

Combating *A. baumannii*: CobB Modeling & Hit Discovery

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Bacterial resistance represents a global threat to public health, described as a "**silent pandemic**" by the World Health Organization (WHO)¹. Among the priority resistant pathogens identified by the WHO, *Acinetobacter baumannii* is at the top of the "critical priority" list due to its exceptional ability to form biofilms and its resistance to carbapenems².

Kentache et al³. demonstrated the impact of **post-translational modifications** on this bacterium's antibiotic resistance. Specifically, this involves the **acetylation and deacetylation of lysine** on **BfmR** (a regulatory protein for biofilm formation) by two types of actors: **KATs** (lysine acetyltransferases) and **sirtuins**.

Our study focused on the *in-silico* search for new molecules capable of blocking the deacetylation of BfmR lysine via the inhibition of the **sirtuin CobB**, for which **nicotinamide** is the reference inhibitor.

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