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A CDC report released on December 4th warns of a "phantom menace," a strain of antibiotic-resistant bacteria from the carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) family. This CRE superbug is capable of transmitting antibiotic resistance to other bacteria through a gene carried in a plasmid. It’s easily passed to other bacteria, potentially spreading antibiotic resistance.

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- Perez F & Villegas MV. (2015). The role of surveillance systems in confronting the global crisis of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases, 28(4), 375-383. – click to request full text


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