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The balance on the cover picture represents the weighing of the many considerations involved in antibiotic prescribing decision making. One side of the balance outweighs the other side, indicating that considerations regarding antibiotic prescribing are not in balance. The answer to the question ‘why is there imbalance?’ can be found in the conclusion of this thesis. The consequence of the imbalance is that antibiotics are becoming in reach of resistant bacteria.

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