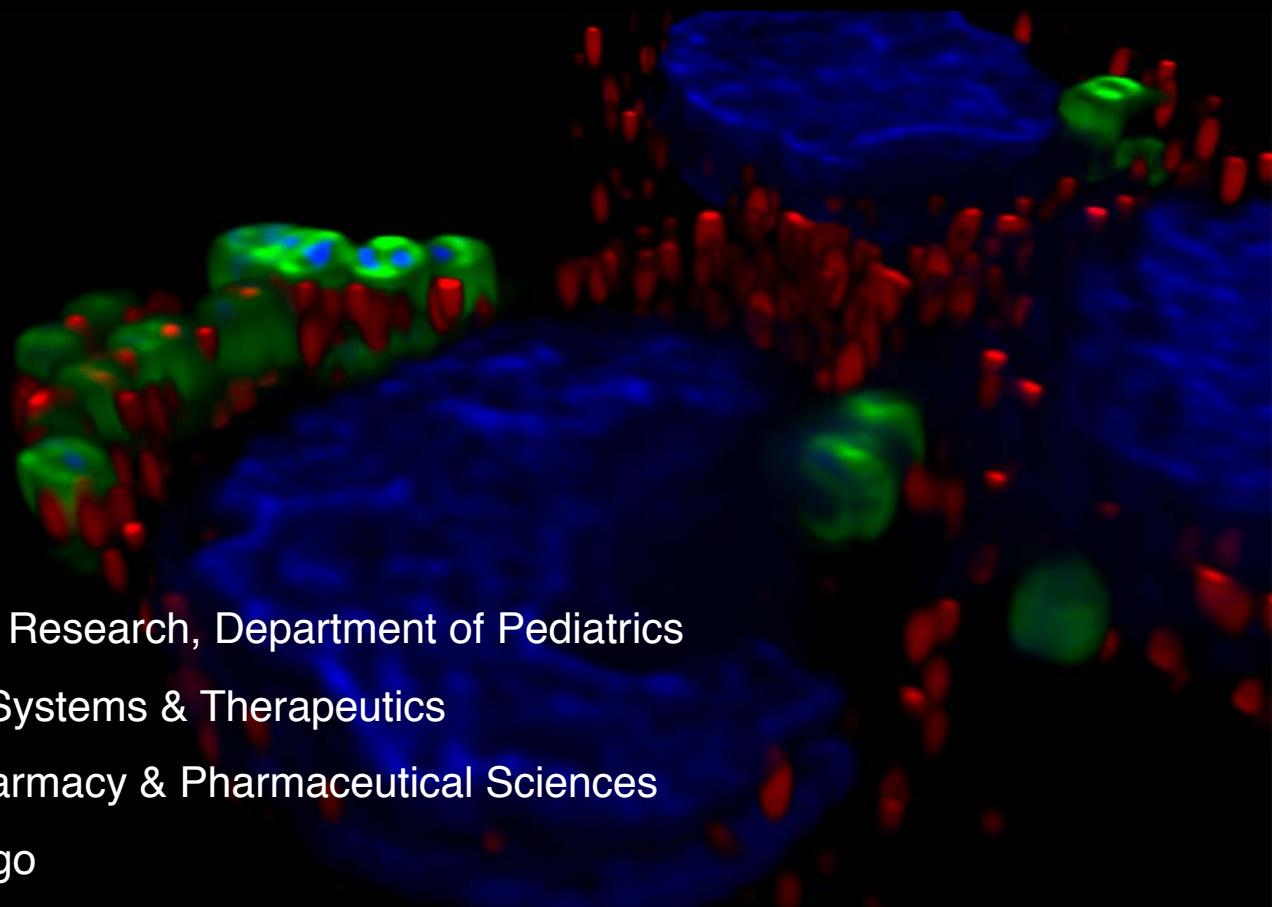


REDEFINING AND REINVENTING “ANTIBIOTICS” TO COMBAT THE SUPERBUG CRISIS



Victor Nizet, MD

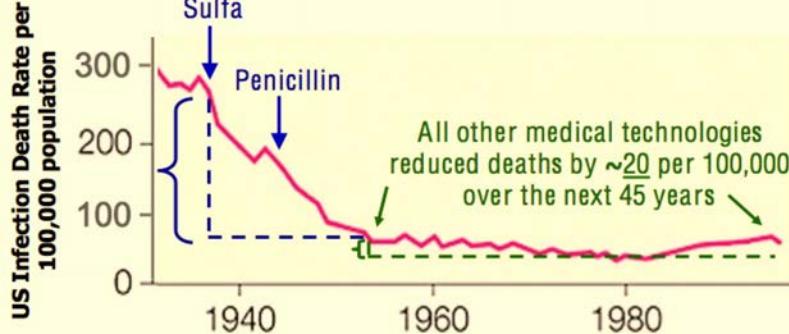
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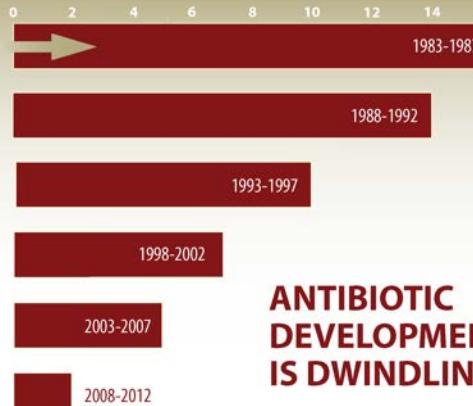
University of California, San Diego

Antibiotics caused US deaths to decline by ~220 per 100,000 in 15 years



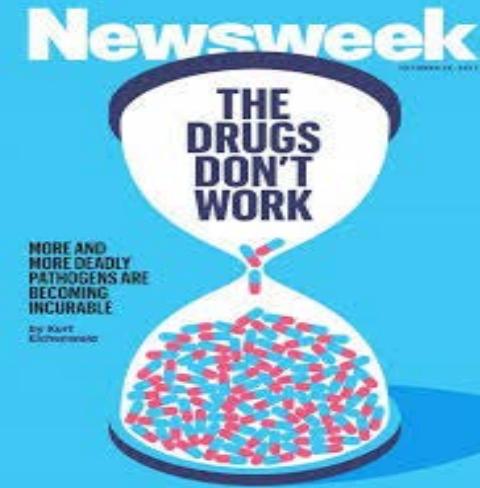
Armstrong, G. L. et al. JAMA 1999;281:61-66.

Total Number of New Antibacterial Agents



ANTIBIOTIC DEVELOPMENT IS DWINDLING

Source: The Epidemic of Antibiotic-Resistant Infections, CID 2008;46 (15 January) Clin Infect Dis. (2011) May 52 (suppl 5): S397-S428. doi:10.1093/cid/cir153



CAUSES OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE



Antibiotic resistance happens when bacteria change and become resistant to the antibiotics used to treat the infections they cause.



Over-prescribing of antibiotics



Patients not finishing their treatment



Over-use of antibiotics in livestock and fish farming



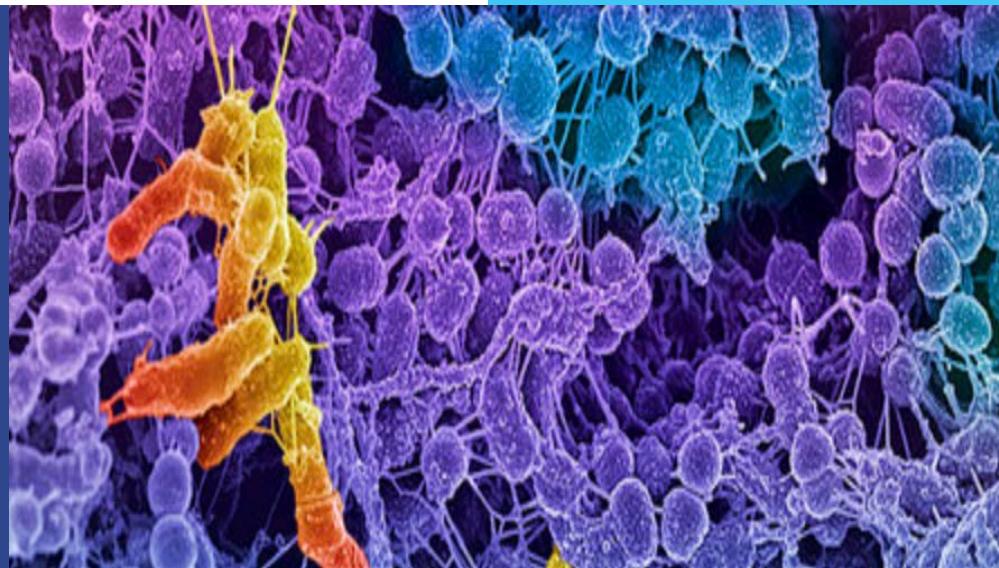
Poor infection control in hospitals and clinics



Lack of hygiene and poor sanitation



Lack of new antibiotics being developed



1953: Glycopeptides, Nitroimidazoles, Streptogramins
1952: Macrolides
1950: Pleuromollins
1948: Cephalosporins
1946: Phenicols
1944: Nitrofurans
1945: Tetracyclines
1943: Aminoglycosides, Bacitracin (topical)
1932: Sulfonamides
1928: Penicillins

► 1955: Cycloserine, Novobiocin
► 1957: Rifamycins
► 1961: Trimethoprim
► 1962: Quinolones, Lincosamides, Fusidic acid
► 1969: Fosfomycin
► 1971: Mupirocin
► 1976: Carbapenems
► 1978: Oxazolidinones
► 1979: Monobactams
► 1987: Lipopeptides

1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010

www.who.int/drugresistance

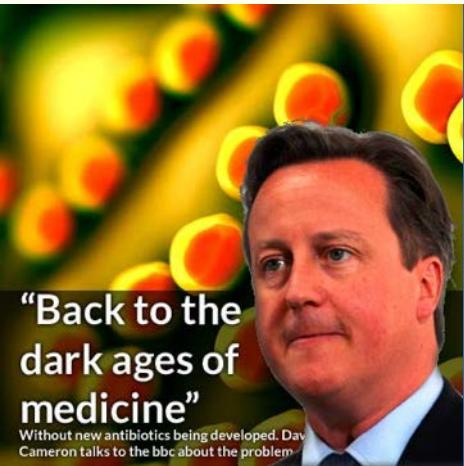
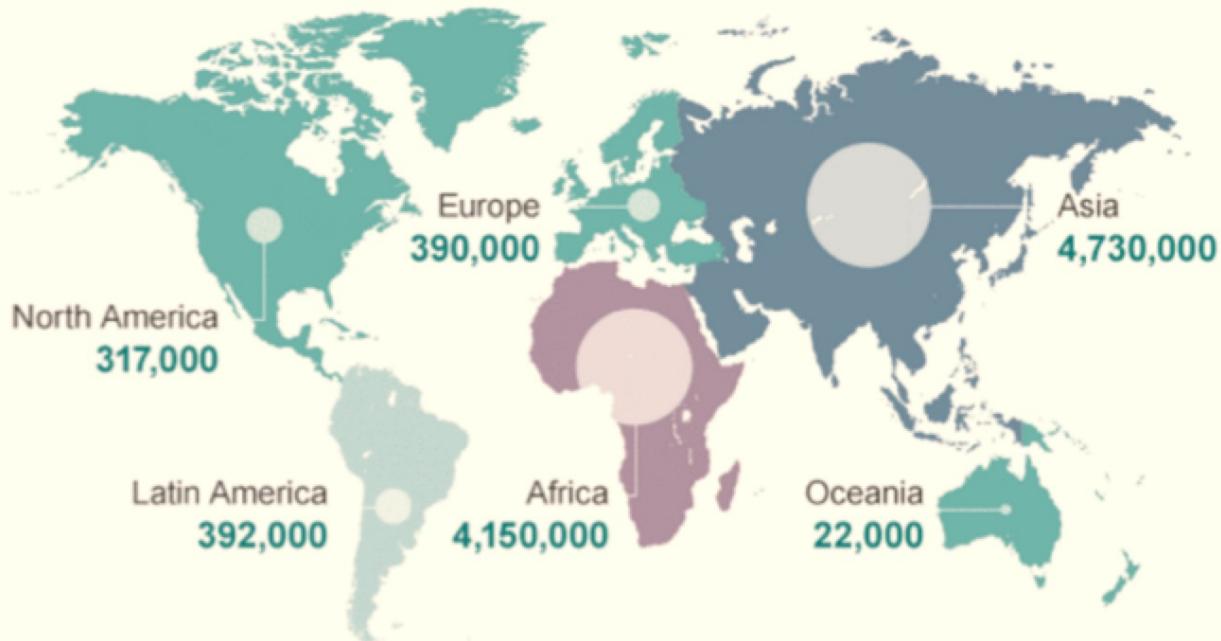
#AntibioticResistance



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DISCOVERY VOID

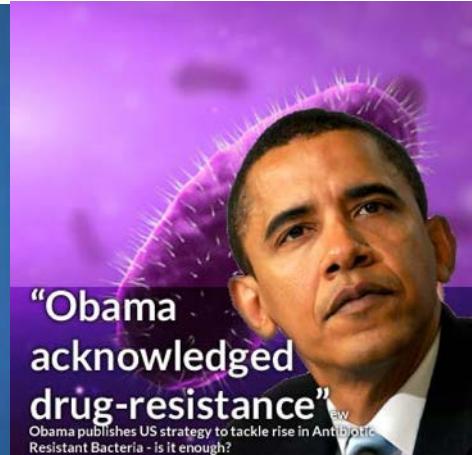
Annual Antibiotic Resistance Deaths by 2050



"Resistance will result in \$100 trillion in lost economic productivity"



"Antibiotic-resistance is a fundamental threat to global health and safety"



"A National Action Plan to preserve the utility of antibiotics must be enacted"



"A post-antibiotic era would mean the end of modern medicine as we know it"

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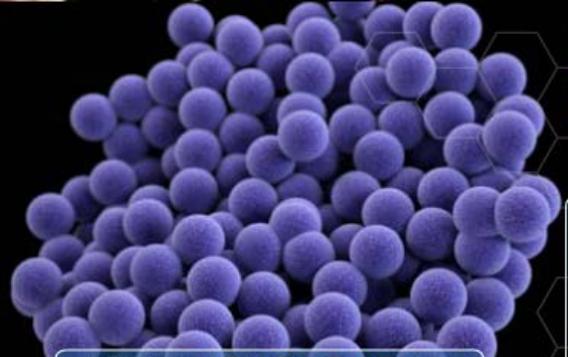
Superbugs to kill 'more than cancer' by 2050

Fergus Walsh
Medical correspondent

11 December 2014 | Health |

ALFRED PASIEKA/SPL

Drug resistant E. coli bacteria are already a significant problem in Europe



METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS (MRSA)



80,461

SEVERE MRSA
INFECTIONS PER YEAR



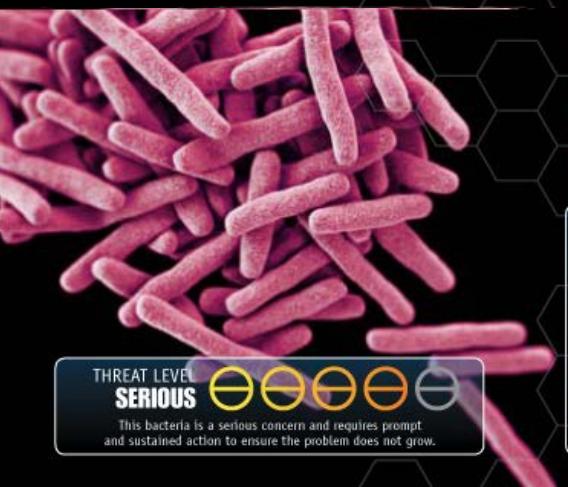
11,285

DEATHS FROM
MRSA PER YEAR

⚠️ **STAPH BACTERIA ARE A LEADING CAUSE OF
HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS** ⚠️

THREAT LEVEL
SERIOUS

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



DRUG-RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS



1,042

DRUG-RESISTANT
TUBERCULOSIS CASES
IN 2011 (U.S.)



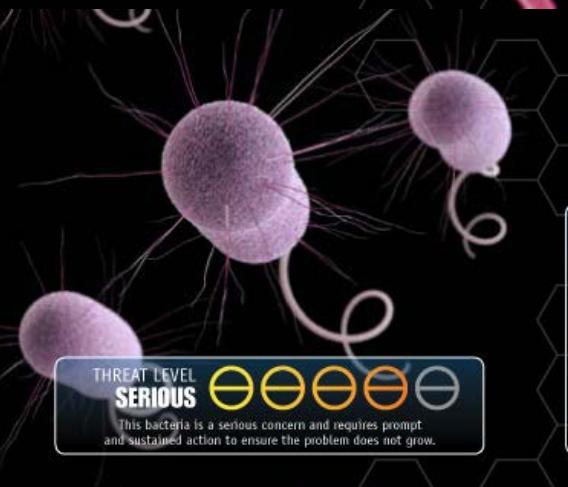
10,528

TUBERCULOSIS
CASES IN 2011
(U.S.)

⚠️ **TUBERCULOSIS IS AMONG THE MOST COMMON INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND
FREQUENT CAUSES OF DEATH WORLDWIDE** ⚠️

THREAT LEVEL
SERIOUS

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MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT PSEUDOMONAS AERUGINOSA



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MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT
PSEUDOMONAS
INFECTIONS



440

DEATHS

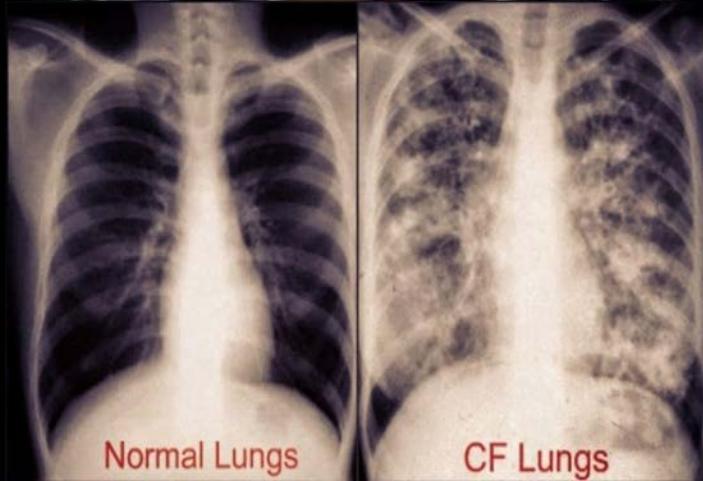


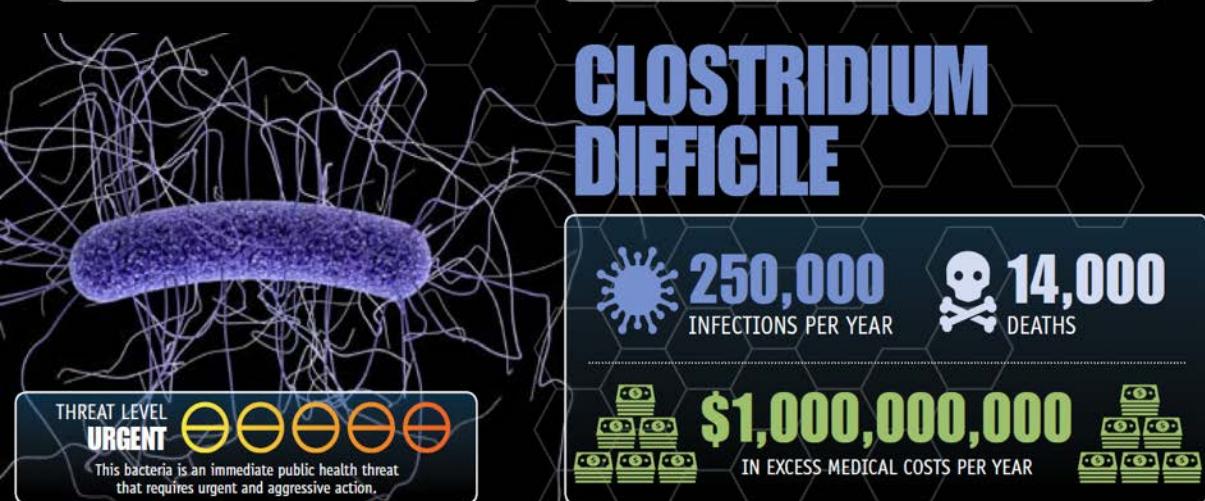
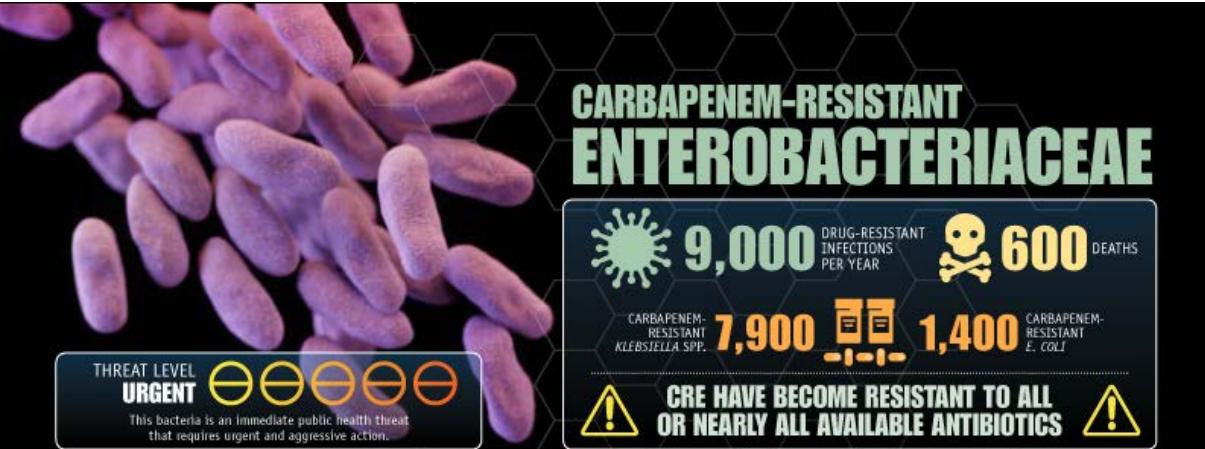
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PSEUDOMONAS
INFECTIONS
PER YEAR

THREAT LEVEL
SERIOUS

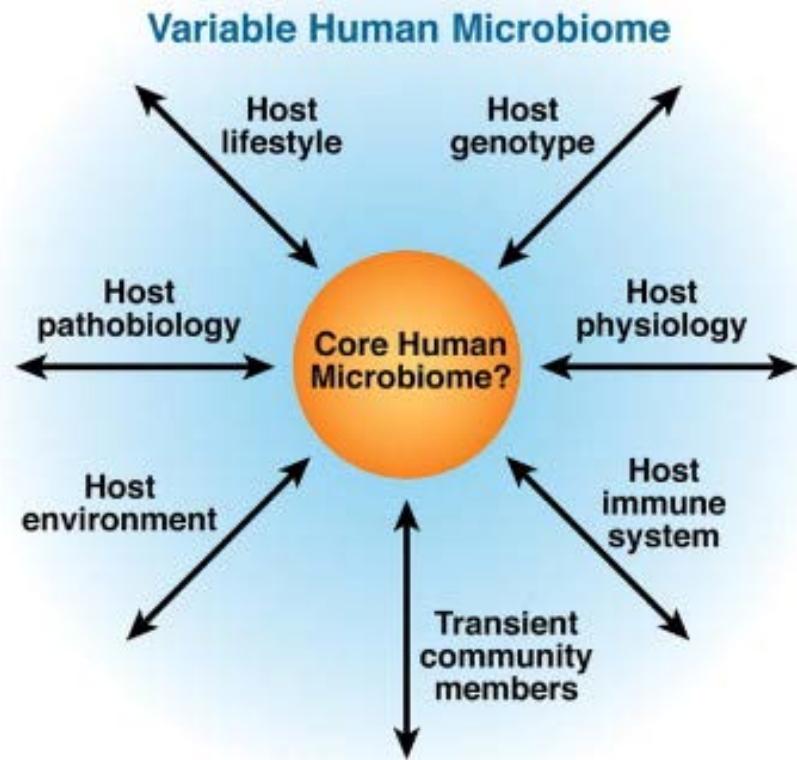
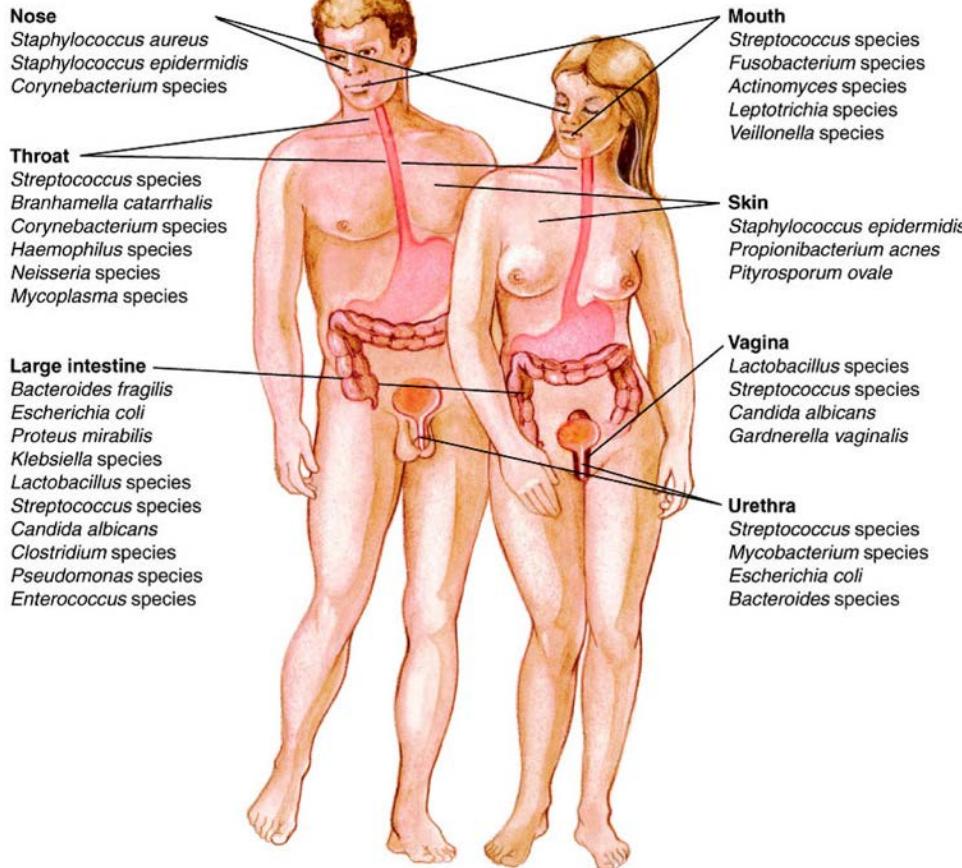
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The Human Microbiome is Diverse and Dynamic

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HOW THE OVERUSE OF ANTIBIOTICS
IS FUELING OUR MODERN PLAGUES

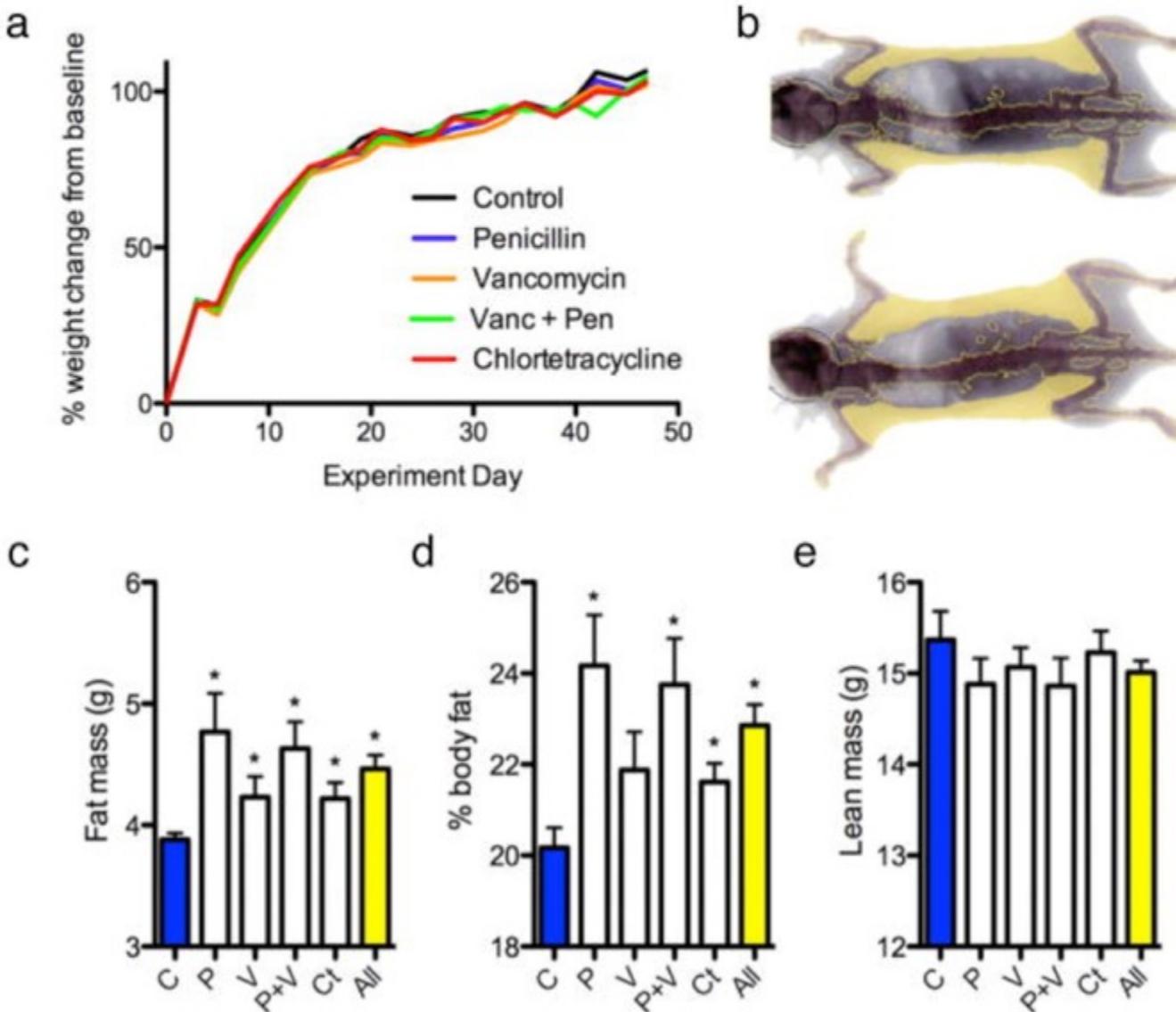
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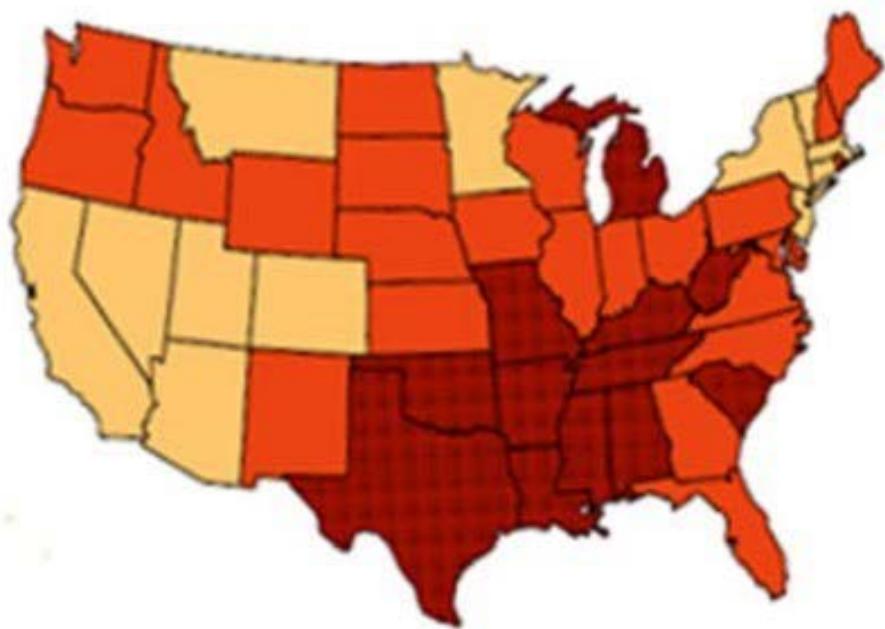
MARTIN J. BLASER

In *Missing Microbes*, Dr. Martin Blaser invites us into the wilds of the human microbiome where for hundreds of thousands of years bacterial and human cells have existed in a peaceful symbiosis that is responsible for the health and equilibrium of our body. Now, this invisible eden is being irrevocably damaged by some of our most revered medical advances—antibiotics—threatening the extinction of our irreplaceable microbes with terrible health consequences.

Antibiotics in Early Life Alter the Murine Colonic Microbiome and Adiposity

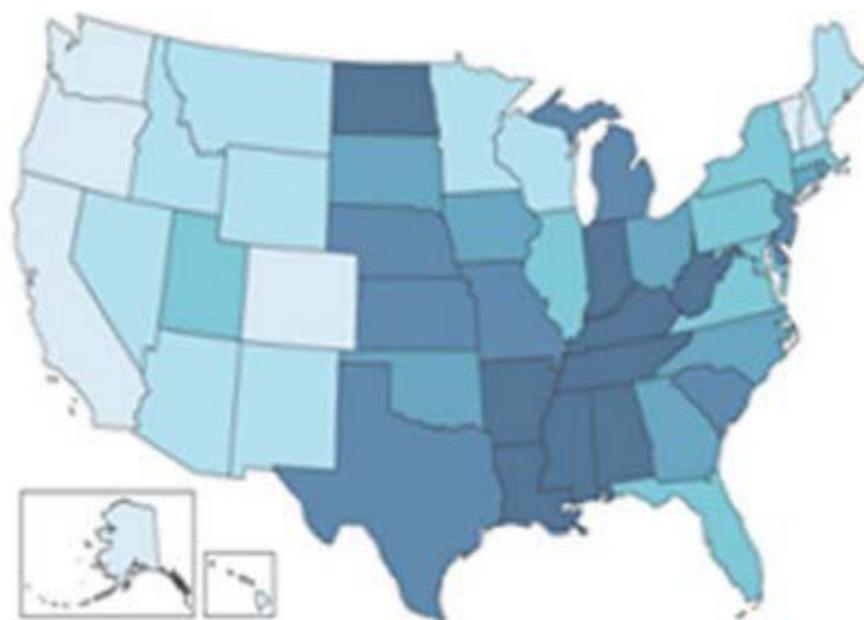
(Cho et al. Nature 2012)





Obesity trends in US Adults, 2010

Source: CDC Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.



Antibiotic prescriptions per 1000 persons, 2010

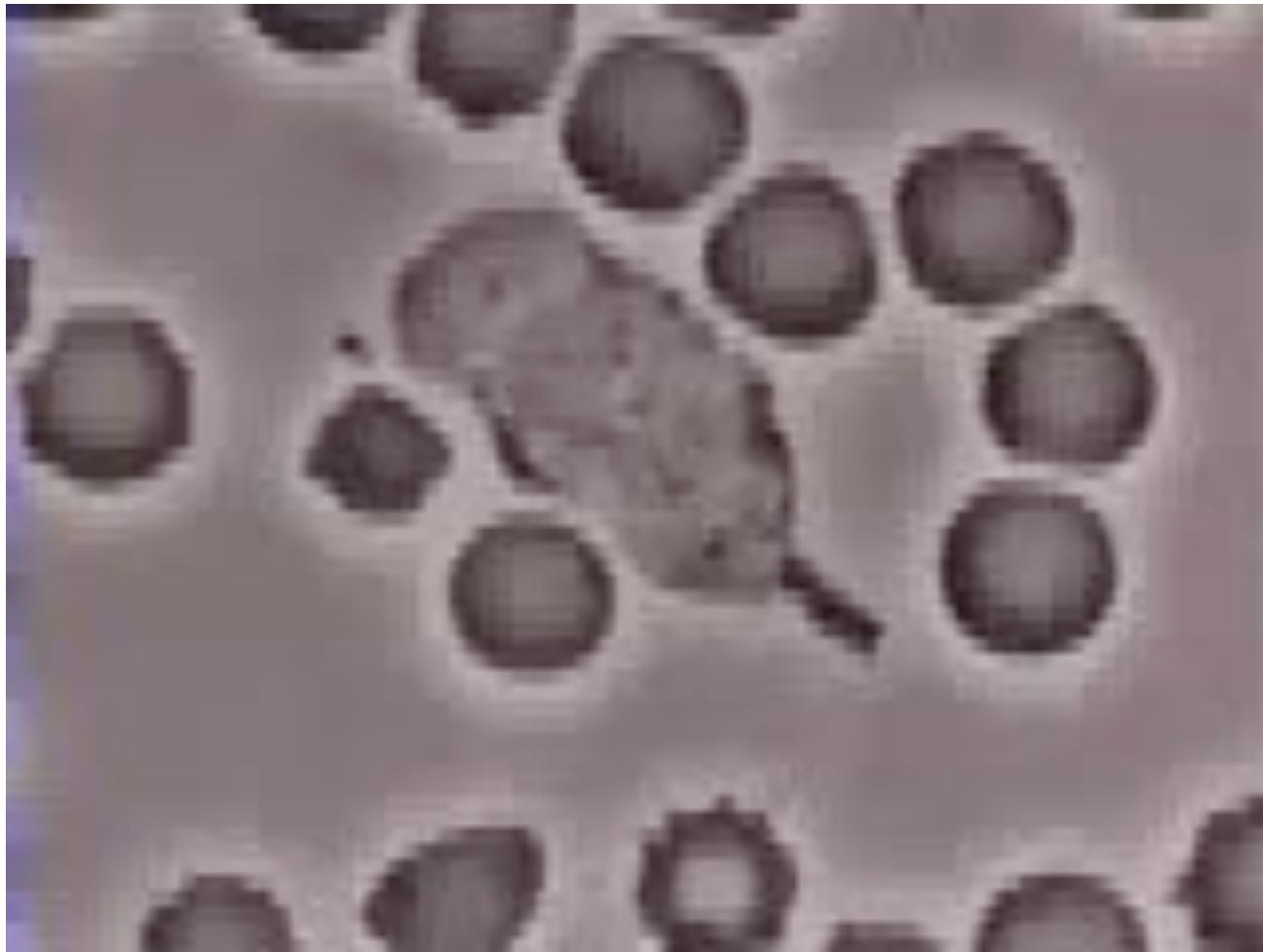
Source: L Hicks, TH Taylor, RJ Hunkler. NEJM 2013, 368:1461.

**Virulence
Factor**



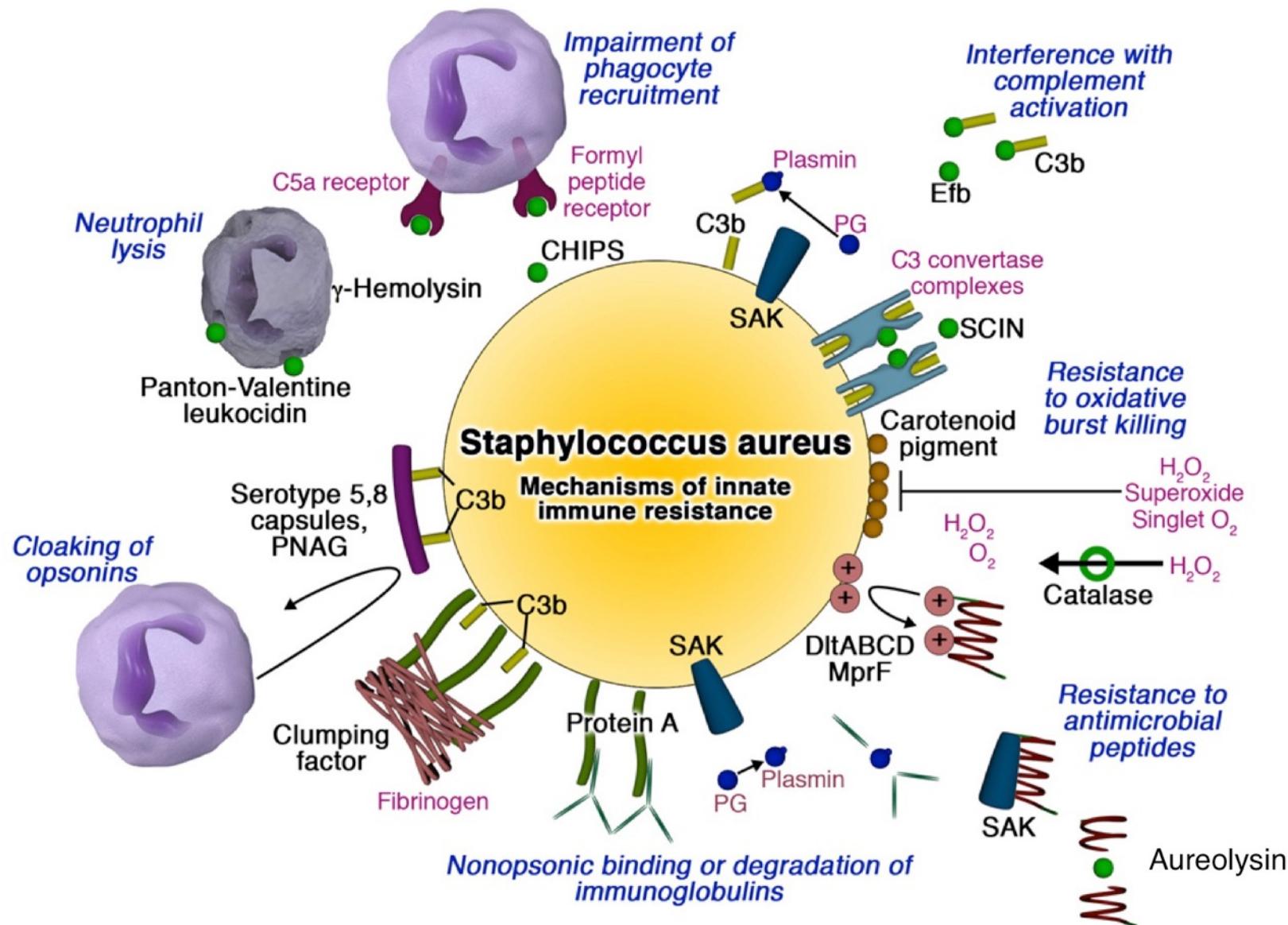
**Bacterial
Pathogens**

Human Neutrophil vs. Bacterial Pathogen



J. Sullivan “Cells Alive”

S. aureus Subversion of Host Phagocyte Defense

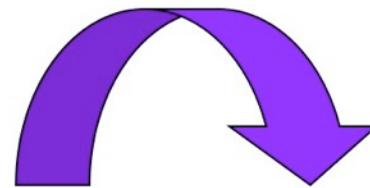
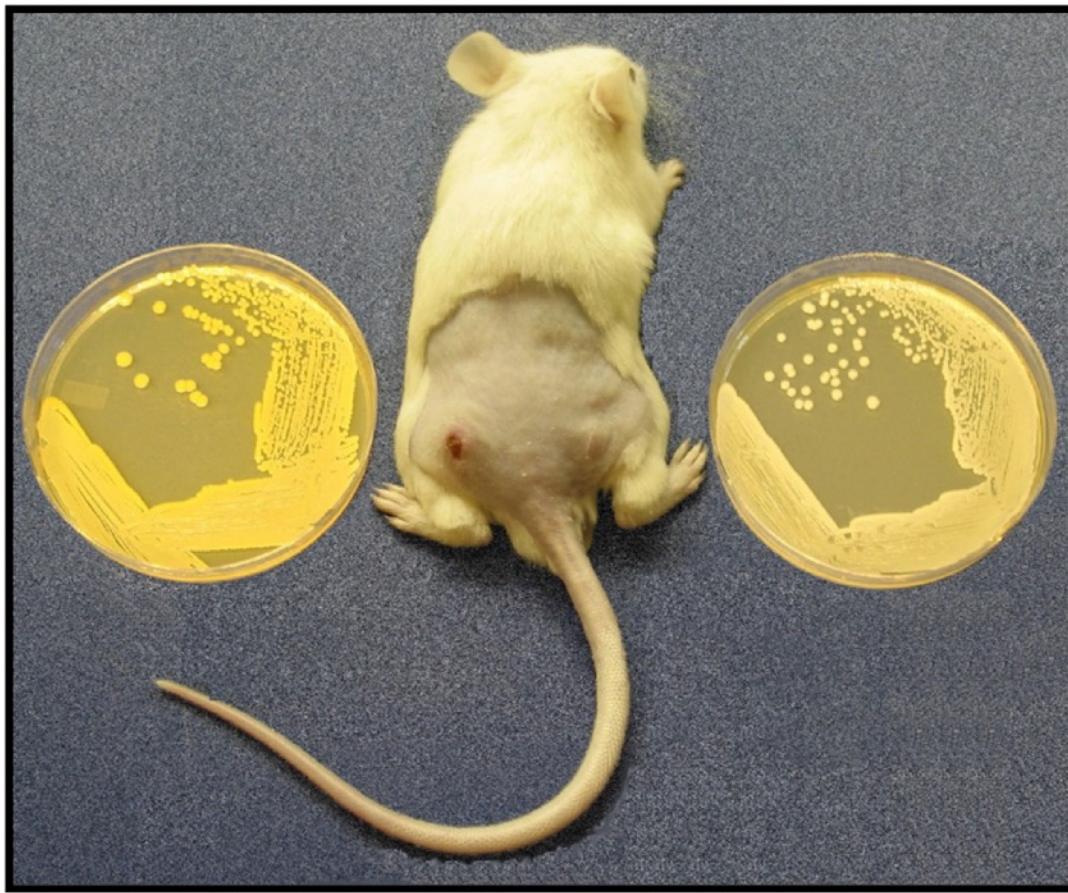


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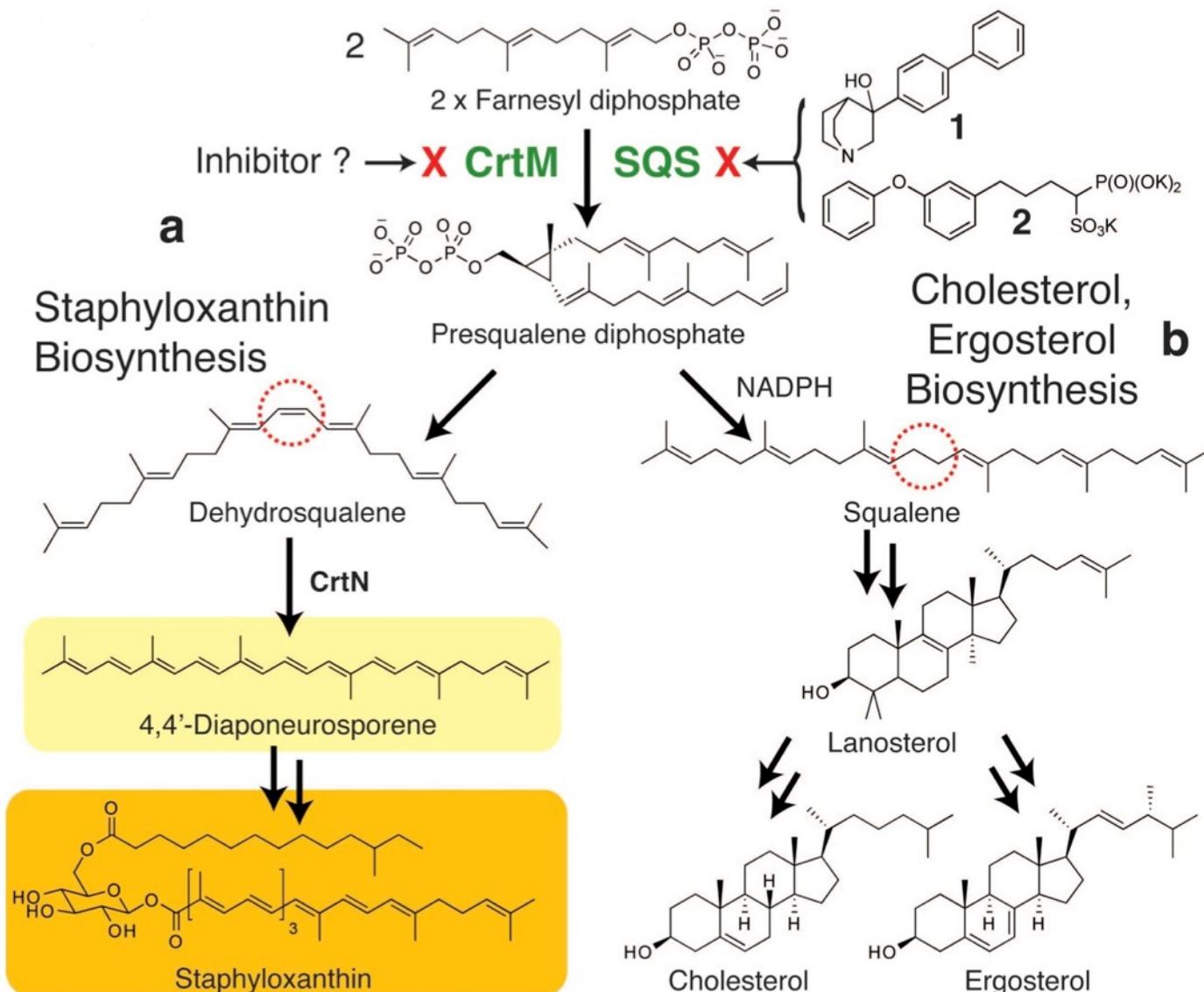
Seeking *alternatives* to classical antibiotics, especially very broad-spectrum agents, that kill bacteria or block their growth

- * **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**
- * **These approaches can work in concert with classical antibiotics**



**Target for
therapy?**

First Steps of Staphyloxanthin Biosynthesis Resemble Those of Human Cholesterol Biosynthesis

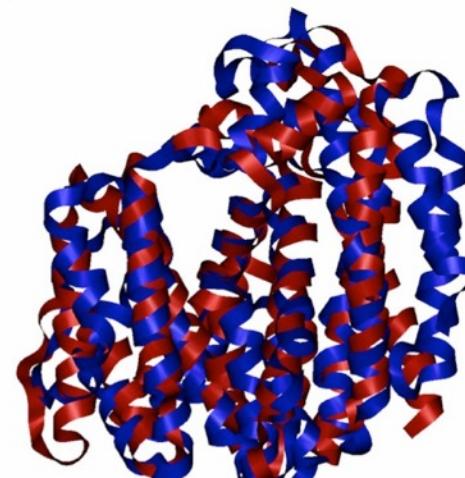
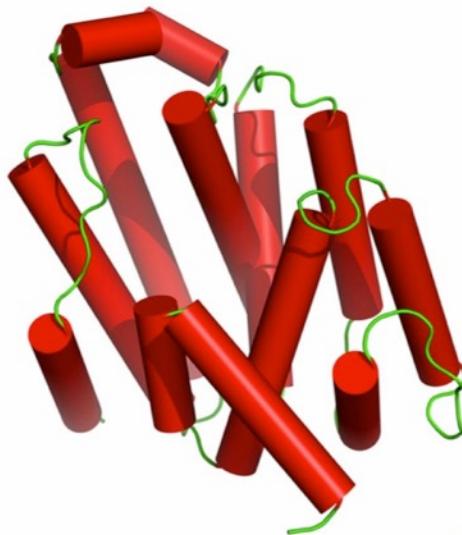


X-Ray Crystal Structures of *S. aureus* CrtM Together With Bound Phosphonosulfonate Inhibitors

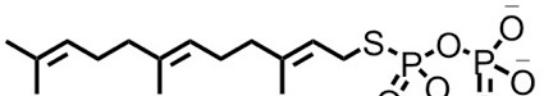
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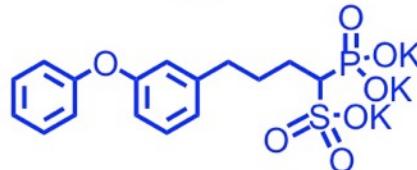
CrtM X-ray structure



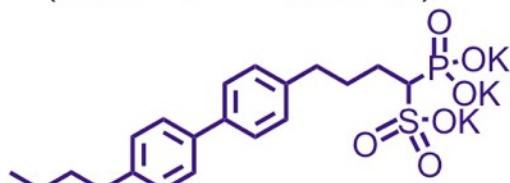
Superposition of
CrtM and hSQS
structures, showing
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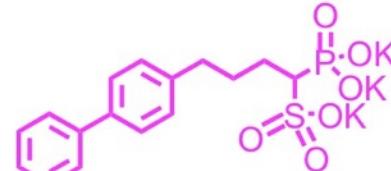
Farnesyl thiодiphosphate
(FSPP-1 and FSPP-2)



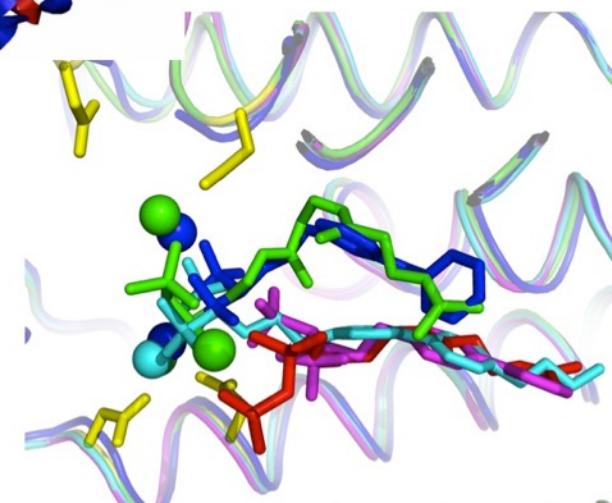
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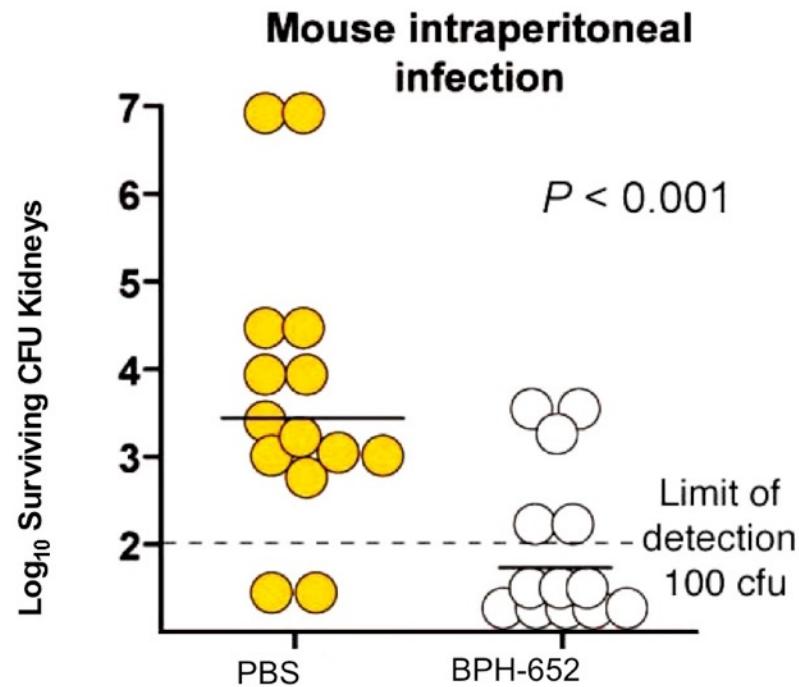
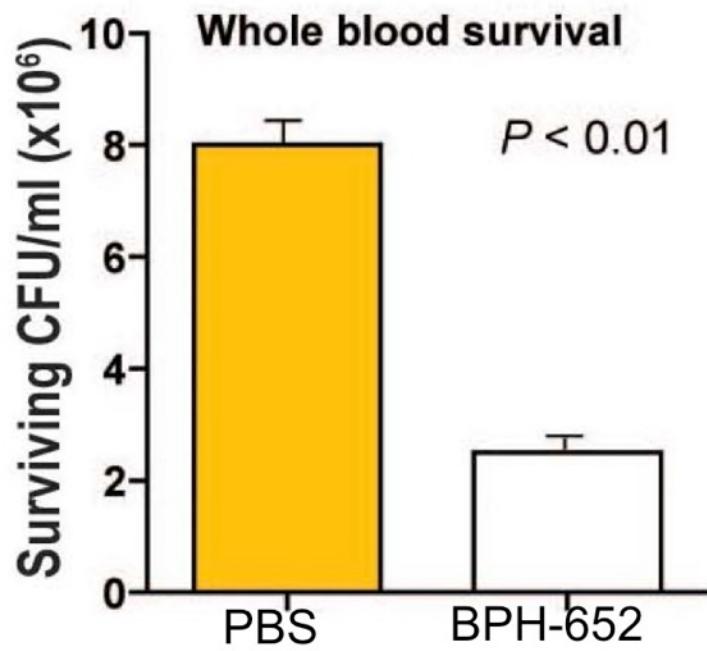
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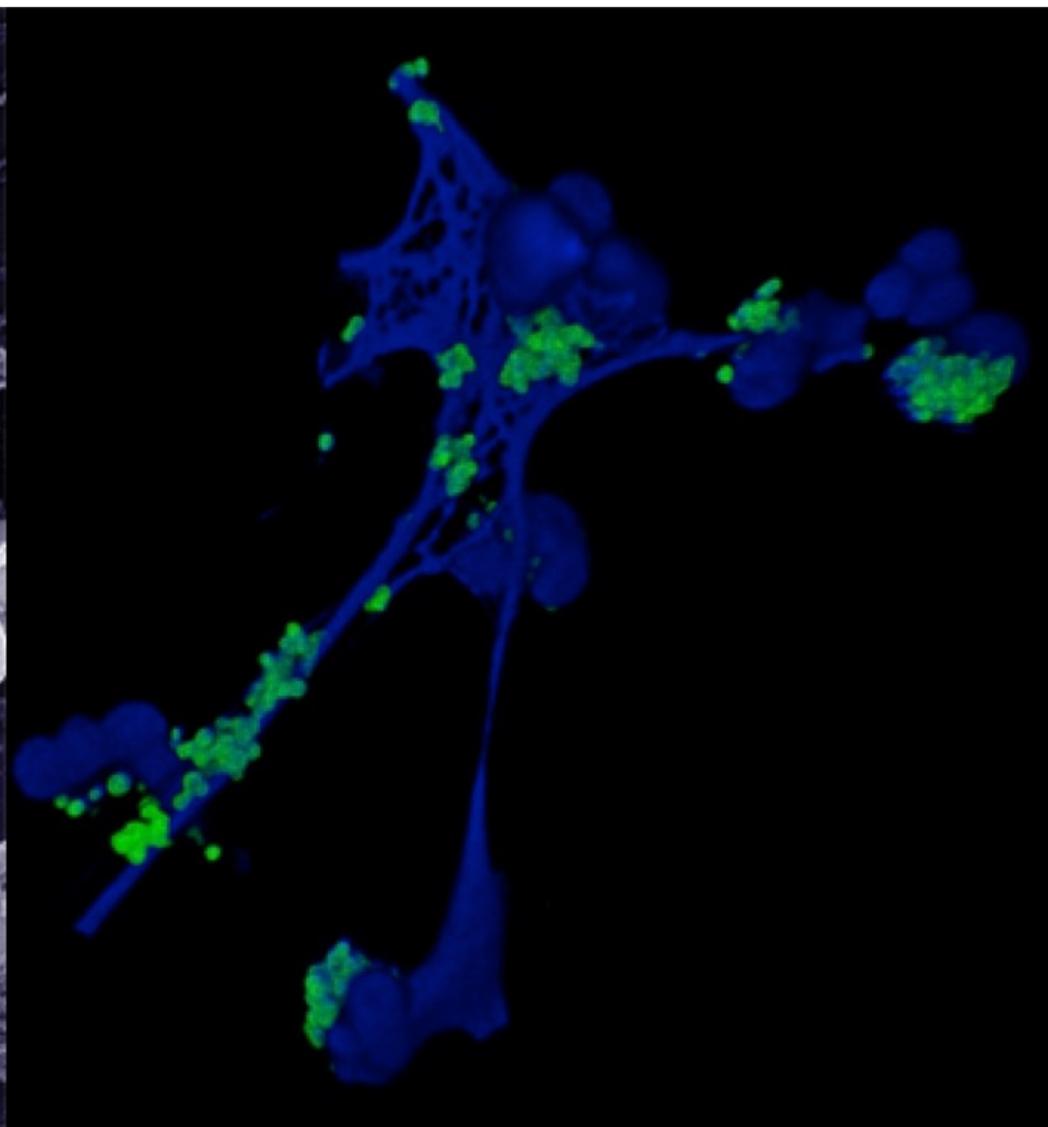
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A Cholesterol-Lowering Agent Blocks *S. aureus* Virulence *In Vitro* & *In Vivo*



Neutrophil “NETs”: DNA-Based Extracellular Traps for Killing Pathogenic Bacteria



Statins

> 40 million users in USA in 2015

**3-Hydroxy 3-Methylglutaryl
Coenzyme A (HMG-CoA)
Reductase Inhibitors**

Pharmacological Effects
Treatment of Hyperlipidemia
Lowers LDL
Raises HDL



Clinical Data: Decreased Risk or Improved Outcomes of Infection in Patients Receiving Statins

Disease	Effect of Statins
Bacteremia	Reduced Mortality
Sepsis	Reduced Incidence, Reduced Mortality
Pneumonia	Reduced Incidence, Reduced Mortality

Prevailing Hypothesis: Statin downregulates inflammatory mediatory release deleterious in sepsis (TNF, iNOS, IL-1, IL-6)

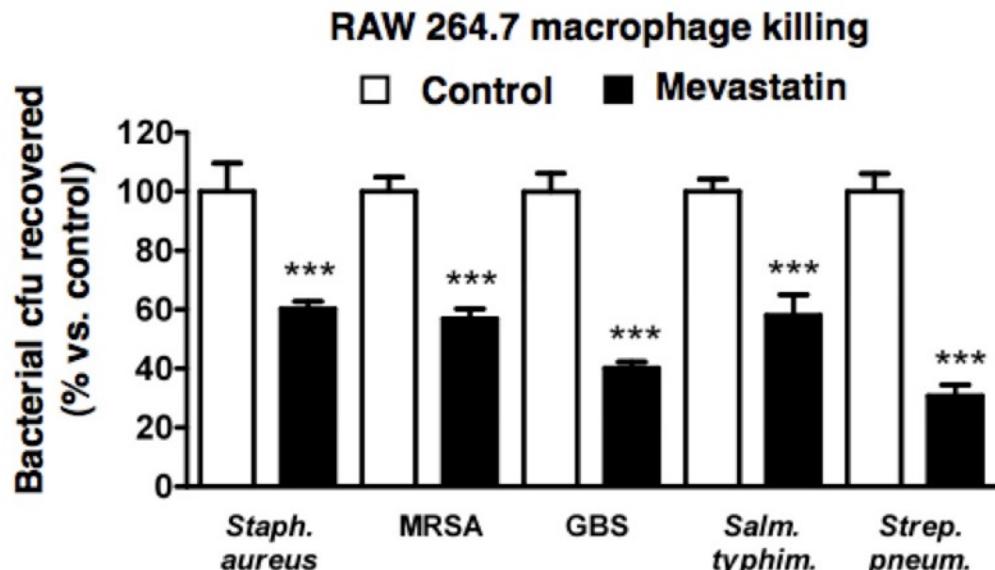
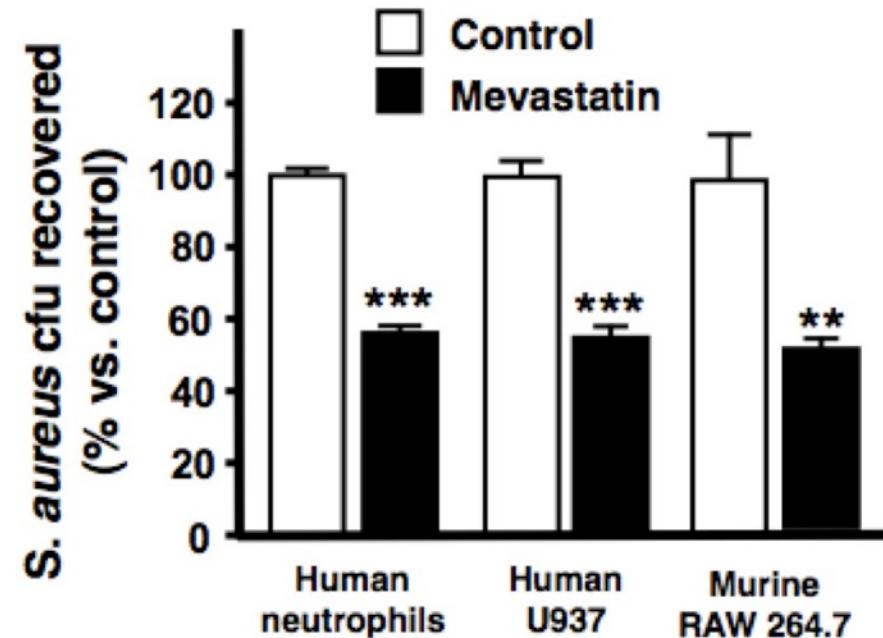
We sought to test an Alternative Hypothesis:

Could statins improves the innate immune function of phagocytes?

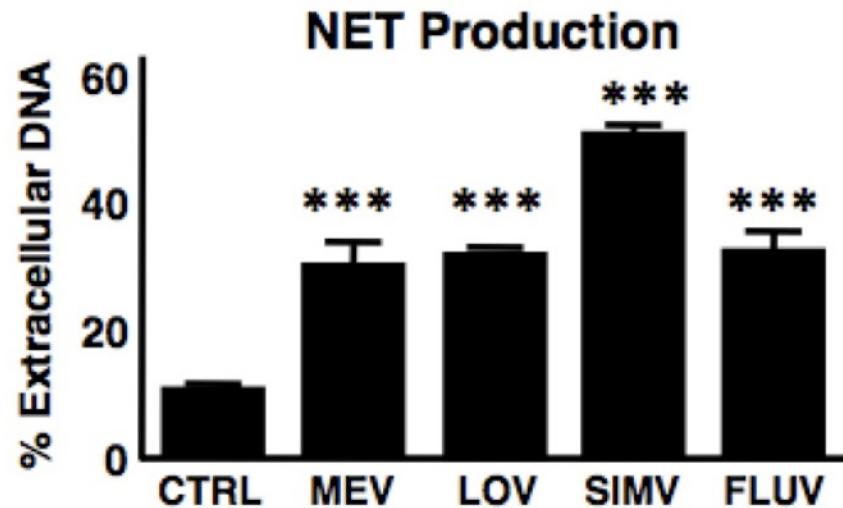
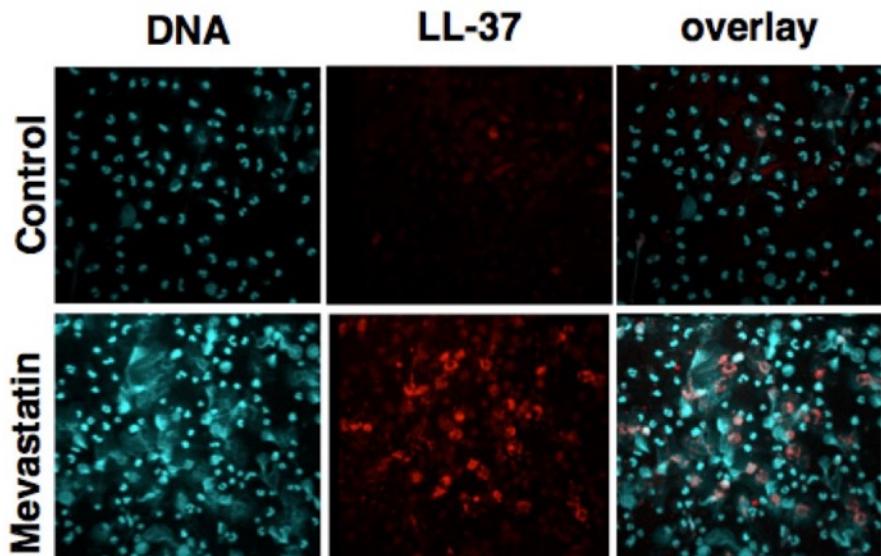
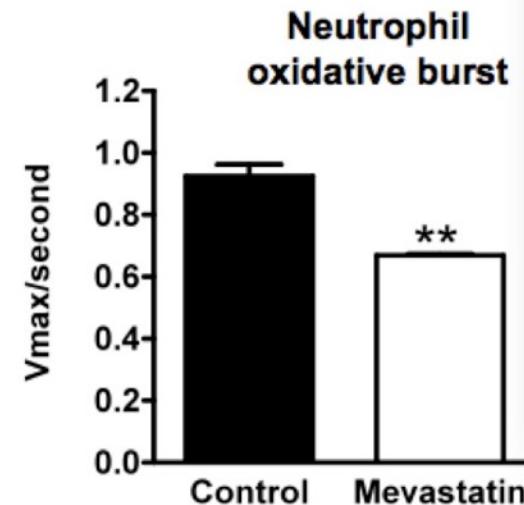
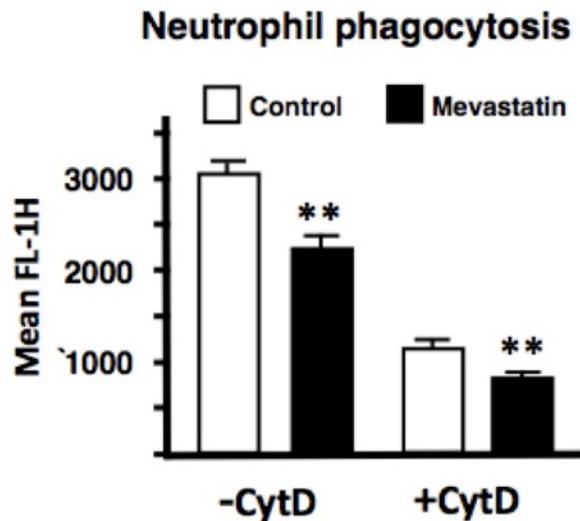
Statin treated neutrophils and macrophages kill *S. aureus* more efficiently

with
C. Glass Lab

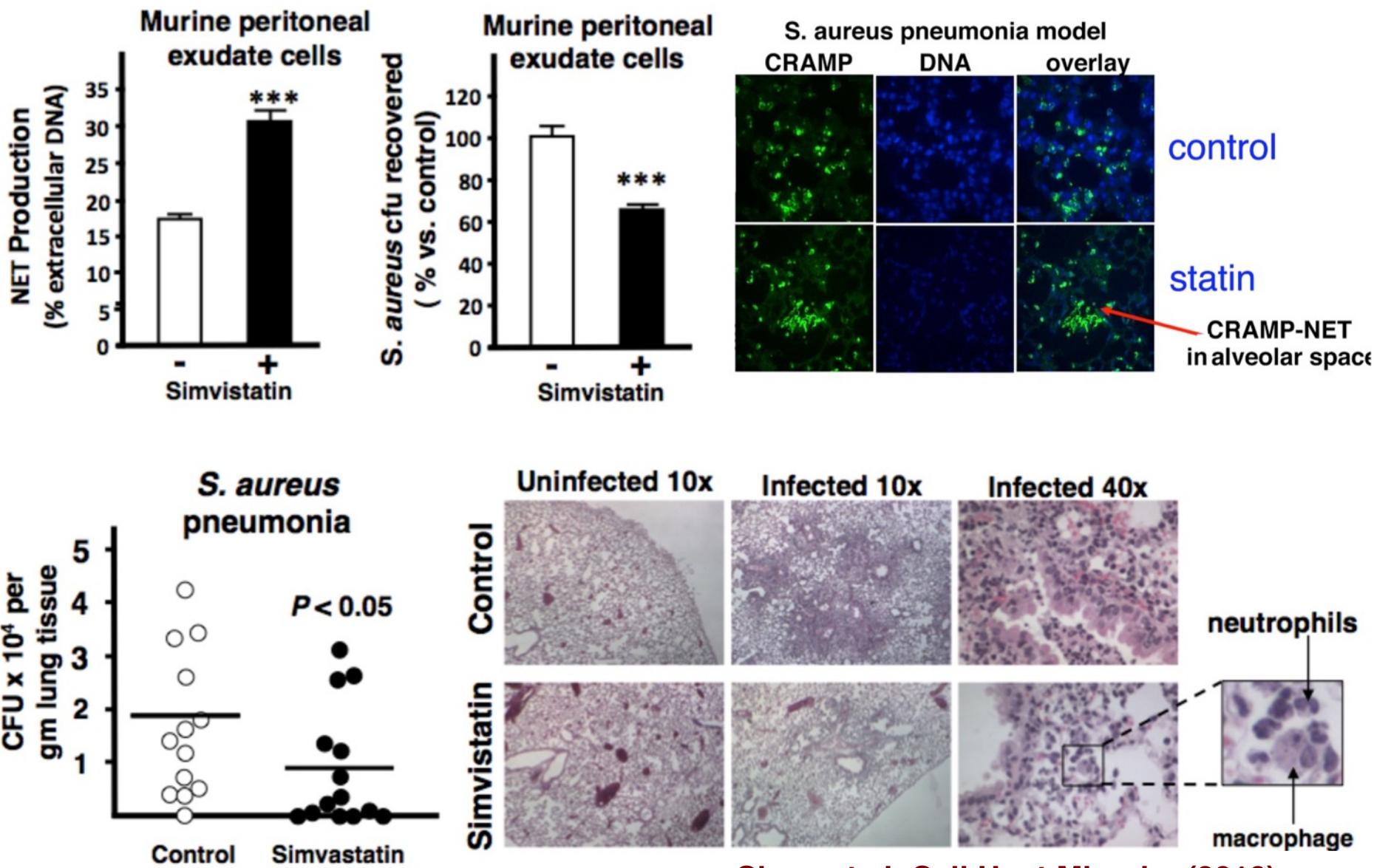
Effect is observed with multiple bacterial species



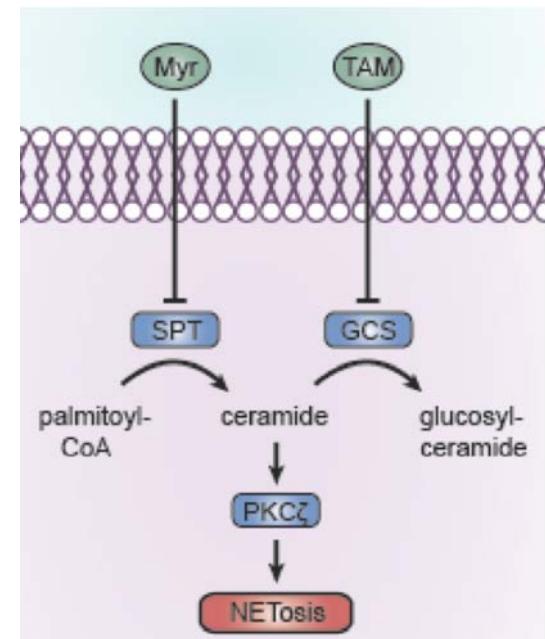
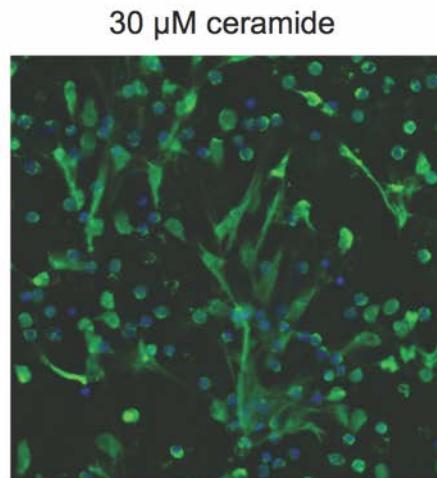
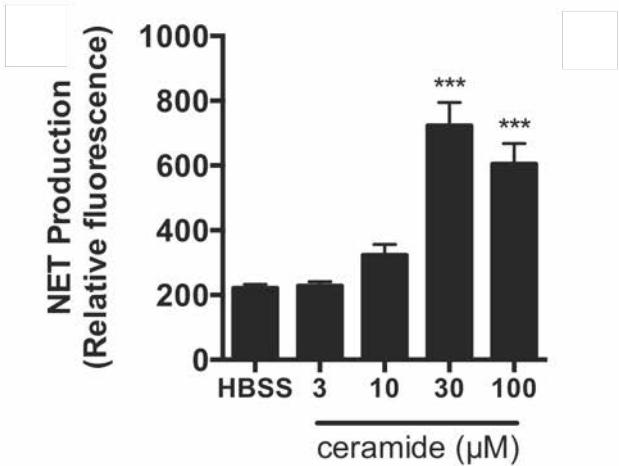
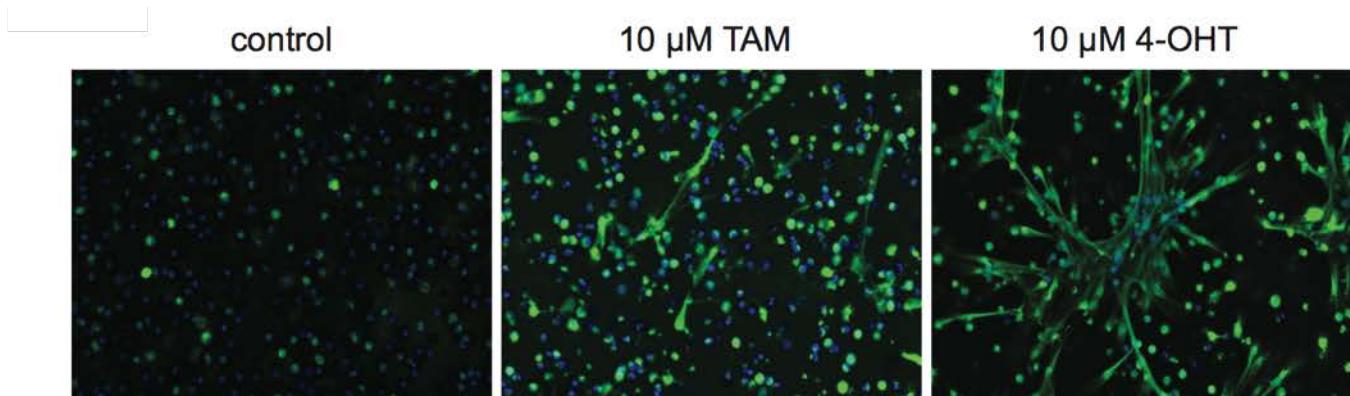
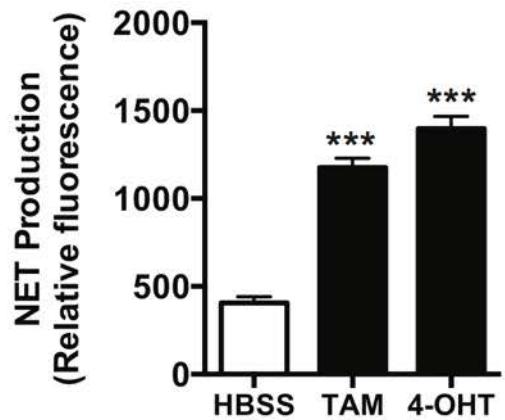
Statins actually REDUCED phagocytosis & oxidative burst; rather, they boosted NET production & killing



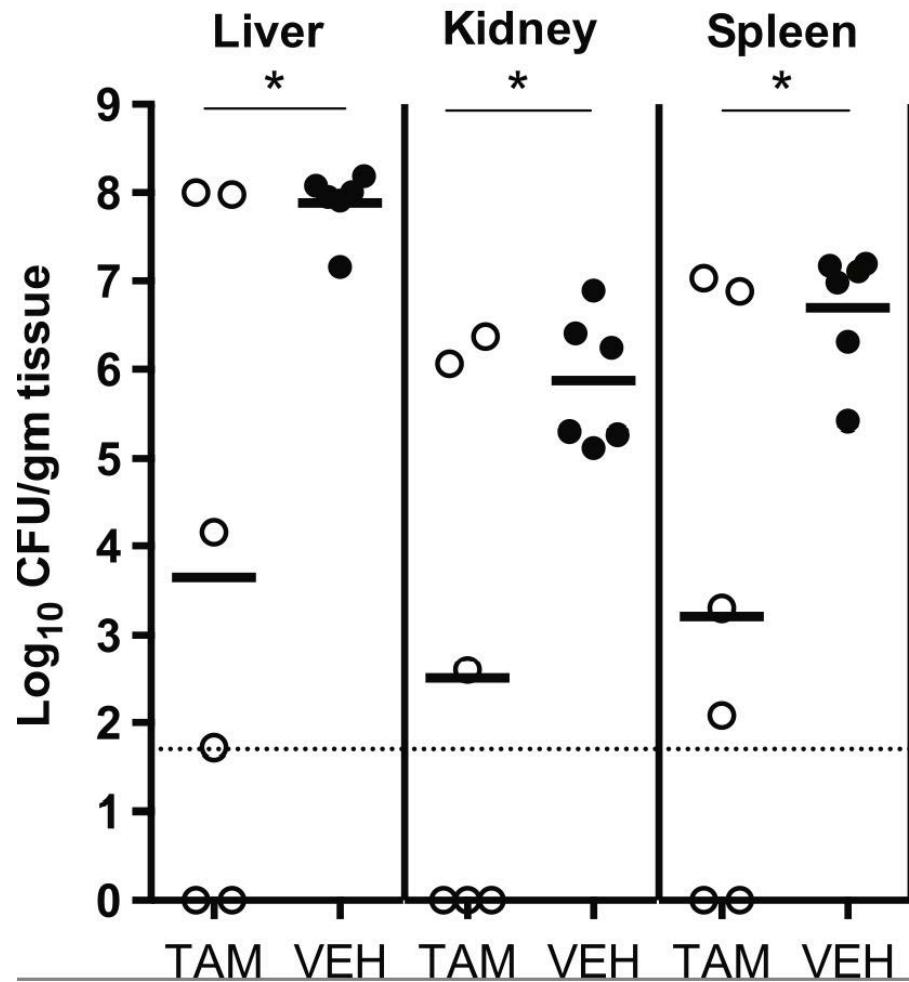
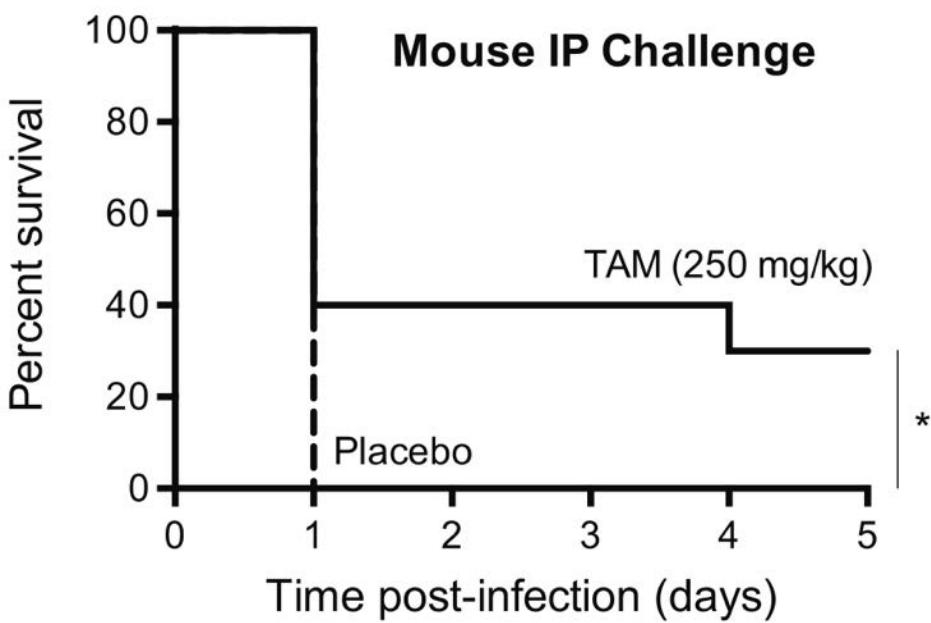
Mice Treated With Statin Have Increased ET Production and Killing of *S. aureus* Ex Vivo and In vivo



Tamoxifen Induces NETs By Increasing Intracellular Ceramide Levels



Tamoxifen Boosts Host Defense Against Staphylococcal Infection *in vivo*



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

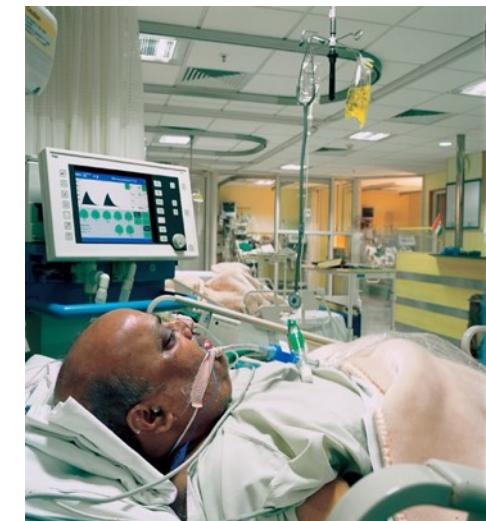


A SINGLE TEST, MIC/MBC TESTING IN BACTERIOLOGIC MEDIA (i.e. CA-MHB), EFFECTIVELY DELIMITS PHARMACOTHERAPY OF HUMAN BACTERIAL INFECTIONS

ANTIBIOTIC DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT

WHICH DRUGS CHOSEN FOR HOSPITAL FORMULARY

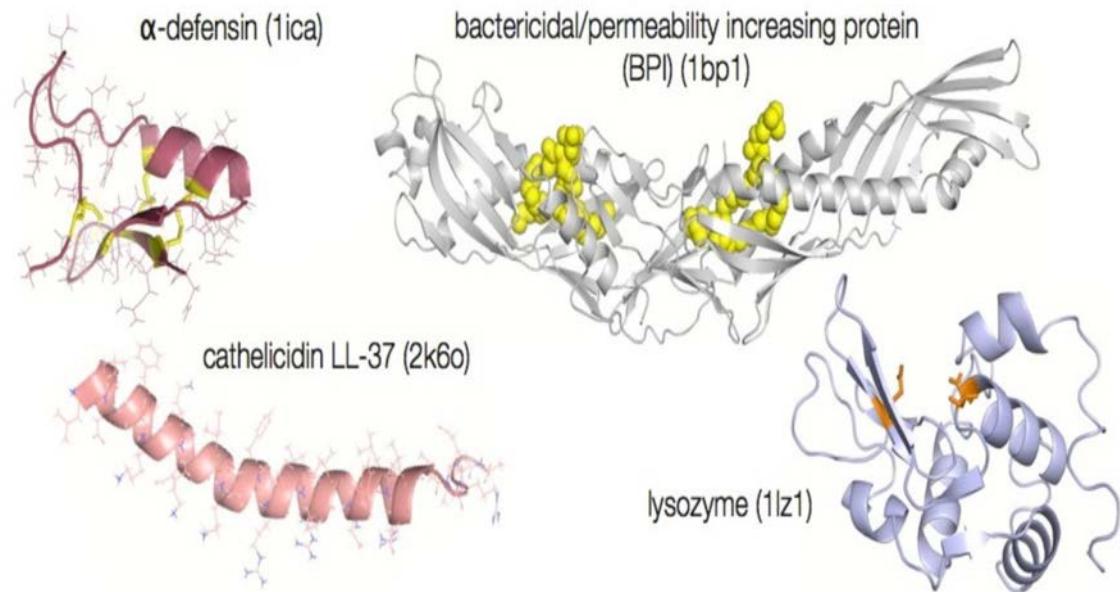
WHICH INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO DOCTORS WHEN THE PATHOGEN IS CULTURED FROM THE PATIENT



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



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



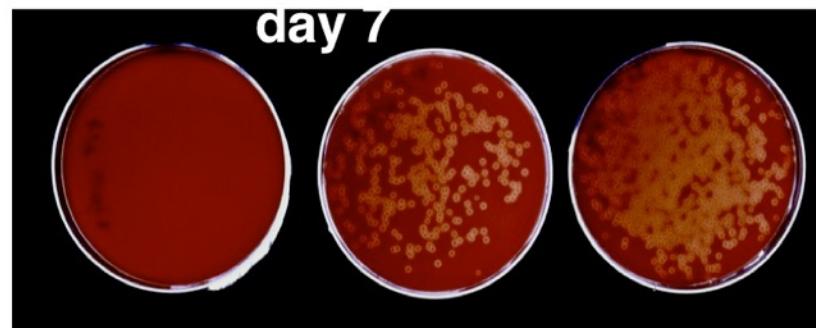
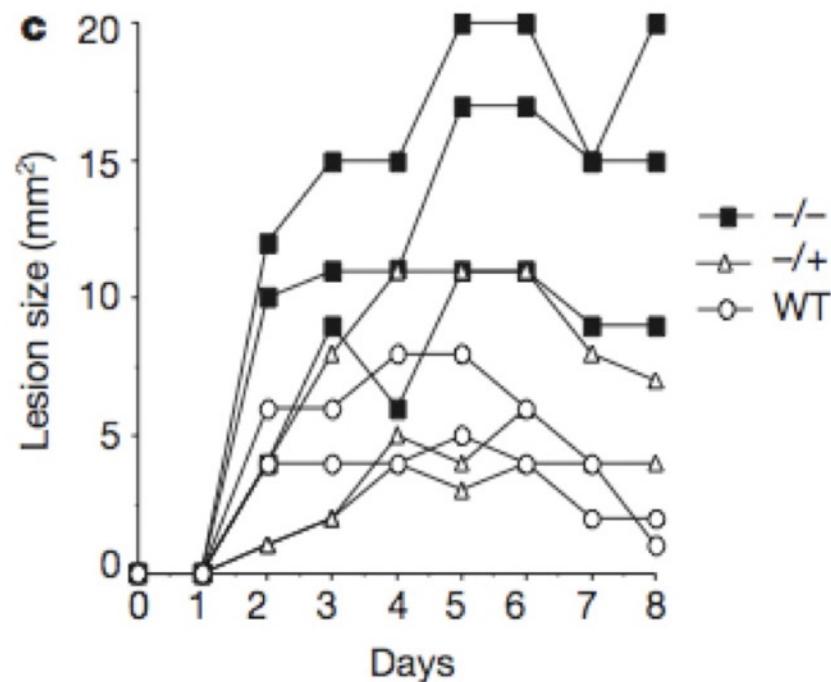
CRAMP-KO Mouse Has Immune Defect



Wild-type Mice



Knockout Mice



with R. Gallo Lab

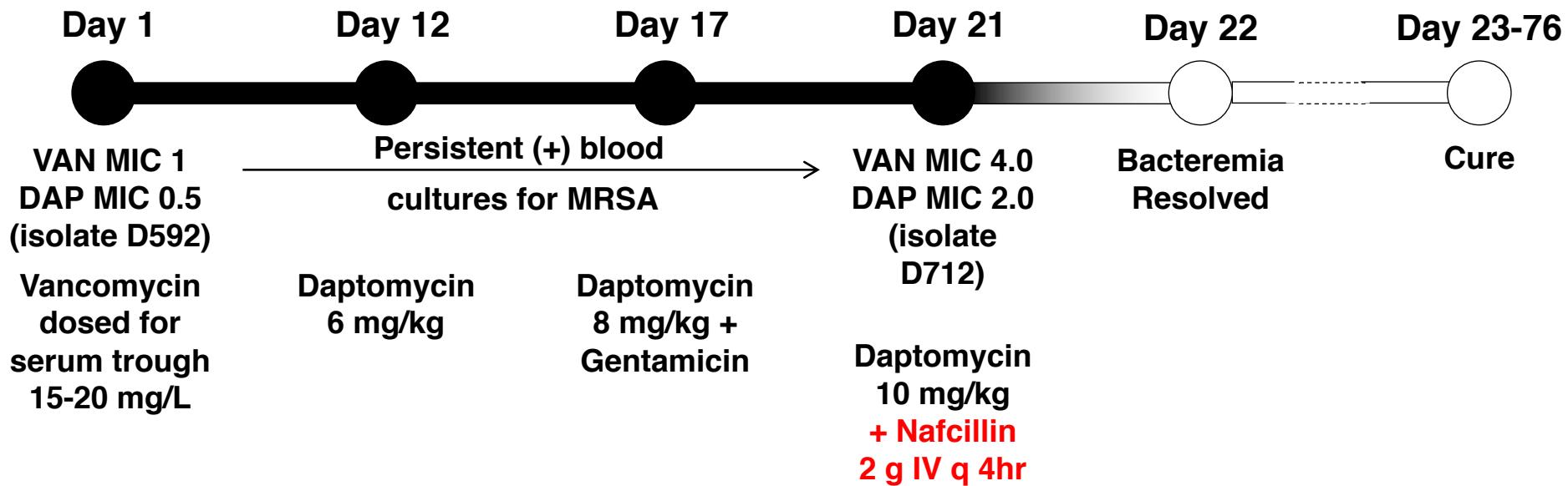
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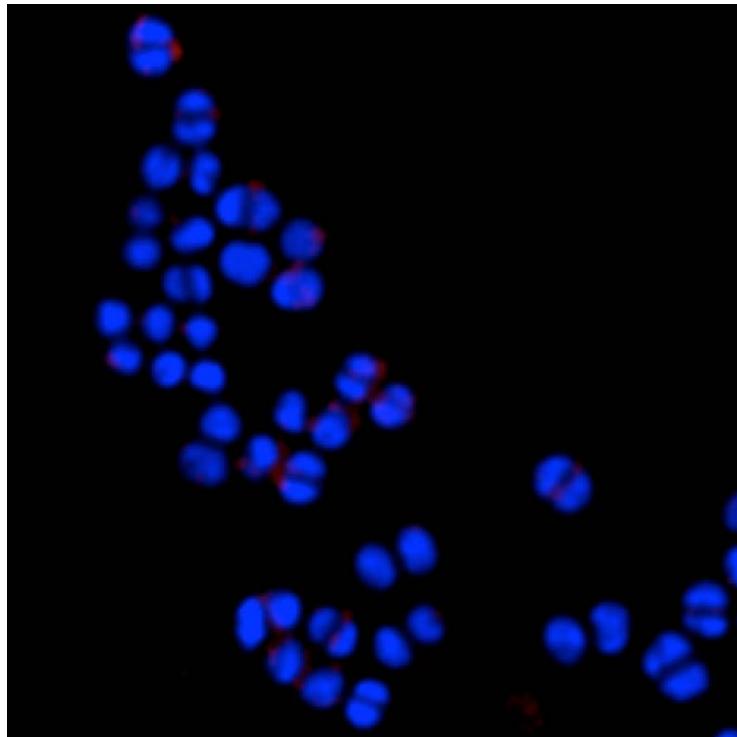
Nizet *et al.* Nature, 2001

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

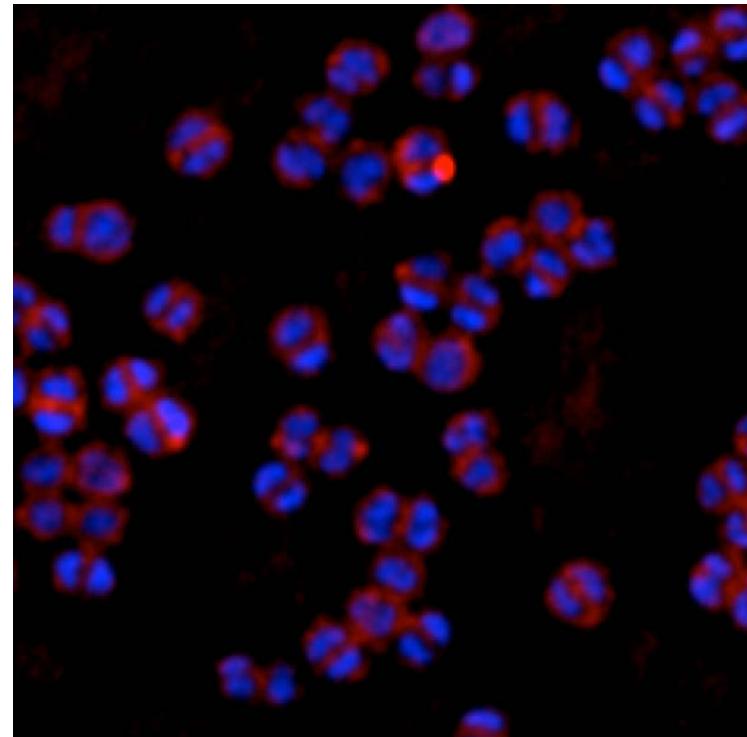


George
Sakoulas, MD

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

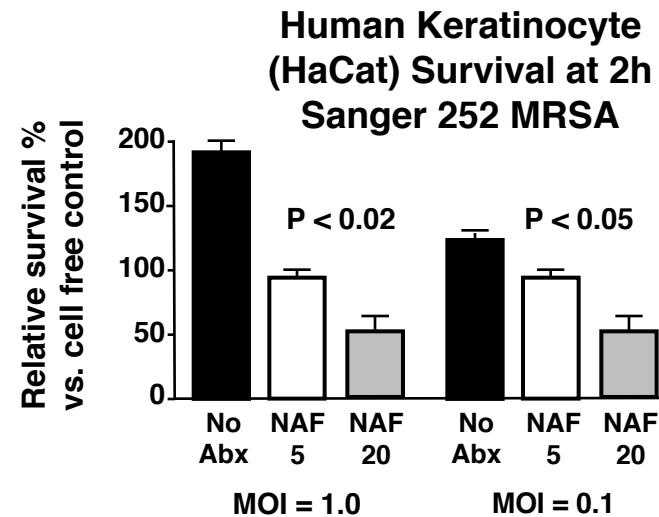
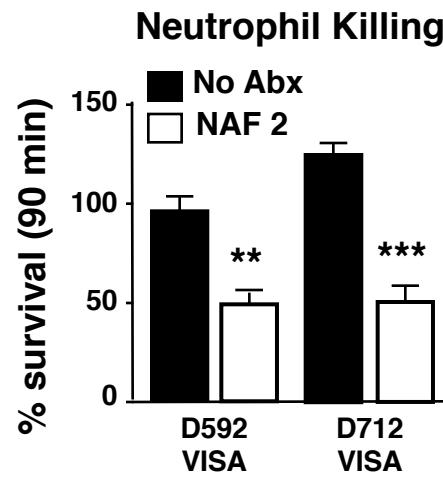
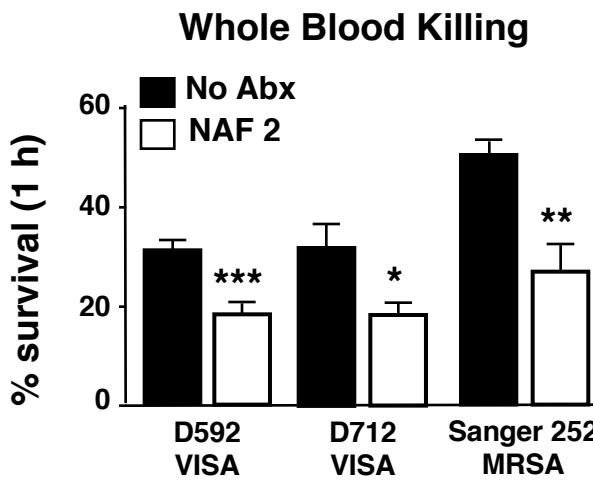


MRSA + LL-37



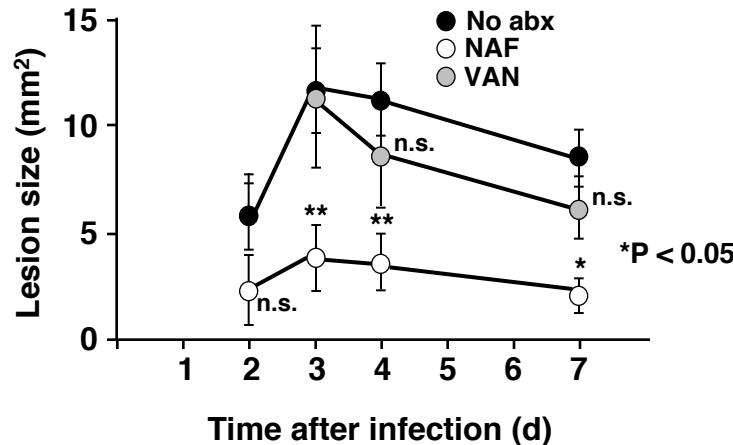
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+ Naf 10

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

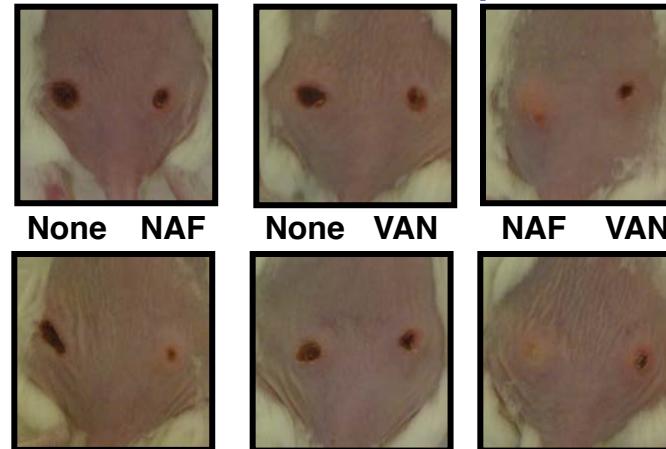


Sublethal Nafcillin (Monotherapy) Influences MRSA Lesion Development in Mouse Skin Infection Models

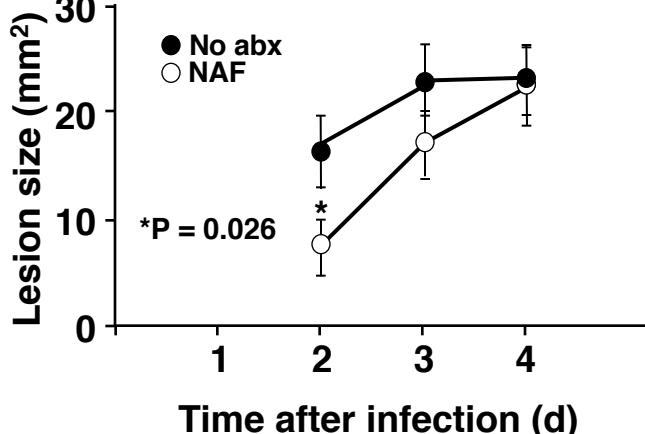
Antibiotic pretreatment of Sanger 252 MRSA followed by mouse subcutaneous challenge



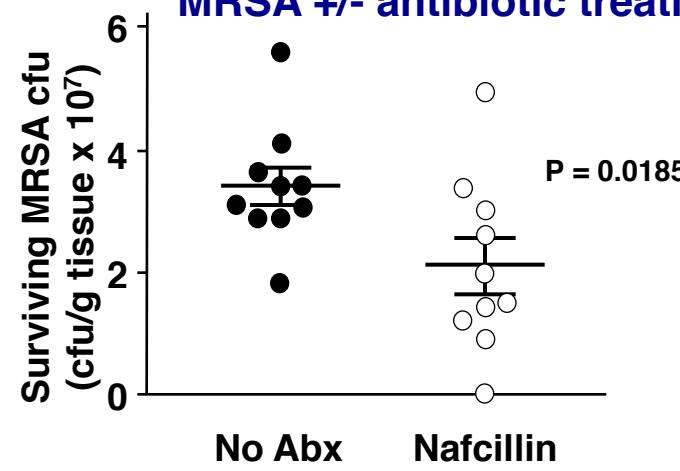
Representative gross appearance of skin lesions at 48 h time point



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

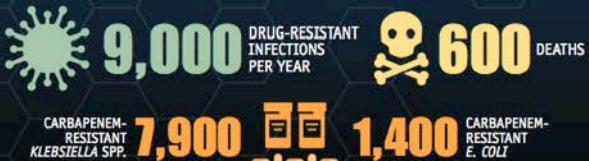


Mouse s.c. challenge with Sanger 252 MRSA +/- antibiotic treatment





CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT ENTEROBACTERIACEAE



THREAT LEVEL
URGENT 

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

! CRE HAVE BECOME RESISTANT TO ALL OR NEARLY ALL AVAILABLE ANTIBIOTICS !



THREAT LEVEL
SERIOUS 

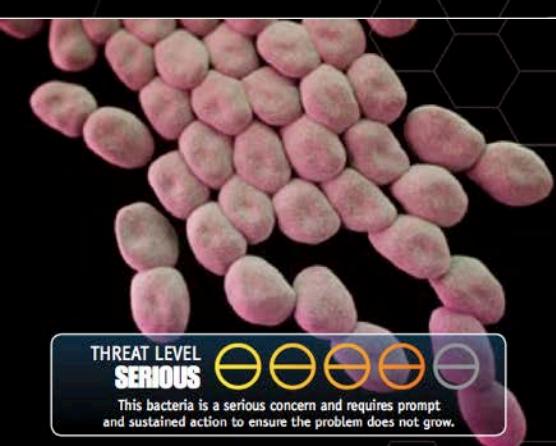
This bacteria is a serious concern and requires prompt and sustained action to ensure the problem does not grow.

MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT PSEUDOMONAS AERUGINOSA



THREAT LEVEL
SERIOUS 

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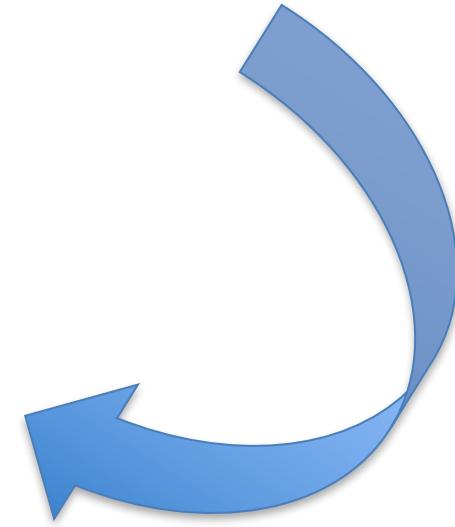
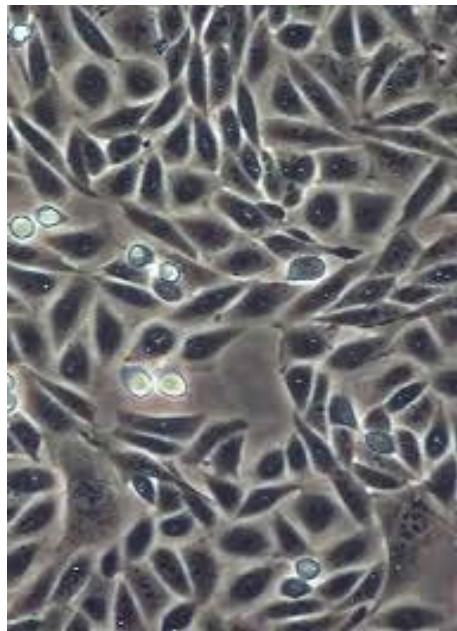
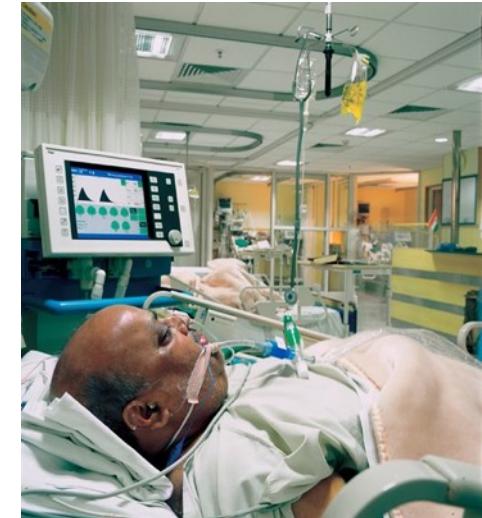


MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT ACINETOBACTER



! 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



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

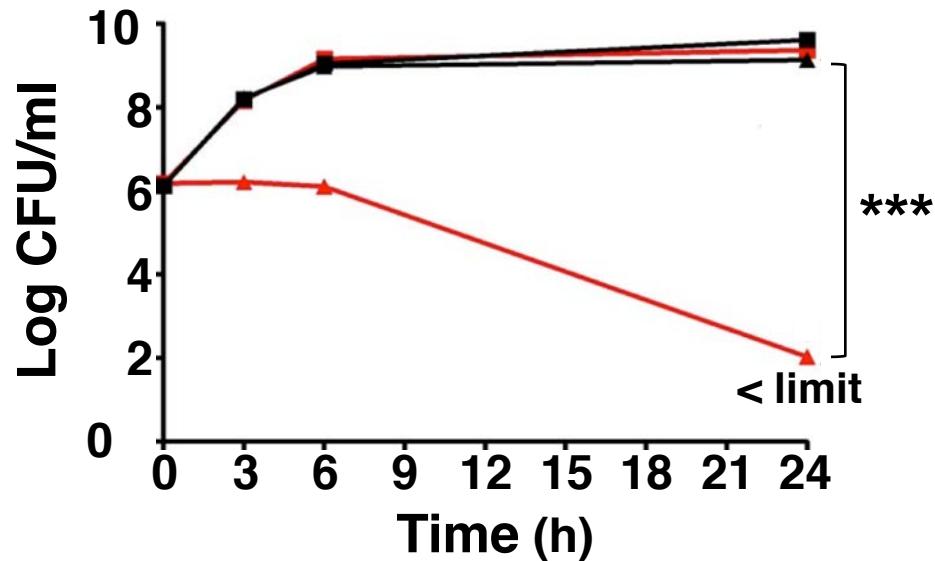
Bacterial Strain	Azithromycin MIC in Ca-MHB (ug/ml)	Azithromycin MIC in 5% LB-RPMI (ug/ml)
MDR <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> – P4	>64	4
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> – PA01	>64	2
Carbapenemase-Producing <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> (KPC) – K1100	32	1
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> – K700603	64	2
MDR <i>Acinetobacter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



Leo Lin
(UCSD MSTP)

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

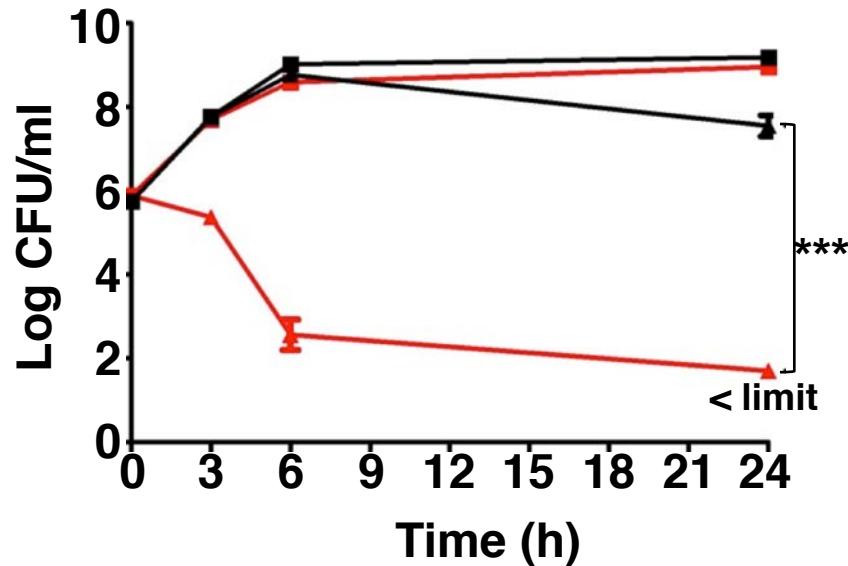
MDR *K. pneumoniae*



Ca-MHB
RPMI (5% LB)

■ ■ No abx
▲ ▲ AZM 1

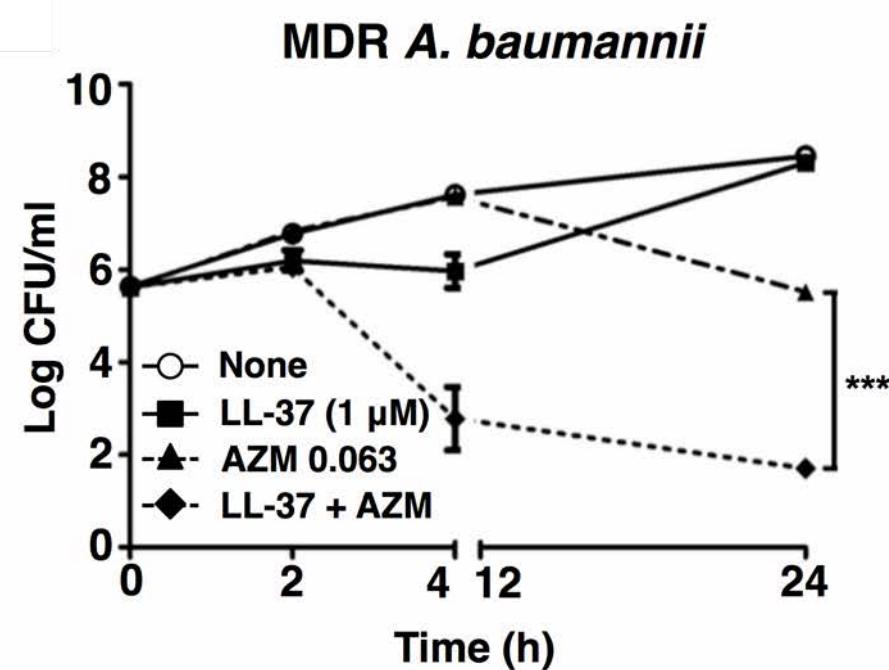
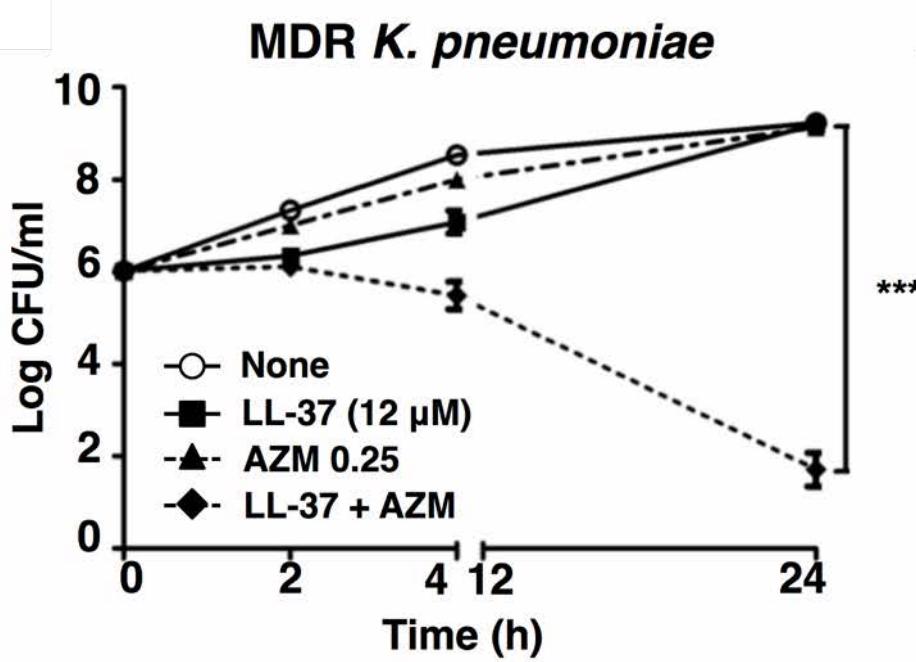
MDR *A. baumannii*



Ca-MHB
RPMI (5%LB)

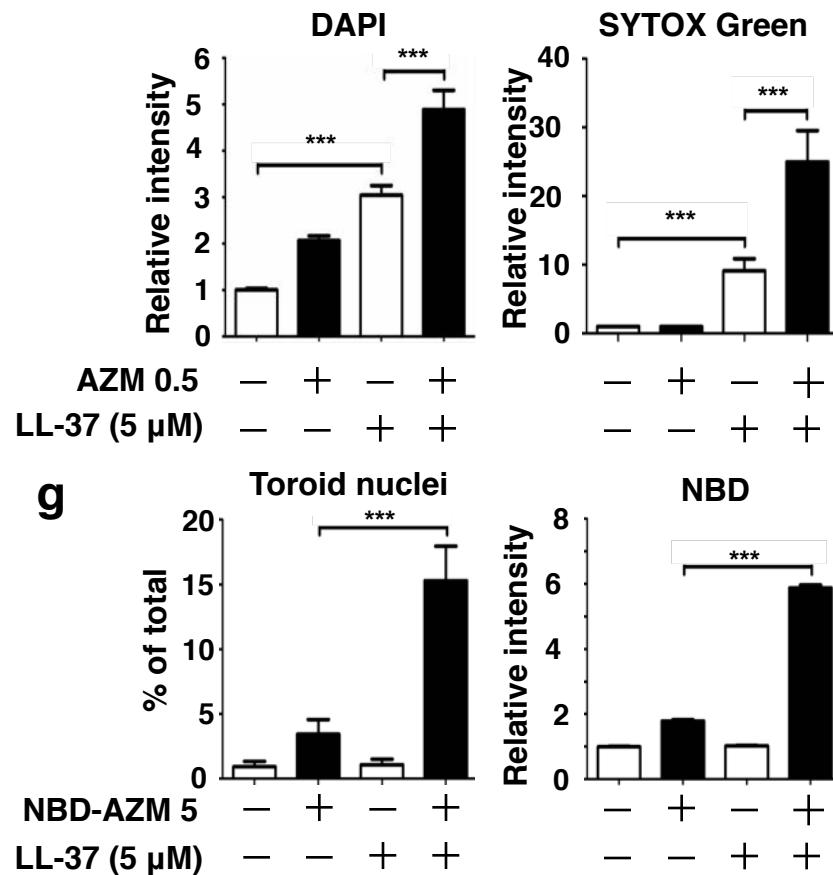
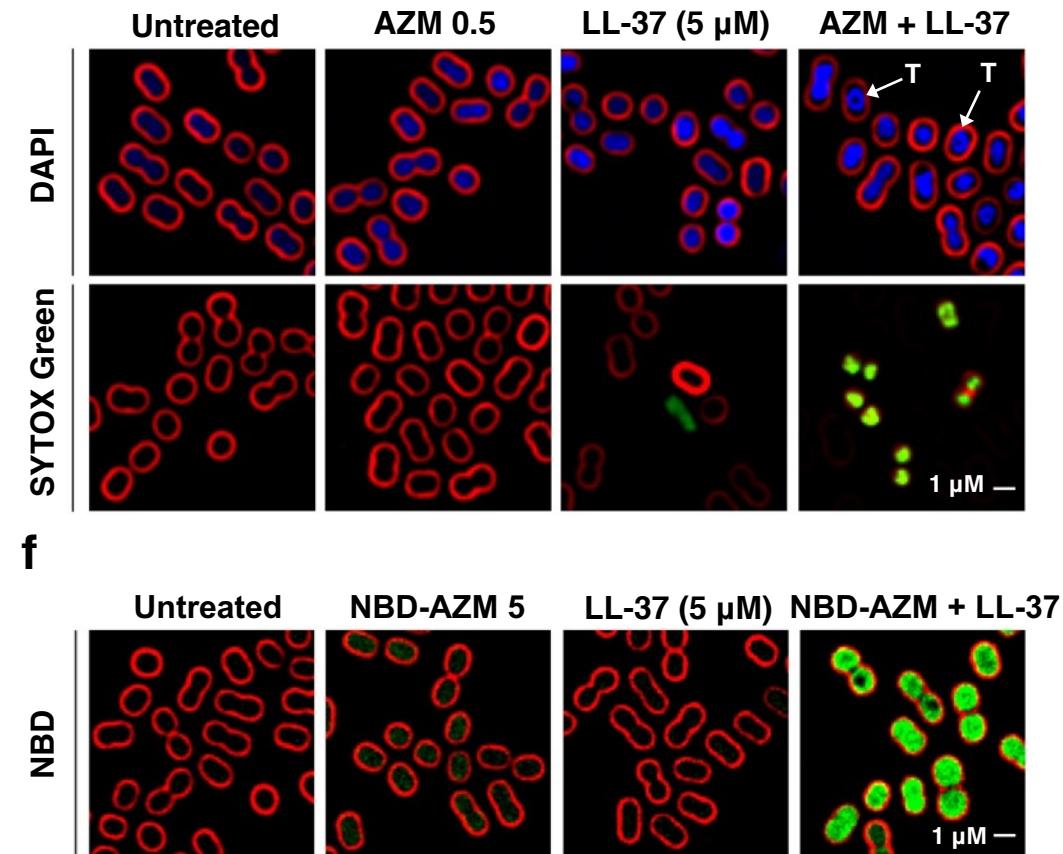
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Synergy Between Azithromycin and LL-37 in Killing MDR Gram-Negative Rods

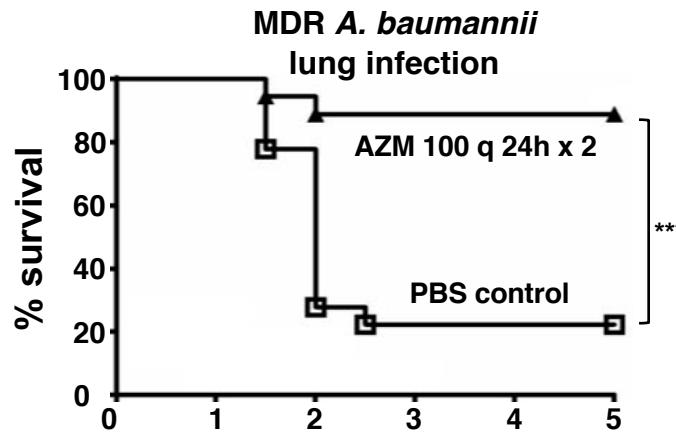
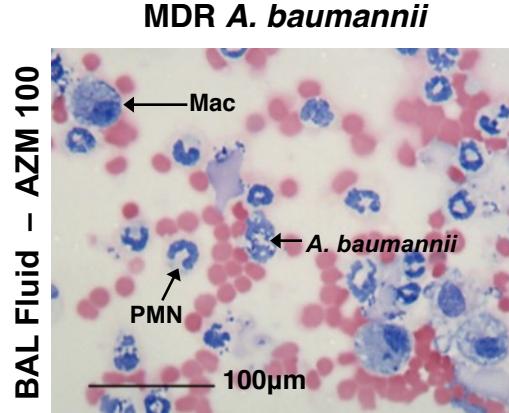
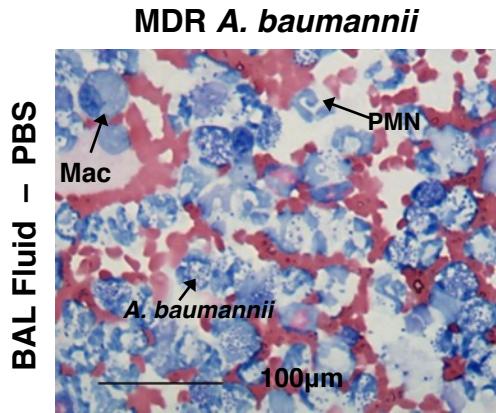
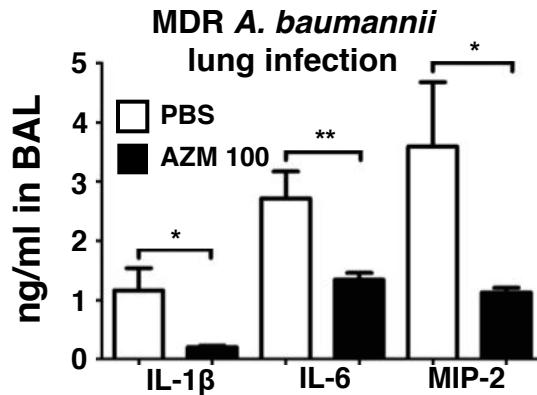
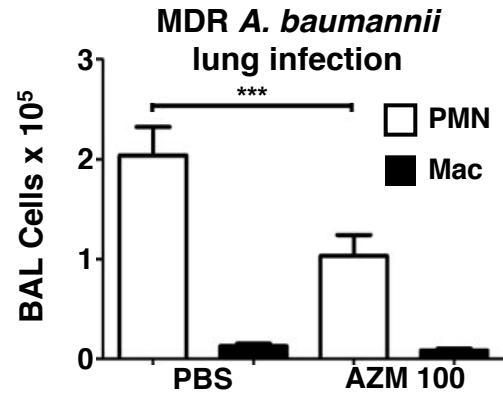
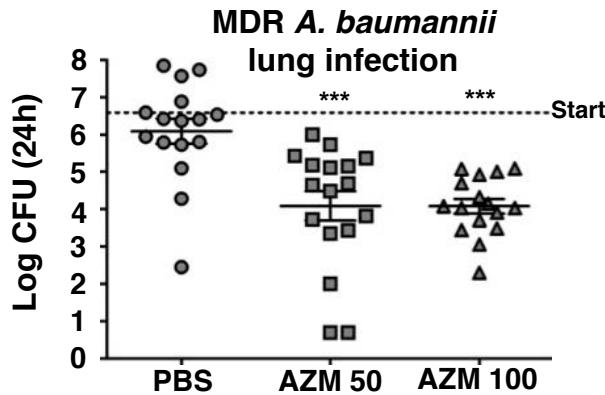


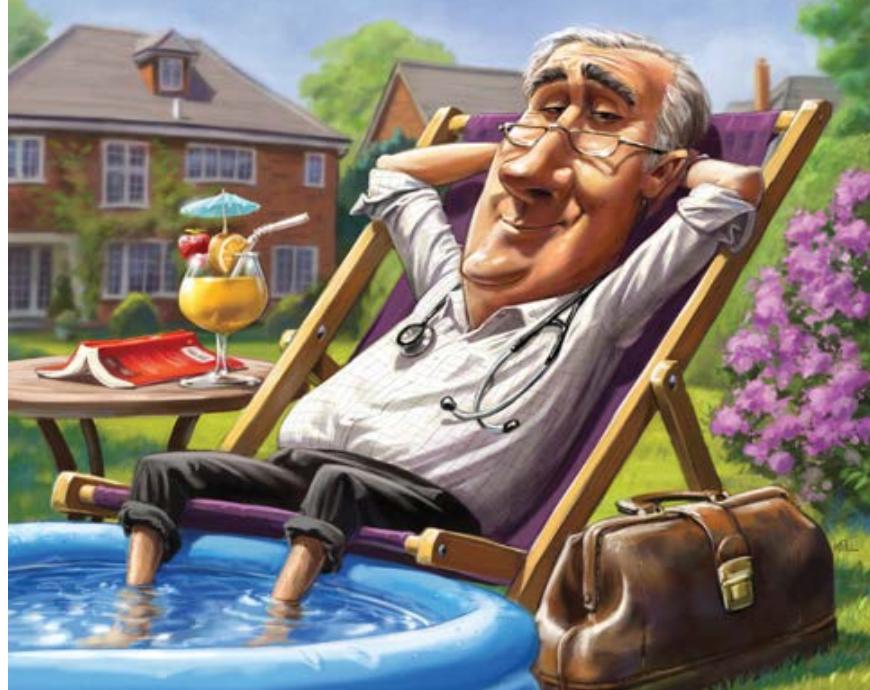
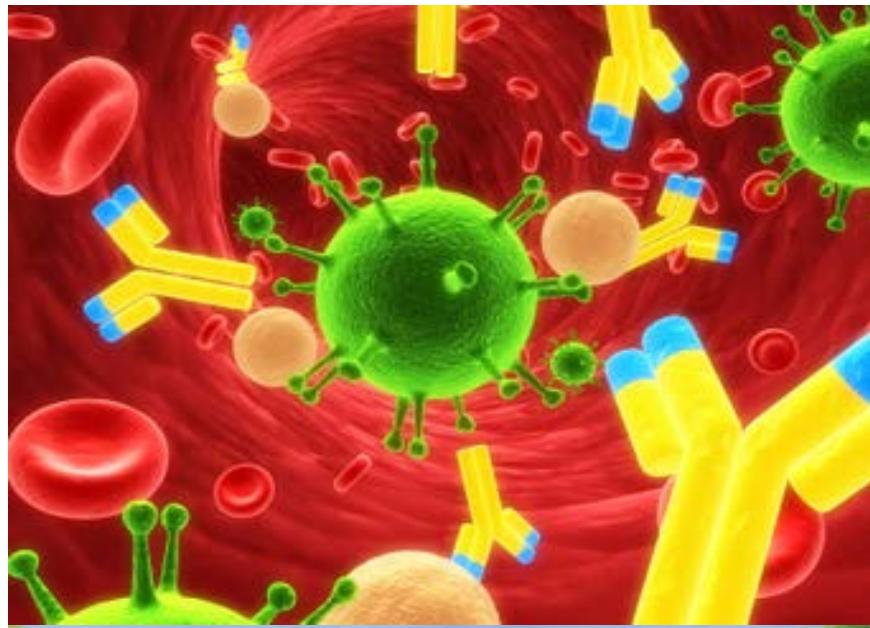
Azithromycin Synergy with LL-37: Increased Cell Wall Permeability and Azithromycin Entry

MDR *Acinetobacter baumannii*



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





TIME

THERE IS NEW AMMUNITION
IN THE WAR AGAINST
CANCER.
THESE ARE THE BULLETS.

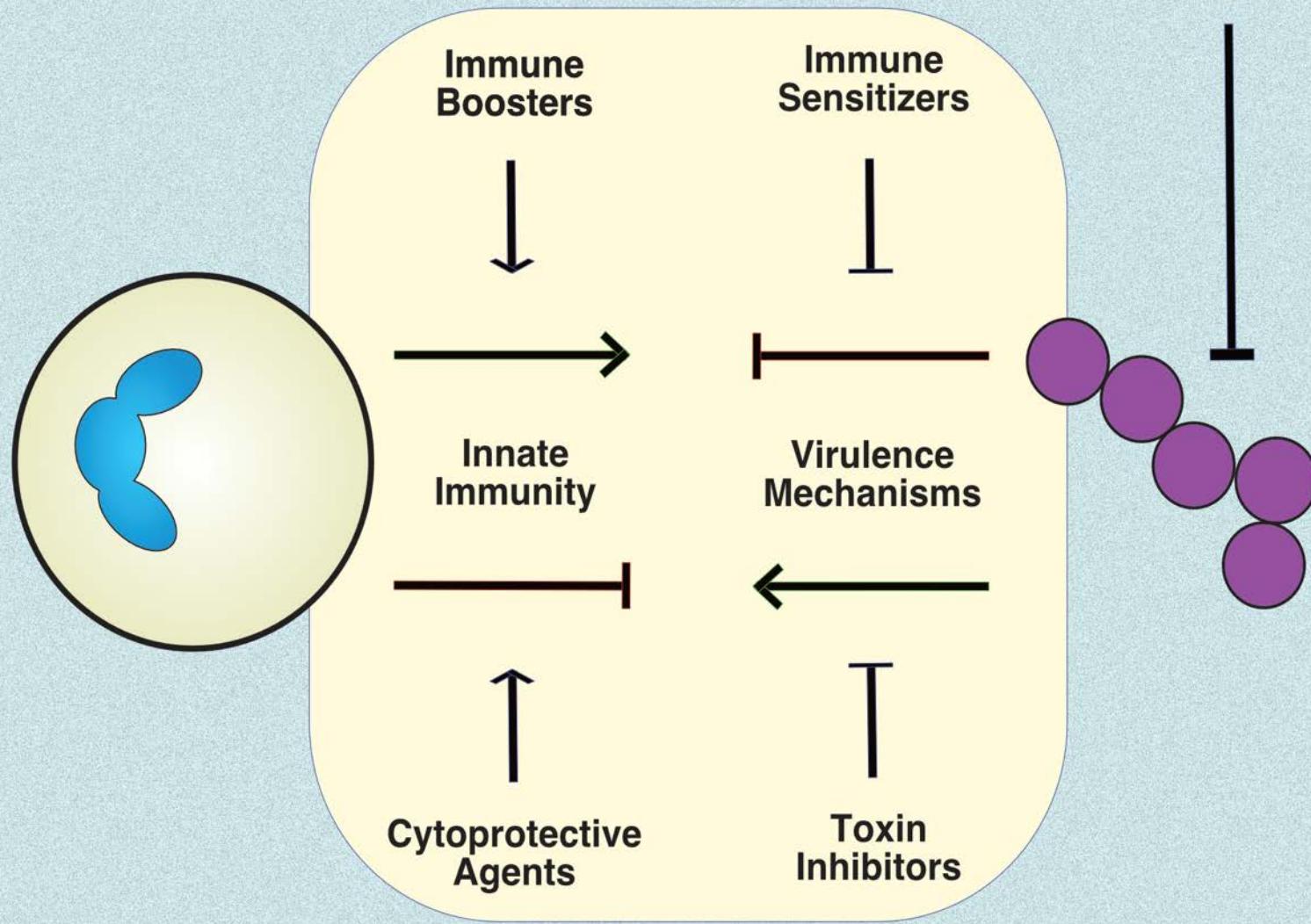
Revolutionary new pills like GLEEVEC combat cancer by targeting only the diseased cells. Is this the breakthrough we've been waiting for?

IMMUNOTHERAPY:
Using the Body To Fight Cancer

A TIME magazine cover featuring a large headline about cancer immunotherapy. The main image on the cover is a skeleton with glowing blue outlines, symbolizing the body's immune system. To the right of the skeleton is a red-bordered box containing text and a photograph of several yellow capsules labeled "GLEEVEC". The overall theme is the use of the body's own resources to combat cancer.

Novel Therapeutics Targeting the Host-Pathogen Interface

Classical Antibiotics



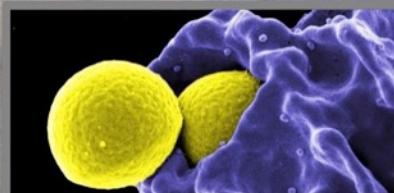
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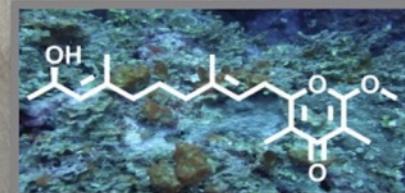


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Mining novel sources of natural product chemical diversity (the ocean!)

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 Medicinal Chemistry
Natural Products
Drug Discovery

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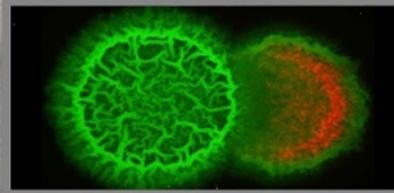
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Natural Products
Drug Discovery

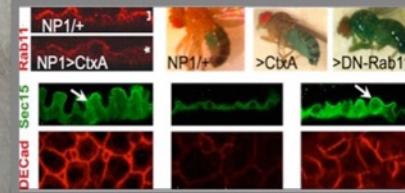
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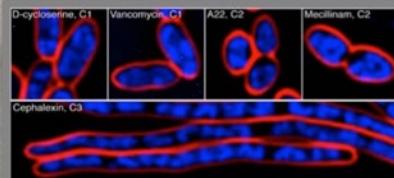
 Natural Products
Biosynthetic Systems
Drug Discovery


Fundamental microbiology of antibiotic resistance mechanisms, alternative model systems, active genetics


Kit Pogliano

 Bacteriology
Microbial Genetics
Drug Discovery

Ethan Bier

 Microbial Toxins
Novel Infection Models
Active Genetics

Joseph Pogliano

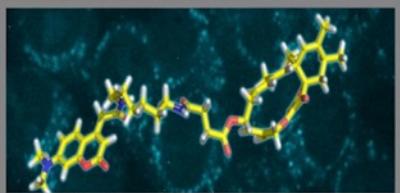
 Bacteriology
Antibiotic Mechanisms
Drug Discovery

Emily Troemel

 Host-Pathogen Interaction
Parasitology
Novel Infection Models


Innovative medicinal chemistry approaches to make smarter, safer, targeted antibiotics

Michael Burkart

Medicinal Chemistry
Natural Products
Drug Discovery



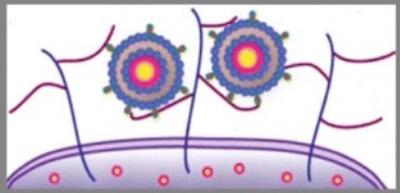
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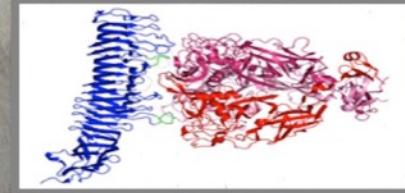
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Synthetic Chemistry
Antibiotic Mechanisms
Drug Discovery



Partho Ghosh

Structural Biology
Protein Biochemistry
Microbial Pathogenesis



High-throughput screens, chemical genomics, extend to parasitic & emerging viral diseases

James McKerrow

Neglected Diseases
Parasitology
Drug Discovery



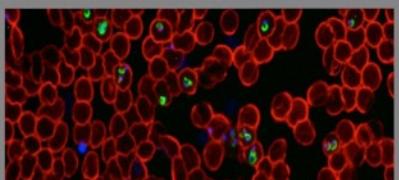
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Host-Pathogen Interactions
Stem Cell Biology
Drug Discovery



Elizabeth Winzeler

Chemical Genomics
Drug Discovery
Malaria



Lars Eckmann

GI Tract Infections
Mucosal Immunology
Drug Discovery



Treat infection while preserving the microbiome, modulate microbiome to increase host resistance

Rob Knight

Human Microbiome
Computational Biology
Microbial Genomics



Pieter Dorrestein

Mass Spectrometry
Metabolomics
Human Microbiome



Karsten Zengler

Human Microbiome
Community Systems Biology
Microbial Ecology



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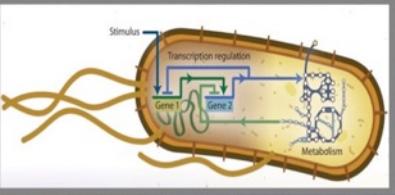
Human Microbiome
Viral Communities
Antibiotic Resistance



Systems biology, big data “–omics” approaches, engineering solutions to diagnosis/treatment

Bernard Palsson

Systems Biology
Microbial Genetics
Metabolic Dynamics



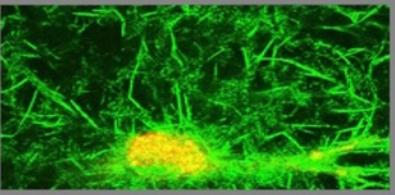
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Adaptive Evolution
Antimicrobial Resistance



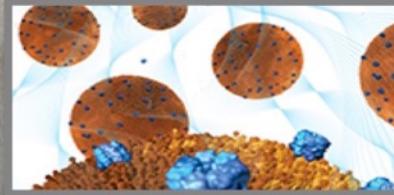
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Molecular Diagnostics

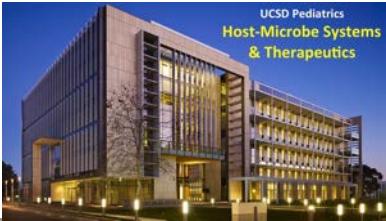


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Nanotechnology
Antibiotic Resistance
Experimental Therapeutics

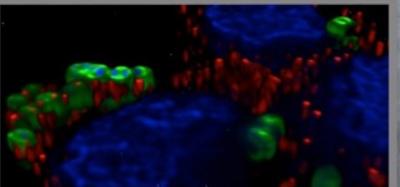


Treat infection as a host-pathogen interaction, block virulence and boost immune clearance



Victor Nizet

Bacterial Pathogenesis
Immunology
Drug Discovery



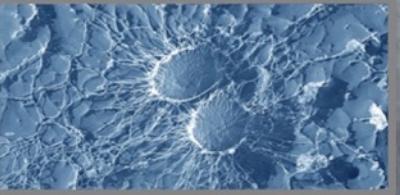
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Proteomics
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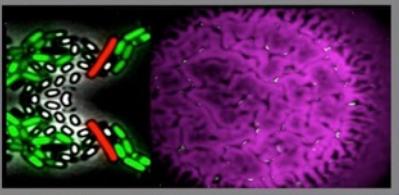
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Innate Immunity
Epithelial Biology
Human Microbiome



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Microbial Cell Biology
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Biofilm Communities



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Analytics of patient data, personalized medicine, novel clinical lab testing, phage therapeutics

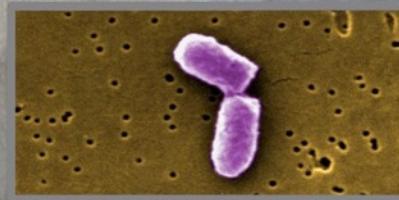
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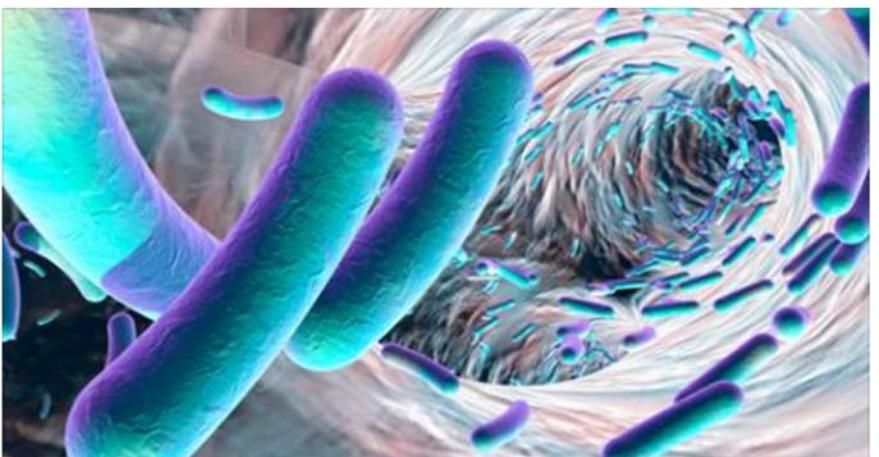


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Antibiotic Stewardship
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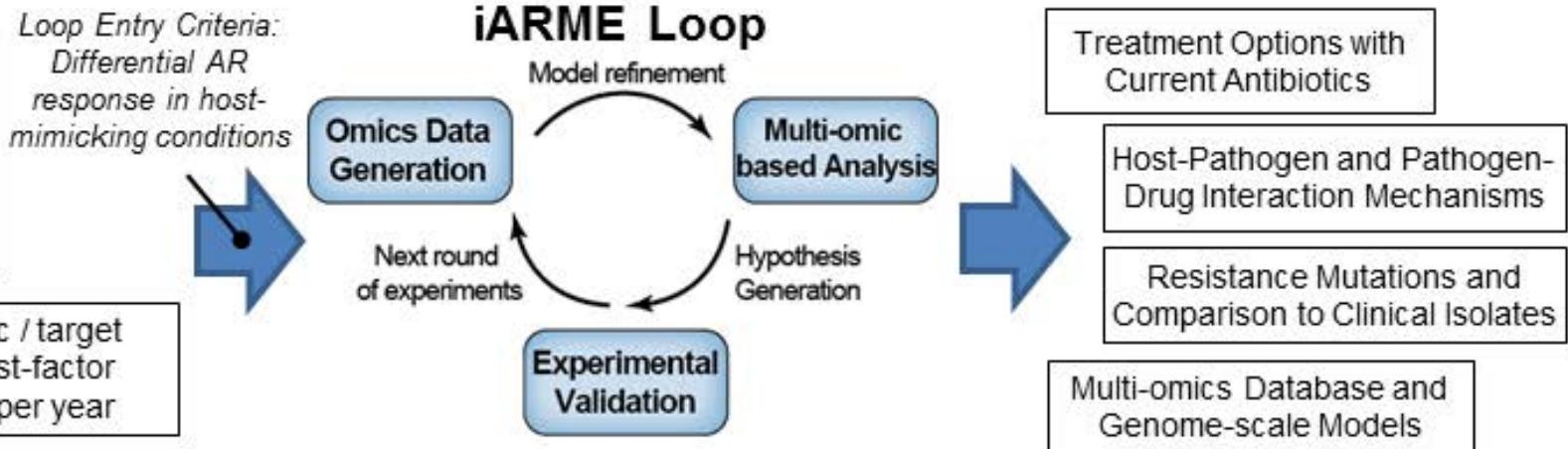
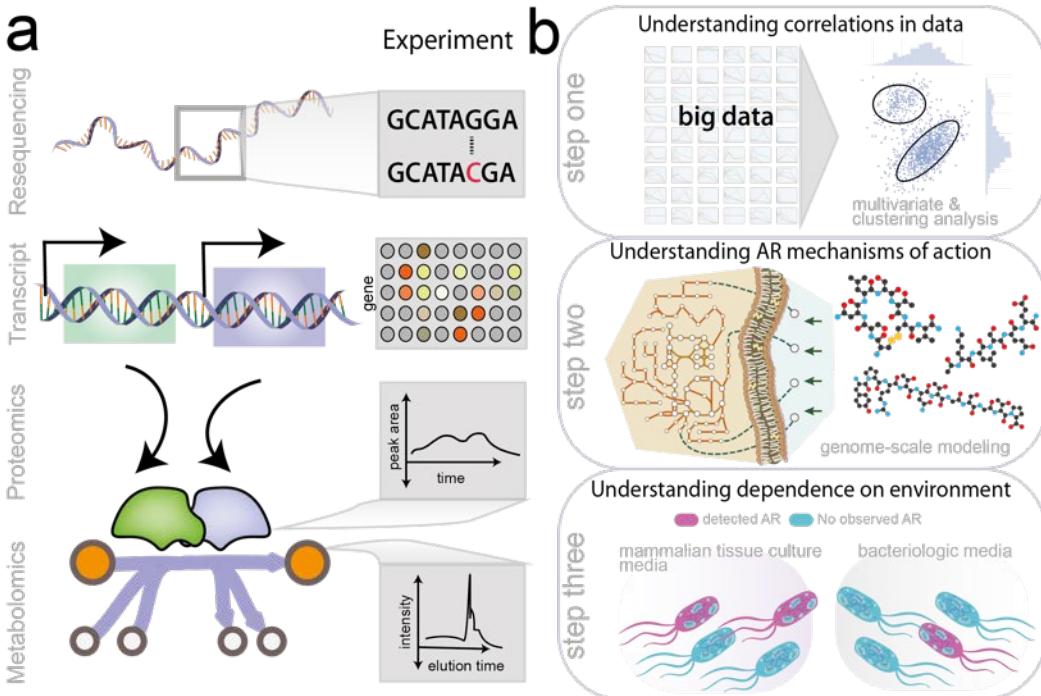
New NIH/NIAID U01 (Palsson/Nizet/Pogliano/Sakoulas/Dorrestein/Knight/Feist) “Systems Biology Approach to Redefine Susceptibility Testing and Treatment of MDR Pathogens in the Context of Host Immunity”



Scientists Receive \$9.5M NIH Grant to Combat Antibiotic Resistance

Researchers at University of California, San Diego School of Medicine have received a five-year, \$9.5-million award from the National Institute of Allergy and...

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OBAMA ORDERS BOOST IN U.S. TROOPS TO IRAQ

450 will be deployed as White House
struggles to reverse gains by Islamic State

ASSOCIATED PRESS
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WASHINGTON

President Barack Obama ordered the deployment of up to 450 more American troops to Iraq on Wednesday in an effort to reverse major battlefield losses to the Islamic State, an escalation but not a significant

shift in the struggling U.S. strategy to defeat the extremist group.

The U.S. forces will open a fifth training site in the country, this one dedicated specifically to helping the Iraqi army integrate Sunni tribes into the fight, an element seen as crucial to driving the Islamic State out of

SEE IRAQ • A6



Cpl. Morgan Merlin, an infantryman with the 82nd Airborne Division, instructs Iraqi army soldiers during a search-and-building clearance course at Besmaya Range Complex, Iraq.
U.S. ARMY PHOTO

STUDY: COMMON ANTIBIOTIC WORKS ON SUPERBUGS

UCSD researchers find azithromycin kills drug-resistant bacteria in body

BRADLEY J. FIXES • U-T

In the fight against deadly drug-resistant infections, UC San Diego researchers have discovered a potential new weapon from an unexpected source. It's a common antibiotic that doctors long ago dismissed as ineffective against superbugs.

The antibiotic is azithromycin, sold under the name Zithromax or Pepto-Bismol, a commonly used antibiotic in the United States and is prescribed for pneumonia, and skin and throat infections.

SEE ANTIBIOTIC • A9

MULTIPLE CHOICES
In U-T San Diego political writer's predictions by year, he's got it right, and wrong, and he's got it twice right.
BY BRADLEY J. FIXES

SD IN DEPTH SUN DAY

TARGETING SUPERBUGS

Antibiotics, a breakthrough of modern medicine, have taken behind increasingly resistant forms of bacteria. Now, scientists and public-health advocates are redoubling efforts to defend against aggressive infectious diseases.



RESEARCH
"Ideally, we want to have a pill that kills the bad guys and doesn't touch the good guys."

RALPH SIEBERNS
Professor of pharmacology, UC San Diego. Sieberns' lab studies how antibiotics kill bacteria and how bacteria develop resistance to antibiotics.

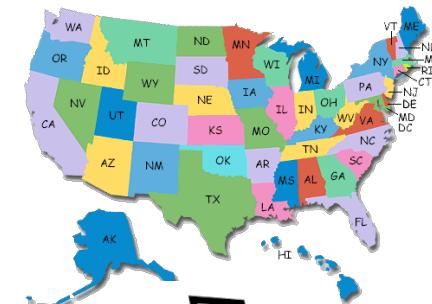
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Dr. Ralph Sieberns is a pharmacologist interested in the development of new antibiotics. Sieberns' work focuses on understanding how antibiotics kill bacteria and how bacteria develop resistance to antibiotics.

How antibiotics attack bacteria
Antibiotics kill bacteria by attacking different parts of the cell. Some antibiotics bind to proteins that are essential for bacterial growth, while others target the cell wall or DNA. When an antibiotic binds to a protein, it can prevent the protein from performing its normal function, which can lead to the death of the bacterium. Some antibiotics target the cell wall, which is made of a layer of proteins and carbohydrates. When the cell wall is damaged, the bacteria can no longer protect itself from the outside environment. Other antibiotics target the DNA, which is the genetic material of the bacterium. When the DNA is damaged, the bacteria cannot reproduce and eventually dies. The ability of bacteria to develop resistance to antibiotics is a natural process called Darwinian natural selection. In this process, bacteria that are better able to survive in the presence of an antibiotic are more likely to pass on their resistance genes to their offspring. This can lead to the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, which are more difficult to treat with standard antibiotics.

"Antibiotic resistance, at its core, is really the best example we have of Darwinian natural selection."





OVERARCHING GOAL



Establish UC San Diego and its La Jolla Mesa Partners as a global leader in innovative, paradigm-shifting, research-driven solutions to combat the Antibiotic Resistance Crisis, which will inevitably become a public health and national security emergency for the coming generation.



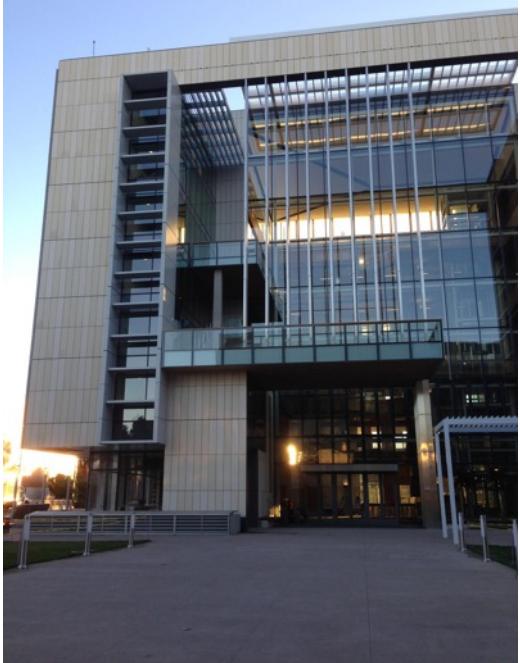
Selected to move forward - new Health Sciences Strategic, with potential for Institute of Engineering in Medicine to partner Fundraising strategy to be developed – meetings this week w/

Ruben Flores (Office of Innovation & Commercialization)

Working with CARB-X (NIH/DOD/Wellcome Trust) Accelerator – 3 projects already funded with UCSD investigators

International Partners lined up (CCCID-China, Amrita U-India, Utrecht, Queensland, Pasteur, Karolinska)

Launch website and social media presence by Winter Quarter '18



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