

Standardized, Quality Assured Time-Kill Curve Analysis and
Pharmacodynamic Functions of Different Antibiotics for *in-vitro*
Evaluation of Treatment Regimens for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

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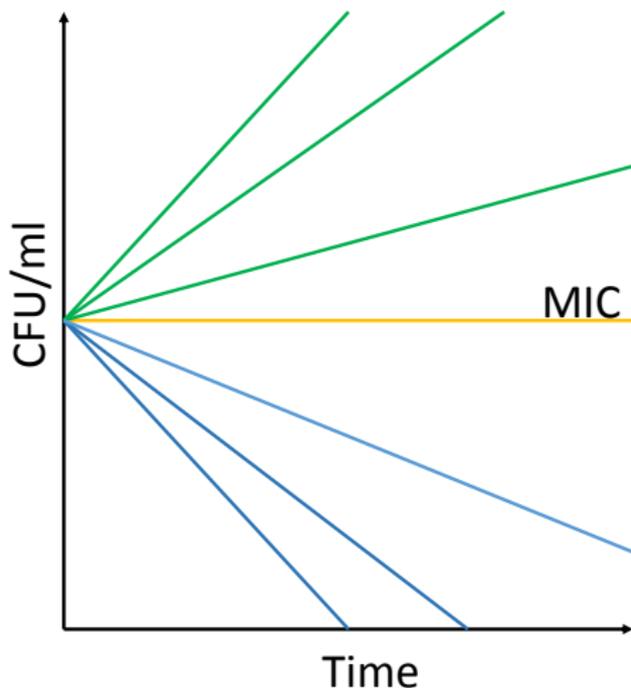
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Time-kill curves for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

Challenges:

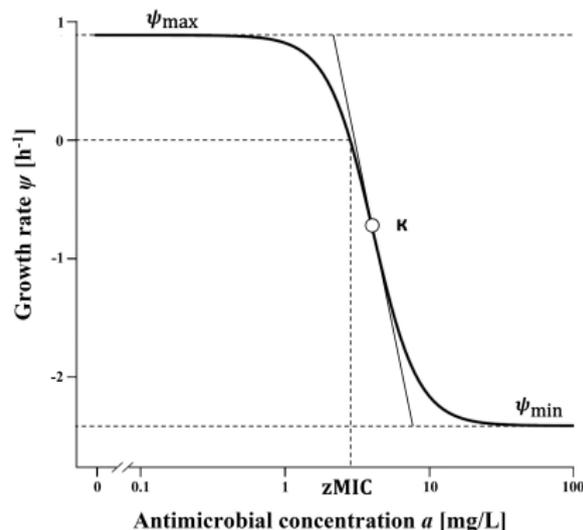
- Fastidious bacteria difficult to grow standardized in liquid broth
- Synchronized growth phase for all strains needed
- Interpretation requires expert knowledge
- Normally very low throughput (colony counting!)



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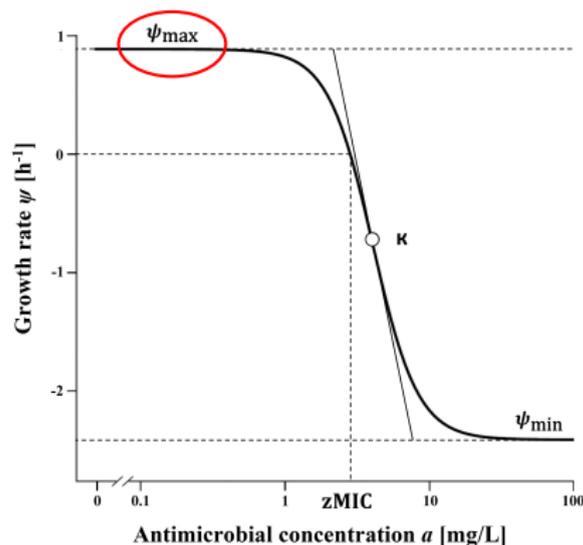
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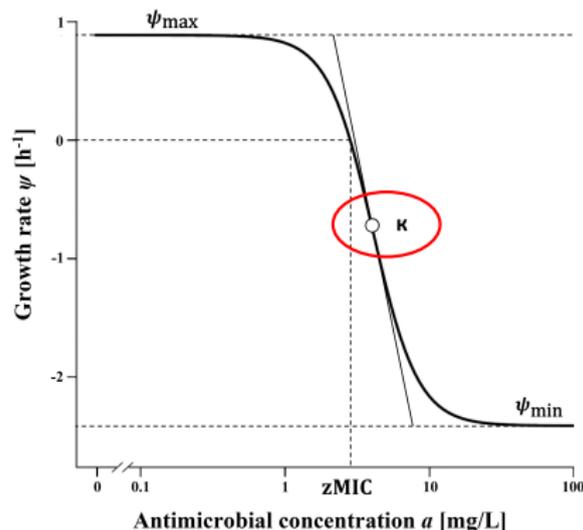
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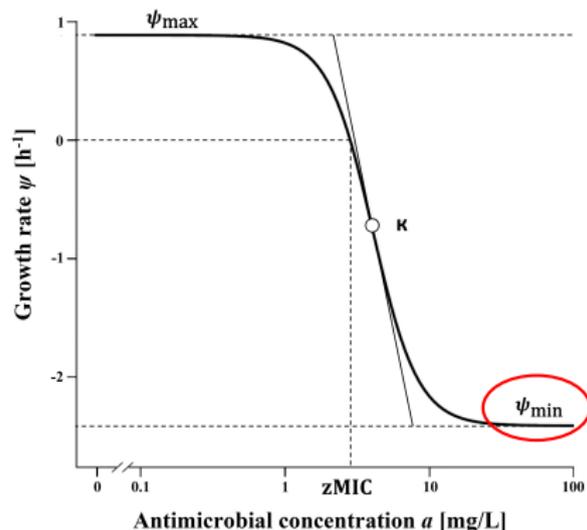
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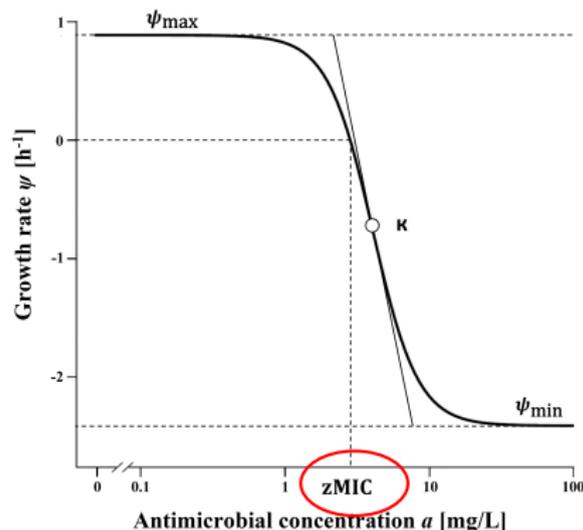
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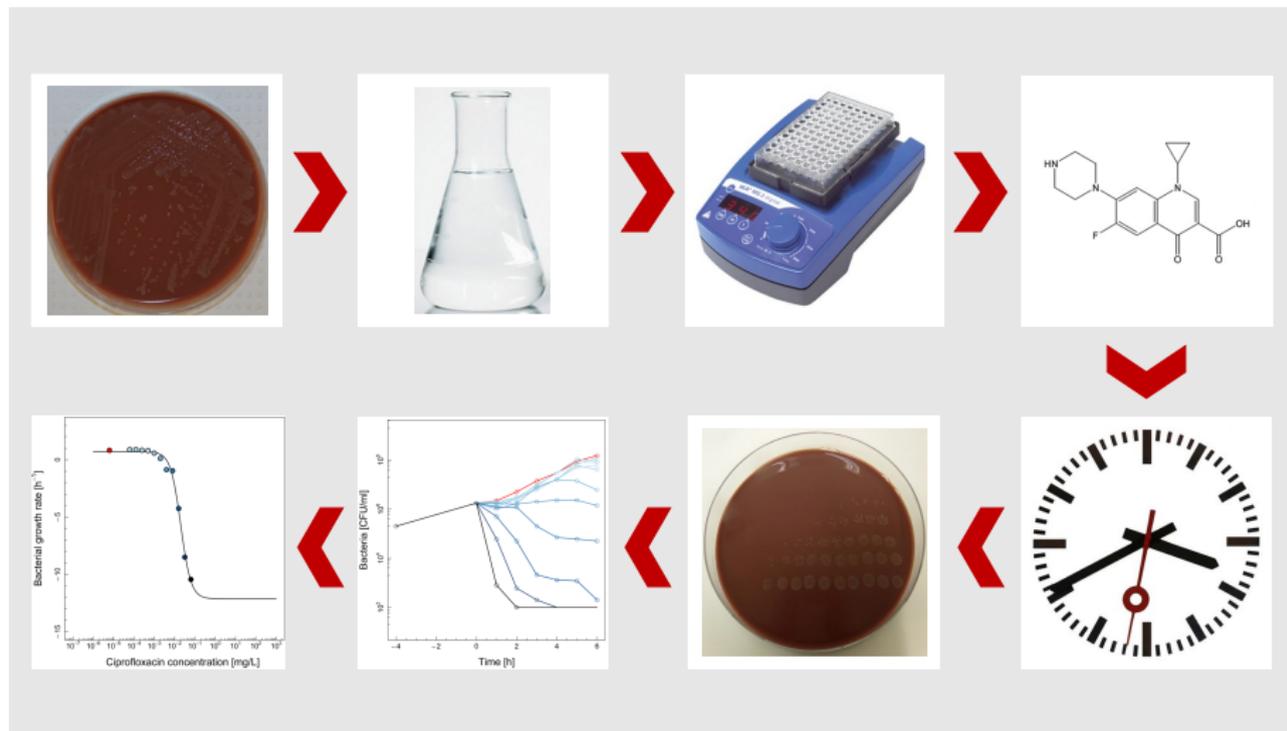
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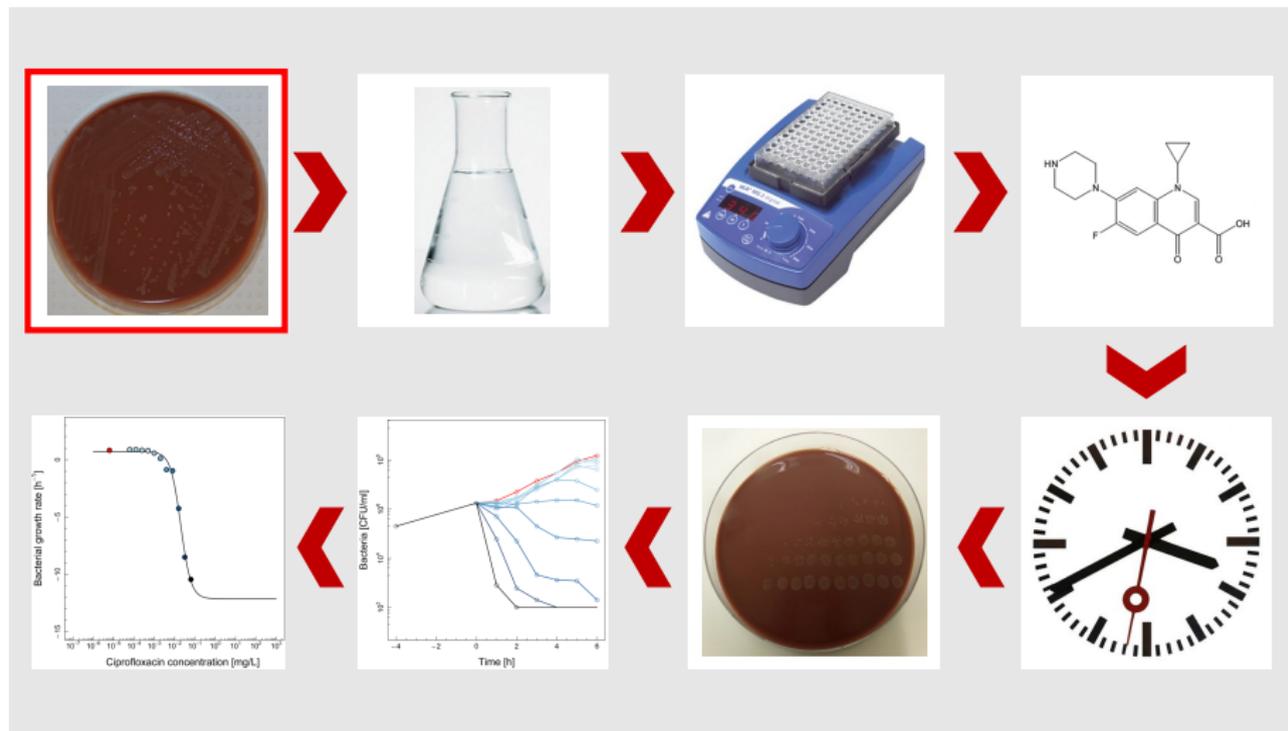
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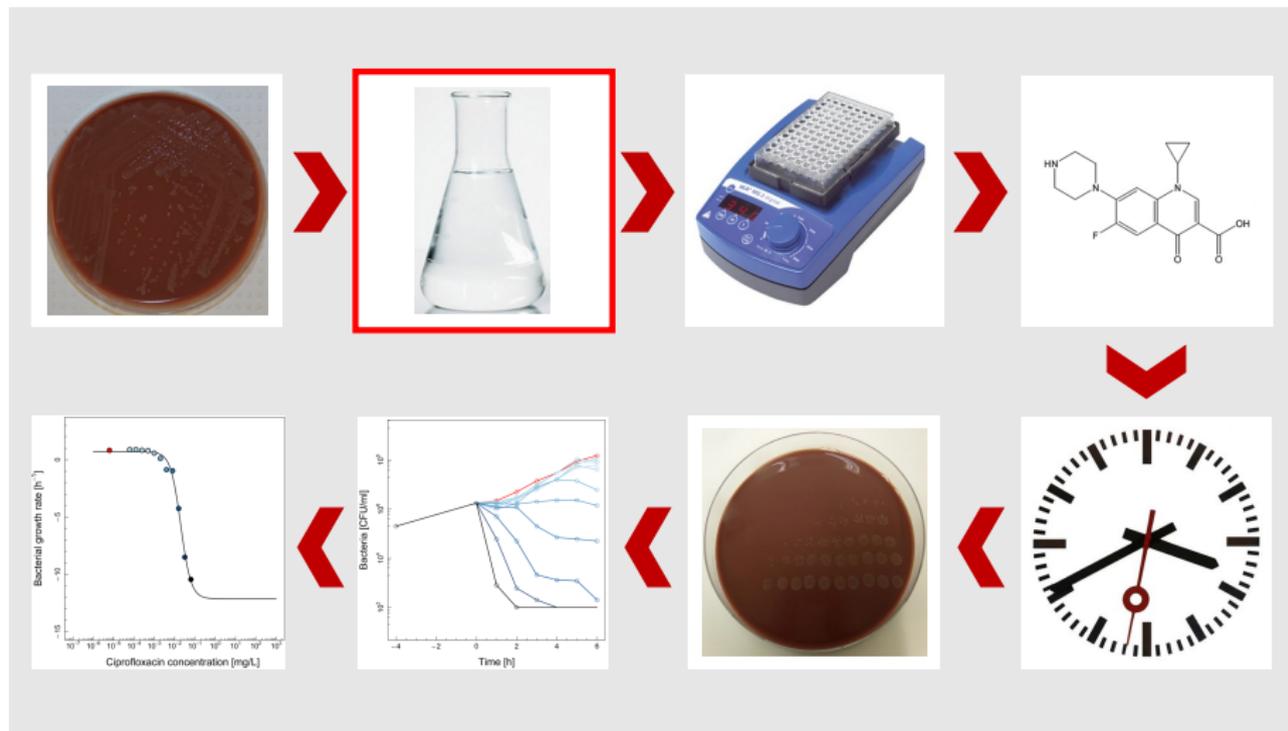
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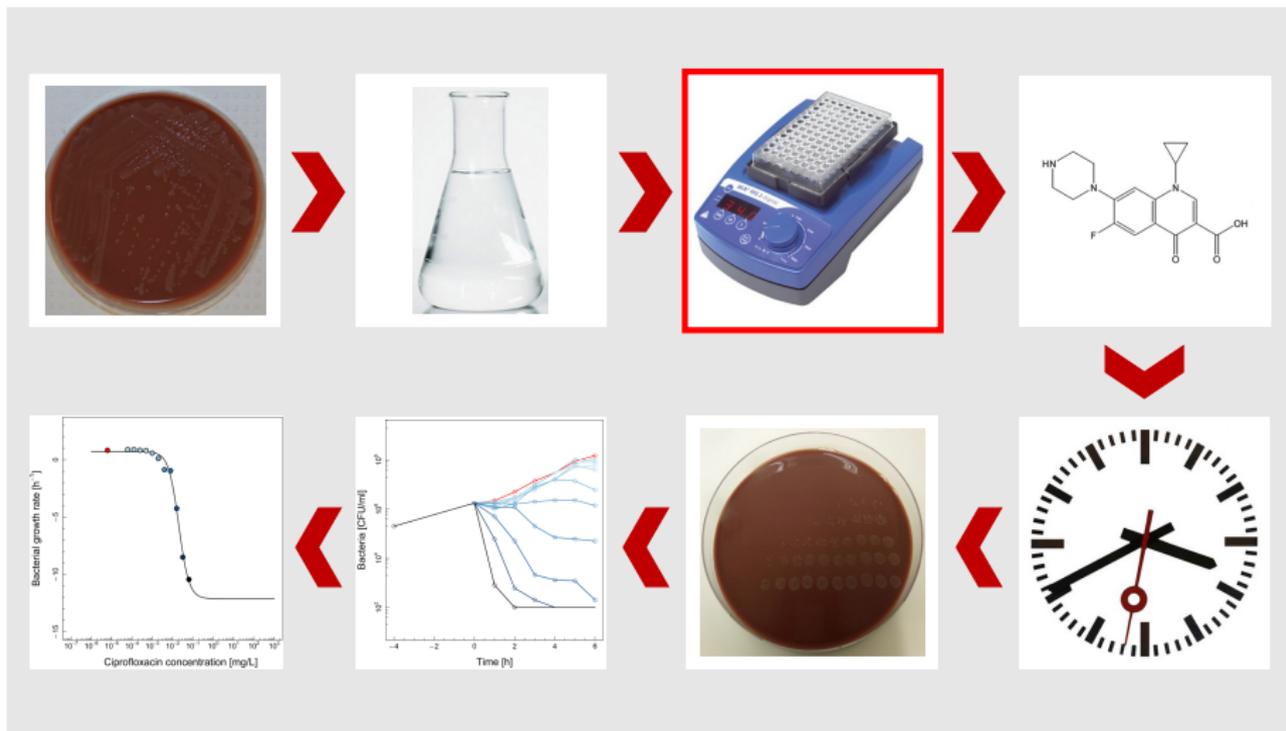
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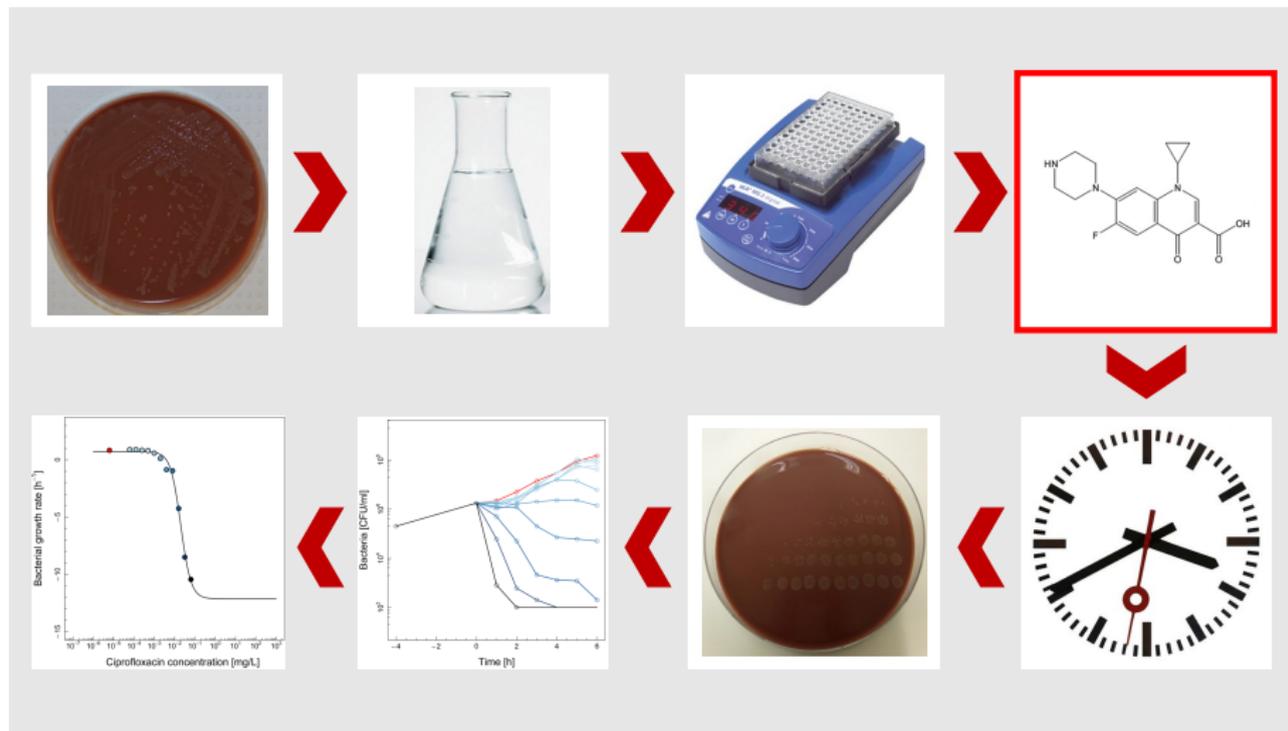
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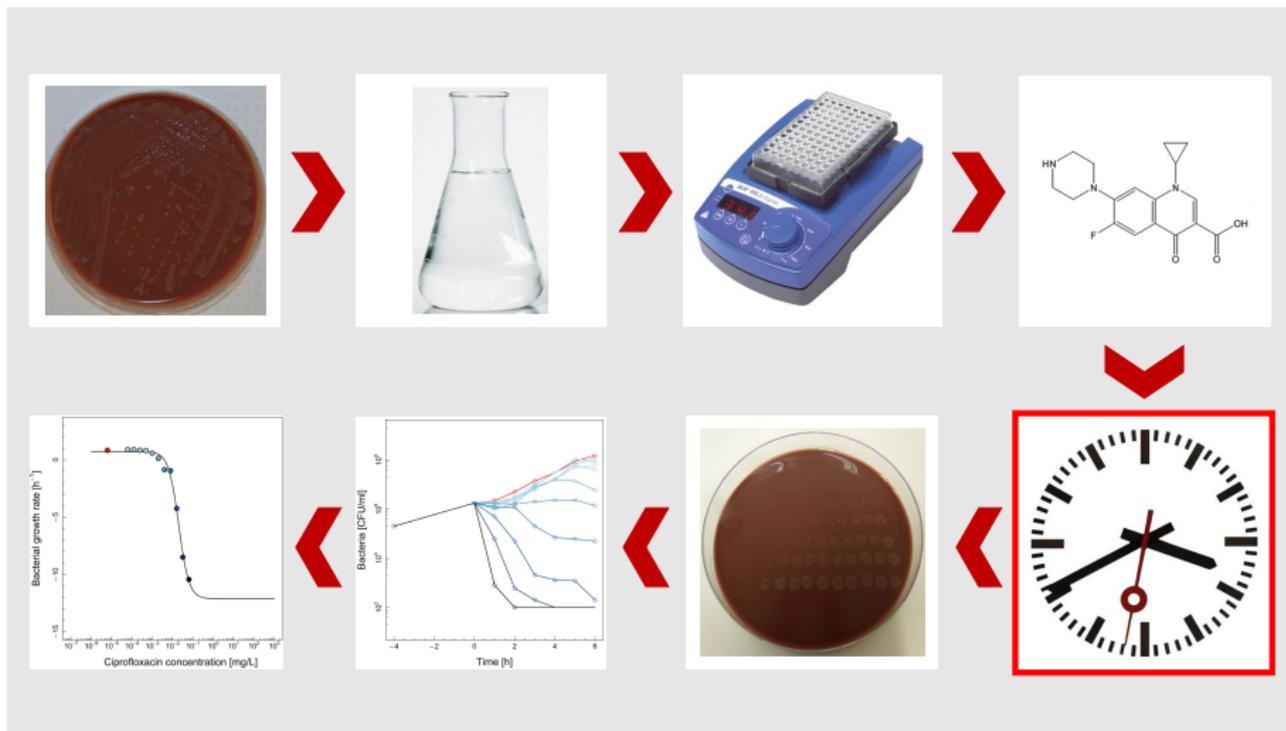
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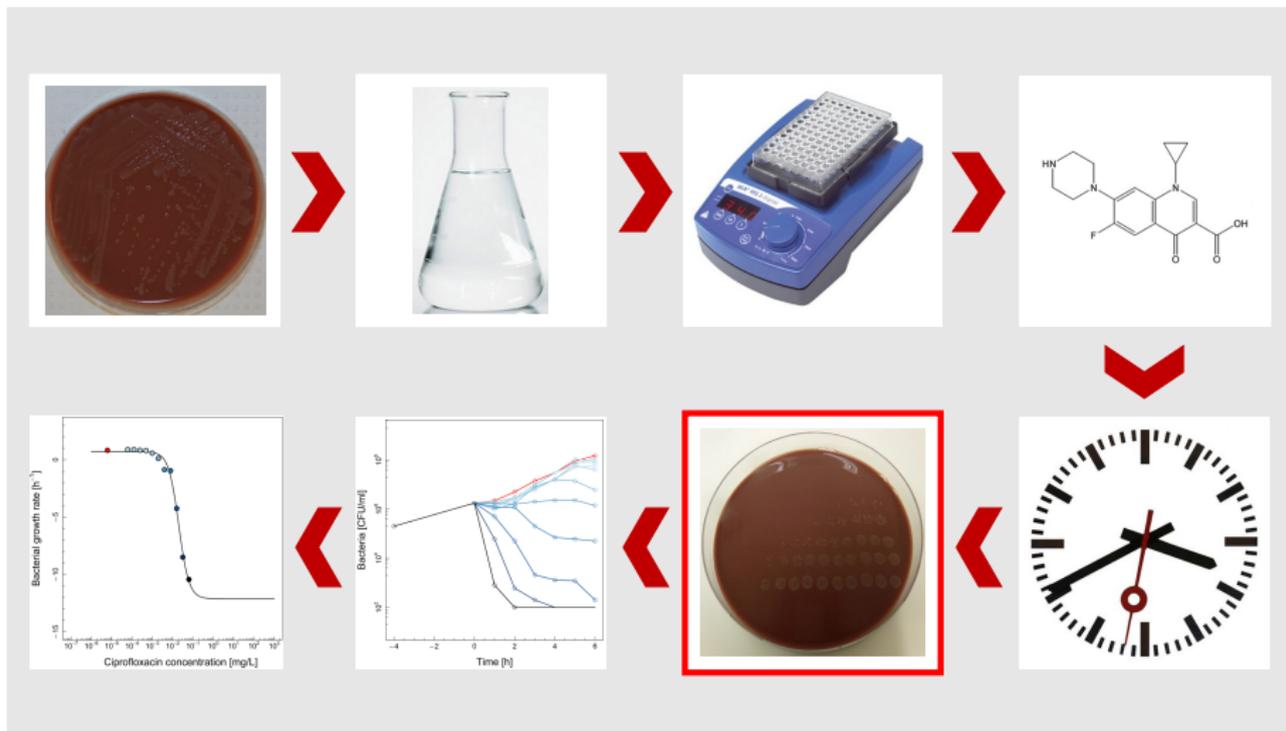
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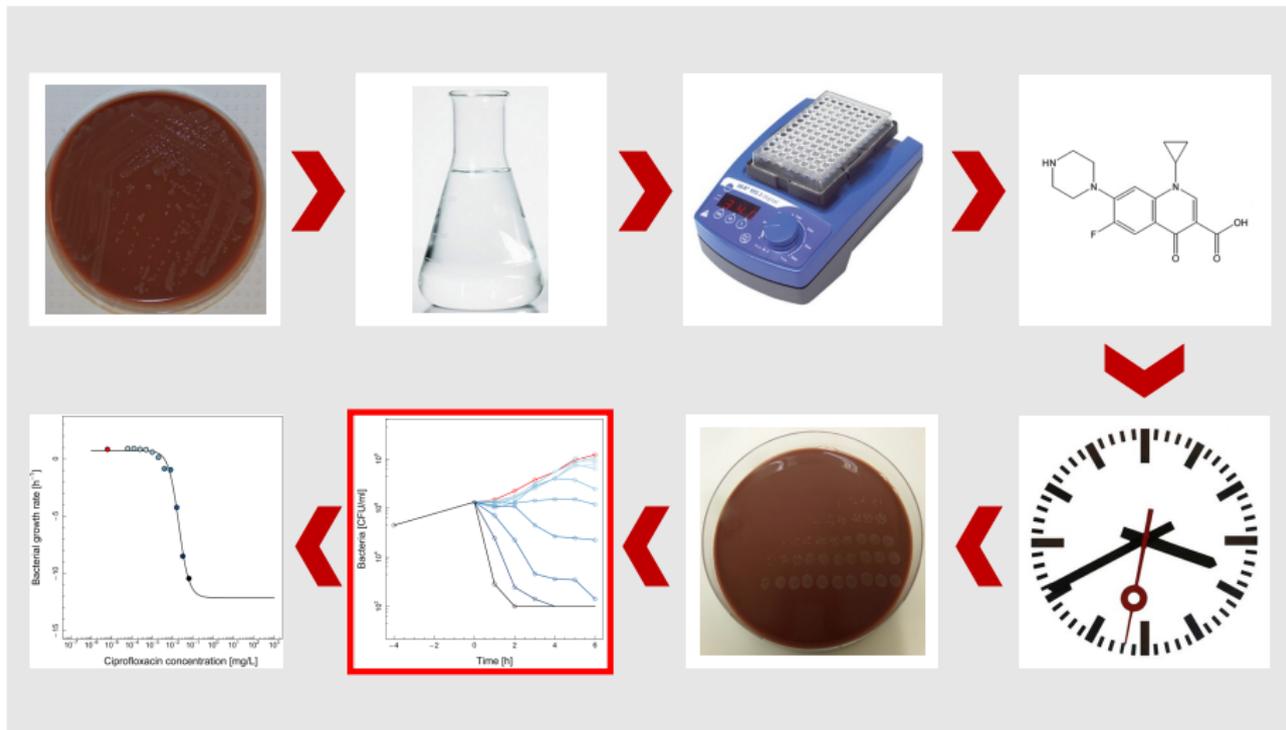
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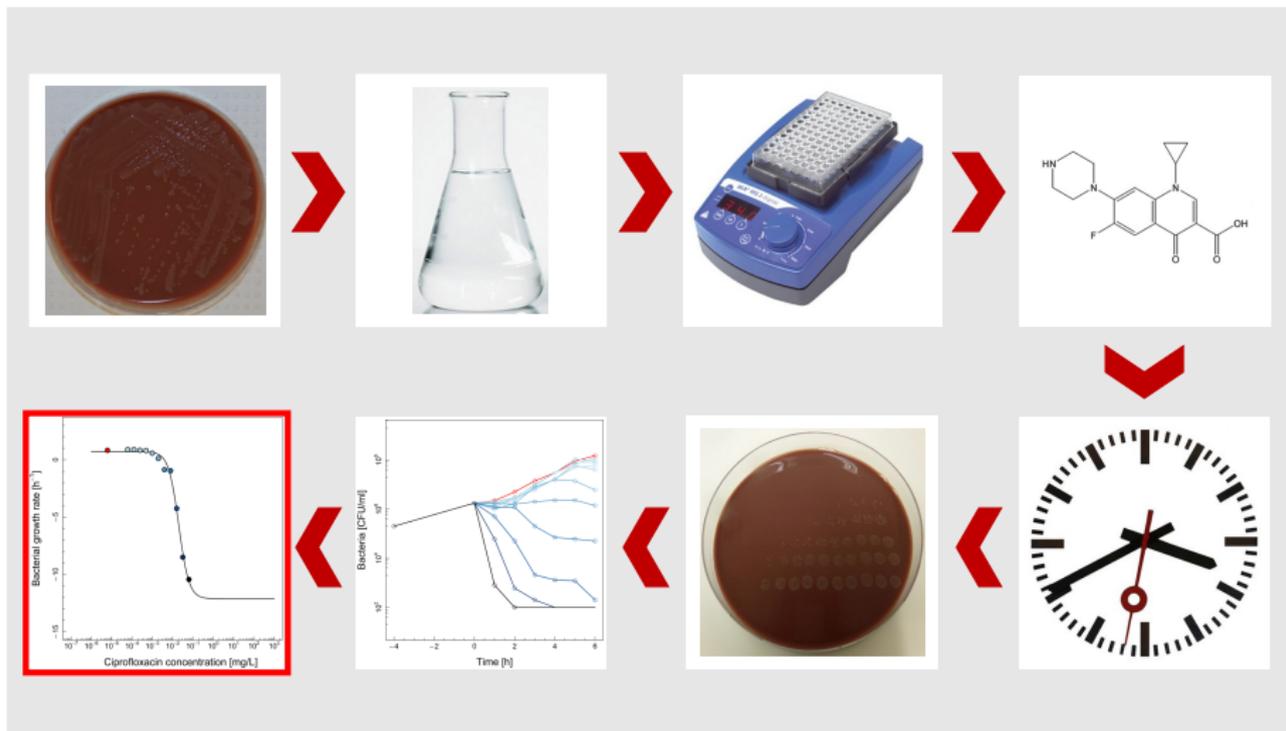
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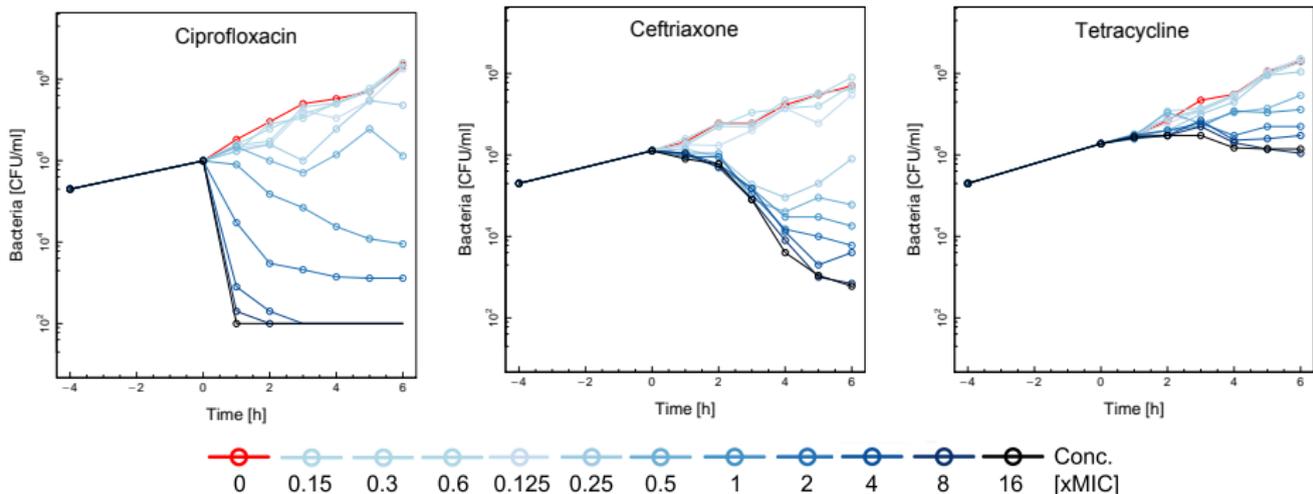
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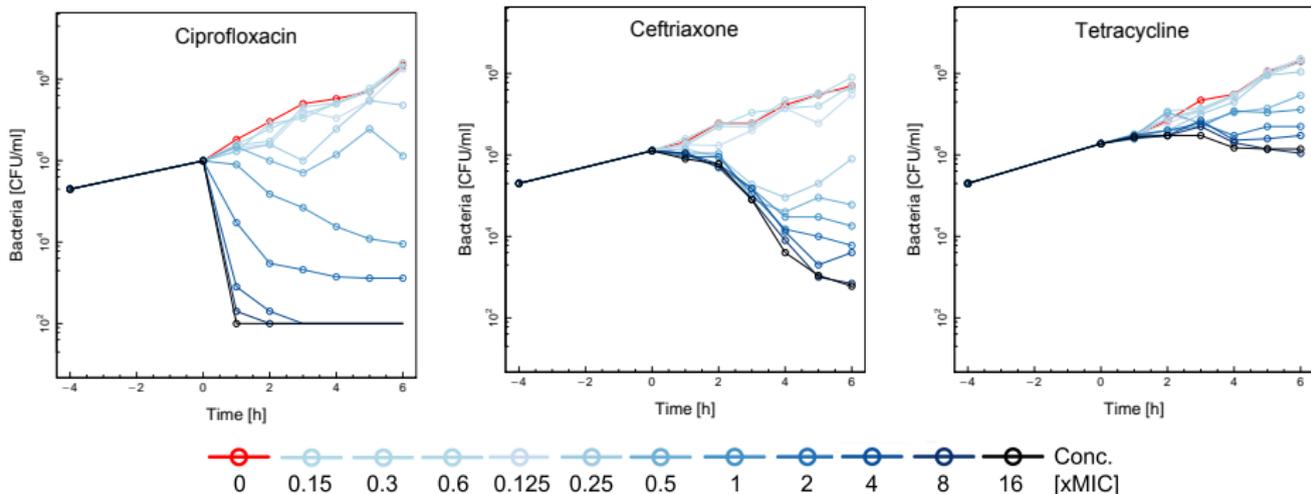
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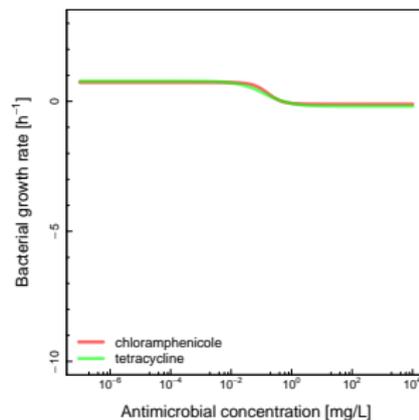
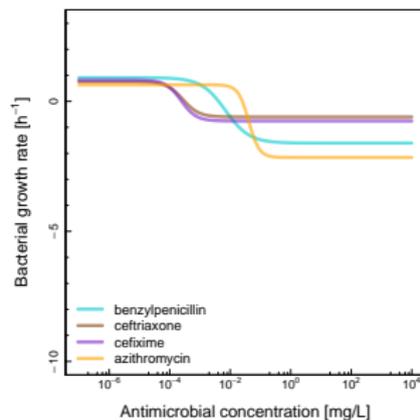
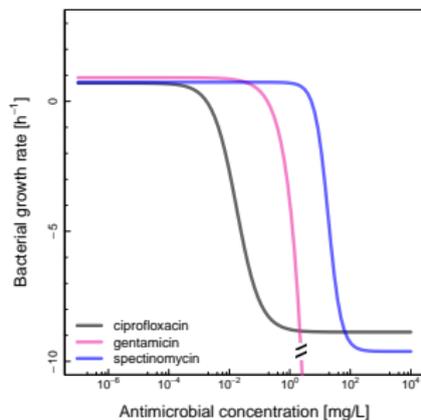


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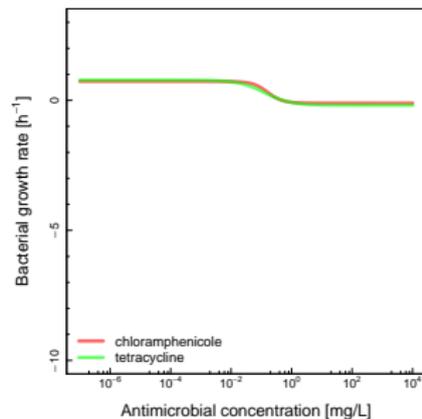
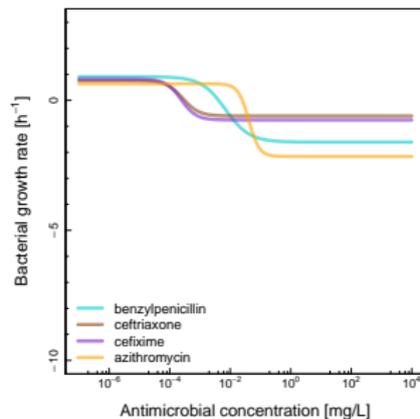
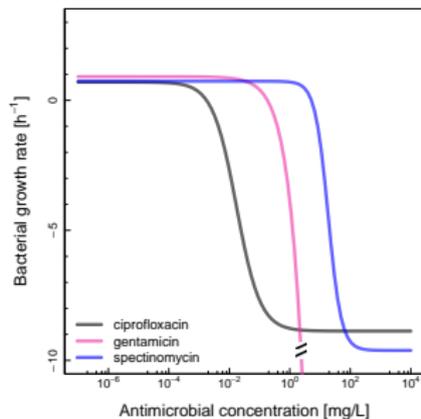


Time-kill assay has improved throughput and distinguishes different antimicrobials

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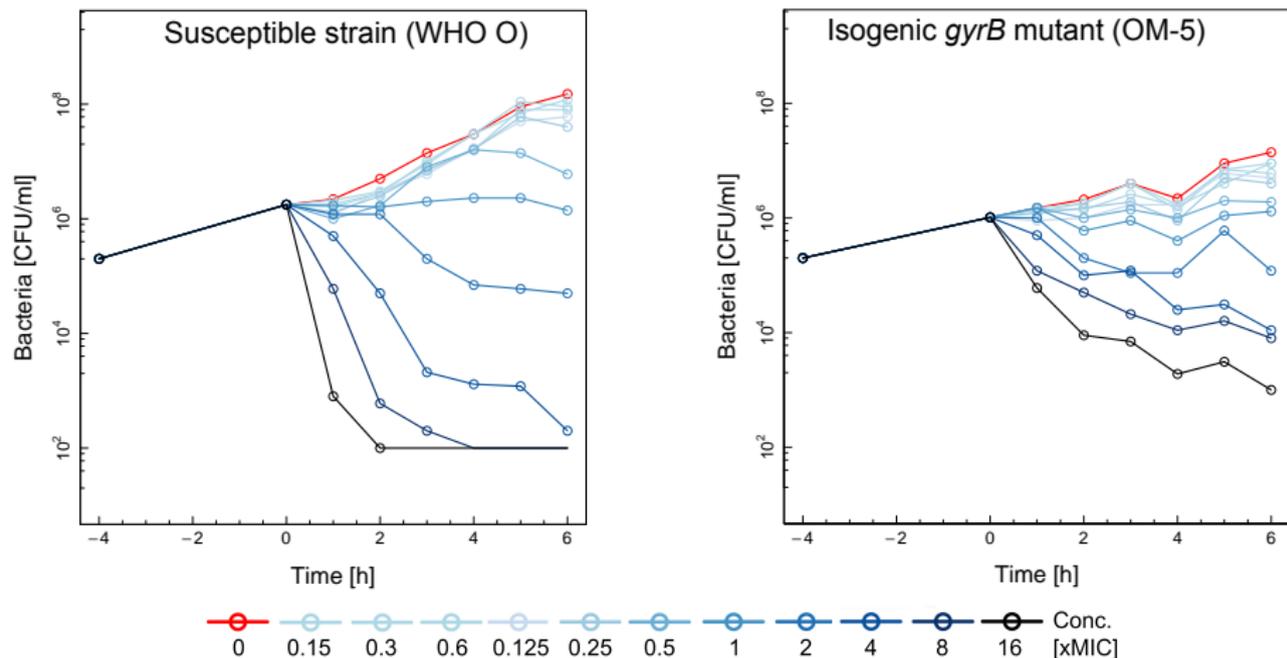
Pharmacodynamic functions quantify the results from rapidly bactericidal to bacteriostatic

Application of the novel assay

Genetic resistance determinants, in vitro time-kill curve analysis and pharmacodynamic functions for the novel topoisomerase II inhibitor ETX0914 (AZD0914) in *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

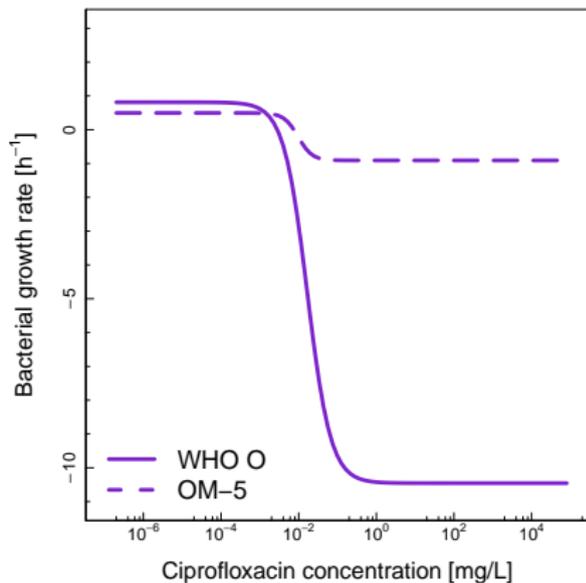
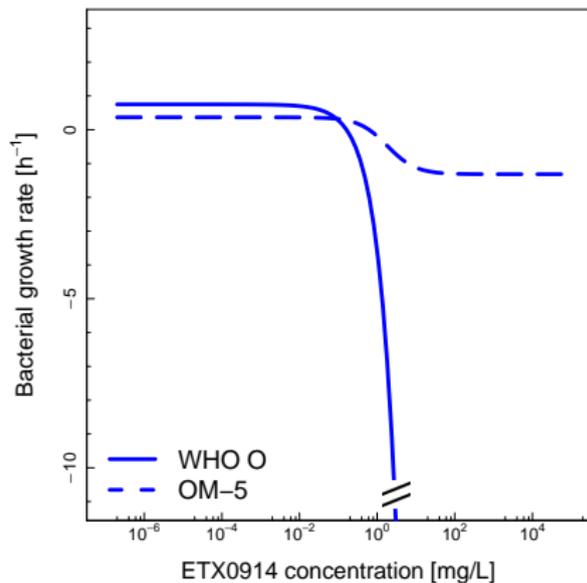
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Comparison of mutants resistant to ETX0914



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Pharmacodynamic comparison of ETX0914 and ciprofloxacin



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