

## Parametrization and Model Fitting

### Population genetic model of antimicrobial resistance evolution

To model the evolutionary trajectory and temporal dynamics of antimicrobial resistance in the context of inappropriate antibiotic prescription, we developed a spatially-averaged (US national scale) population genetic model. For a given pathogen, the resistance frequency at time  $t$ ,  $r(t)$ , starting at initial frequency  $r_0$  can be modeled as

$$r(t) = \frac{r_0 e^{mt}}{1 - r_0 + r_0 e^{mt}}, \quad (1)$$

where  $m$  is the Malthusian selection coefficient (Hartl and Clark 2007; Johnsen et al. 2011). Selective pressure from inappropriate antibiotic prescription increases the relative fitness of resistant bacteria (Austin, Kristinsson, and Anderson 1999), therefore we assume that the constant  $m$  is time dependent:

$$m = \rho * a * r_t + (\theta - 1), \quad (2)$$

where  $\rho$  is a fitted parameter that conveys the degree to which selection is affected by counter-productive prescription,  $a$ , quantifies the amount of counter-productive prescription for the year  $y$ , and  $\theta$  is the difference between the exponential growth of susceptible bacteria and the exponential growth of resistant bacteria in the absence of antibiotics. Equation (1) can then be determined step-wise:

$$r(t) = \frac{r(y) e^{m_y t}}{1 - r(y) + r(y) e^{m_y t}}, \quad (3)$$

for  $y \leq t < y + 1$ , where the time unit  $t$  represents the number of year(s) from 2000.

By taking the reciprocal of both sides and simplifying Eq. 1 to

$$\frac{1}{r_t} - 1 = \frac{\frac{1}{r_0} - 1}{e^{m * t}}, \quad (4)$$

the model can be further transformed into a generalized linear regression,

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{r_t} - 1\right) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{r_0} - 1\right) - m * t \quad (5)$$

### Parameterization

To parameterize  $\theta$ , we calculated the average relative fitness of five strains of *E. coli* harboring newly acquired resistance plasmids (Di Luca et al. 2017). To account for variability among strains and uncertainty for each strain associated with this dataset, we iteratively sampled a fitness from each of the five strain-specific best-fit Normal error distributions, and then calculated the mean. One thousand stochastic iterations of probabilistic sensitivity were conducted and the 25th and 97.5th quantiles were taken to describe the 95% sensitivity interval.

Taking the carbapenem consumption over the time frame of the collected historical surveillance data over the 12 years from 2000–2011, the counter-productive carbapenem prescription used in the Malthusian selection coefficient equation (**Eq 2**) for estimating the parameters  $\rho$  and  $\theta$  was obtained using the fitted values of consumption onto the time variables

$$a_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * t + \epsilon ..$$

Annual carbapenem consumption from 2000–2011 were obtained from the Center For Disease Dynamics, Economics & Policy (CDDEP) as at with a unit of daily doses per 1,000 individuals (DDD/1000). To obtain the annual inappropriate carbapenem consumption, we take the product of  $a_t$  and the proportion of prescription given inappropriately,  $x$ , where  $x$  is calculated as the percentage of the inappropriate empiric treatment (IET) out of the total treatment number (both non-IET and IET) (Zilberberg et al. 2017).

We estimated the number of patients with bacteremia that are given inappropriate empiric treatment with a carbapenem,

$$y = N_t \times e \times x \times q \times p,$$

where  $N_t$  is the population size each year (US Census Bureau n.d.);  $e$  represents the incidence rate for bacteremia (Angus DC n.d.; Nielsen n.d.; Simmering et al. 2017);  $p$  is the proportion of bacteremia attributed to *P. aeruginosa*, obtained from proportional breakdowns from hospital and national databases;  $q$  is the proportion of bacteremia patients prescribed carbapenems; and  $x$  is the proportion given inappropriate empiric treatment, defined as first-line antibiotic prescribed to a resistant pathogen, with failure to initiate appropriate treatment within two days of a positive culture (Zilberberg et al. 2017; **Table 1**).

US carbapenem consumption during 2000–2011 was previously quantified from national surveys of pharmaceutical sales (**ResistanceMap - Antibiotic Use** ). The surveillance approach shifted between 2012 and 2013, restricting our ability to draw on data beyond this time frame (“ResistanceMap - Antibiotic Resistance” n.d.).

### Data

The number of resistant cases among bacteremia patients as a function of inappropriate carbapenem prescription at given year is computed as

$$k_t = d_t * r_t,$$

where  $r_t$  is the resistance frequency at a given year, and  $t$  is the year, indexed as  $t = 1$  in 2000.

By the end of the five-year antibiotic stewardship program, we project a reduction in inappropriate prescription of carbapenems of 51.7% (Van Hollebeke et al. 2016), with a yearly proportional decreasing trend. The number of inappropriately prescribed cases at the  $j$ th year ( $j = 1 \dots 5$ ) during the widespread implementation of stewardship was specified as

$$b_t = b_0 (1 - 0.2j * 51.7\%).$$

**Table 1.** Dynamic model parameters, definitions, constraints, priors, and sources of data.

| Parameter | Definition  | Constraints   | Prior distribution                 | Source   |
|-----------|---|---------------|------------------------------------|--|
| $c_y$     | Carbapenem prescription (in a given year)   | —             | annual point value specified       | CDDEP <sup>a</sup>                                   |
| $x$       | Proportion of inappropriate prescription<br><i>Bacteremia</i><br><i>Pneumonia</i><br><i>UTI</i>                   | —             | point value specified              | Zilberberg et al. 2017                               |
| $q$       | Proportion of cases treated by prescription of carbapenems<br><i>Bacteremia</i><br><i>Pneumonia</i><br><i>UTI</i> | —             | point value specified              | Merck  |
| $p$       | Proportion of bacteremia (pneumonia and UTI) attributed to <i>P. aeruginosa</i>                                   | —             | point value specified              | Gaynes et al. 2005 (NHSN <sup>b</sup> )              |
| $e$       | Incidence rate for bacteremia (pneumonia and UTI)   |               | point value specified              | (Angus DC n.d.; Nielsen n.d.; Simmering et al. 2017) |
| $a$       | Inappropriate carbapenem prescription averaged t=1nat   |               | average value from historical data |  |
| $a_t$     | Inappropriate carbapenem prescription after the 5-yr stewardship program complete                                 |               | point value estimated              |  |
| $\theta$  | Relative fitness of the resistant strain compared to the susceptible strain                                       | $\theta < 1$  | point value specified              | Di Luca et al. 2016                                  |
| $\rho$    | Scaling factor for the susceptible fitness constant   | —             | no prior specification             |  |
| $r_0$     | Initial resistance frequency  | $0 < r_0 < 1$ | no prior specification             |  |
| $\mu$     | Mean value of the relative fitness for transformant $i$   | $i$ in [1, 5] | Point value                        | Zilberberg et al. 2017                               |
| $\sigma$  | Standard deviation of the relative fitness for a given transformant   | $i$ in [1, 5] | Point value                        | Zilberberg et al. 2017                               |
| $N_y$     | US population at year $y$   |               | annual point value specified       | US Census Bureau                                     |

<sup>a</sup>Center for Disease Dynamics Economics & Policy (<http://resistancemap.cddep.org/>)<sup>b</sup>National Healthcare Safety Network (<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/index.html>)

### Model fitting

Data from 2000–2011 on the pathogen *P. aeruginosa* and diagnosis-specific US carbapenem resistance from Merck were combined with a larger CDDEP dataset, which included pathogen-specific carbapenem resistance data in the US.

the least square estimates of which were used for expressing the unknown parameters. The initial resistance frequency  $r_0$  can be assessed from the intercept,  $1r0-1$ , and the slope corresponds to  $-m$ . From **Eq 2**, we calculated

$$\rho = \frac{-m - (\theta - 1)}{a_t}, \quad (7)$$

with  $a_t$  obtained by linearly fitting the annual carbapenem consumption on the time variable  $t$  and further projected into the future years.

To account for uncertainty within the resistance data, 1,000 trials were conducted and the 95% confidence interval was estimated.