# Search strategies for antimicrobial resistance associated genes

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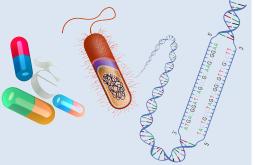


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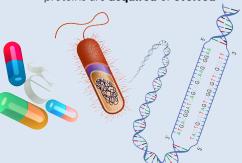


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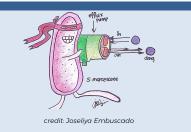




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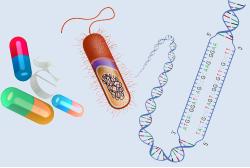
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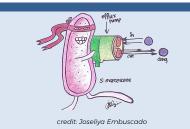


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- Prescribe the correct medicine, dosage
- Develop effective new drugs
- Learn about evolution



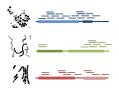




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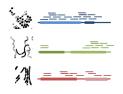


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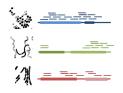




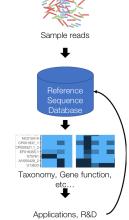
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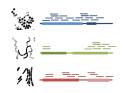
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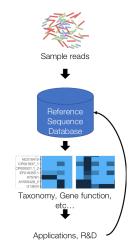


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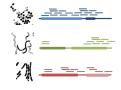


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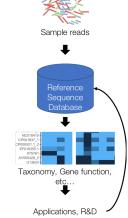


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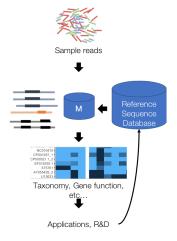
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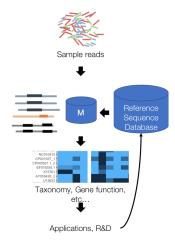
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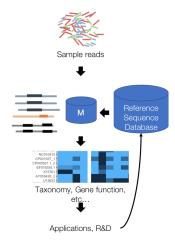
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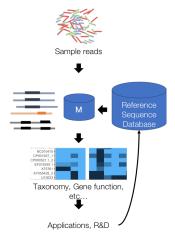
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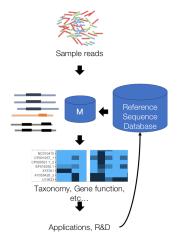
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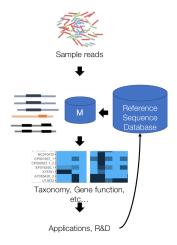
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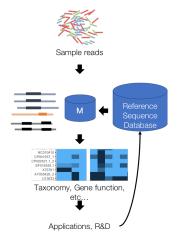


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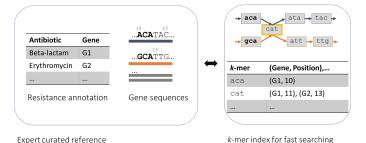




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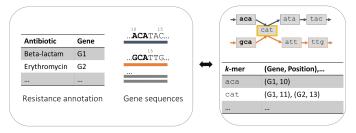




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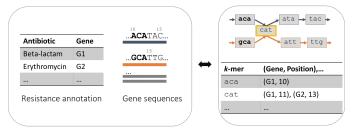
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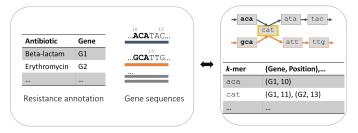
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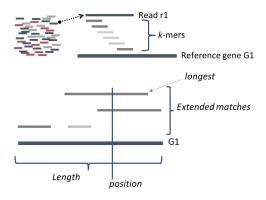
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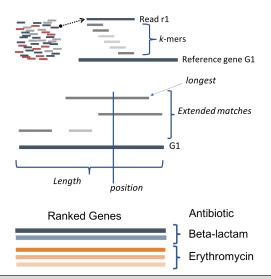






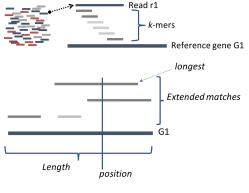






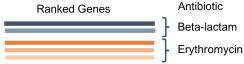






Aggregate gene scores by antibiotic

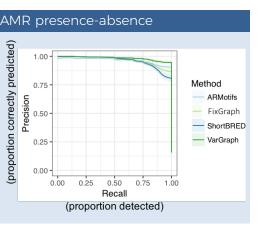
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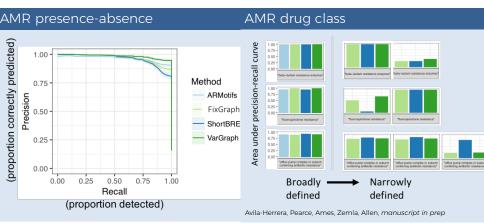


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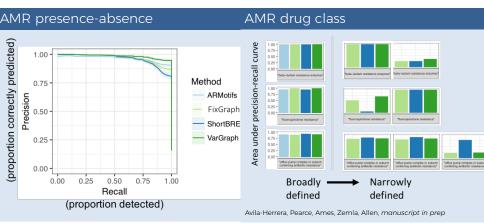
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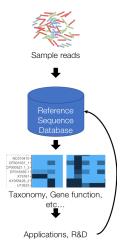


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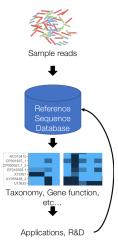




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## Goal: release tool to compbio community

- Accelerate basic research
- Enable continuous biosurveillance of AMR crisis
- Work towards timely precision medical diagnostics



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