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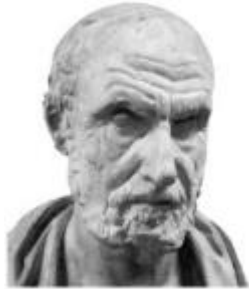


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L'EPIDEMIOLOGIA AMBIENTALE UNA DISCIPLINA ANTICA

MALATTIE INFETTIVE ↔ **FATTORI AMBIENTALI**
relazione fra virus, fattori etnici, socio economici e ambientali



«PERÌ AERON, UPATON, TOPON»
Ippocrate Coe, 460 a.C. circa – Larissa, 377 a.C.

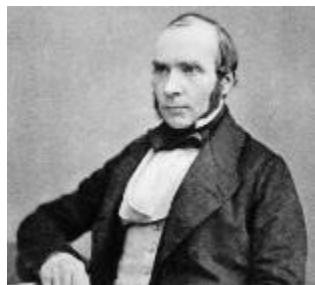


La **Peste** ad Atene raccontata da Tucidide ne «la guerra del Peloponneso» 430 a.C. supportata con teoria ippocratica nel Medioevo e spiegata solo nel 1800.

L'ANTENATA DEL G.I.S.: ... LA MAPPA DEI PUNTI

IL COLERA DI LONDRA

John Snow a metà dell'Ottocento, quando ancora non era stato ancora isolato l'agente microbico del colera, riuscì a debellare una grave epidemia di colera scoppiata in quegli anni a Londra, grazie alla mappatura dei casi che, lo studioso inglese, ritrovò curiosamente raccolti lungo tutto il percorso di una delle reti idriche di Londra. Snow, pur non conoscendo il vibrio cholerae, capì che la malattia veniva trasportata dalle acque, e facendo chiudere la famosa sorgente di *Broad Street pump*, che prendeva le acque a valle del Tamigi, salvò migliaia e migliaia di cittadini londinesi dal terribile flagello del colera.



Sempre nel 1800, si scoprì che le acque stagnanti e paludose erano determinanti nella diffusione endemica della **malaria**.

A inizio '900 la nascita degli interventi di "bonifica integrale»

Nobel 2015 **Satoshi Omura William Campbell** x nuovi farmaci antiparassitari

- Il **colera** a Londra 1854
- Il **tifo addominale** nei teatri di guerra



ONE HEALTH

Human health and animal health are interdependent. At the same time, both depend on the environment.



One Health



INTEGRATIVE HEALTH RISK MANAGEMENT

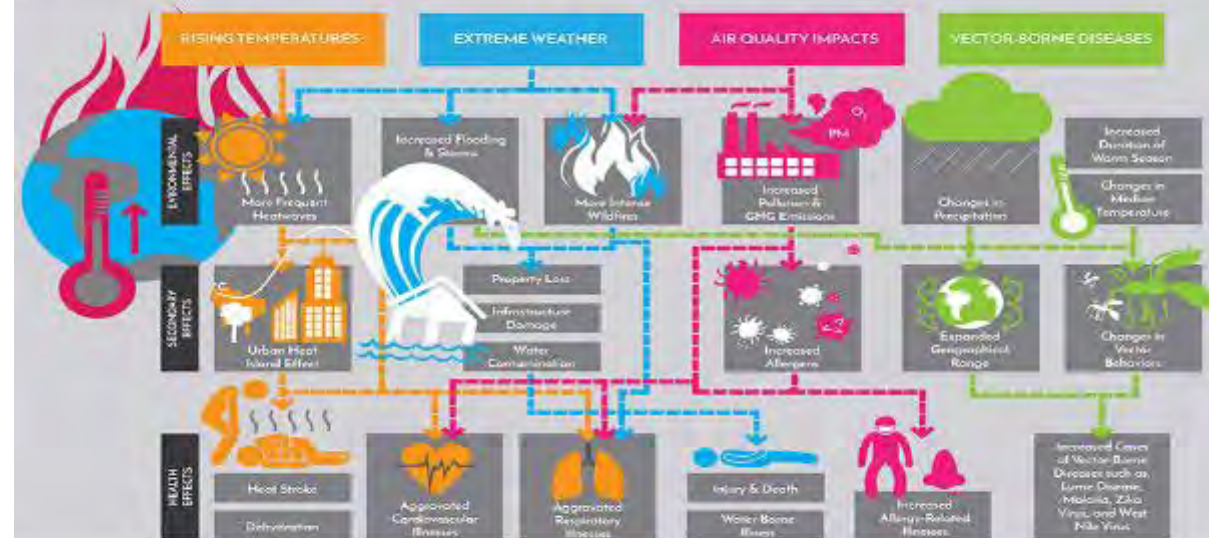
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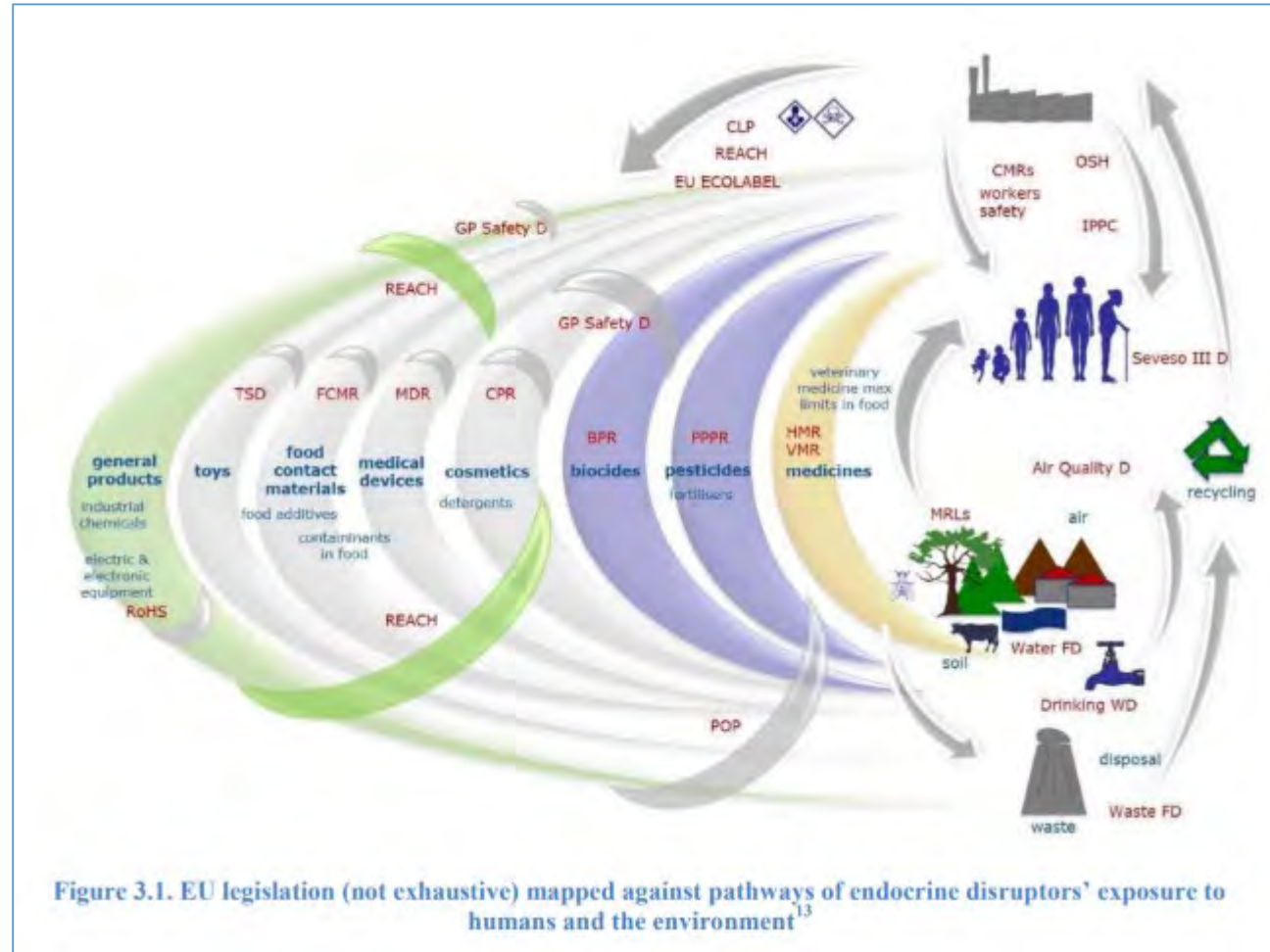
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HOW CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECTS YOUR HEALTH





SORVEGLIANZA DELLE MALATTIE INFETTIVE

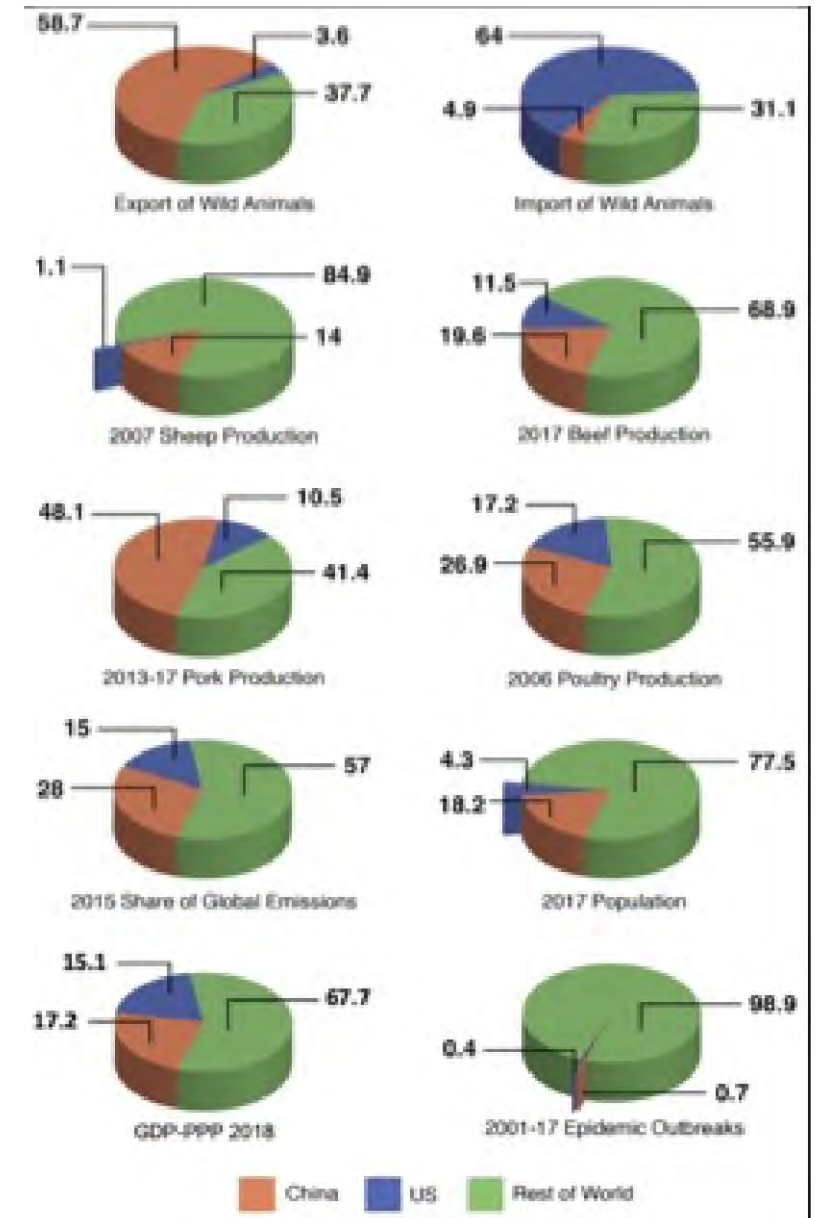
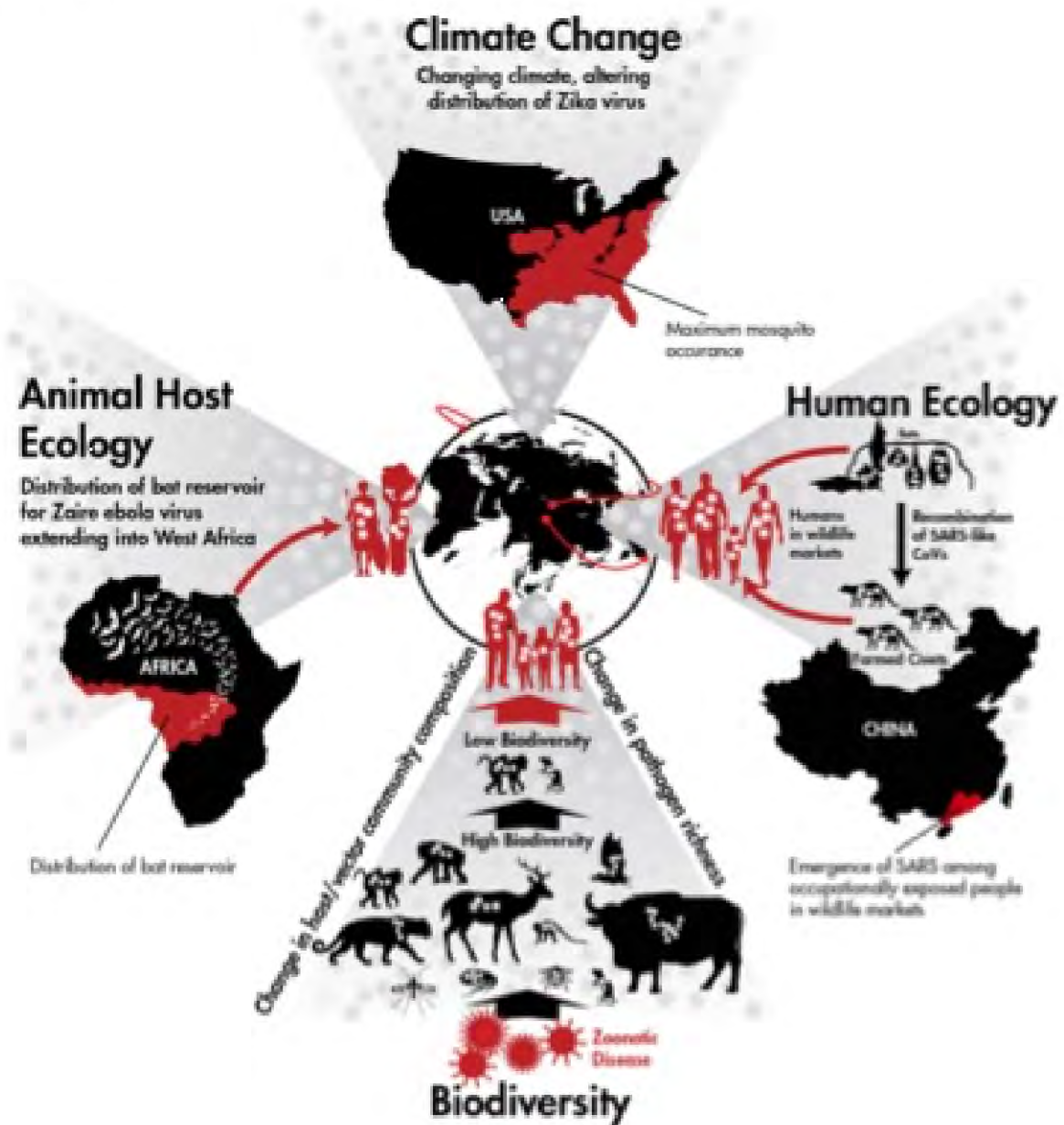
- Prevista dal DPCM 3 marzo 2017, "Identificazione dei sistemi di sorveglianza e dei registri di mortalità, di tumori e di altre patologie"
- Rientra tra i Livelli Essenziali di Assistenza (LEA).
- Gli ambiti di intervento ritenuti prioritari sui quali sono concentrate le attività di prevenzione previste dal PNP 2020-2025 riguardano:

- **Preparedness**
- **Vaccinazioni e piani di eliminazione delle malattie prevenibili**
- **Lotta a inf. Sessualmente trasmesse, HIV, AIDS, epatiti virali, poliomielite e tubercolosi-TBC, zoonosi e tossinfezioni alimentari, malattie trasmesse da vettori, antimicrobico-resistenza e ICA.**



Diagram: EU actors dealing with zoonoses

Smiley Evans, T., Shi, Z., Boots, M. *et al.* Synergistic China–US Ecological Research is Essential for Global Emerging Infectious Disease Preparedness. *EcoHealth* 17, 160–173 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10393-020-01471-2>



Factors contributing to China, USA and rest of the world's stake in emerging infectious disease preparedness.

Tackling antimicrobial resistance in low-income and middle-income countries

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Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a global threat that claims 700 000 lives every year. If no urgent actions are taken, by 2050, AMR will cause an estimated loss of 10 million lives and \$US100 trillion.¹ Over the years, commonly identified infectious agents have developed resistance to antimicrobials. Since the discovery of penicillin in 1928, 20 000 potential resistant genes of nearly 400 different types have been identified.² Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* alone causes more than 80 000 severe infections and claims more than 11 000 lives each year.³ The World Bank estimates a reduction in global domestic product per annum of 1.1%–3.8% by 2050 if AMR remains unchecked, and that an investment of US\$9 billion per year will be required to counteract the problem.⁴

AMR affects all countries, but the burden is disproportionately higher in low-income and middle-income countries.¹ To halt the spread of AMR, it is important to understand what contributes to its emergence. While the overuse of antimicrobials in both humans and animals is broadly implicated and strategies are developed to counteract such an overuse, the broader factors that contribute to AMR are often overlooked. In addition, national action plans on AMR are often constrained by lack of comprehensive multisectoral and multipronged approaches (eg, too focused on the health sector), and their findings are only relevant for a limited period of time as AMR continues to evolve at a fast pace.⁵ A recent assessment of country situational analyses against the political, economic, sociological, technological, ecological, legislative, and industry (PESTELI) framework identified important gaps in addressing AMR.⁶

Indeed, collaborative efforts are necessary to delineate global, regional and local contingency plans for AMR. A multitude of factors contribute to the development of AMR. Many of these factors transcend discipline and

sectors. Efforts to counteract AMR through a traditional biomedical approach alone may fail to curb the current challenges. In this editorial, we draw insight from some recent papers in *BMJ Global Health* on AMR, and we use the PESTELI framework to highlight the multifaceted challenges involved in tackling AMR in low-income and middle-income countries, and the need for a holistic and multisectoral approach.

POLITICAL FACTORS

Weak governance often leads to lack of attention to health system functioning and, hence, to weakened regulations for the antimicrobial stewardship. Poor antimicrobial stewardship and inappropriate antimicrobial use often in substandard doses challenge the efforts to contain the emergence and spread of AMR.⁷ In addition, budgetary constraints limit the prioritisation for surveillance of AMR.⁸ Improved surveillance systems and surveillance data, for example, through establishing computerised data repository, are necessary to inform policies and to respond to both the emerging threats and the long-term trends in resistance.⁹ However, existing surveillance systems to monitor antimicrobial consumption in both humans and animals and to identify the rate and trends in development of resistance are often inadequate.⁶ Strong political commitment with multistakeholder engagement to strengthen surveillance networks and AMR reporting, and stewardship are essential.

The lack of infrastructure due to poor economy, corruption and low preparedness in many low-income and middle-income countries has led to inadequate attention to preventive measures, such as water, sanitation and hygiene, leading to high burden of infectious diseases. Often in such settings, antimicrobials function as a 'quick-fix' infrastructure, used in place of and to rescue the fractured infrastructures of care, water, sanitation and hygiene.¹⁰

Antimicrobial resistance and the Iraq wars: armed conflict as an underinvestigated pathway with growing significance

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INTRODUCTION

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is rising globally at an alarming rate and, if left unaddressed, expected to cause 10 million deaths per year by 2050.¹ This growing threat has widely been attributed to the overuse and misuse of antibiotics and/or the use of substandard antibiotics in humans, livestock and as a byproduct of environmental contamination. While antibiotic use has often been the focus of AMR science and policy, only recently has clinical research in microbiology turned to evaluating other biocides, such as heavy metals and quaternary ammonium compound disinfectants (QACs), as potential drivers that co-select for resistant pathogens.² In the Middle East, spiking rates of antibiotic resistance, especially in Gram-negative pathogens such as *Acinetobacter baumannii*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, have also implicated another underinvestigated pathway for AMR: the direct and indirect roles of wars and conflicts, and their associated implications to healthcare (these can include, but are not limited to, the breakdown of healthcare systems, the loss of skills healthcare personnel, deteriorating infection and sanitation controls in healthcare settings, and difficulty of access to effective therapy, therapeutics and diagnostics), in driving the emergence of resistant pathogens.

Investigating the relationship between wars, conflicts and transformations in antimicrobial susceptibility and resistance patterns is not unprecedented. War has been implicated in the emergence of AMR as far back as the 1940s, when widespread industrial-scale mass production and application of arsenicals, sulfonamides and disinfectant QACs, as well

SUMMARY BOX

- While antibiotic misuse and overuse has often been the focus of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) science and policy, clinical microbiology in the Middle East is turning to evaluating war and conflict as drivers to antimicrobial resistance.
- War has been implicated in the emergence of antimicrobial resistance as far back as the 1940s and these conditions have since persisted and intensified, with contemporary conflicts pressuring microbes with selective environments that contain unique combinations and concentrations of toxic heavy metals and antibiotics and providing niches and dissemination routes.
- Iraq experienced a sequence of conflicts since the 1980s, and reports point to a progressive deterioration of Iraq's national healthcare system, lack or limitation in trained staff, infection prevention and control, access to antibiotics as well as sanitation control and debridement of highly contaminated wounds from explosives or burns, as well as inappropriate diagnoses and drug regimens, all potential contributors to the rising rates of AMR in Iraq.
- AMR co-selection from heavy metals is becoming more strongly implicated due to conflict-driven environmental contamination, as with lead, mercury, chromium, copper, lead nickel and zinc used to coat bullets, missiles, gun barrels and military vehicles, while antimony, barium and boron are used as weapon-priming compounds.
- The rise of AMR in Iraq, with indications of regional and global spread, remains direly understudied, where clinical, microbiological, historical, ethnographic and environmental research is needed to conclusively establish the roles that war and conflict play in the rise of multidrug-resistant organisms.
- Understanding the link between AMR and conflict is essential for a global response to AMR, especially with little indication that global conflict will abate in years to come.

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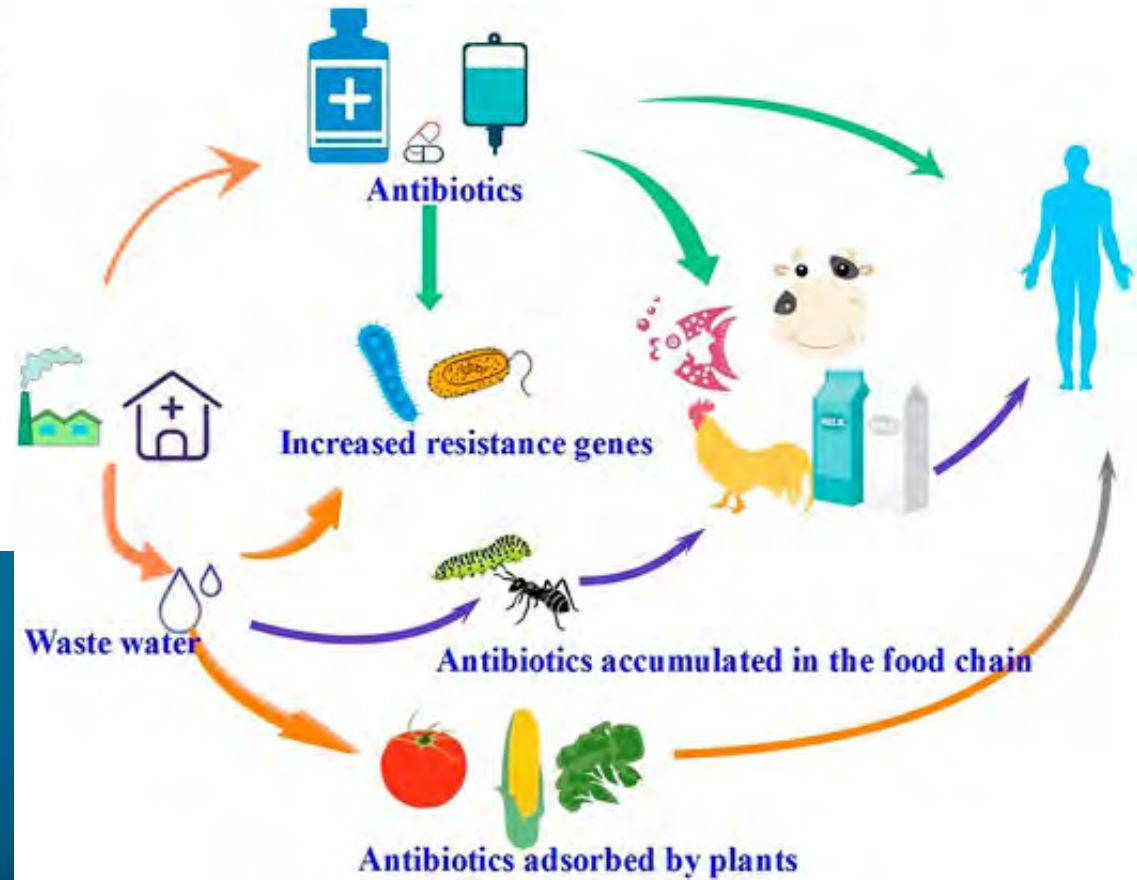
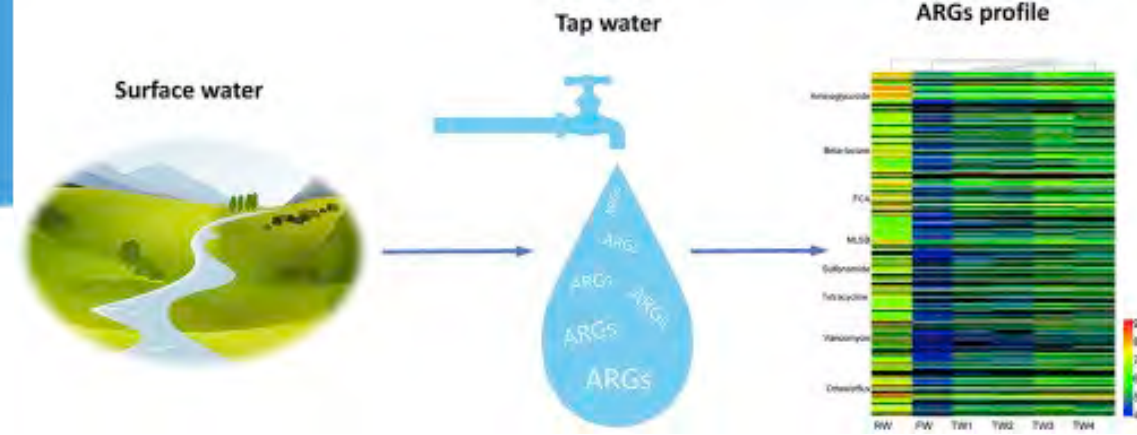


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Antibiotic residues in poultry tissues in Iran: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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ABSTRACT

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Antibiotics and malachite green residues in farmed rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) from the Iranian markets: A risk assessment

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ABSTRACT

Antibiotic and malachite green residues in farmed rainbow trout muscles were determined by high-performance liquid chromatography for a food risk assessment. The surveillance was carried out on total of 120 rainbow trout filets, all fishes were randomly sampled from 20 fish markets of Iran. All antibiotics were detected in the range of 0.42–1.20 µg/g for Oxytetracycline, 0.02–0.34 µg/g for Enrofloxacin, 0.21–2.61 µg/g for Florfenicol, and finally 0.02–0.89 µg/g for Malachite green. Our results showed that 99 (82.5%), 36 (30%), 56 (46.6%), and 70 (58.4%) samples contained detectable residues of Oxytetracycline, Enrofloxacin, and Florfenicol antibiotics, and Malachite green, respectively. Our results showed that fish farmers use these drugs in large scale. Further investigations are needed to prevent: the foodborne risk to consumers, the possible environmental contamination, and the antimicrobial resistances.

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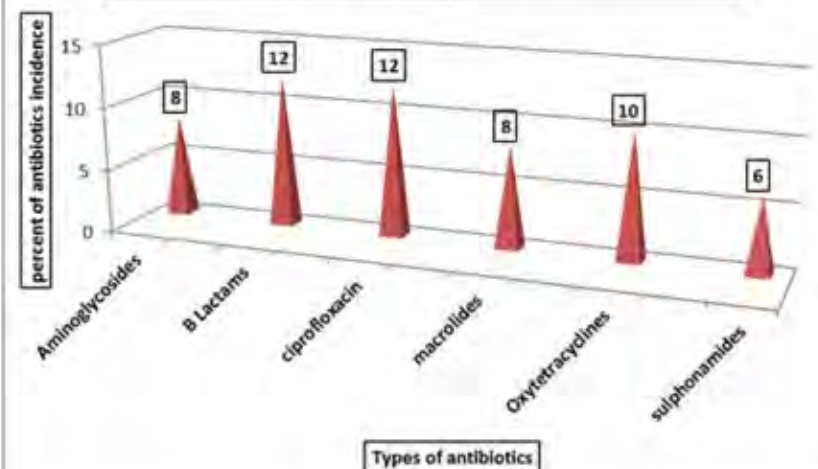
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Enrofloxacin; Florfenicol;
Malachite green; Rainbow
trout; Food hygiene



Incidence of different detected antibiotics residues in raw beef samples





Determination of illegal antimicrobials in aquaculture feed and fish: An ELISA study

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Highlights

- We assessed antimicrobials in feed and fish from an aquaculture through ELISA.
- The performance characteristic of methods were described.
- Levels exceeding the method's detection capability were found in all samples.
- The 50% of farmed fish is used to make fish meal, thus compounding bio-accumulation.
- Results were important because data on this topic are still today scarce.

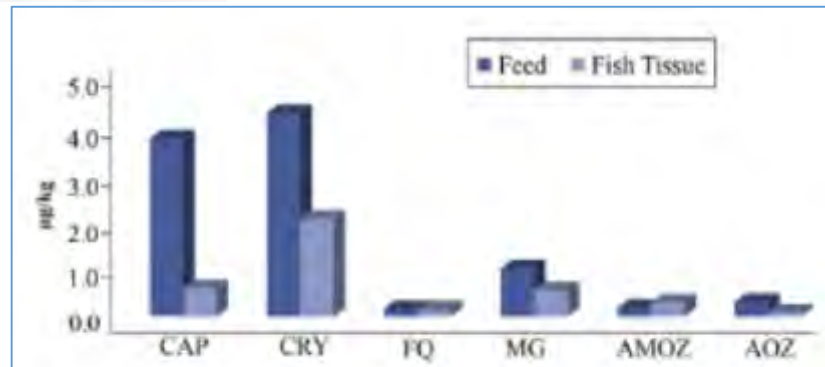


Fig. 1. Mean antimicrobial content in feed and tissue ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$).

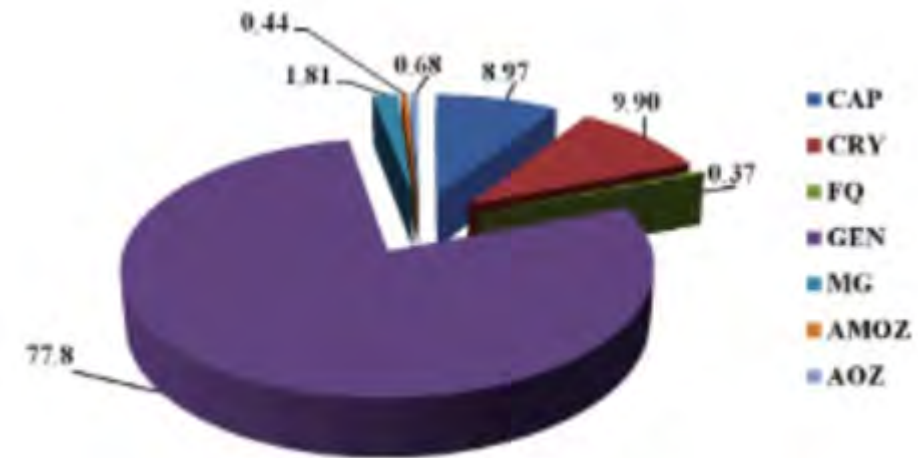


Fig. 2. Percentages content of each antimicrobial in feed.

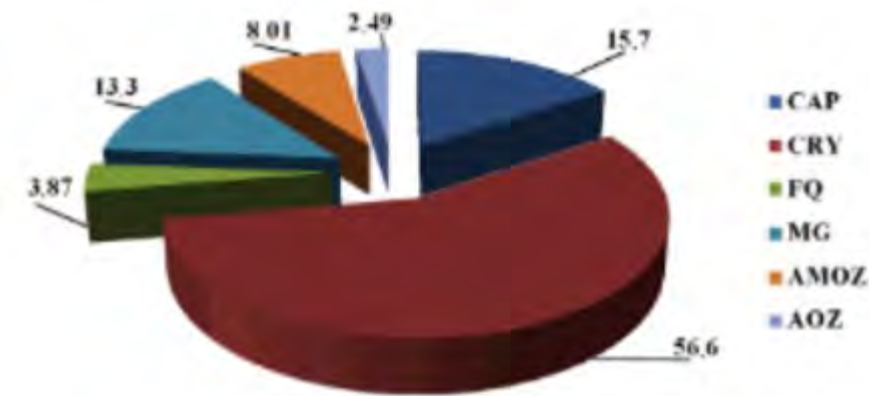
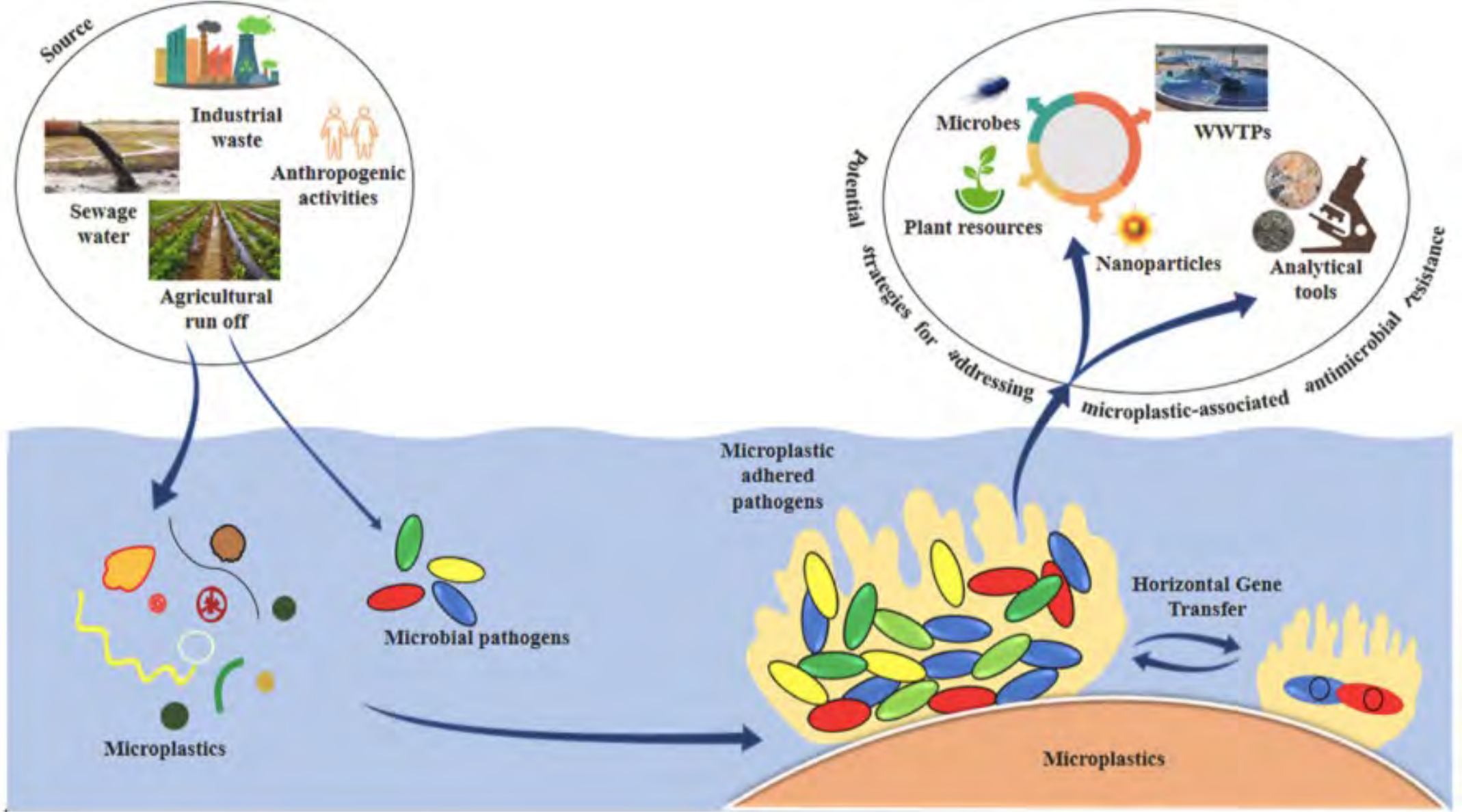


Fig. 3. Percentages content of each antimicrobial in fish tissue.

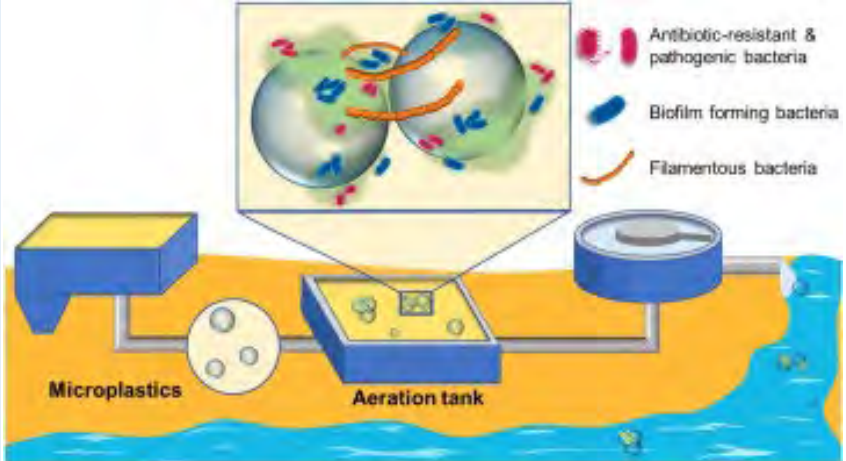
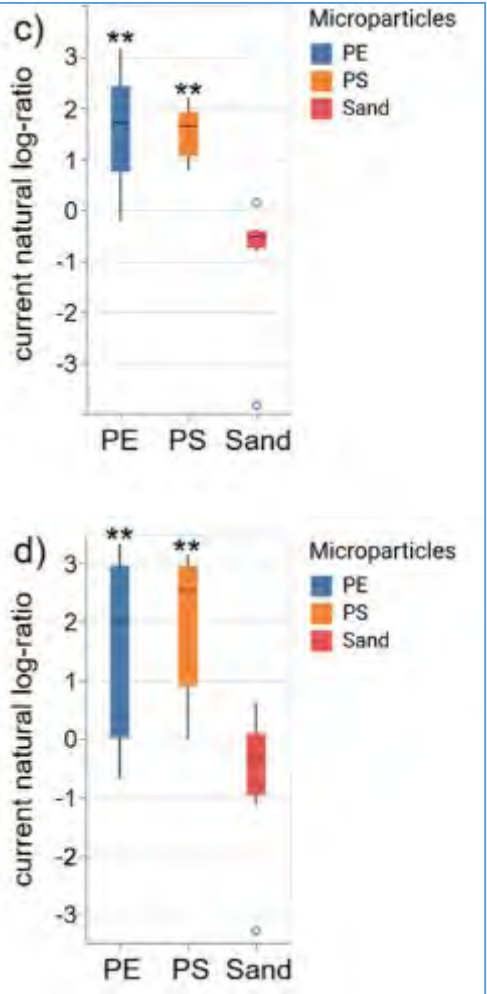


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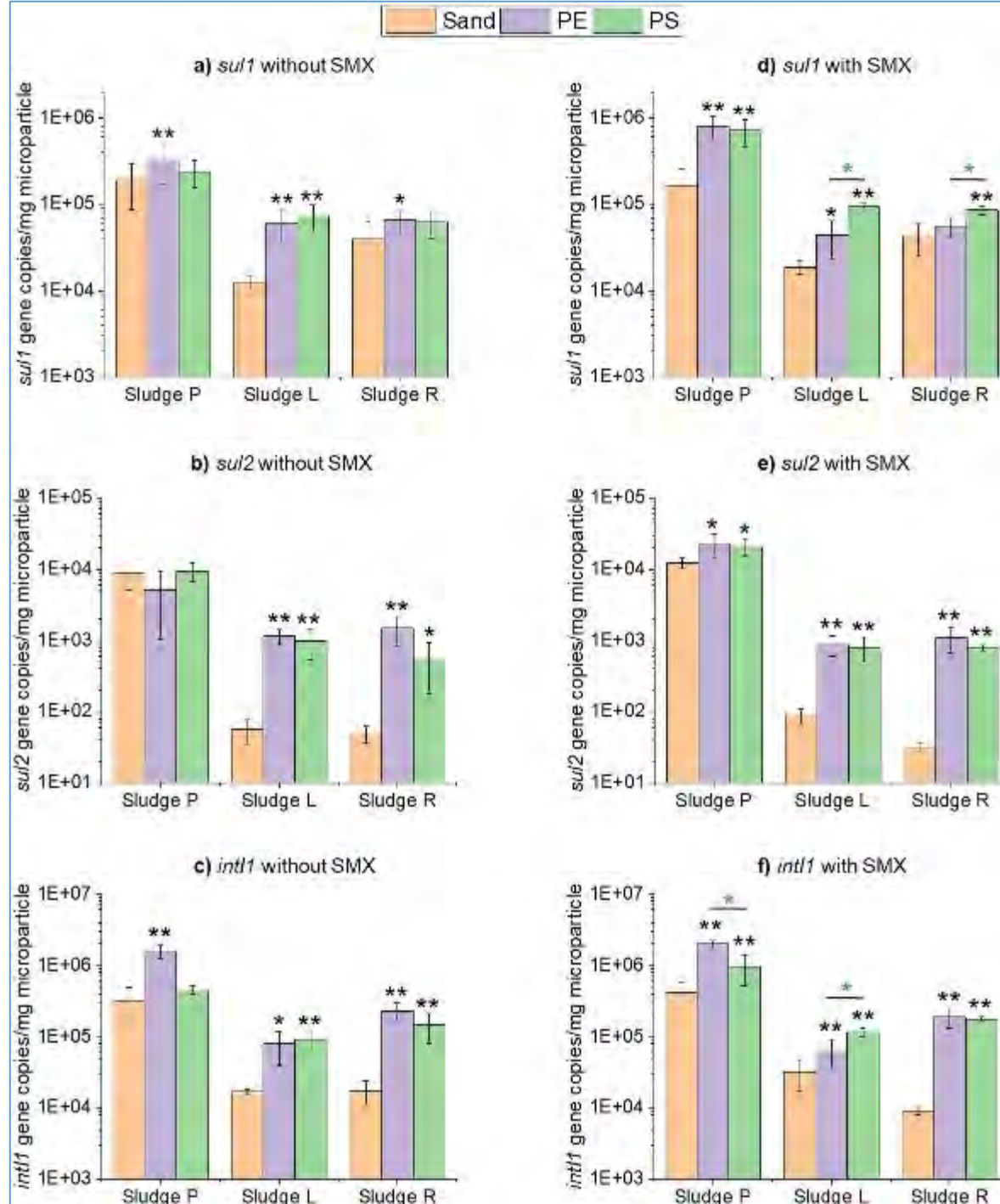
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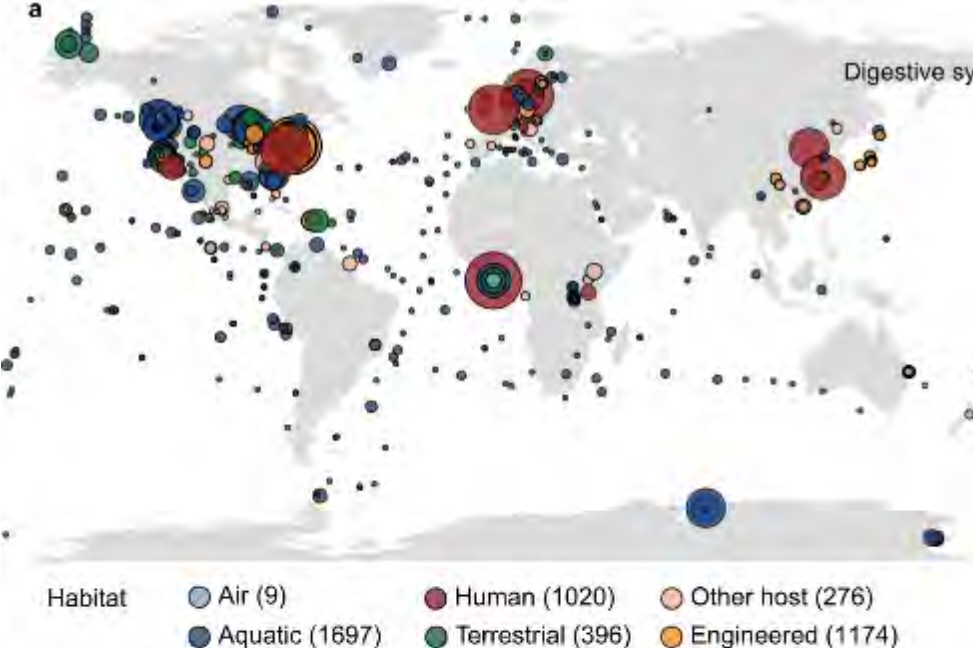
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Absolute abundance of *sul1*, *sul2*, and *int1* in microparticle biofilms cultivated in different activated sludge samples with or without the presence of SMX (100 µg/L).



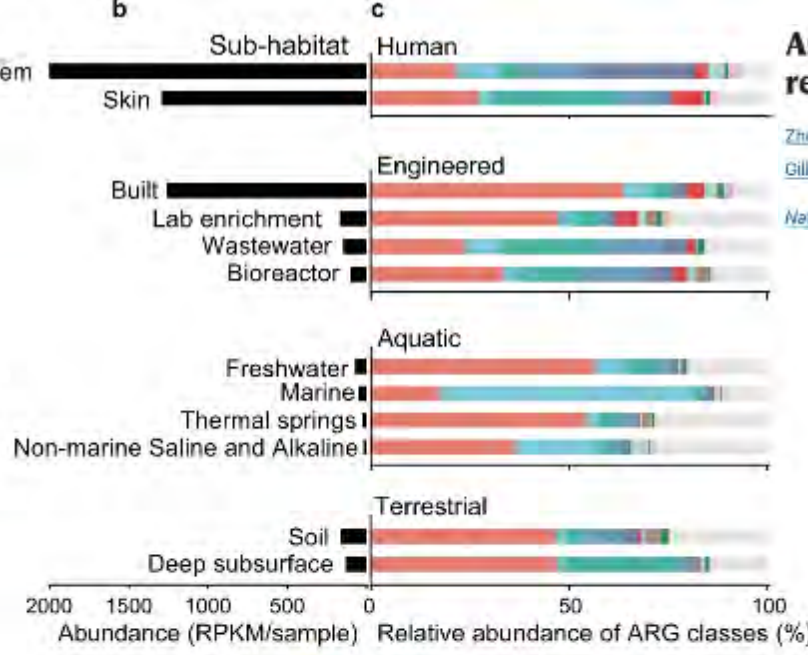
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Habitat

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- Aquatic (1697)
- Human (1020)
- Terrestrial (396)
- Other host (276)
- Engineered (1174)

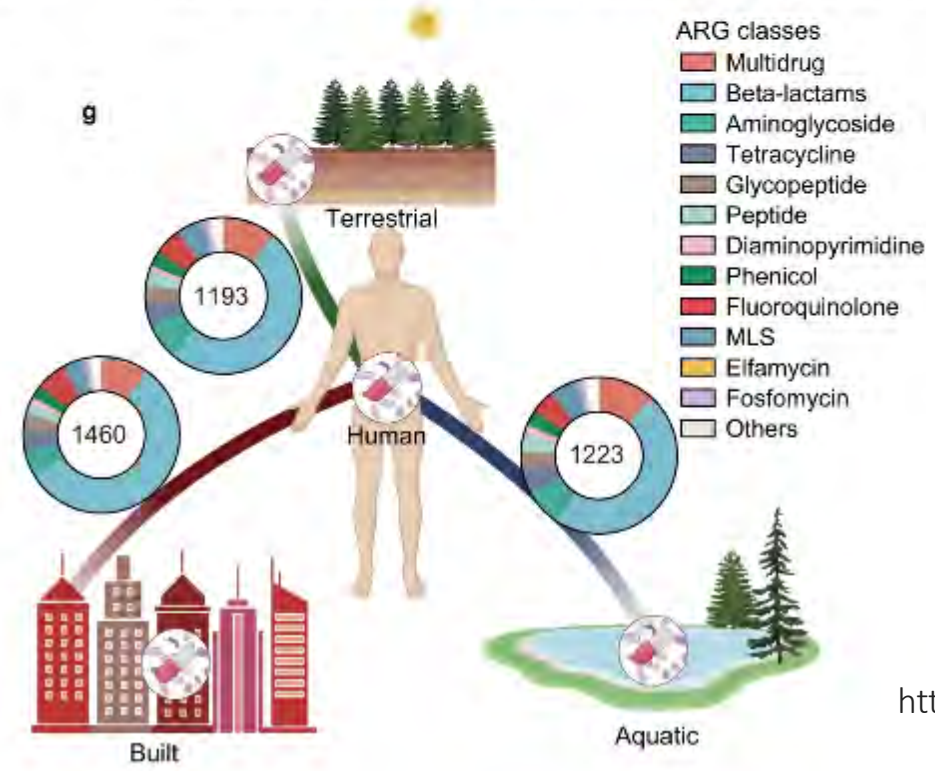
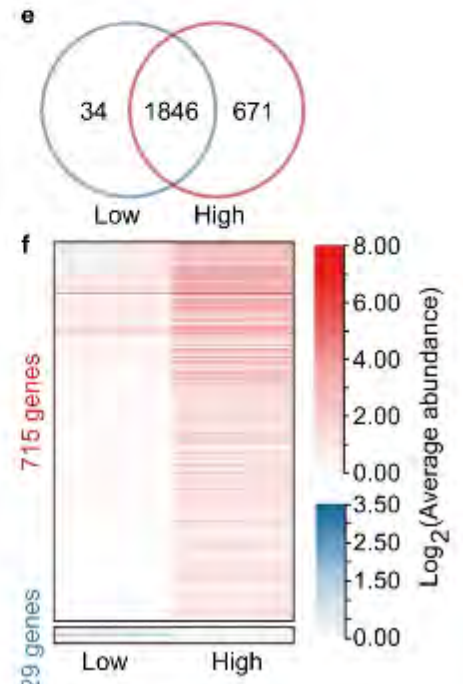
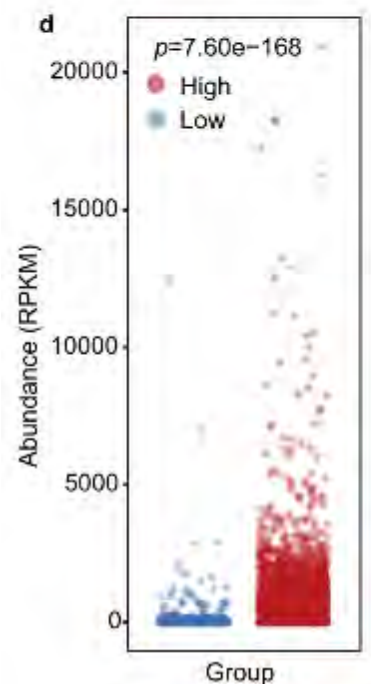


Assessment of global health risk of antibiotic resistance genes

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Gli Autori hanno usato 4572 datasets metagenomici per svelare la distribuzione e disseminazione di 2561 ARGs e i loro ospiti nell'habitat globale.



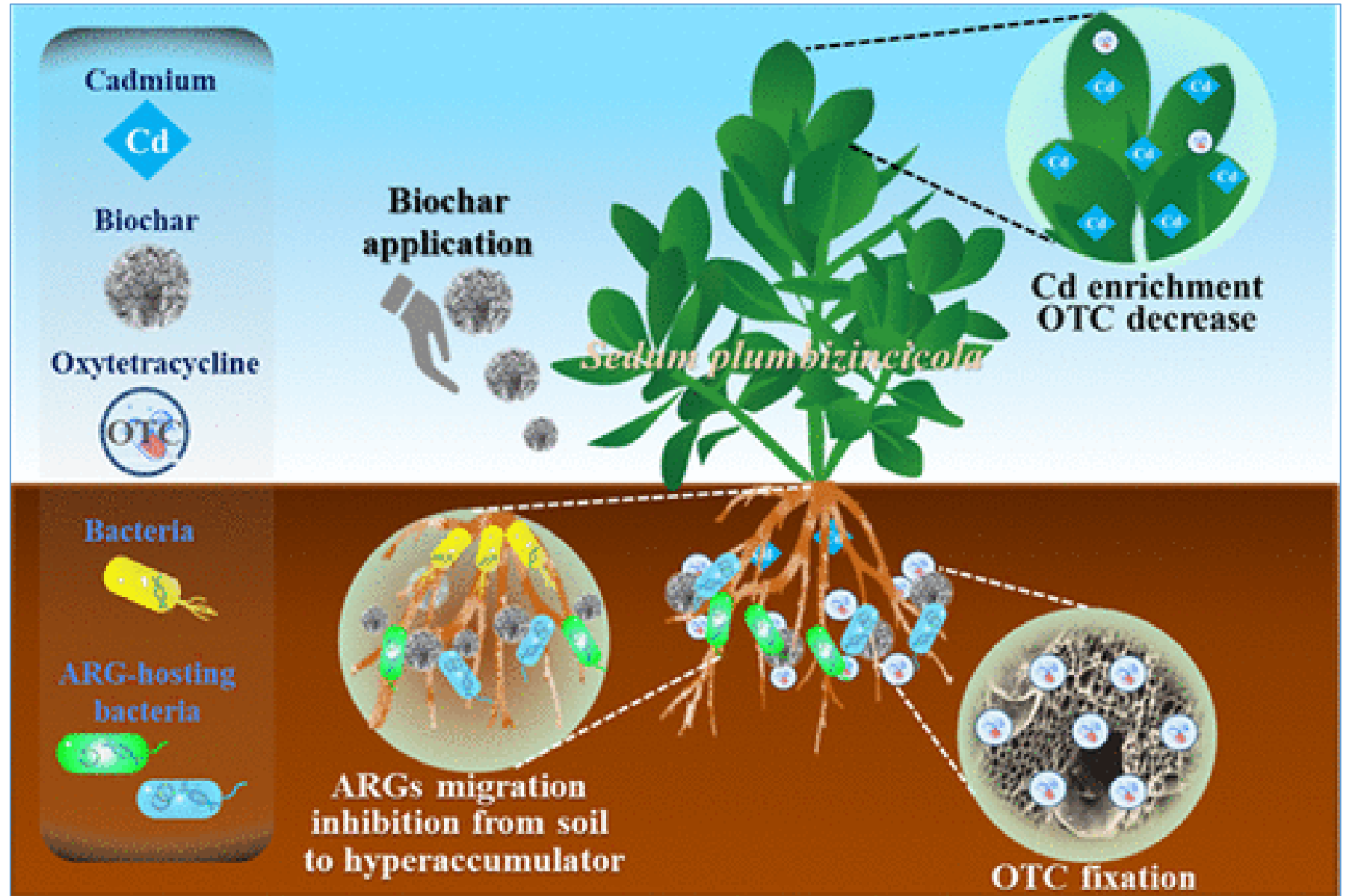
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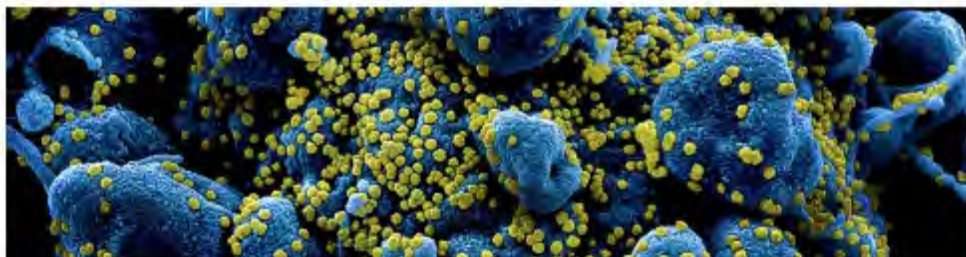
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What environmental data are relevant to the study of infectious diseases like COVID-19?



Colorized scanning electron micrograph of an apoptotic cell (blue) heavily infected with SARS-CoV-2 virus particles (yellow), isolated from a patient sample. Image captured and color-enhanced at the NIAID Integrated Research Facility (IRF) in Fort Detrick, Maryland.

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The role of air pollution (PM and NO₂) in COVID-19 spread and lethality: A systematic review

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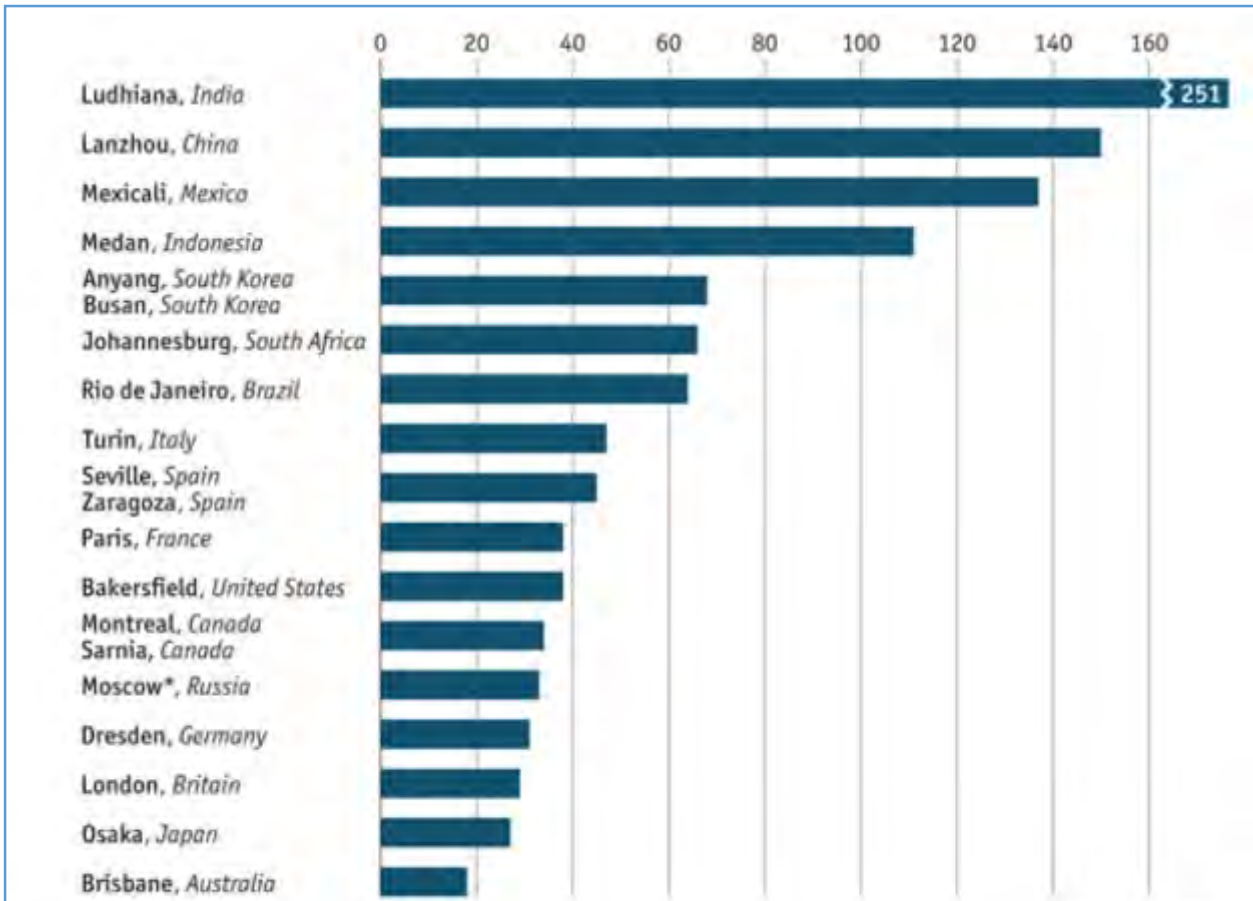
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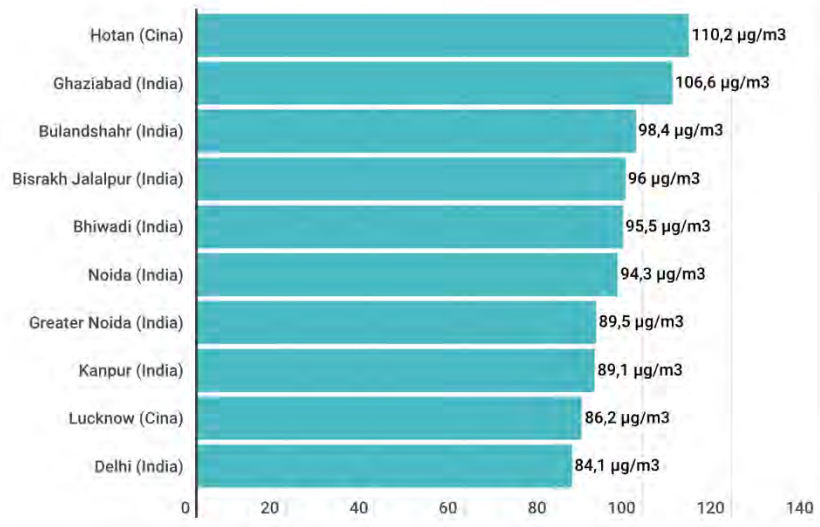
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Paesi BRICS : cinque paesi (Brasile, Russia, India, Cina e Sudafrica)



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