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Food Safety: Emerging Risks in the One Health perspective

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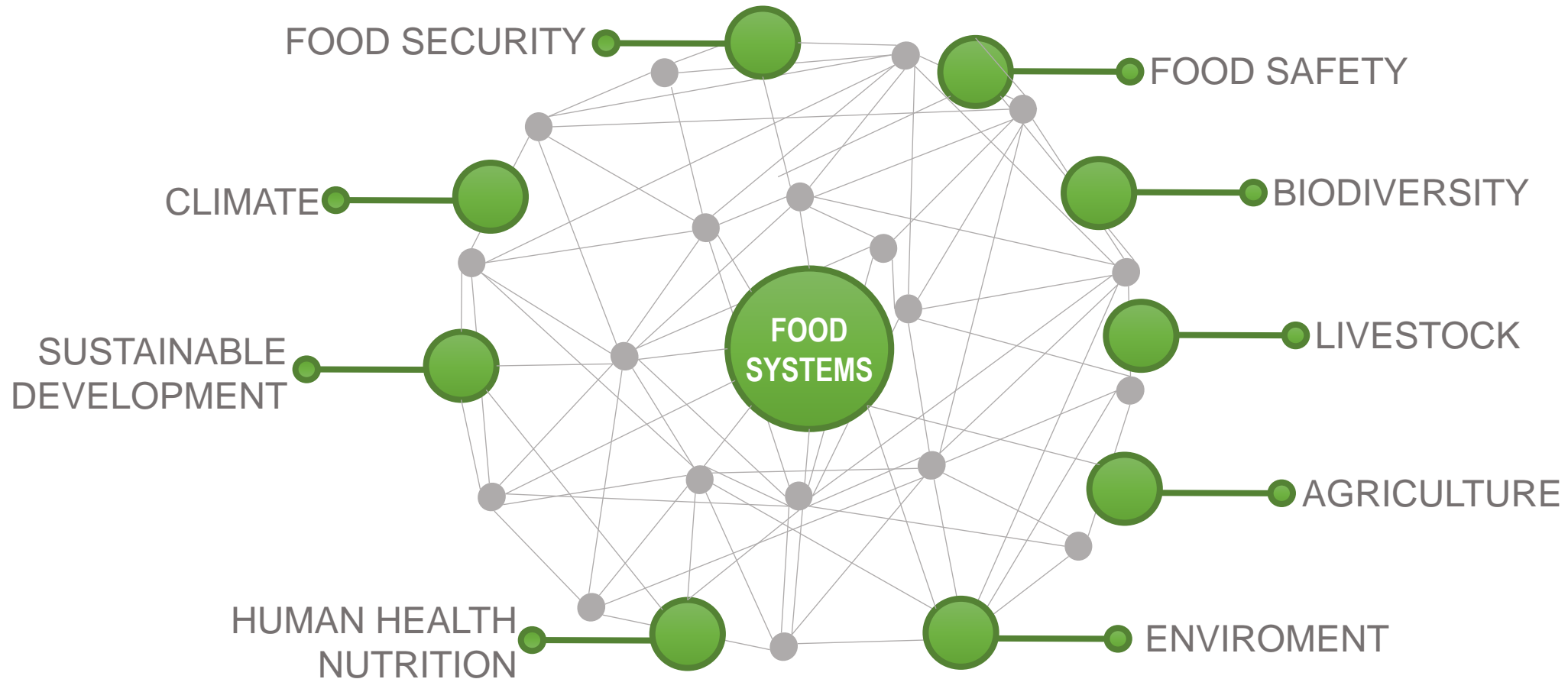
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Food System, Food Security, Sustainable Development and Food Safety: a multifaceted interface



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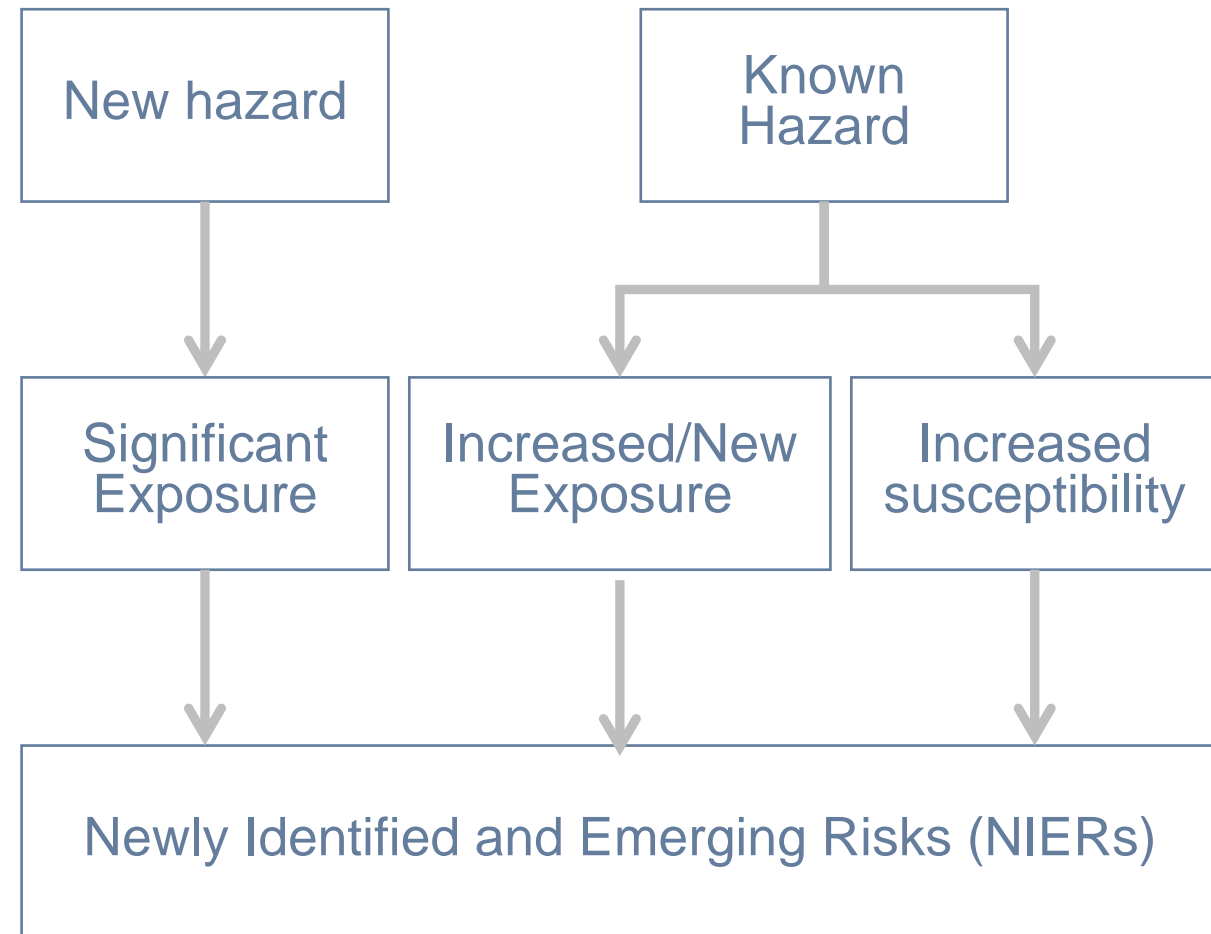


One Health is an integrated, unifying approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals and ecosystems. It recognizes the health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants, and the wider environment (including ecosystems) are closely linked and interdependent.

(OHHLEP One Health definition, 2021)

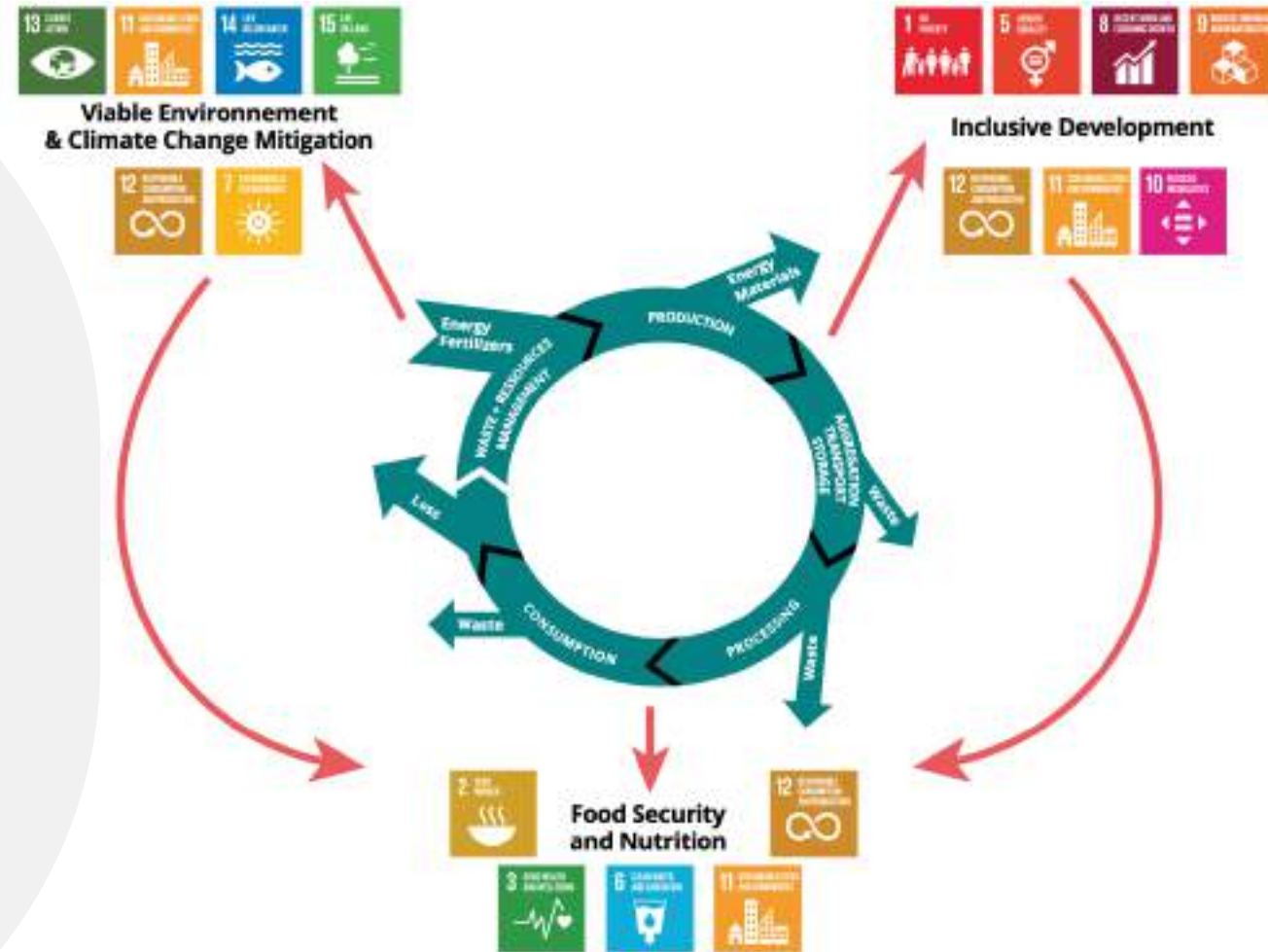
Emerging food risks:

a risk resulting from a newly identified hazard to which a significant exposure may occur, or from an unexpected new or increased significant exposure and/or susceptibility to a known hazard.



Emerging food risks

- Climate change and emergence of new food risks
- Changes in virulence of bacteria and viruses
- **Spread of antimicrobial resistances**
- New exposure to chemical contaminants including nanoplastics
- New food and agriculture technologies
- New organisms from NGT, Genome Editing and Synthetic Biology
- Dietary patterns changes
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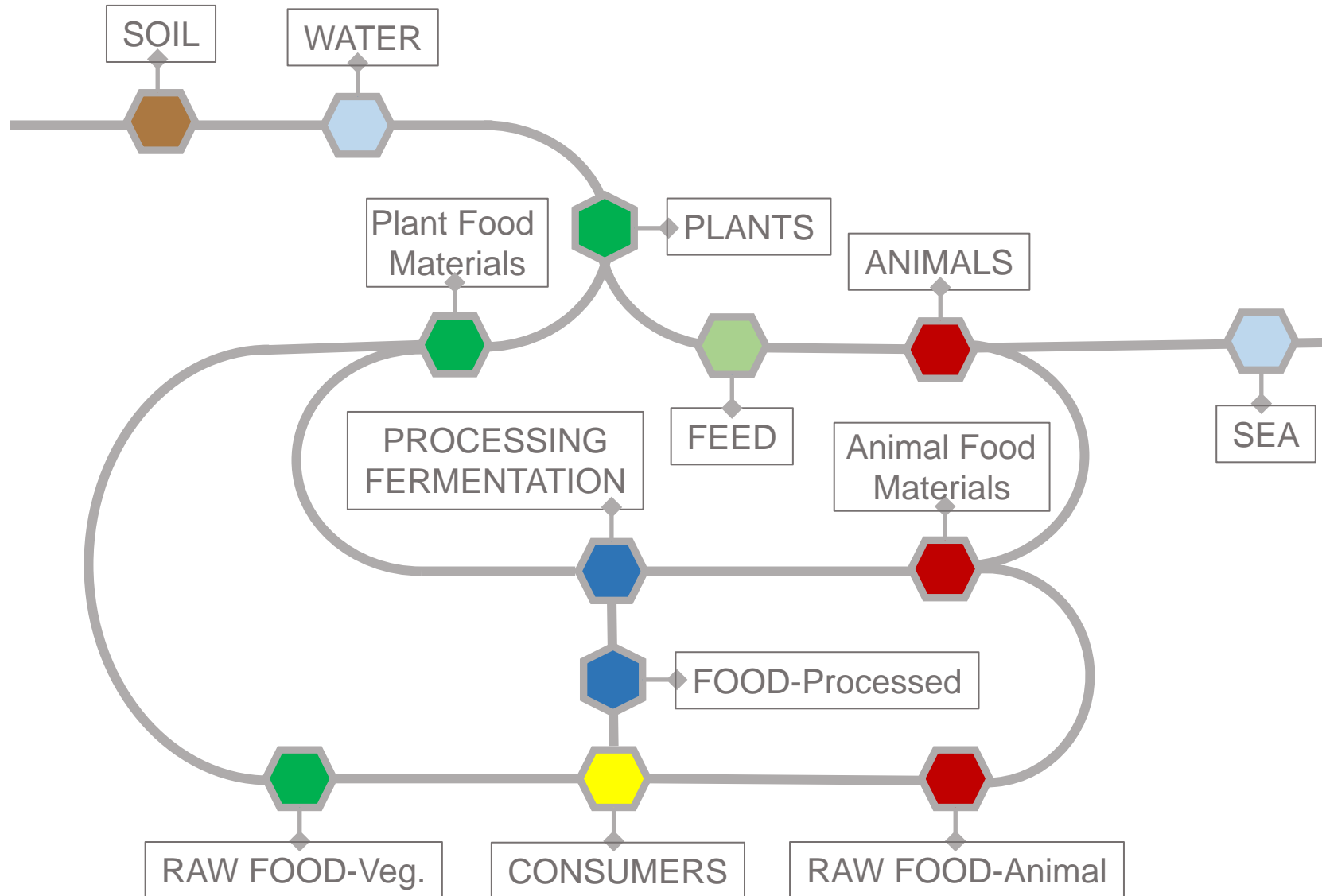




Food safety is the summation of all
risk mitigation actions, from
environment to consumption

One Health – Microbes

Flow of contaminants, cells and genes





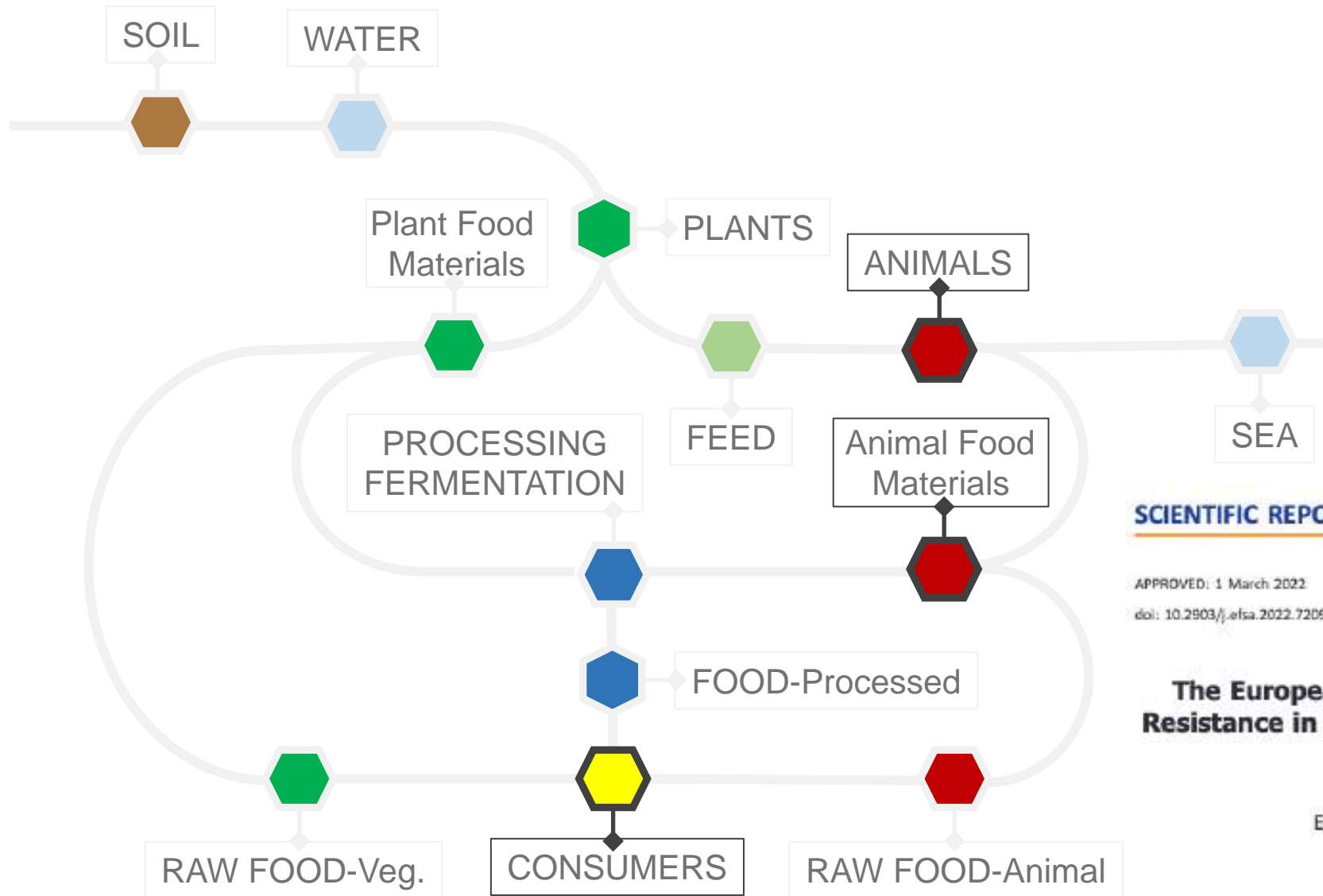
Data collection and elaboration form
the basis for the evidence-based
approaches

One-Health –AMR Bacteria

Data available for a limited number of countries



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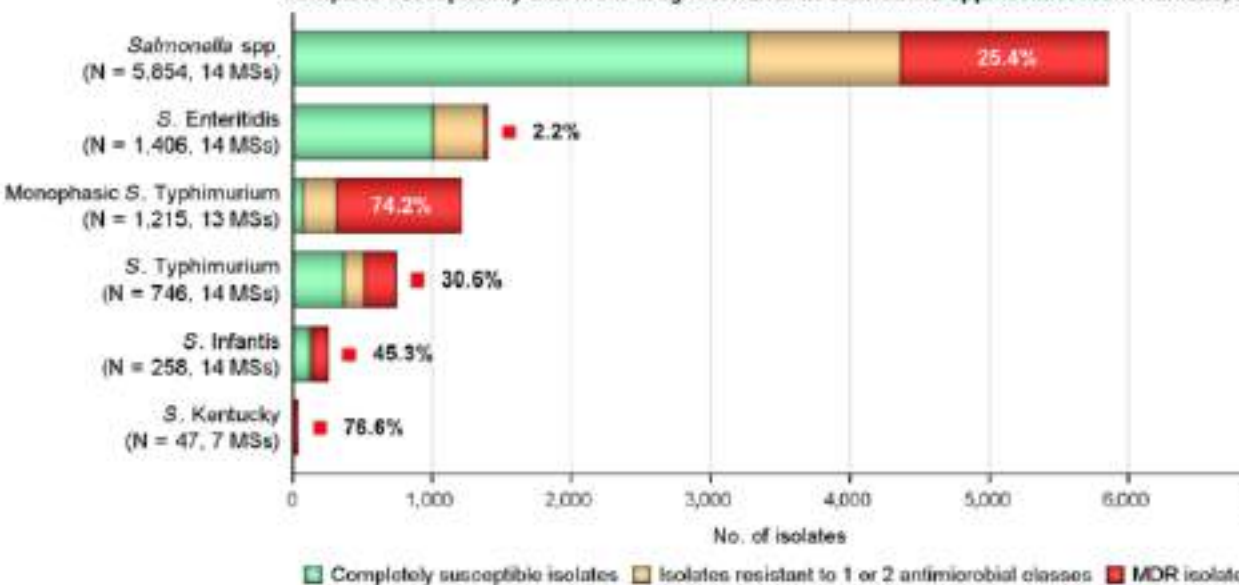
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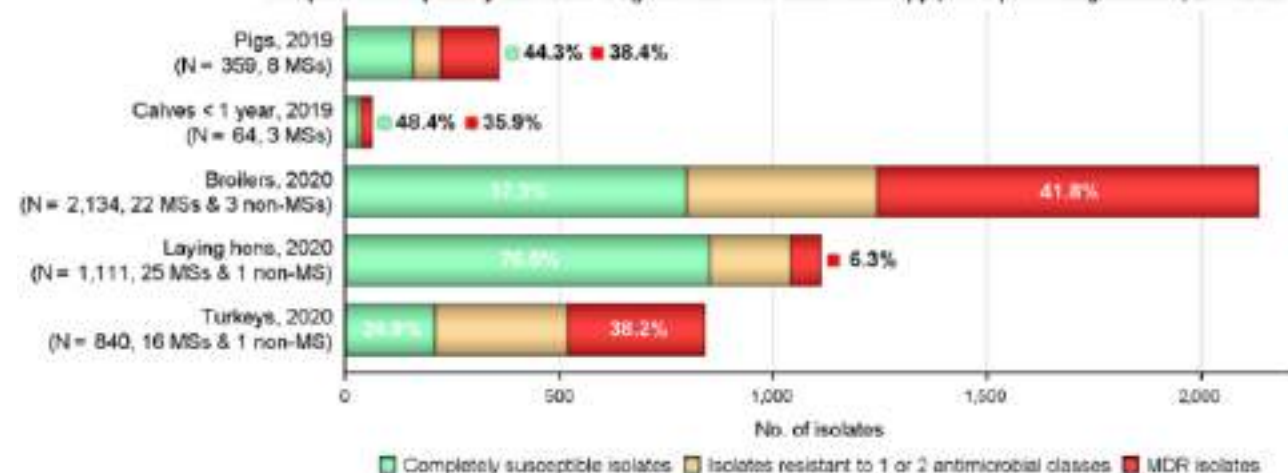
HUMANS

Complete susceptibility and multi-drug resistance in *Salmonella* spp. isolates from humans, 2020



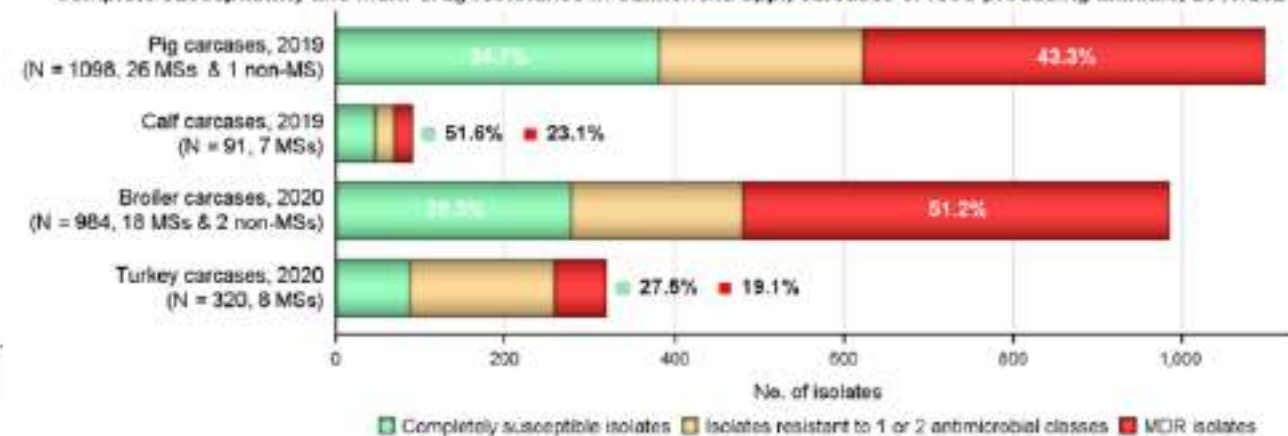
ANIMALS

Complete susceptibility and multi-drug resistance in *Salmonella* spp., food-producing animals, 2019/2020



MEAT-CARCASSES

Complete susceptibility and multi-drug resistance in *Salmonella* spp., carcasses of food-producing animals, 2019/2020





New scientific information is
constantly being produced

Article

Structural Bases for the Fitness Cost of the Antibiotic-Resistance and Lethal Mutations at Position 1408 of 16S rRNA

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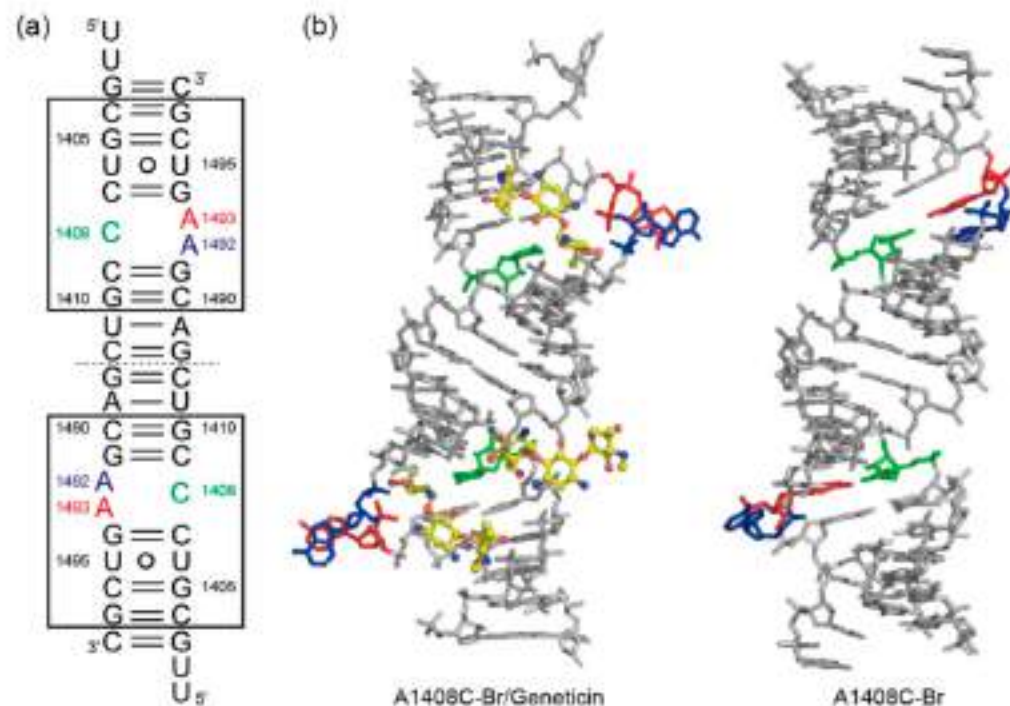


Figure 2. (a) Secondary structures of the RNA duplexes containing two A1408C mutant A-site molecular switches used in the crystallographic studies. (b) Tertiary structures of the RNA duplexes in the asymmetric unit of the A1408C-Br/geneticin and A1408C-Br crystals.

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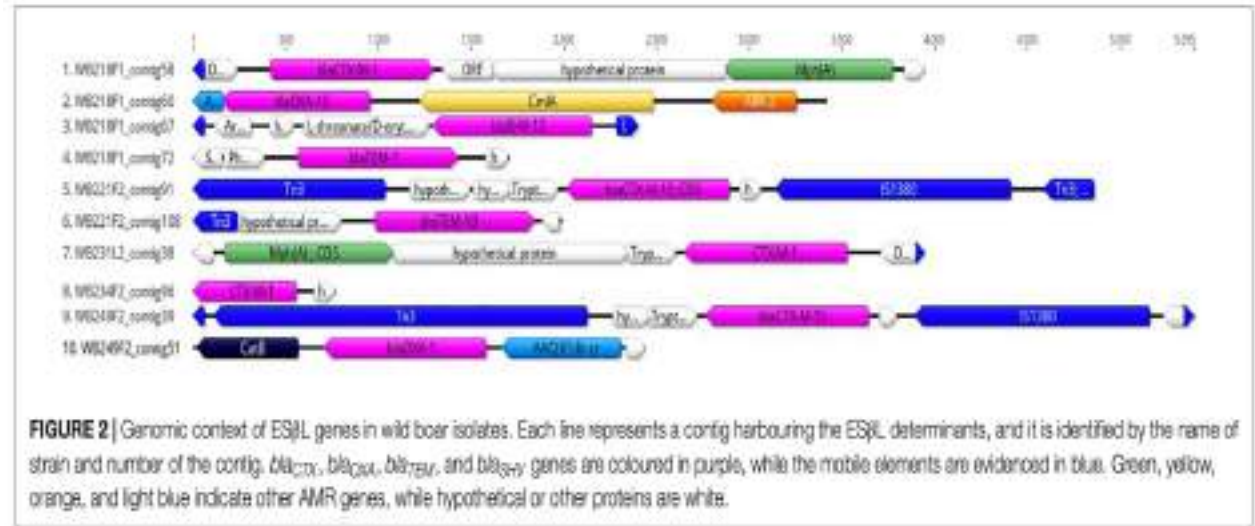
Occurrence and Multidrug Resistance of *Campylobacter* in Chicken Meat from Different Production Systems

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Wild Boars as an Indicator of Environmental Spread of ES β L-Producing *Escherichia coli*

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Dielectrophoresis assisted rapid, selective and single cell detection of antibiotic resistant bacteria with G-FETs

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antibiotics



Article

Effective Photodynamic Inactivation of 26 *Escherichia coli* Strains with Different Antibiotic Susceptibility Profiles: a Planktonic and Biofilm Study

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Genomic Insights of *Enterococcus faecium* UC7251, a Multi-Drug Resistant Strain From Ready-to-Eat Food, Highlight the Risk of Antimicrobial Resistance in the Food Chain

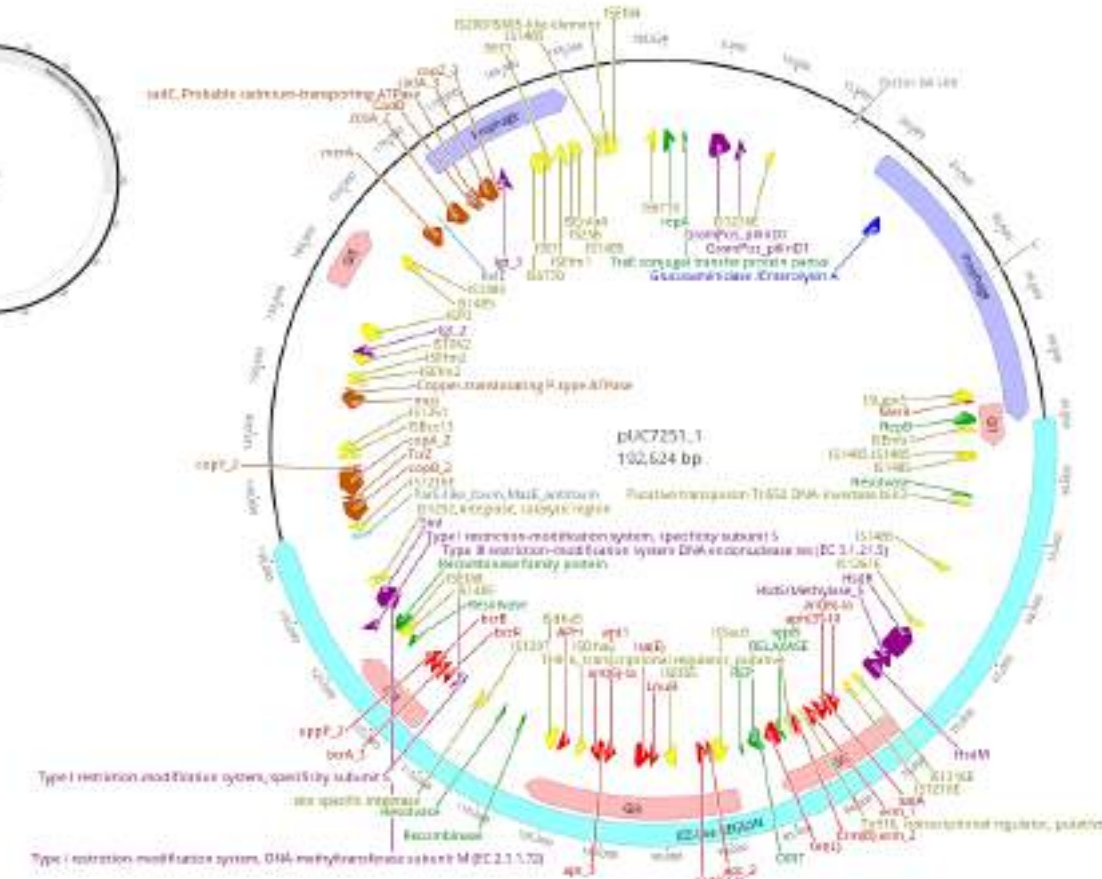
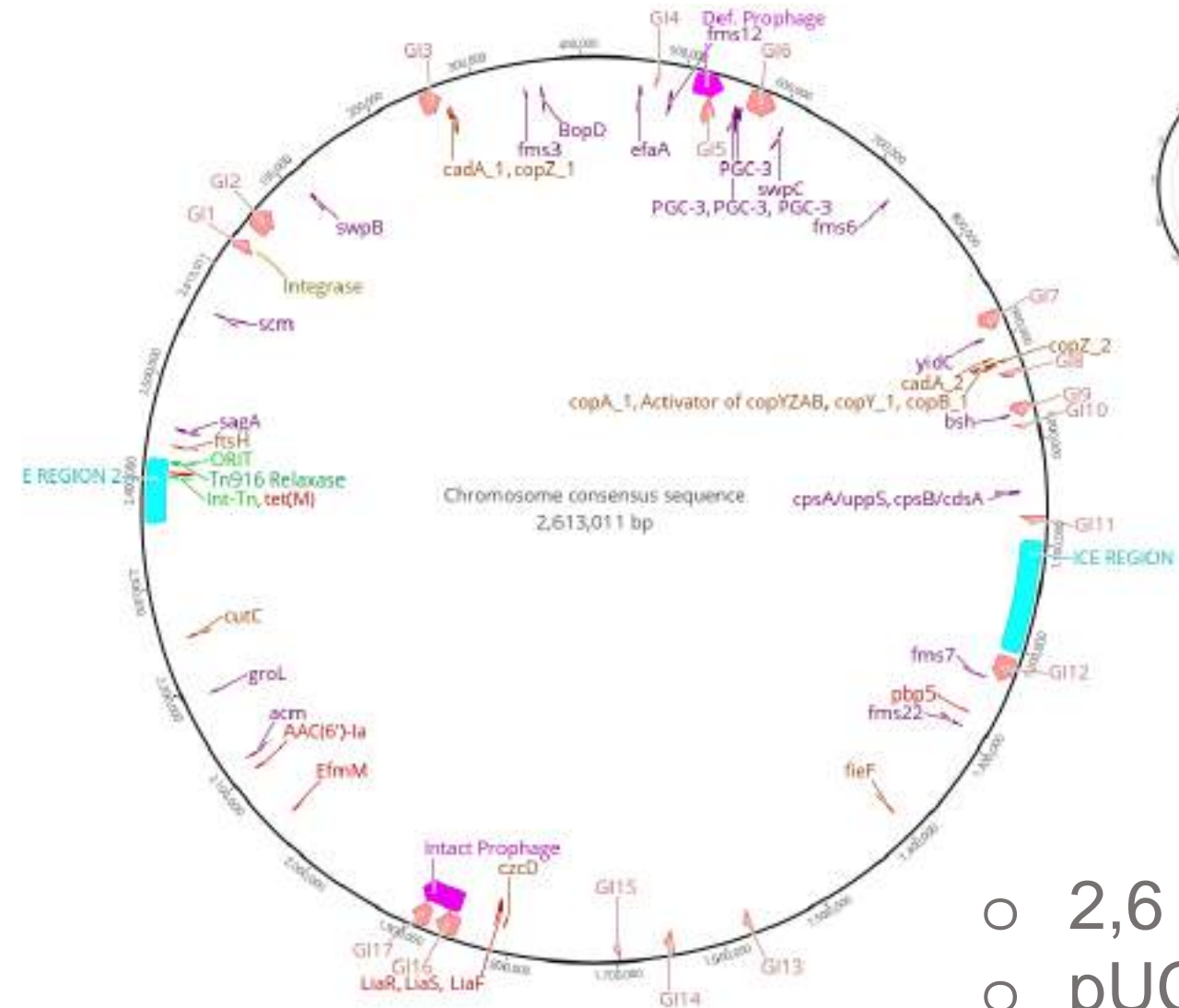
Mireya Viviana Belloso Daza, Giovanni Milani, Claudia Cortimiglia, Ester Pietta, Daniela Bassi and Pier Sandro Cocconcelli*

- UC7251 was isolated from fermented sausages
- it is phenotypically resistant to different classes of antimicrobials
- it is resistant to Copper, Cadmium and Mercury
- ampicillin resistance was demonstrated to be linked to the presence of a hybrid-like PBP5 (PBP5-S1/R20).

<i>AAC(6')-Ia</i>	Chromosome	Aminoglycoside N(6')-acetyltransferase (EC 2.3.1.82)
<i>EfmM</i>	Chromosome	rRNA) methyltransferase
<i>pbp5</i>	Chromosome	Penicillin binding protein 5
<i>tet(M)</i>	Chromosome	Tetracycline resistance
<i>ant(6)-Ia</i>	pUC7251_1	Aminoglycoside 6-adenylyltransferase
<i>ant1</i>	pUC7251_1	Streptomycin 3''-adenylyltransferase
<i>ant(6)-Ia</i>	pUC7251_1	Aminoglycoside 6-nucleotidyltransferase
<i>aph</i>	pUC7251_1	Aminoglycoside phosphotransferase family protein
<i>Lnu(B)</i>	pUC7251_1	Lincosamide nucleotidyltransferase
<i>Ilsa(E)</i>	pUC7251_1	ABC-F type ribosomal protection protein Lsa(E) EryR
<i>tet(L)</i>	pUC7251_1	Tetracycline efflux MFS transporter Tet(L)
<i>satA</i>	pUC7251_1	Streptothricin acetyltransferase A
<i>erm_1</i>	pUC7251_1	Erythromycin resistance
<i>erm_2</i>	pUC7251_1	Erythromycin resistance
<i>aad(6)-Ia</i>	pUC7251_1	Aminoglycoside 6-adenylyltransferase

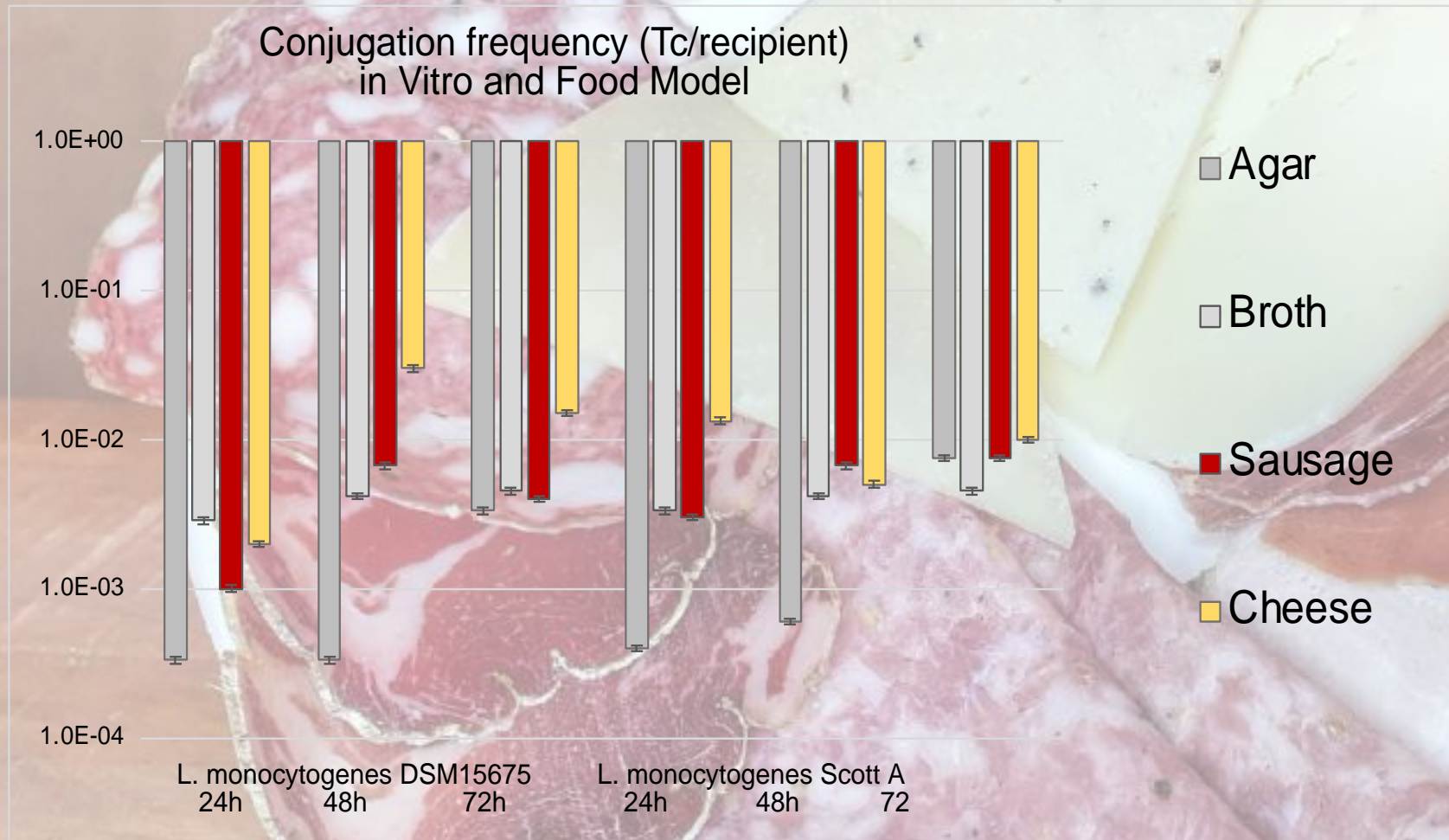
WGS hybrid WGS sequencing

Illumina-PacBio



- 2,6 Mb chromosome
- pUC7251_1 (192 kb)
- pUC7251_2 (1,9 kb)

The spread of AMR in food microbiota occurs at high rates through mobile genetic elements



Selection for chromosomal and plasmid markers

- tetR
- eryR

confirmation by PCR

- Tn916 spread at high frequency

Microplastics and horizontal gene transfer of AMR genes

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Research Paper

Bacterial community profiling of floating plastics from South Mediterranean sites: First evidence of effects on mussels as possible vehicles of transmission

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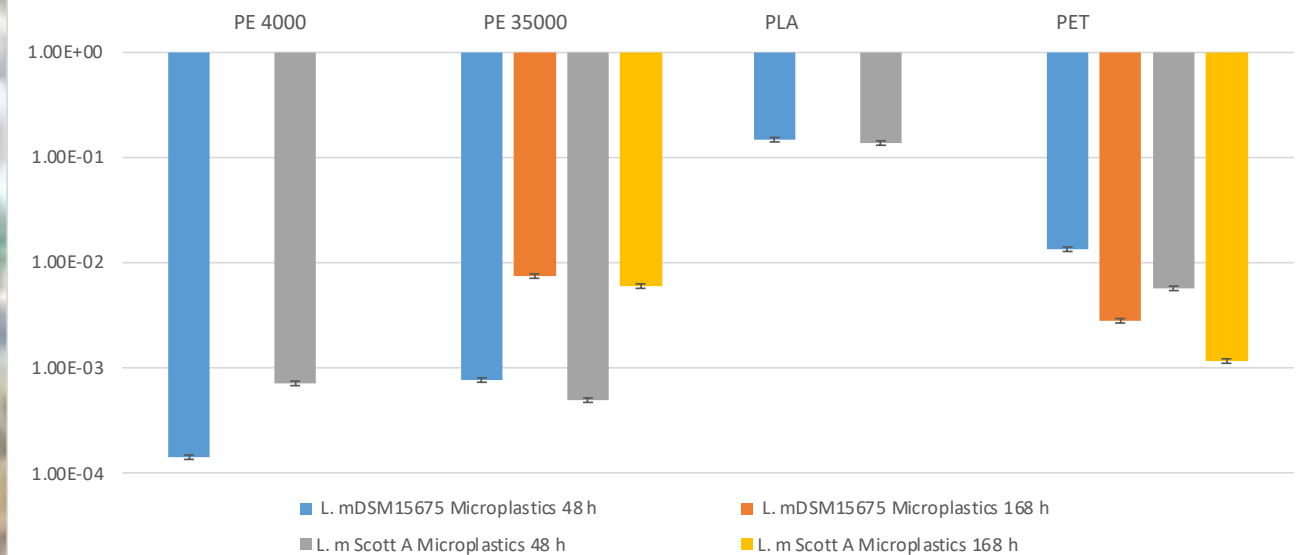
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Conjugation frequency in Microplastics

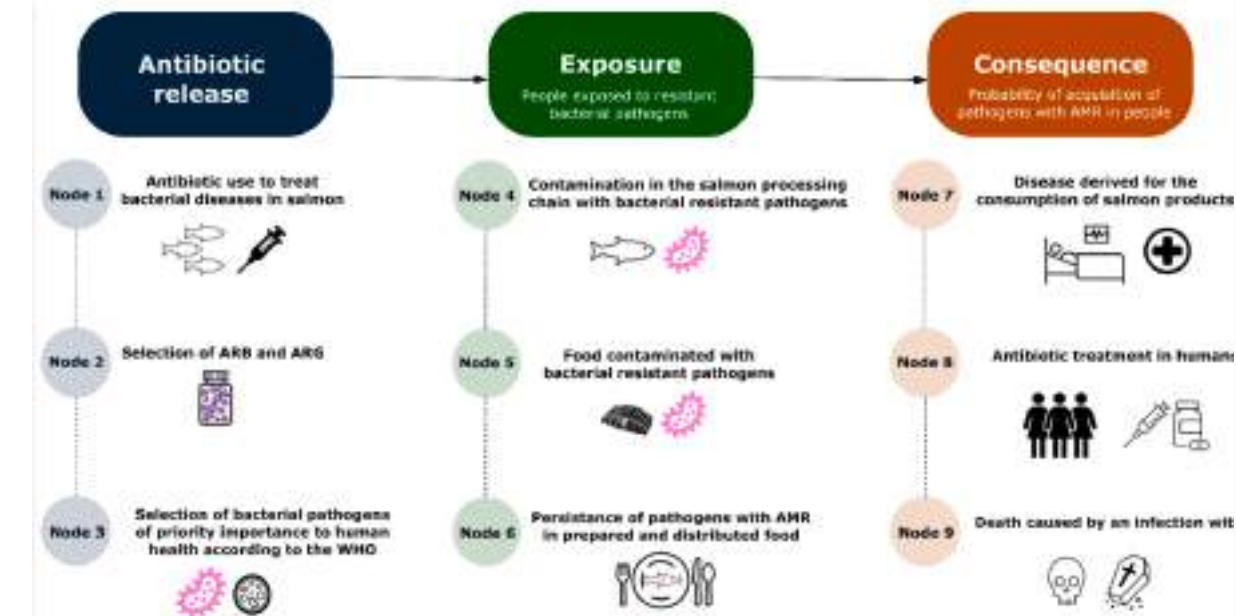




Limits exist in the transfer of
scientific achievements into best
practices for food system

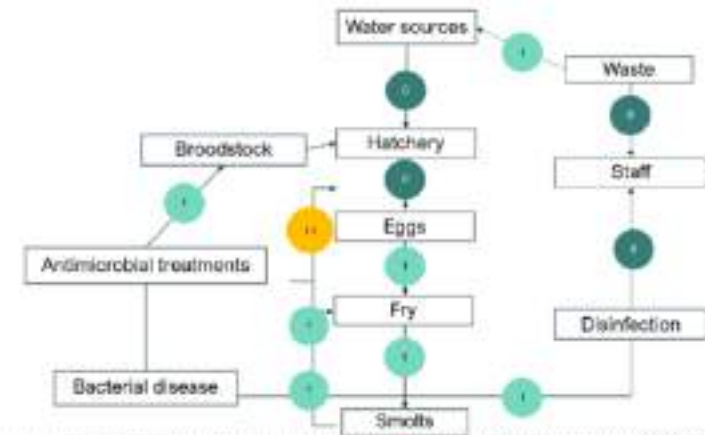
Article
Qualitative Risk Assessment for Antimicrobial Resistance among Humans from Salmon Fillet Consumption Due to the High Use of Antibiotics against Bacterial Infections in Farmed Salmon

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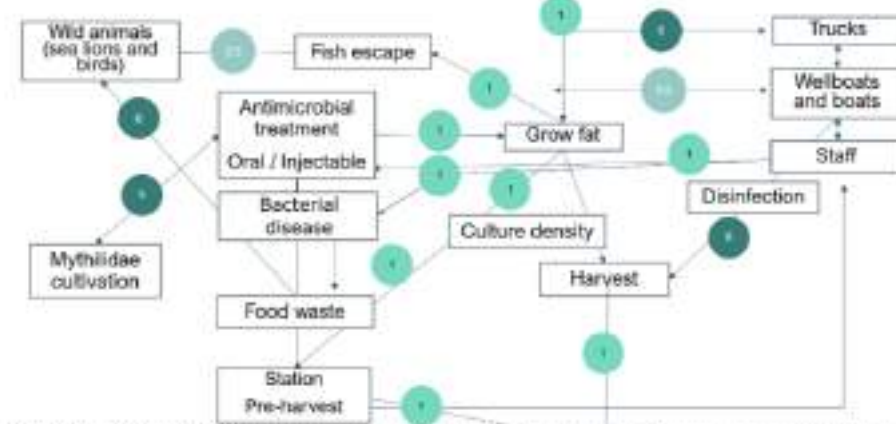
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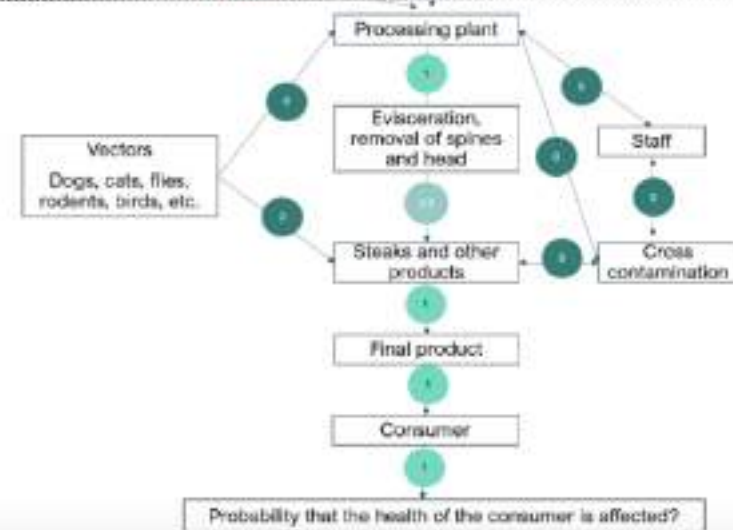
SEAWATER

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PROCESSING CHAIN

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Emerging Risks and One Health

What is needed to meet the challenges ahead?



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- Can One Health and Food Safety issues be addressed without scientific research and technological innovation?
- What is the role of Higher Education and Universities in cutting-edge research and technology transfer?
- Can a research with an effective societal impact be made?
- How can a global university alliance contribute?

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- increased scientific knowledge
- multi and transdisciplinary approach
- open science
- global scale view
- competence building
- test evidence-based solutions – best practices
- knowledge and technology transfer
- societal impact

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