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*Smart antibiotics aim to fight deadly infections while protecting gut health, marking a breakthrough in safer, targeted treatments.*

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PUNE, MAHARASHTRA, INDIA, September 12, 2025 / EINPresswire.com/ -- A new frontier in antibiotic treatment is emerging: antibiotics that target harmful pathogens while preserving the beneficial bacteria of the human gut. A recent feature article by LogsDay, “Antibiotics That Spare Good Gut Bacteria: A New Era,” highlights the promise of novel agents and strategies aimed at reducing collateral damage to the microbiome.

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• Preserving Gut Microbiome Integrity: Traditional broad-spectrum antibiotics, while effective against infection, often disrupt the delicate balance of gut flora. This can lead to short- and long-term effects, including increased susceptibility to Clostridioides difficile infection, metabolic disturbances, immune dysregulation, and other health issues.

• Targeted Antibiotic Agents Under Development: One promising example is lolamicin, a new antibiotic designed to selectively kill Gram-negative pathogens while sparing beneficial gut bacteria. In animal models, it showed activity against over 130 multidrug-resistant bacterial strains, effectiveness in treating infections like pneumonia and sepsis, and reduced risk of secondary gut infections.

• Emerging Strategy for Antibiotic Selection: Researchers are increasingly focusing on antibiotics with double selectivity — agents that discriminate not only between pathogen vs commensal bacteria but also between Gram-negative vs Gram-positive organisms — thereby □□□□□□□□□□

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Implications for Health and Medicine

The development and adoption of microbiome-sparing antibiotics have the potential to:

- Reduce incidence of antibiotic-associated side effects, such as C. difficile infection.
- Preserve microbial diversity, which is increasingly associated with immune function, metabolic health, and resistance to pathogens.
- Help address the rise of antibiotic resistance by enabling targeted therapy, thus potentially lowering selection pressure on non-target microbes.

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“Most antibiotics in use today cannot distinguish between the beneficial commensals and the pathogens we want to eliminate,” says Paul Hergenrother, PhD, whose team led the research on lolamicin. “Our hope is a next generation of antibiotics that protect the microbiome while still delivering full therapeutic effect.”

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- Clinical trials in humans are needed to confirm safety, efficacy, and microbiome-preserving effects observed in animal models.
- Regulatory pathways will need to address not just traditional end-points (e.g. clearance of infection) but also microbiome health and downstream impacts.
- New antibiotics can be expensive to develop and produce, so making them affordable and widely available will be important.

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