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Modelling competition dynamics of drug resistant malaria

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Via a theoretical model: What **dynamics** have the strongest influence on the frequency of resistance within a population?

 \downarrow Recombination $~\downarrow$ Suppression $~\uparrow$ Competitive release

How does this vary by setting and strategy?

~ 3%, ~ 15%, ~ 40% prevalence (all ages) 5%, 40%, 80% probability of being treated in two weeks



The model

The dynamics

Sensitivity analysis

The model



Adapted SIS model to include within host dynamics (not an explicit within-host model). Hosts carry a mix of sensitive and resistant parasitaemia.

Input: Parameters for key dynamics

Output: The proportion of resistant parasitaemia in the whole population

























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Number of infected hosts (without dynamics)

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Resistance added after 500 days (dashed line).

Proportion of resistant infections (without dynamics)



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The dynamics





None $\{0\} \longrightarrow \{0.1\} \longrightarrow$ Maximum $\{1\}$





None $\{0\} \longrightarrow \{0.004\} \longrightarrow$ Maximum $\{1\}$





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Sensitivity analysis









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Medium transmission

High transmission

Dynamic effects (high transmission only)

Comp. release

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Recombination

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Suppression

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Simulation

Summary



Model within-host dynamics without explicitly modelling parasite density.

Can track: **Dynamics** - \downarrow recombination \downarrow suppression \uparrow competitive release **Infection parameters** - Infection length (S&R) **Treatment parameters** - Treatment rate that changes in time, reduction in infection length (S & R) **Treatment parameters** - Drug efficacy, drug half-life, adherence



When there is little resistance in the population, \uparrow competitive release dominates and thus resistance spreads.

When there is high resistance in the population, \downarrow recombination and \downarrow suppression have more influence, **especially when transmission is high**.

Treatment increases the proportion of resistant parasitaemia, with or without \uparrow competitive release. However, the spread of resistance is greatly hindered by \downarrow recombination, and failing that, \downarrow suppression.

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