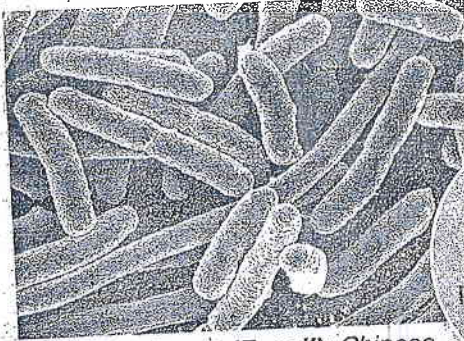


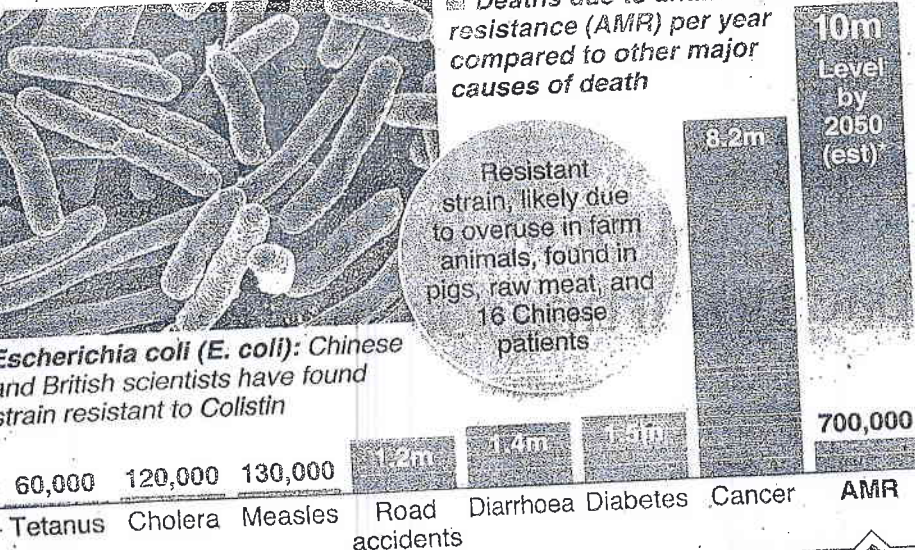
Antibiotic apocalypse could become a reality

Mankind is nearing a "post-antibiotic era", scientists have warned after finding bacteria able to shrug off the drug of last resort, *Colistin*, raising the grim possibility of a future of untreatable infections



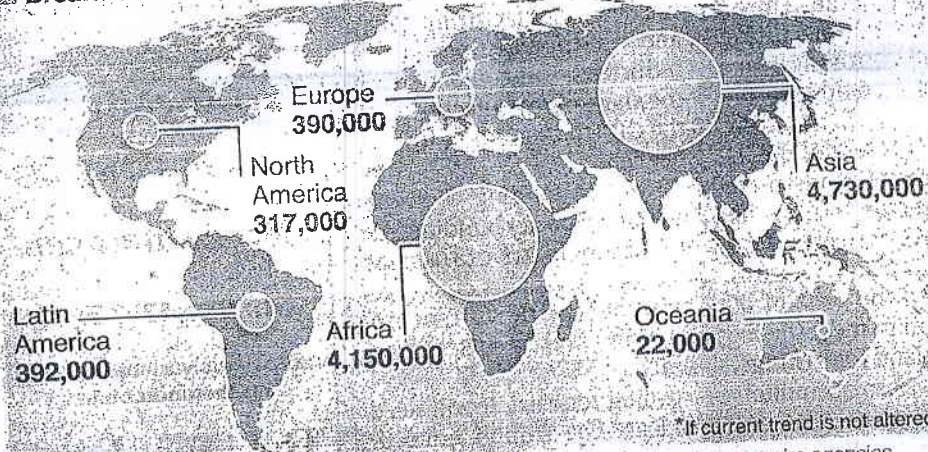
Escherichia coli (E. coli): Chinese and British scientists have found strain resistant to Colistin

Deaths due to antimicrobial resistance (AMR) per year compared to other major causes of death



Resistant strain, likely due to overuse in farm animals, found in pigs, raw meat, and 16 Chinese patients

Breakdown of deaths attributable to AMR every year, by 2050*



*If current trend is not altered

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