clones (**anticlinal vaccines, anticlinal phages**)
 - Targeting colonization/virulence (**antisense** oligomers, peptide-conjugated-phosphorodiamidate morpholino oligonucleotides).
 - Selective decontamination (classic SDD, novel drugs)
 - Clonal interference (probiotics, genetically modified organisms)
 - Susceptible **Microbiota Transplantation**
 - Enhancers of biological cost of resistance
- Intestinal microbiota containing *Barnesiella* cures *E. faecium* colonization (Ubeda C., Inf.Immun 2013)

Decontamination of mobile genetic elements

- **Plasmid decontamination** (phenothiazines, dibenzoazepines, dibenzocycloheptene, plumbagin, non-absorbable intercalating agents)
- Plasmid interference, incompatibility
- Plasmid maintenance (toxin-antitoxin)
- (homologs of the *hok* plasmid factor. GMOs carrying TA homologs)

Decontamination of high-risk genes

Antisense oligomers, as phosphorothioate oligonucleotides (PS-ODNs), locked nucleic acids (LDAs), 2eOMes, phosphorodiamidate morpholino oligonucleotides (PMOs), peptidic nucleic acids; short double-stranded RNAs –small interfering RNAs)

Edgar R, et al. (2012) Reversing bacterial resistance to antibiotics by phage-mediated delivery of dominant sensitive genes. AEM A78: 744-751.

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MINIREVIEW

Ecology and Evolution as Targets: the Need for Novel Eco-Evo Drugs and Strategies To Fight Antibiotic Resistance[†]

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Sick Environment

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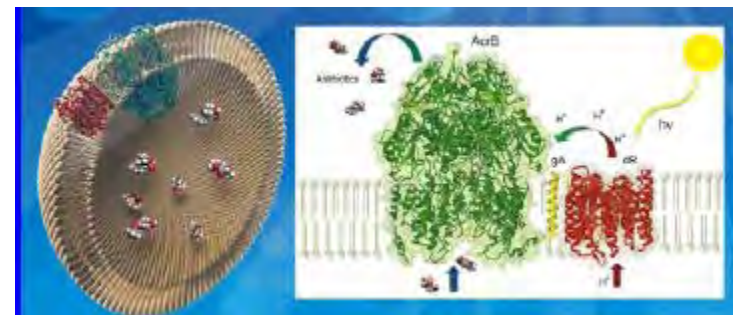
Environmental Restoration of Antibiotic Susceptibility?

- An impossible task?
- Salt, oxygen, chlorine, UV susceptibility of antibiotic-resistant bacteria?
- Biocides more or less active on resistant bacteria?
- How antibiotic-resistant organisms behave in septic tanks?
- Phages against environmental resistance?

Antibiotic elimination from the environment

Kapoor & Wendell. Engineering Bacterial Efflux Pumps for Solar-Powered Bioremediation of Surface Waters.. NanoLetters 2013

Vera, DMA, Tegos GP et al. Anticicrobial photoinactivation overcoming resistant phenotypes Photochem Photobiol. 2012



Antibiotics shaping multilevel population biology of bacteria

- Antibiotics increase the **number and evolvability** of “clinical” and “natural” antibiotic resistance genes.
- Antibiotics influence the **abundance, modularity, and spread** of integrons, transposons and plasmids.
- Antibiotics **enrich particular bacterial lineages** and clones and contribute to local clonalization processes.
- Antibiotics amplify particular bacterial genetic exchange communities sharing antibiotic resistance genes and platforms within microbiomes.
- Antibiotic alters the host’s microbiome composition, facilitating the interactions between evolutionary units involved in resistance.

Suggested Conclusions

- The infective process influences the individual patient, the group, and the environment
- All these compartments might be simultaneously considered as targets of therapeutical interventions
- Within the individual patient, a complex and variable bacterial organism/s acts within complex sites and variable microecological landscapes.

Complex-integrative antimicrobial therapy probably needed in:

- **Severe cases of infection**
- **Chronic bacterial infections**
- **High-risk and high-transmissible dangerous clones**
- **Emergent dangerous microorganisms**



To Rafael Cantón and Teresa Coque, for long discussions in the lab about the need of complex therapies for complex problems, with strong inputs from Juan-Carlos Galán and Rosa del Campo

Under the Shadow of Systems Biology

- Bio-restoration
- Bio-remediation
- Bio-repair
- Bio-reconstruction
- Bio-decontamination
- Bio-wiring/Bio-rewiring
- Bio-engineering/Bio-reengineering
- Bio-programming
- Bio-modulation/Bio-stimulation
- Bio-augmentation (living catalizer in polluted environment)
- Eco-engineering/Population engineering
- Eco-Therapy
- Trojan Horse Strategies

**Could we Cure a Sick
Antibiotic-Resistant
Environment?**

- Biological systems requires the integration of high-throughput multiomics data (transcriptomics, proteomics, metabolomics, lipidomics, etc.), which are used to construct predictive models of the networks and dynamic **interactions between the biological components of the complex pathogen-host system**

Bumann, D. 2009. System-level analysis of Salmonella metabolism during infection. Curr. Opin. Microbiol. 12:559 –567.

The Resurrection of Combinations

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