

Is AST in standard bacteriologic media fully sufficient to guide management of certain highly MDR organisms or critically ill patients?

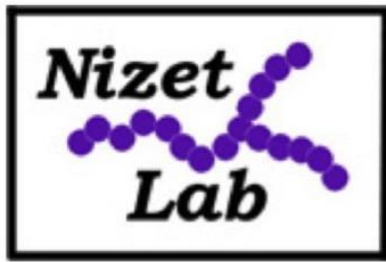
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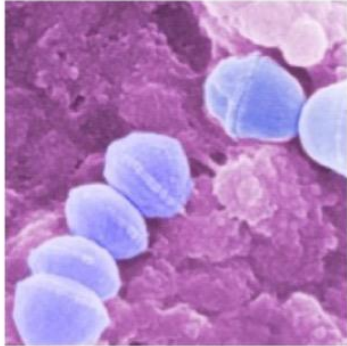
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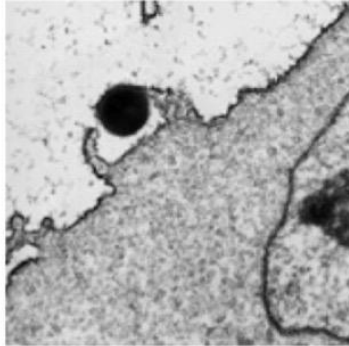


Research focus on common, invasive bacterial pathogens of humans ...

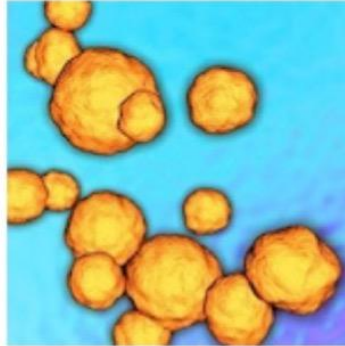
S. pyogenes
(Group A Strep)



S. agalactiae
(Group B Strep)



S. aureus
(Golden Staph)

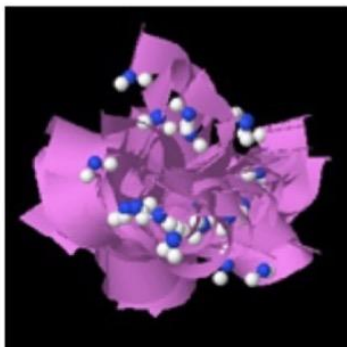


S. pneumoniae MDR Gram-
(Pneumococcus) (e.g. *Pseudomonas*)



... and their interaction with host innate immunity

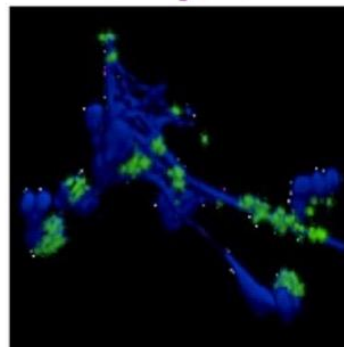
**Cathelicidin
AMPs**



**HIF and
Immunity**



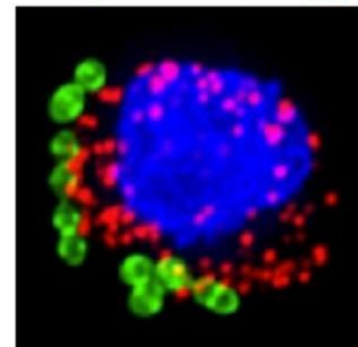
**Neutrophil
Traps**



**Macrophage
Signaling**



**Host-Pathogen
Glycobiology**



thinking



Seeking **alternatives** to classical antibiotics, especially very broad-spectrum agents, that kill bacteria or block their growth

- * **Drugs to block specific pathogen immune resistance factors**
Sensitize pathogens to clearance by normal host innate defenses
More targeted therapy, avoid “collateral damage” to microbiome
- * **Modulation of innate immunity to treat bacterial infections**
Can we pharmacologically boost phagocyte function?
- * **Explore “repurposing” existing drugs for the above properties**
- * **Synergy between pharmaceutical and endogenous antibiotics**

Quiz: Can you name these Harvard researchers?



John Howard Mueller, PhD
(1891-1954)



Jane Hinton, DVM
DVM (1919-2003)

Proc Soc Exp Biol Med, 48: 330-333 (1941)

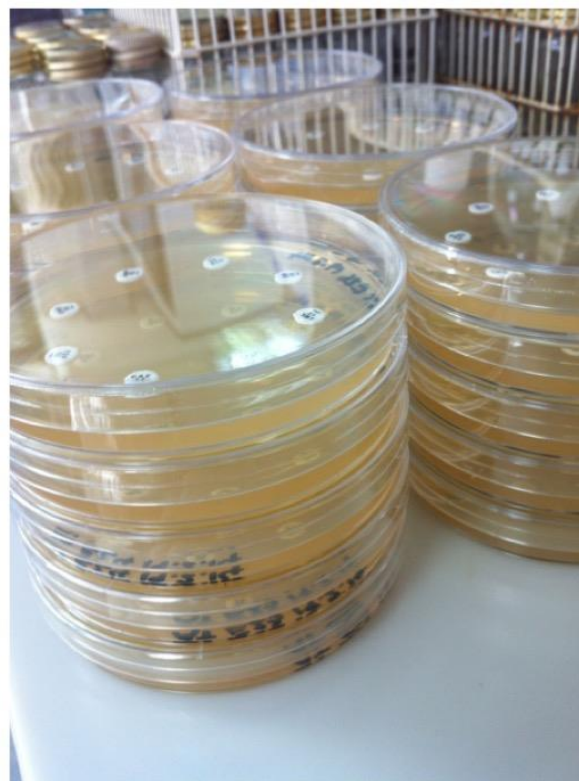
A Protein-Free Medium for Primary Isolation of the Gonococcus and Meningococcus.

J. HOWARD MUELLER AND JANE HINTON.

From the Department of Bacteriology and Immunology, Harvard Medical School,
and School of Public Health, and the Boston Dispensary, Boston, Mass.*

30.0% Beef infusion
1.75% Casein hydrolysate
0.15% Starch
1.70% Agar
pH to neutral at 25°C

**Later – cation-adjusted
(for *Pseudomonas*)**
Calcium 20-25 mg/L
Magnesium 10-12.5 mg/L

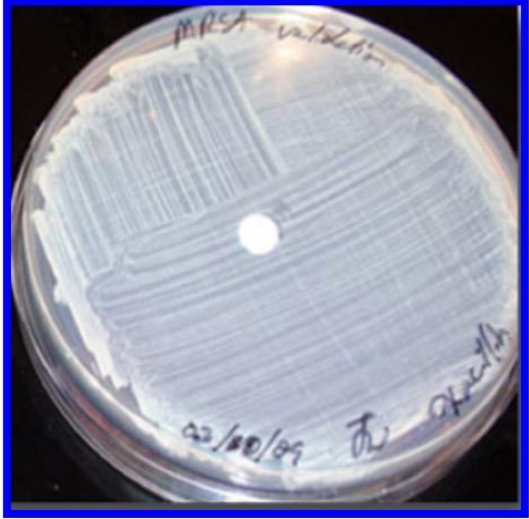


**MIC/MBC TESTING IN BACTERIOLOGIC MEDIA (i.e. CA-MHB),
STRONGLY DELIMITS PHARMACOTHERAPY OF HUMAN
BACTERIAL INFECTIONS**

ANTIBIOTIC DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT

WHICH DRUGS CHOSEN FOR HOSPITAL FORMULARY

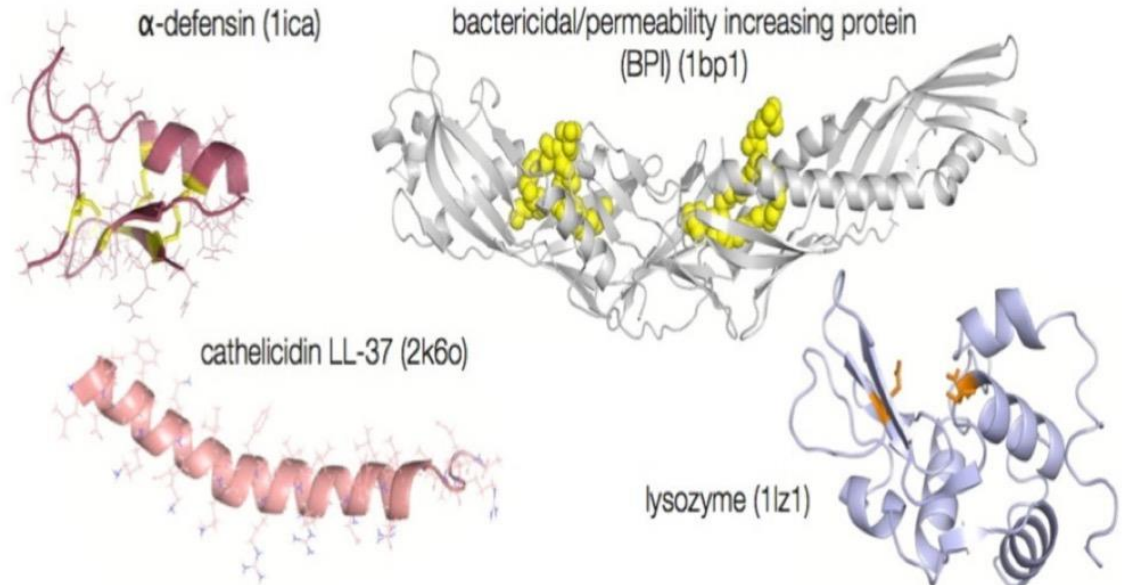
**WHICH INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO DOCTORS WHEN THE
PATHOGEN IS CULTURED FROM THE PATIENT**



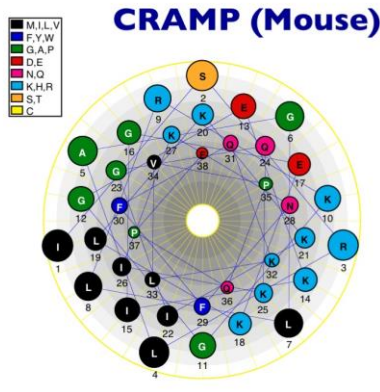
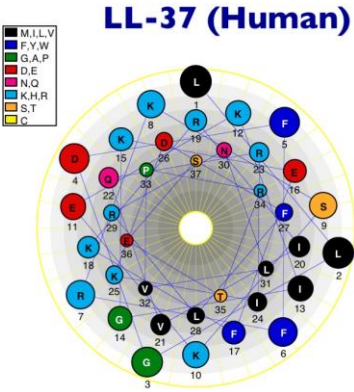


**Before a patient
has even seen
the doctor ...**

**... their infection
is already being
treated by dozens
of antibiotics**



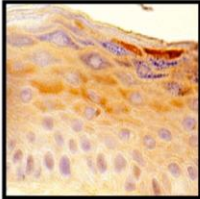
Cathelicidin Peptides: Natural Antibiotics of Innate Immunity



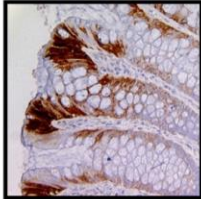
Similar:

- encoding genes
- alpha-helical structure
- tissue distribution
- spectrum of activity

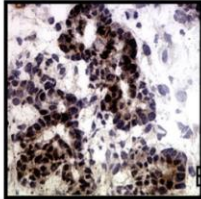
Produced on Epithelial Surfaces & By Granulocytes



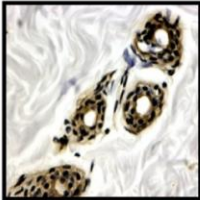
Skin



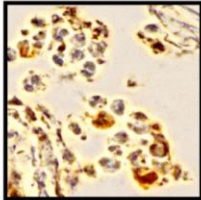
Colon



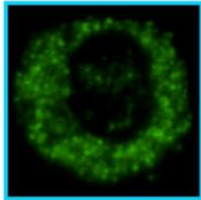
Salivary Gland



Sweat Gland

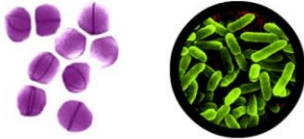


Neutrophil

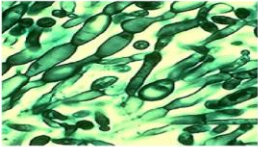


Mast Cell

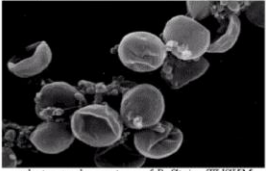
Broad-Spectrum Antimicrobial Activity



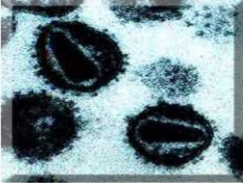
Bacteria



Fungi

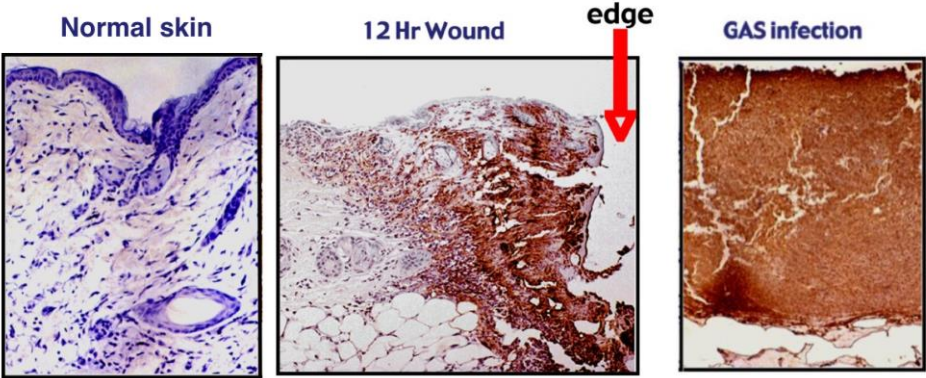


Parasites



Viruses

Immunostain for Cathelicidin



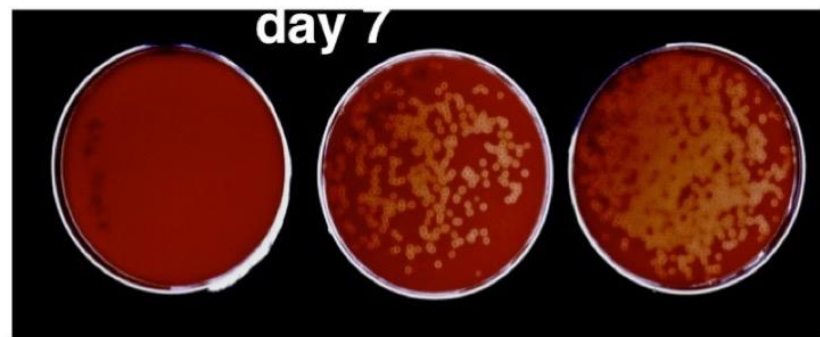
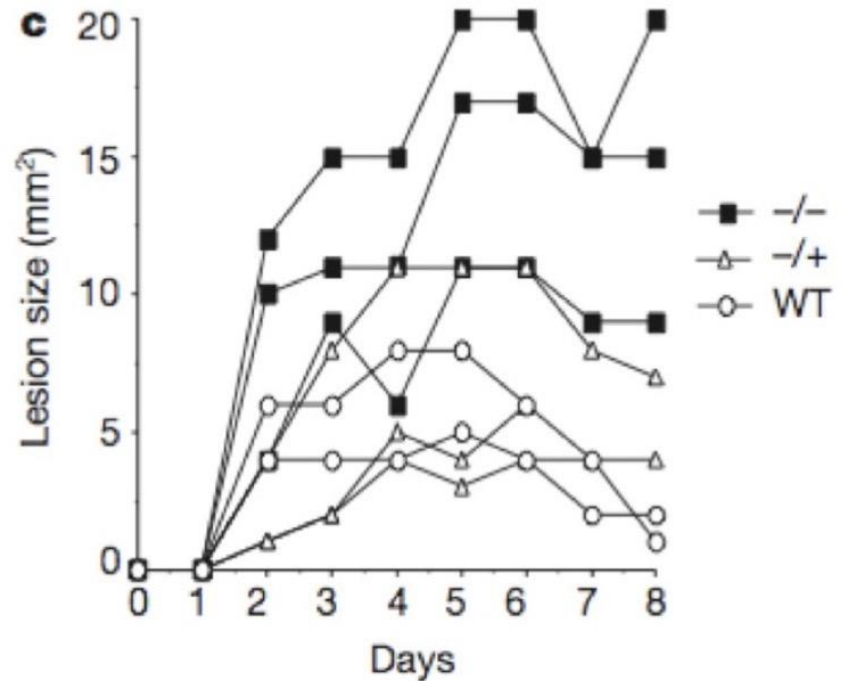
CRAMP-KO Mouse Has Immune Defect



Wild-type Mice



Knockout Mice



+/+

+/-

-/-



METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS (MRSA)



80,461
SEVERE MRSA
INFECTIONS PER YEAR



11,285
DEATHS FROM
MRSA PER YEAR

THREAT LEVEL
SERIOUS



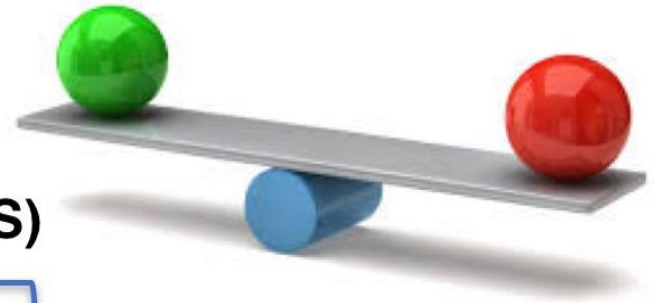
This bacteria is a serious concern and requires prompt and sustained action to ensure the problem does not grow.



STAPH BACTERIA ARE A LEADING CAUSE OF
HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS

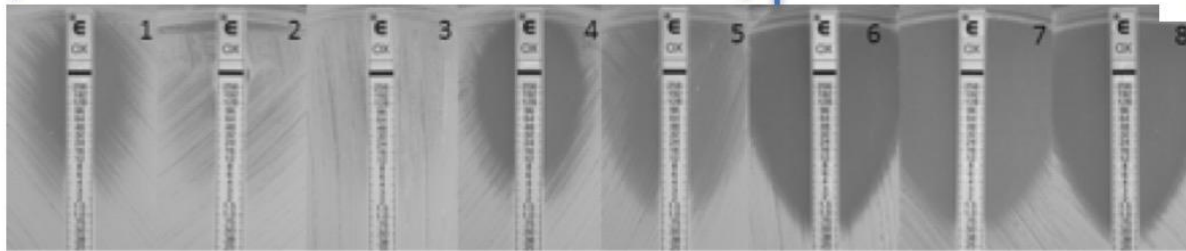


“Seesaw Effect” between Daptomycin Nonsusceptibility and β -Lactam Susceptibility in *Staph. haemolyticus*

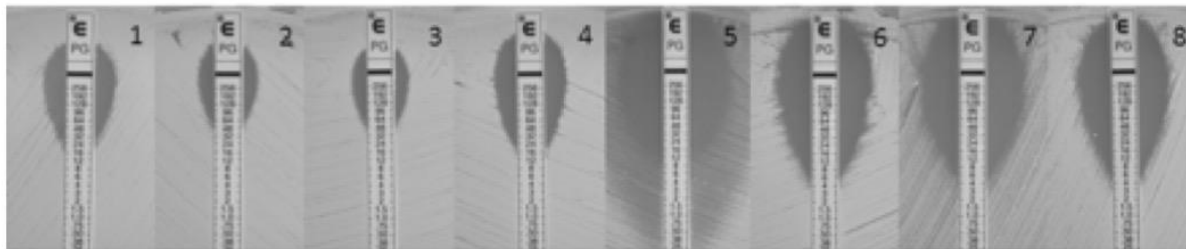


Daptomycin (S)

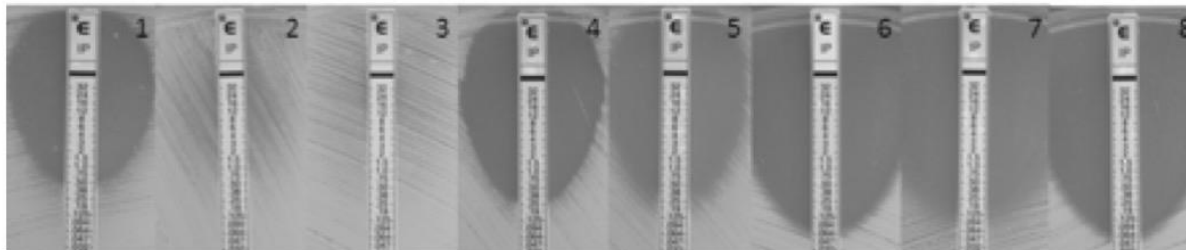
Daptomycin (NS)



Oxacillin



Penicillin

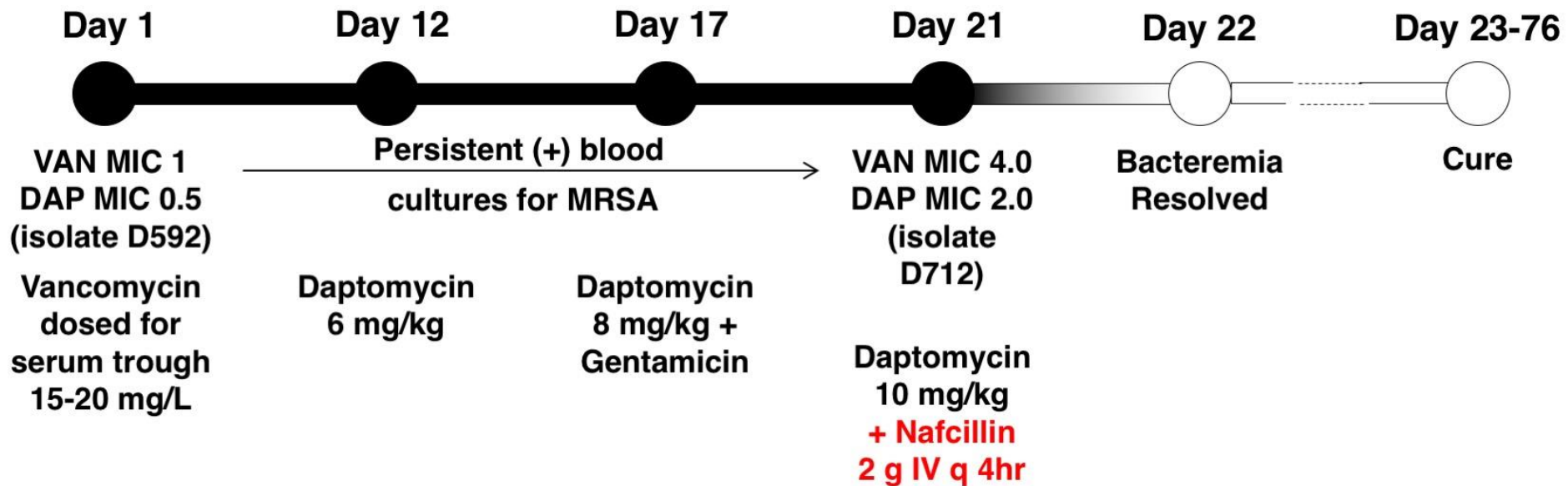


Imipenam

Continuation of patient therapy w/ Daptomycin

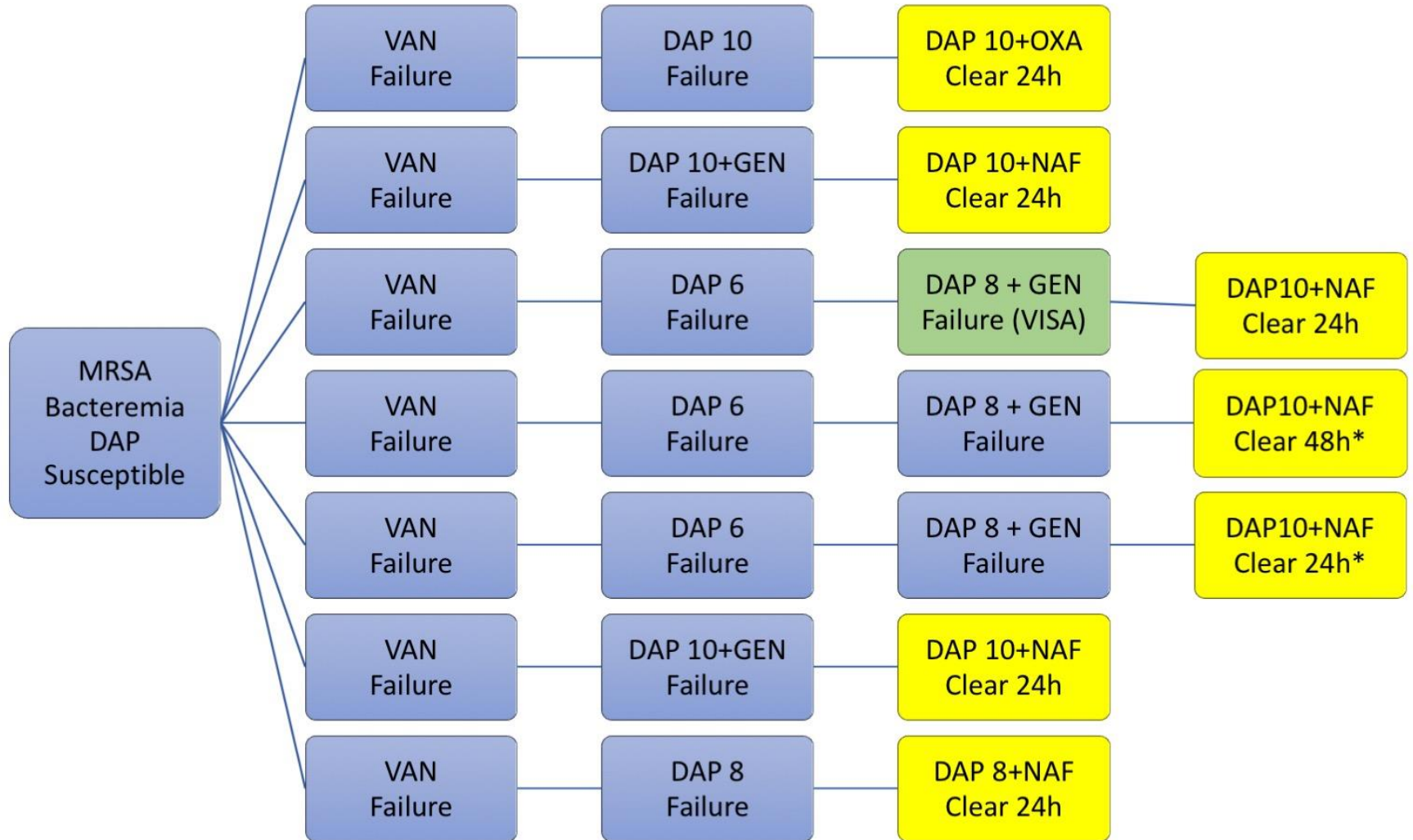
Vignaroli et al. Antimicrob Agents Chemother 2011

Reintroduction of β -Lactam Antibiotics in Refractory M.R.S.A. Bacteremia – With Surprising Results



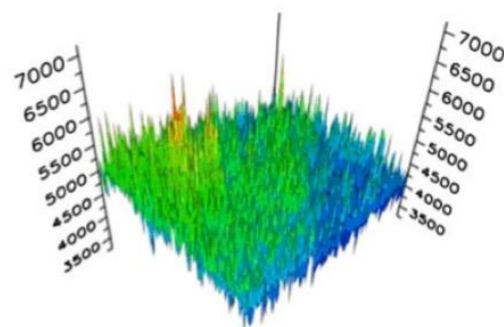
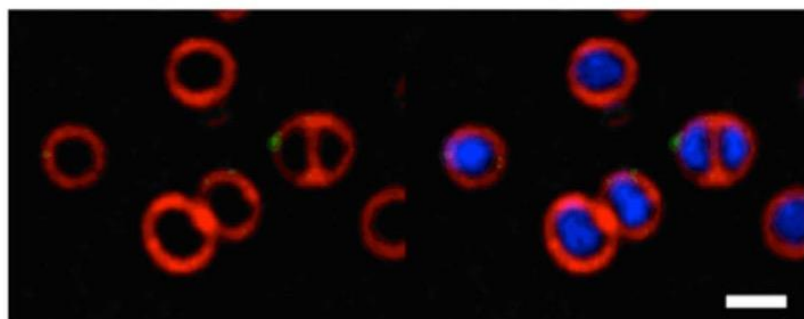
George Sakoulas, MD

Rapid MRSA Bacteremia Clearance with High-Dose Daptomycin plus a β -lactam

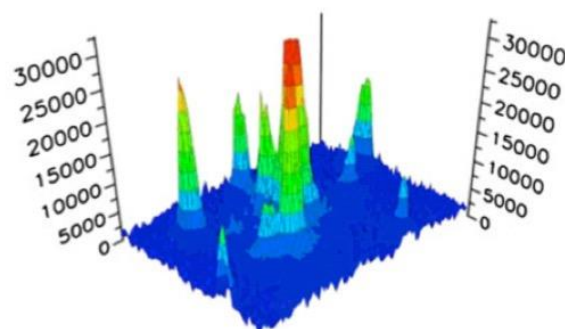
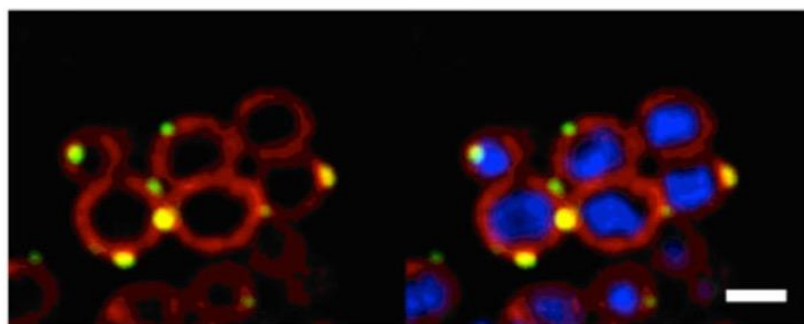


Exposure to Sub-MIC Nafcillin Increases Daptomycin Binding to *S. aureus* Cell Wall

Daptomycin-resistant VISA Clinical Isolate

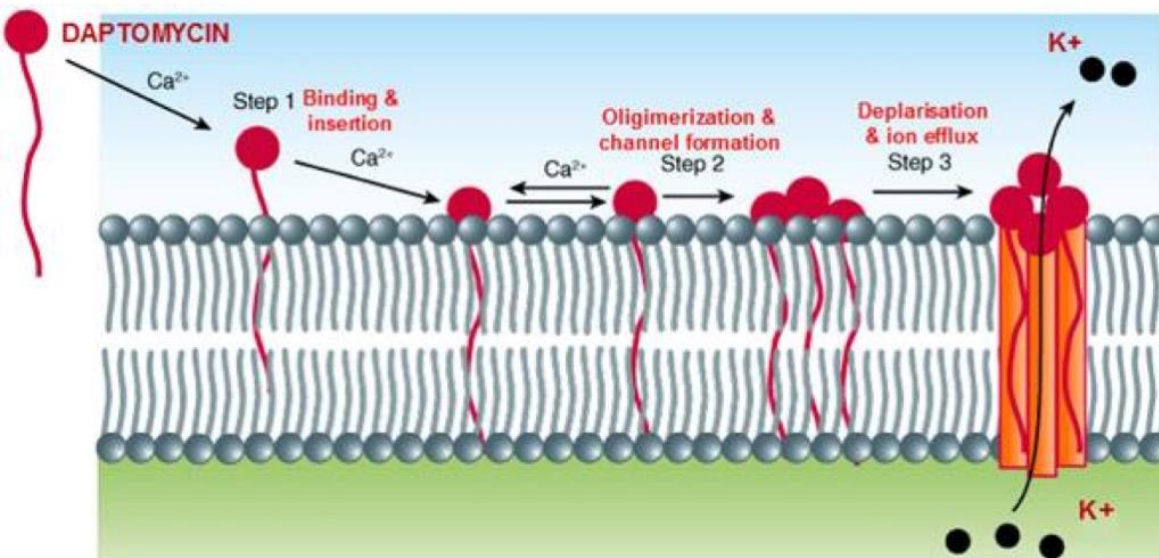


No nafcillin



**Add nafcillin
(40 $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$)**

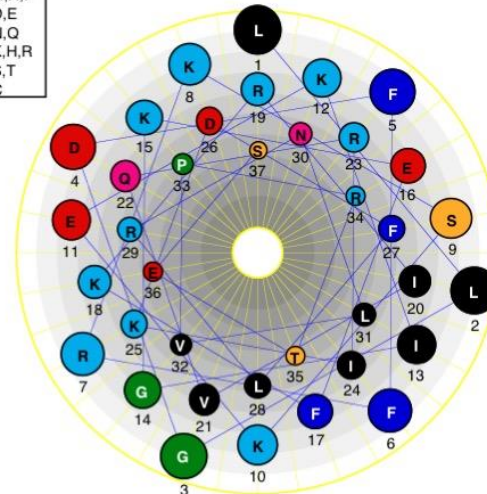
Bodipy-Dapto (Green/yellow)



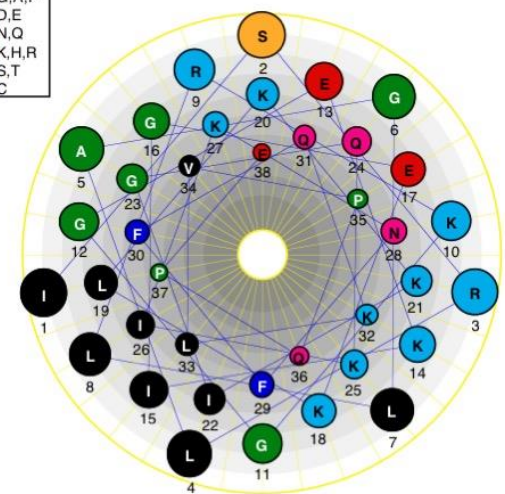
Daptomycin binds Ca²⁺ *in vivo* as an integral part of its mechanism of action – i.e. it becomes a *de facto* cationic peptide

CATHELICIDIN

Cationic antimicrobial peptides such as cathelicidin are a critical component of mammalian innate immunity

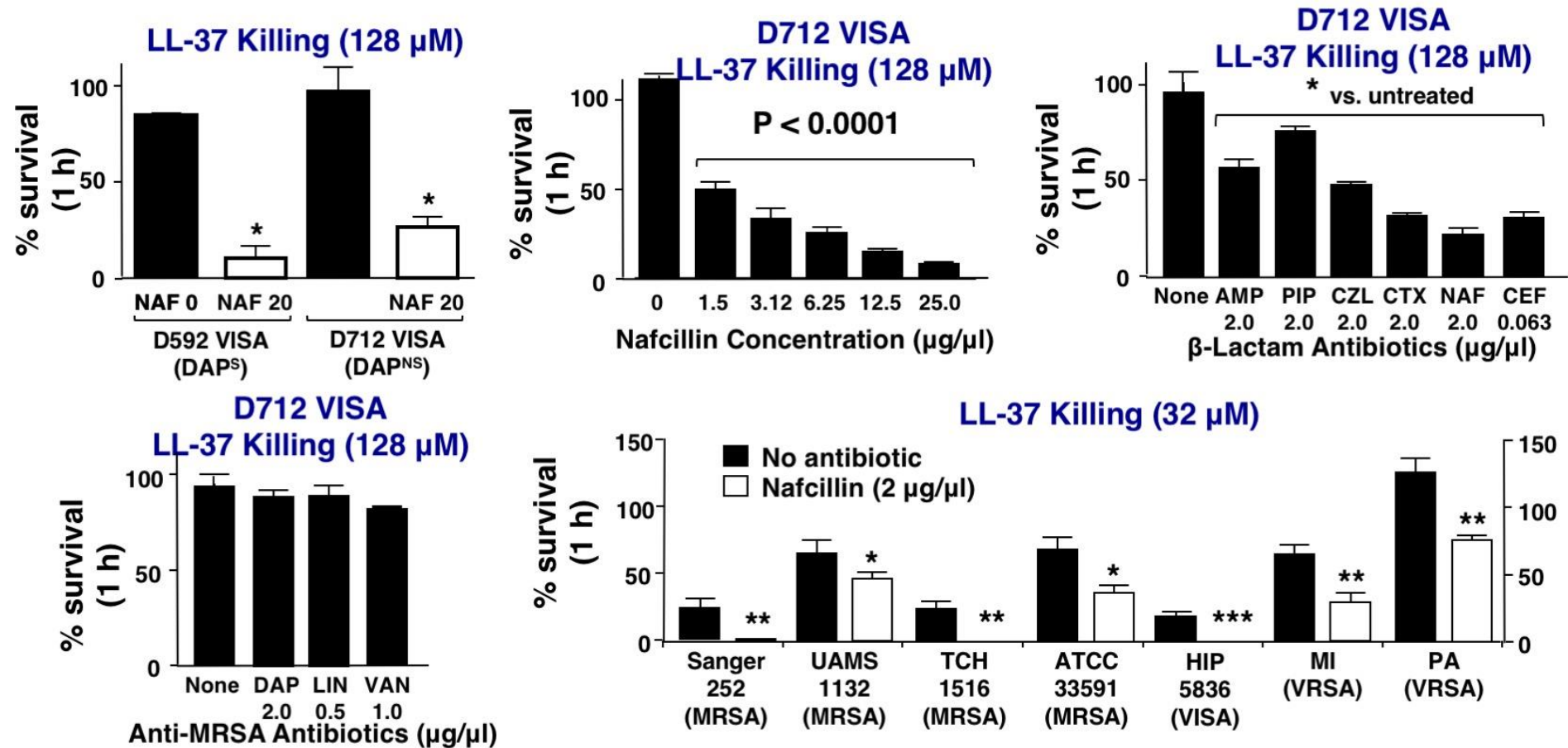


LL-37 (Human)



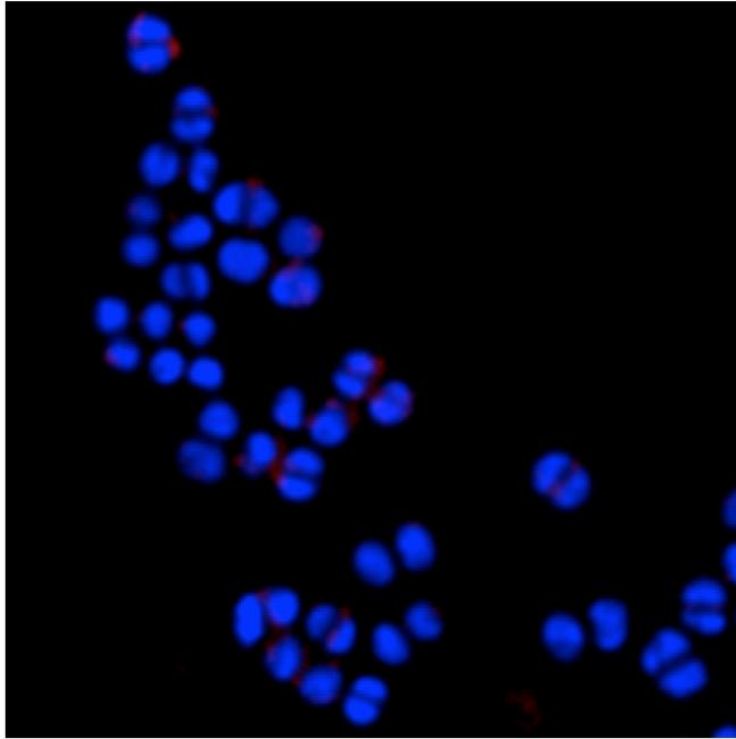
CRAMP (Mouse)

Sublethal Nafcillin Dramatically Sensitizes MRSA/VISA Strains to Human Cathelicidin AMP LL-37 Killing

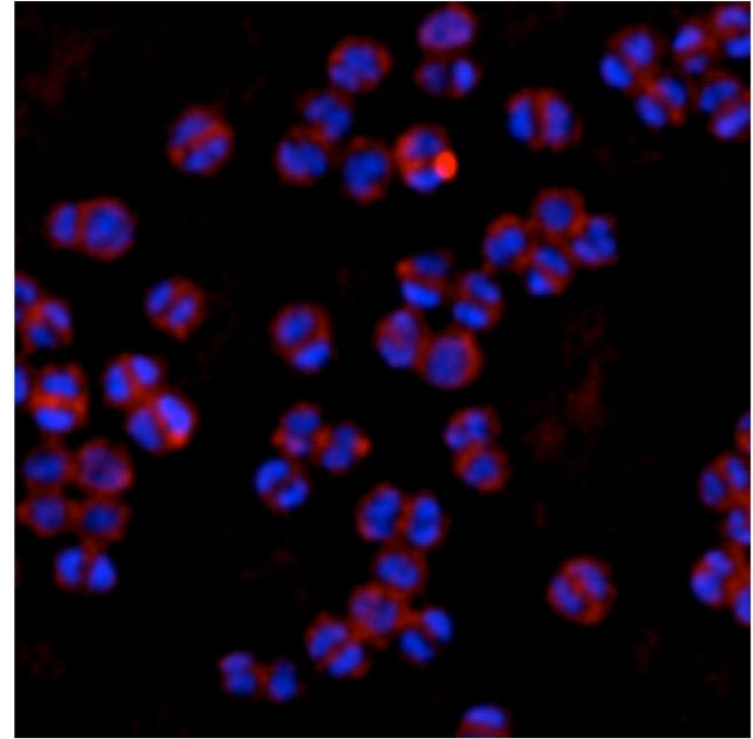


Similar results with human alpha-defensin, platelet-derived AMP, and murine cathelicidin

Nafcillin Increases Binding to MRSA by Rhodamine-Labeled Cathelicidin LL-37

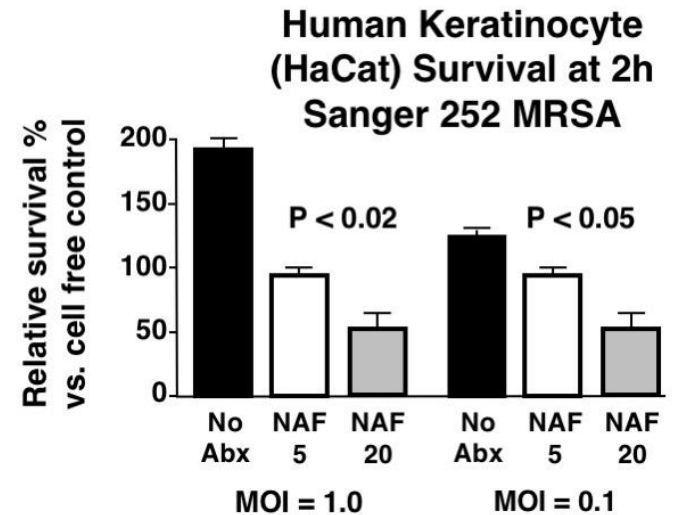
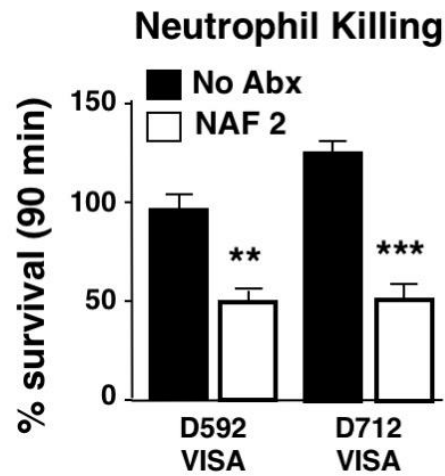
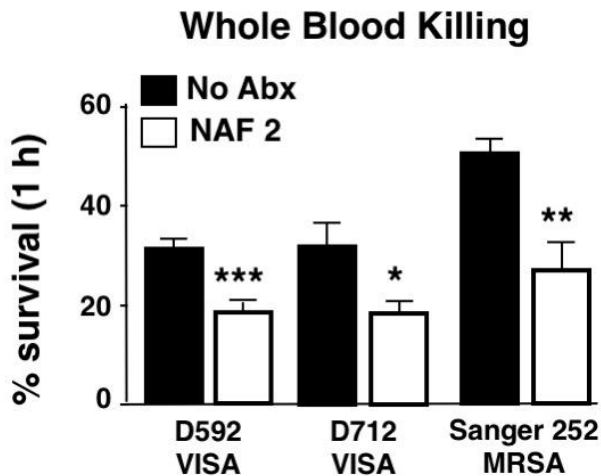


MRSA + LL-37



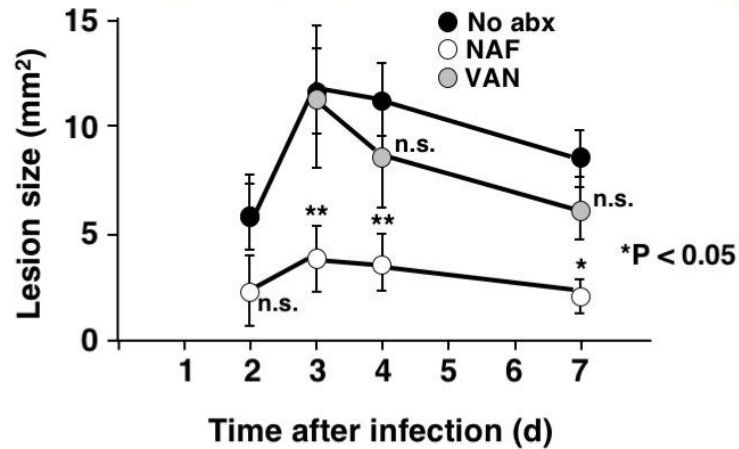
**MRSA + LL-37
+ Naf 10**

Sublethal Nafcillin Sensitizes MRSA/VISA Strains to Whole Blood, Neutrophil & Keratinocyte Killing

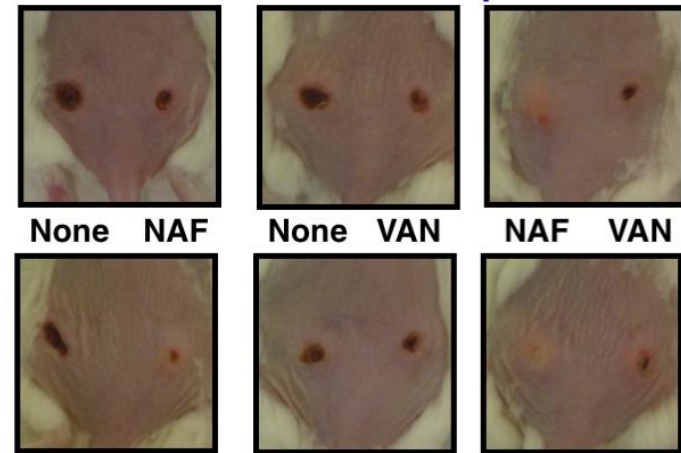


Sublethal Nafcillin (Monotherapy) Influences MRSA Lesion Development in Mouse Skin Infection Models

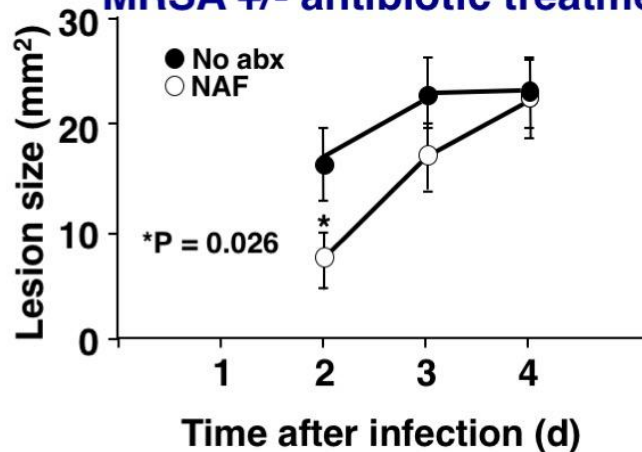
Antibiotic pretreatment of Sanger 252 MRSA followed by mouse subcutaneous challenge



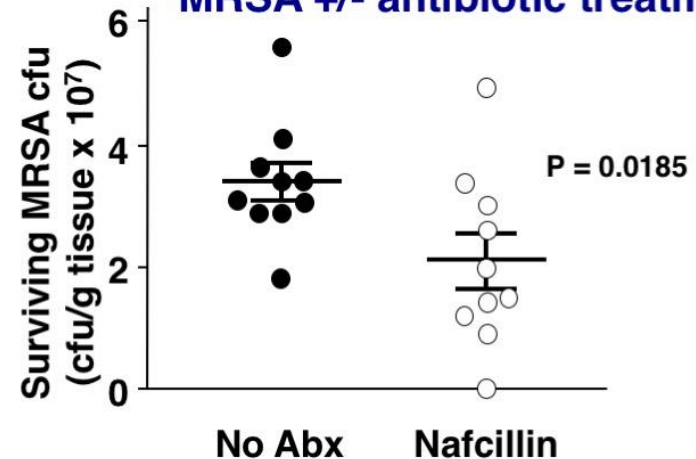
Representative gross appearance of skin lesions at 48 h time point

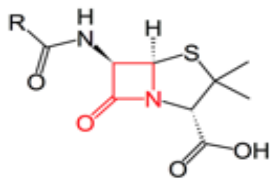


Mouse s.c. challenge with Sanger 252 MRSA +/- antibiotic treatment

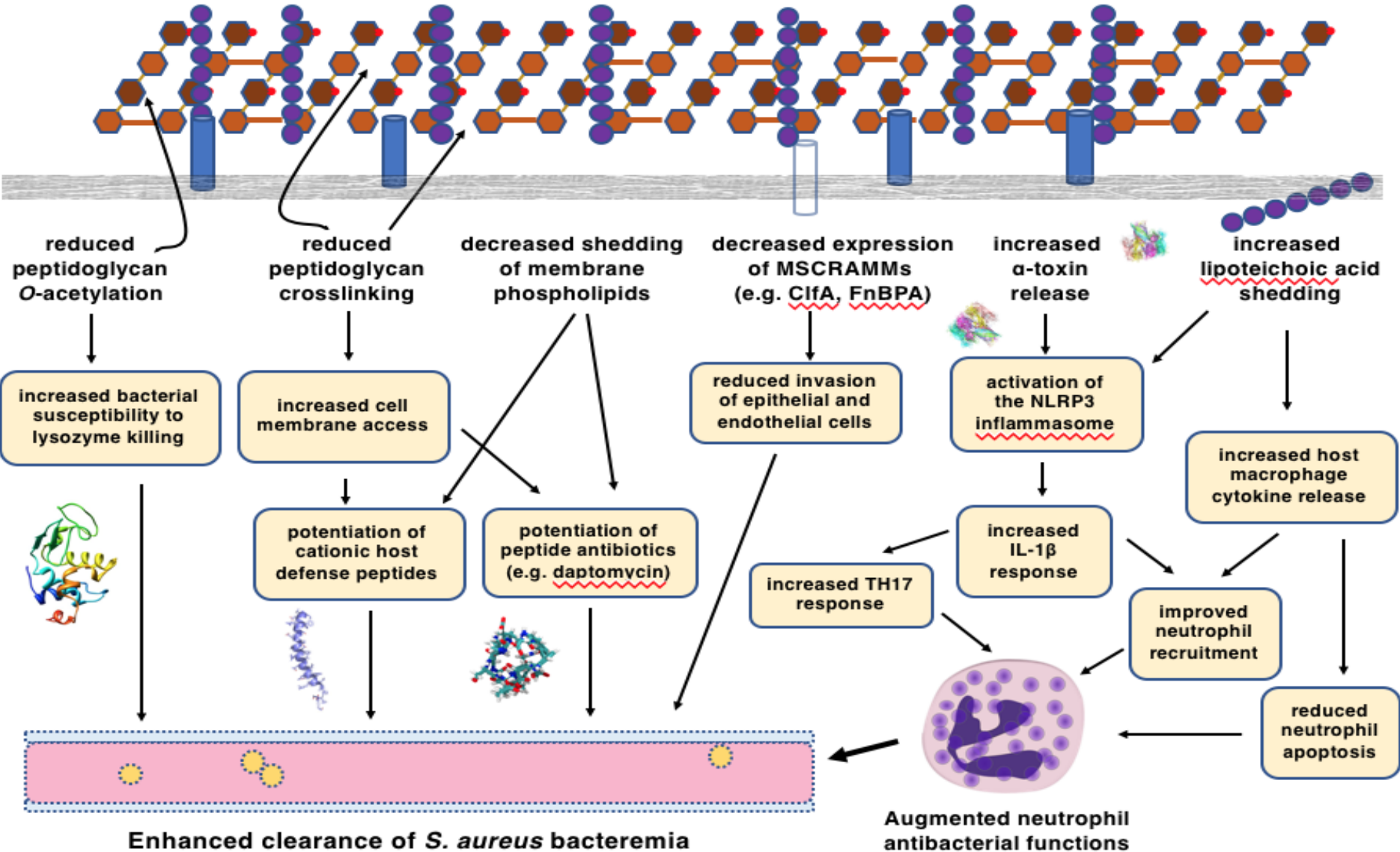
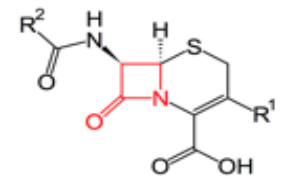


Mouse s.c. challenge with Sanger 252 MRSA +/- antibiotic treatment





Potential beneficial effects of β -Lactam antibiotics not reflected in MIC





CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT ENTEROBACTERIACEAE

THREAT LEVEL URGENT ○○○○○

This bacteria is an immediate public health threat that requires urgent and aggressive action.

9,000 DRUG-RESISTANT INFECTIONS PER YEAR

600 DEATHS

CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT **7,900** CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT **1,400** *E. COLI*

CRE HAVE BECOME RESISTANT TO ALL OR NEARLY ALL AVAILABLE ANTIBIOTICS



MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT PSEUDOMONAS AERUGINOSA

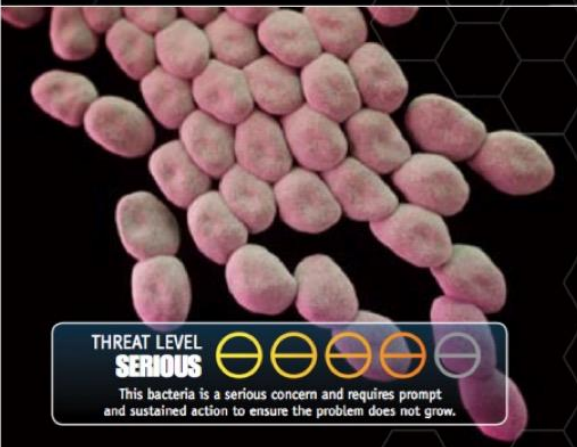
THREAT LEVEL SERIOUS ○○○○○

This bacteria is a serious concern and requires prompt and sustained action to ensure the problem does not grow.

6,700 MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT *PSEUDOMONAS* INFECTIONS

440 DEATHS

51,000 *PSEUDOMONAS* INFECTIONS PER YEAR



MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT ACINETOBACTER

THREAT LEVEL SERIOUS ○○○○○

This bacteria is a serious concern and requires prompt and sustained action to ensure the problem does not grow.

7,300 MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT *ACINETOBACTER* INFECTIONS

500 DEATHS FROM MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT INFECTIONS

12,000 *ACINETOBACTER* INFECTIONS PER YEAR

AT LEAST THREE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF ANTIBIOTICS **NO LONGER CURE RESISTANT ACINETOBACTER INFECTIONS**

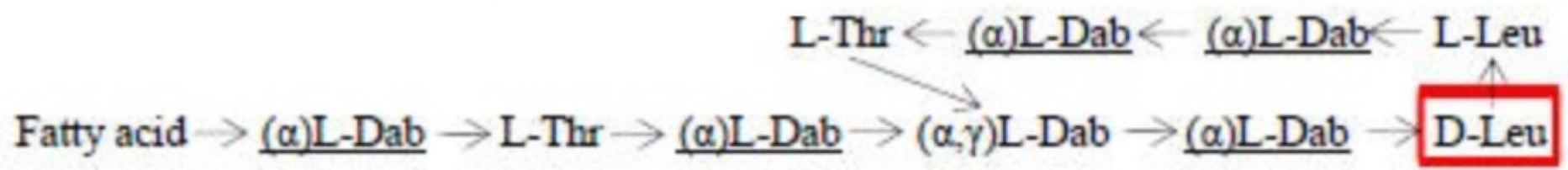
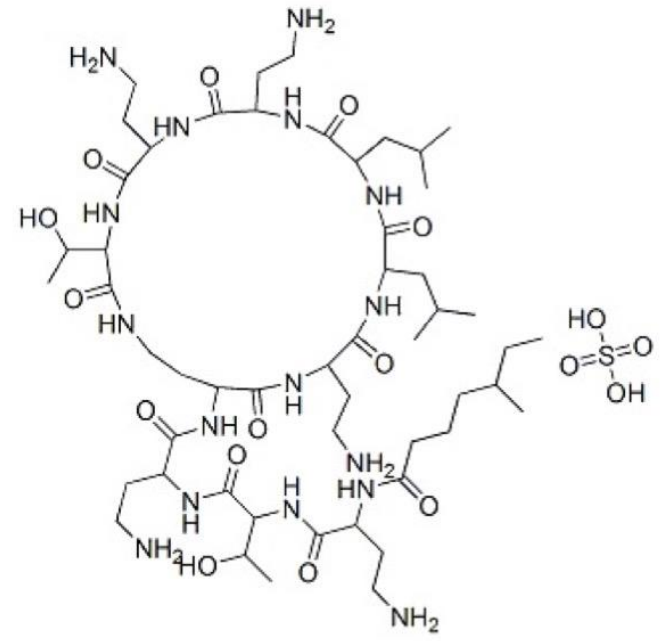
| ANTIBIOTIC | <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> , P4 (MDR) | | <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> , K1100 (MDR, KPC) | | <i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> , AB5075 (MDR) | |
|-------------------------|---|----------------|--|----------------|--|----------------|
| | MIC | Interpretation | MIC | Interpretation | MIC | Interpretation |
| Ampicillin | > 32 | R | > 32 | R | > 32 | R |
| Amoxicillin/Clavulanate | > 32 | R | > 32 | R | > 32 | R |
| Ampicillin/Sulbactam | > 32 | R | > 32 | R | > 32 | R |
| Ticarcillin | | | > 128 | R | > 128 | R |
| Ticarcillin/Clavulanate | > 128 | R | | | | |
| Piperacillin | > 128 | R | > 128 | R | > 128 | R |
| Piperacillin/Tazobactam | > 128 | R | > 128 | R | > 128 | R |
| Cefalotin | > 64 | R | > 64 | R | > 64 | R |
| Cefazolin | > 64 | R | > 64 | R | > 64 | R |
| Cefuroxime | > 64 | R | > 64 | R | > 64 | R |
| Cefuroxime Axetil | > 64 | R | > 64 | R | > 64 | R |
| Cefotetan | > 64 | R | 8 | *R | > 64 | R |
| Cefoxitin | > 64 | R | 32 | R | > 64 | R |
| Cefpodoxime | > 8 | R | > 8 | R | > 8 | R |
| Cefotaxime | > 64 | R | 8 | R | > 64 | R |
| Ceftazidime | > 64 | R | > 64 | R | > 64 | R |
| Ceftizoxime | > 64 | R | 4 | *R | > 64 | R |
| Ceftriaxone | > 64 | R | > 64 | R | > 64 | R |
| Cefepime | > 64 | R | 4 | *R | > 64 | R |
| Aztreonam | > 64 | R | > 64 | R | > 64 | R |
| Doripenem | > 8 | R | > 8 | R | > 8 | |
| Ertapenem | | | > 8 | R | | |
| Imipenem | > 16 | R | 8 | R | > 16 | R |
| Meropenem | > 16 | R | > 16 | R | > 16 | R |
| Amikacin | 32 | I | > 64 | R | > 64 | R |
| Gentamicin | 8 | I | > 16 | R | > 16 | R |
| Tobramycin | < 1 | S | > 16 | R | 8 | I |
| Nalidixic Acid | > 32 | R | > 32 | R | > 32 | R |
| Ciprofloxacin | > 4 | R | > 4 | R | > 4 | R |
| Levofloxacin | > 8 | R | > 8 | R | 4 | I |
| Moxifloxacin | > 8 | R | > 8 | R | > 8 | R |
| Norfloxacin | 8 | I | > 16 | R | > 16 | R |
| Tetracycline | > 16 | R | 4 | S | < 1 | S |
| Tigecycline | > 8 | R | 4 | I | < 0.5 | S |
| Nitrofurantoin | > 512 | R | 128 | R | > 512 | R |
| TMP/SFX | > 320 | R | 40 | S | > 320 | R |

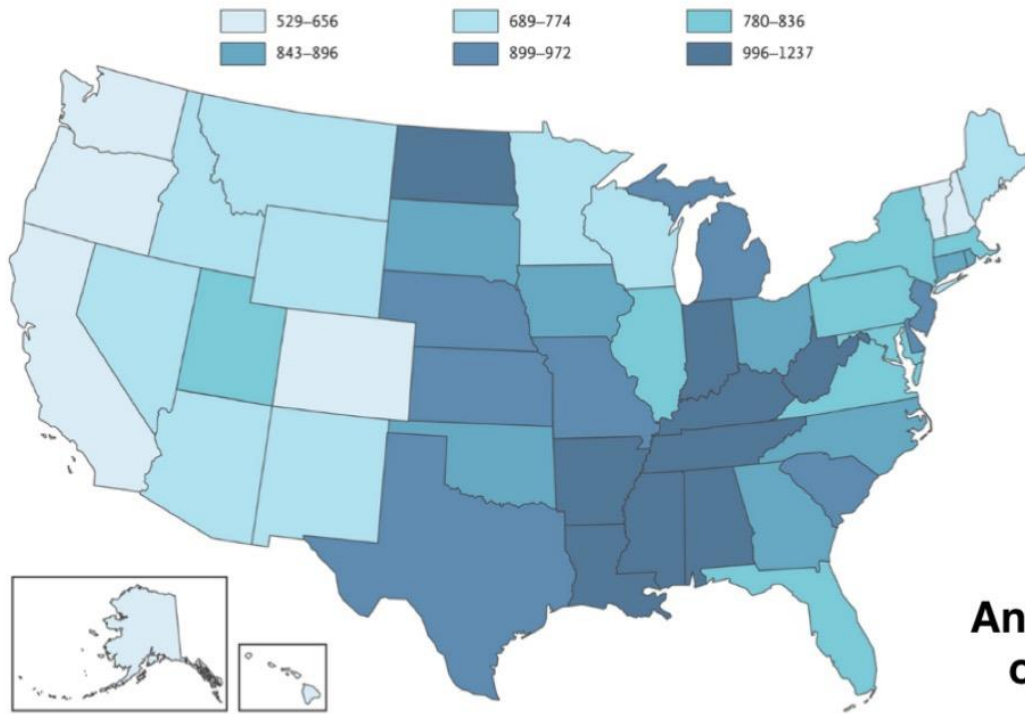
Colistin (Polymyxin E2) from *Paenibacillus polymyxa*

“Drug of Last Resort” for MDR Gram- Pathogens

Pentacationic polypeptide consisting of a cyclic heptapeptide, a linear tripeptide and a fatty acid tail linked to the N-terminal of the tripeptide.

The five L-diaminobutyric acid (L-Dab) molecules are positively charged.

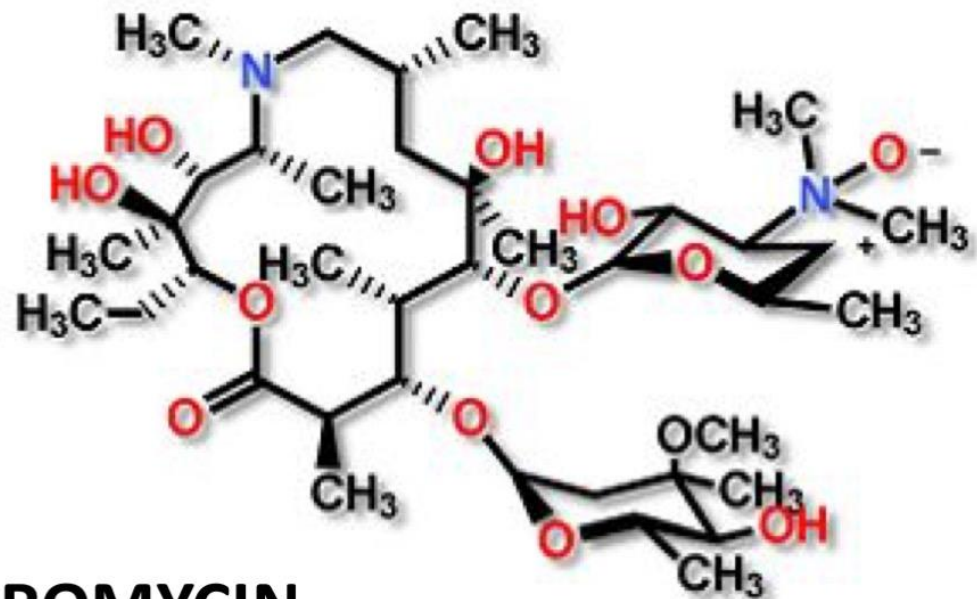
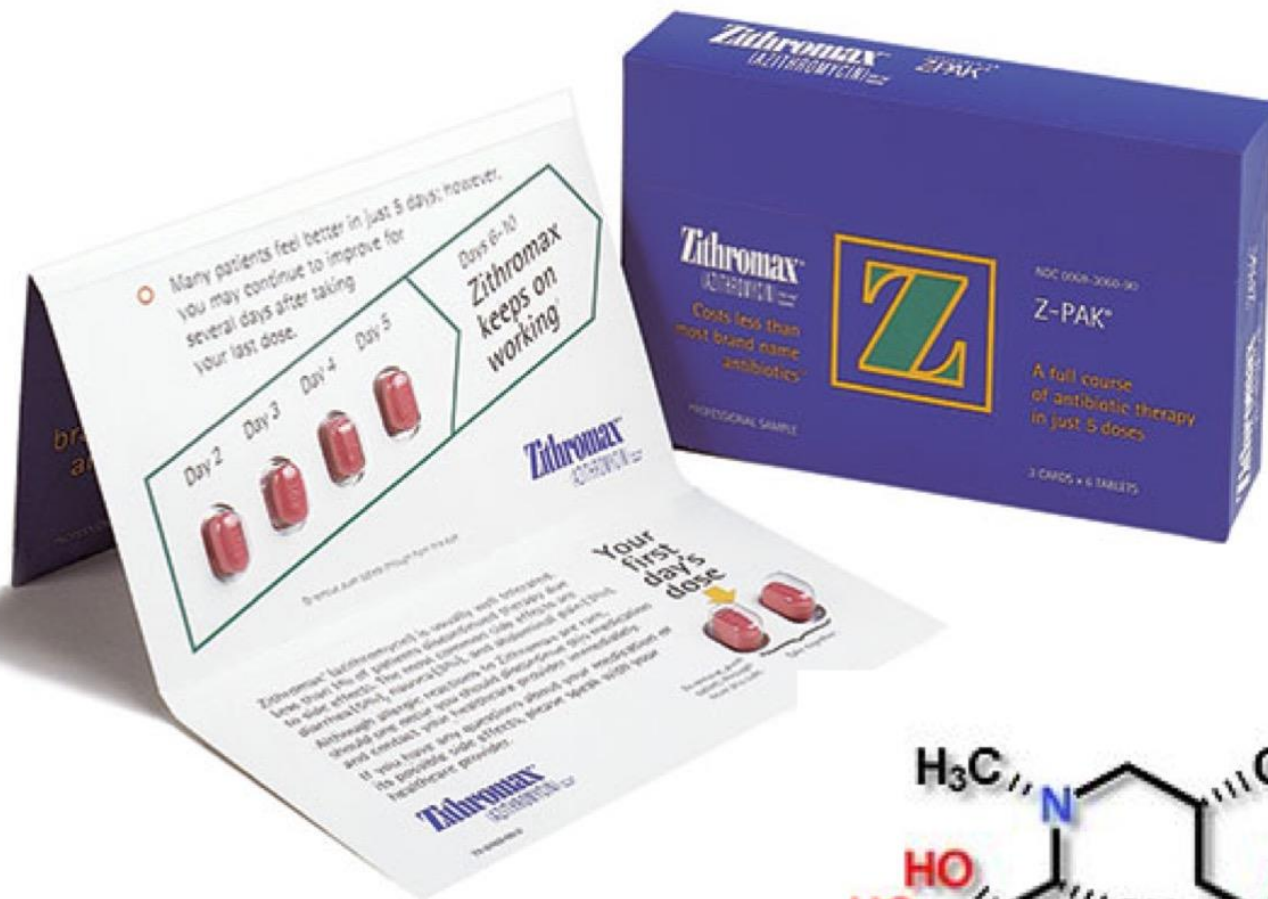




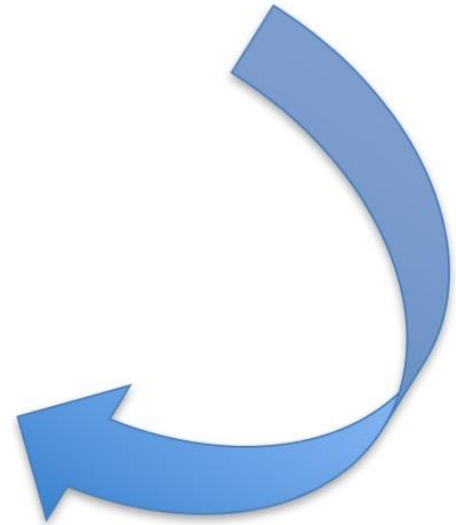
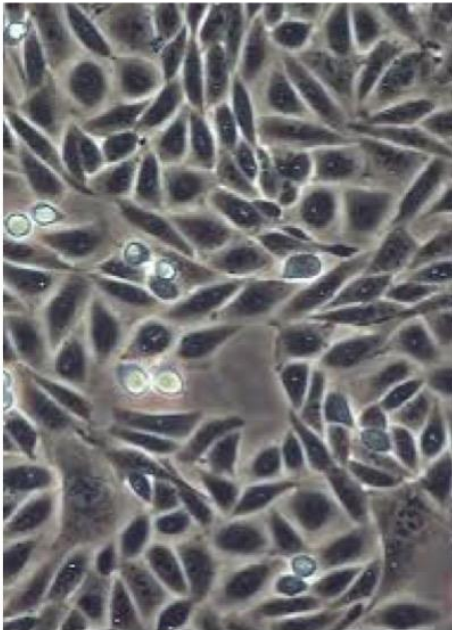
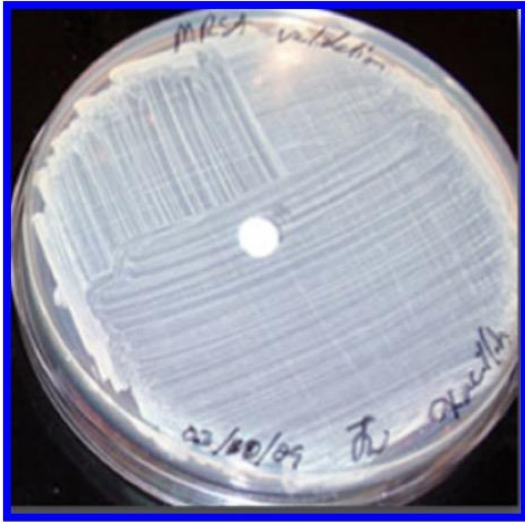
Antibiotic Prescriptions per 1000 Persons of All Ages , According to State (2010)
Hicks et al. New Engl J Med 2013

What is the most commonly prescribed antibiotic in the United States? (> 60 million/year)





AZITHROMYCIN



Dramatic Differences in Azithromycin Activity vs. Multidrug-Resistant Gram-Negative Rods in Tissue Culture Media vs. Bacteriologic Media

| Bacterial Strain | Azithromycin MIC in Ca-MHB (ug/ml) | Azithromycin MIC in 5% LB-RPMI (ug/ml) |
|--|------------------------------------|--|
| MDR <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> – P4 | >64 | 4 |
| <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> – PA01 | >64 | 2 |
| Carbapenemase-Producing <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> (KPC) – K1100 | 32 | 1 |
| <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> – K700603 | 64 | 2 |
| MDR <i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> – AB5075 | 32 | 0.5 |
| <i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> – AB19606 | 64 | 0.25 |

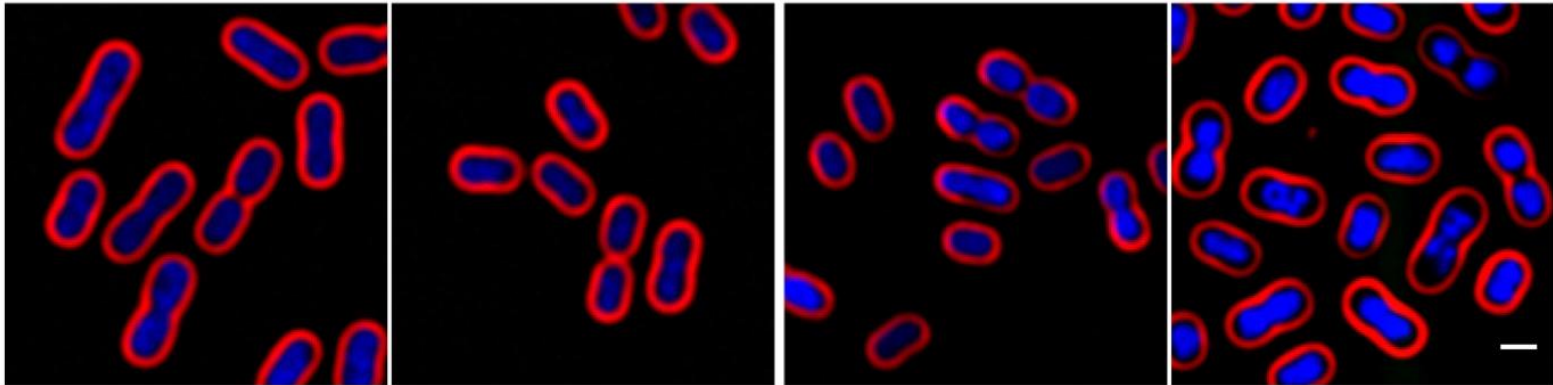
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MDR *A. baumannii*

Ca-MHB

RPMI (5% LB)

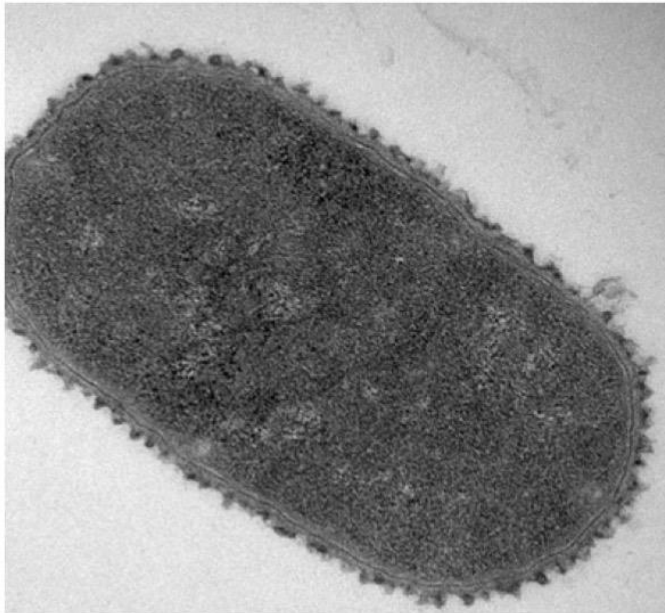


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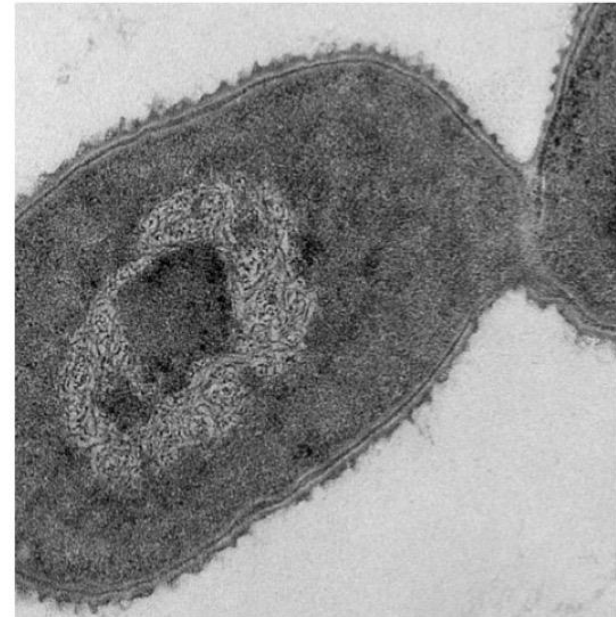
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RPMI (5% LB), no Abx

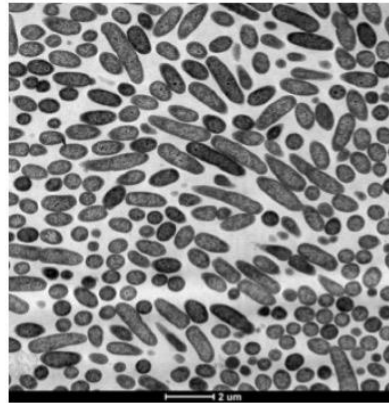


RPMI (5% LB) + AZM 2

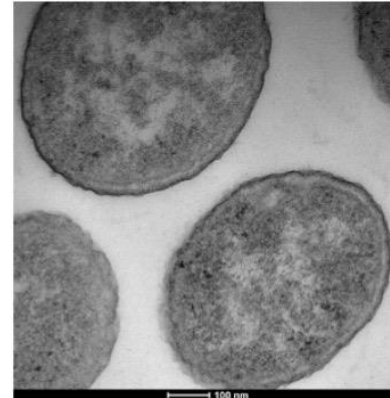
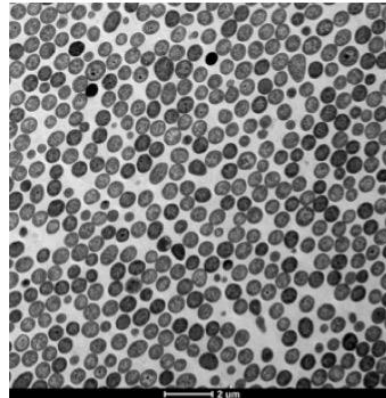
Subinhibitory Azithromycin Induces Marked Ultrastructural Changes in Pseudomonas

MDR *P. aeruginosa* in RPMI (5% LB)

Control

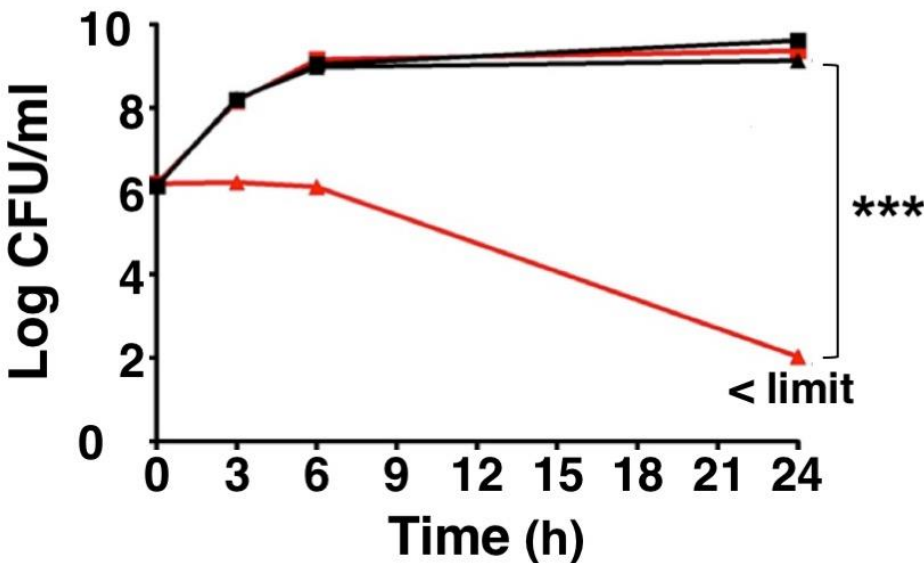


Azithromycin
1/8th MIC



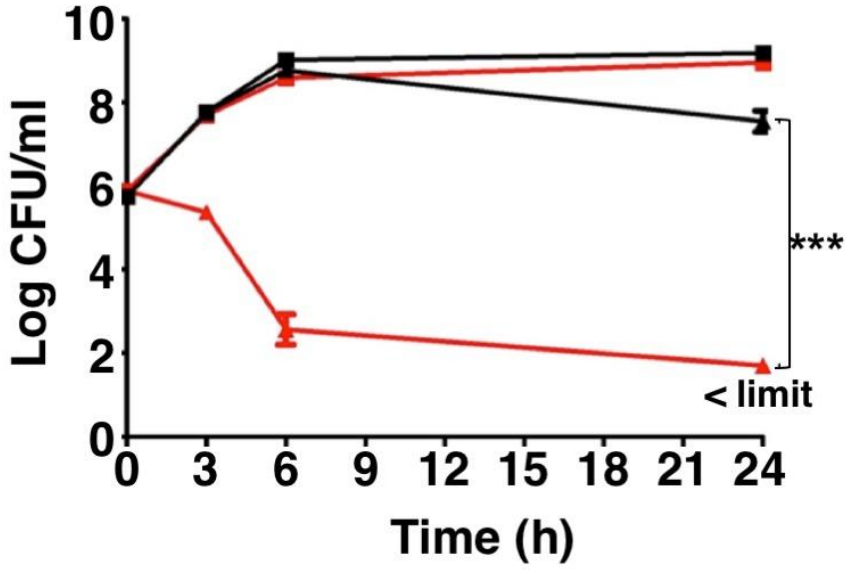
Azithromycin is Cidal for MDR Gram-Negative Rods at low Concentrations in RPMI + 5% LB

MDR *K. pneumoniae*



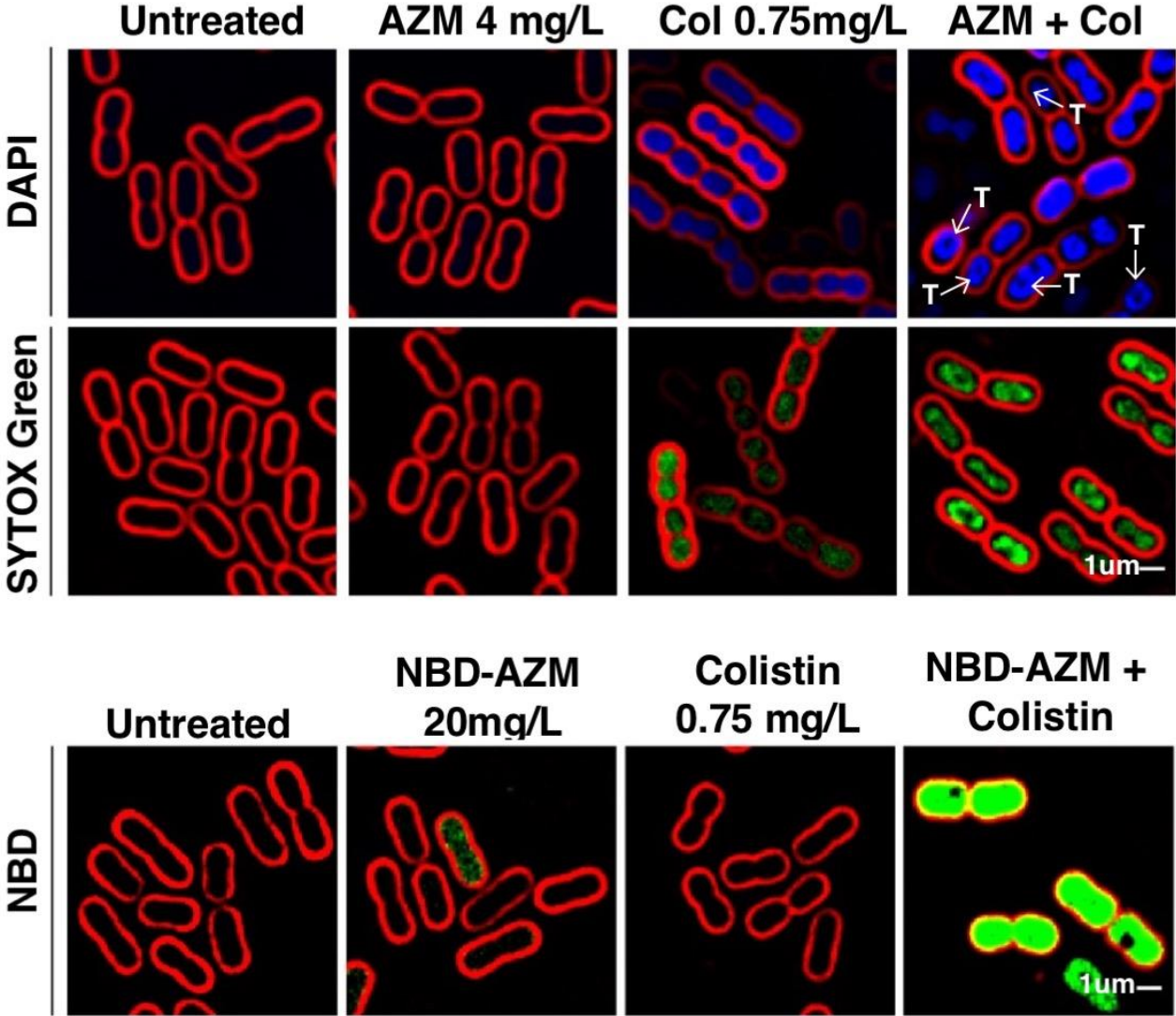
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 RPMI (5% LB) ▲ ▲ AZM 1

MDR *A. baumannii*

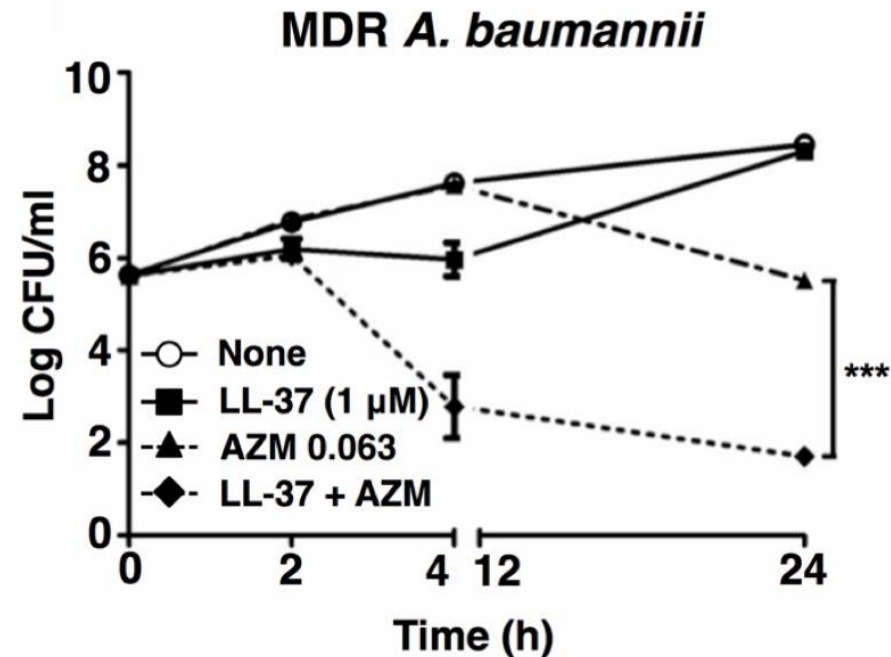
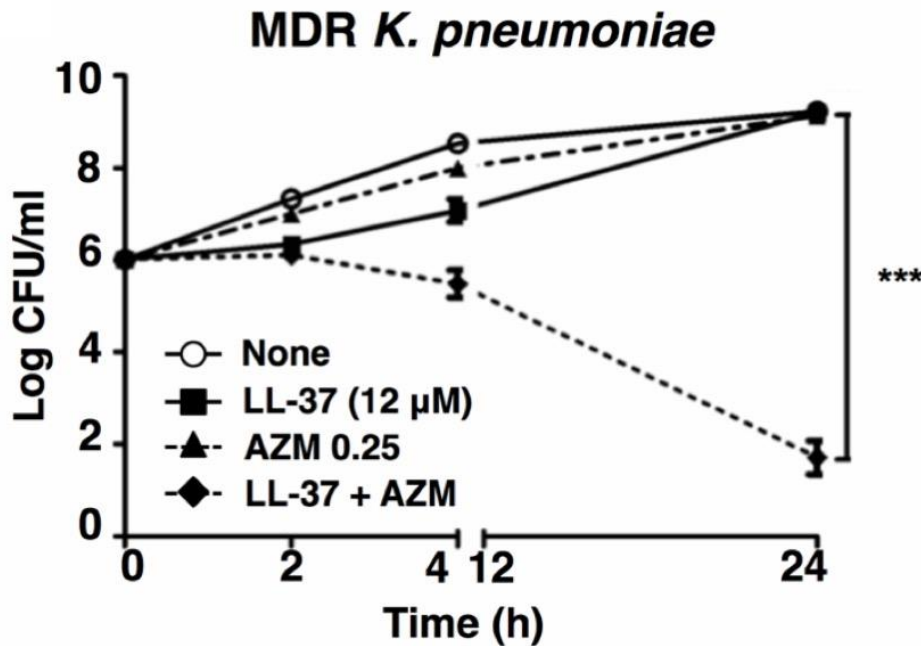


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 RPMI (5%LB) ▲ ▲ AZM 0.5

Synergy Between Azithromycin and Colistin in Killing MDR *Acinetobacter baumannii* (done in MHB)

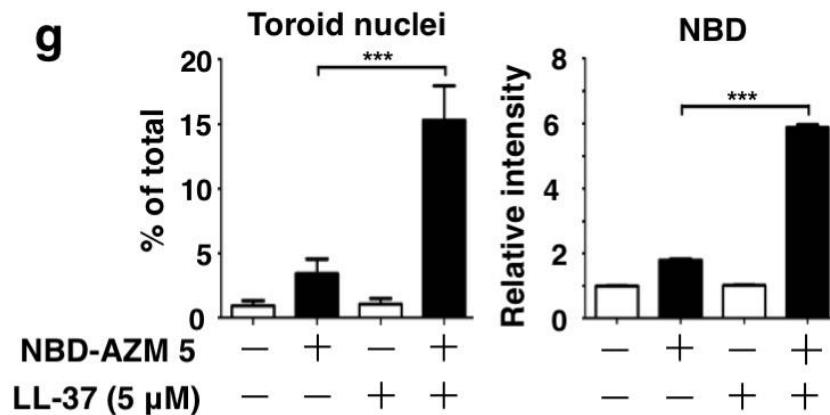
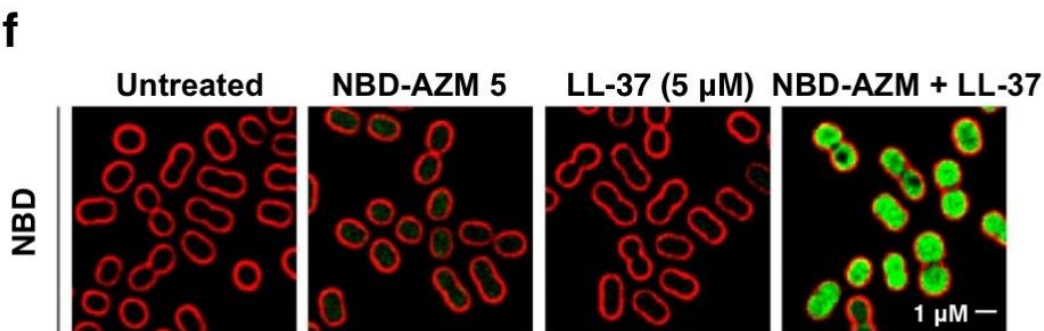
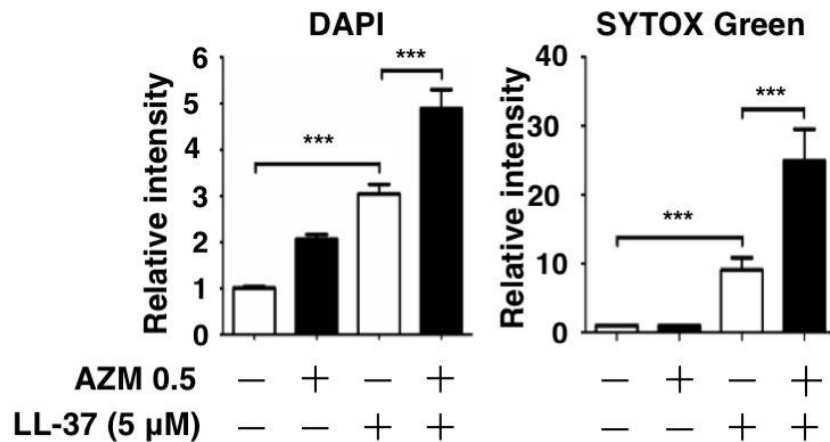
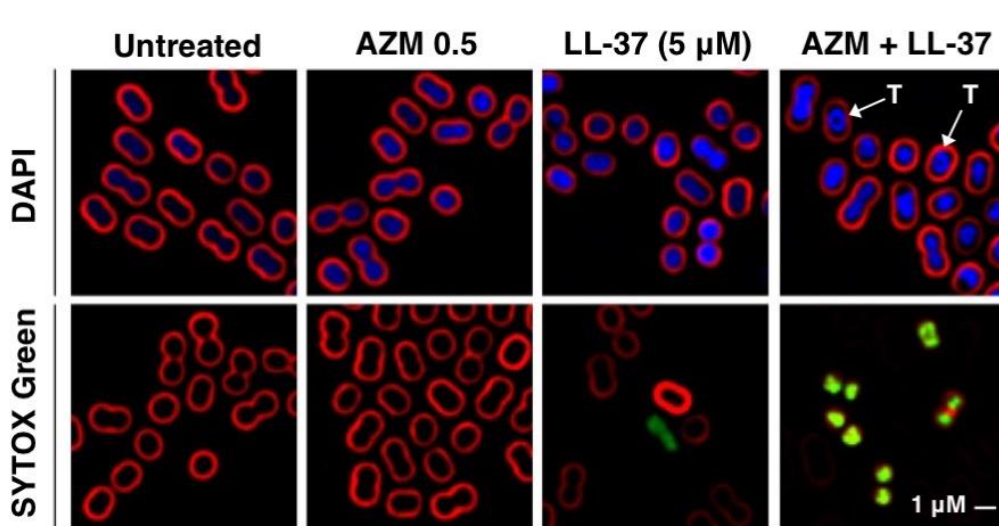


Synergy Between Azithromycin and LL-37 in Killing MDR Gram-Negative Rods

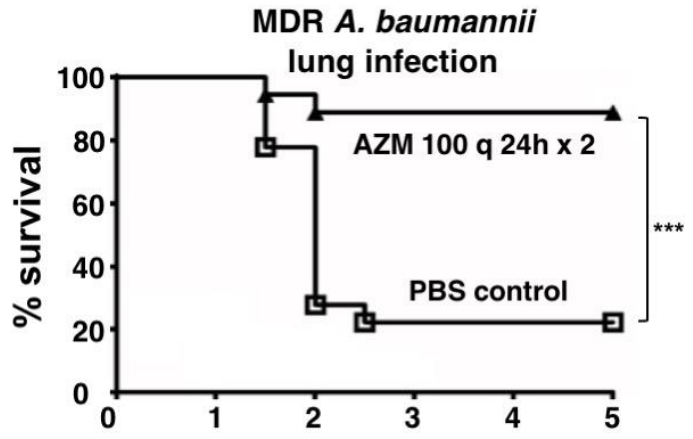
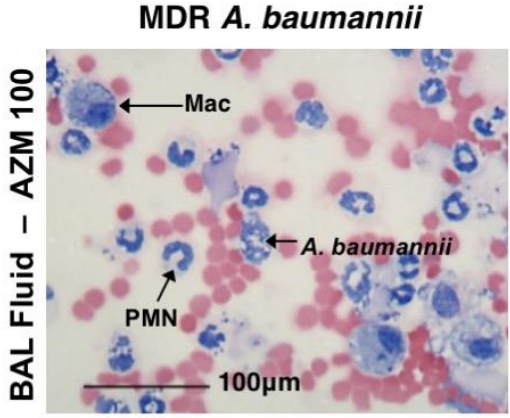
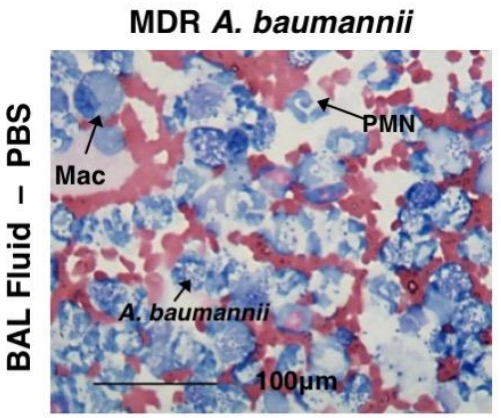
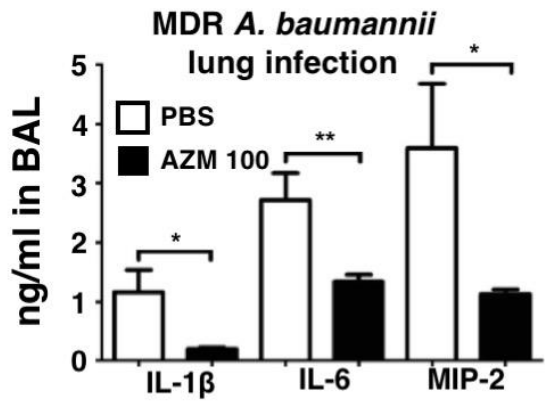
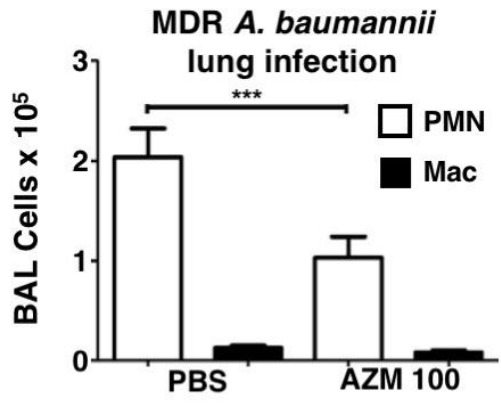
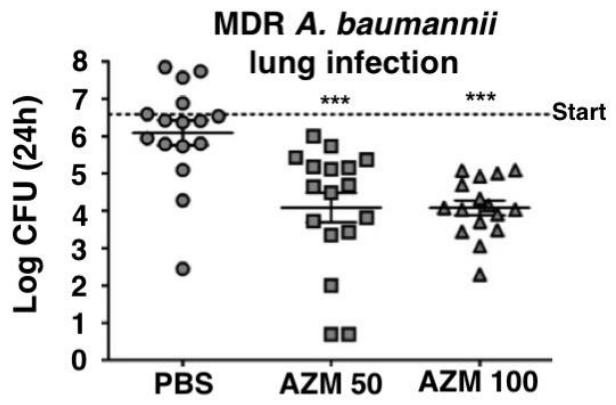


Azithromycin Synergy with LL-37: Increased Cell Wall Permeability and Azithromycin Entry

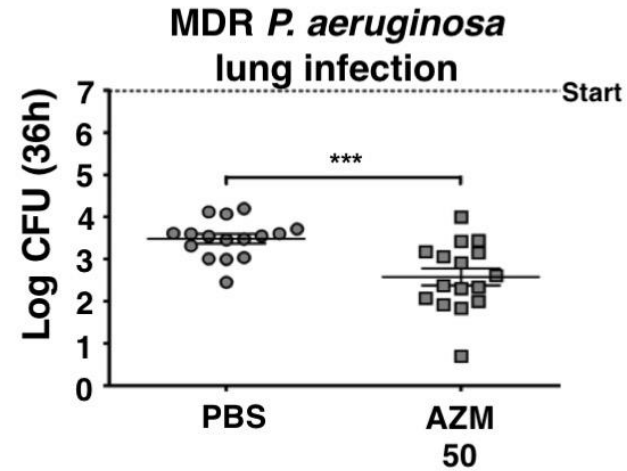
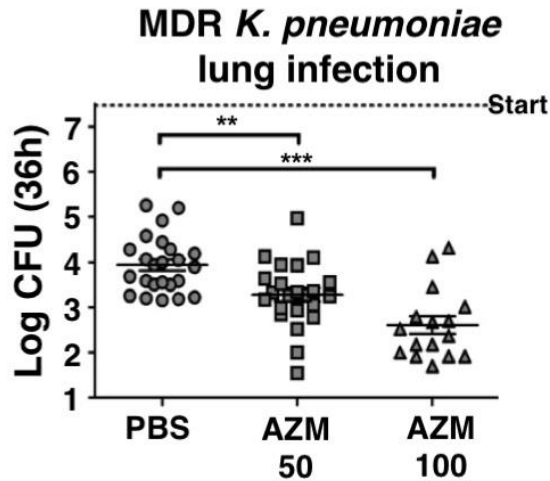
MDR *Acinetobacter baumannii*



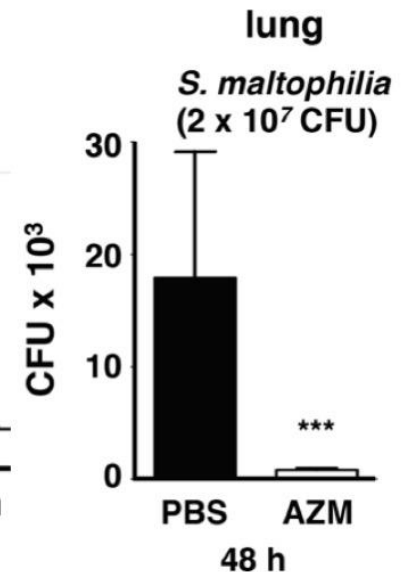
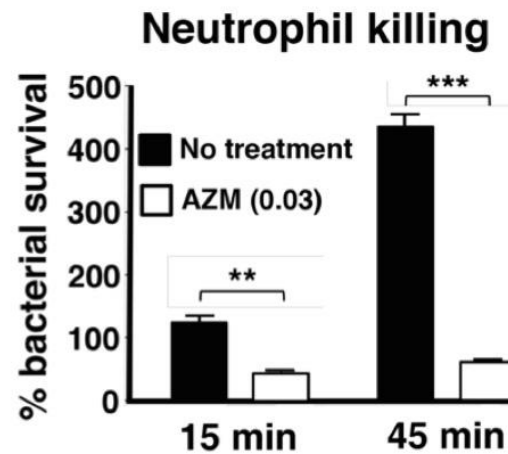
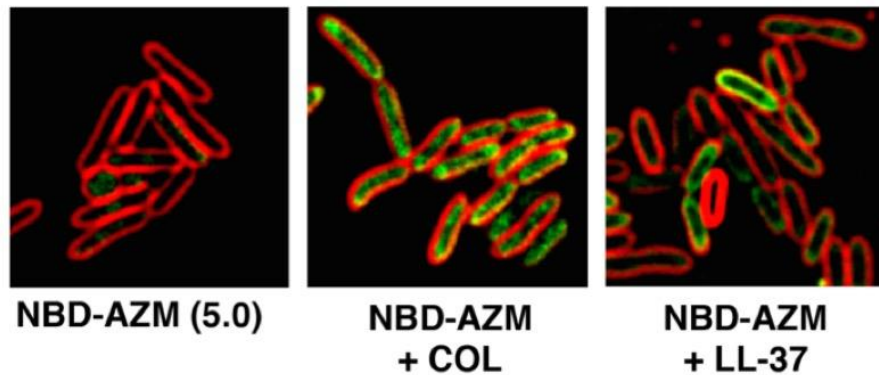
Azithromycin Monotherapy Reduces CFU, Lung Inflammation and Mortality in Mouse Model of *A. baumannii* Pneumonia



Azithromycin Activity vs. Carbapenem-Resistant *P. aeruginosa* & *K. pneumoniae* (Lin et al. eBiomedicine 2015)

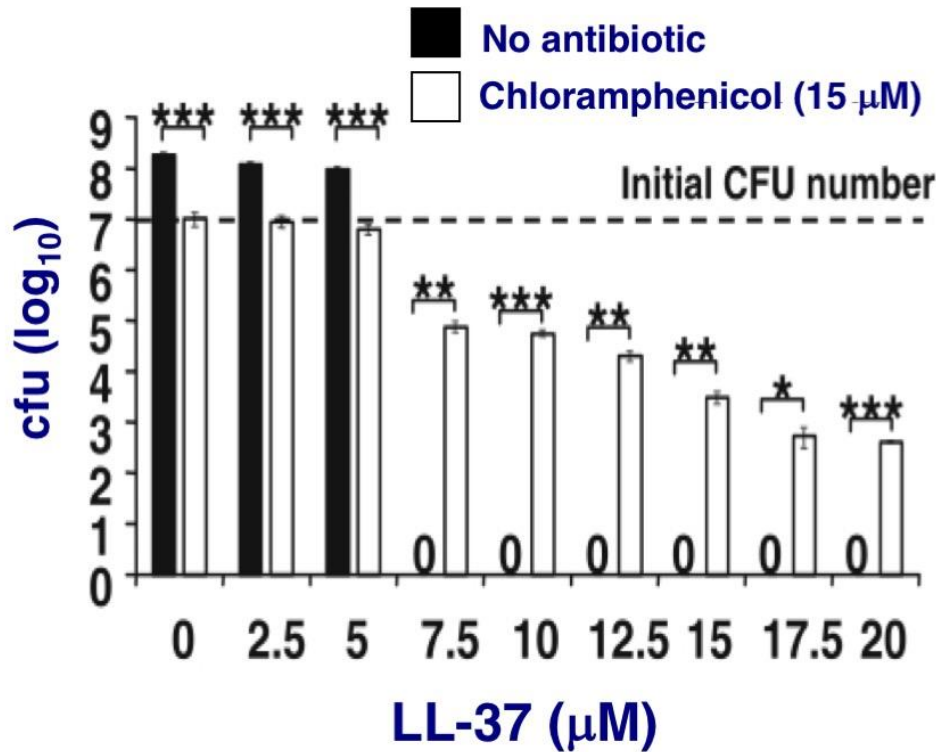


Unrecognized Azithromycin Activity vs. MDR *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia* (Kumaraswamy et al. J Antimicrob Chemother 2016)

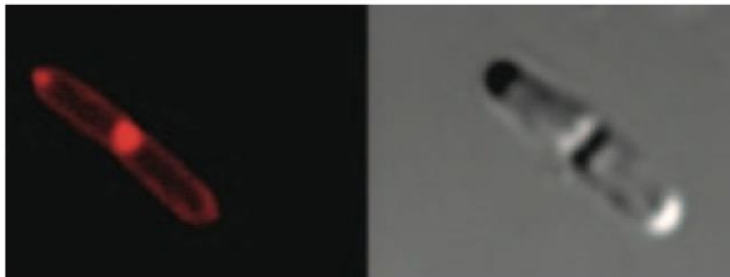
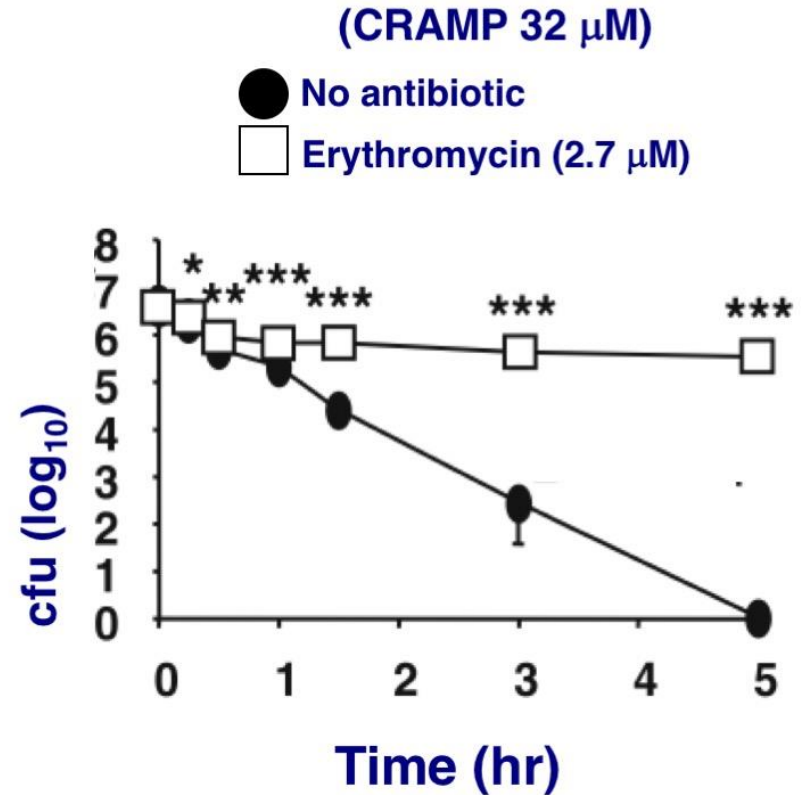


Bacteriostatic Antibiotics INHIBIT Cathelicidin Function

E. coli



S. aureus



LL-37 binds to plane of cell division

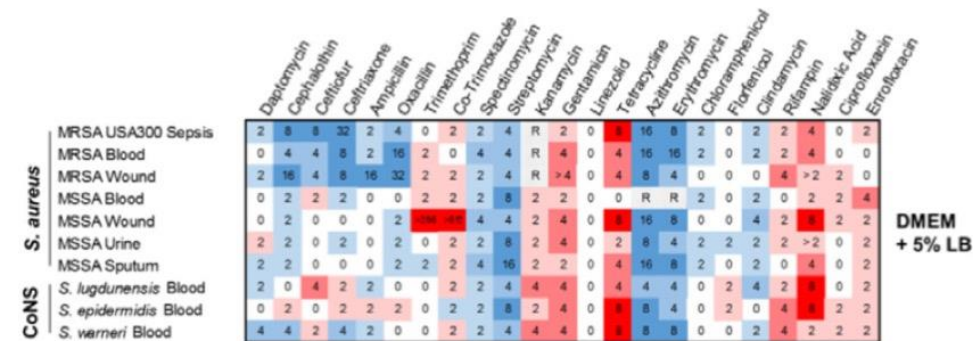
Correcting a Fundamental Flaw in the Paradigm for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing

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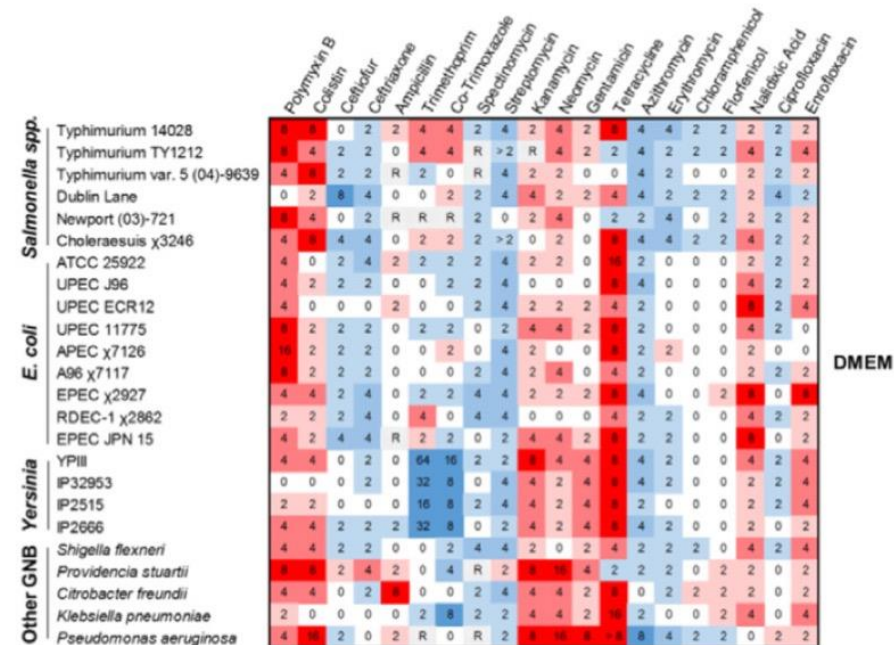
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Fold change in MIC in “physiological” mammalian tissue culture media vs. Mueller-Hinton Broth (blue = MIC reduced; red = MIC increased)

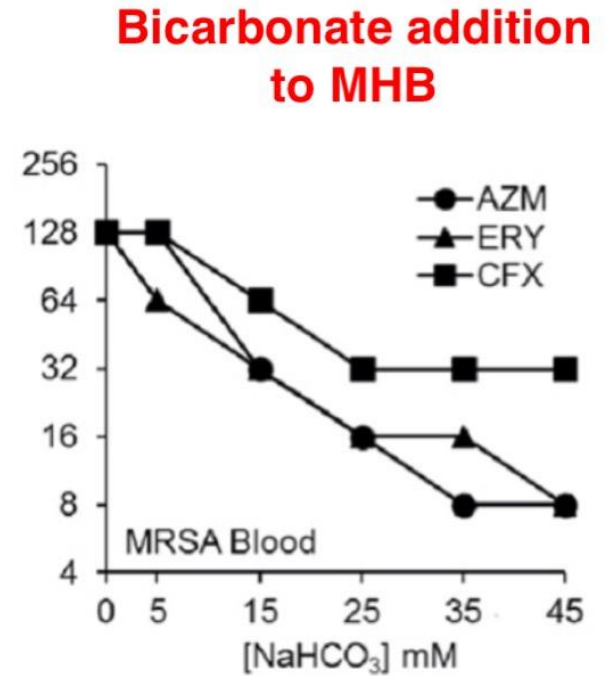
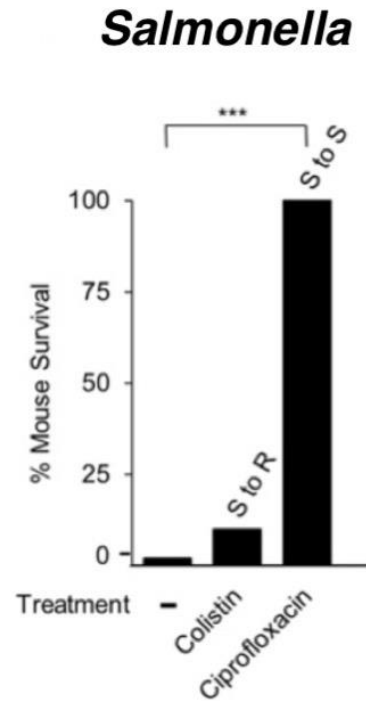
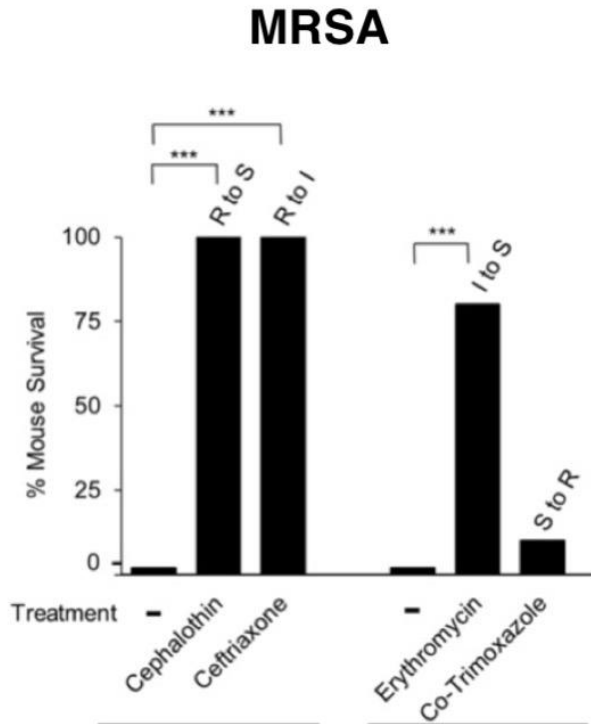
Gram-positive bacteria



Gram-negative bacteria



Prediction of *in vivo* efficacy comparing MIC determine in MHB vs. that determined in “physiological” tissue culture media



Bicarbonate is absent in MHB yet an important physiological buffer required for endogenous cathelicidin antimicrobial peptide activity (Dorschner et al. 2006) Simply adding bicarbonate to MHB helped adjust MICs toward tissue culture media results and was better predictive of *in vivo* efficacy.

Bicarbonate Alters Bacterial Susceptibility to Antibiotics by Targeting the Proton Motive Force

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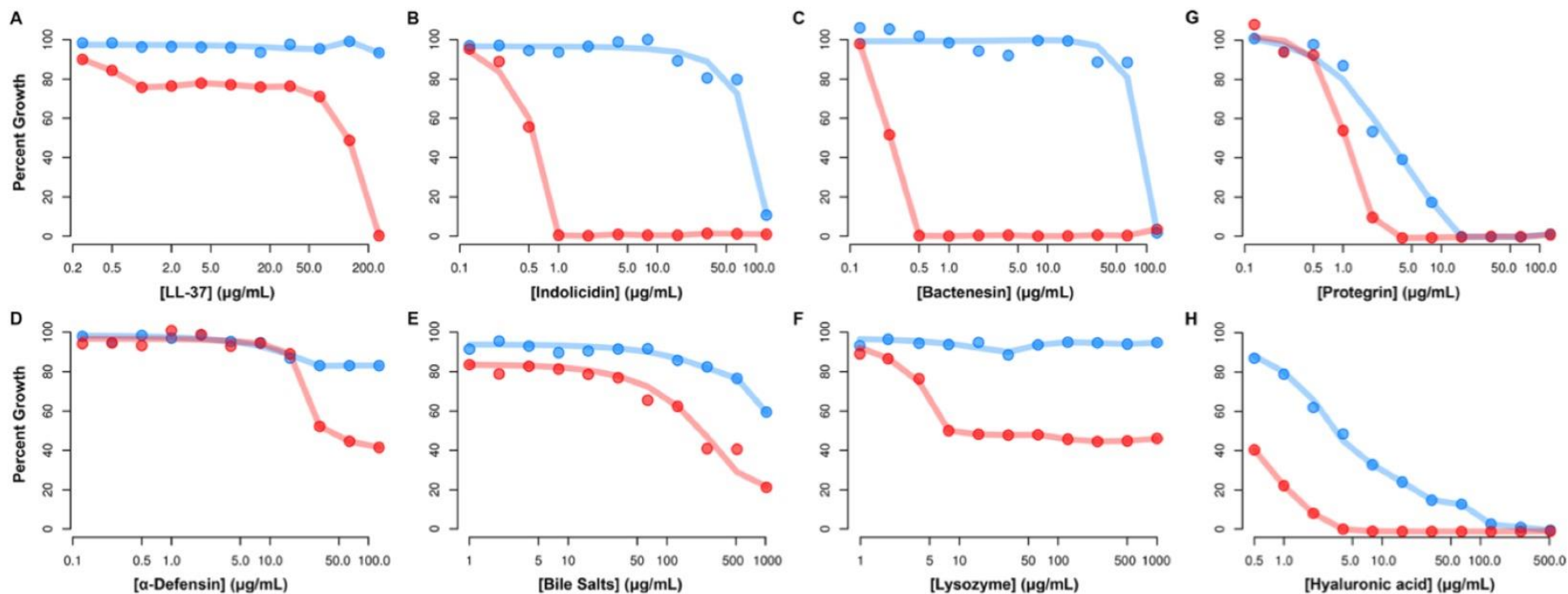


Figure 4. Physiological concentrations of bicarbonate enhance the antibacterial activity of various chemical factors involved in innate immunity.

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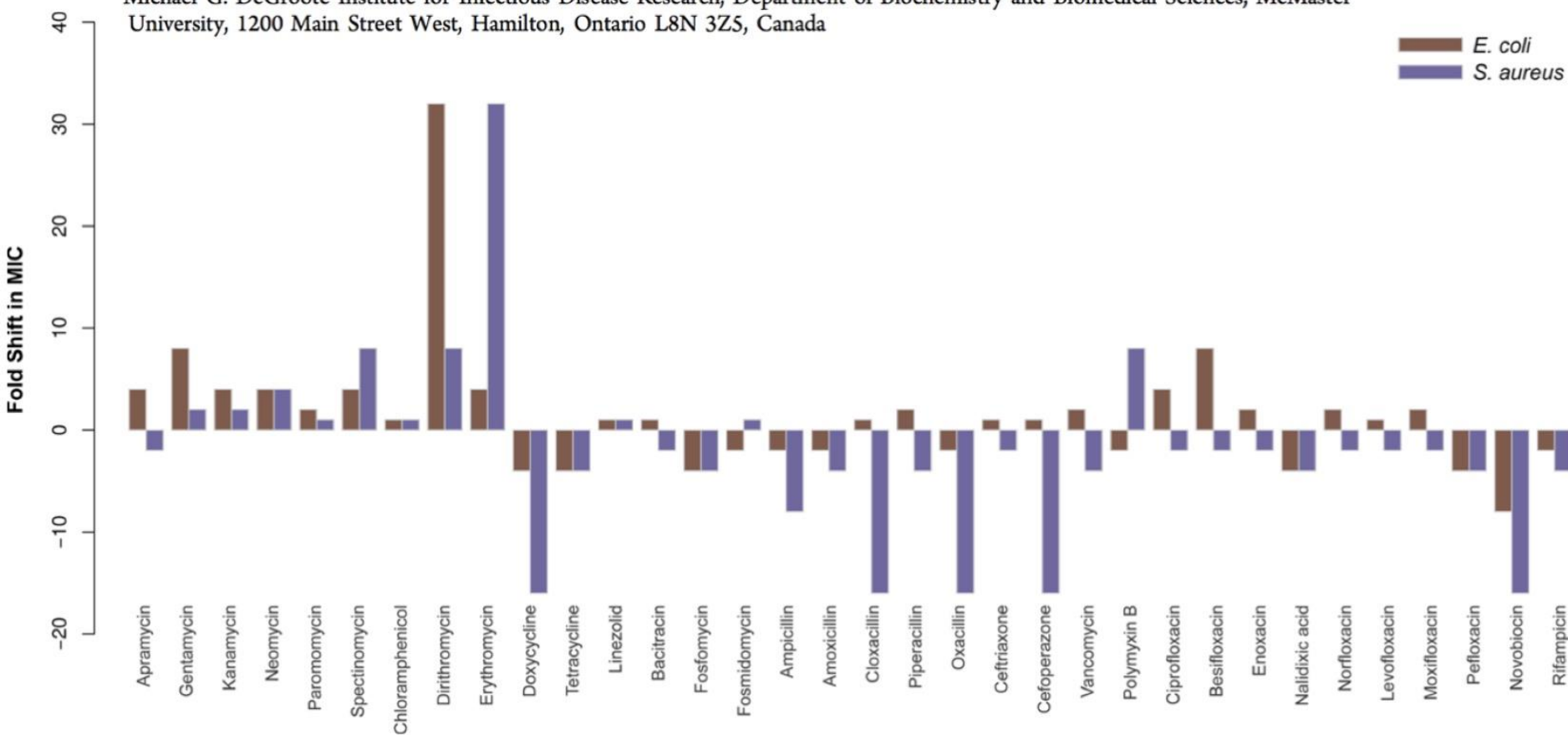
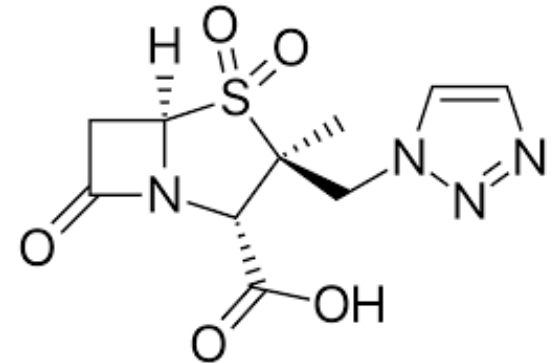


Figure 1. Bicarbonate affects the activity of various classes of antibiotics.

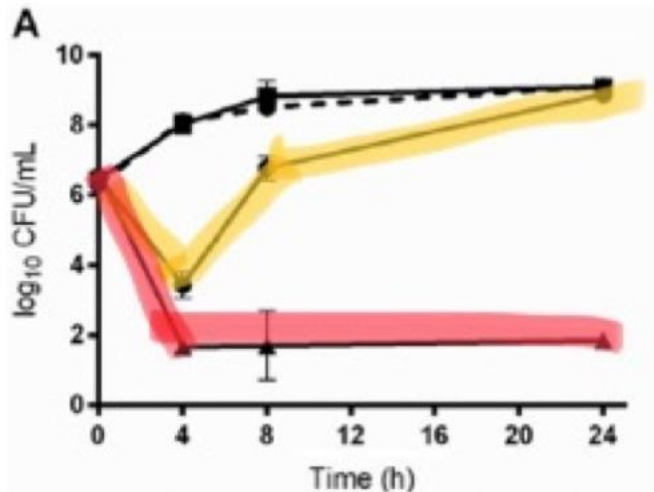
Classical β -Lactamase Inhibitors Potentiate the Activity of Daptomycin against Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* and Colistin against *Acinetobacter baumannii*



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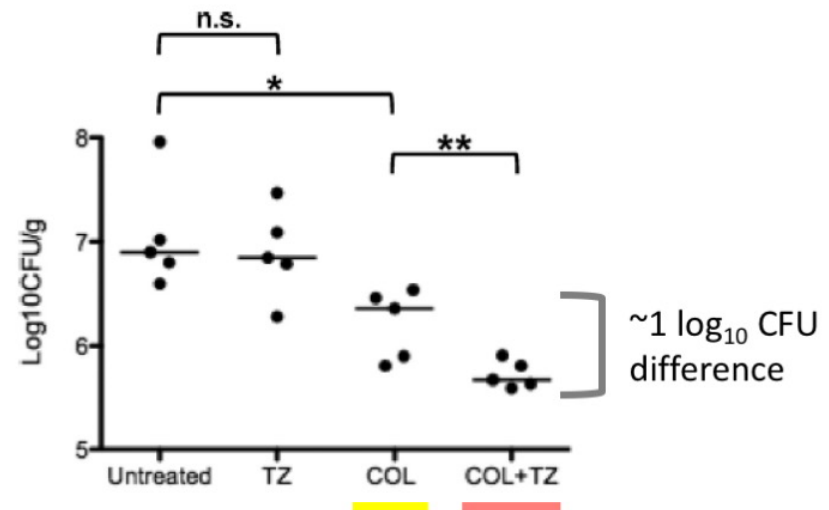
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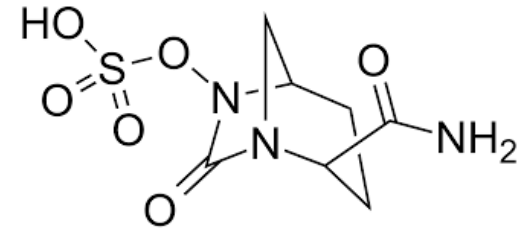


Colistin

Colistin + TAZ

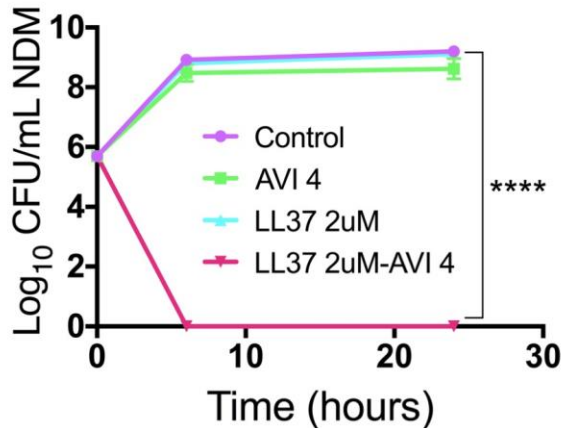


New Delhi metallo-beta-lactamase 1 (NDM-1) *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

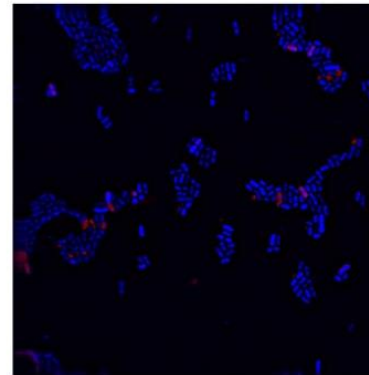


AVIBACTAM

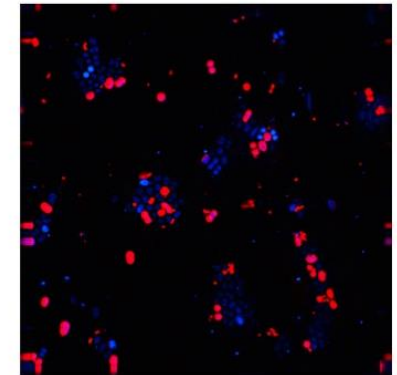
AVI Enhances Killing by Antimicrobial Peptides (LL37)



NDM *K. pneumoniae* + TAMRA-LL37 (2 μ M)



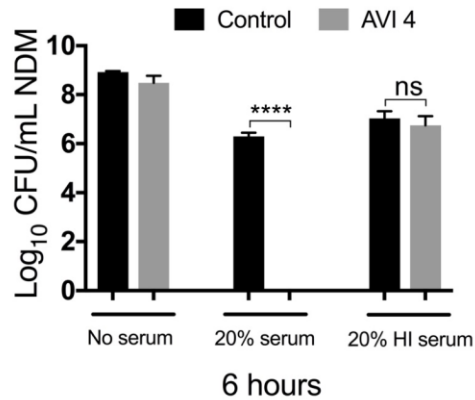
LL37 alone



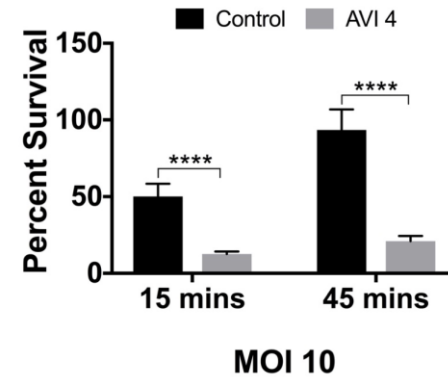
AVI 4 μ g/mL + LL37

Avibactam Enhances Innate Immune Clearance of (NDM-1) *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

AVI Enhances Human Serum Killing

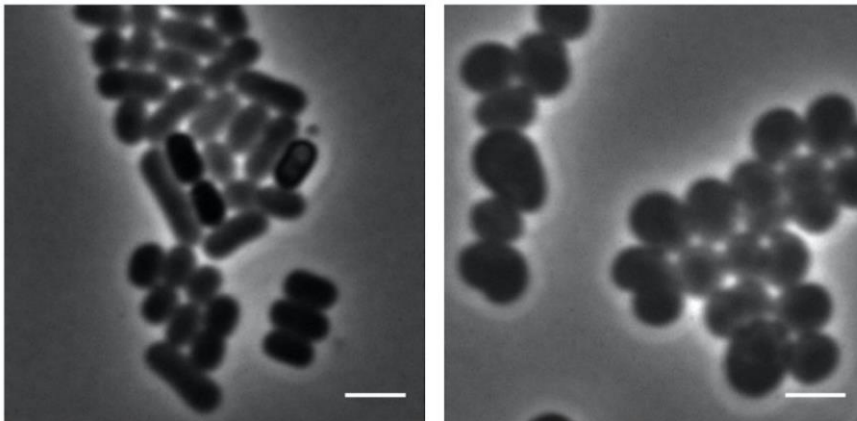


AVI Enhances Human Neutrophil Killing

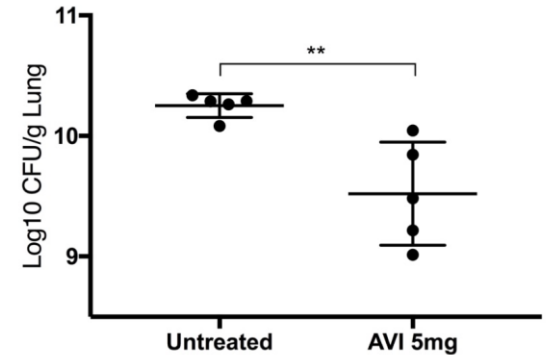


Untreated or LL37 alone

AVI 4 or AVI 4+LL37

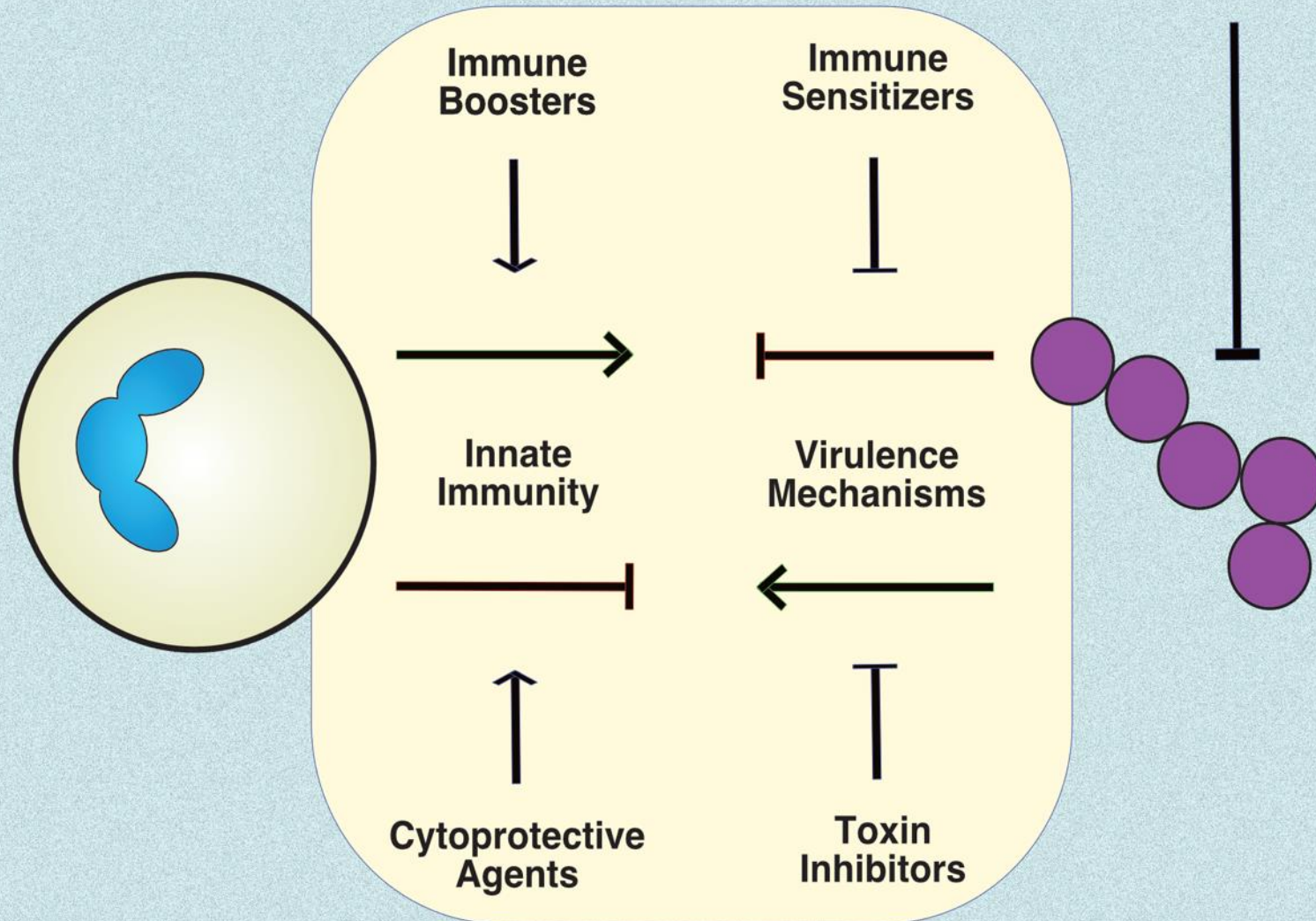


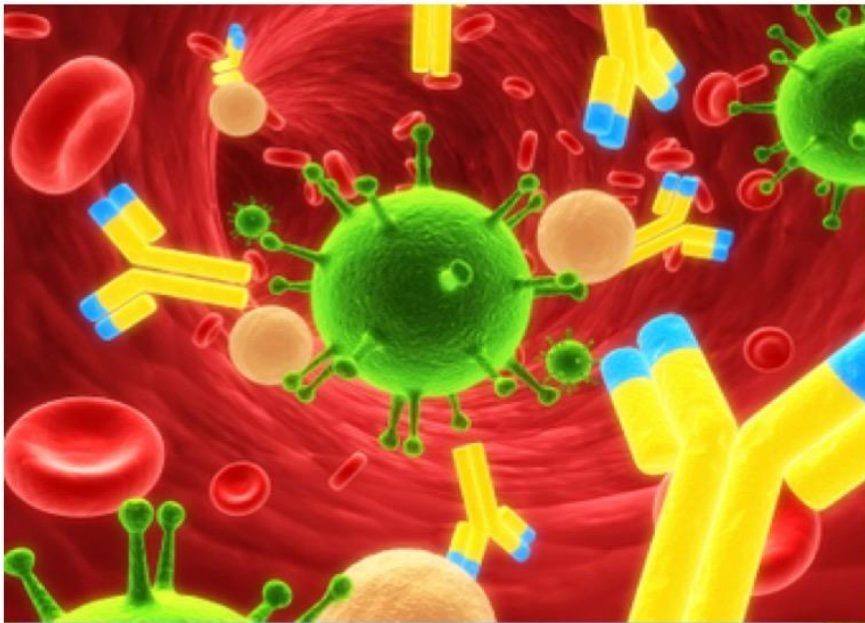
AVI Enhances Killing of NDM-KP Murine Pneumonia Model



Novel Therapeutics Targeting the Host-Pathogen Interface

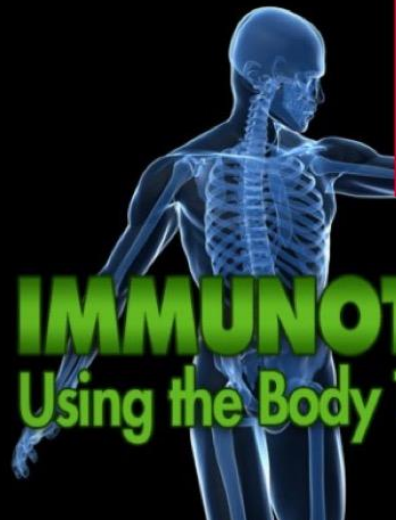
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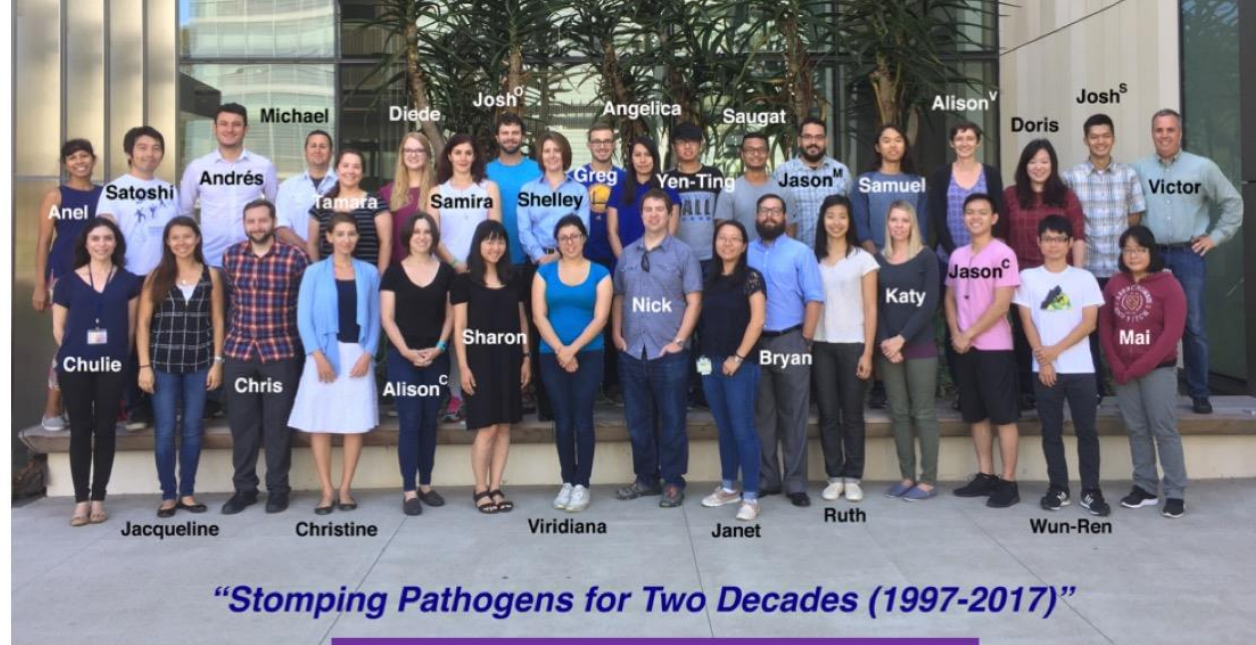


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