

# Antibiotics

**What are antibiotics?  
Who are the main producers?  
Biological functions?  
Resistance  
New developments**

## First antimicrobial drugs

Louis Pasteur (1822-1895):

“pasteurization”

Fermentation: wine

contamination

Germ theory: silkworm disease

Vaccine: anthrax, fowl cholera

Rabies

# First antimicrobial drugs

Paul Ehrlich (1854-1915):

- Methylene blue: malaria

- Toxin and antitoxin

- Salvarsan: magic bullet

against syphilis, *Treponema*

*pallidum*

# First antimicrobial drugs

- Gerhard Domagk (Nobel Prize 1939)

Sulfa drugs

Prontosil

Sulfanilamide, analog of p-aminobenzoic acid  
(part of folic acid, precursor of nucleic acids)

Development of antituberculosis compounds  
thiosemicarbasone and isoniazid

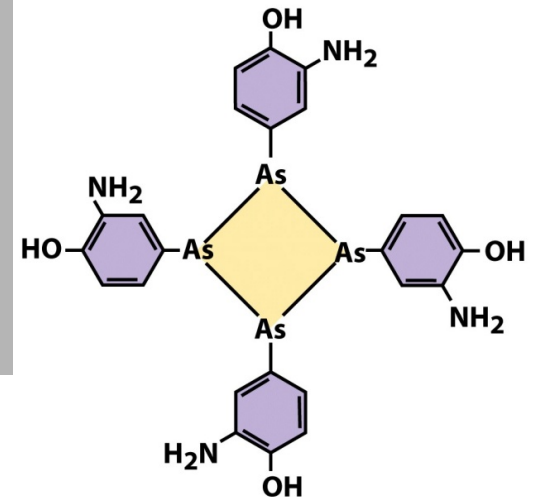


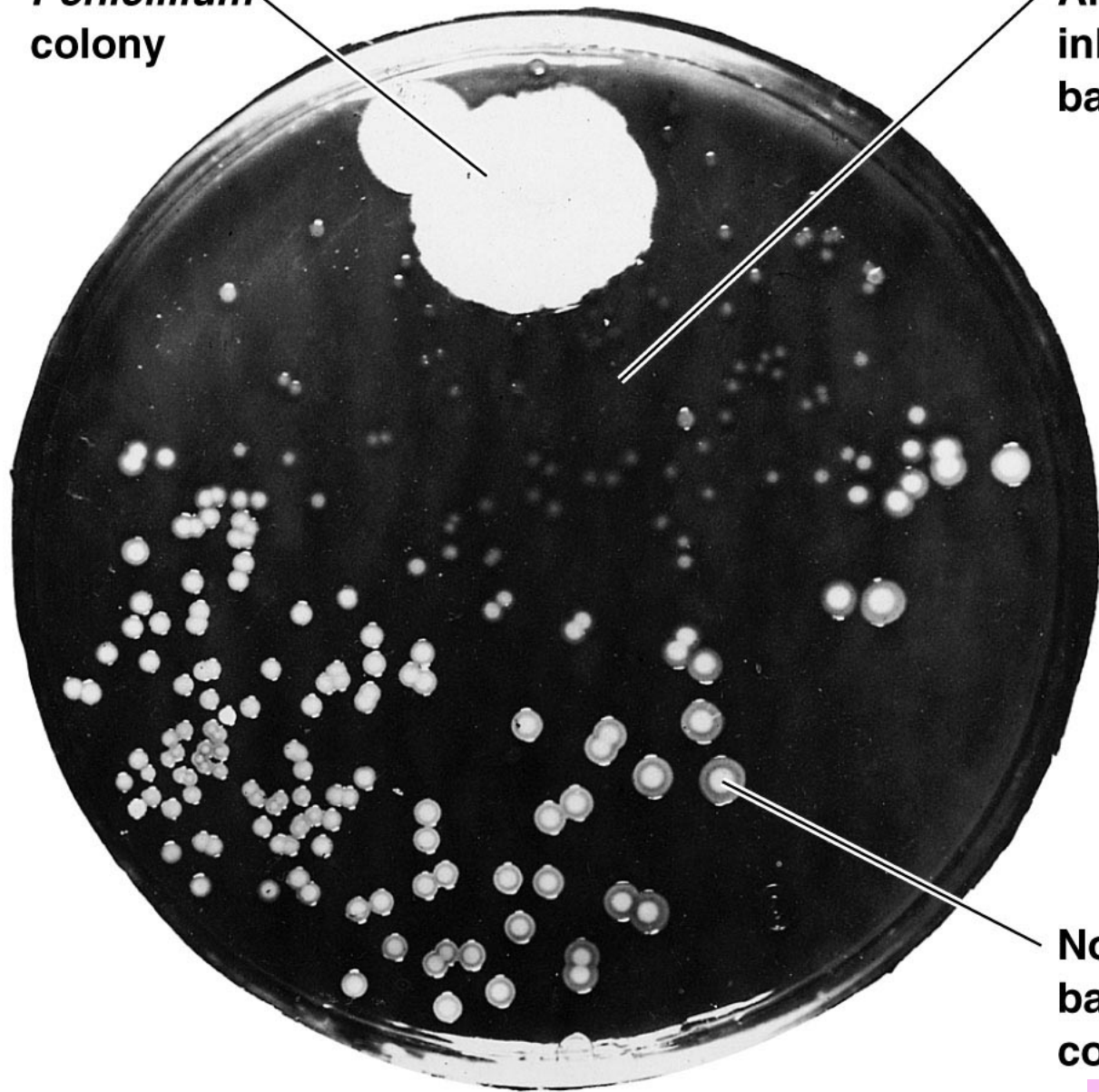
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**Penicillium colony**

**Area of inhibition of bacterial growth**

1928 Alexander Fleming  
1940 Howard Florey ,  
Ernst Chain

1944 Salman Waksman-  
streptomycin



**Normal bacterial colony**

*Staphylococcus aureus*

# What are antibiotics?

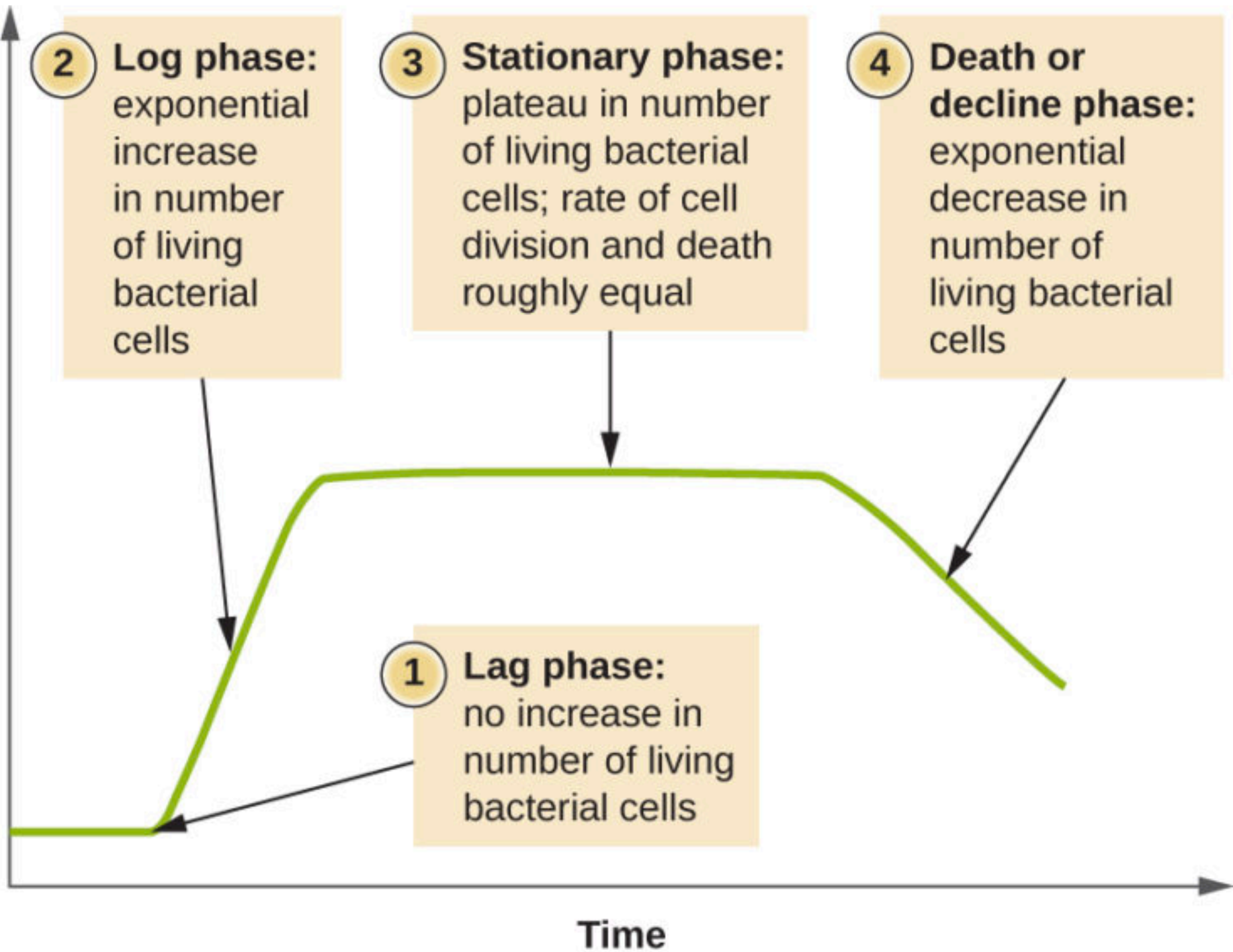
- Any compound able to kill a target cell
- Secondary metabolites synthesized by some microorganisms
  - Biological activity

# Primary and Secondary Metabolism

## Difference between primary and secondary metabolites

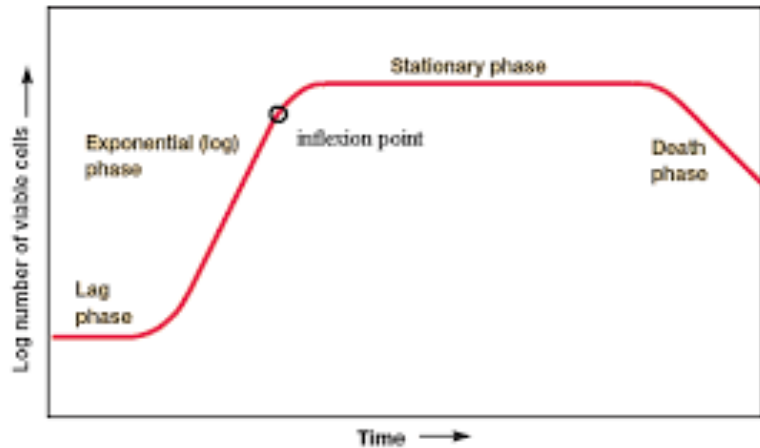
Primary metabolites	Secondary metabolites
They are involved in normal growth, development and reproduction.	They are not directly involved in the normal growth, development and reproduction.
Examples for primary metabolites are carbohydrates , fats and proteins.	Examples for secondary metabolites are alkaloids, tannis, resins, gums and latex etc.
They are not poisonous.	Some of these compounds are poisonous.

Logarithm of living bacterial cells

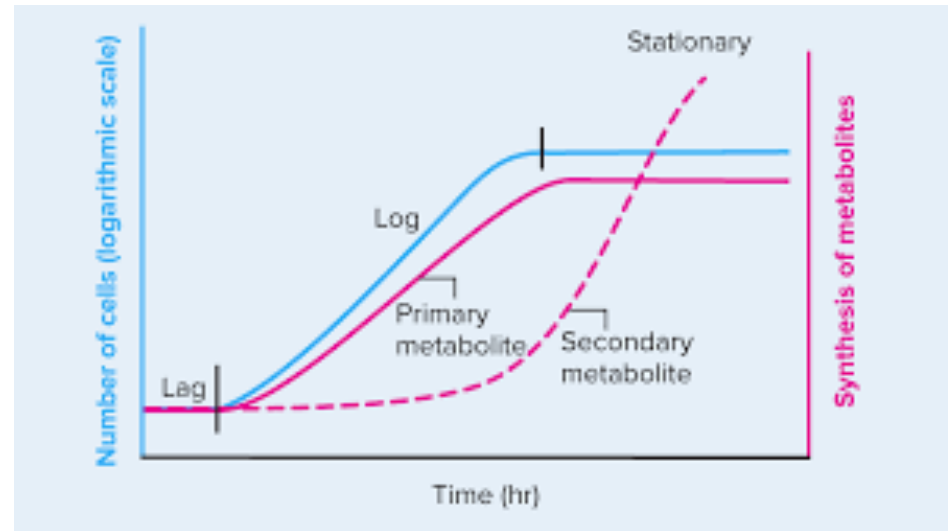




# Primary and secondary metabolism



Microbial Growth Curve in a Closed System.



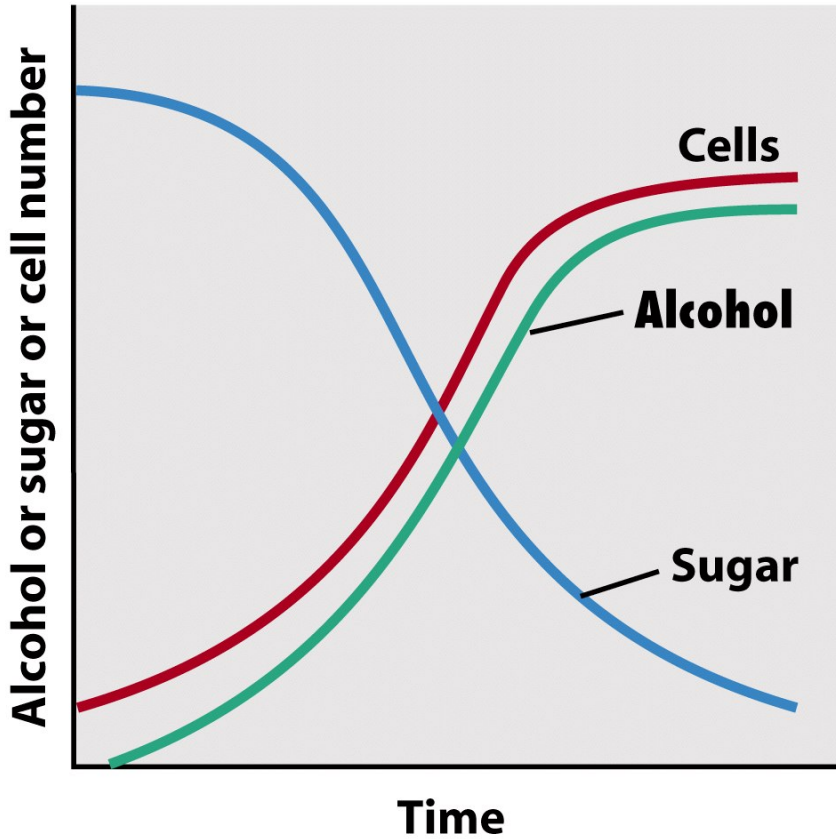


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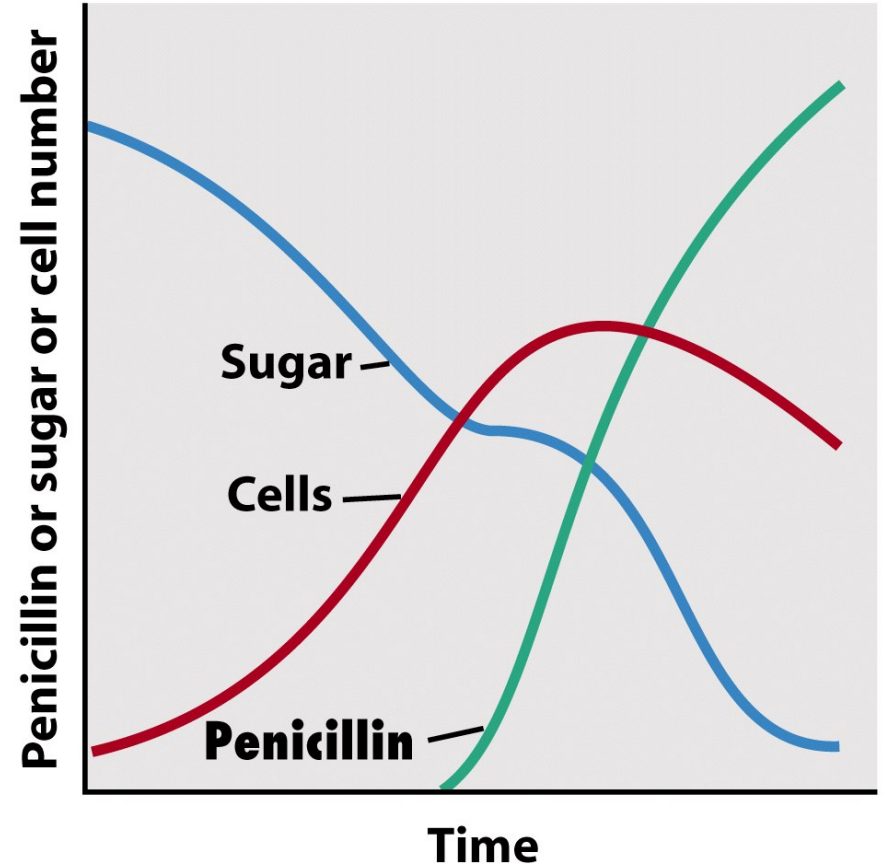


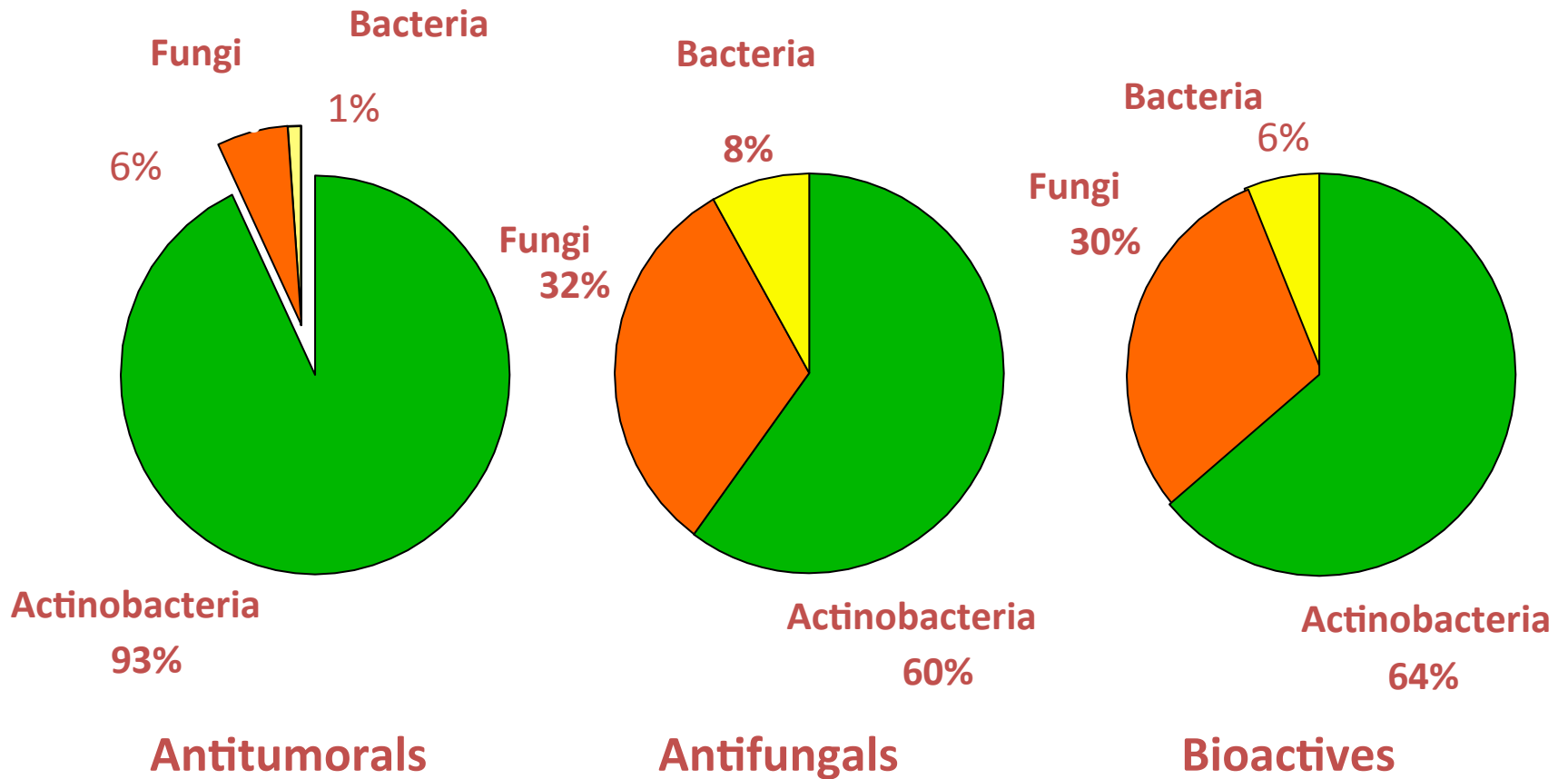
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# Primary and secondary metabolism

# Who are the main producers

- Bacteria
  - Gram positive *Streptomyces*
- Fungi
- Other bacteria

# MICROORGANISMS and BIOACTIVE COMPOUNDS



# Biological functions of antibiotics?

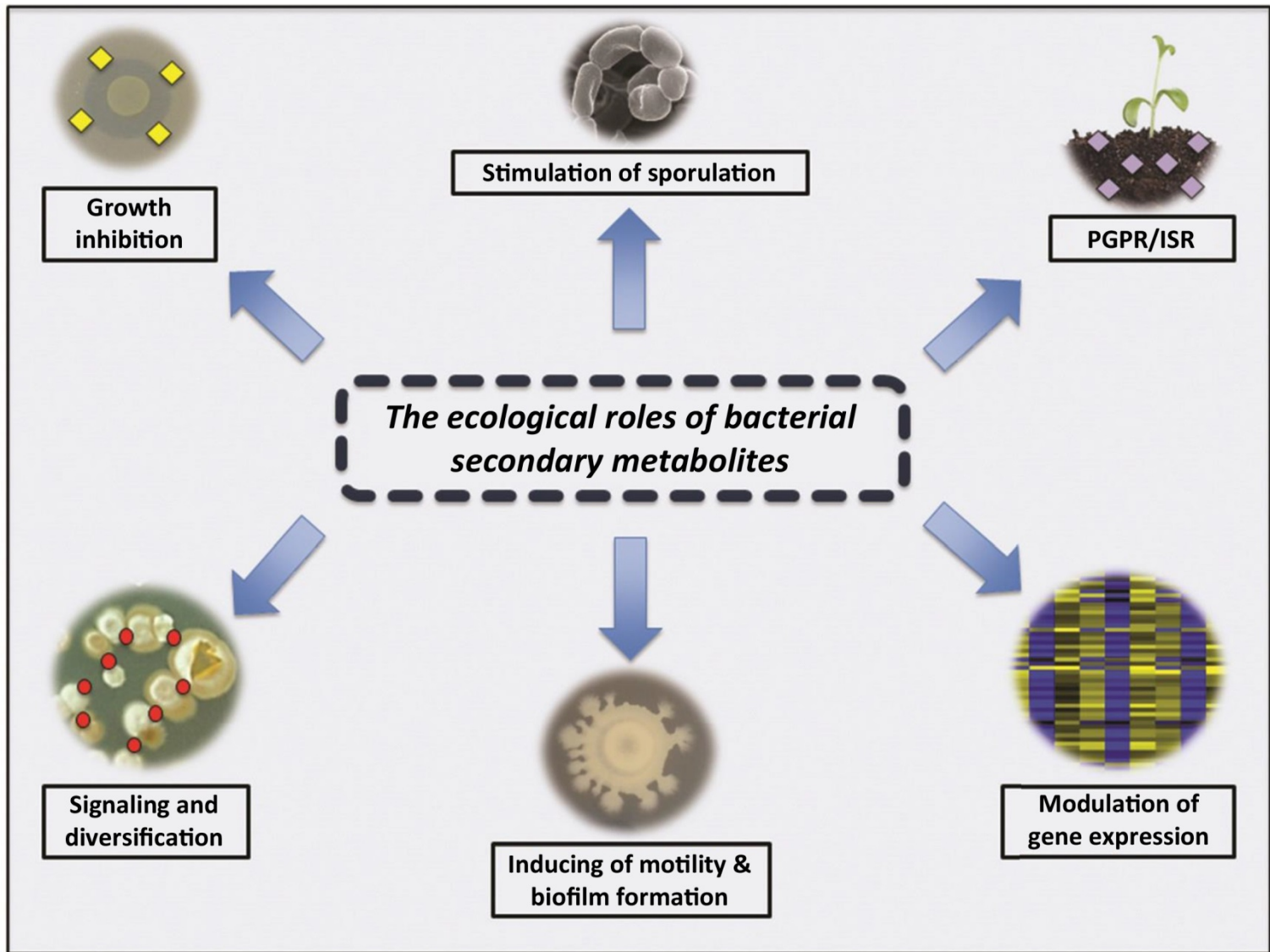
- In the producer:

Activators of morphological differentiation, UV protector, communication

- In the target microorganism:

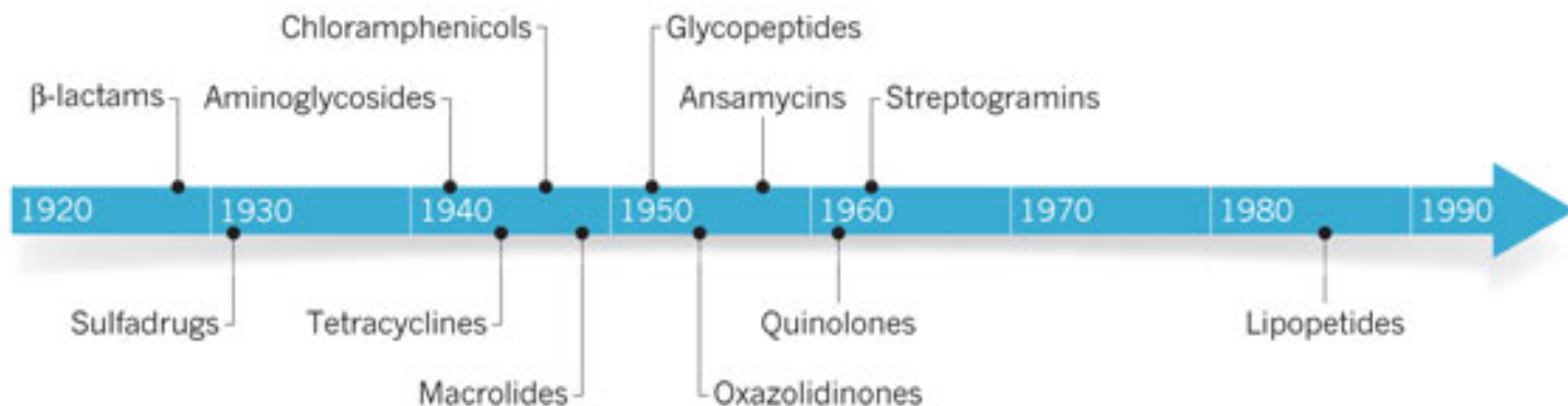
Toxicity

# Different Ecological Roles of Bacterial Secondary Metabolites in Nature



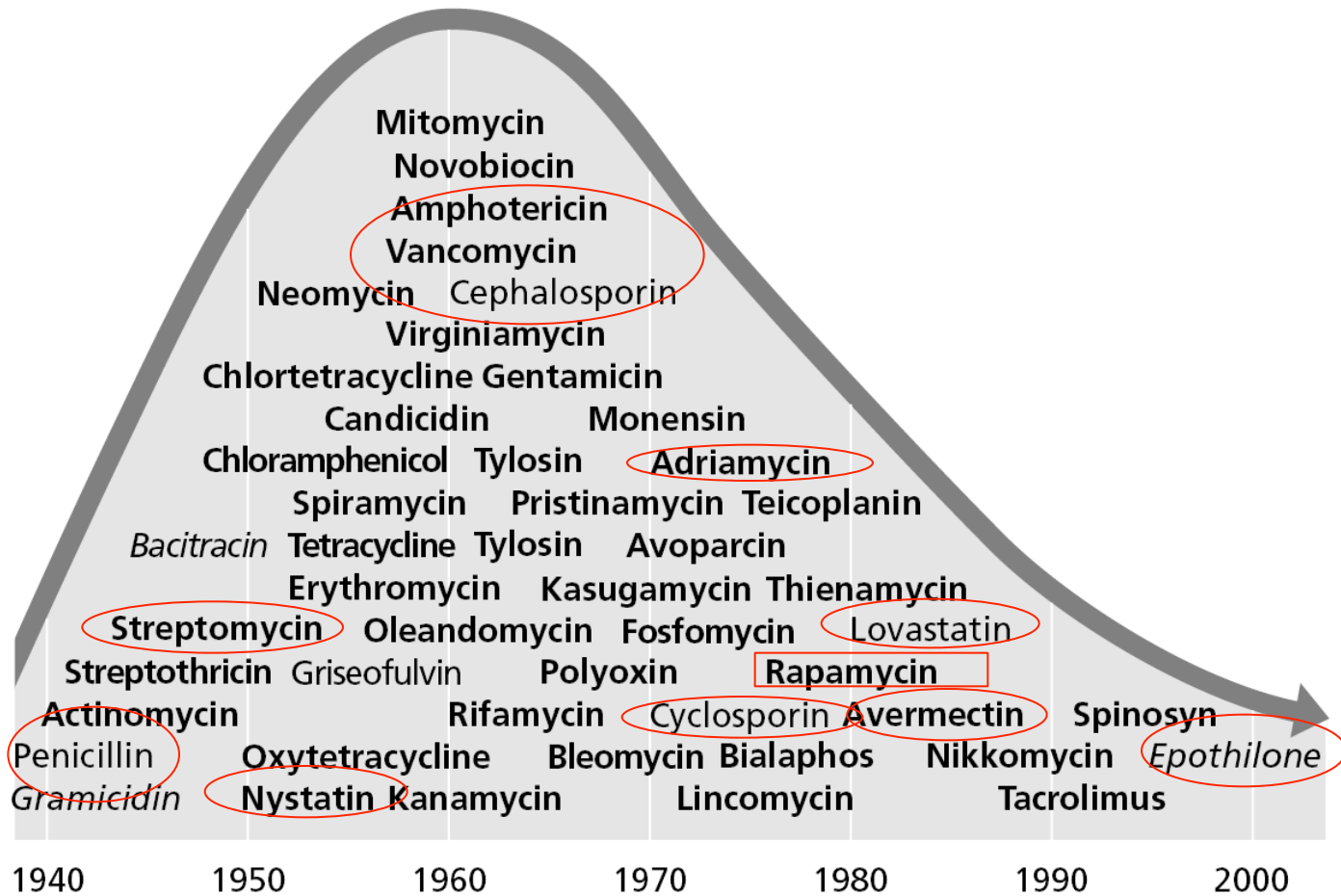
## ANTIBIOTIC DISCOVERY TIMELINE

Decades without identifying antibiotics that go on to be used for the treatment of patients has put our defence against bacteria at risk. This timeline pinpoints the year that the antibiotics were first discovered.



# Diminishing returns in finding natural products: Genetics to the rescue?

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**TABLE 20.1****Representative Sources  
of Antibiotics**

Microorganism	Antibiotic
<b>Gram-Positive Rods</b>	
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	Bacitracin
<i>Paenibacillus polymyxa</i>	Polymyxin
<b>Actinomycetes</b>	
<i>Streptomyces nodosus</i>	Amphotericin B
<i>Streptomyces venezuelae</i>	Chloramphenicol
<i>Streptomyces aureofaciens</i>	Chlortetracycline and tetracycline
<i>Saccharopolyspora erythraea</i>	Erythromycin
<i>Streptomyces fradiae</i>	Neomycin
<i>Streptomyces griseus</i>	Streptomycin
<i>Micromonospora purpurea</i>	Gentamicin
<b>Fungi</b>	
<i>Cephalosporium</i> spp.	Cephalothin
<i>Penicillium griseofulvum</i>	Griseofulvin
<i>Penicillium chrysogenum</i>	Penicillin

# BIOACTIVE COMPOUNDS SYNTHESIZED BY ACTINOBACTERIA

## ANTIBACTERIALS

Erythromycin  
Tetracycline  
Gentamicin

## ANTIFUNGALS

Amphotericin B  
Nystatin

## ANTIPARASITICS

Avermectins

## ANTITUMORALS

Doxorubicin  
Mitramycin  
Bleomycin

## IMUNOSUPPRESSANTS

Rapamycin  
FK506/Tacrolimus

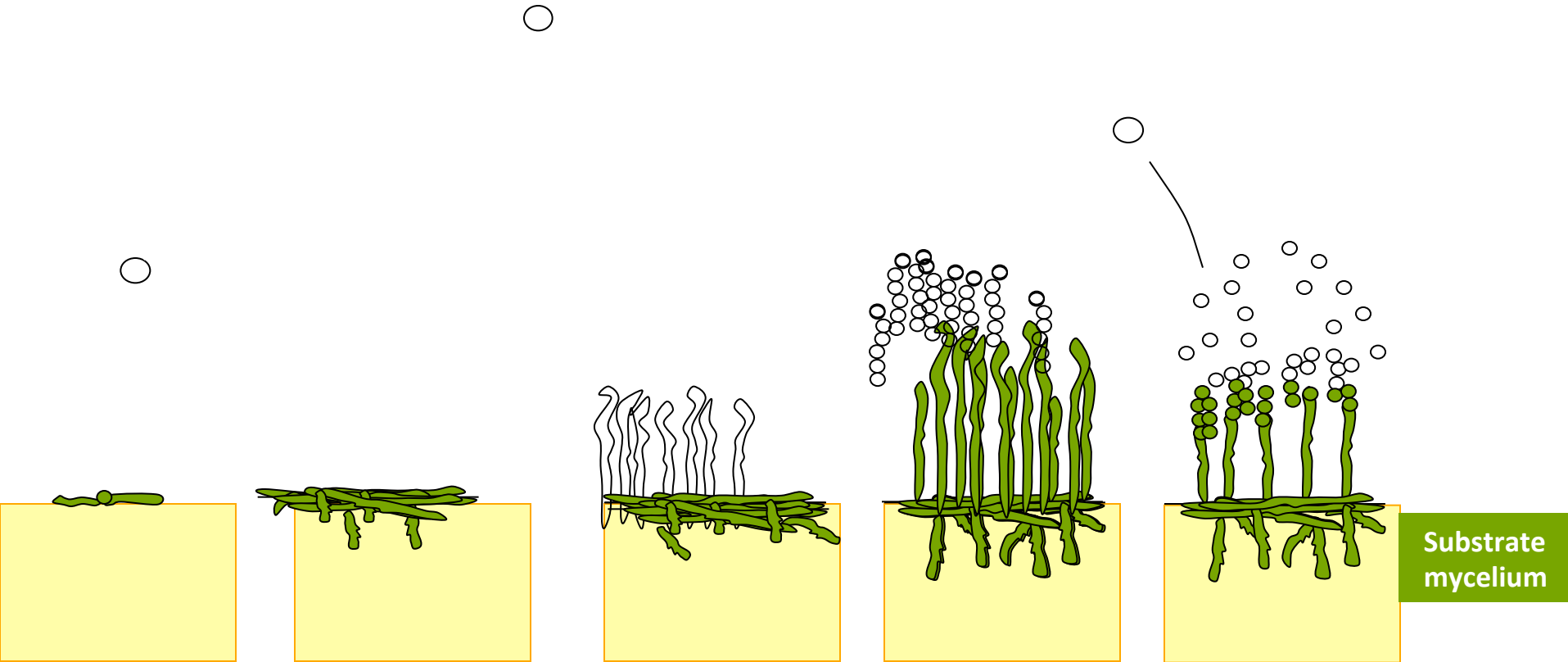
## INSETICIDES

Espinosin

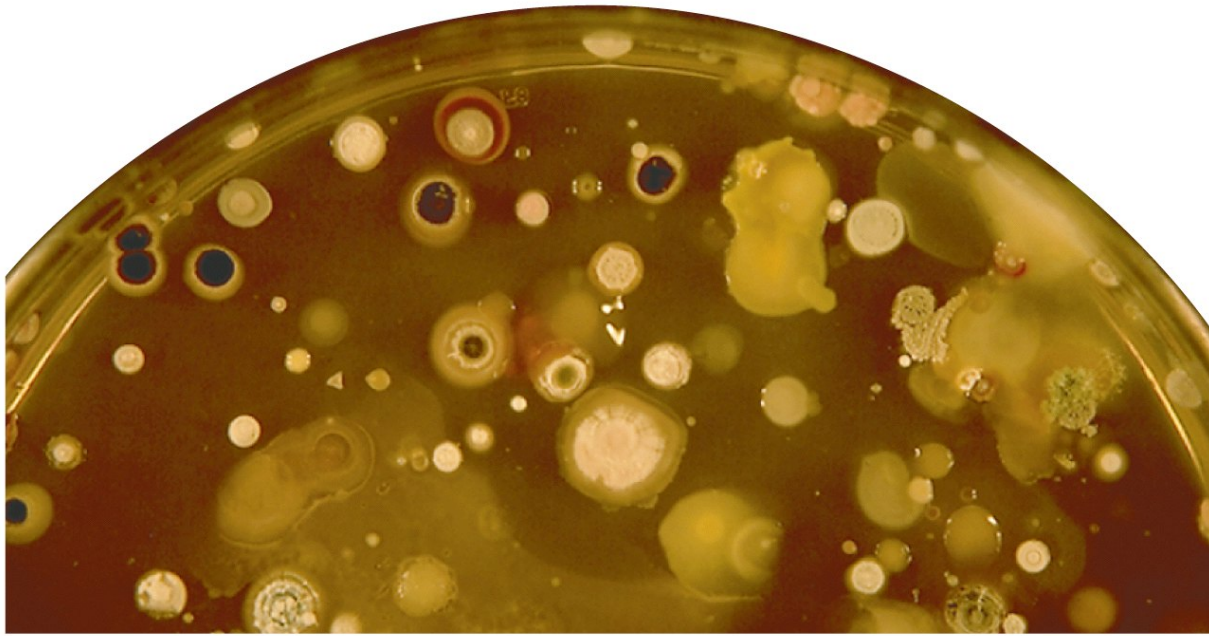
## HERBICIDES

Bialaphos

# LIFE CYCLE OF *Streptomyces*



Production of secondary metabolites  
(antibiotics, fungicides, antitumorals,..)



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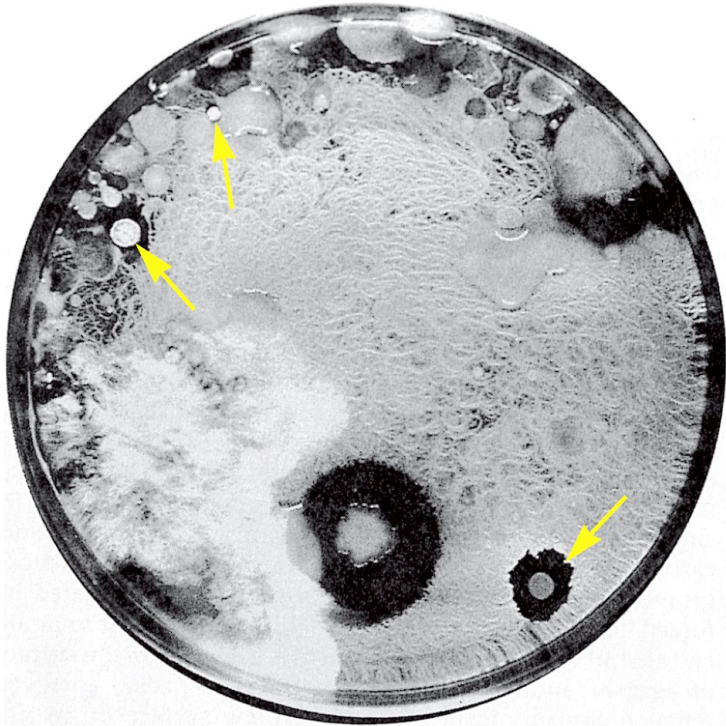


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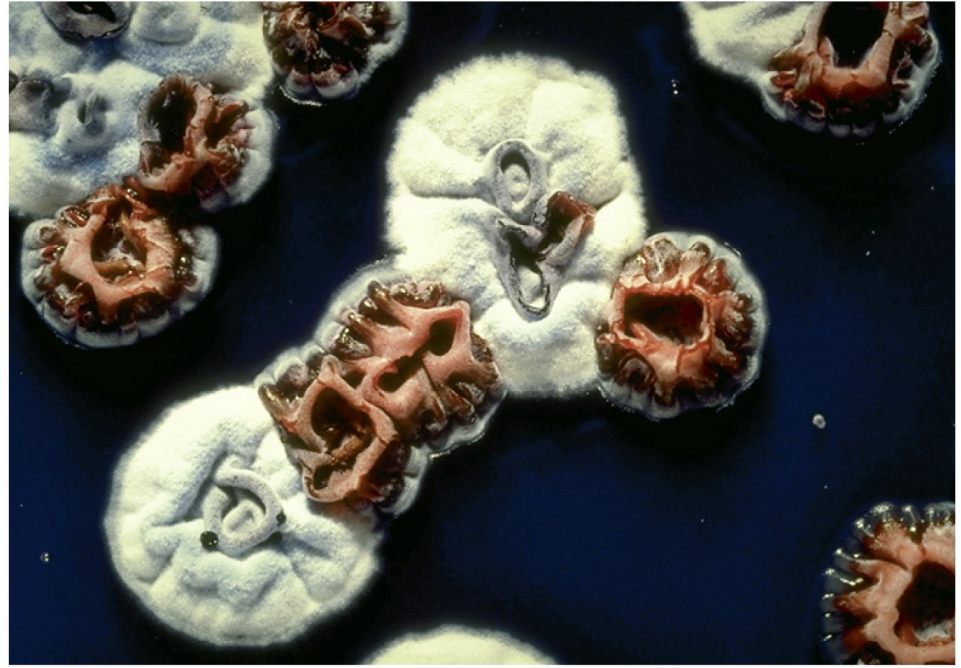


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# Antibiotics classifications

Origin: natural, semisynthetic, syntethic

Chemical structures (11 groups)

Biological Activity

Spectrum of Activity

Biological Target

**Antibiotic classification**

**Subclassification**

**Example**

**I. Carbohydrate-containing compounds**

Pure sugars  
Aminoglycosides  
Orthosomycins  
N-Glycosides  
C-Glycosides  
Glycolipids

Nojirimycin  
Streptomycin  
Everninomicin  
Streptothricin  
Vancomycin  
Moenomycin

**II. Macrocylic lactones**

Macrolide antibiotics  
Polyene antibiotics  
Ansamycins  
Macrotetrolides

Erythromycin  
Candididin  
Rifampin  
Tetanactin

**III. Quinones and related compounds**

Tetracyclines  
Anthracyclines  
Naphthoquinones  
Benzoquinones

Tetracycline  
Adriamycin  
Actinorhodin  
Mitomycin

**Representative structure**

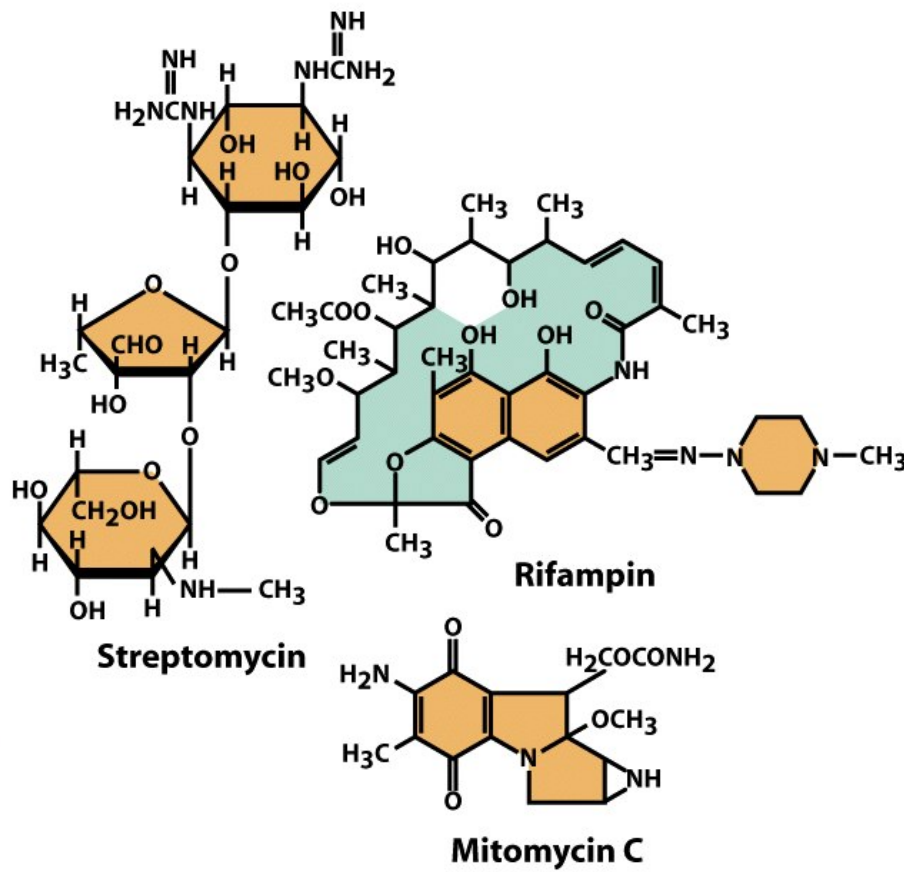


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**Antibiotic classification**

**Subclassification**

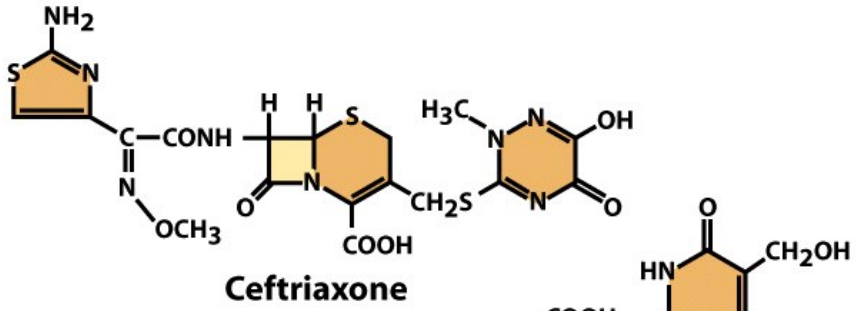
**Example**

**Representative structure**

**IV. Amino acid and peptide analogs**

Amino acid derivatives  
 $\beta$ -Lactam antibiotics  
 Peptide antibiotics  
 Chromopeptides  
 Depsipeptides  
 Chelate-forming peptides

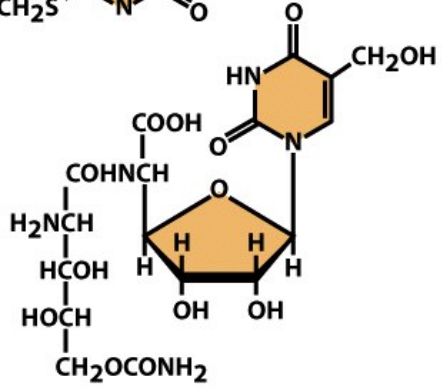
Cycloserine  
 Penicillin,  
 ceftriaxone  
 Bacitracin  
 Actinomycin  
 Valinomycin  
 Bleomycin



**V. Heterocyclic compounds containing nitrogen**

Nucleoside antibiotics

Polyoxins



**VI. Heterocyclic compounds containing oxygen**

Polyether antibiotics

Monensin

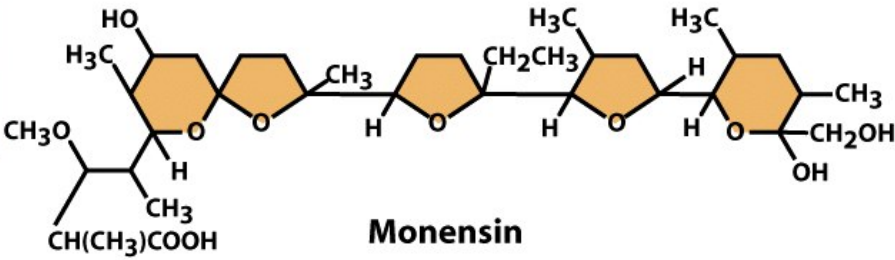


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## Antibiotic classification

### VII. Alicyclic derivatives

## Subclassification

Cycloalkane derivatives  
Steroid antibiotics

## Example

Cycloheximide  
Fusidic acid

### VIII. Aromatic compounds

Benzene derivatives  
Condensed aromatics  
Aromatic ether

Chloramphenicol  
Griseofulvin  
Novobiocin

### IX. Aliphatic compounds

Compounds containing phosphorus

Fosfomycin

## Representative structure

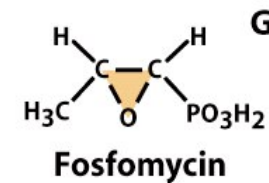
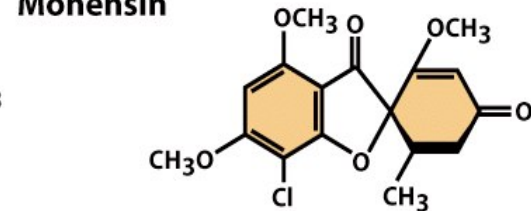
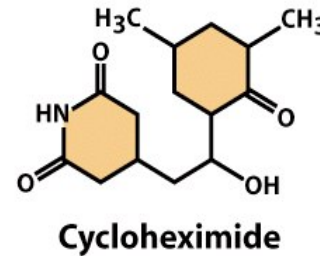
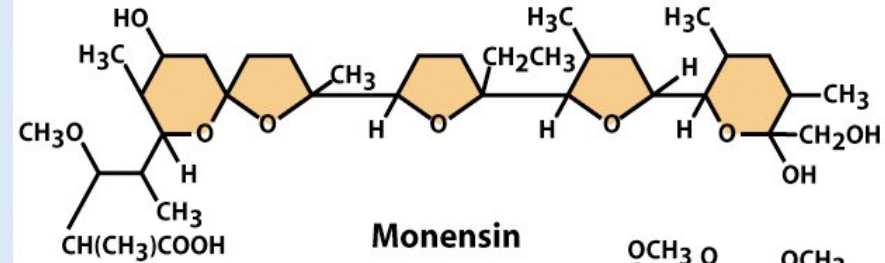


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## Antibiotic classification

## Subclassification

## Example

**X. Quinolone compounds**

4-Quinolone  
Fluoro-4-quinolones

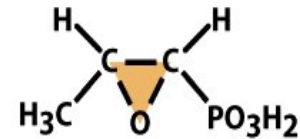
Nalidixic acid  
Ciprofloxacin

**XI. Oxazolidinone**

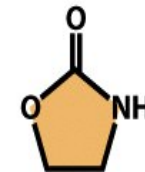
Cyclic lactone

2-Oxazolidinone

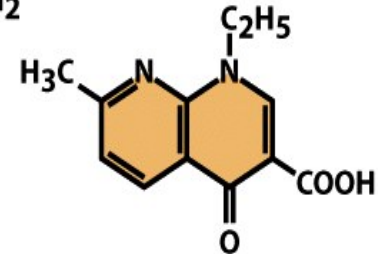
## Representative structure



Fosfomicin



2-Oxazolidinone



Nalidixic acid

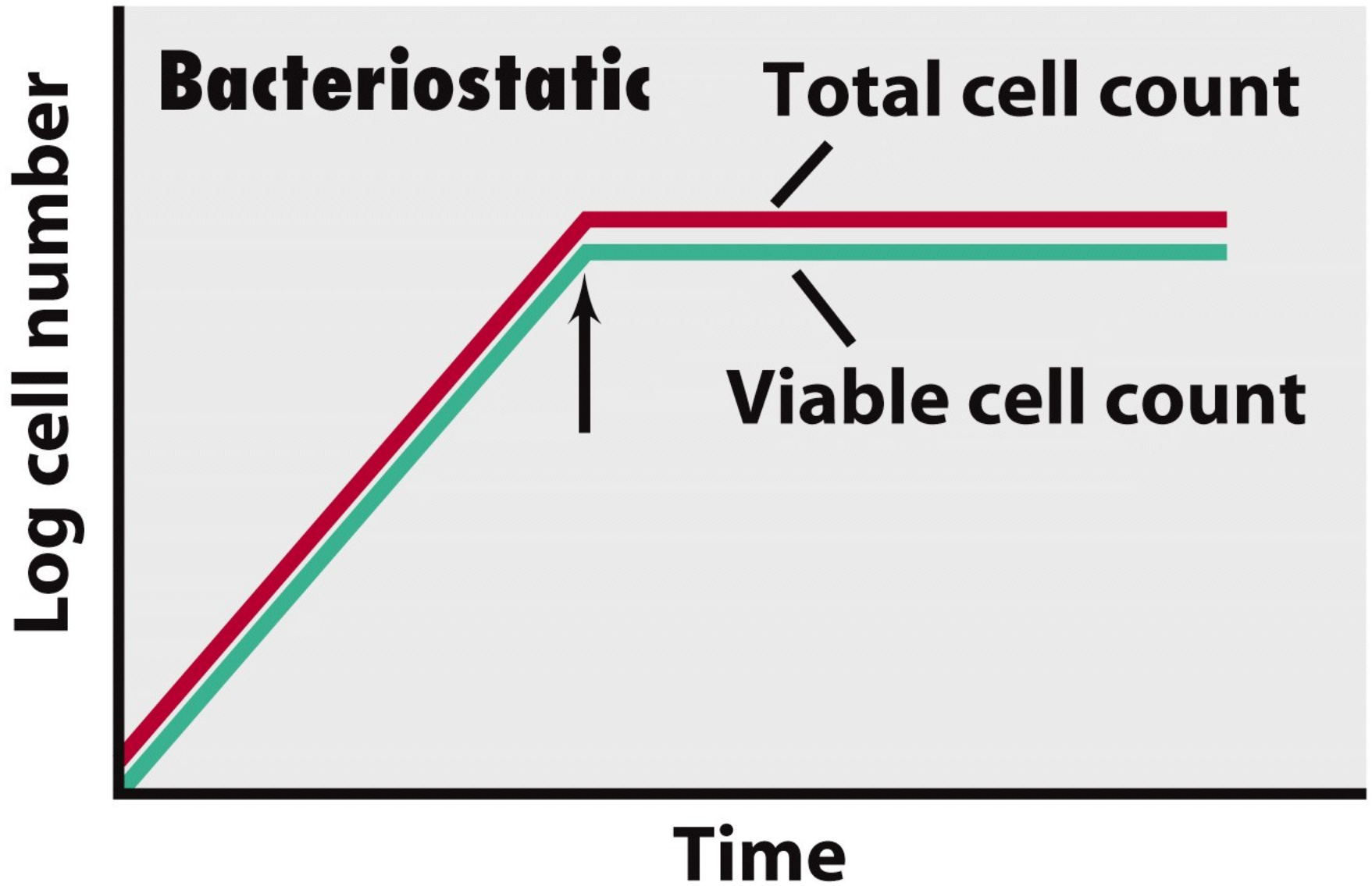


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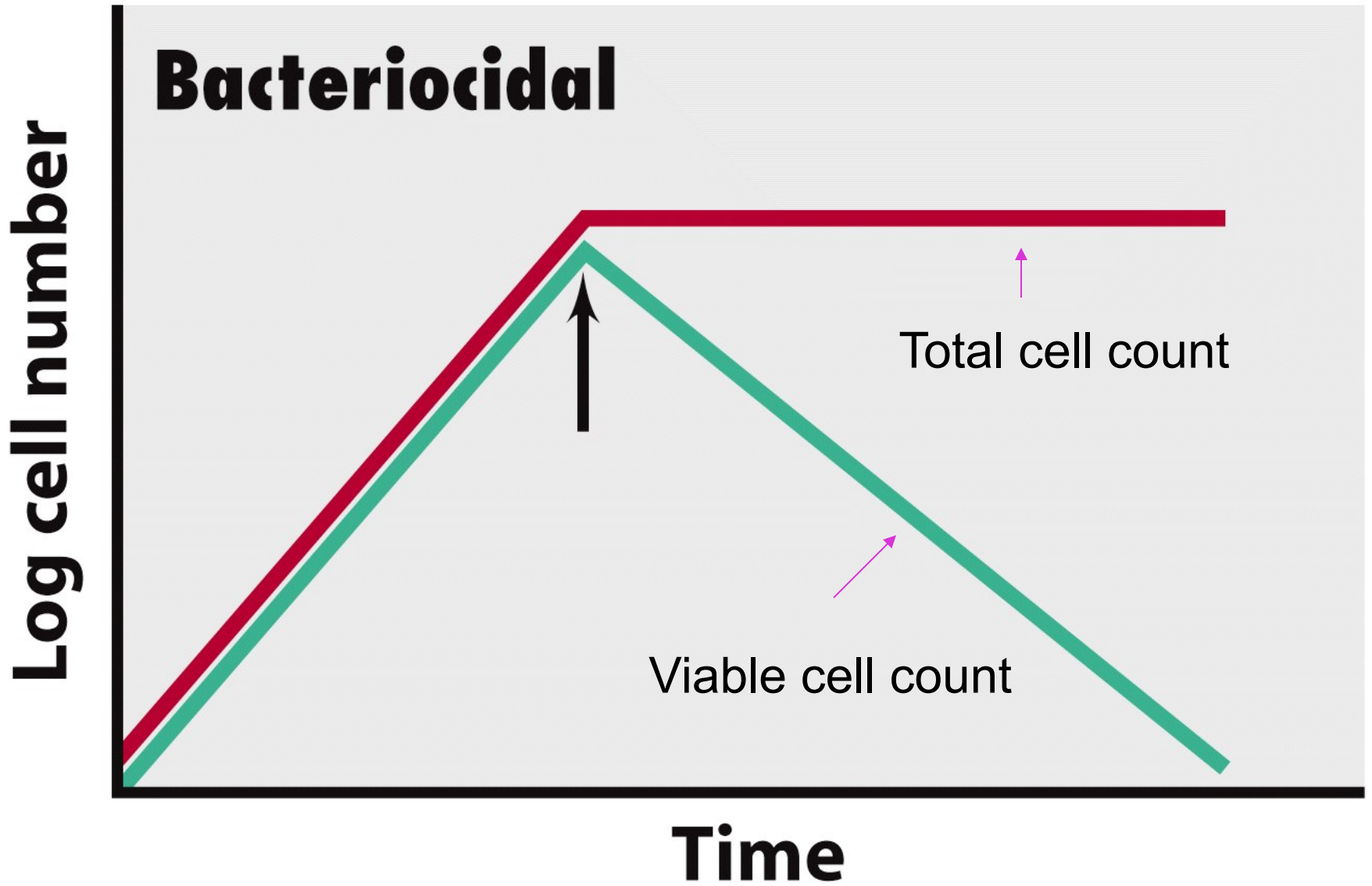


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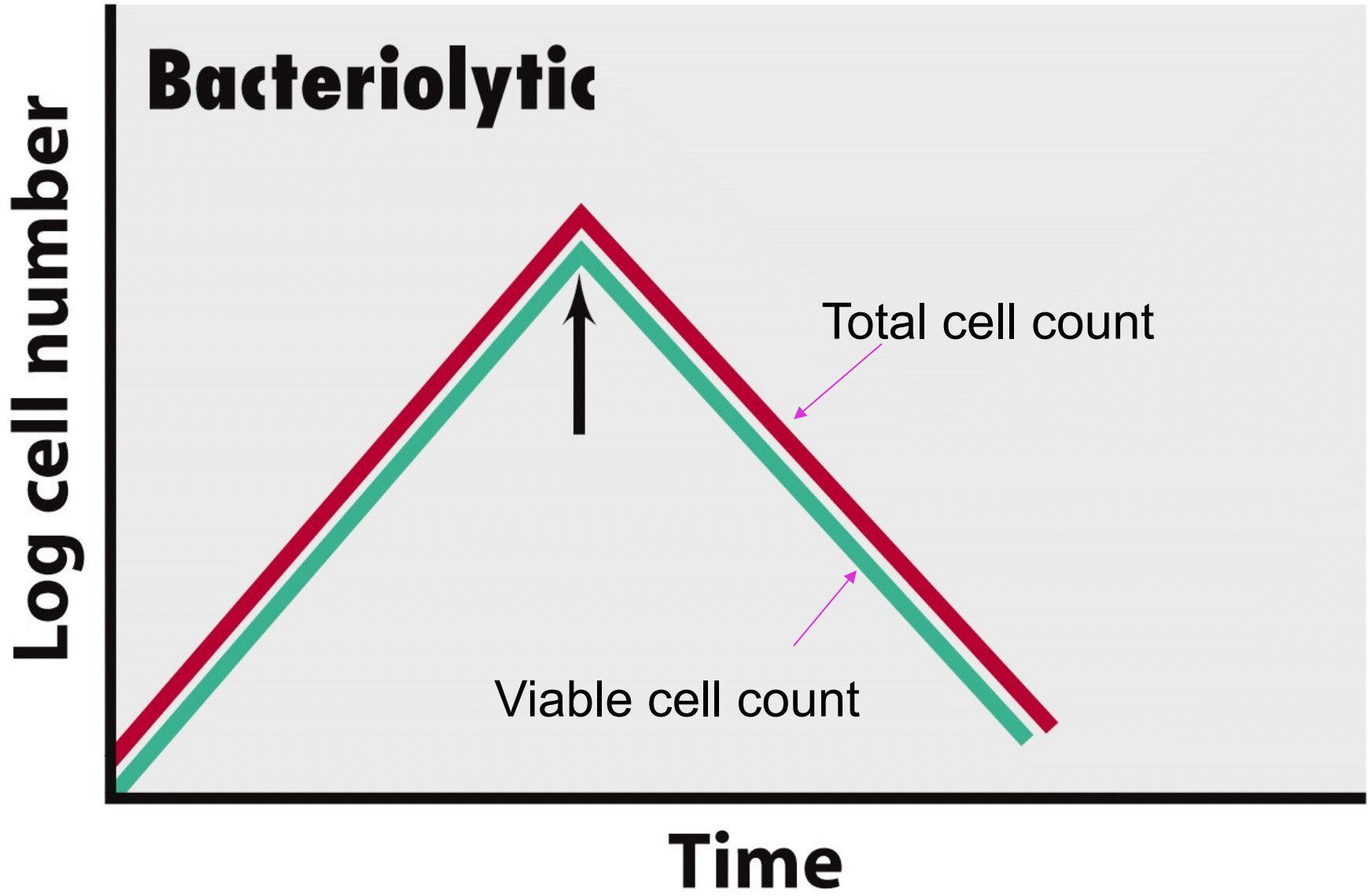


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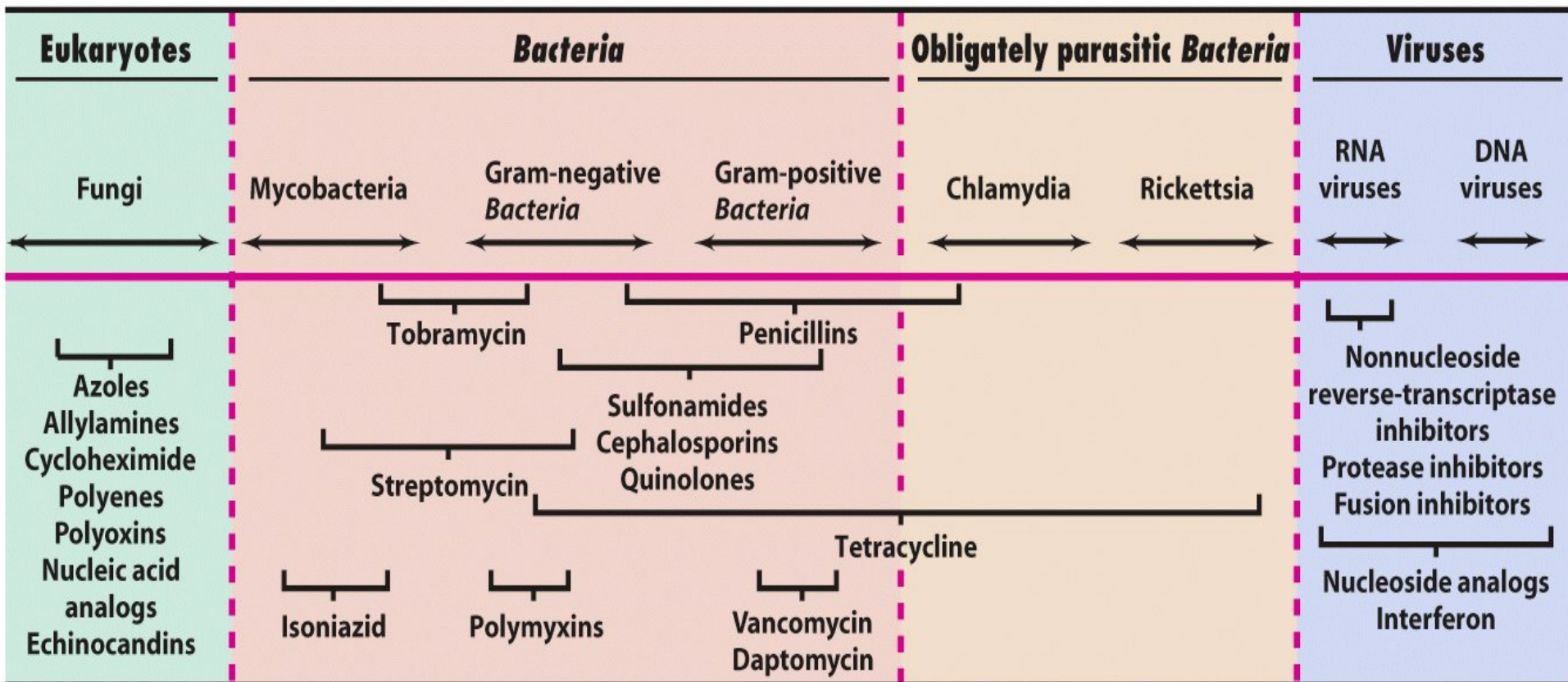


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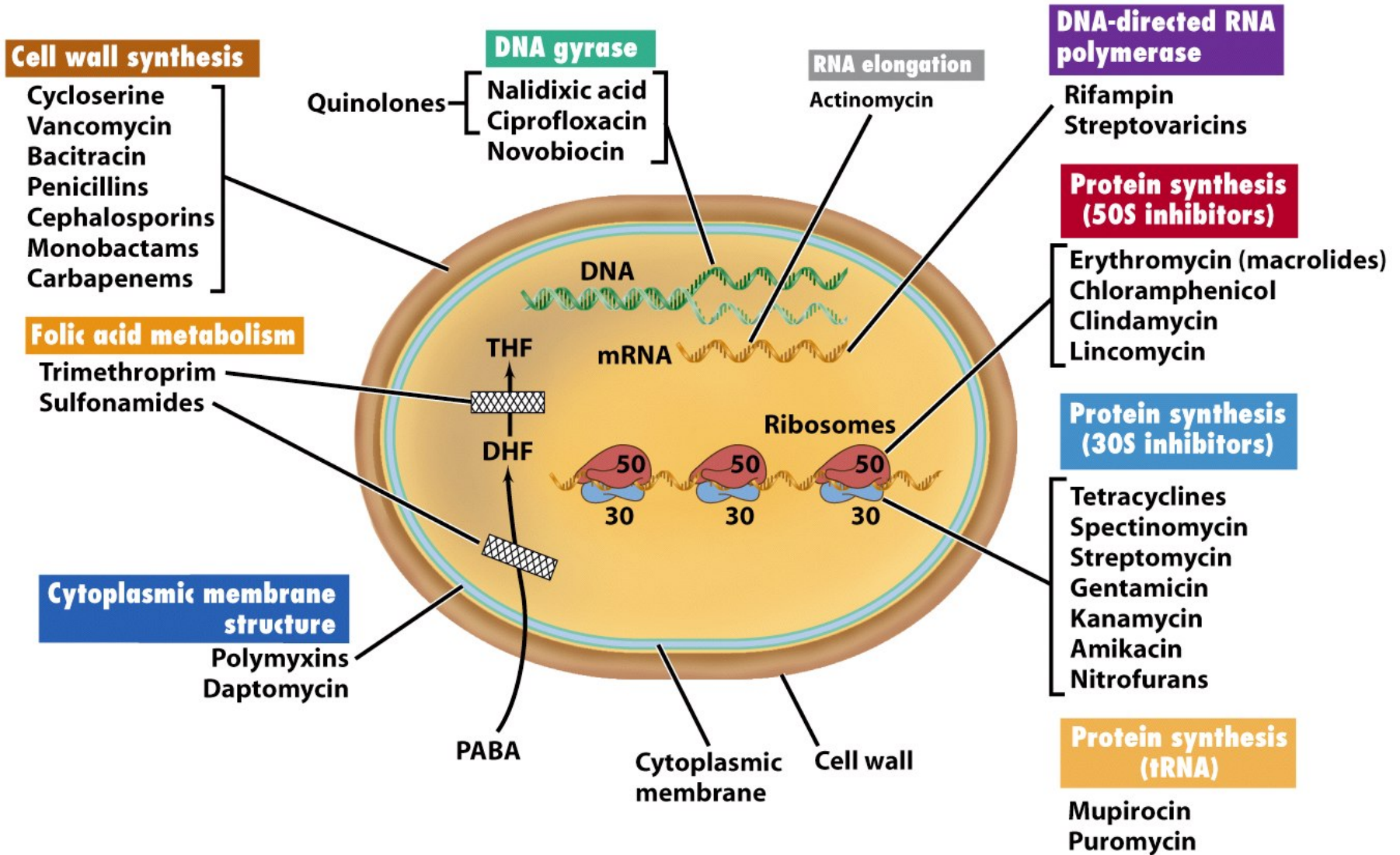


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## Antibiotics clinical use

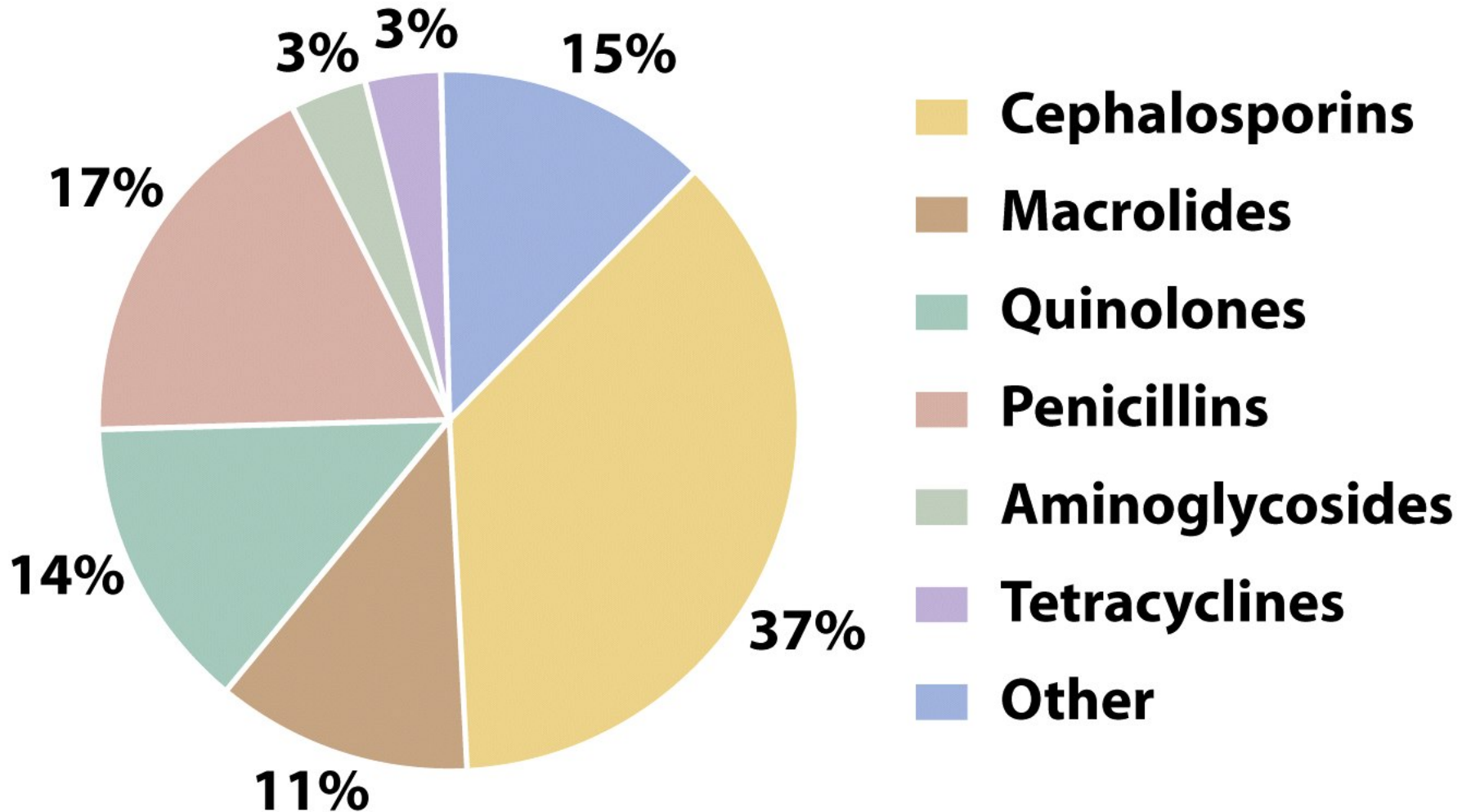
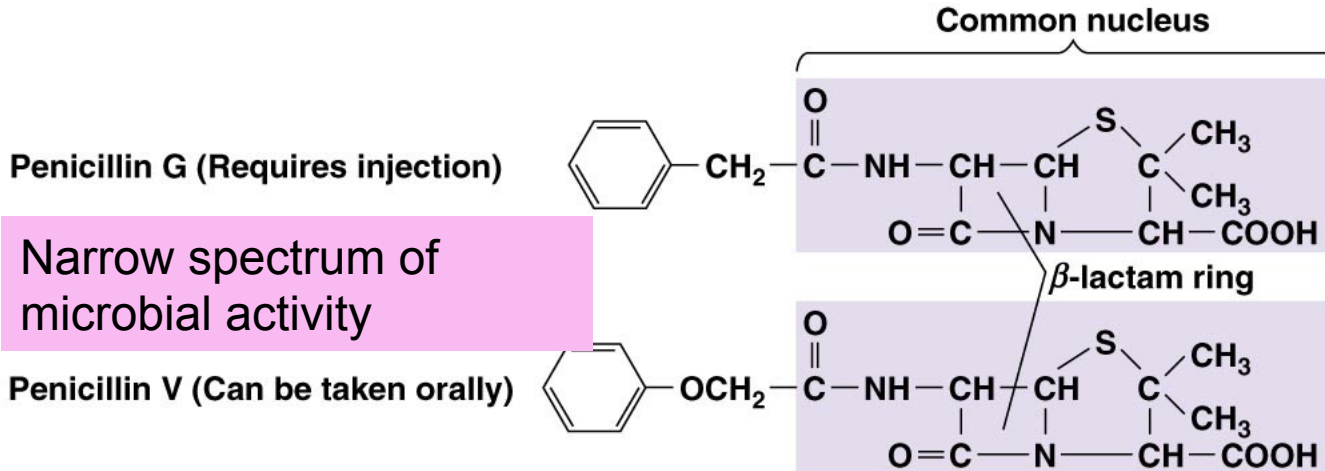


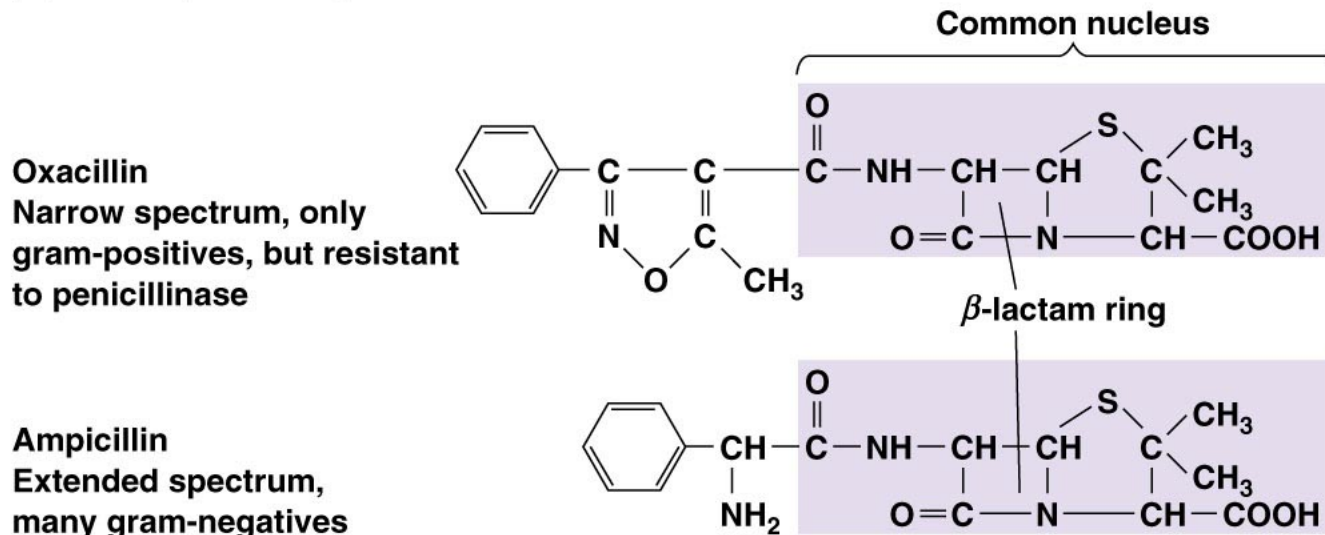
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**(a) Natural penicillins**



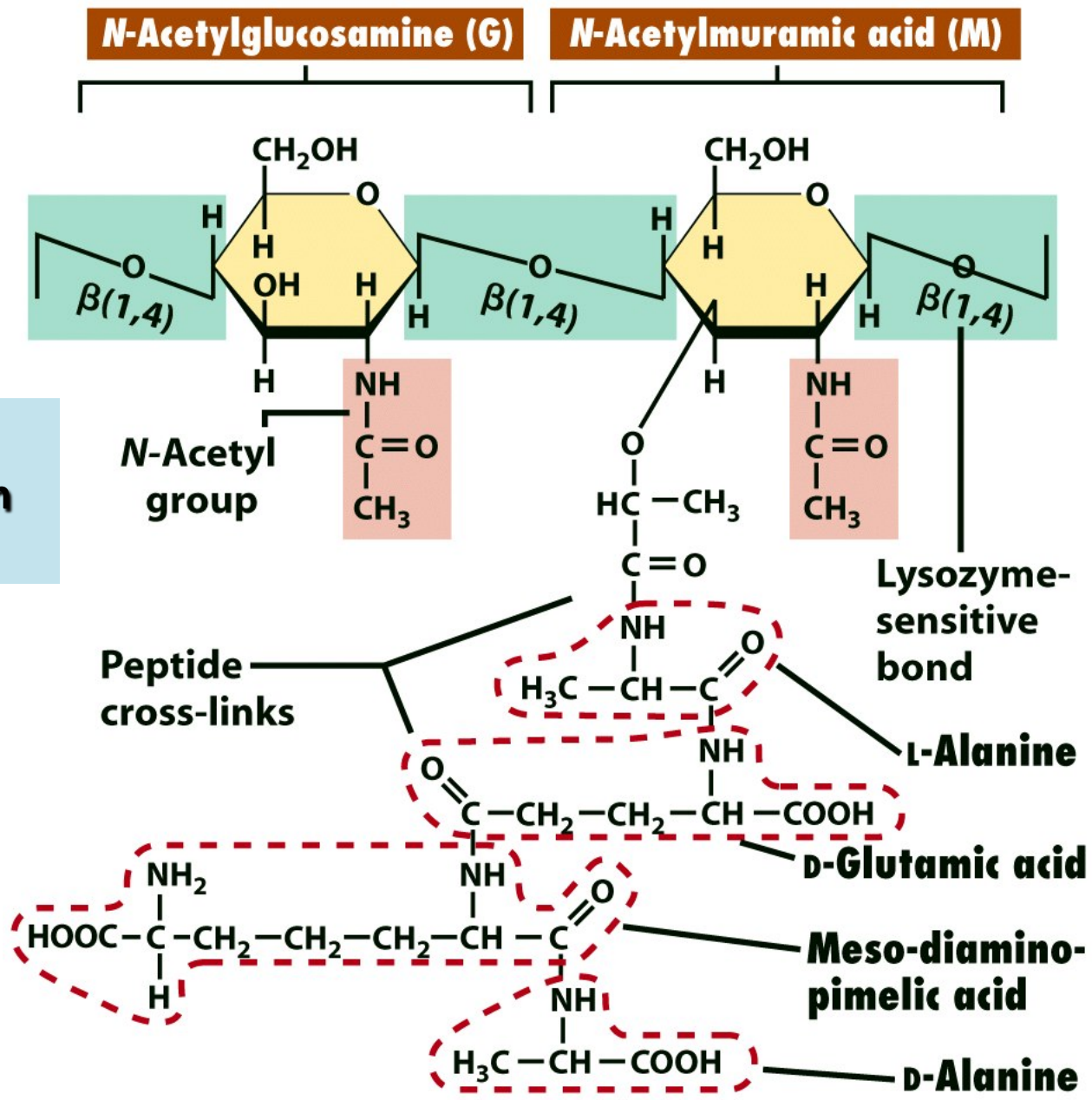
**(b) Semisynthetic penicillins**



Broad spectrum antibiotic

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Figure 20.6 - Overview



**Structure of peptidoglycanglycan tetrapeptide**

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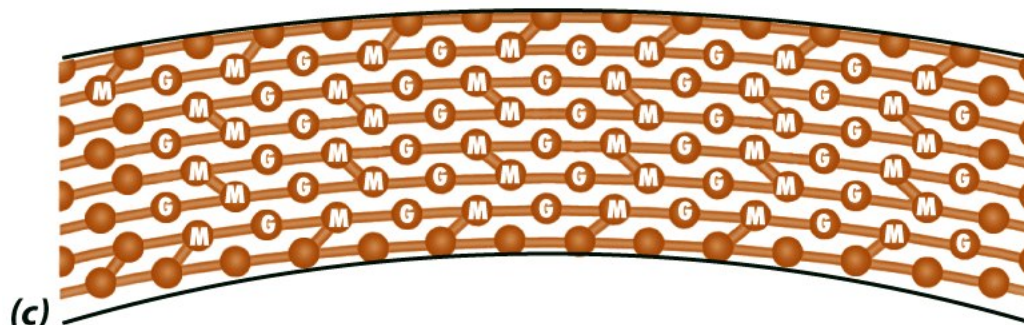
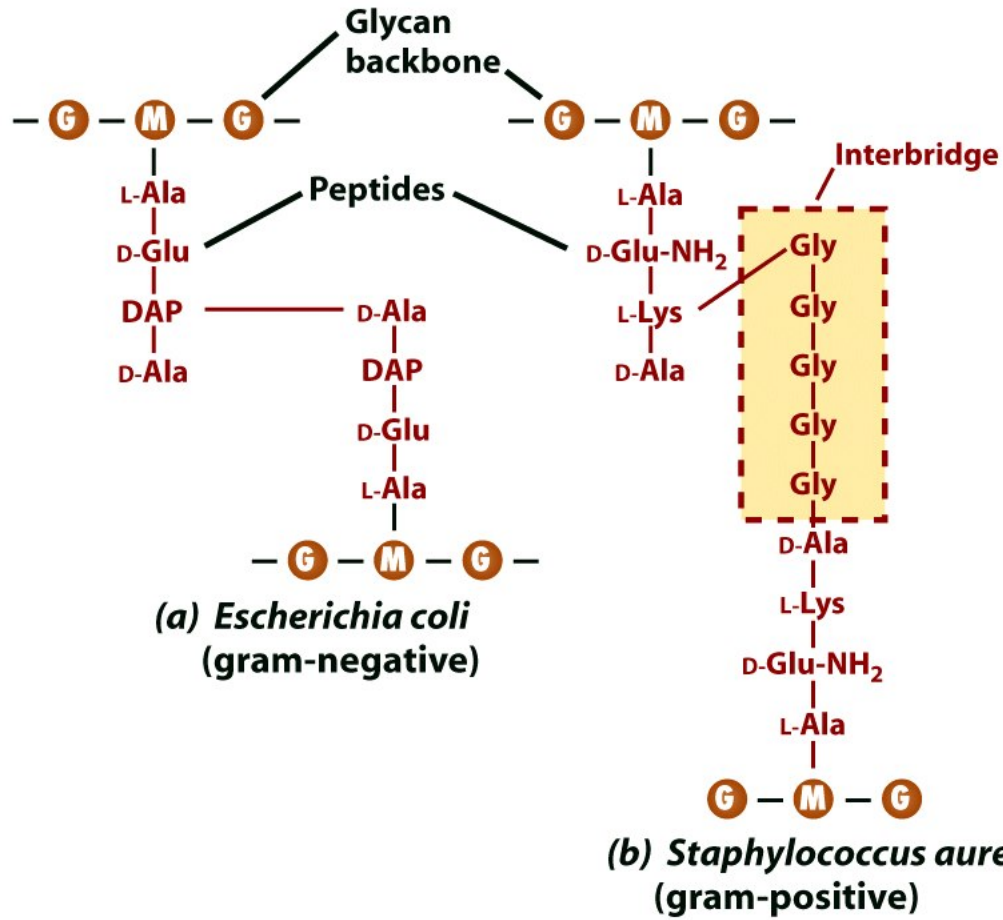
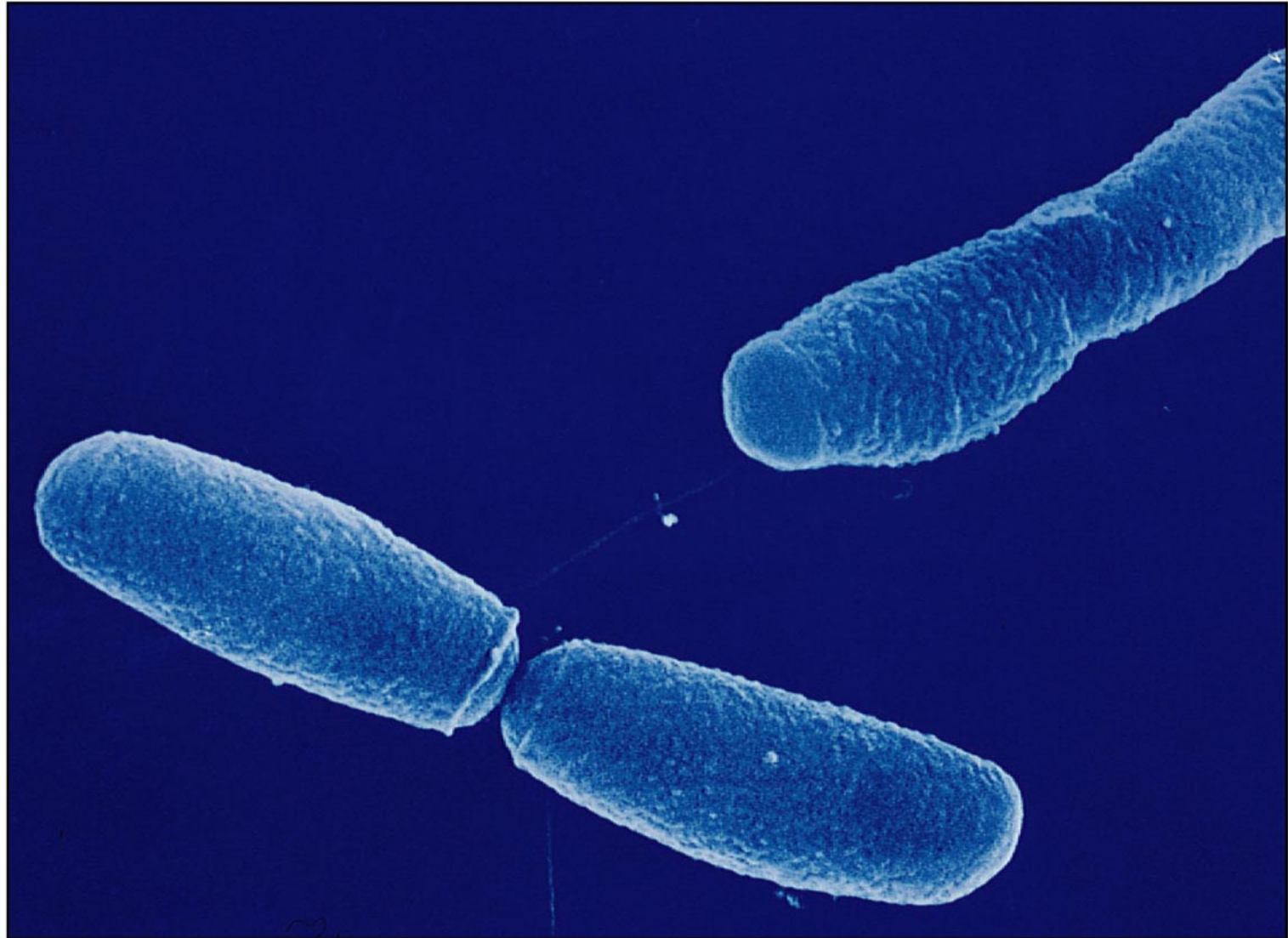


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Peptidoglycan sheet  
in *Escherichia coli* and  
*Staphylococcus aureus*

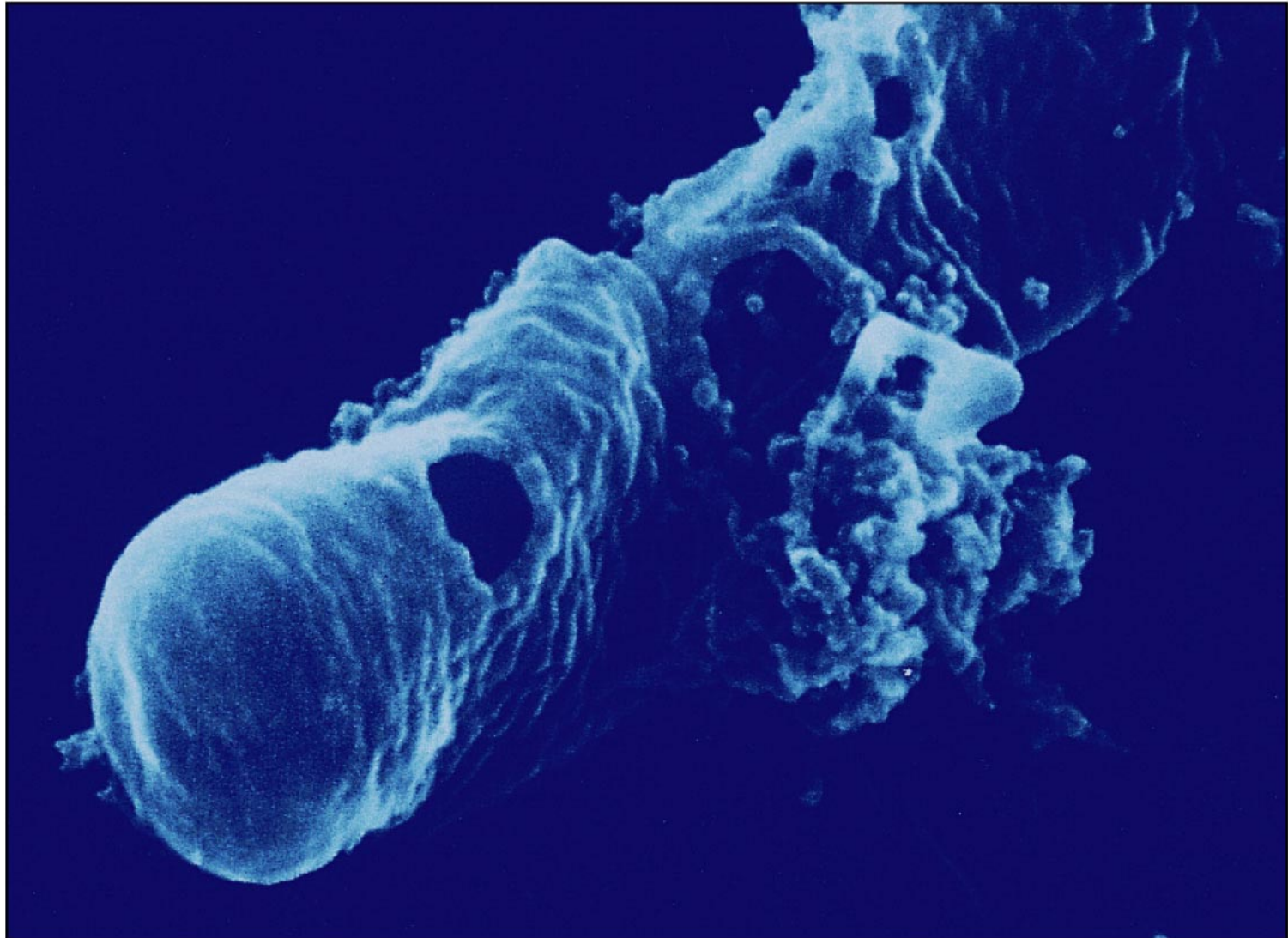
Glycine interbridge in  
*S. aureus*



**(a) Rod-shaped bacterium before penicillin.**

SEM

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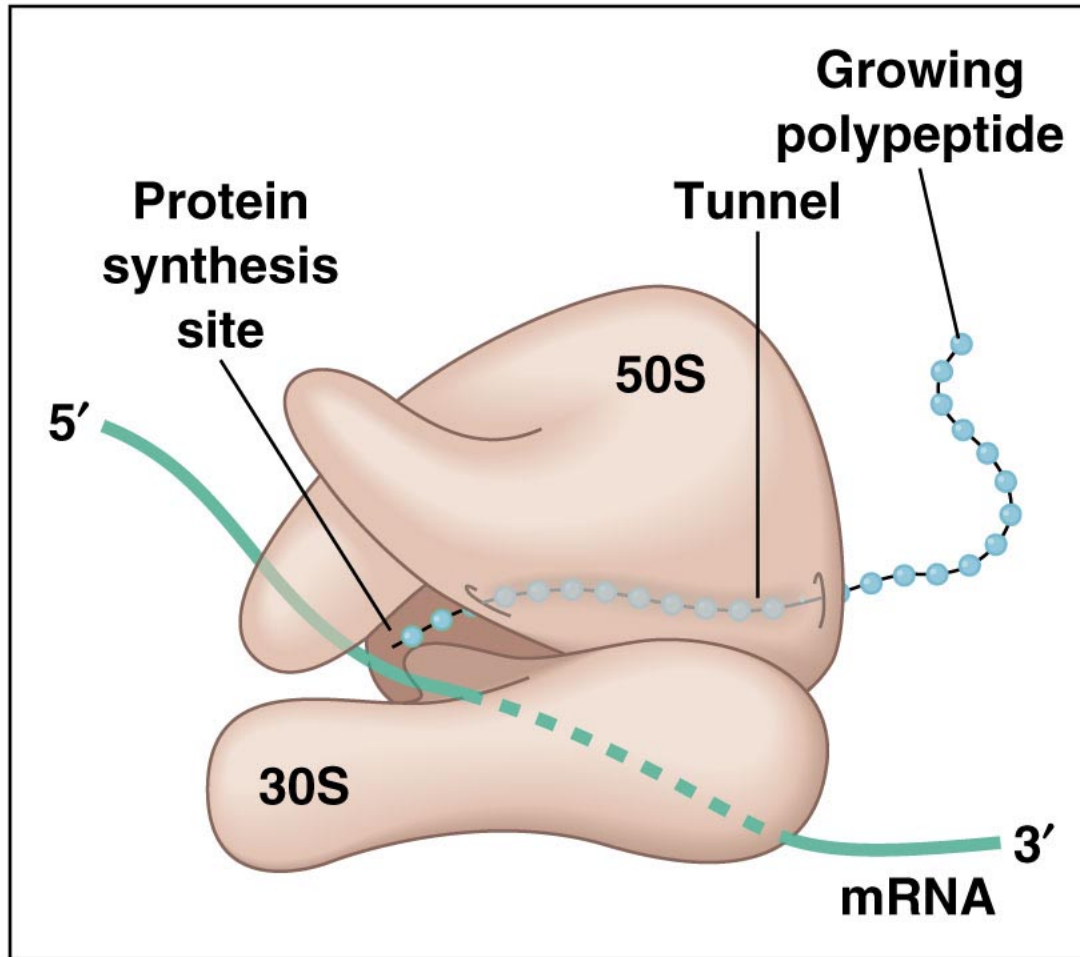
**(b)** The bacterial cell is lysing as penicillin weakens the cell wall.

SEM

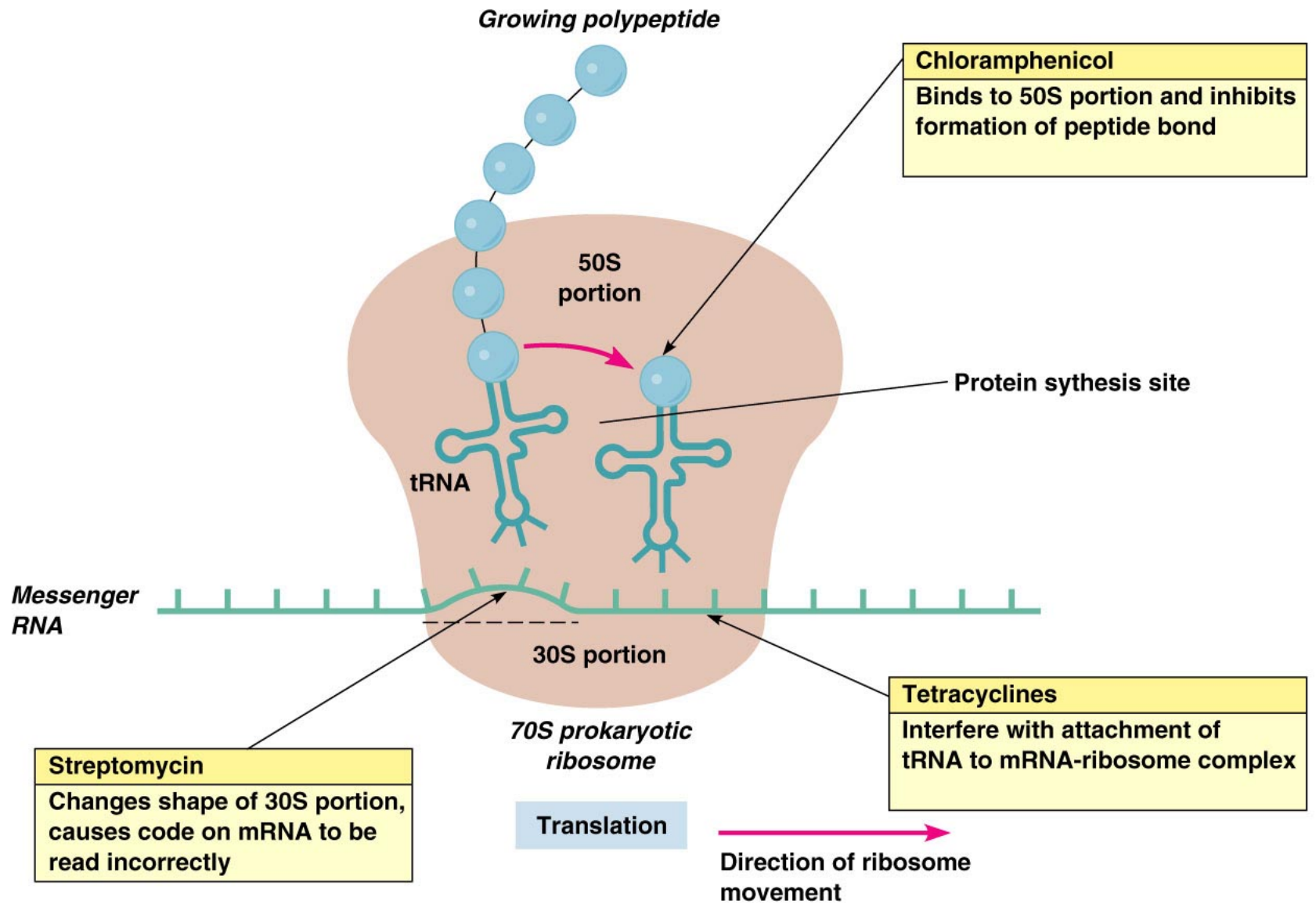
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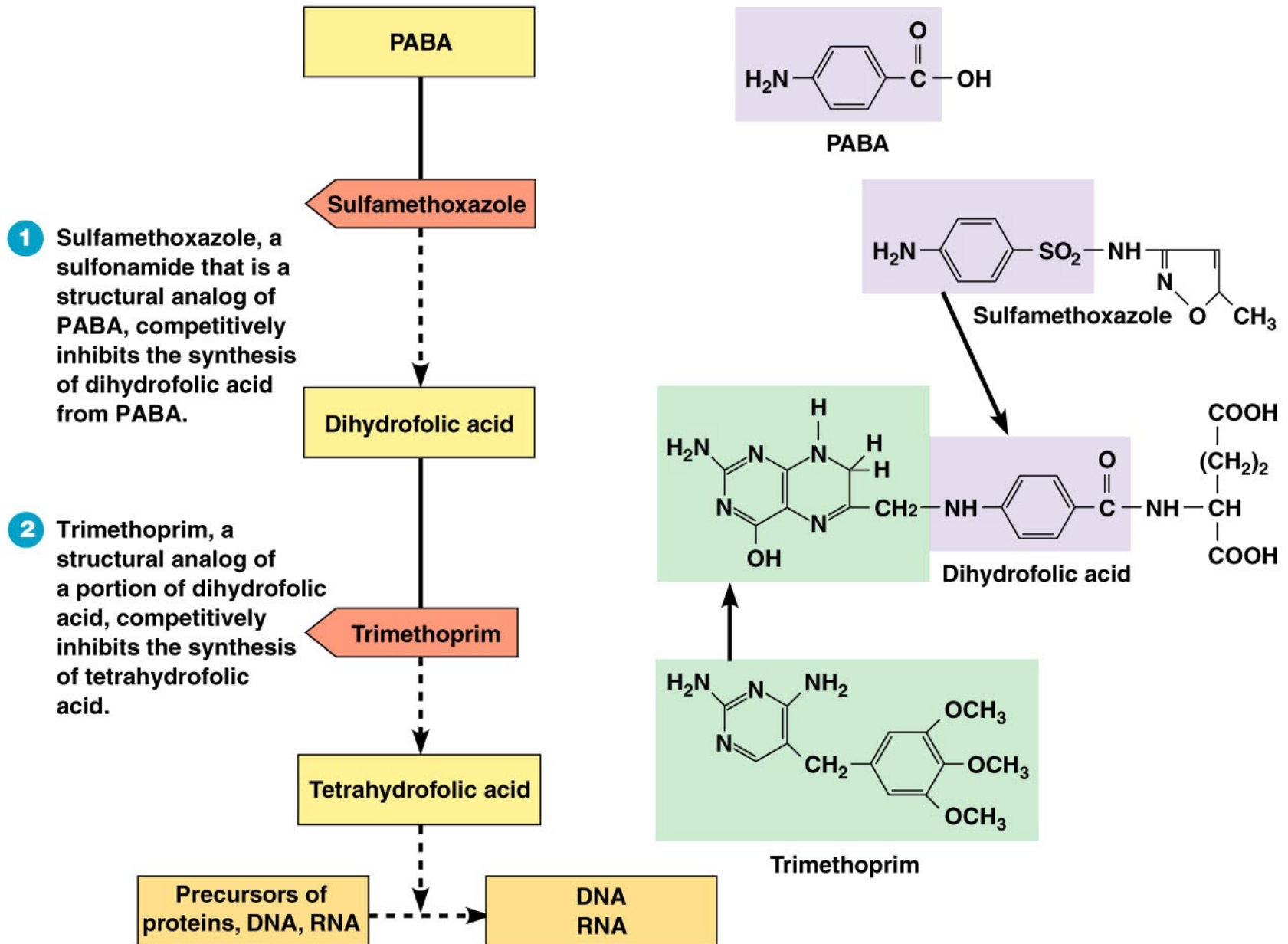
Figure 20.3b



**(a)** Three-dimensional detail of the protein synthesis site showing the 30S and 50S subunit portions of the 70S prokaryotic ribosome.



**(b)** In the diagram the black arrows indicate the different points at which chloramphenicol, the tetracyclines, and streptomycin exert their activities.



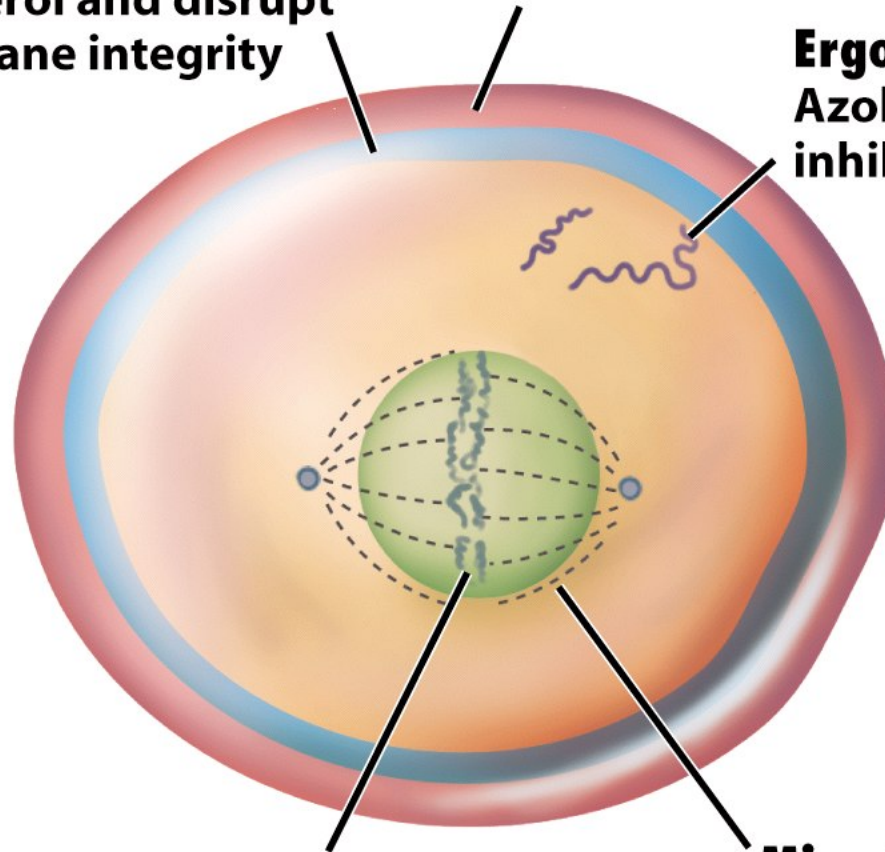


Main  
fungal  
targets

**Membrane functions:**  
Polyenes bind to ergosterol and disrupt membrane integrity

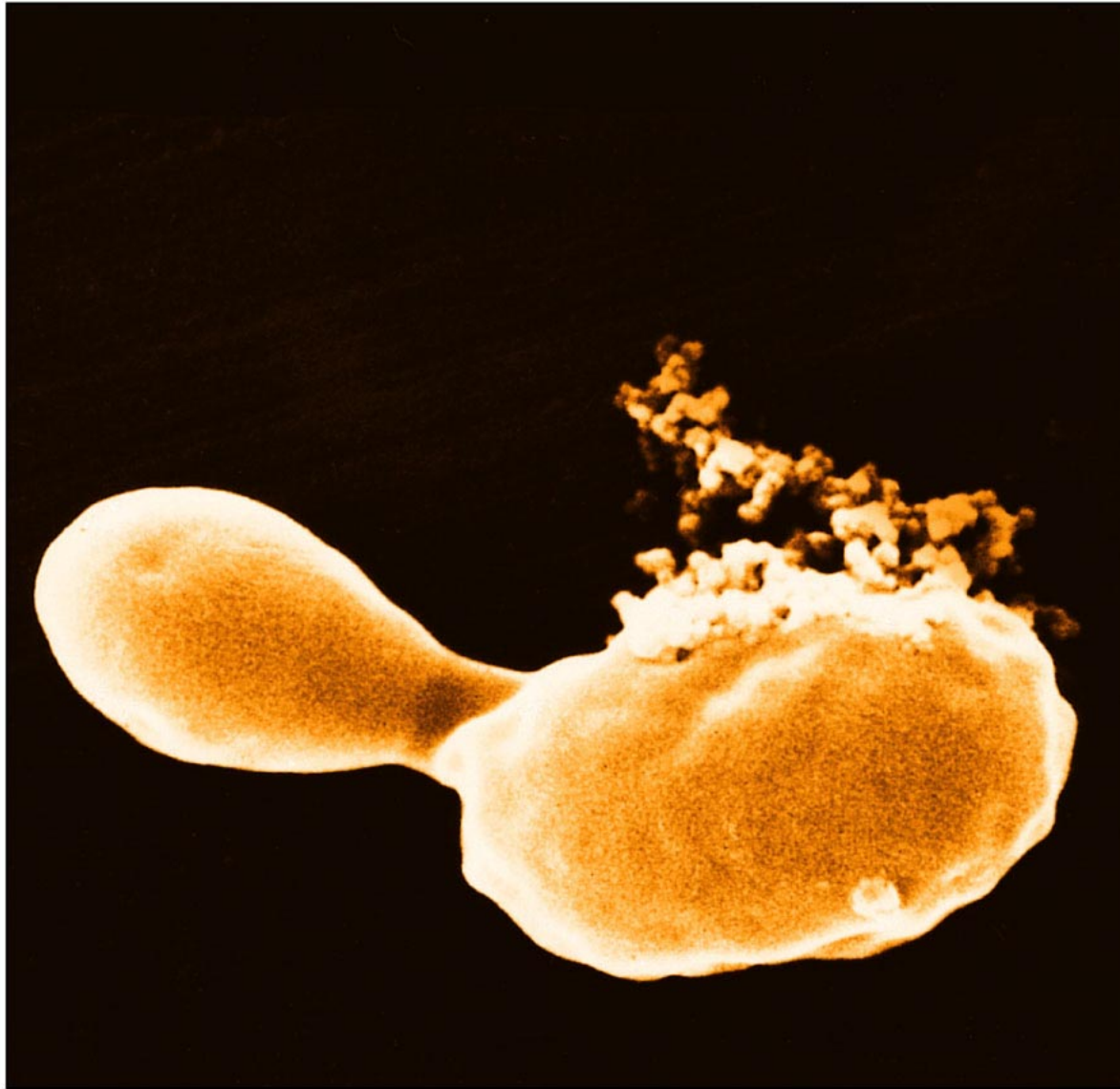
**Cell wall synthesis:**  
Polyoxins inhibit chitin synthesis  
Echinocandins inhibit glucan synthesis

**Ergosterol synthesis:**  
Azoles and Allylamines inhibit synthesis



**Nucleic acid synthesis:**  
5-Fluorocytosine is a nucleotide analog that inhibits nucleic acid synthesis

**Microtubule formation:**  
Griseofulvin disrupts microtubule aggregation during mitosis

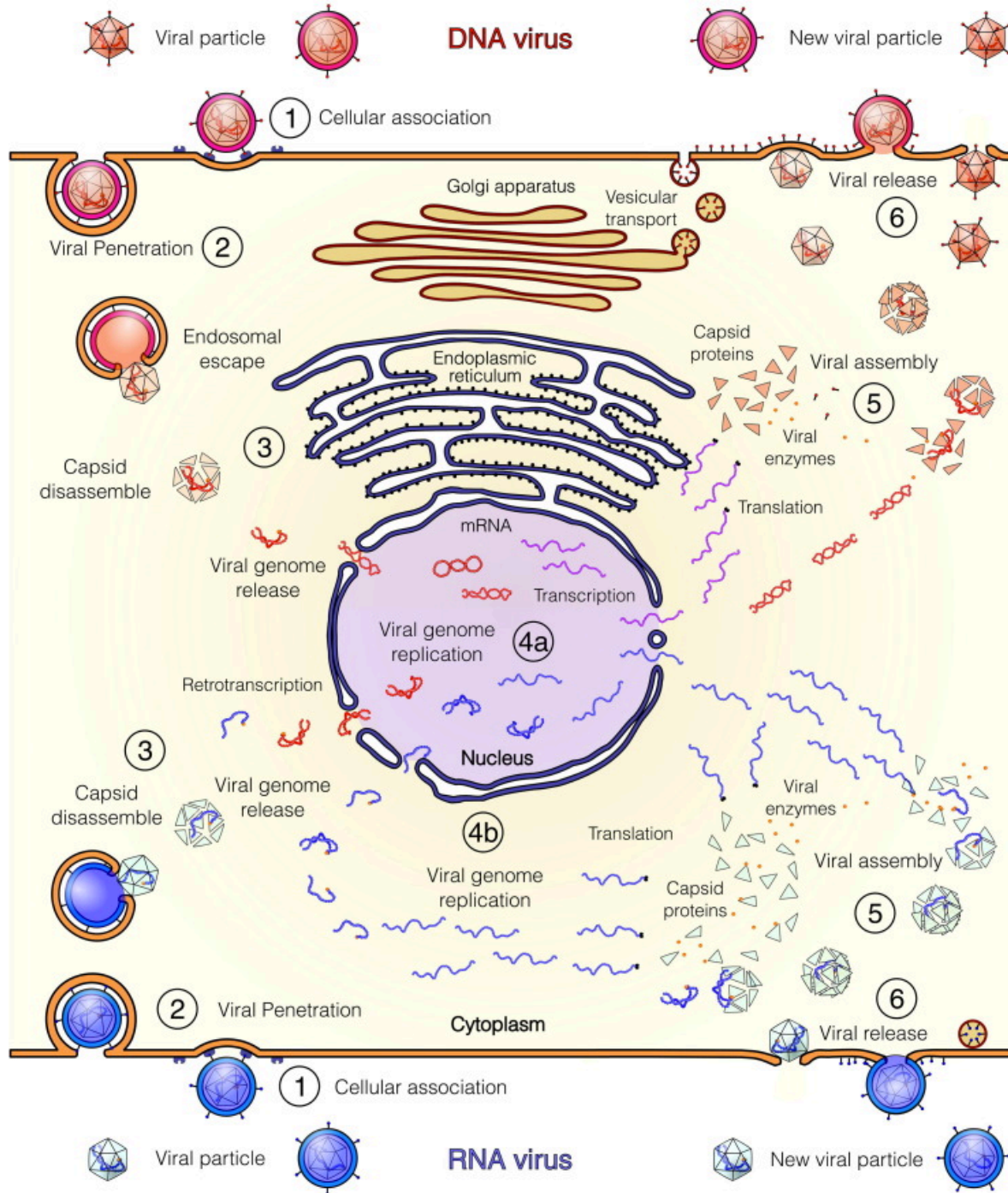


SEM

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Injury of plasma membrane of a yeast caused by antifungal drug

Figure 20.5



Schematic representation of viral life cycle. Top: DNA virus cycle (red), bottom: RNA virus cycle (blue). The numbers indicate the steps usually targeted by antiviral compounds: 1. Adsorption, 2. Internalization, 3. Viral capsid release and disaggregation, 4. DNA/ RNA replication (a: nucleus, b: cytoplasm), 5. Viral assembly and maturation, and 6. Release of mature virions.

## Antivirals from bacteria

macrolide antibiotic borrelidin (CID: 6436801), produced by *Sptreptomyces* sp (recently rediscovered and named *Streptomyces heilongjiangensis*).

Ehrlichin (synthesized by *Streptomyces lavendulae*),

Abikoviromycin (CID: 6450263, produced by several species of *Streptomyces*),

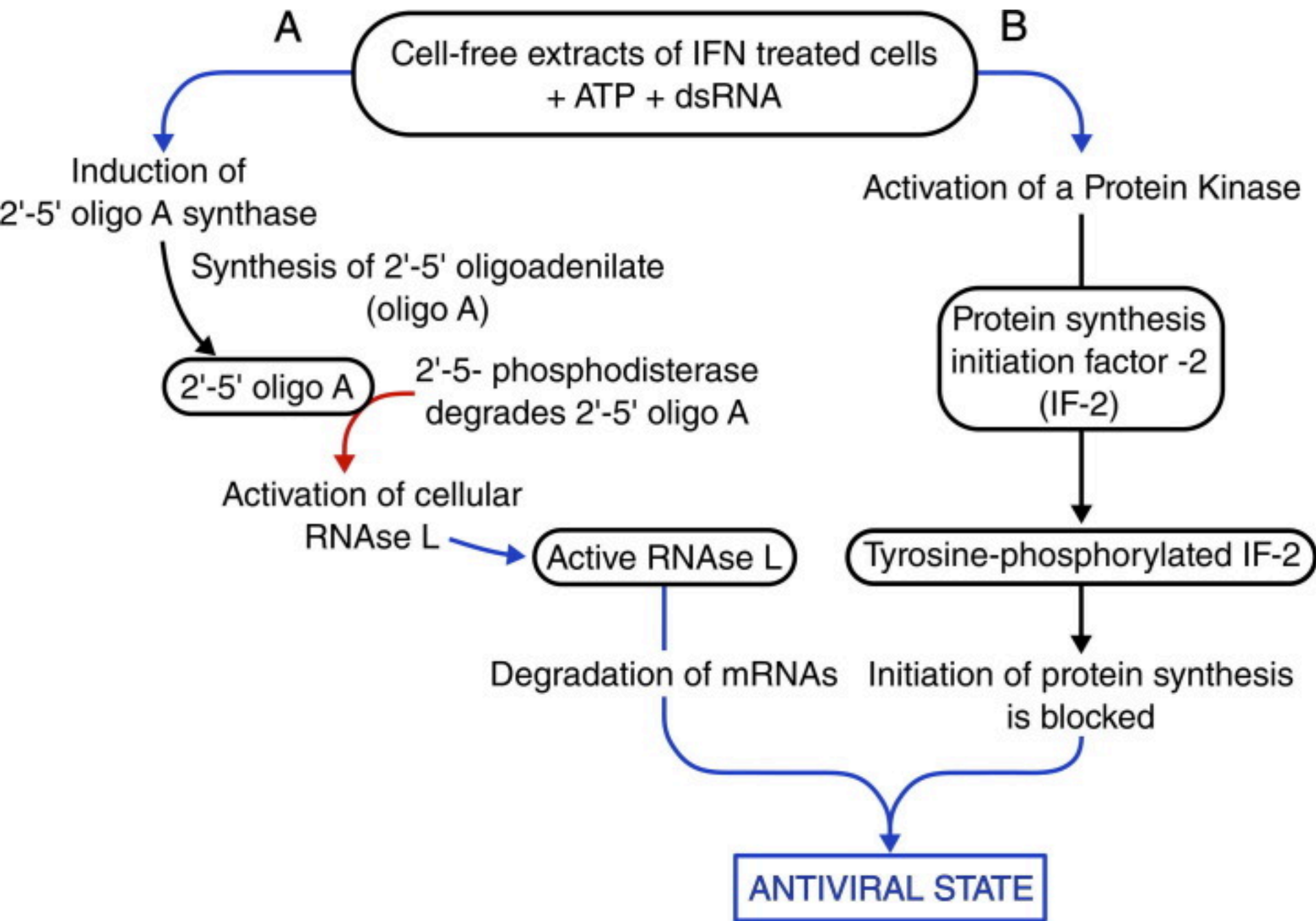
Violarin (CID: 44256909, from *Actinomyces violaceus*),

Myxoviromycin (CID: 160703, a compound produced by *Streptomyces* sp, that targets orthomyxoviruses),

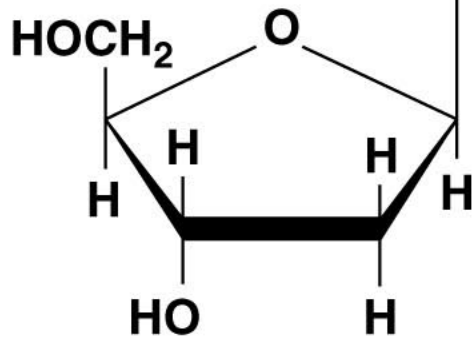
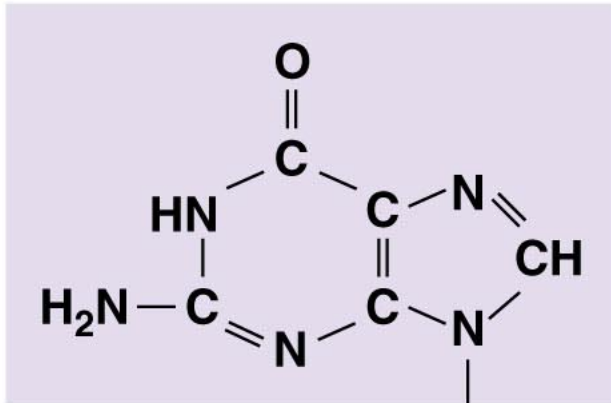
Virocidin (CID: 9989534),

Niromycins (CAS: 101997-22-2 and CAS: 101997-20-0, from actinomycetes), extracts from propionibacteria, and

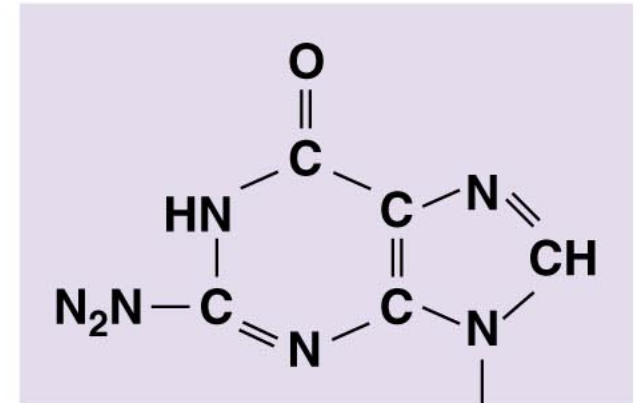
Vivomycin (CID: 3037981, produced by *Streptomyces* C2989) .



Guanine



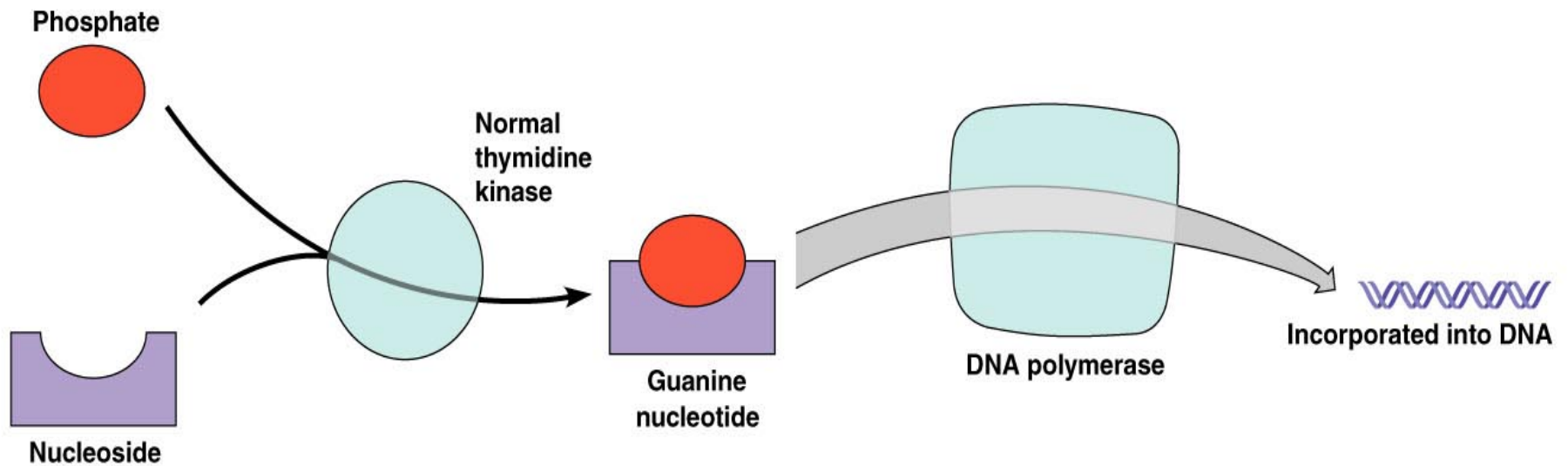
Deoxyguanosine



Acyclovir

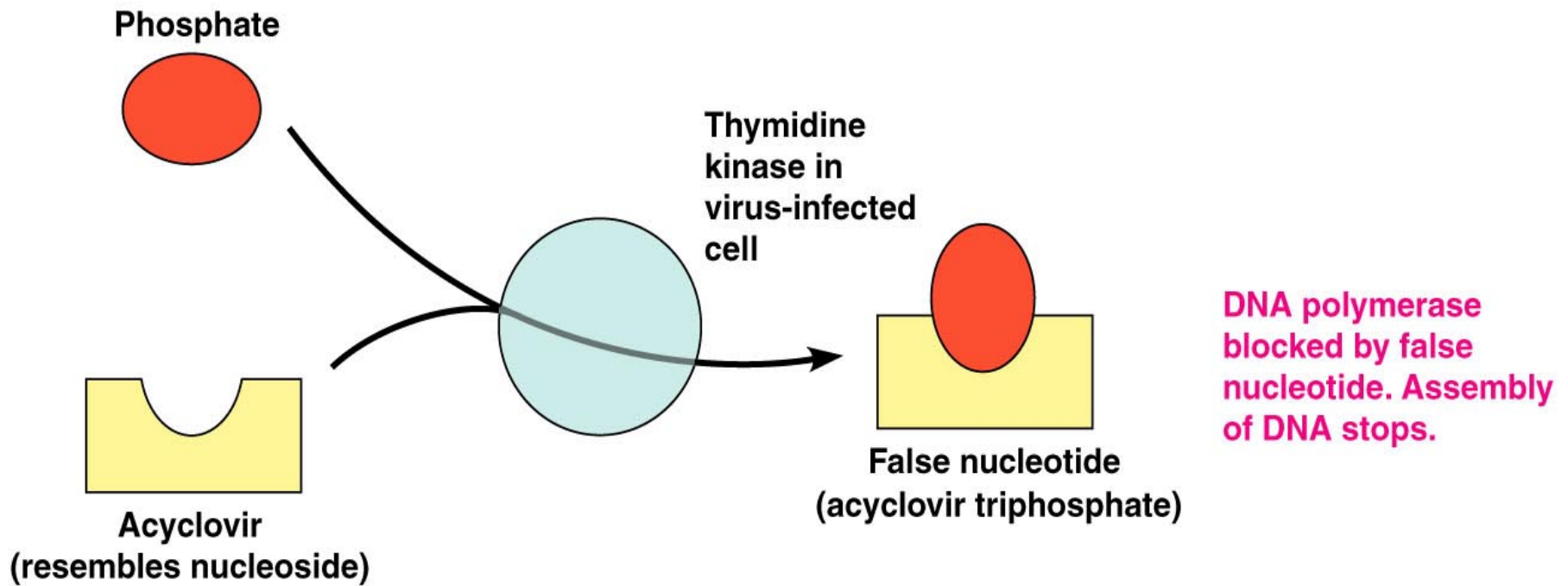
**(a) Acyclovir structurally resembles the nucleoside deoxyguanosine.**

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**(b)** The enzyme thymidine kinase combines phosphates with nucleosides to form nucleotides, which are then incorporated into DNA.

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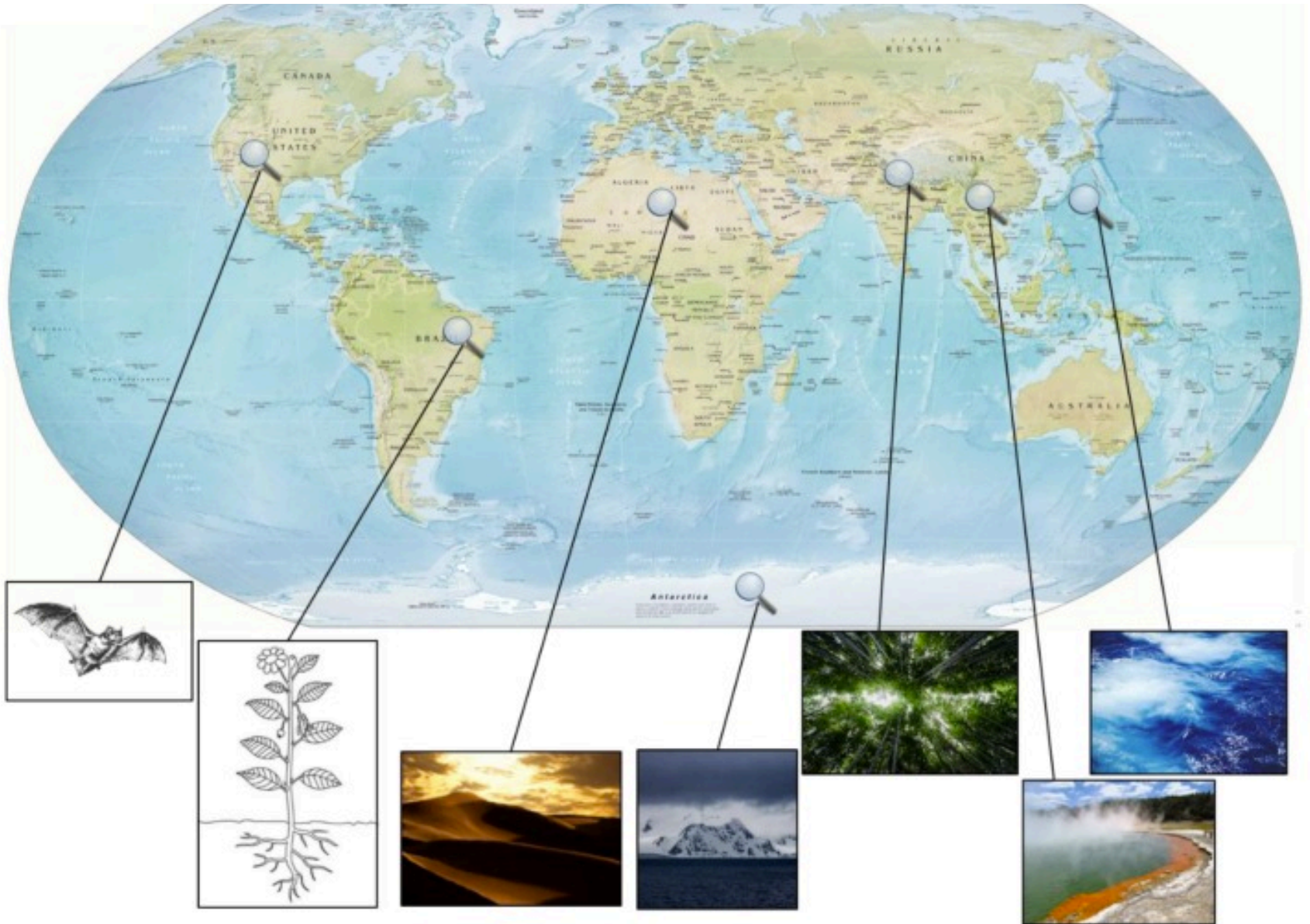


**(c)** Acyclovir has no effect on a cell not infected by a virus, that is, with normal thymidine kinase. In a virally infected cell, the thymidine kinase is altered and converts the acyclovir (which resembles the nucleoside deoxyguanosine) into a false nucleotide—which blocks DNA synthesis by DNA polymerase.

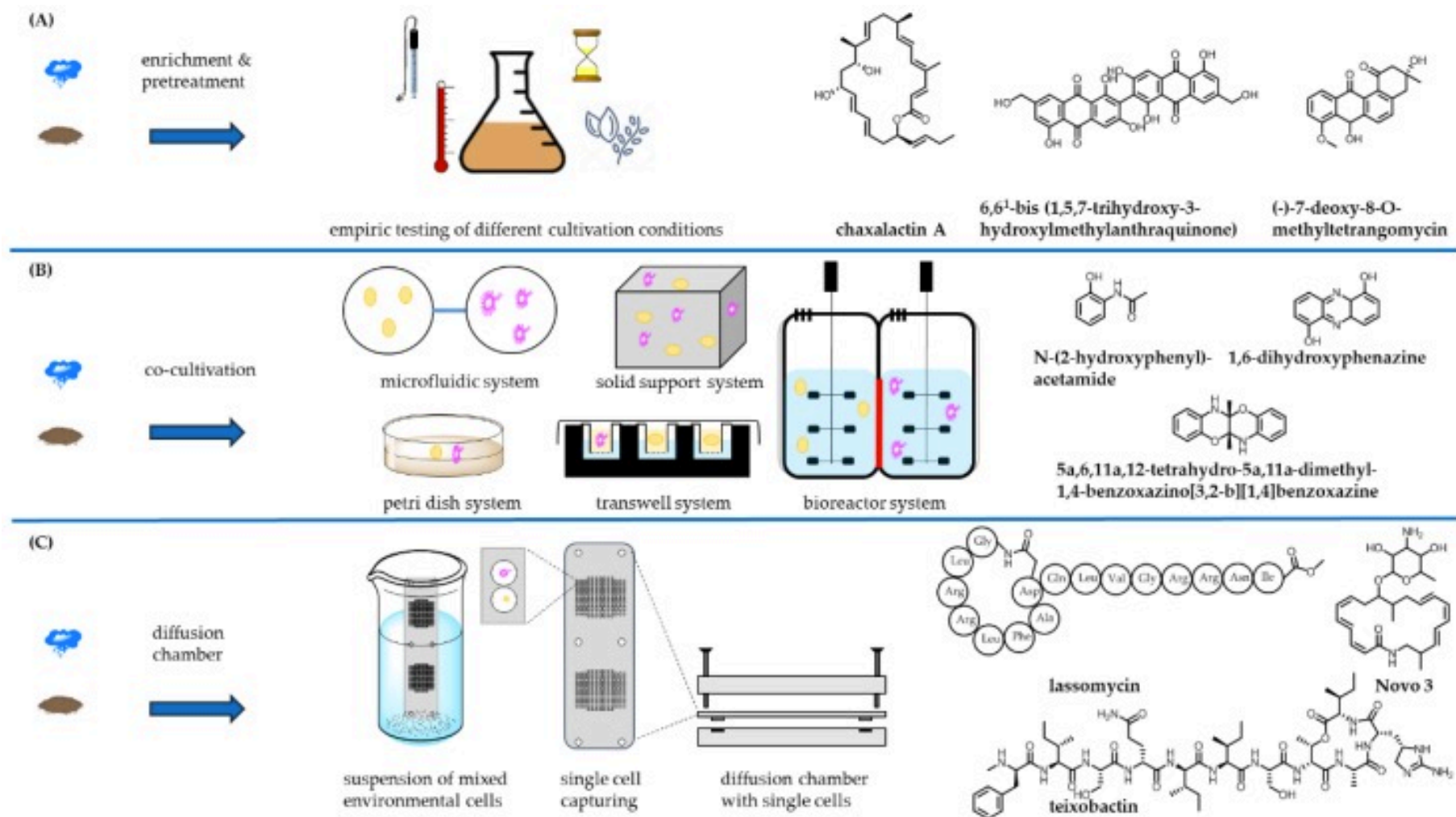
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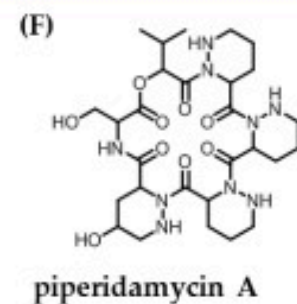
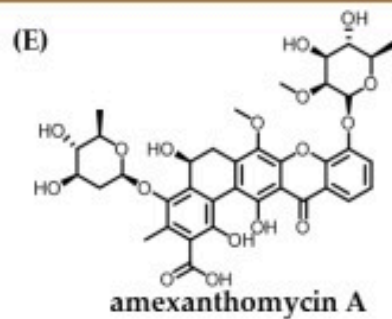
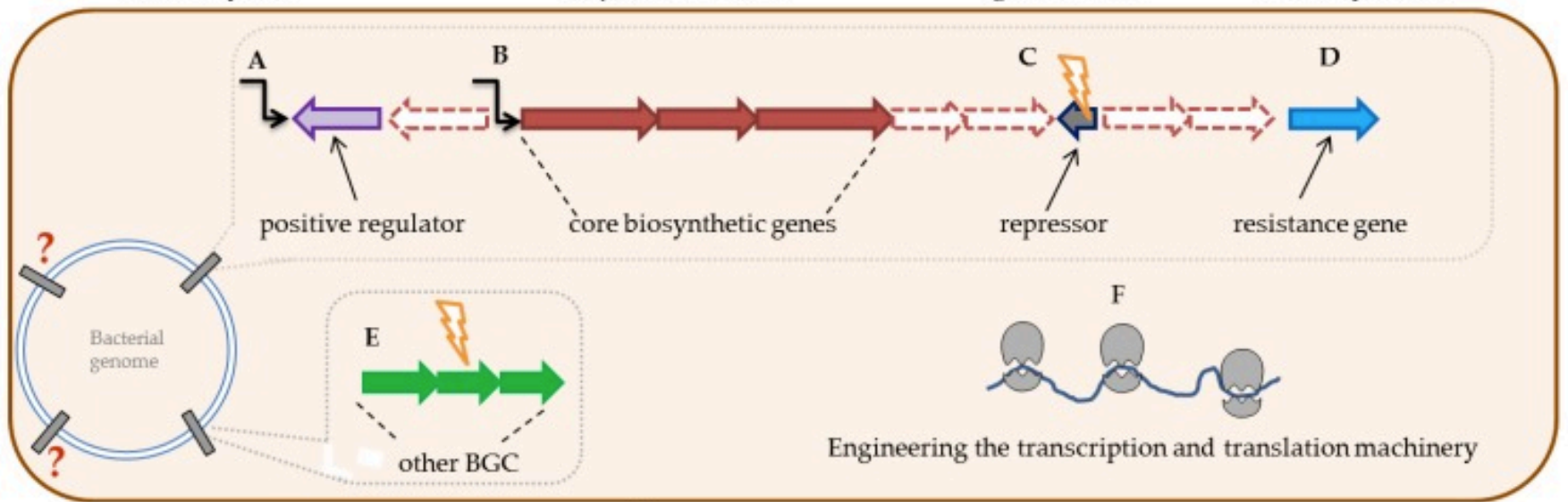
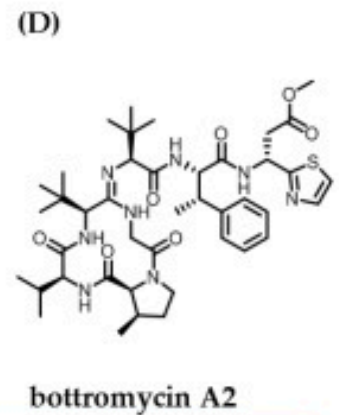
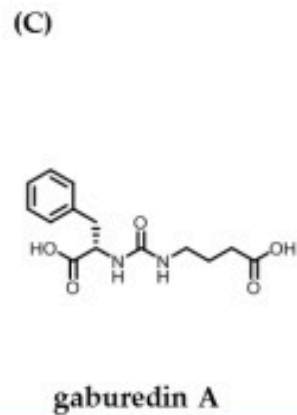
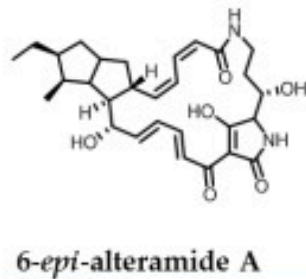
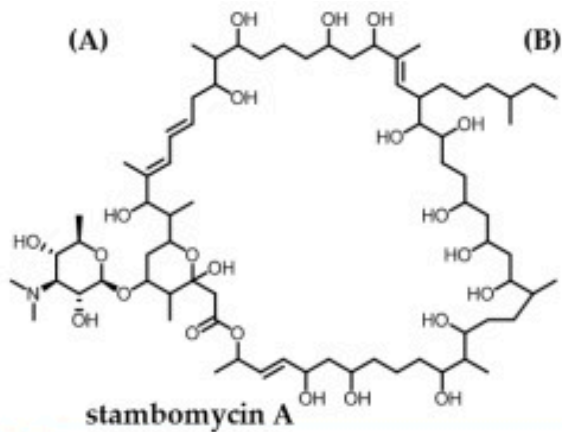
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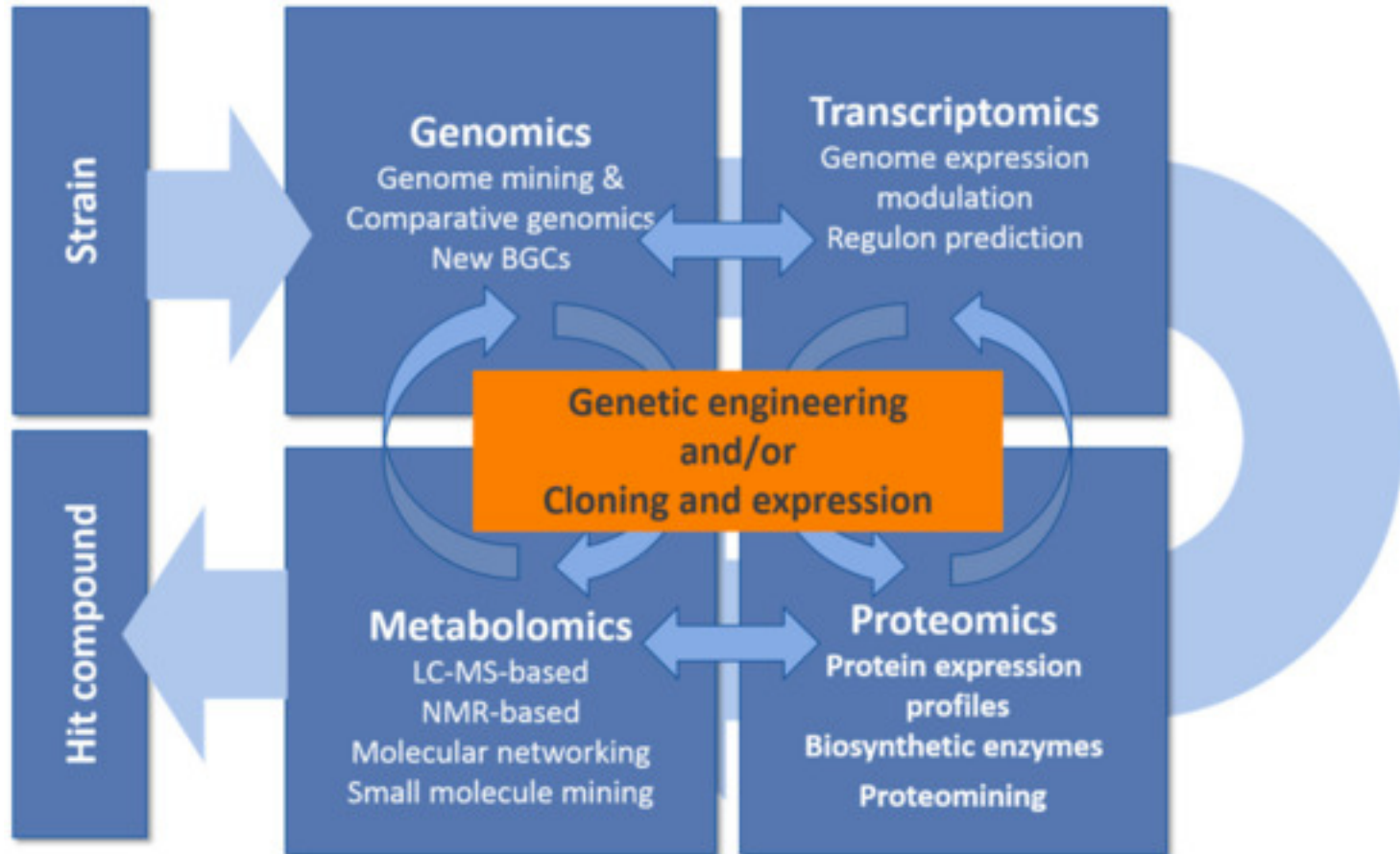
Isolation strategies. **(A)** Soil sample or marine sample undergoes enrichment and/or pretreatment to increase the chance to isolate new species and/or reduce undesirable background from previously isolated strains. Methods for fermentation varies in incubation time, media composition, additives, pH and temperature to enable growth of desirable strains.. **(B)** Sample is co-cultivated with other microorganisms to promote culturable isolates or to stimulate the secondary metabolism. **(C)** Sample is used to create a suspension of mixed environmental cells. The isolation chip (iChip) plate is immersed into this suspension to capture (on average) a single cell.



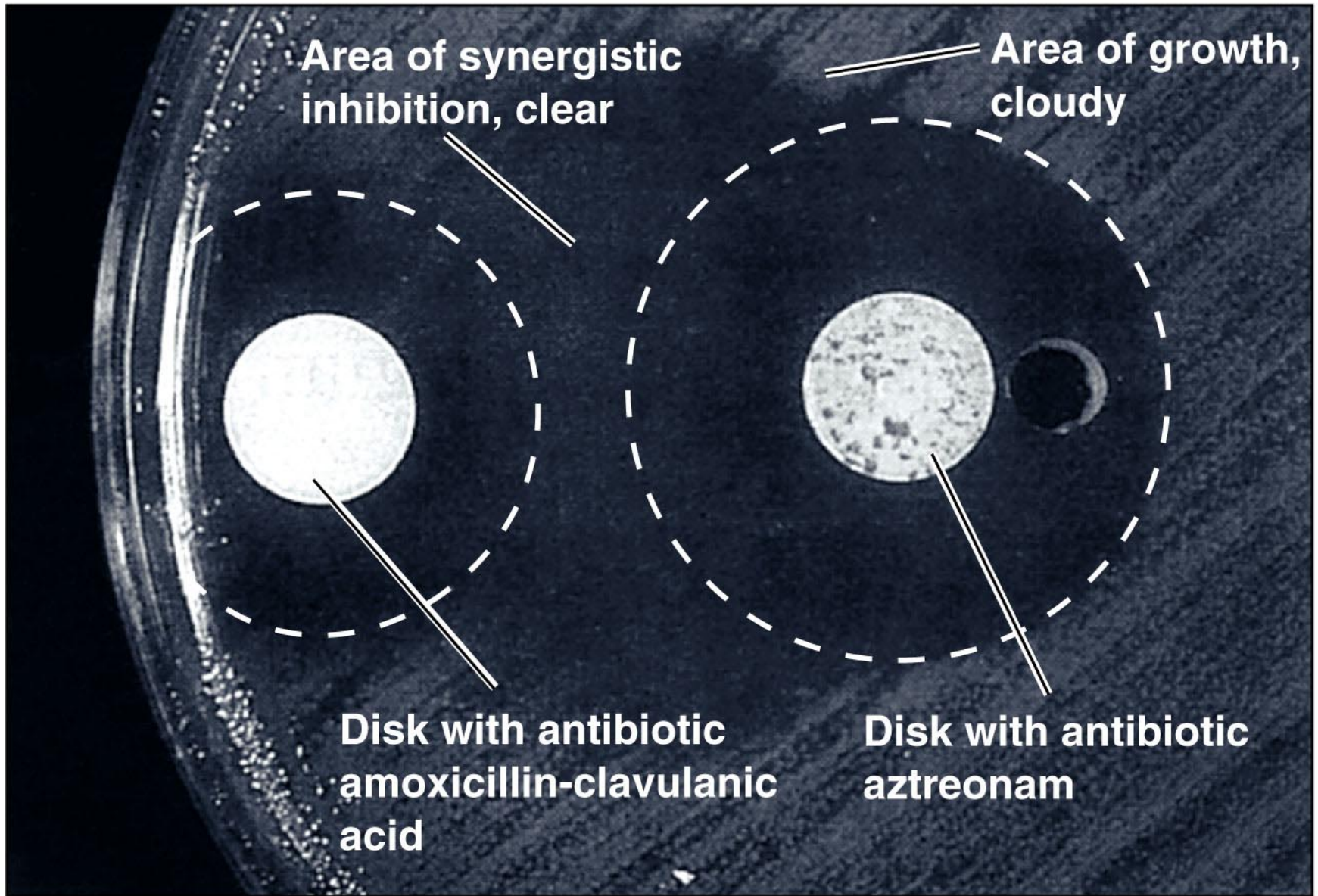




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Figure 20.22

**1** Reversible attachment of planktonic cells. (seconds)

**2** First colonizers become irreversibly attached. (second, minutes)

**3** Growth and cell division. (hours, days)

**4** Production of EPS and formation of water channels. (hours, days)

**5** Attachment of secondary colonizers and dispersion of microbes to new sites. (days, months)

