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## 1.0 Introduction:

The discovery of antibiotics is considered one of the greatest achievements of the twentieth century, due to their pivotal role in saving the lives of millions of patients worldwide. Since their landmark discovery, the use of antibiotics has grown enormously. For instance, in 2010 azithromycin and amoxicillin were of the ten most commonly prescribed drugs in the United States (http://www.webmd.com/drug-medication/news/20110420/the-10-most-prescribed-drugs#1 (accessed May 24, 2017). Nevertheless, this tremendous growth in antibiotic utilization is not void of dangers, as inappropriate prescription of antibiotics by physicians and overuse of antibiotics by the public, since it raises serious concerns about the emergence of

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