

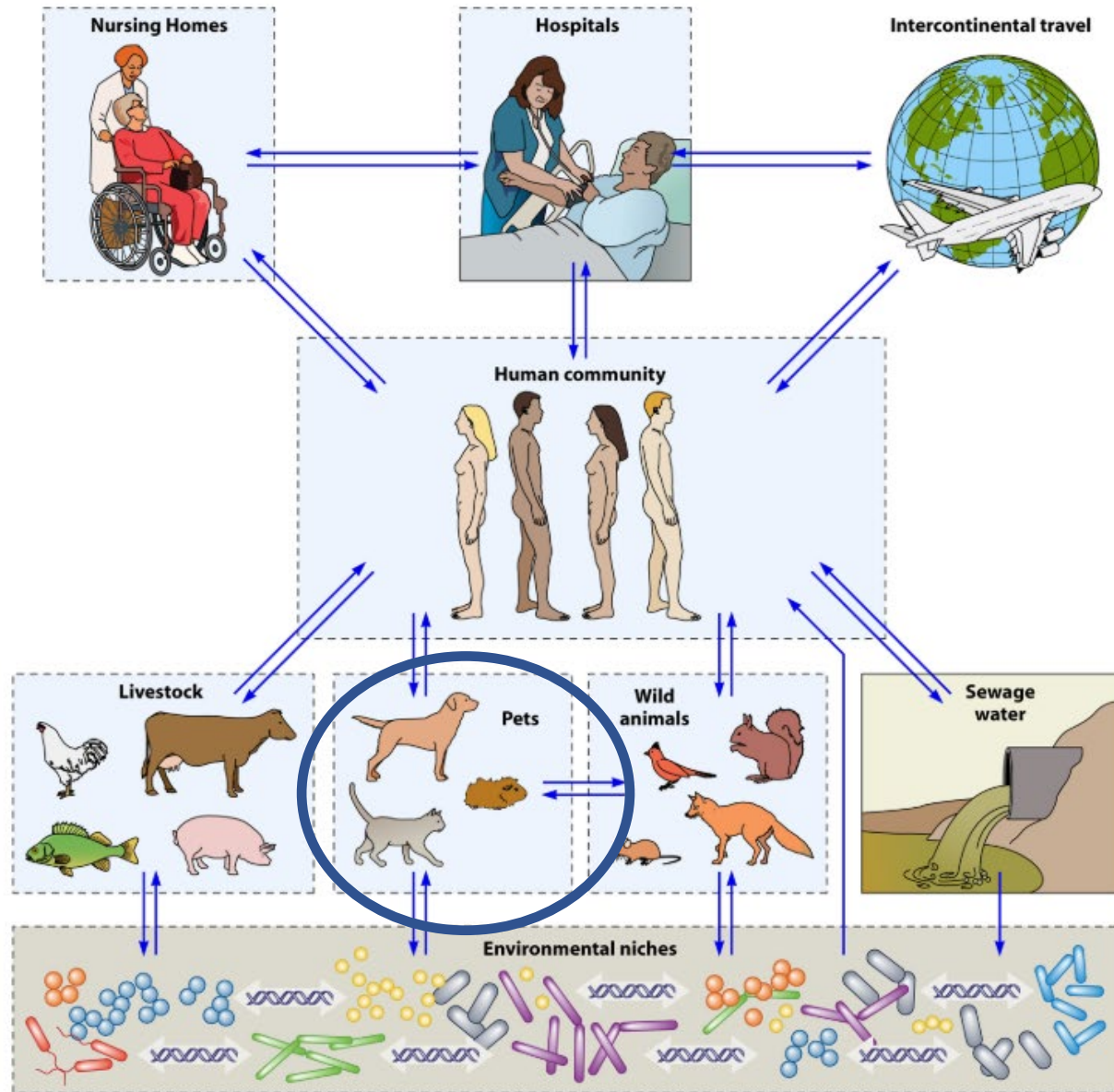
# Antimicrobial Stewardship in Companion Animals: Be Aware of the Dog

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# Companion animal practice

- Primary care, out-patient procedures, small hospitals
- Dominated by private sector
- Single to a few vets
- Owned by vets
- More akin to establishing AMS in human-health community-setting



# AMS in companion animals

- Patient outcomes



VS



- Human health
  - Close-contact
  - Often exposed to HPCIAAs



- Environmental contamination



# What is the burden of AMR in companion animals?

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Emergence of carriage of CTX-M-15 in faecal *Escherichia coli* in horses at an equine hospital in the UK; increasing prevalence over a decade (2008–2017)



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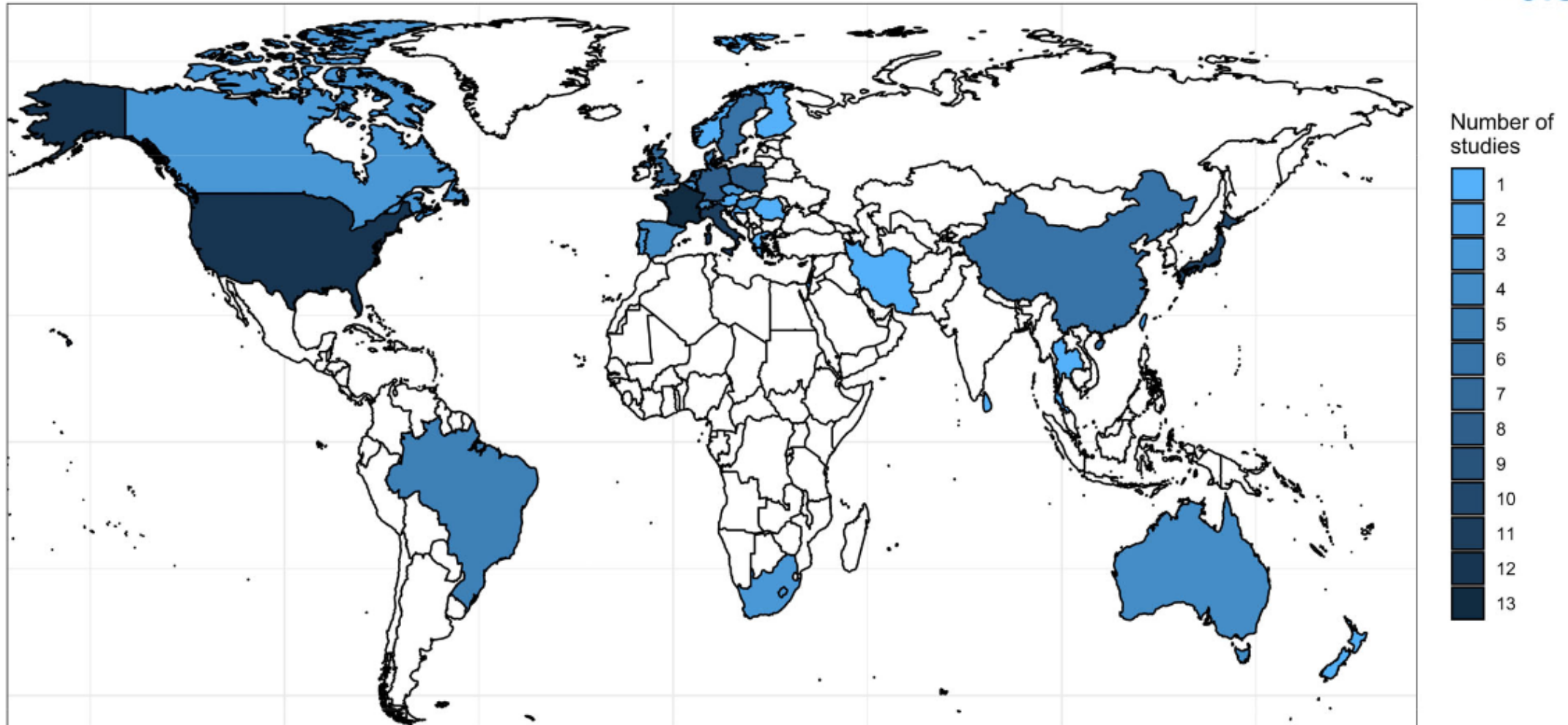
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**Clonal spread of highly successful ST15-CTX-M-15 *Klebsiella pneumoniae* in companion animals and horses**

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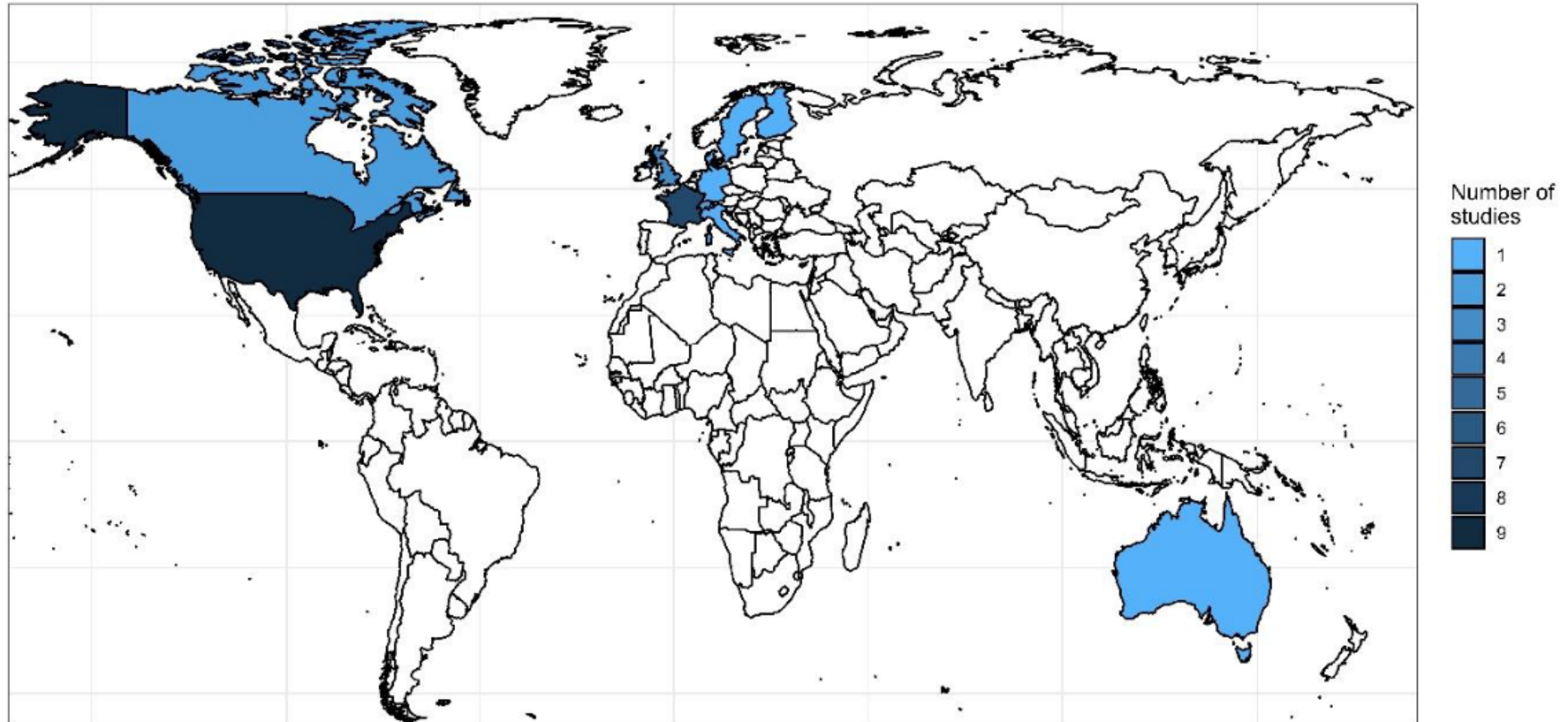
# Assessment of animal diseases caused by bacteria resistant to antimicrobials: Dogs and Cats



Nielsen et al.

doi: 10.2903/j.efsa.2021.6680

# Assessment of animal diseases caused by bacteria resistant to antimicrobials: Horses



# Biggest threats



## Dogs and cats

- *Staphylococcus pseudintermedius*
- *Escherichia coli*
- *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

## Horses

- *Staphylococcus aureus*
- *Escherichia coli*
- *Rhodococcus equi*





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# Antimicrobial Usage and Resistance in Companion Animals: A Cross-Sectional Study in Three European Countries

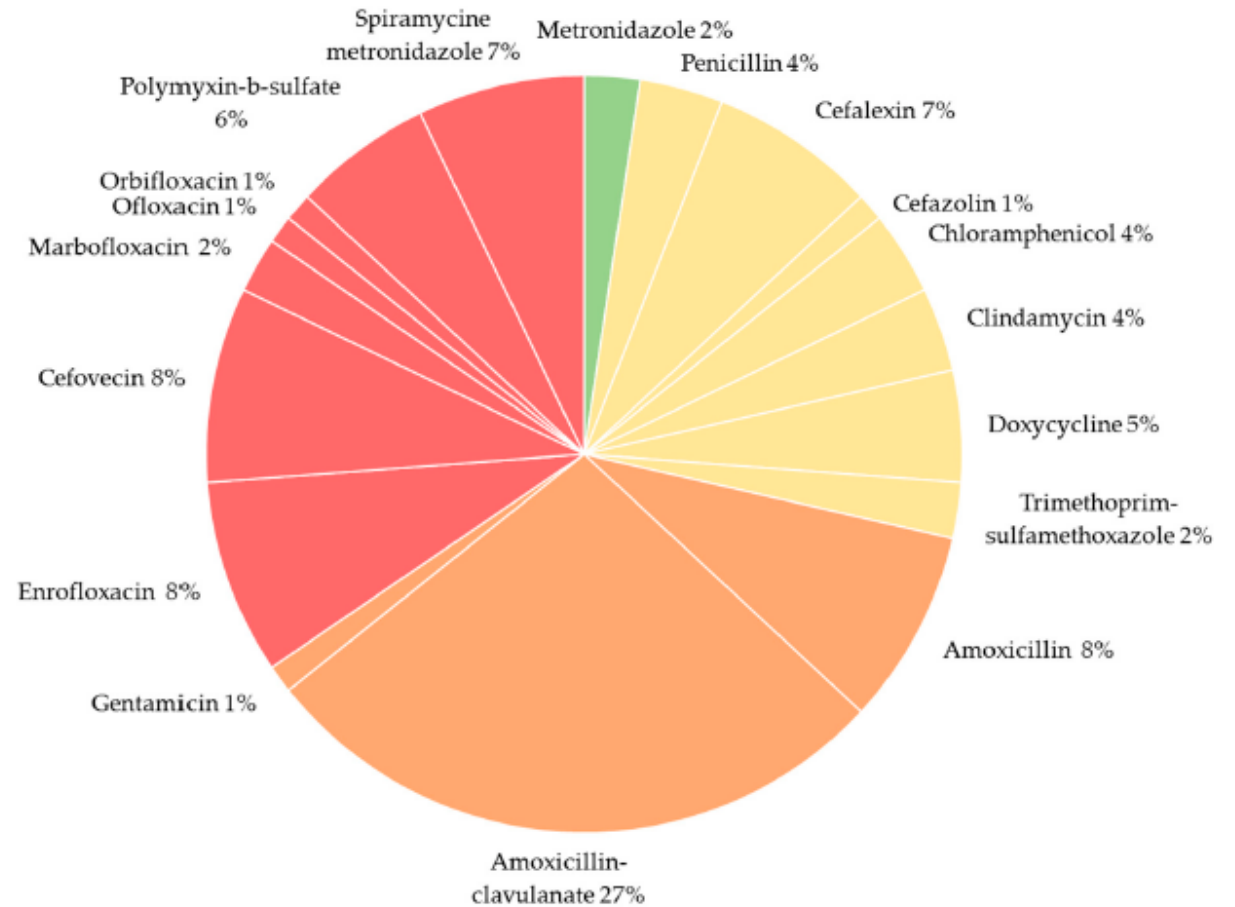
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19% (58) received antibiotics

Treatment incidence (per 100 animal days at risk):



0.9 (dogs), 0.5 (cats)

c.f. +/- 9 for broilers and pigs



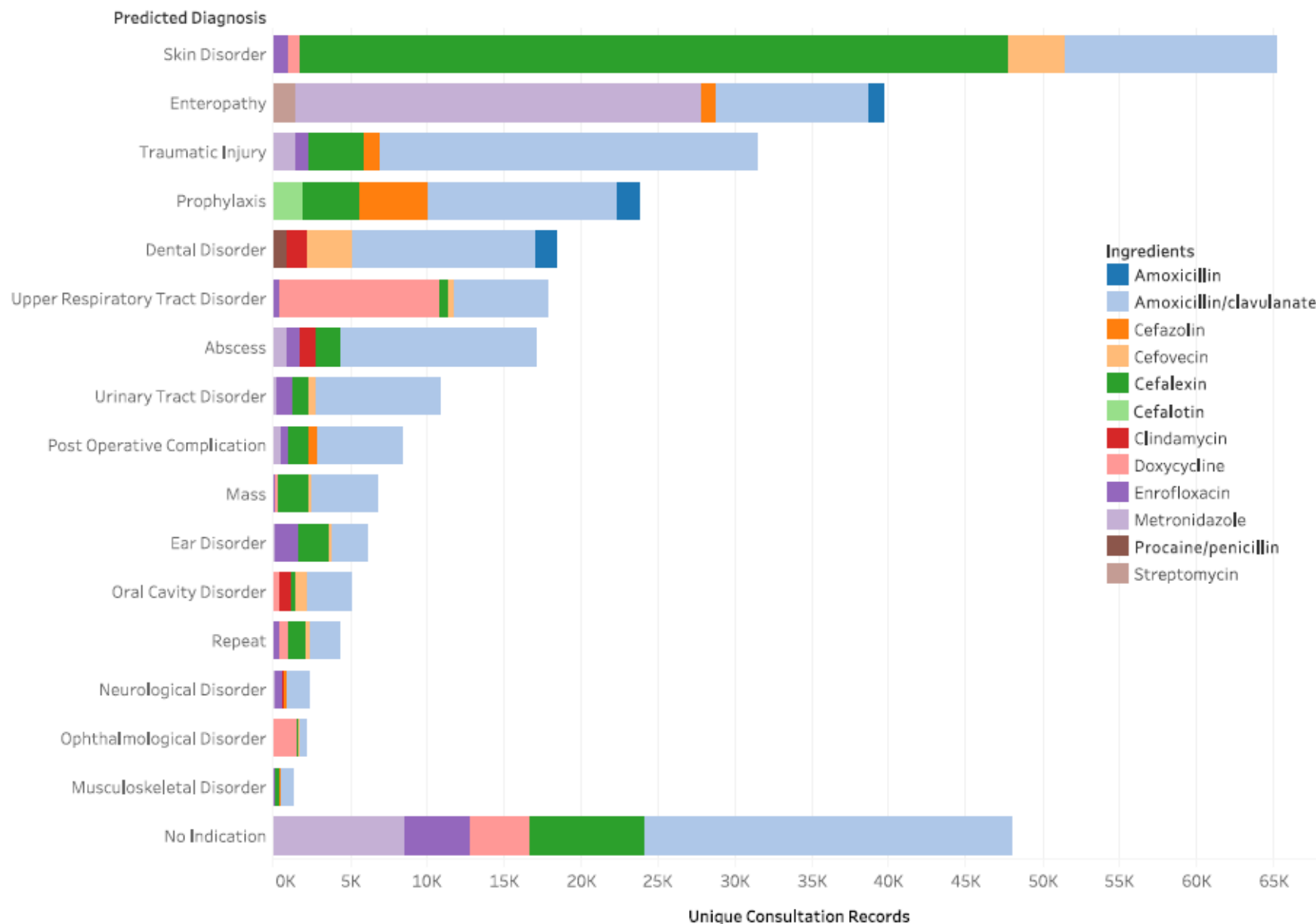
Green – Important antimicrobial  
 Yellow – Highly important antimicrobial  
 Orange – Critically important antimicrobial  
 Red - Critically important antimicrobial of highest priority

## **Evaluating the dose, indication and agreement with guidelines of antimicrobial use in companion animal practice with natural language processing**

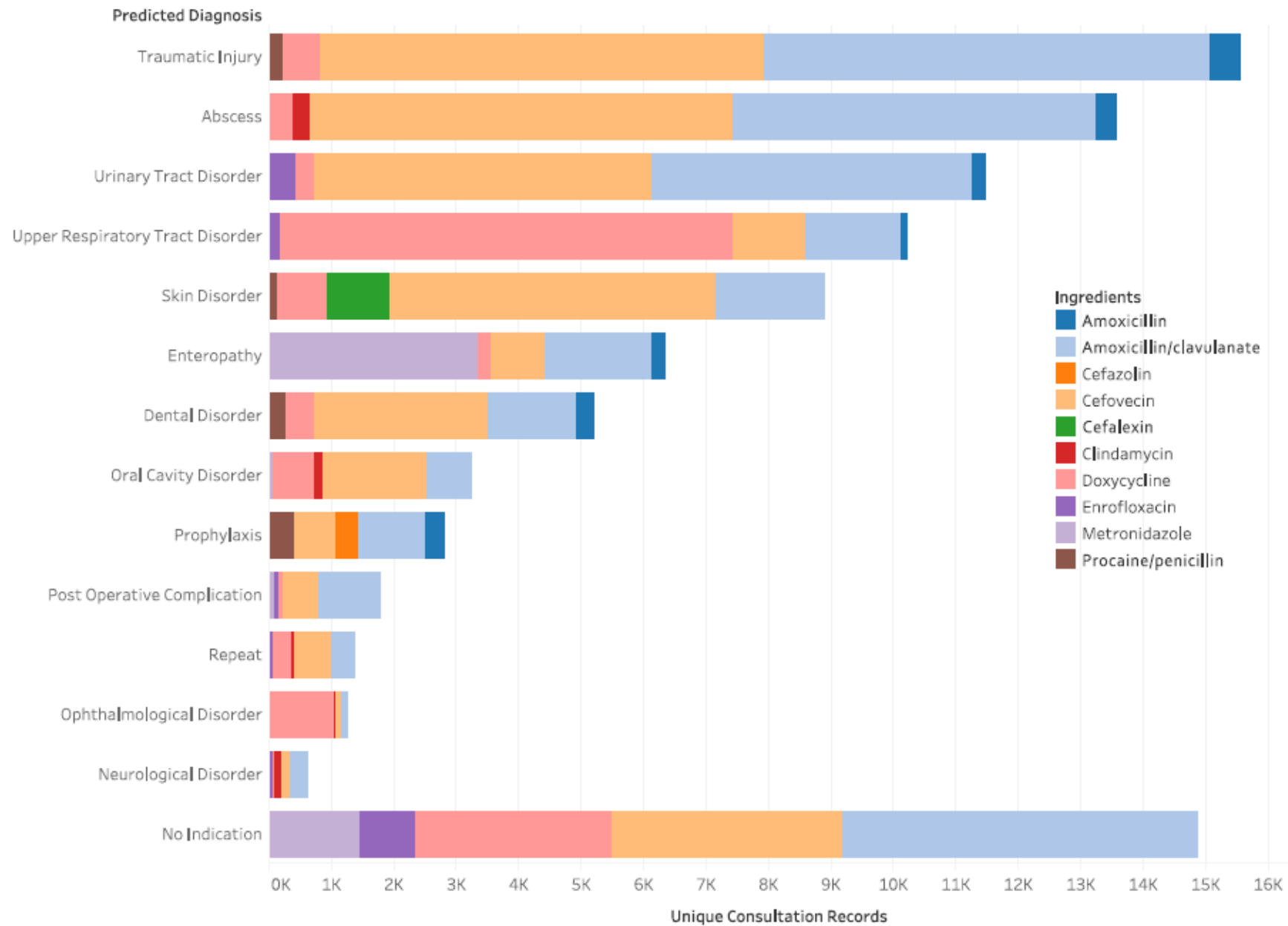
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- 5 year period, 137 practices
- Dose, duration and diagnosis
  - Dogs - 133046 consultations
  - Cats - 40841 consultations
- Consistent with treatment guidelines in 73% cases


(a) Antimicrobials Given by Diagnosis in Dogs



(b) Antimicrobials Given by Diagnosis in Cats



# Barriers to and enablers of implementing antimicrobial stewardship programs in veterinary practices

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## Major barriers

Client expectations and competition between practices  
Cost of microbiological testing  
Lack of access to education and training  
Lack of AMS governance structures  
Lack of independent guidelines for antimicrobial use  
Hierarchical structure of many practices

## Major enablers

Concern for human health  
Pride in service provided  
Low level of resistance encountered  
Preparedness to change prescribing practices  
Frequent use of low cost diagnostic tests  
Low use of most critically important antimicrobial agents

## Summary of recommendations to facilitate the establishment of AMS programs in veterinary practices

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<b>Observed gap</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
Veterinary AMS legislation	Require veterinary practices to have AMS policies
	Restrict antimicrobial sales that occur without formal consultation
Education & training	Develop online courses and training on AMS targeted at veterinary practitioners (may contribute to continuing education requirements)
	Provide courses and training on AMS processes to specialists
Resources	Develop a means of easily monitoring antimicrobial use and resistance in veterinary practice
	Develop therapeutic guidelines for antimicrobial use in animals
	Make available examples and templates for AMS policies and procedures, including templates for on-farm use of antimicrobials

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Thank you for listening.  
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