

A microscopic image of several purple, rod-shaped bacteria with numerous thin, wavy flagella extending from them. The bacteria are set against a dark blue background.

AMR rules

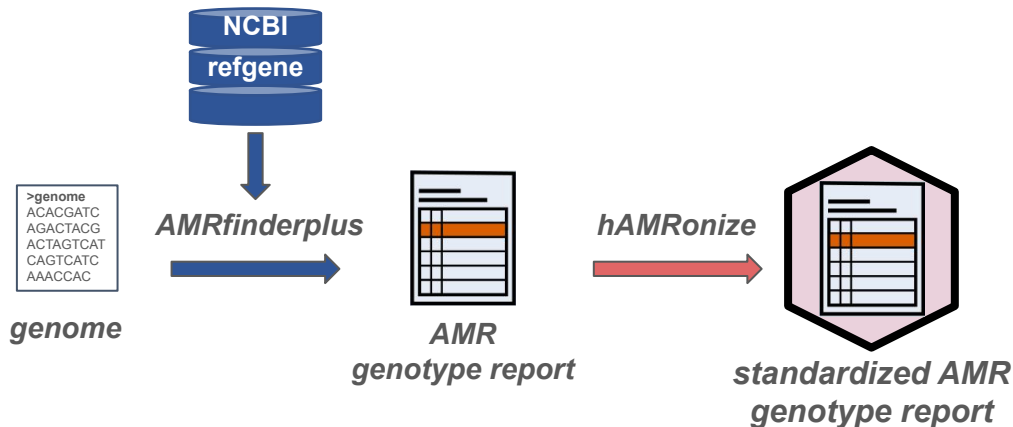
Interpretive Standards for AMR Genotypes

Time for expert rules for AMR genotype interpretation?

Genotyping AMR determinants in bacterial genomes is a fundamental task

Progress has been made on bioinformatics tools and resources

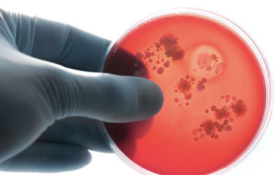
- ✓ Databases of AMR determinants - *NCBI, CARD, ResFinder*
- ✓ Tools for finding these in genomes - *AMRfinderplus, etc (hAMRonize to common format)*



Missing rules for interpretation

What does **gene X** in **species Y** mean for **drug Z**?

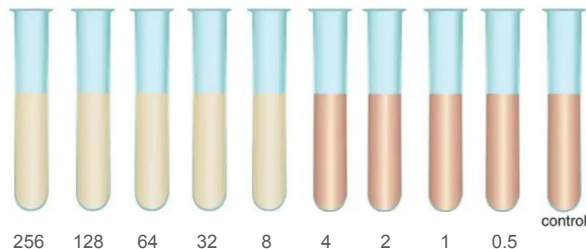
Interpretive standards



K. pneumoniae



Assay (microbroth dilution)



Imipenem concentration



Assay Result: MIC=8 mg/L



Interpretation: Resistant



Drug	Category
Amikacin	S
Ampicillin	R
Ceftriaxone	R
Imipenem	R

v_14.0_Breakpoint_Tables (EUCAST)

Carbapenems ¹		MIC breakpoints (mg/L)		
		S ≤	R >	ATU
61				
62				
63	Doripenem	1	2	
64	Ertapenem	0.5	0.5	
65	Imipenem, Enterobacterales except Morganellaceae	2	4	
66	Imipenem ² , Morganellaceae	0.001	4	
	Imipenem-relebactam, Enterobacterales except Morganellaceae	2 ³	2 ³	
67				
68	Meropenem (indications other than meningitis)	2	8	
69	Meropenem (meningitis)	2	2	
70	Meropenem-vaborbactam	8 ⁴	8 ⁴	
71				

Technical uncertainty Enterobacterales Pseudomonas S.maltophilia



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>genome  
ACACGATC  
AGACTACG  
ACTAGTCAT  
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interpretAMR

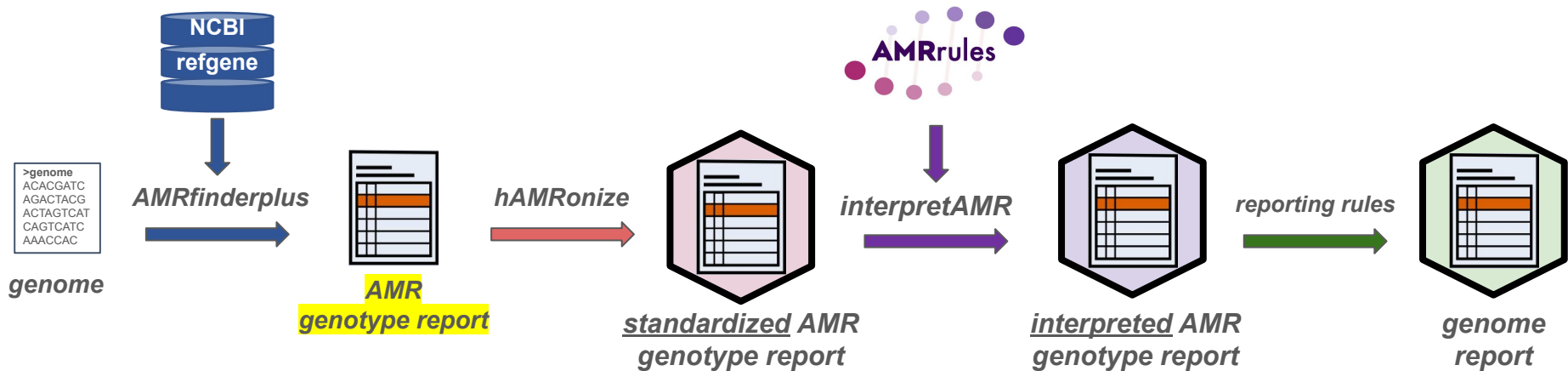


interpreted AMR
genotype report

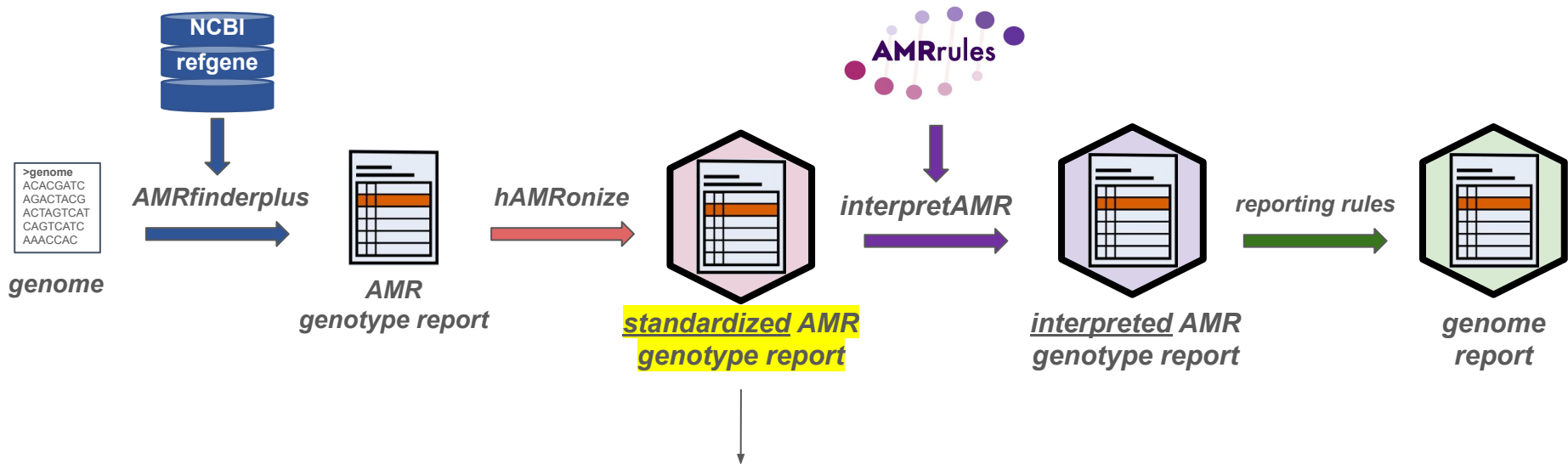
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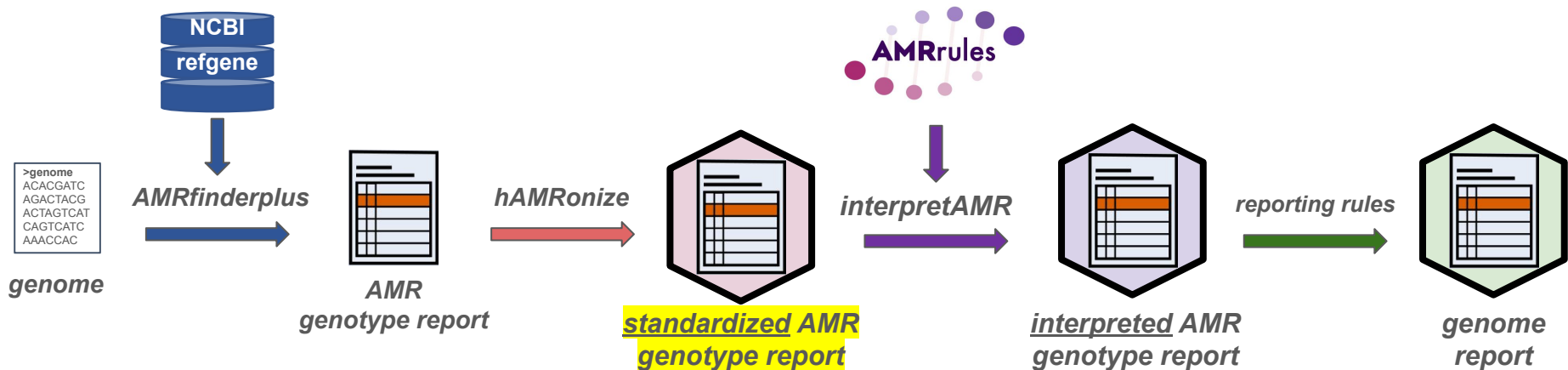
genome
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fosA	FOSFOMYCIN	FOSFOMYCIN
oqxA	PHENICOL/QUINOLONE	PHENICOL/QUINOLONE
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blaCTX-M-15	BETA-LACTAM	CEPHALOSPORIN



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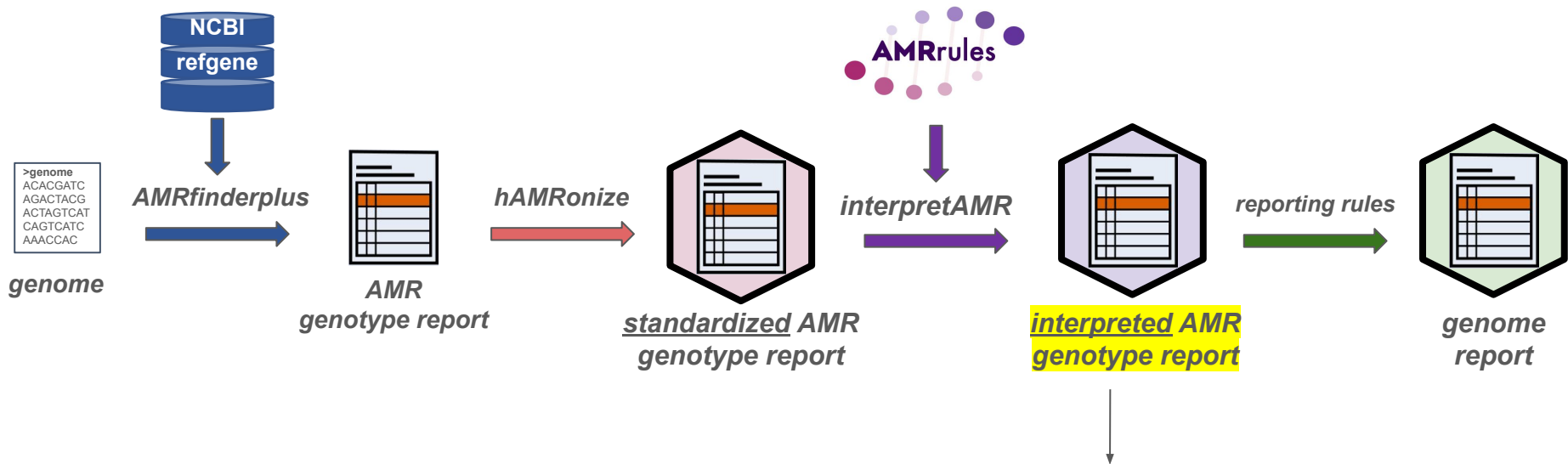
Interpreting results

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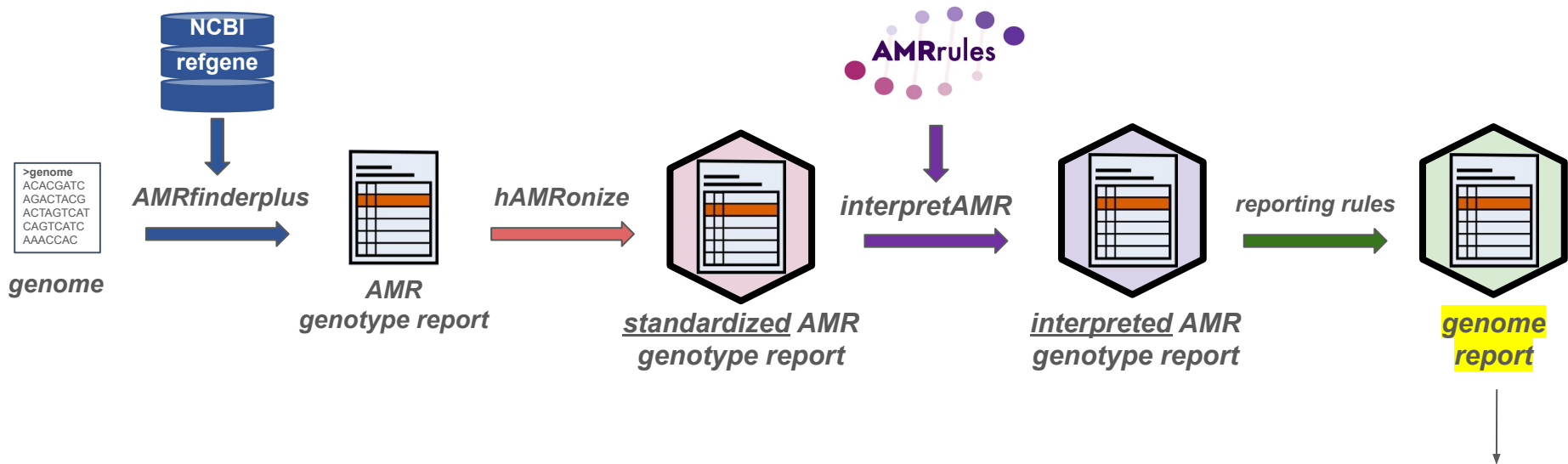
Note regarding Genotype vs. Phenotype

Users of AMRFinderPlus or its supporting data files are cautioned that presence of a gene encoding an antimicrobial resistance (AMR) protein or resistance causing mutation does not necessarily indicate that the isolate carrying the gene is resistant to the corresponding antibiotic. AMRFinderPlus does not predict phenotypic resistance. AMR genes must be expressed to confer resistance. Many AMR proteins reduce antibiotic susceptibility somewhat, but not sufficiently to cross clinical breakpoints. Meanwhile, an isolate may gain or lose resistance to an antibiotic by mutational processes, such as the loss of a porin required to allow the antibiotic into the cell. For some families of AMR proteins, especially those borne by plasmids, correlations of genotype to phenotype are much more easily deciphered, but users are cautioned against over-interpretation.

<https://github.com/ncbi/amr/wiki/Interpreting-results>

















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Local reporting rules

- Which drugs to include/suppress
- How much detail to include
- Format - e.g. 'R' or 'Resistant' or 'predicted R'

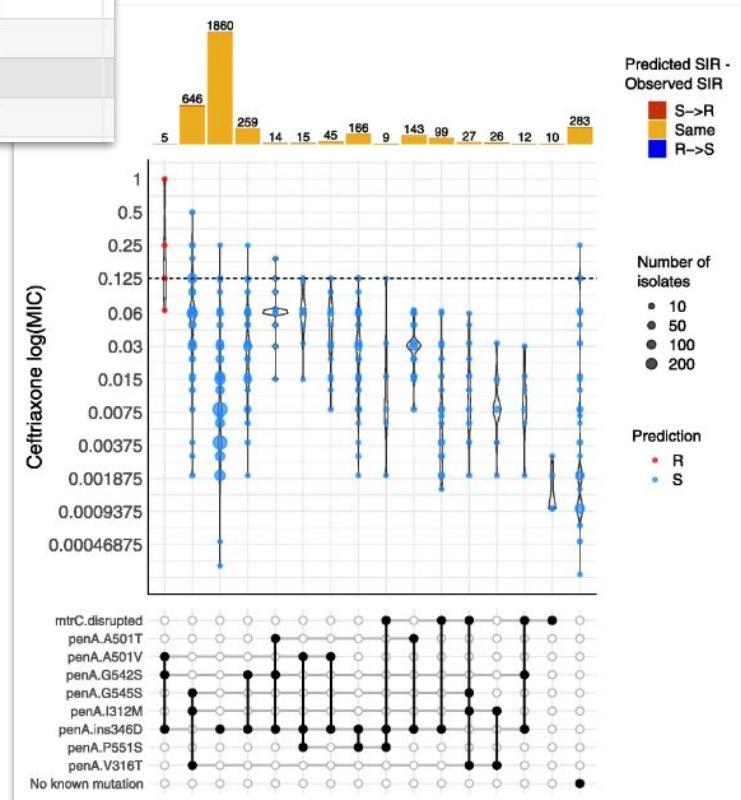
Drug	Predicted Category	Resistance Determinants
Amikacin	S	-
Ampicillin (expected R)	R	blaSHV-11 (core)
Ceftriaxone	R	blaCTX-M-15
Ciprofloxacin	S	-
Fosfomycin	S	-
Gentamicin	S	-
Imipenem	S	-
Trimethoprim	S	-

	NAME	Azithromycin	Ceftriaxone	Cefixime	Ciprofloxacin	Penicillin	Sulfonamides	Spectinomycin	Tetracycline
 	ECDC_NL18_181113008902					●			
 	ECDC_ES18_8274					●			
 	ECDC_ES18_8442					●			
 	ECDC_ES18_8441					●			
 	ECDC_UK18_18BI179					●			
 	ECDC_ES18_8383			●		●			
 	ECDC_ES18_8304			●		●			

AMR - Antimicrobial resistance

PAARSNP AMR - Library 485 version 0.0.17

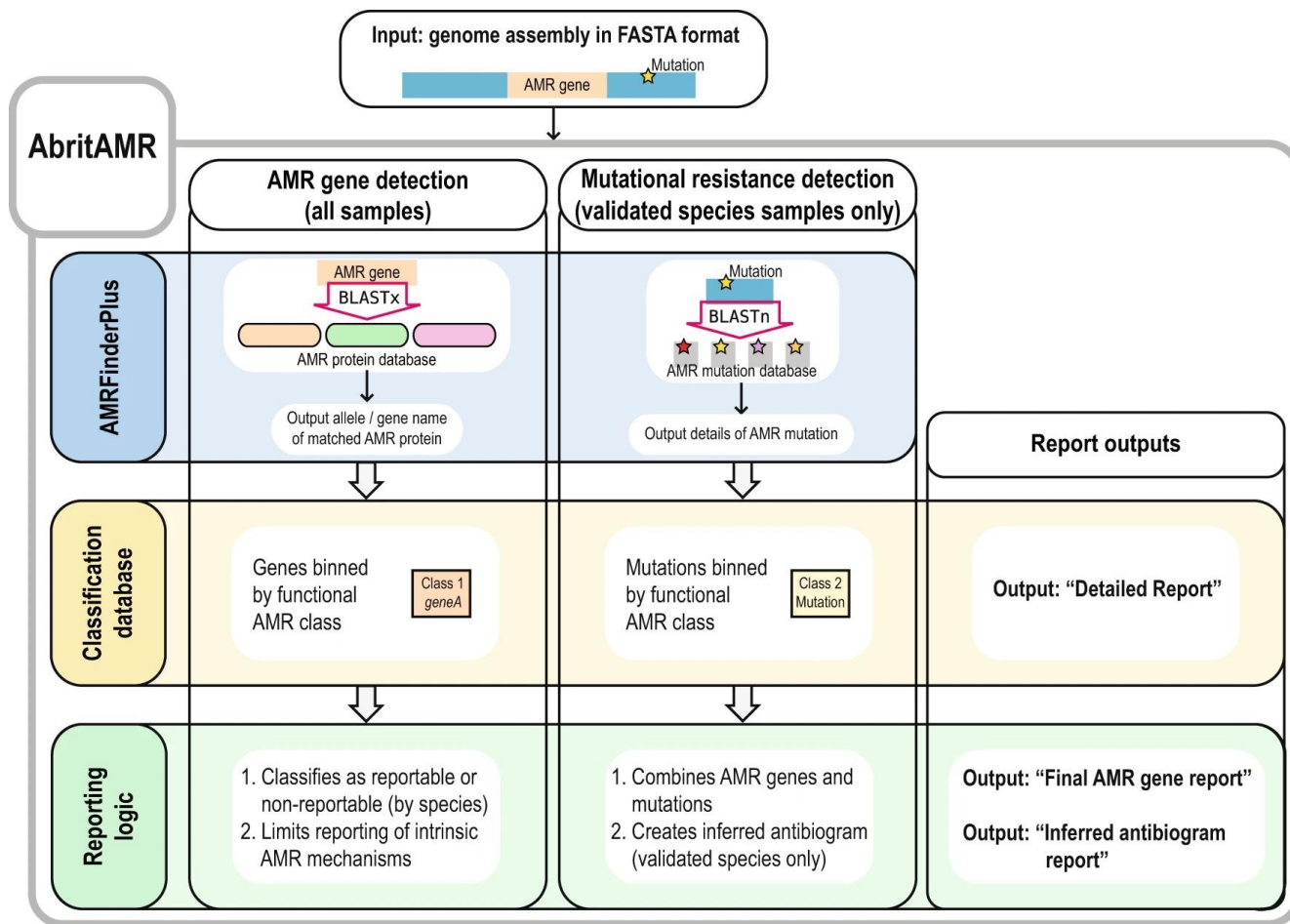
Agent	Inferred resistance	Known Determinants
Azithromycin	None	
Ceftriaxone	None	
Cefixime	Resistant	penA_I312M/V316T/G545S
Ciprofloxacin	None	
Penicillin	Intermediate	mtrR_A39T; penA_I312M/V316T/G545S
Sulfonamides	None	
Spectinomycin	None	
Tetracycline	None	mtrR_A39T

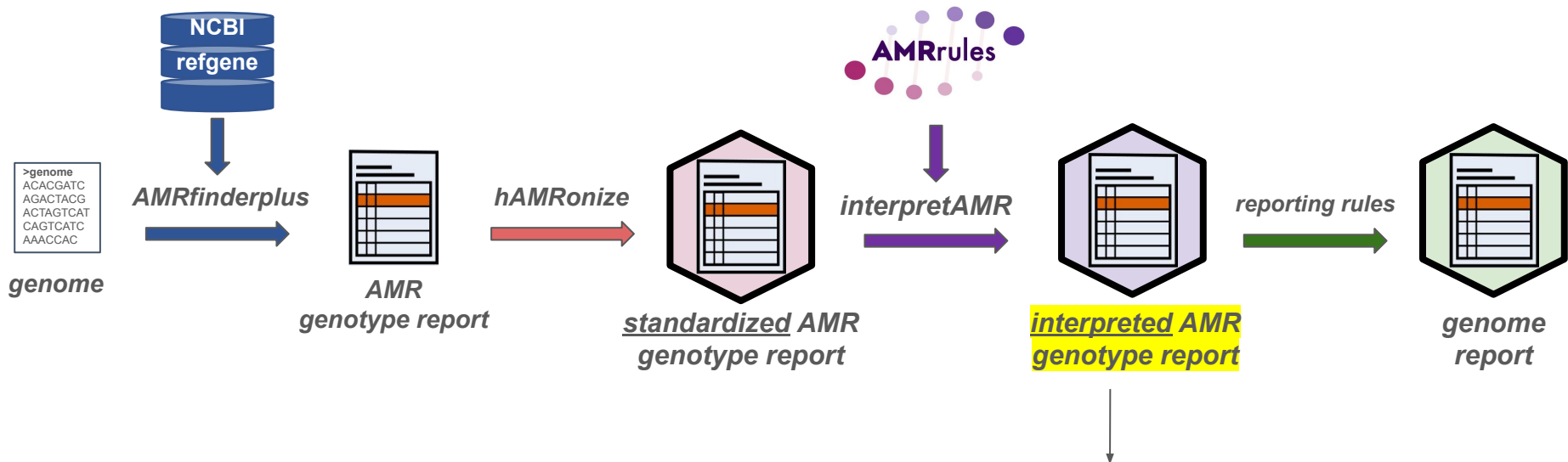


<https://github.com/pathogenwatch-oss/amr-libraries>



AMR GENE DETECTION MODE				INFERRED ANTIBIOGRAM MODE																														
Genome sequence A: <i>Escherichia coli</i>		Genome sequence B: <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>		Genome sequence C: <i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>		Genome sequence D: <i>Salmonella enterica</i>																												
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	rmtA RmtA family 16S rRNA (guanine(1405)-N(7))-methyltransferase	blaTEM-1 Class A broad-spectrum beta-lactamase TEM-1	mcr-1.1 Phosphoethanolamine-lipid A transferase MCR-1.1	mph(A) Mph(A) family macrolide 2'-phosphotransferase																														
	blaEC-8 Cephalosporin-hydrolyzing class C beta-lactamase EC-8	aac(6')-lb-cr Fluoroquinolone-acetylating aminoglycoside 6'-N-acetyltransferase AAC(6')-lb-cr3	armA ArmA family 16S rRNA (guanine(1405)-N(7))-methyltransferase	dfrA12 Trimethoprim-resistant dihydrofolate reductase DfrA12																														
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Example rule set for *Klebsiella pneumoniae*



Rules for interpreting *Klebsiella pneumoniae* AMR genotypes

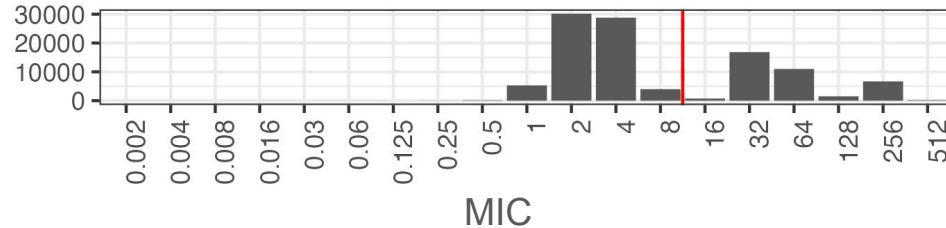
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↑
expected
phenotype
category

Genotype vs phenotype vs clinical interpretation

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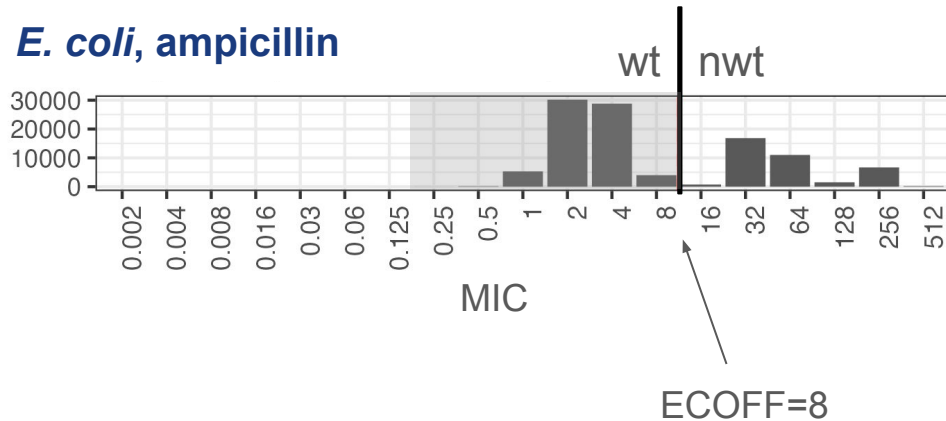
E. coli, ampicillin distribution



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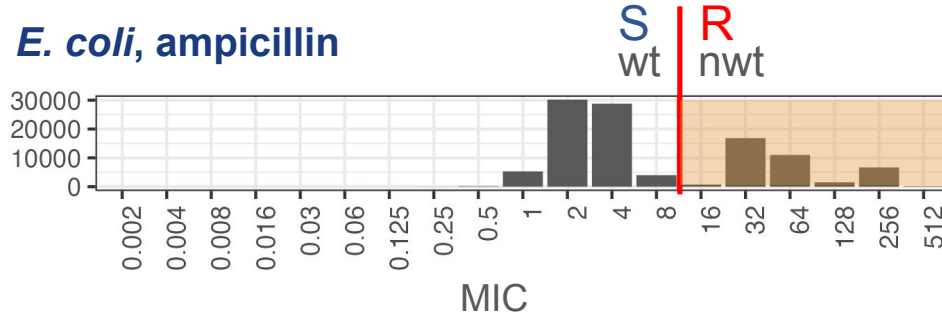


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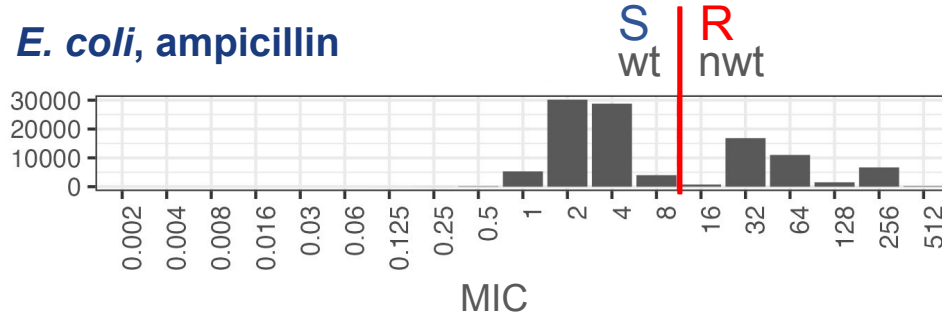
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Acquired beta-lactamase gene

shift **expected phenotype category** from **wt S** to **nwt R**

The role of whole genome sequencing in antimicrobial susceptibility testing of bacteria: report from the EUCAST Subcommittee

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- Primary comparator should be **ECOFF** - i.e. WT/NWT
- Secondary comparator clinical **breakpoints** - i.e. S/I/R

- Combining these gives 6 categories:
- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| S^{WT} | I^{WT} |
| R^{WT} | |
| S^{NWT} | I^{NWT} |
| | R^{NWT} |

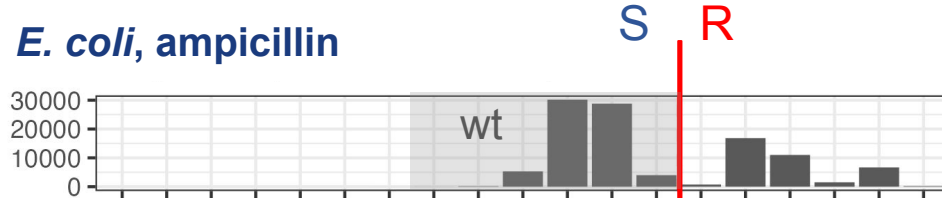
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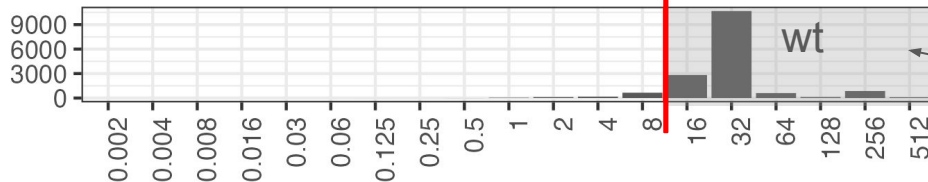
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E. coli, ampicillin



K. pneumoniae, ampicillin



expected phenotype category = **wt R**
(core gene *blaSHV*)

EUCAST Expected Resistance Rules

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viewed with suspicion.

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1.3	<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> complex	R	R	R		R	R						
1.4	<i>Escherichia hermannii</i>	R			R								
1.5	<i>Hafnia alvei</i>	R	R								R		
1.6	<i>Klebsiella aerogenes</i>	R	R	R		R	R						
1.7	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> complex	R			R								
1.8	<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	R			R								

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AMRfinderplus output for wildtype *Acinetobacter baumannii* str ARLG1933

Gene symbol	Class	Subclass
abaF	FOSFOMYCIN	FOSFOMYCIN
amvA	AMINOGLYCOSIDE	SPECTINOMYCIN/STREPTOMYCIN
blaADC-251	BETA-LACTAM	CEPHALOSPORIN
blaOXA-940	BETA-LACTAM	CARBAPENEM

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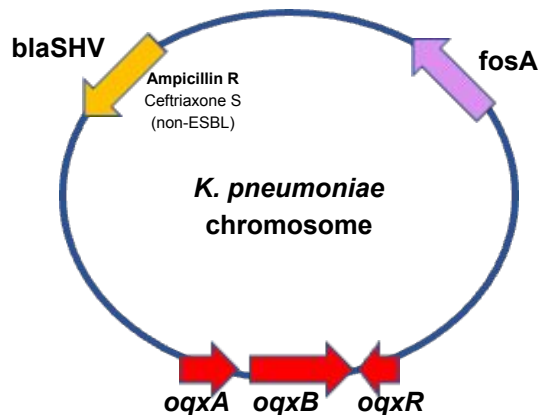


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makes all *K. pneumoniae*
resistant to penicillins

all are **core genes**
in this species



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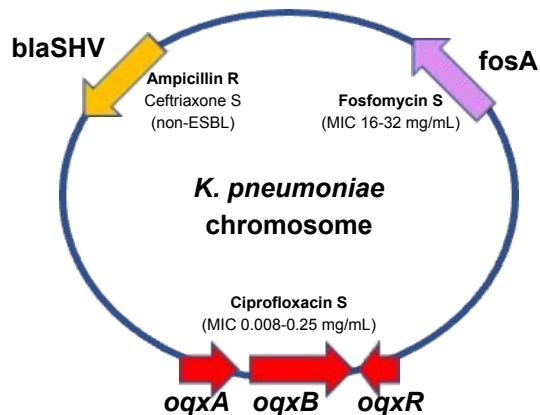
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increases fosfomycin MIC but
remains **susceptible**

efflux pump, under normal
regulation *K. pneumoniae*
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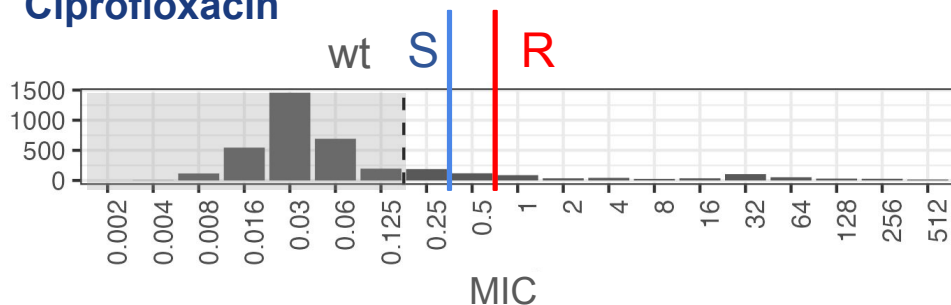
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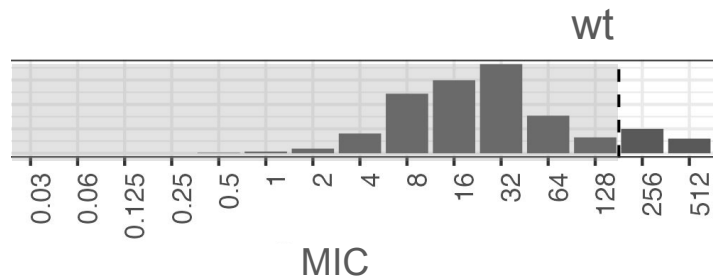
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Ciprofloxacin



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Organism-specific interpretation of genotype report



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acquired gene
no special rule

*assume nwt R
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AMRules



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GTDB: Genome
Taxonomy DB

gtdb.ecogenomic.org

NCBI gene
hierarchy

[www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/
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WHO ATC
Classification?

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fosA5_fam	MIC >128 mg/L	ECOFF (January 2024)	phosphonic acid antibiotic	NF040540.1	-	*
blaCTX-M	MIC >2 mg/L	EUCAST v14.0 (2024)	3rd gen. cephalosporins	NF033089.1	ARO:3000016	*
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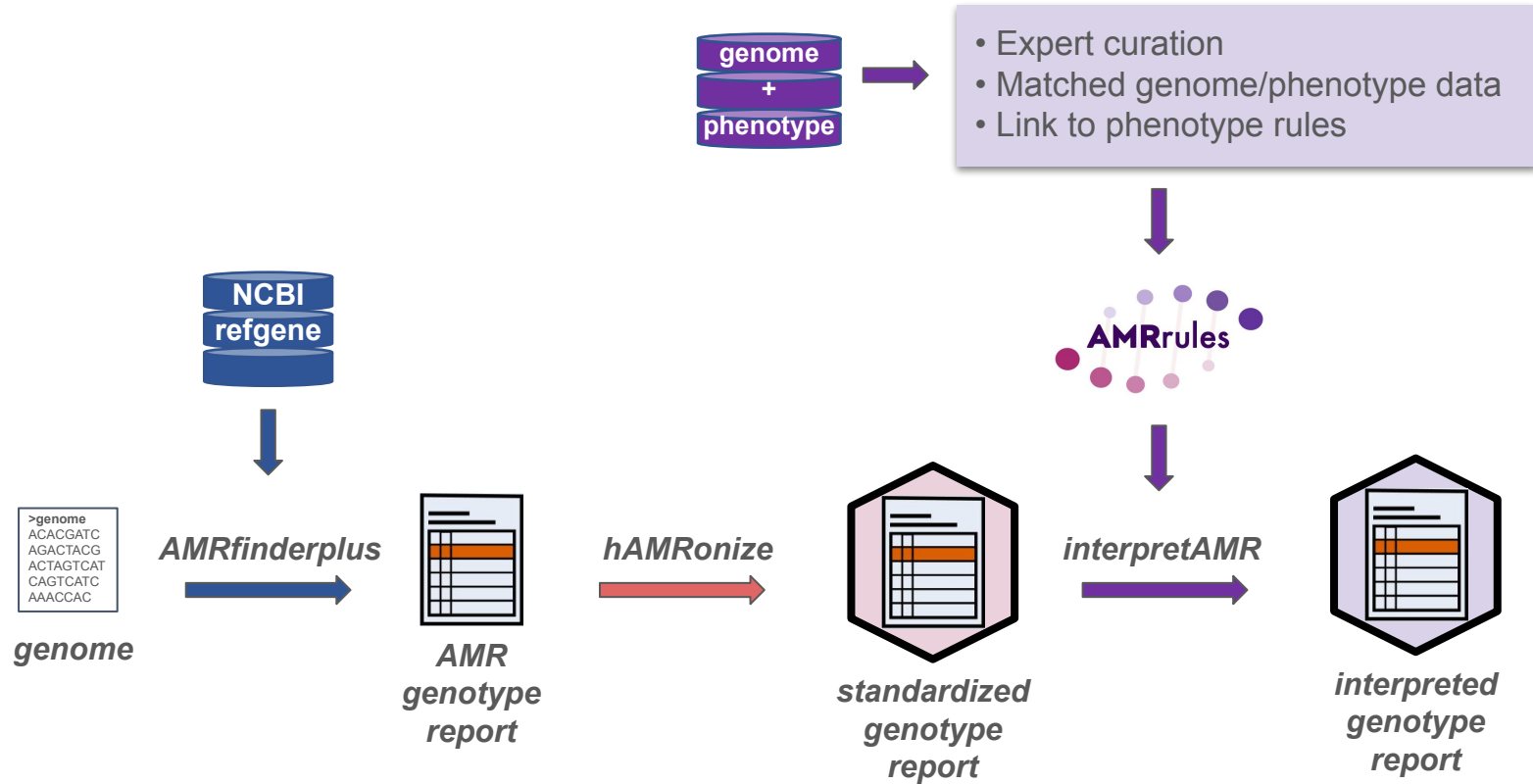
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card.mcmaster.ca



What will the working group do?



- **Draft AMRrules** rule sets for organism/s according to expertise
 - Complete rule template (using expert knowledge & matched genome/AST data where available)
 - Submit to WG leads for review and testing (WG members may be asked to volunteer to review)
 - Guidance on formats and suggested protocols will be providedSee: github.com/interpretAMR/AMRrulesCuration
- **Attend monthly meetings** to review progress and discuss issues arising
- **Contribute to initial publication in 2025**
- Consider drafting manuscripts describing the rationales and supporting data for individual focus organism/s

Working group model



May/June 2024

- Introductory webinars
- Register interest via online form
- Chairs to select working group members and assign to organism/s
 - Not too many per organism, may need to select based on expertise + data
 - For popular organisms, may need to nominate a leader to organise group
 - Members will be asked to sign an MOU and Code of Ethics to formalise their involvement

July 2024 through March 2025

- Draft **AMRrules** & attend meetings to discuss
- Priority = rules for **core genes & expected resistances**
 - If data available to fully interpret acquired resistances ✓
- Contribute to primary manuscript describing the **AMRrules** project

Principles guiding WG outputs



FAIR principles: **F**indable, **A**ccessible, **I**nteroperable, **R**eusable

- All materials freely available in GitHub repository
 - github.com/interpretAMR/AMRules
 - github.com/interpretAMR/AMRulesCuration
- Interoperable with NCBI refgene, hAMRonization, CARD tools and databases as far as possible
- Linked with EUCAST Expert Rules, guidance on WGS for AST prediction, and other materials as far as possible (EUCAST are partners)

Working group outputs



1. Interpretive standards in the form of **AMRrules** rule sets
2. **InterpretAMR** code to annotate genotype reports (hAMRonize compatible)
 - NOTE: code prototype only works with AMRFinderPlus output, need to work on this to be compatible with hAMRonize format, and identifiers from input databases besides refgene
3. Publication describing initial expert curation of **AMRrules** rule sets
 - ✓ Validated rules for core genes & expected resistances in key organisms
 - ✓ Discussion of data structure and issues
 - ✓ Requirements for systematic matched genome + AST data for acquired resistance

Working group priority organisms



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ESKAPEE pathogens

- *Enterococcus faecium*
- *Staphylococcus aureus*
- *Klebsiella pneumoniae* species complex*
- *Acinetobacter baumannii*
- *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- *Enterobacter cloacae* complex*
- *E. coli*

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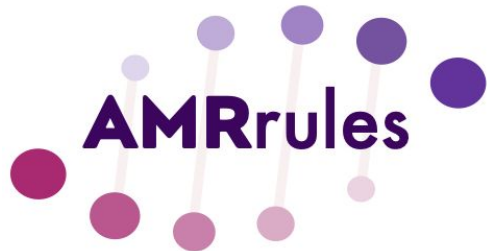
Other organisms of clinical relevance where sufficient expertise and data is available, prioritising those with **EUCAST Expected Resistant** phenotypes

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Other organisms on the WHO Priority Pathogens list

- *Salmonellae*, *Shigella* spp., other *Enterobacteriaceae*
- *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*
- *Streptococcus pneumoniae*
- *Haemophilus influenzae*
- *Helicobacter pylori*
- *Campylobacter* spp.





Want to join?



Do I have to know a lot about organism-specific resistance?

- ✓ **YES, we are looking for at least one expert in each organism**
Please explain in the registration form what organism/s you have expertise in

Do I have to have matched genome/AST data?

- × **NO, you do not need to have data to contribute, expertise is enough**
IF you able to contribute unpublished matched genome/AST data for the purpose of setting rules that would be very helpful, please note that in the registration form

Register interest:



bit.ly/AMRRules

Many issues to consider

- Which drugs should be included for a given organism?
- Standards of evidence?
- What if there's no breakpoint?
- What if there's multiple breakpoints?
- What if the breakpoint cuts the MIC distribution in half?
- Can/should we define a rule for a drug class rather than individual drugs?
- Can/should we define a rule for a taxonomic group other than species?
 - Species complex? Genus? Family?
- Can we assume some acquired genes have universal effects?
- How to define rules for combined effects of multiple genes/variants?
- How to handle combination drugs?
- How to ensure interoperability with multiple upstream databases & tools?

Some preliminary answers in Technical Guidance doc at:

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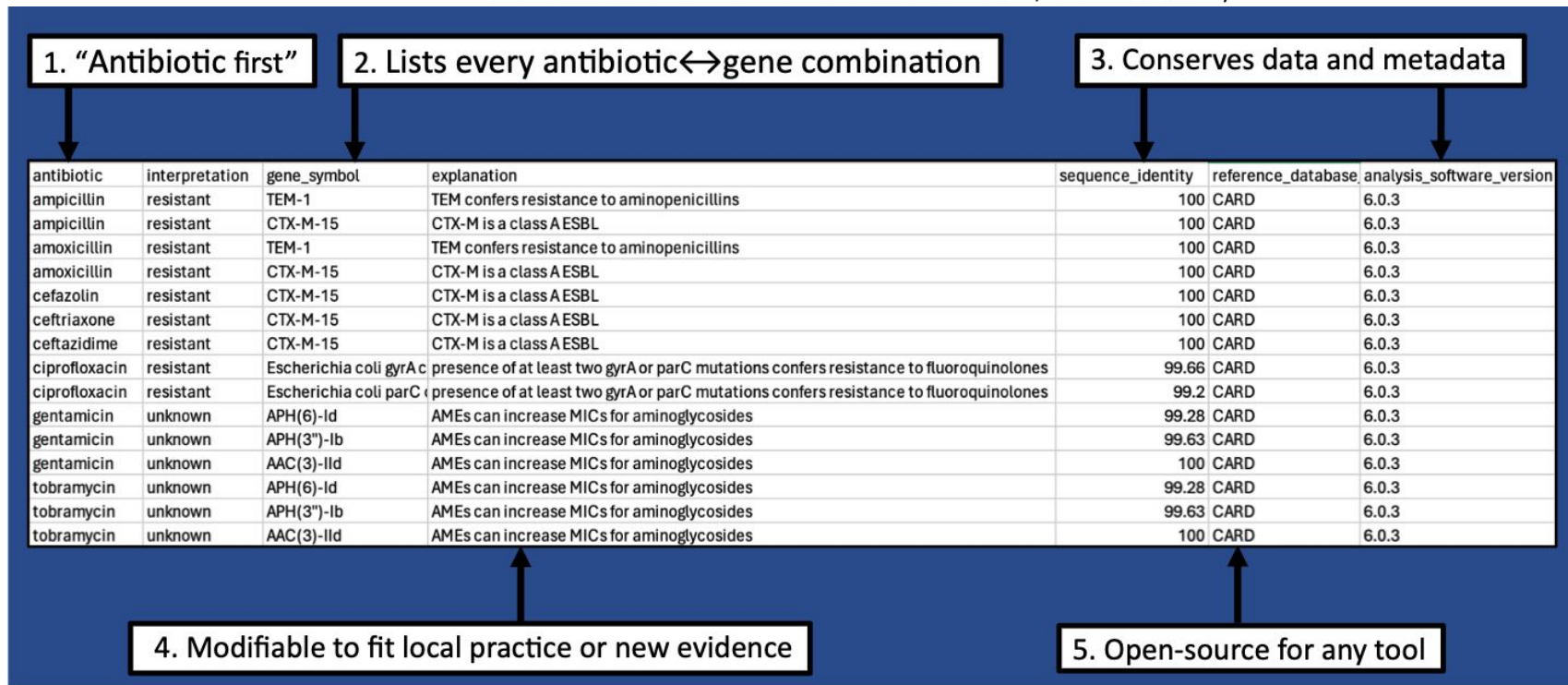


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