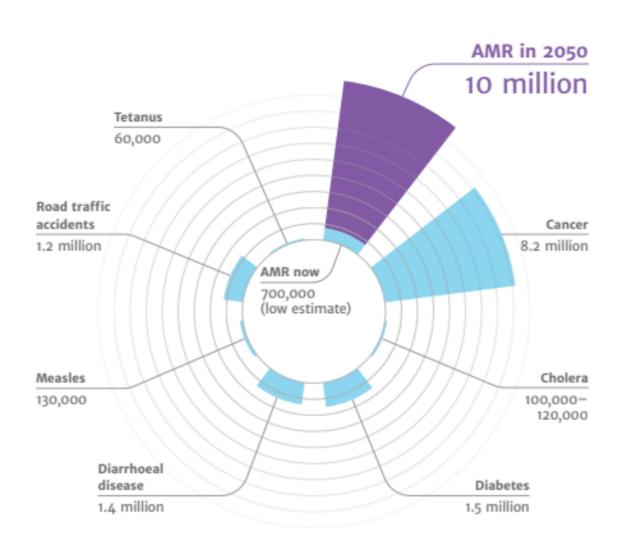
# Al as a tool to tackle antimicrobial resistance: ASTapp project

Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing application

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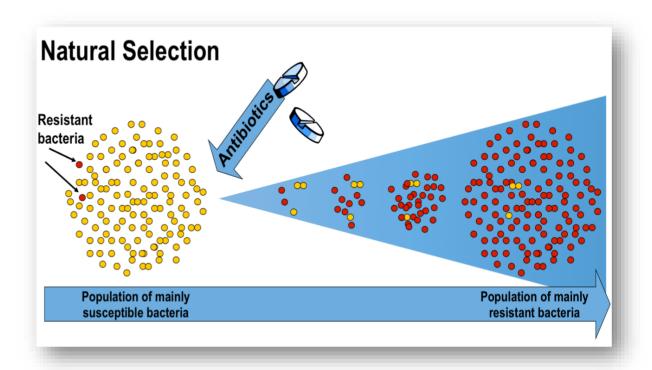


# DEATHS ATTRIBUTABLE TO AMR EVERY YEAR



## **ABR: Emergence and spread**

- Overuse of antibiotics
- Poor IPC
- Lack of Dx tests
- Lack of RD for new ATB

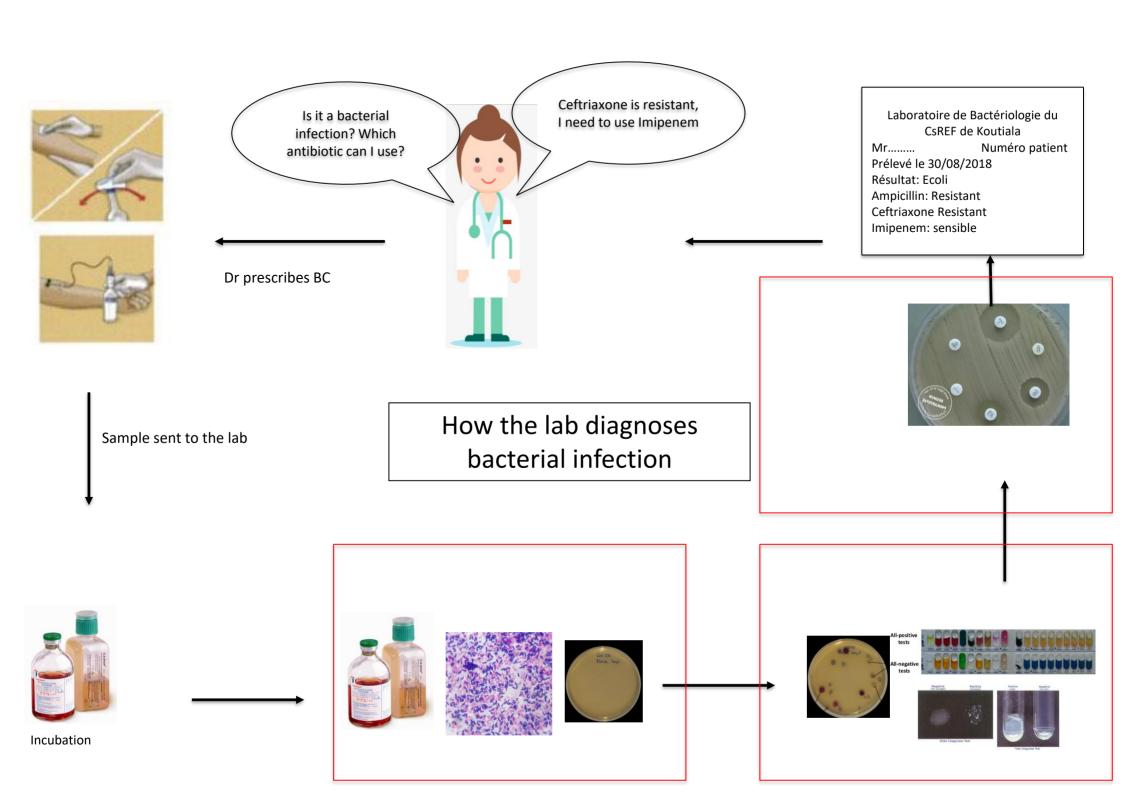


#### **MSF ABR ROADMAP**

#### 3 Objectifs:

- Ensure rational use of antibiotics
- Improve Hygiene and infection control

Improve acces to microbiology Dx tests

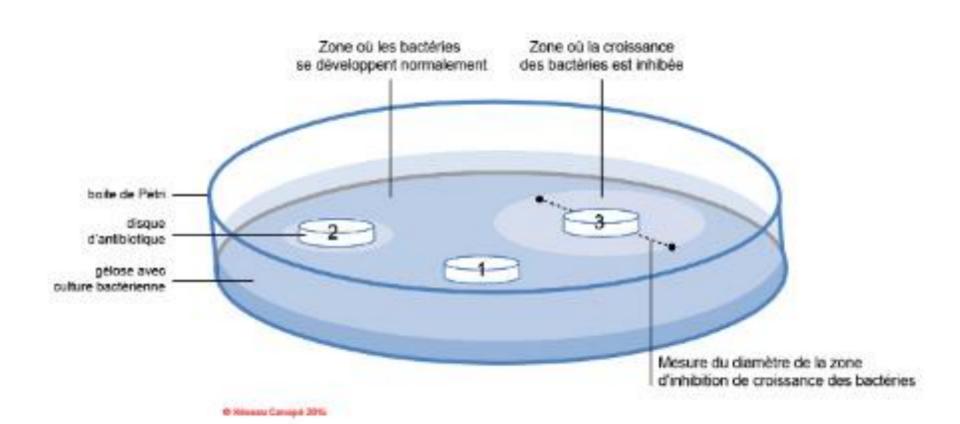


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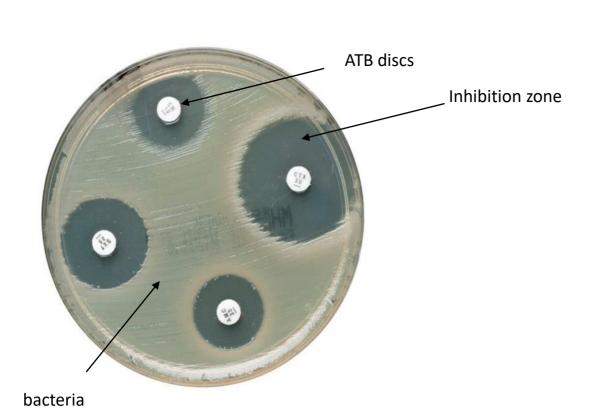


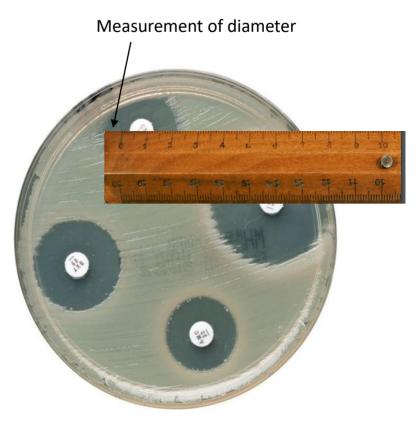


# The antibiogram: AST



# Reading an antibiogram





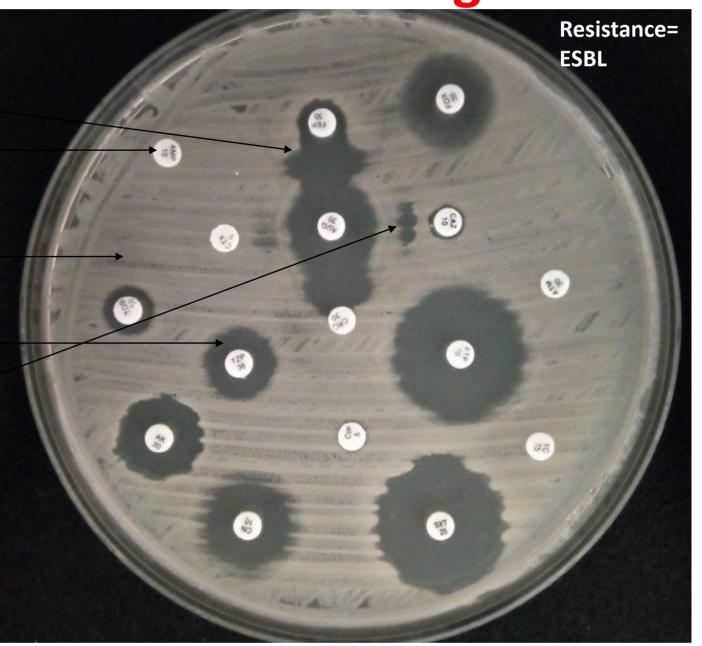
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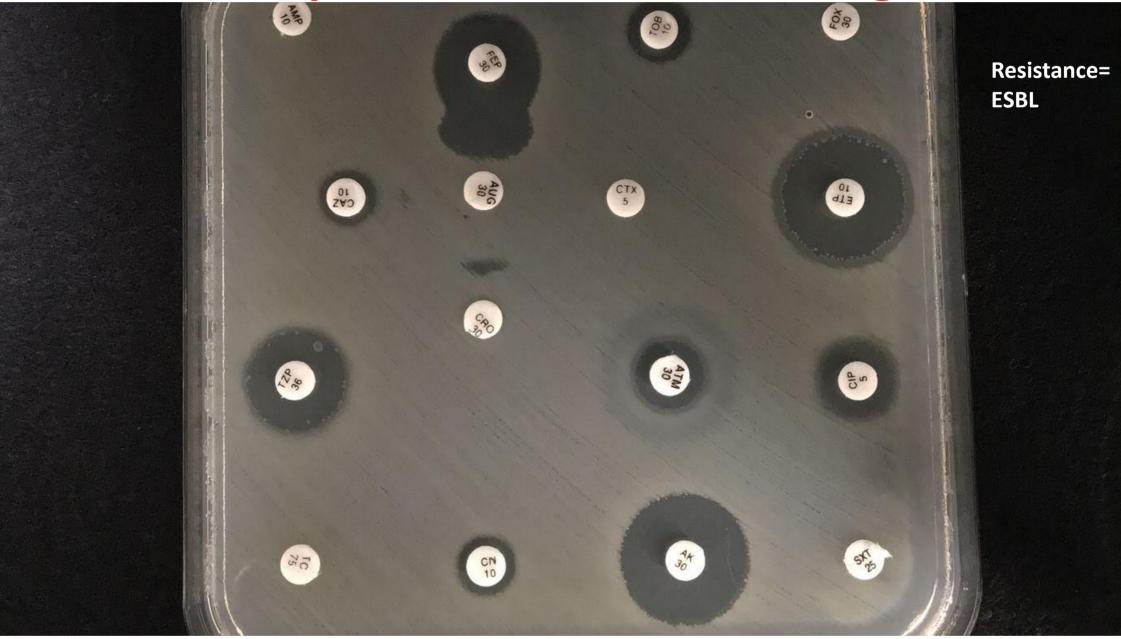
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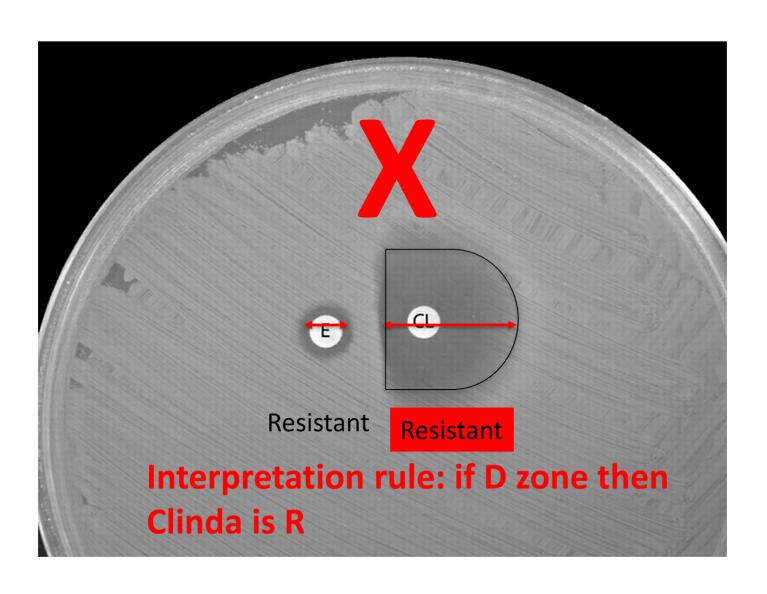
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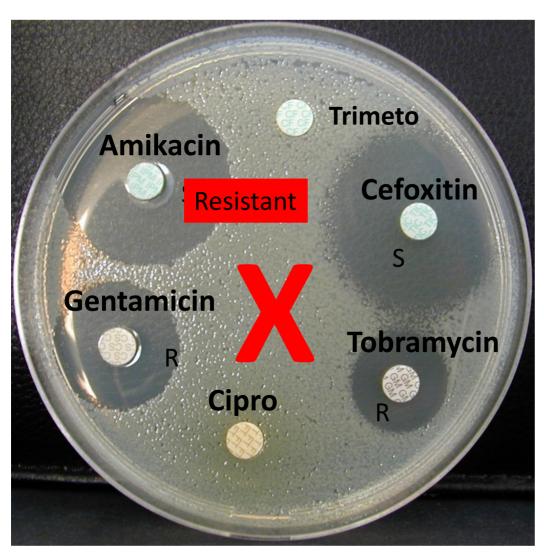
Inhibition zone

Synergy shape









Interpretation rules: If Tobra R, so Amikacin R

For Staphylococcus aureus infection: Cloxa

Where is cloxa?

**Rules: If Cefoxitin S = Cloxa** 

S

Staphylococcus aureus

#### What is the problem in LMIC?

- Short technical training +/- simple (Few weeks/months)
- Longer time for interprétation training
- Need for expert
- Risk: give back wrong antibiogram/wrong treatment for patients

#### **Existing solution in dev countries**

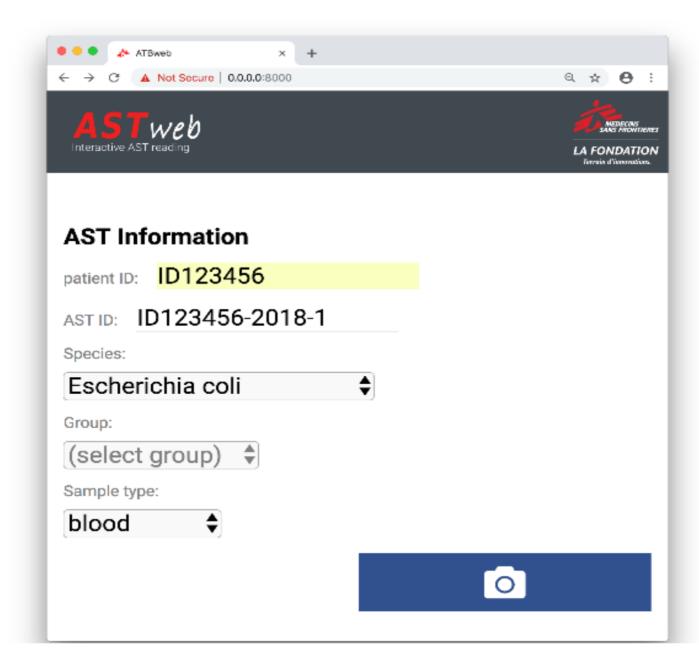
- 20 000 to 30 000 Euros
- Maintenance
- Online
- No automatic recognition of resistance mecanisms
- => Not adapted to our contexts



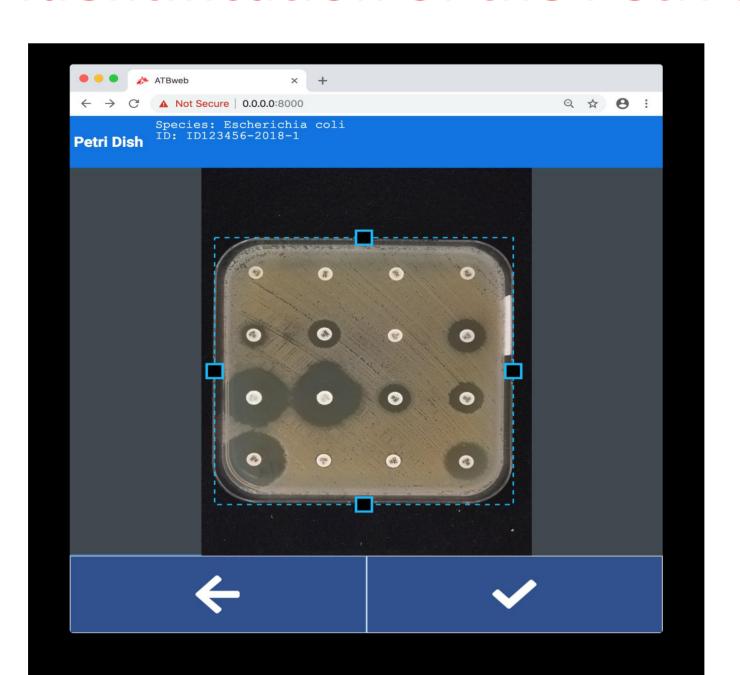
#### **ASTAPP**

- Automatic measurement of diameter
- Interpretation based on international rules
- Extrapolation to antibiotics that are not tested
- Identification of resistance mechanisms
- Alert when AST is not matching with identification
- Self training: each step is explained with some reference for more details
- Offline
- Gives advices on treatments based on MSF protocol
- Reporting/ analysis: Hospital cumulative AST

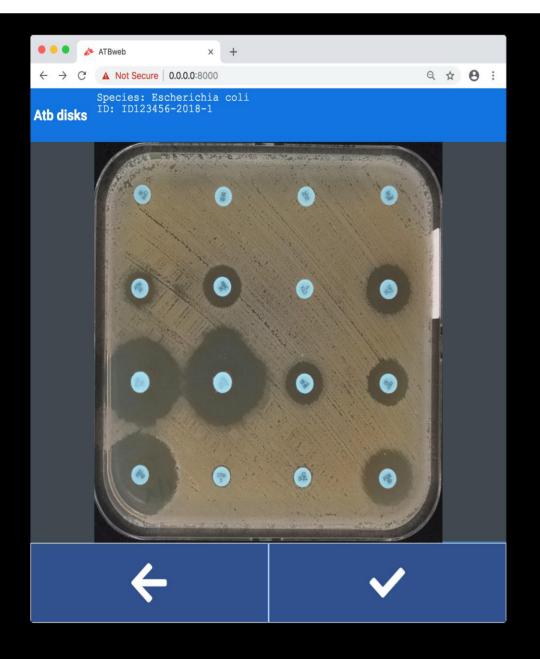
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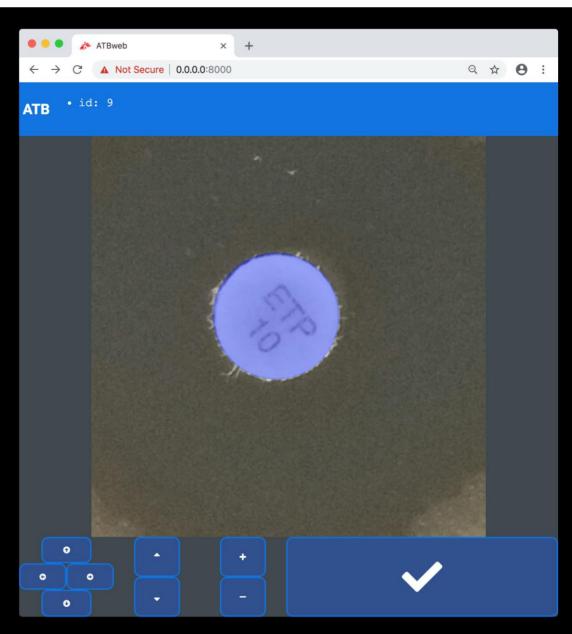


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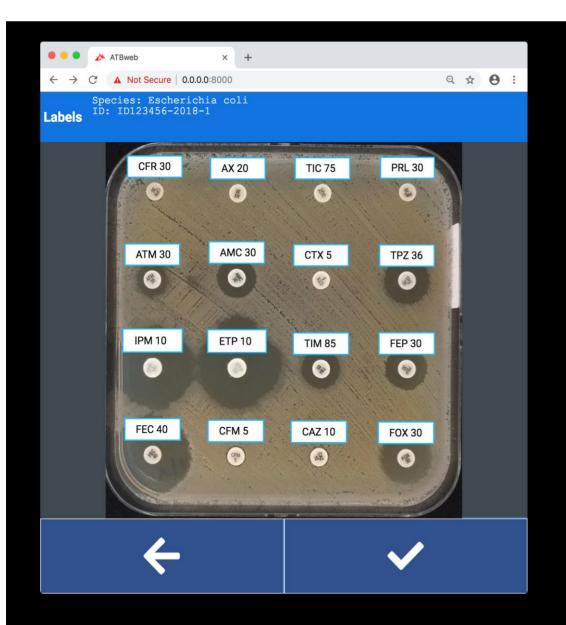


#### 2. Identification of antibiotics discs



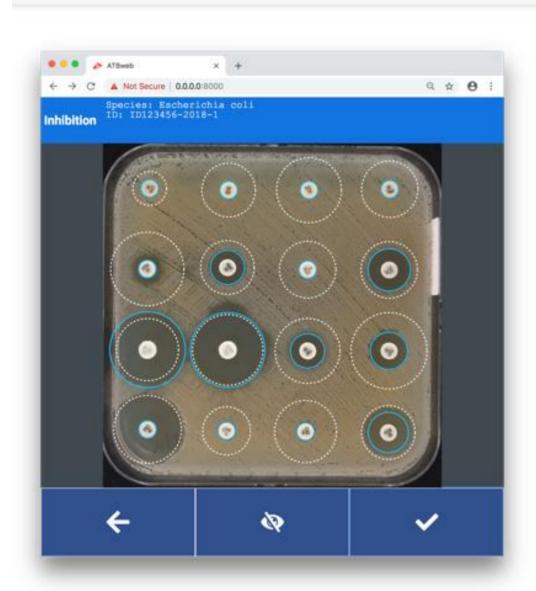


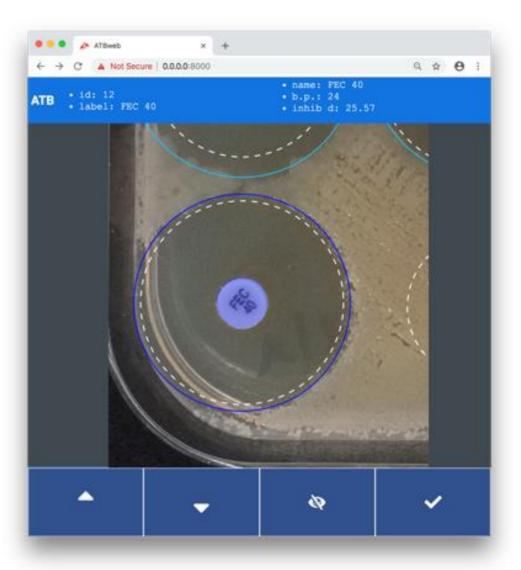
### 3. Reading the name of atb discs





# 4. Measurement of the diameter and application of expert rules





# 5. Automatic identification of resistance mechanism



# 6. Display of results

