

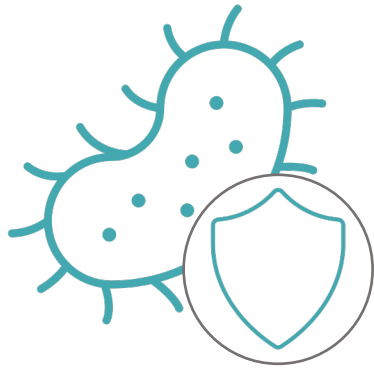
# Personalising intravenous to oral antibiotic switch decision making through fair interpretable machine learning

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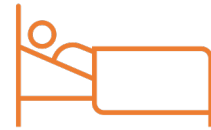
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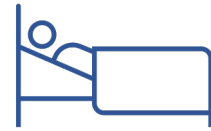
# Machine learning can support optimised antibiotic decision making.



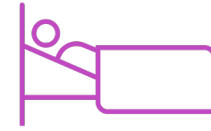
Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a global threat and one key strategy to tackle this is to optimise antimicrobial use



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Clinical decision support systems (CDSSs) utilising machine learning (ML) have been developed to assist with managing infections

## STAGES OF ANTIBIOTIC DECISION MAKING

1 Infection or not

2 Empiric treatment

3 Narrow therapy

IV to oral  
switch

4 Duration

Cessation  
Side effects

# Antibiotic stewardship decision making is complex and under-researched.



One key challenge is determining when to switch antibiotics from IV-to-oral administration

Clinical Infection in Practice  
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Clinical Audits/Service improvements  
**Oral step-down for bacteraemia: An opportunity for stewardship?**  
Stephen Platts<sup>a</sup>, Brendan A.I. Payne<sup>b,c</sup>, Ulrich Schwab<sup>c</sup>

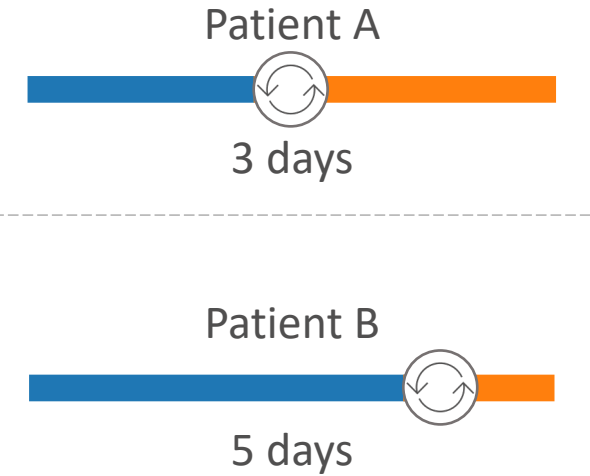
Review  
March 30, 2020  
**Evaluation of a Paradigm Shift From Intravenous Antibiotics to Oral Step-Down Therapy for the Treatment of Infective Endocarditis**  
A Narrative Review  
Brad Spellberg, MD<sup>1</sup>; Henry F. Chambers, MD<sup>2</sup>

The American Journal of Medicine  
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Clinical Research Study  
**Oral Is the New IV. Challenging Decades of Blood and Bone Infection Dogma: A Systematic Review**  
Noah Wald-Dickler MD<sup>a,b,c</sup>, Paul D. Holtom MD<sup>a,b</sup>, Matthew C. Phillips MD<sup>a</sup>, Robert M. Centor MD<sup>d,e</sup>, Rachael A. Lee MD<sup>d,e</sup>, Rachel Baden MD<sup>a</sup>, Brad Spellberg MD<sup>a</sup>

Numerous studies have shown that oral therapy can be non-inferior to IV



There is a poor understanding of the factors that facilitate or inhibit an individual from receiving oral therapy

## Aim

Utilise a machine learning and routinely collected clinical parameters to predict whether a patient could be suitable for switching from IV-to-oral antibiotics on any given day

Routinely collected electronic health record data based on clinical guidelines were used.

## DATASET

MIMIC dataset

Received IV and oral antibiotic treatment in the ICU

eICU dataset

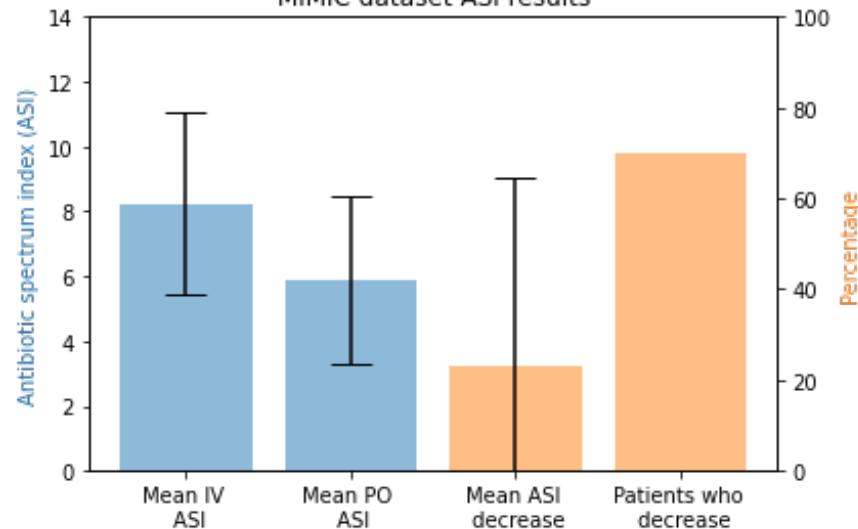
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Preprocessing subset  
n=4,347

Hold-out subset  
n=4,347

Hold-out subset  
n=1,668

MIMIC dataset ASI results



## FEATURES



### Antimicrobial Intravenous-to-Oral Switch (IVOS) Decision Aid

Based on the National Antimicrobial IVOS Criteria  
Co-produced through a UK-wide multidisciplinary consensus process involving 279 participants

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#### catch22: CAnonical Time-series CHaracteristics

Selected through highly comparative time-series analysis

[Carl H. Lubba](#), [Sarab S. Sethi](#), [Philip Knaute](#), [Simon R. Schultz](#), [Ben D. Fulcher](#) & [Nick S. Jones](#)

*Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery* 33, 1821–1852 (2019) | [Cite this article](#)

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### UKHSA IVOS criteria

10 clinical parameters extracted, catch24 applied to each day, each stay and difference calculated

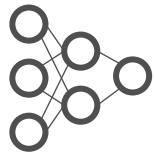
960 unique features

The preprocessing subset was used for unbiased feature and model selection.

## FEATURE SELECTION

### 1 SHAP Values

960



- AUROC 0.76 for predicting if a patient switch's or not on a given day
- SHAP importance value for each feature

### 2 Genetic algorithm

| FEATURES CLINICAL PARAMETER | SHAP VALUE |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| blood pressure systolic     | 2.27       |
| heart rate                  | 2.05       |
| blood pressure mean         | 1.62       |
| o2 saturation pulseoxymetry | 1.38       |
| gcs - motor response        | 1.37       |

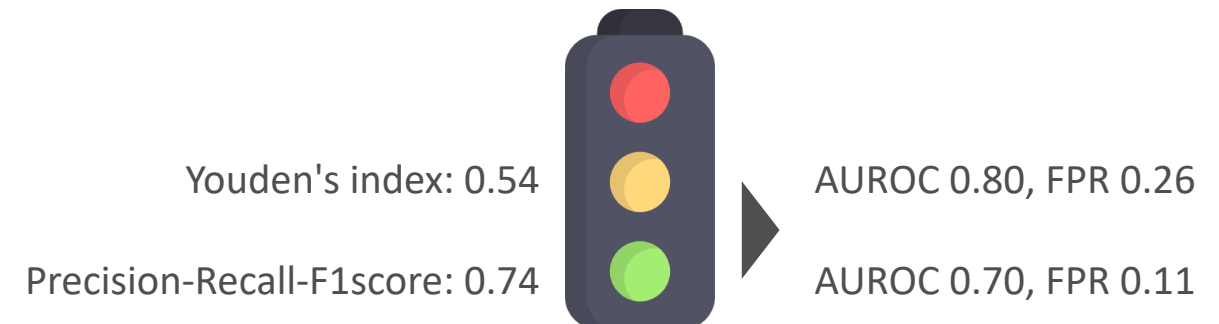
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AUROC 0.80

## MODEL SELECTION

### 1 Hyperparameter optimization



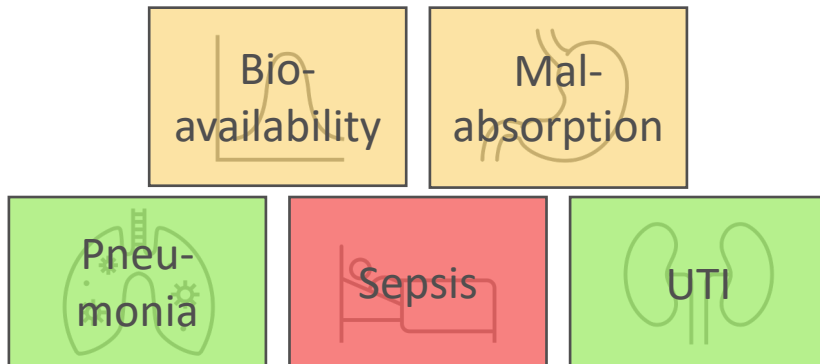
### 2 Cutoff point



The model achieves generalisable performance across a range of patient populations.

### MIMIC-IV Hold-out

| METRIC   | 1 <sup>ST</sup> THRESHOLD RESULTS | 2 <sup>ND</sup> THRESHOLD RESULTS |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| AUROC    | 0.78 (SD 0.02)                    | 0.69 (SD 0.03)                    |
| ACCURACY | 0.76 (SD 0.01)                    | 0.83 (SD 0.01)                    |
| TPR      | 0.80 (SD 0.05)                    | 0.48 (SD 0.06)                    |
| FPR      | 0.25 (SD 0.02)                    | 0.10 (SD 0.02)                    |



### OTHER DATASETS

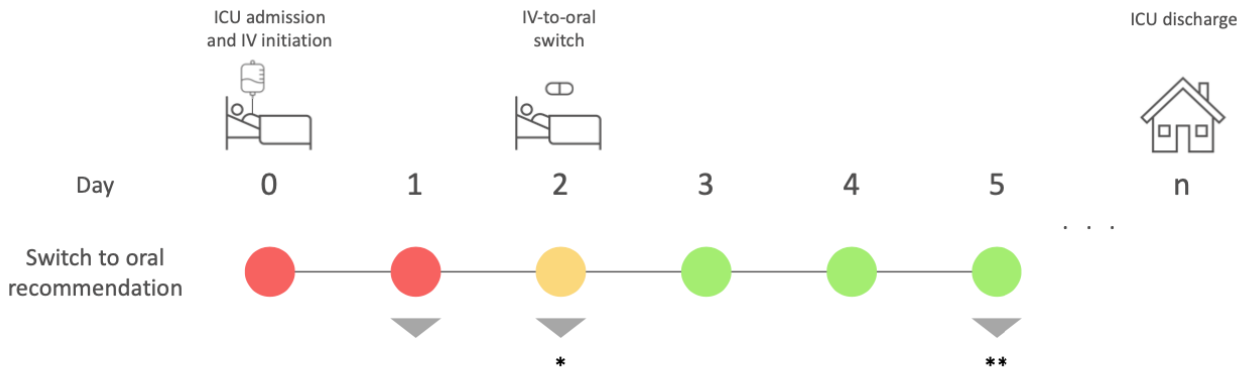


| METRIC   | 1 <sup>ST</sup> THRESHOLD RESULTS | 2 <sup>ND</sup> THRESHOLD RESULTS |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| AUROC    | 0.72 (SD 0.02)                    | 0.65 (SD 0.05)                    |
| ACCURACY | 0.75 (SD 0.03)                    | 0.85 (SD 0.02)                    |
| TPR      | 0.68 (SD 0.06)                    | 0.34 (SD 0.10)                    |
| FPR      | 0.24 (SD 0.04)                    | 0.05 (SD 0.02)                    |



| METRIC   | RESULTS        | PROSPECTIVE DATA |
|----------|----------------|------------------|
| AUROC    | 0.78 (SD 0.01) | 0.77             |
| ACCURACY | 0.71 (SD 0.01) | 0.68             |
| TPR      | 0.66 (SD 0.03) | 0.80             |
| FPR      | 0.23 (SD 0.02) | 0.46             |

# Informative visual representations improve model interpretability.



## Day 1

### Highlights

- Both thresholds predict switching is likely **not appropriate** at this time
- Predictions were correct for **100%** of similar examples
- O2 saturation pulseoximetry (feature 4) was of particular interest for these predictions

| Patient | Importance | Feature |      |      |      |      | Switch to oral label | Switch to oral prediction |                           |
|---------|------------|---------|------|------|------|------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|         |            | 1       | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    |                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> threshold | 2 <sup>nd</sup> threshold |
| -       | -          | 0.32    | 0.51 | 0.37 | 0.50 | 0.41 | 0                    | 0                         | 0                         |
| Example | 1          | 0.28    | 0.38 | 0.54 | 0.29 | 0.48 | 0                    | 0                         | 0                         |
|         | 2          | 0.25    | 0.31 | 0.55 | 0.28 | 0.51 | 0                    | 0                         | 0                         |
|         | 3          | 0.21    | 0.29 | 0.52 | 0.45 | 0.52 | 0                    | 0                         | 0                         |
|         | 4          | 0.13    | 0.32 | 0.55 | 0.36 | 0.51 | 0                    | 0                         | 0                         |

## Day 2

### \* Highlights

- Clinical guidance should be sought**, model thresholds disagree on whether switching could be appropriate or not at this time
- Predictions were correct for **50%** of similar examples (0% for the 1<sup>st</sup> threshold and 100% for the 2<sup>nd</sup> threshold)
- O2 saturation pulseoximetry (feature 4) was of particular interest for these predictions

| Patient | Importance | Feature |      |      |      |      | Switch to oral label | Switch to oral prediction |                           |
|---------|------------|---------|------|------|------|------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|         |            | 1       | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    |                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> threshold | 2 <sup>nd</sup> threshold |
| -       | -          | 0.24    | 0.25 | 0.28 | 0.43 | 0.77 | 1                    | 1                         | 0                         |
| Example | 1          | 0.38    | 0.25 | 0.20 | 0.25 | 0.42 | 0                    | 1                         | 0                         |
|         | 2          | 0.12    | 0.21 | 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.43 | 0                    | 1                         | 0                         |

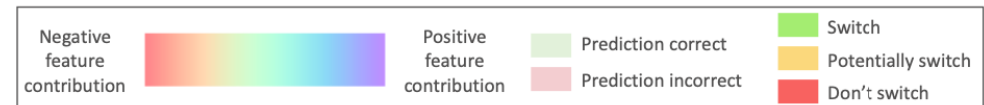
## \*\* Day 5

### Highlights

- Both thresholds predict switching could be **appropriate** at this time
- Predictions were correct for **75%** of similar examples (75% for the 1<sup>st</sup> threshold and 75% for the 2<sup>nd</sup> threshold)
- Systolic blood pressure (feature 1) and O2 saturation pulseoximetry (feature 4) were of particular interest for these predictions

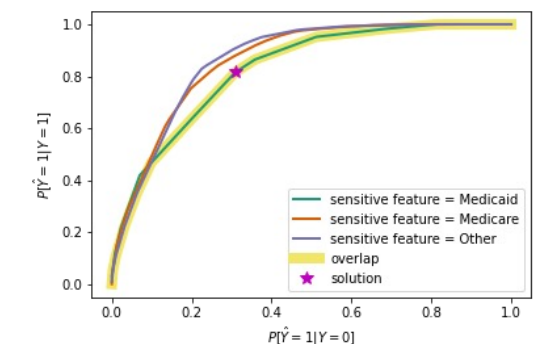
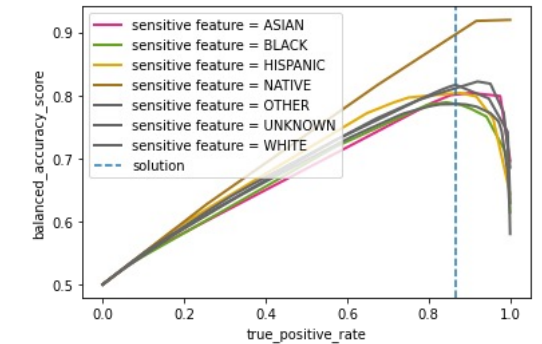
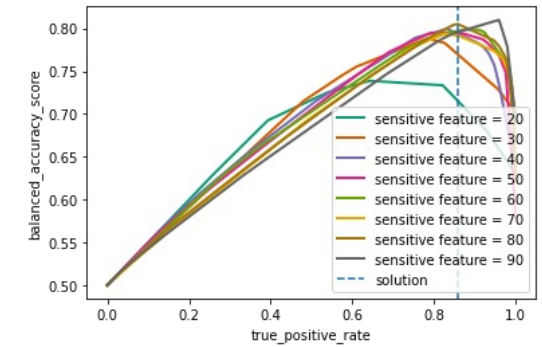
| Patient | Importance | Feature |      |      |      |      | Switch to oral label | Switch to oral prediction |                           |
|---------|------------|---------|------|------|------|------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|         |            | 1       | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    |                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> threshold | 2 <sup>nd</sup> threshold |
| -       | -          | 0.16    | 0.49 | 0.45 | 0.37 | 0.59 | 1                    | 1                         | 1                         |
| Example | 1          | 0.21    | 0.20 | 0.58 | 0.39 | 0.37 | 1                    | 1                         | 1                         |
|         | 2          | 0.20    | 0.15 | 0.47 | 0.43 | 0.36 | 1                    | 1                         | 1                         |
|         | 3          | 0.16    | 0.16 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.36 | 1                    | 1                         | 1                         |
|         | 4          | 0.15    | 0.18 | 0.49 | 0.42 | 0.38 | 0                    | 1                         | 1                         |

Note this system does not cover all aspects of the switch decision making process and should only be used as decision support to highlight when a patient may be suitable for switch assessment



# Models demonstrate reasonably fair performance and threshold optimisation can improve results.

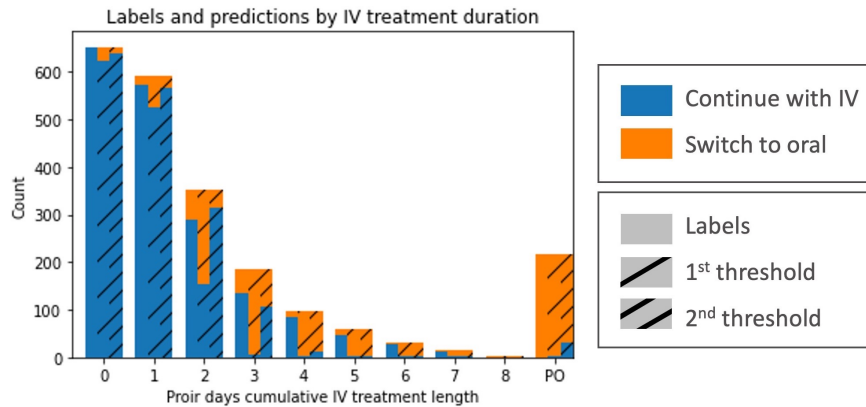
| Sensitive attribute | Group    | Original results |      |      |    | Threshold optimisation results |      |      |    |
|---------------------|----------|------------------|------|------|----|--------------------------------|------|------|----|
|                     |          | AUROC            | TPR  | FPR  | EO | AUROC                          | TPR  | FPR  | EO |
| Age                 | 20       | 0.73             | 0.74 | 0.27 | ✓  | 0.63                           | 0.86 | 0.61 | ✗  |
|                     | 30       | 0.80             | 0.86 | 0.26 | ✓  | 0.72                           | 0.73 | 0.28 | ✓  |
|                     | 40       | 0.78             | 0.81 | 0.25 | ✓  | 0.76                           | 0.82 | 0.31 | ✓  |
|                     | 50       | 0.76             | 0.78 | 0.25 | ✓  | 0.81                           | 0.86 | 0.25 | ✓  |
|                     | 60       | 0.79             | 0.82 | 0.23 | ✓  | 0.79                           | 0.87 | 0.29 | ✓  |
|                     | 70       | 0.73             | 0.69 | 0.23 | ✓  | 0.78                           | 0.87 | 0.31 | ✓  |
|                     | 80       | 0.77             | 0.81 | 0.26 | ✓  | 0.80                           | 0.87 | 0.26 | ✓  |
|                     | 90       | 0.78             | 0.79 | 0.23 | ✗  | 0.78                           | 0.86 | 0.3  | ✓  |
| Race                | Asian    | 0.79             | 0.83 | 0.24 | ✓  | 0.71                           | 0.81 | 0.38 | ✓  |
|                     | Black    | 0.78             | 0.83 | 0.27 | ✓  | 0.79                           | 0.86 | 0.28 | ✓  |
|                     | Hispanic | 0.80             | 0.85 | 0.25 | ✓  | 0.76                           | 0.84 | 0.31 | ✓  |
|                     | Native   | 0.78             | 0.97 | 0.43 | ✗  | 0.75                           | 0.93 | 0.43 | ✗  |
|                     | Other    | 0.76             | 0.72 | 0.19 | ✓  | 0.78                           | 0.84 | 0.29 | ✓  |
|                     | Unknown  | 0.79             | 0.83 | 0.25 | ✓  | 0.81                           | 0.86 | 0.23 | ✓  |
|                     | White    | 0.77             | 0.79 | 0.24 | ✓  | 0.78                           | 0.87 | 0.31 | ✓  |
| Insurance           | Medicaid | 0.72             | 0.69 | 0.26 | ✗  | 0.74                           | 0.82 | 0.34 | ✓  |
|                     | Medicare | 0.78             | 0.81 | 0.25 | ✓  | 0.77                           | 0.88 | 0.33 | ✓  |
|                     | Other    | 0.78             | 0.80 | 0.24 | ✓  | 0.79                           | 0.9  | 0.33 | ✓  |



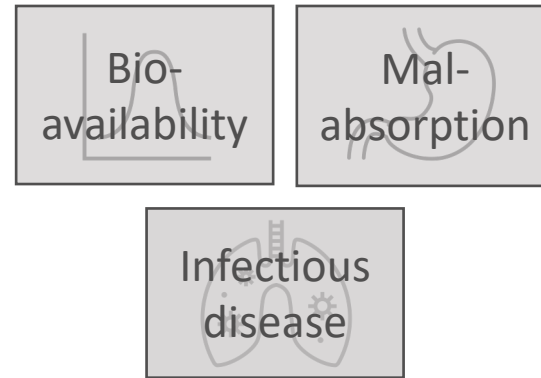
AUROC;Area under the receiver operating characteristic, TPR;True positive rate, FPR;False positive rate, EO;Equalised odds



# Prospective evaluation is needed to understand how such a system can influence antimicrobial decision making.



Models predict some patients could be suitable for switching to oral administration earlier from a clinical parameter, health status perspective



Models only analyse a snapshot of the patient and not all the factors that are clinically used to assess a patient's suitability for switching



Incorporating logic-based rules and prospective testing in real-world clinical settings are avenues for future work

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## Conclusion

- Identified clinically relevant features from routinely collected clinical parameters
- Developed simple, fair, interpretable, and generalisable models to estimate when a patient could switch from IV-to-oral antibiotic treatment.
- Such a system holds great promise to provide clinically useful antimicrobial stewardship decision support

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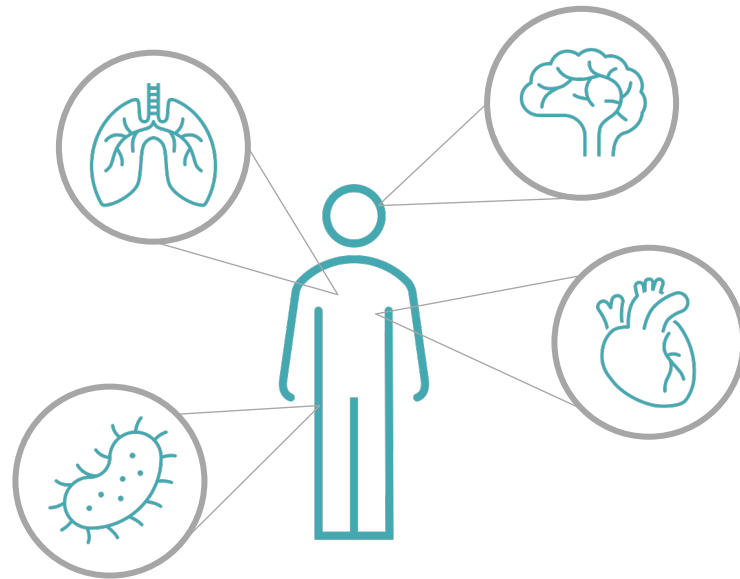




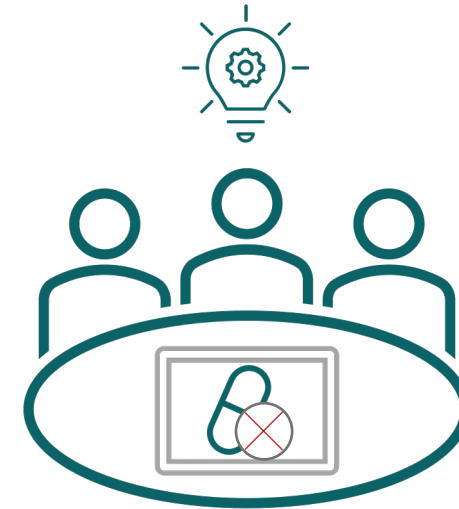


Future research includes modeling patients' co-morbidities and addressing AI biases.

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Model infection patients' co-morbidities through graphical methods



Investigate other aspects of antibiotic optimization and explore testing algorithms in real-world clinical settings

# Developing Moral AI to Support Antimicrobial Decision Making.

Regarding antimicrobial decision making, we believe a **utilitarian approach** is most suitable for developing AI-based CDSSs, and that technology should focus on the **likelihood of drug effectiveness and that of resistance** in order to have the biggest impact on supporting moral antimicrobial prescribing (Table. 1). Furthermore, for antimicrobials, **spatial and temporal considerations are critical** to optimise treatment outcomes and minimise the development of side effects or AMR. Decision making in antimicrobial prescribing is frequent, pressing, and both morally and technically complex. But by applying ethical theories to specific scenarios and incorporating moral paradigms, we can **ensure that AI-based CDSSs tackle global problems, such as the emerging AMR crisis, in a moral way.**

| Variables                | Description   | Exemplar of starting antimicrobial treatment   | Corresponding ad-hoc utility value        |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|
| Intensity                | How strong is the pleasure?                                 | Treating a relevant infection with antimicrobials has the potential to save that person's life   | Highly positive utility                   |
| Duration                 | How long will the pleasure last?                            | Any extension of life is immeasurable while it is reasonable AMR will continue in the near-term future   | Positive utility                          |
| Certainty or uncertainty | How likely or unlikely is it that the pleasure will occur?  | Limited information often means treatment may or may not be helpful and there is always an inherent risk of developing AMR   | Neutral utility, without more information |
| Propinquity              | How soon will the pleasure occur?                           | Treatment can be effective immediately however the same is true for the evolution of AMR   | Neutral utility, without more information |
| Fecundity                | The likelihood of further sensations of the same kind       | -  | Unable to assign                          |
| Purity                   | The likelihood of not being followed by opposite sensations | -  | Unable to assign                          |
| Extent                   | How many people will be affected?                           | Prescribing antimicrobials affects the patient and those close to them, while the development of AMR is a certainty and may affect everyone, causing significant suffering and mortality | Immense negative utility                  |

# Co-morbid obesity leads to significantly worse infection outcomes.

| MEAN                | BODY MASS INDEX (BMI) | LENGTH OF ICU STAY | ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT LENGTH |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| HEALTHY (HE)        | 22.40                 | 5.86               | 5.18                        |
| OVERWEIGHT (OW)     | 27.38                 | 7.98               | 5.86                        |
| OBESE (OB)          | 33.34                 | 7.14               | 5.60                        |
| MORBIDLY OBESE (MB) | 46.28                 | 8.14               | 6.39                        |

