



After World War II, antibiotics were considered “wonder drugs”, since they were an easy remedy for what had been intractable ailments. To learn which drug worked most effectively for which bacterial infection, the performance of the three most popular antibiotics on 16 bacteria were gathered.



Relative score compares an antibiotic’s performance (MIC) against the others. A score of 1 means was the best, while a score of 3 means it was the worst.

- Bacteria
- ◇ Aerobacter aerogenes
 - ◇ Brucella abortus
 - Brucella anthracis
 - △ Diplococcus pneumoniae
 - Escherichia coli
 - × Klebsiella pneumoniae
 - + Mycobacterium tuberculosis
 - △ Proteus vulgaris
 - * Pseudomonas aeruginosa
 - × Salmonella (Eberthella) typhosa
 - ▽ Salmonella schottmuelleri
 - + Staphylococcus albus
 - Staphylococcus aureus
 - * Streptococcus fecalis
 - ▽ Streptococcus hemolyticus
- Gram-Staining
- negative
 - positive