



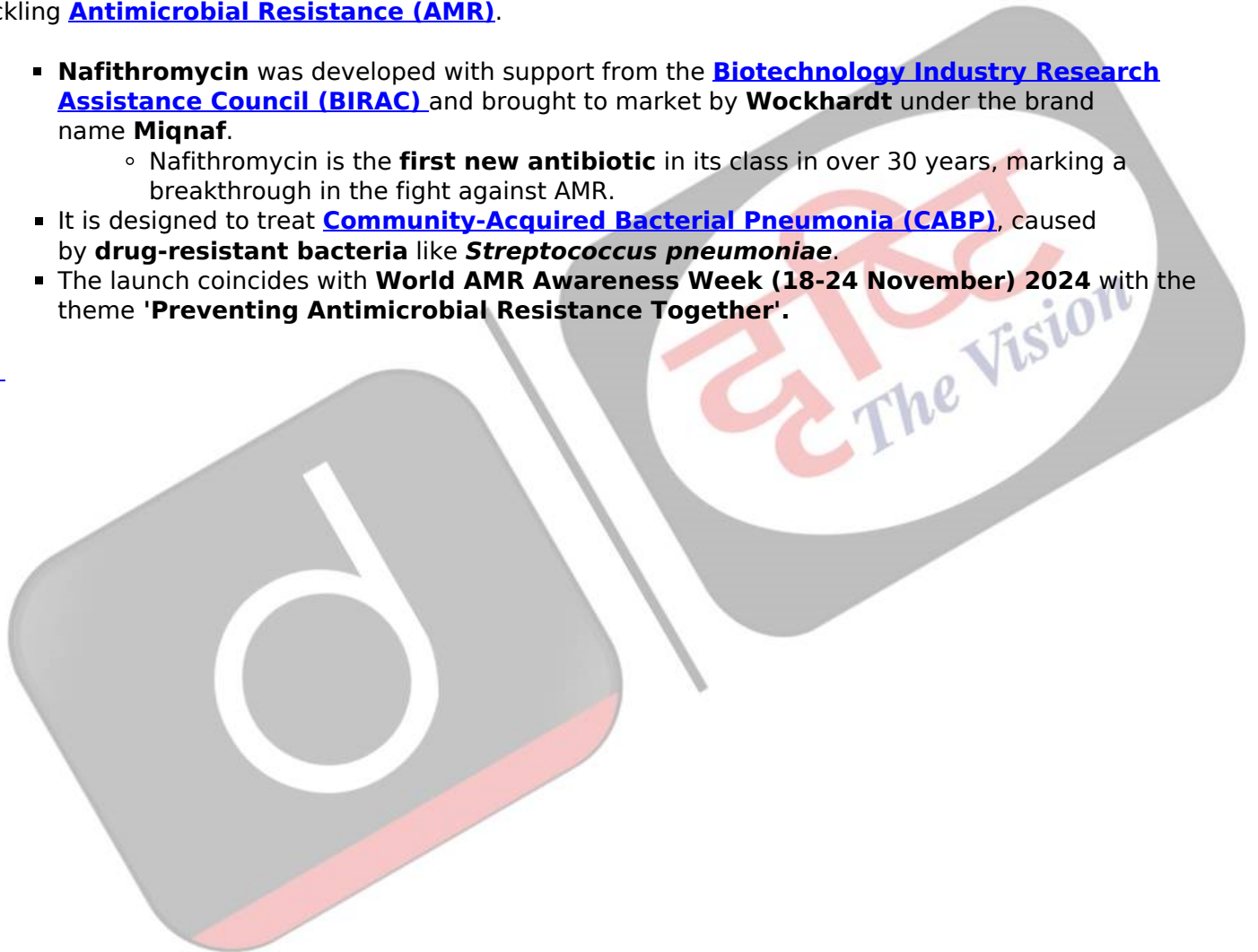
Indigenous Antibiotic Nafithromycin

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Recently, India launched **Nafithromycin**, India's first **indigenous antibiotic** aimed at tackling [Antimicrobial Resistance \(AMR\)](#).

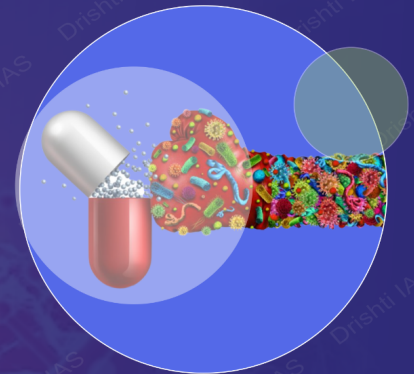
- **Nafithromycin** was developed with support from the [Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council \(BIRAC\)](#) and brought to market by **Wockhardt** under the brand name **Miqnaf**.
 - Nafithromycin is the **first new antibiotic** in its class in over 30 years, marking a breakthrough in the fight against AMR.
- It is designed to treat [Community-Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia \(CABP\)](#), caused by **drug-resistant bacteria** like *Streptococcus pneumoniae*.
- The launch coincides with **World AMR Awareness Week (18-24 November) 2024** with the theme '**Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together**'.

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ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

The ability of microorganisms to resist the effects of antimicrobial drugs



CAUSES OF ↑ AMR

- Poor infection control/sanitation
- Antibiotic overuse
- Genetic mutations of microbe
- Lack of investment in R&D of new antimicrobial drugs

Microbes that develop AMR are called 'Superbugs'

IMPACTS OF AMR

- ↑ Risk of spreading infections
- Makes infections harder to treat; prolonged illness
- ↑ Healthcare costs

EXAMPLE

- Carbapenem antibiotics stop responding due to AMR in *K. pneumoniae*
- AMR *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* causing Rifampicin-Resistant TB (RR-TB)
- Drug-resistant HIV (HIVDR) making antiretroviral (ARV) drugs ineffective

RECOGNITION BY WHO

- Identified AMR as **one of the top 10 threats** to global health
- Launched **GLASS** (Global Antimicrobial Resistance and Use Surveillance System) in 2015

INDIA'S INITIATIVES AGAINST AMR

- Surveillance of AMR in microbes causing **TB, Vector Borne diseases, AIDS etc.**
- **National Action Plan on AMR (2017)** with One Health approach
- **Antibiotic Stewardship Program** by ICMR

New Delhi metallo- β -lactamase-1 (NDM-1) is a bacterial enzyme, emerged from India, that renders all current β -lactam antibiotics inactive

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