

The Future Of *Staphylococcus aureus* Bacteremia And Endocarditis: From Biofilm Eradication To Artificial Intelligence

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Fifteen Years' Experience with Staphylococcus Septicemia in a Large City Hospital*

Analysis of Fifty-five Cases in the Cincinnati General Hospital 1940 to 1954

RODMAN WILSON, M.D. and MORTON HAMBURGER, M.D.

Cincinnati, Ohio

AMERICAN JOURNAL OF MEDICINE MARCH, 1957

TABLE I
INCIDENCE, INCIDENCE OF ENDOCARDITIS AND MORTALITY
RATE OF STAPHYLOCOCCAL SEPTICEMIA AT THE
CINCINNATI GENERAL HOSPITAL, 1940-1954

Year	Cases	Cases of Endocarditis	Deaths
1940 *	2	1	2
1941	3	1	2
1942	5	4	5
1943	3	3	3
1944	7	4	4
1945	0	.	.
1946	1	0	1
1947	2	2	2
1948	3	1	1
1949	4	2	2
1950	6	4	4
1951	8	6	7
1952	3	1	2
1953	5	5	2
1954	3	1	2
Totals	55	35 (64 %)	39 (71 %)

* Incomplete year

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Circulation, Volume XIX, March 1959

Staphylococcal Bacteremia and Endocarditis

By RICHARD H. MEADE, III, M.D.

TABLE 1.—*Origins of Staphylococcal Bacteremia*

Years	1936-1942 (References 22, 29, 40)		1952-1957 (References 2, 18, 21, 31, 33, 41, 42)	
Number of cases	238		258	
Predisposing factors	No.	%	No.	%
1. Infection				
Skin	91	38.2	37	14.3
Respiratory tract	25	10.5	17	6.6
Mastoid	3	1.3	3	1.2
Bone	40	16.8	6	2.4
Urinary tract	15	6.3	13	5.0
Genital tract	7	2.9	17	6.6
Bowel	1	0.4	6	2.4
Teeth	3	1.2	8	3.2
Lymph node	1	0.4	1	0.4
Joints	1	0.4	1	0.4
Veins				
Cannula	1	0.4	3	1.2
Drug addiction			2	0.8
Septic phlebitis			2	0.8
2. Postoperative complications				
Surface wound infection	15	6.3	7	2.8
Respiratory tract			5	2.0
Genito-urinary tract			7	2.8
Prostate			31	12.0
Bone	4	1.6	6	2.4
Central nervous system			1	0.4
3. Undetermined	31	13.0	36	14.0
4. Undetermined but associated with other disease			47	18.2

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Staphylococcus aureus Endocarditis

A Consequence of Medical Progress

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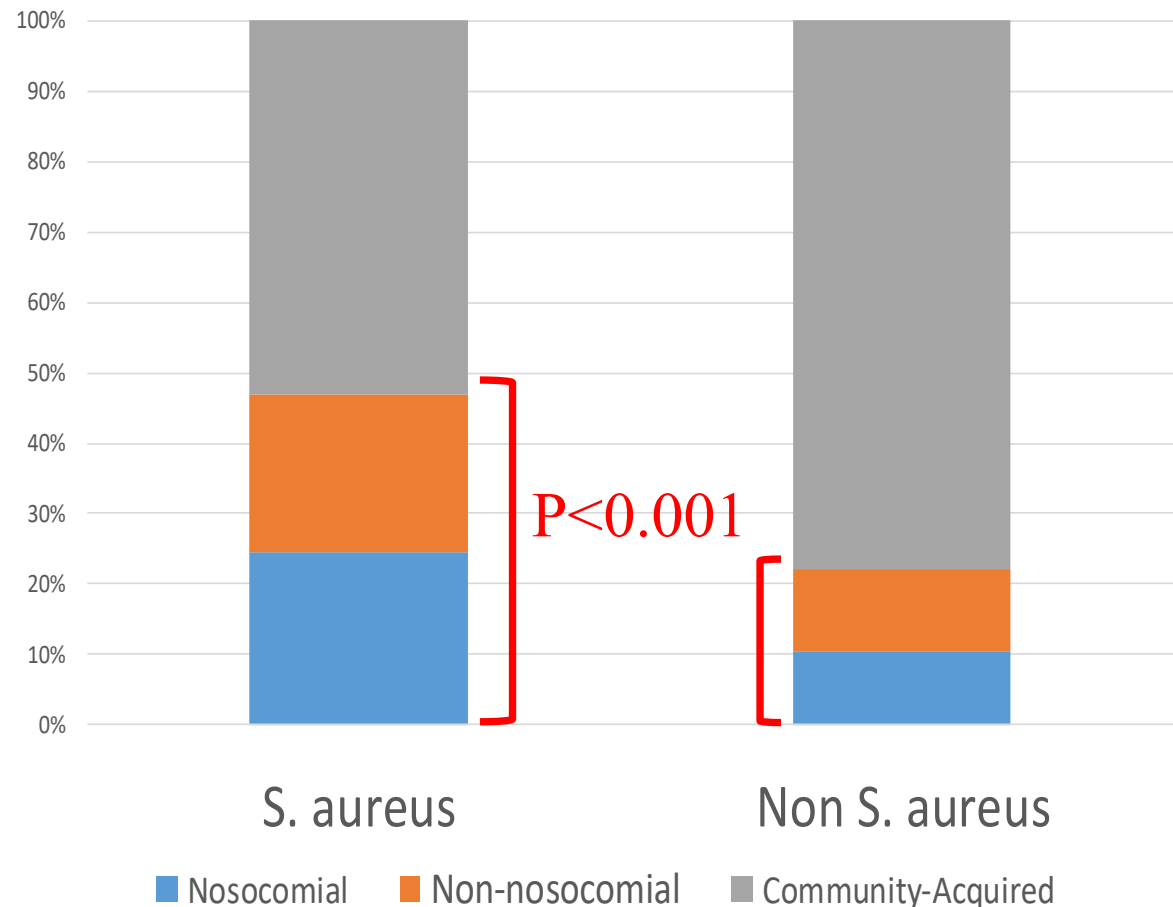
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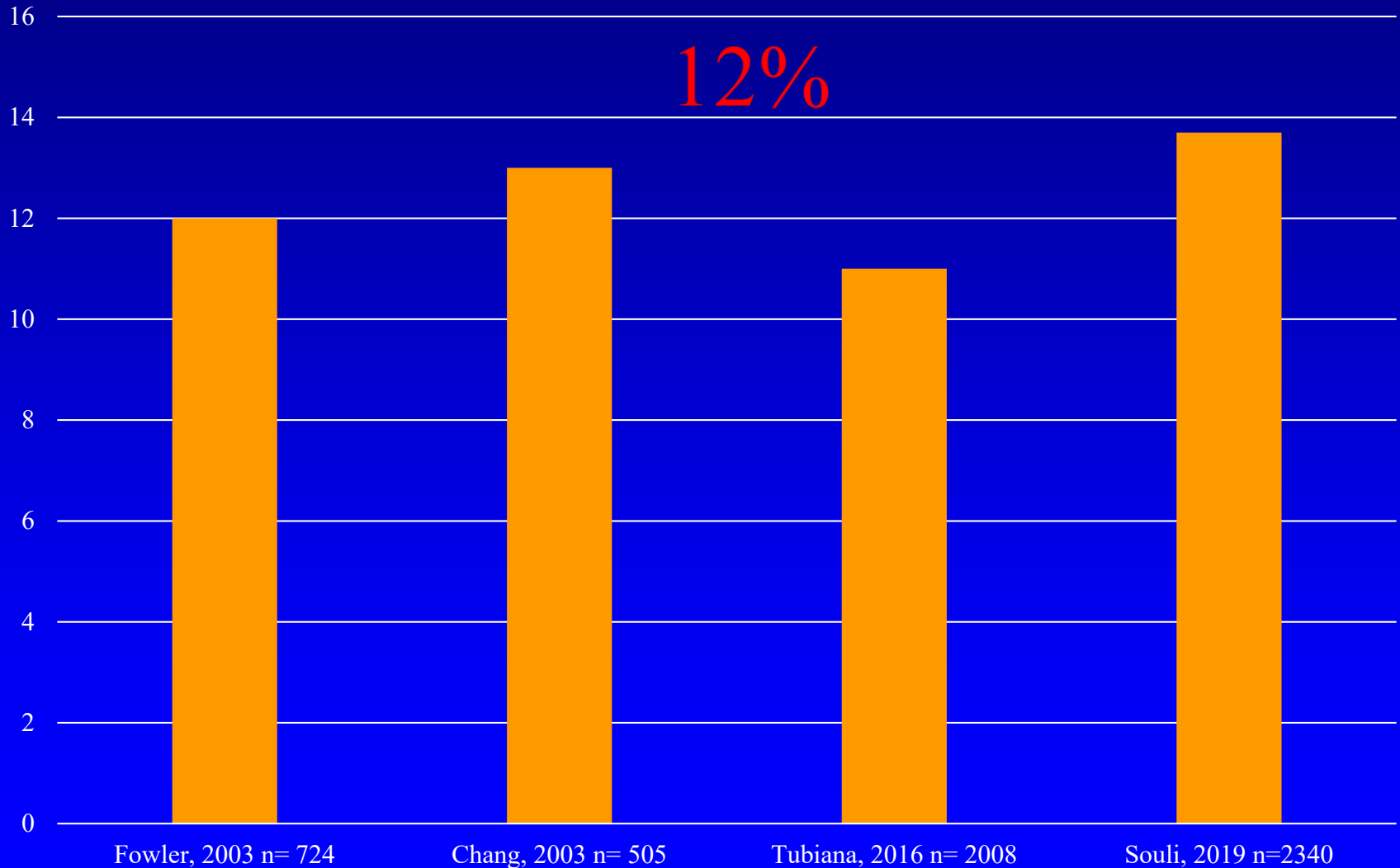
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S. aureus IE is Healthcare-Associated



Risk of Endocarditis in Patients with SAB?

>4800 prospectively enrolled patients with SAB



Changing Characteristics of *Staphylococcus aureus* Bacteremia: Results From a 21-Year, Prospective, Longitudinal Study

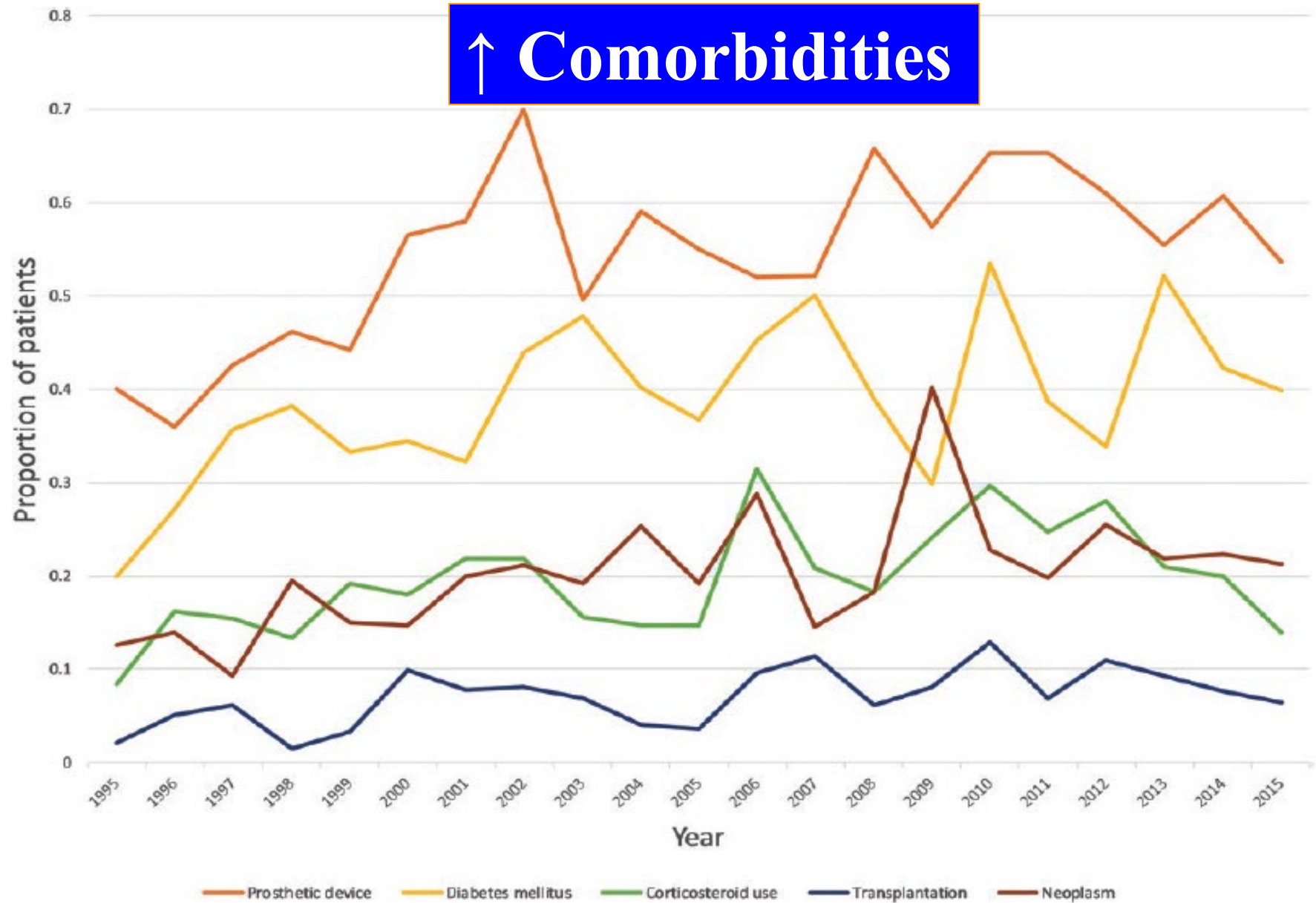
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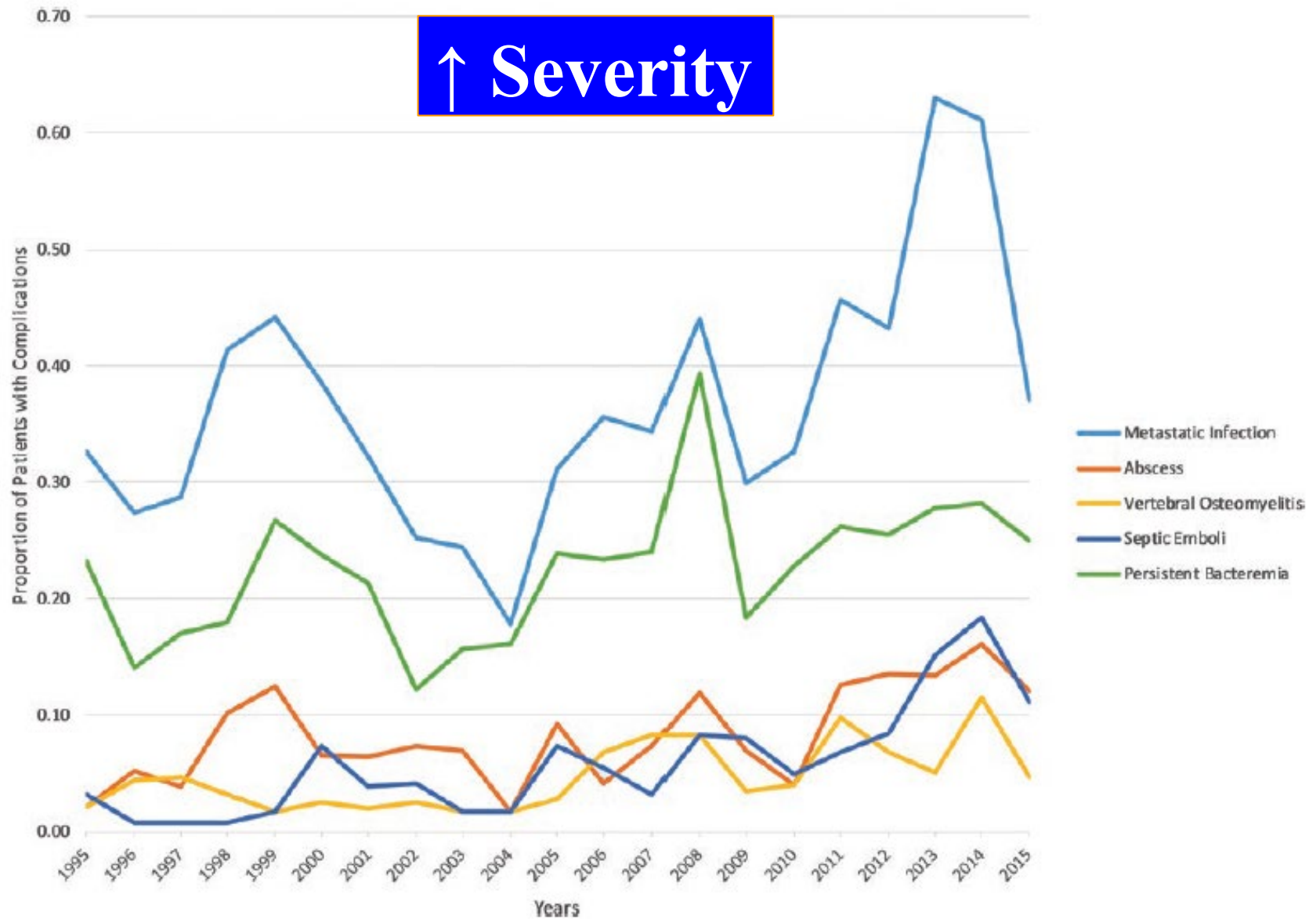
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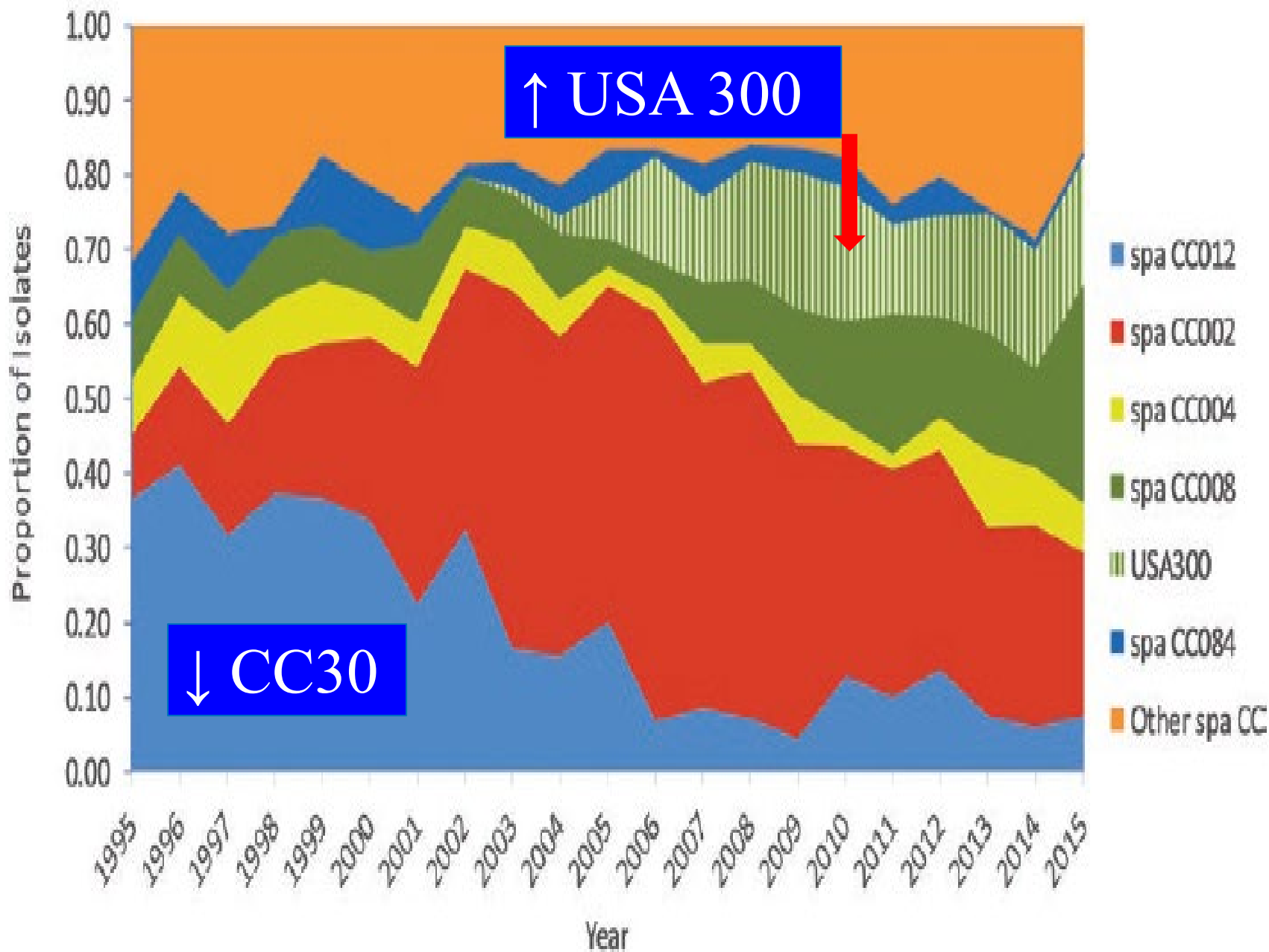
- ~2400 Prospectively enrolled patients with SAB at Duke
- Continuous enrollment 1994-2015
- *Spa* typing on all 2400 isolates
- Three questions:
 - 1) Did clinical phenotype of SAB change over study period?
 - 2) Did bacterial genotype of SAB change over study period?
 - 3) Are clinical phenotype and bacterial genotype related?

↑ Comorbidities



↑ Severity

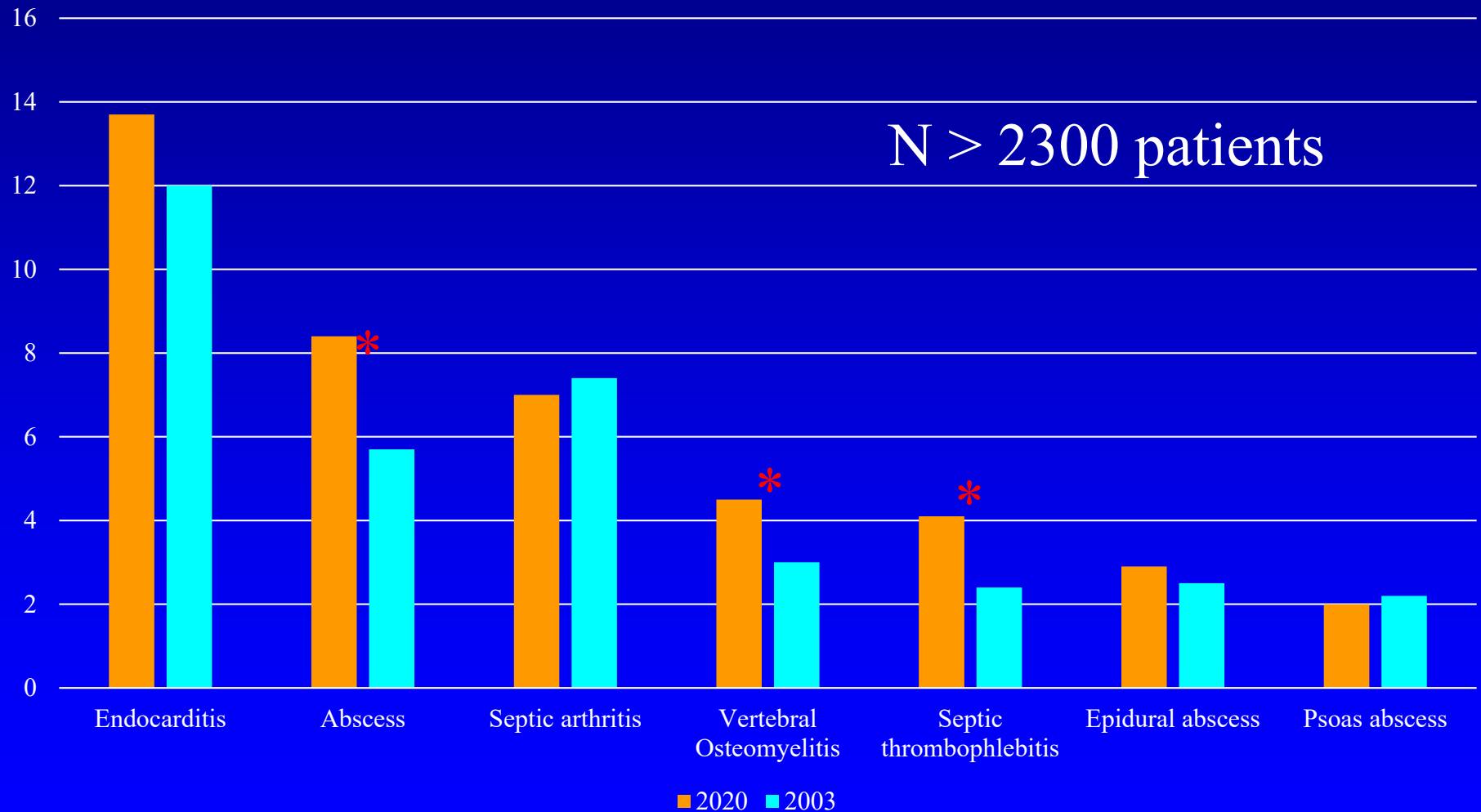




USA300 Associated with Increased Severity of Infection

	Metastatic Complications	Abscess	Emboli	Persistent Bacteremia
Variable	OR (95% CI)			
Genotype				
All genotypes except <i>spa</i> -CC008	Reference			
<i>spa</i> -CC008 non-USA300	1.17 (.87–1.56)	1.41 (.89–2.22)	0.98 (.55–1.77)	1.17 (.84–1.63)
USA300	1.42 (1.02–1.99)^a	1.52 (.93–2.46)	2.05 (1.20–3.48)^b	1.95 (1.38–2.78)^b

Risk of Abscess, but not Endocarditis, Increased in Patients with SAB in Past 2 Decades



* $p < 0.01$ overall trend

S. aureus Clonal Variation is Associated with Endocarditis

Category, clonal complex	Isolates, no.	Nasal carriage only	Uncomplicated infection	Bacteremia with hematogenous complications	<i>P</i> ^a
Both MRSA and MSSA (<i>n</i> = 371)					
1	32	12 (38)	11 (34)	9 (28)	.1763
5	84	21 (25)	13 (15)	50 (60)	.0025
8	44	16 (36)	15 (34)	13 (30)	.1612
9	11	2 (18)	1 (9)	8 (73)	.0764
15	20	10 (50)	7 (35)	3 (15)	.0146
30	96	22 (23)	27 (28)	47 (49)	.0308
45	31	11 (35)	8 (26)	12 (39)	.6431
59	11	4 (36)	3 (28)	4 (36)	.6917
All not common	42	18 (43)	17 (40)	7 (17)	NA
Total	371	116 (31)	102 (28)	153 (41)	

Fowler et al. *J Infect Dis* 2007; 196:738-47.

Clonal complex, no. (%)	Infective endocarditis (<i>n</i> = 113)	Soft tissue infection (<i>n</i> = 113)	<i>P</i> value
CC1	7 (6.2)	10 (8.8)	.615
CC5	14 (12.4)	6 (5.3)	.099
CC8	9 (8)	16 (14.2)	.203
CC15	15 (13.3)	10 (8.8)	.397
CC30	22 (19.5)	7 (6.2)	.005
CC45	16 (14.2)	25 (22.1)	.167
Other	30 (26.5)	39 (34.5)	.248

Nienaber et al. *J Infect Dis* 2011; 204:704-13.

Comparison of *Staphylococcus aureus* strains for ability to cause infective endocarditis and lethal sepsis in rabbits

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	IE	Sepsis
USA 200 (CC30)	+++	+
USA300 (CC8)	+	+++
USA (400)	+++	+++

CC30 Distinct IE Phenotype

BARCELONA

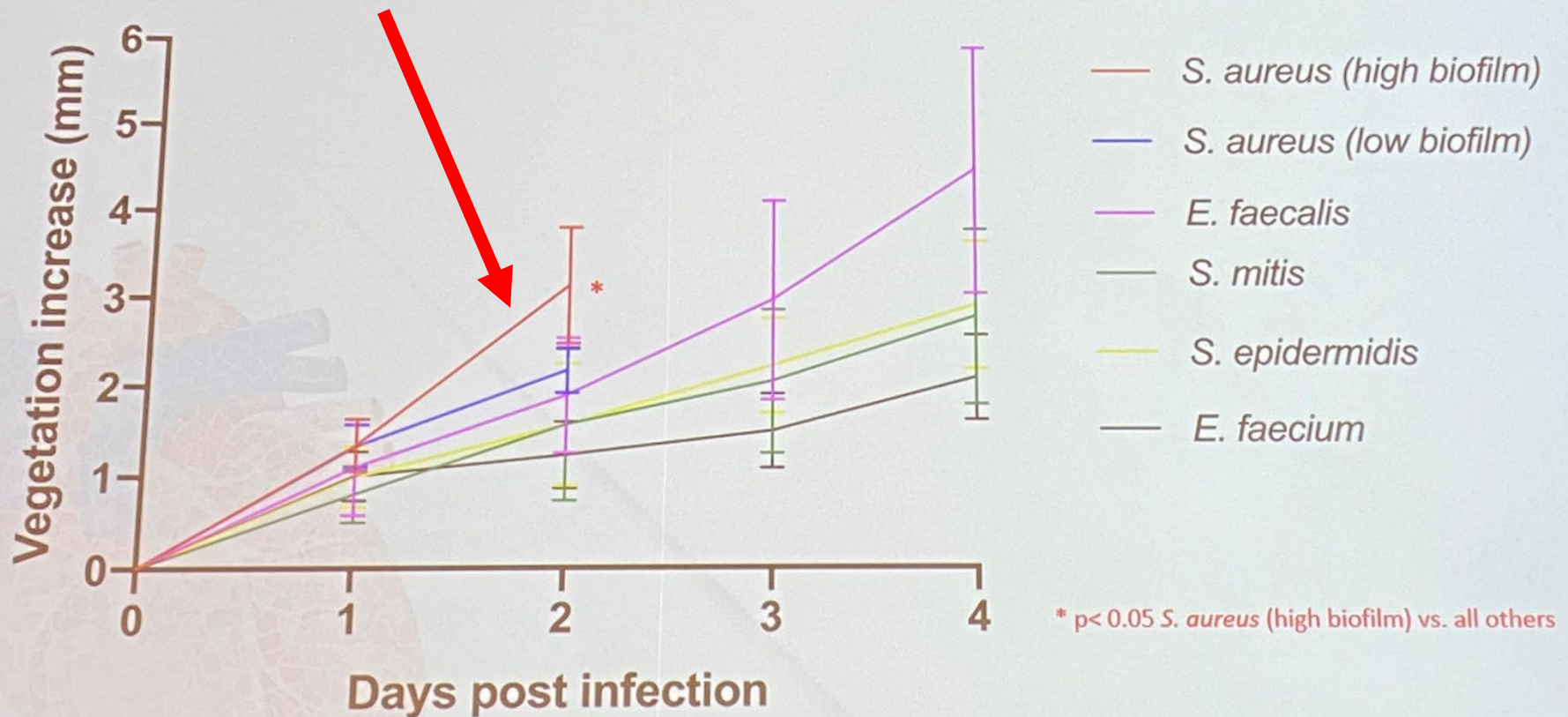
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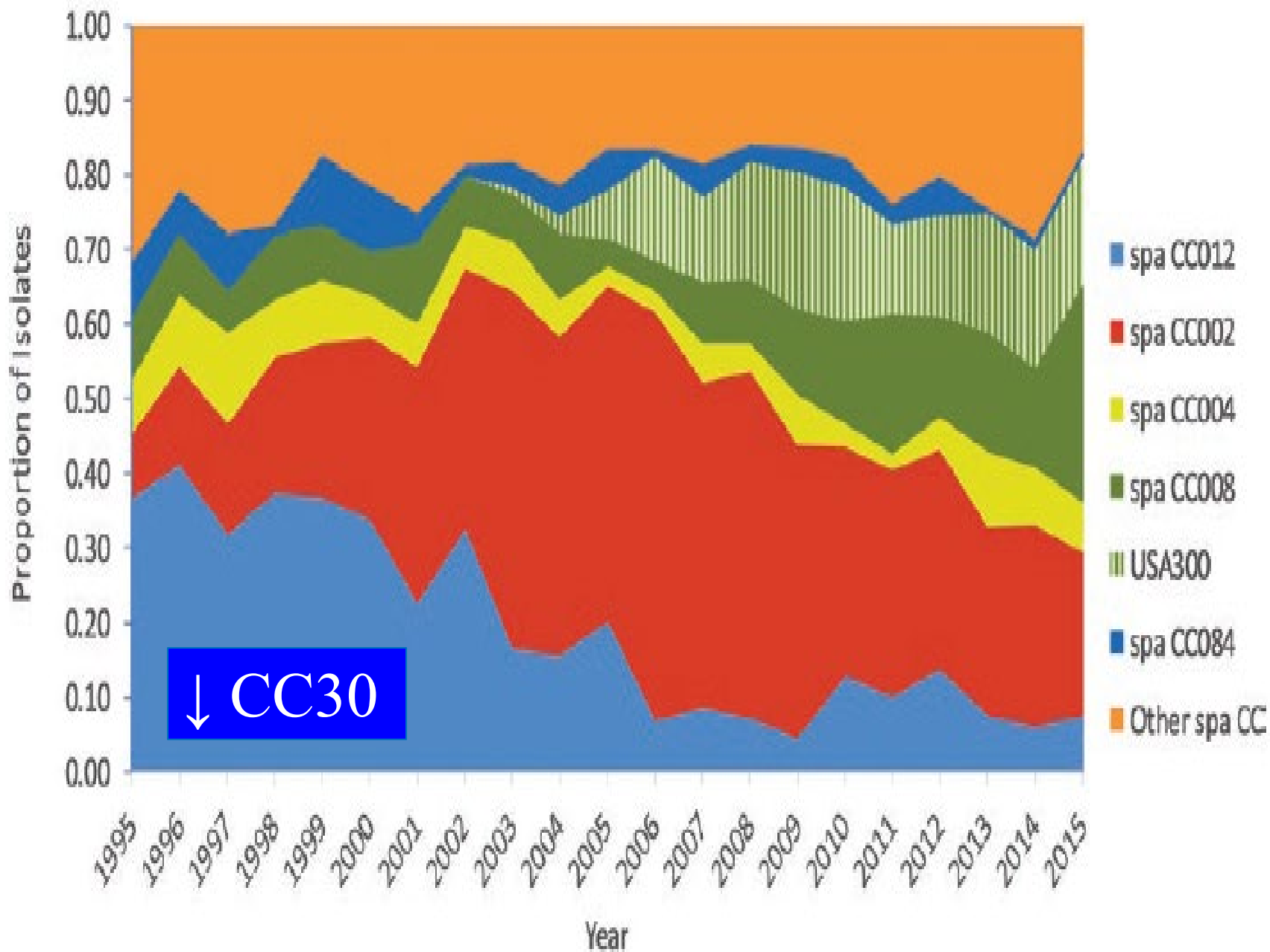
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RESULTS II

Natural history



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New Results

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All *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteraemia strains have the potential to cause infective endocarditis: results of GWAS and experimental animal studies

Sylvère Bastien, Severien Meyers, Wilmara Salgado-Pabón,  Stefano Giulieri, Jean-Phillipe Rasigade, Laurens Liesenborghs,  Kyle J. Kinney, Florence Couzon, Patricia Martins-Simoes, Vincent Le Moing, Xavier Duval, Natasha E Holmes, Niels Eske Bruun, Robert Skov, Benjamin P Howden, Vance G. Fowler Jr., Peter Verhamme, Paal Skytt Andersen, Coralie Bouchiat, Karen Moreau, François Vandenesch

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- **GWAS Bloodstream Isolate (IE= 274, SAB= 650)**
 - *No difference by SNP, coding sequence, k-mer*
- **2 *in vivo* endocarditis models (mouse, rabbit)**
 - *No difference in valve adhesion, propensity to cause IE, vegetation size or CFU.*

Summary: SAB & IE

1) Patients changed: ↑ comorbidities

> 1/2 have prosthetic device

2) Severity changed: ↑ Metastatic infection

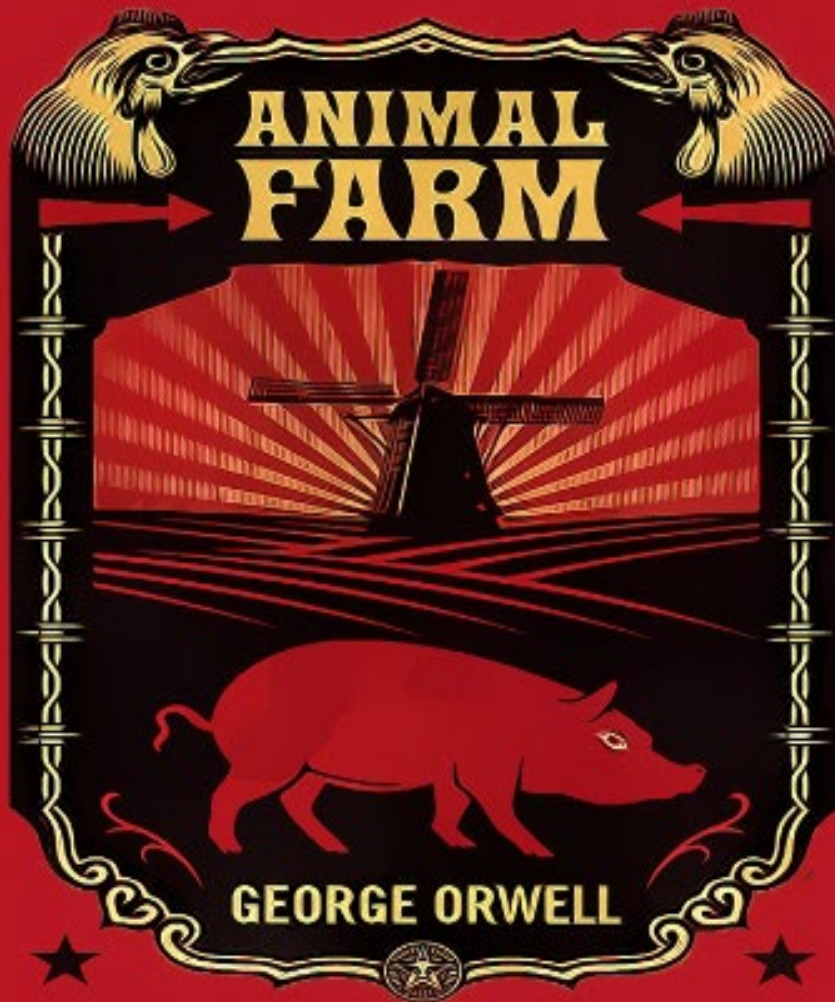
3) Bacteria changed:

↑ *USA300 causing Bacteremia*

↑ *metastatic infection asstd with ↑ USA300*

4) Bacterial Genotype and endocarditis...

S. aureus Genotype and IE



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**ALL ANIMALS ARE
EQUAL BUT SOME
ANIMALS ARE MORE
EQUAL THAN OTHERS.**

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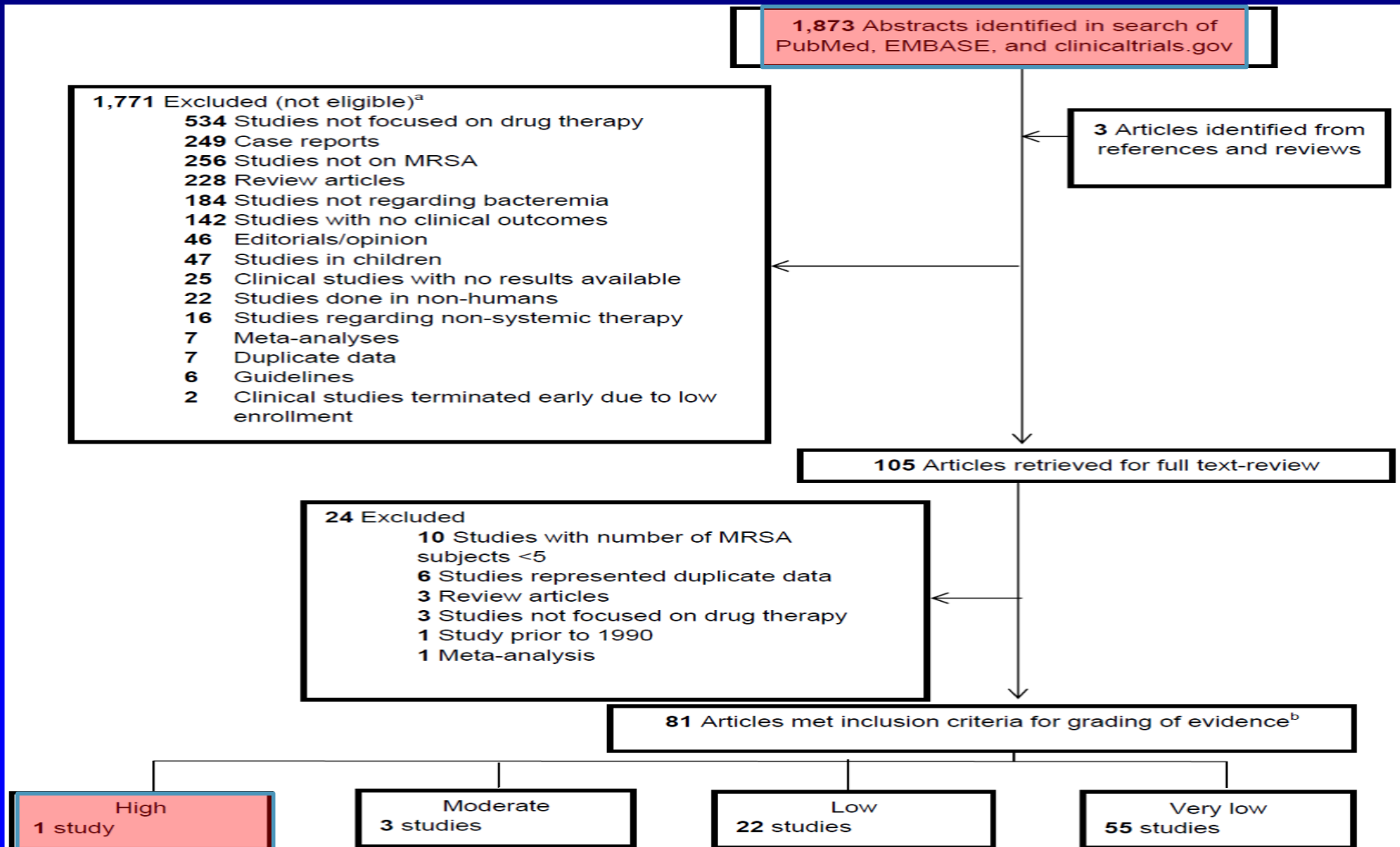
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Clinical Management of *Staphylococcus aureus* Bacteremia

A Review

Thomas L. Holland, MD; Christopher Arnold, MD; Vance G. Fowler Jr, MD, MHS

JAMA. 2014;312(13):1330-1341.



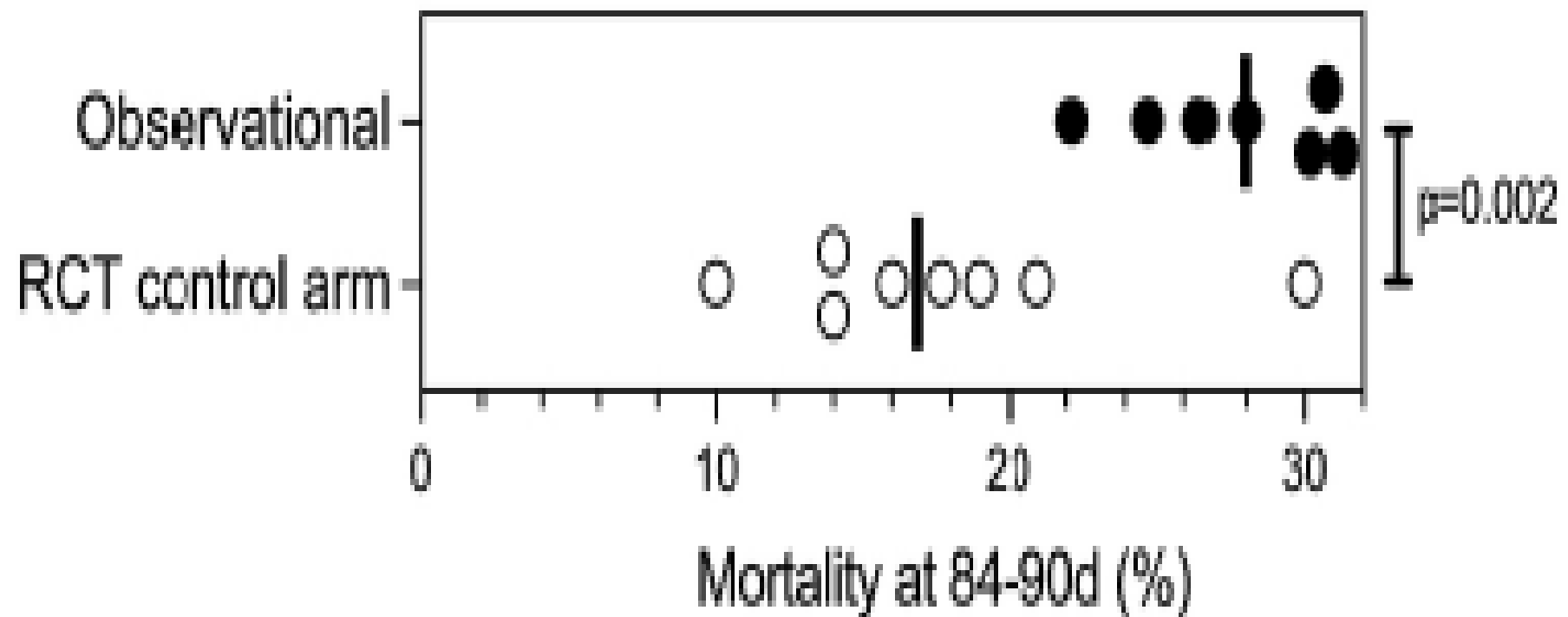
^a Many studies met more than one exclusion criterion.

^b Articles were graded using the GRADE system to assess level of evidence.

Heterogeneity In Staphylococcus aureus Bacteraemia Clinical Trials Complicates Interpretation Of Findings

Heather W. Dolby, Sarah A. Clifford, Ian F. Laurenson, Vance G. Fowler, Jr., Clark D. Russell

C SAB RCT and observational cohort mortality



Clinical Trial Protocol

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Ceftobiprole versus daptomycin in *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteremia: a novel protocol for a double-blind, Phase III trial

Kamal Hamed^{*,1} , Marc Engelhardt¹, Mark E Jones¹, Mikael Saulay¹, Thomas L Holland²,
Harald Seifert^{3,4} & Vance G Fowler Jr²

Bacteriophage for *SAB/IE*

“*S. aureus*” AND “Bacteriophage”

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2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recruiting	Study Evaluating Safety, Tolerability, and Efficacy of Intravenous AP-SA02 in Subjects With S. Aureus Bacteremia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bacteremia• Staphylococcus Aureus• Staphylococcus Aureus Bacteremia• (and 2 more...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biological: AP-SA02• Other: Placebo

Courtesy Sarah Cantrell, MLIS

Safety of bacteriophage therapy in severe *Staphylococcus aureus* infection

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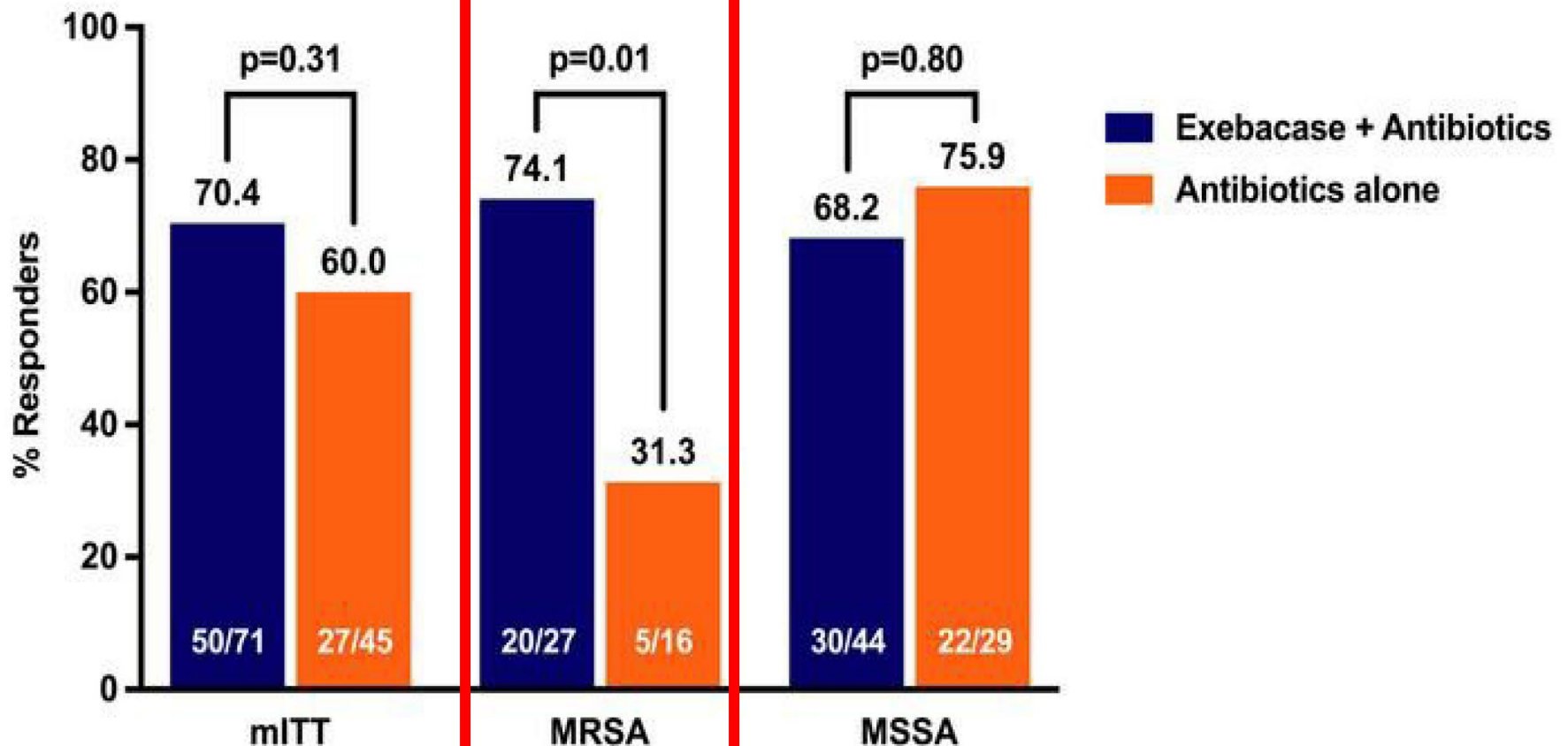
- 13 patients with 2 consecutive days of SAB
- - 6 *Definite IE (4 PVE)*
- Adjunctive Bacteriophage 10^9 q 12h dosing.
- 6/13 (46%) died by D90
- 1 pre-therapy isolate was Resistant to phage
- Well tolerated

Exebacase for patients with *Staphylococcus aureus* bloodstream infection and endocarditis

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J Clin Invest. 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1172/JCI136577>.



Other Clinical Trials of Lysins for *S. aureus*

Exebacase Phase 3

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Trial record **1 of 1** for: Exebacase | Phase 3

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Direct Lysis of Staph Aureus Resistant Pathogen Trial of Exebacase (DISRUPT)

Tonabacase Phase 2

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Endocarditis

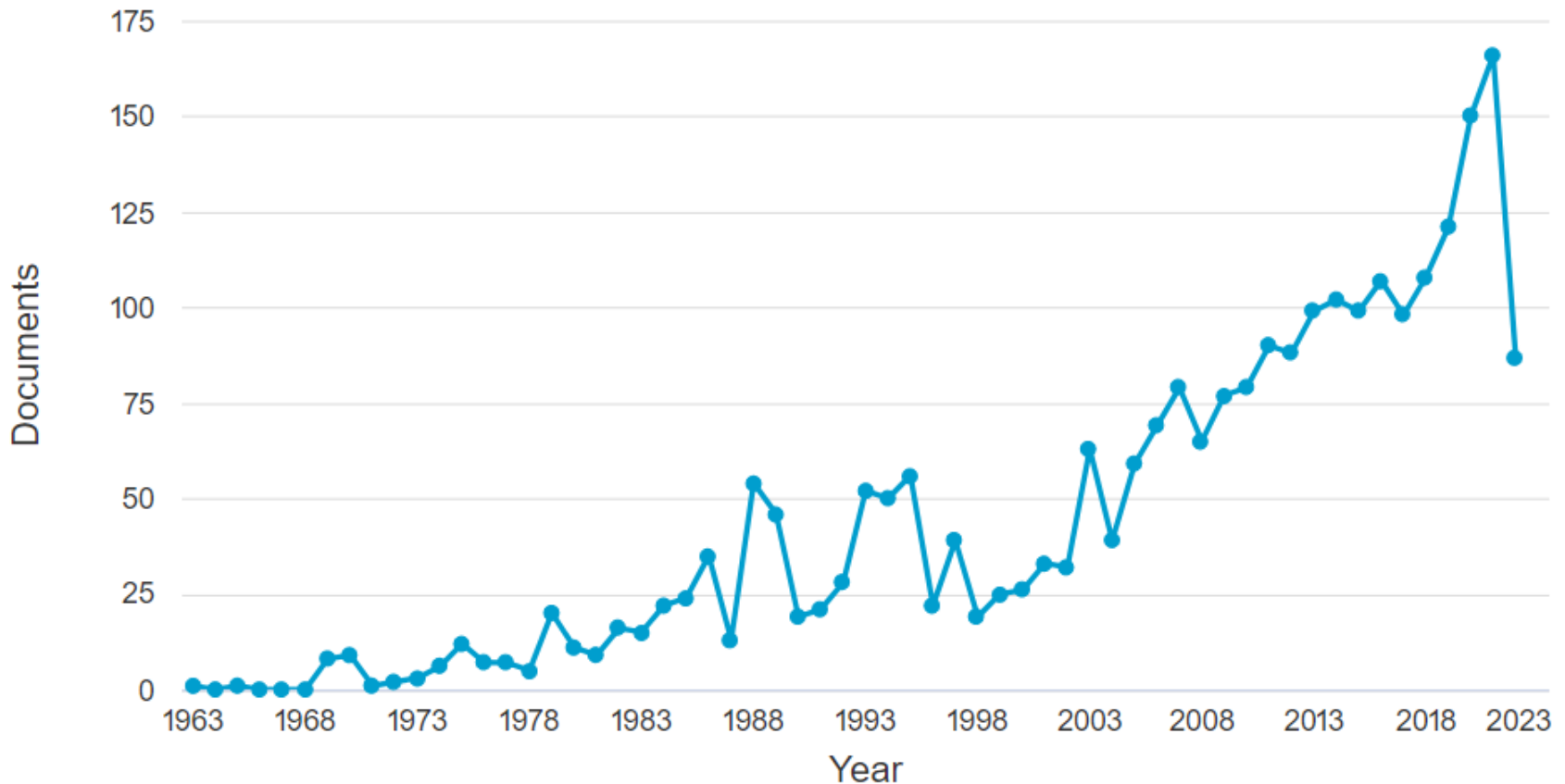
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ERAdicate S. Aureus in Patients With Bacteremia and Endocarditis (ERASE)

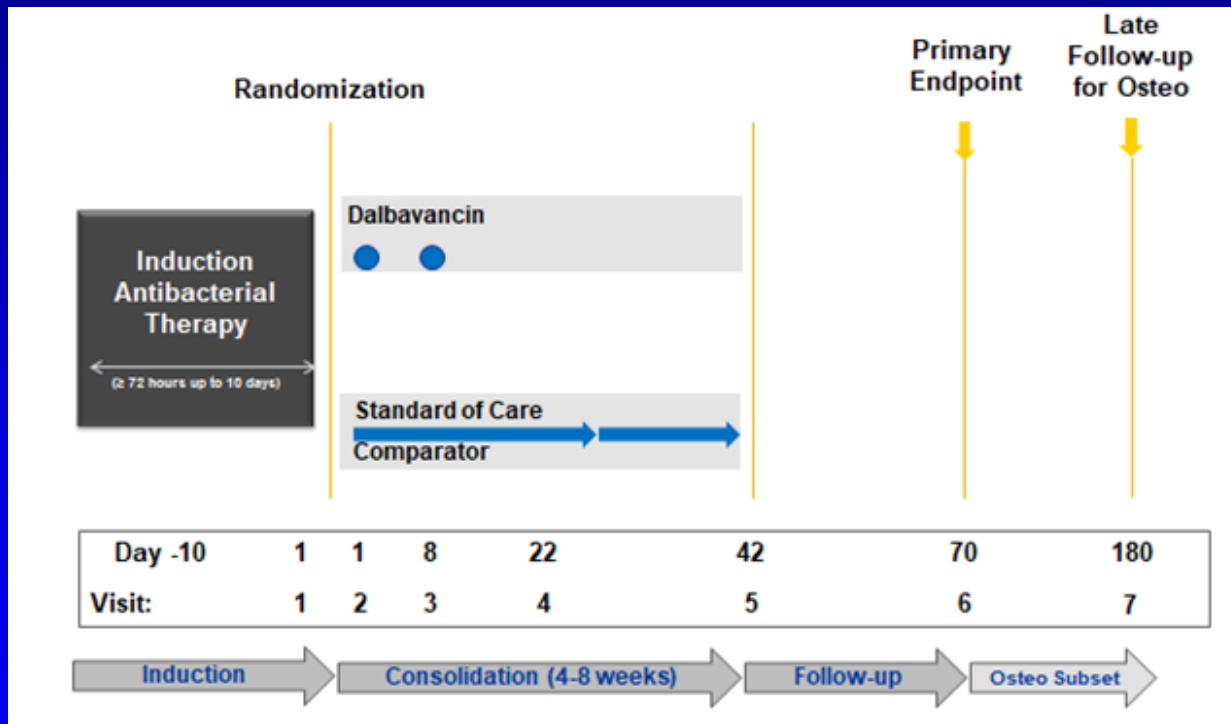
Strategy Trials for *SAB/IE*

(oral antibiotics OR antibiotic duration OR combination therapy).

Documents by year



Dalbavancin as an Option for Treatment of *S. aureus* Bacteremia



- Multicenter, randomized, open-label, assessor-blinded study of dalbavancin vs standard of care for completion of treatment in complicated *S. aureus* bacteremia
- **Primary outcome:** superiority by Desirability of Outcome Ranking (DOOR)
- **Secondary outcome:** non-inferiority by clinical response

Trial record **44 of 128** for: Endocarditis

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Oral Switch During Treatment of Left-sided Endocarditis Due to Multi-susceptible Staphylococcus

- Nationwide, noninferiority, open-label RCT
- Patients with Left-sided multi-susceptible staphylococcus having received at least 10d IV therapy
- Randomized between D 10 and D 28 after starting IV abx or undergoing surgery to standard IV abx or PO Levofloxacin and Rifampin
- Stratified on valve replacement surgery

Trial record **3 of 128** for: Endocarditis

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Accelerated Treatment of Endocarditis (POET II)

- Nationwide, noninferiority, open-label RCT
- Patients with Definite IE due to Streptococci, *Enterococcus faecalis*, or *Staphylococcus aureus*
- n~750 (200 patients with IE due to each type of bacteria)
- Abbreviated therapy vs. standard antibiotic duration
- **Primary endpoint:** Death, Embolism, recurrent bacteremia, or unplanned surgery



Protocol update for the SABATO trial: a randomized controlled trial to assess early oral switch therapy in low-risk *Staphylococcus aureus* bloodstream infection

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Kaasch *et al. Trials* (2020) 21:175

- Randomized, parallel-group, observer-blinded, clinical non-inferiority trial
- Low-risk patient
- 5-7d IV + either 7d IV or 7d PO = 14d total duration
- *Status: Presented ECCMID 2022*

Efficacy of seven and fourteen days of antibiotic treatment in uncomplicated *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteremia (SAB7): study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

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Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age > 18 years • Blood culture positive for <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> • Antibiotic treatment with antimicrobial activity to <i>S. aureus</i> administrated within 12 h of the first positive blood culture • Temperature < 37,5 °C at randomization • <i>S. aureus</i> negative follow-up blood culture obtained 48–120 h after microbiologically verified SAB • Patients written consent obtained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistence of <i>S. aureus</i> bacteremia before randomization (<i>S. aureus</i> positive follow-up blood culture obtained within 48–120 h of the first positive blood culture) • Polymicrobial infection • Antibiotic treatment with no antimicrobial activity to <i>S. aureus</i> administered more than 12 h after the first positive blood culture • Endocarditis or other intracardiac infection demonstrated with transthoracic or transesophageal echocardiography • Previous history of endocarditis • Pacemaker or other intracardiac implant • Failure to remove a likely focus of infection, such as central venous catheter, within 72 h of the first positive blood culture • Vascular grafts • Pneumonia or infection involving bone, joints, or prosthetics • Previous bone/joint infection • <i>S. aureus</i> infection within the last 90 days • Pregnancy or breastfeeding • Neutropenia (blood neutrophils < $1.0 \times 10^9/l$) • Untreated cancer • Chemotherapy within 90 days.

Patient admitted with SAB

SCREENING: CORE ELIGIBILITY

- Core Inclusion:**
- Staphylococcus aureus* complex grown from ≥ 1 blood culture
 - Admitted to participating hospital
 - Randomisation within 72 hours of the collection of index blood culture

- Core Exclusion:**
- Currently receiving antibiotic therapy that cannot be ceased or substituted
 - Previous participation in SNAP
 - Positive blood culture for *S. aureus* between 72 hours and 180 days prior
 - Treating team deems enrolment in the study is not in the best interest of the patient
 - Patient is expected to die within the next 24 hours
 - Patient is for palliation only and not for any antibiotic treatment

Meets all core inclusion/exclusion criteria

Seek informed consent for whole platform

Randomise within all eligible and available domains*

* Some regions/sites will not participate in all treatment domains

SCREENING: DOMAIN-SPECIFIC EXCLUSION CRITERIA

DOMAINS AND INTERVENTIONS

*

Allocation revealed as soon as SAB is detected

ADJUNCTIVE TREATMENT

All Silos:
Clindamycin
vs.
No Clindamycin

Allocation revealed when susceptibility profile is known

BACKBONE TREATMENT

PSSA Silo:
Intervention A1
Intervention A2
Intervention Ax
MSSA Silo:
Intervention B1
Intervention B2
Intervention Bx
MRSA Silo:
Intervention C1
Intervention C2
Intervention Cx

Eligibility assessed and allocation revealed at day 7 and 14 (+/-2days)

EARLY ORAL SWITCH

All Silos:
Antibiotic IV backbone treatment
as per usual care
vs.
Early oral switch algorithm

*Regular interim analyses assessing against pre-specified stopping rules

*Domains may be added or dropped during the course of the trial

REPEATED ANALYSES:

SNAP 1⁰ endpoint (90-day mortality)
Core 2⁰ endpoints
Domain specific 2⁰ endpoints

PLATFORM CONCLUSION DECLARED IF STATISTICAL TRIGGER MET:

- Superiority (best within domain – adjunctive domain, and backbone domain in MRSA silo)
- Non-inferiority (backbone domain in PSSA and MSSA silos, and early oral switch domain)
- Futility (all domains)

Quality of Life: Does Shorter or Oral Therapy Matter for Patients with *S. aureus* bacteremia?

It didn't in OVIVA by European Quality of Life-5

Li et al. N Engl J Med 2019;380:425-36.

	Day 14	Day 42	Day 120	Day 365
Treatment effect for the EQ-5D index PO vs. IV*	-0.003 (-0.052, 0.046), P=0.92	0.005 (-0.057, 0.066), P=0.88	-0.032 (-0.1, 0.035), P=0.35	-0.014 (-0.065, 0.038), P=0.61
N	596	631	554	533
Treatment effect for the EQ-5D VAS PO vs. IV*	0.206 (-3.243, 3.656), P=0.91	2.069 (-1.293, 5.431), P=0.23	-1.64 (-6.082, 2.801), P=0.47	-1.527 (-5.617, 2.562), P=0.46
N	571	610	533	514

Patients' Experiences With *Staphylococcus aureus* and Gram-negative Bacterial Bloodstream Infections: A Qualitative Descriptive Study and Concept Elicitation Phase To Inform Measurement of Patient-reported Quality of Life

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SUMMARY:

Future Clinical Trials in SAB & IE

- **Current clinical trials data:**
inadequate or unavailable
- **New antibiotics:** *Rare*
- **Adjunct agents:** *several potential candidates*
- **Strategy trials:** *Abundant*
- **Clinical trials networks:** *primarily strategy trials*
- **Patient QOL:** *increasingly included*

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Prediction Rules for Ruling Out Endocarditis in Patients With *Staphylococcus aureus* Bacteremia

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Table 3. Diagnostic Accuracies of POSITIVE, PREDICT, and VIRSTA Scores

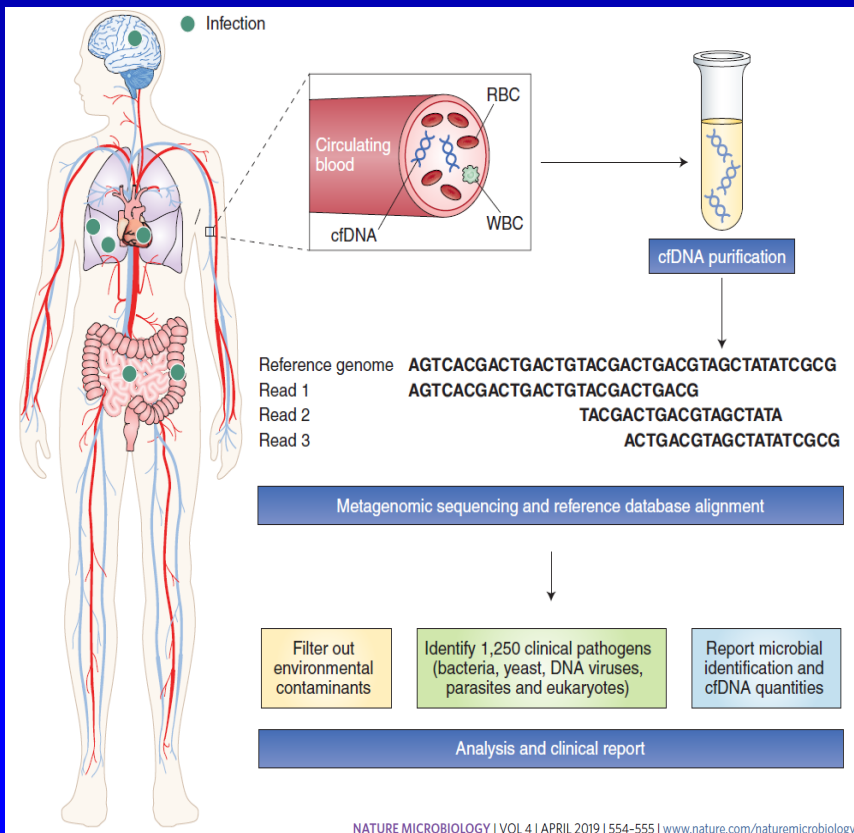
Score	Sensitivity (% + 95% CI)	Specificity (% + 95% CI)	Negative Predictive Value (% + 95% CI)	Positive Predictive Value (% + 95% CI)	AUC
POSITIVE ^a	77.6 (65.8–86.9)	63.1 (57.3–68.6)	92.5 (87.9–95.8)	32.3 (25.1–40.1)	77.8 (71.9–83.7)
PREDICT day 1	22.9 (14.6–33.5)	97.4 (95.3–98.8)	85.0 (81.4–88.2)	66.7 (47.2–82.7)	71.4 (65.2–77.5)
PREDICT day 5	85.1 (75.8–91.8)	56.9 (51.8–61.9)	94.5 (90.7–97.0)	30.5 (24.7–36.8)	79.7 (73.9–85.4)
VIRSTA	98.9 (95.7–100)	35.7 (30.8–40.6)	99.3 (94.9–100)	25.5 (20.7–30.3)	88.9 (85.3–92.5)

Next Generation Diagnostics & Endocarditis

Analytical and clinical validation of a microbial cell-free DNA sequencing test for infectious disease

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Can cell-free DNA test be used in IE patients to:

1) *Diagnose IE*

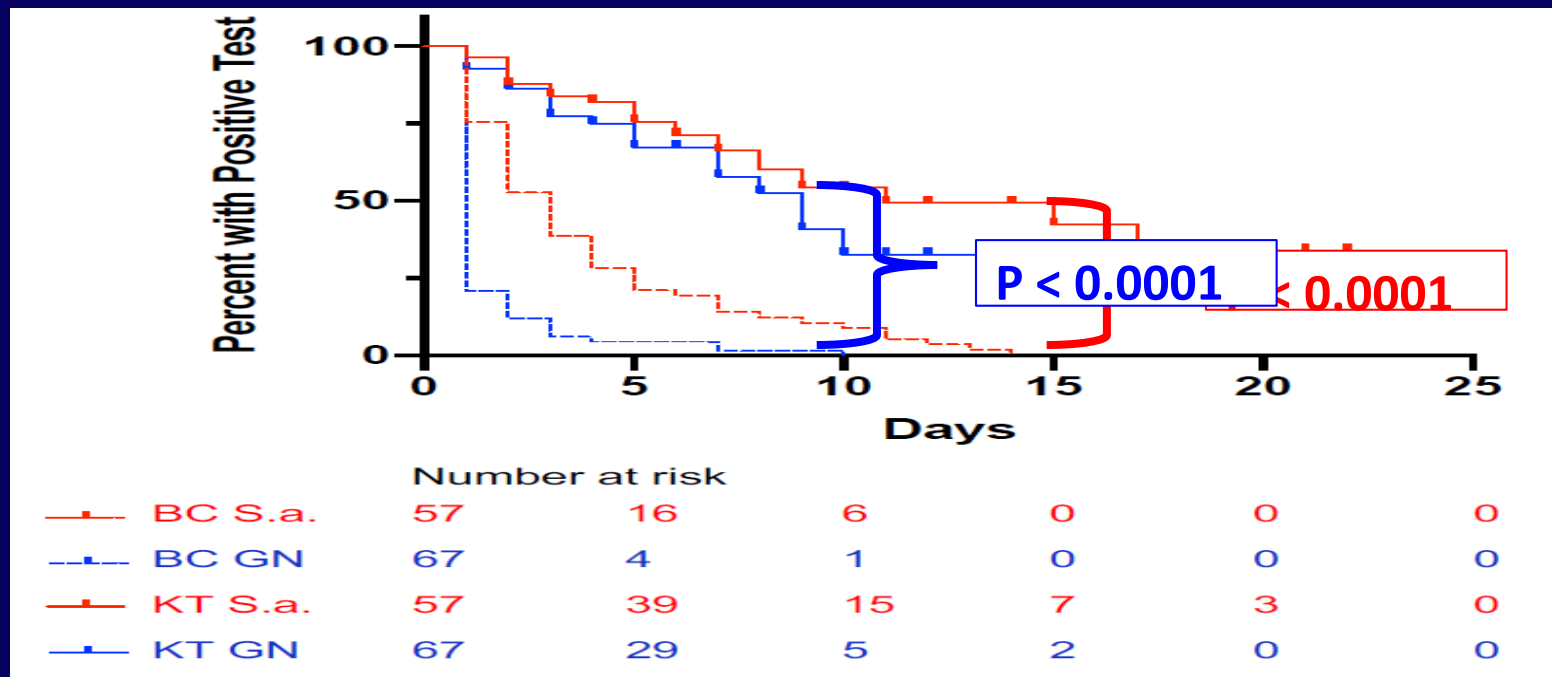
2) *Individualize treatment duration*

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1) Diagnose IE

Microbial Cell-Free DNA Identifies Etiology of Bloodstream Infections, Persists Longer Than Conventional Blood Cultures, and Its Duration of Detection Is Associated With Metastatic Infection in Patients With *Staphylococcus aureus* and Gram-Negative Bacteremia

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2) Individualize Treatment Duration

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Microbial Cell-Free DNA Identifies the Causative Pathogen in Infective Endocarditis and Remains Detectable Longer Than Conventional Blood Culture in Patients with Prior Antibiotic Therapy

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Valve Surgery ↓ mcf-DNA in IE Patients

Could mcf-DNA individualize therapy?

NEGATIVE: *Stop antibiotics*

Convert to oral antibiotics

POSITIVE: *Search for additional Source*

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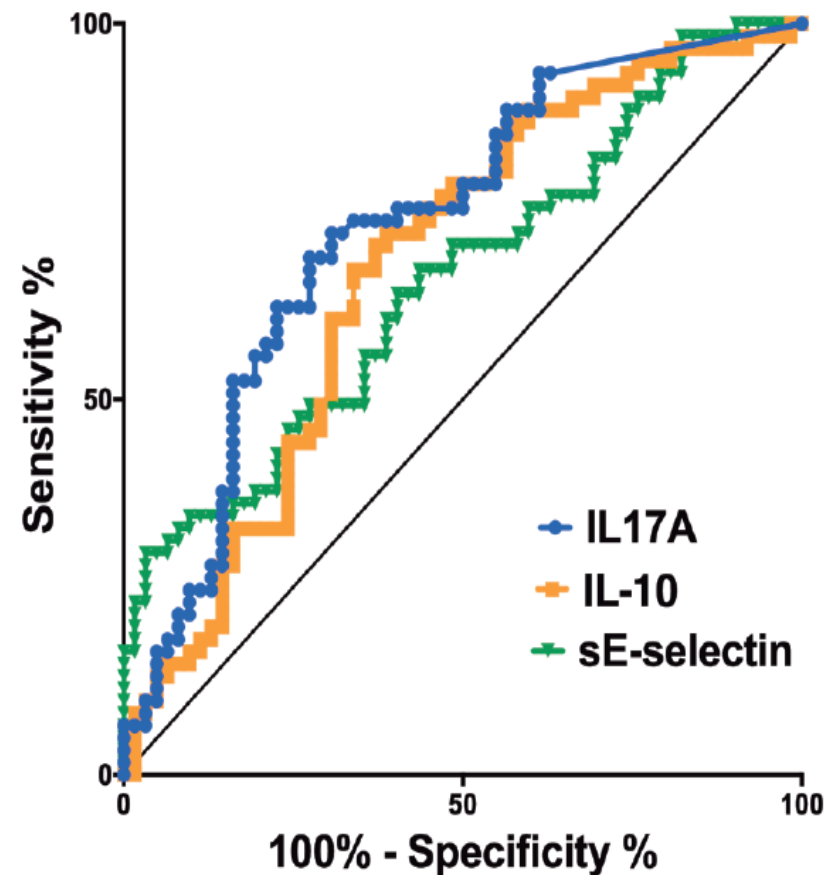
A Prognostic Model of Persistent Bacteremia and Mortality in Complicated *Staphylococcus aureus* Bloodstream Infection

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A

	ROC AUC	P Value
IL-17A	0.731	<0.001
IL-10	0.675	0.001
sE-selectin	0.658	0.002
IL-1RN	0.624	0.018
sIL2RA	0.622	0.02
IL-27	0.617	0.026
IL-6	0.612	0.032
LCN2	0.612	0.033

B



Human DNA methylation signatures differentiate persistent from resolving MRSA bacteremia

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- Distinct DNA methylome signature in patients with Persistent and Resolving MRSA bacteremia
- ***Persistent SAB***: ↓methylation in CCAAT enhancer binding protein B & signal transducer/activator of transcription (STAT1)
- ***Resolving SAB***: ↓methylation glucocorticoid receptor & histone acetyltransferase p300 site
- Mean AUC 0.85; validated by targeted bisulfite sequencing

SUMMARY:

Future Diagnostics in SAB & IE

- **Today:** *TEE with VIRSTA ≥ 3*
- **Eventually:** *Individualize diagnosis & treatment*
 - mcf-DNA (?)*
 - Serological Biomarkers (?)*
 - Host epigenetic signatures (?)*

Biofilm

ARTICLE OPEN



Alternating magnetic fields and antibiotics eradicate biofilm on metal in a synergistic fashion

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Observational Study Archives of Microbiology (2021) 203:498
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00203-021-02485-2>

Evaluation of treatment of titanium plate

ORIGINAL PAPER

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1,4-Naphthoquinone disintegrates the pre-existing biofilm of *Staphylococcus aureus* by accumulating reactive oxygen species

Abdelraheem *et al.*
Ann Clin Microbiol Antimicrob (2021) 20:
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12941-021-00459->

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RESEARCH

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Effect of ZnO nanoparticle, vancomycin, linezolid on biofilm formation in *Staphylococcus aureus*

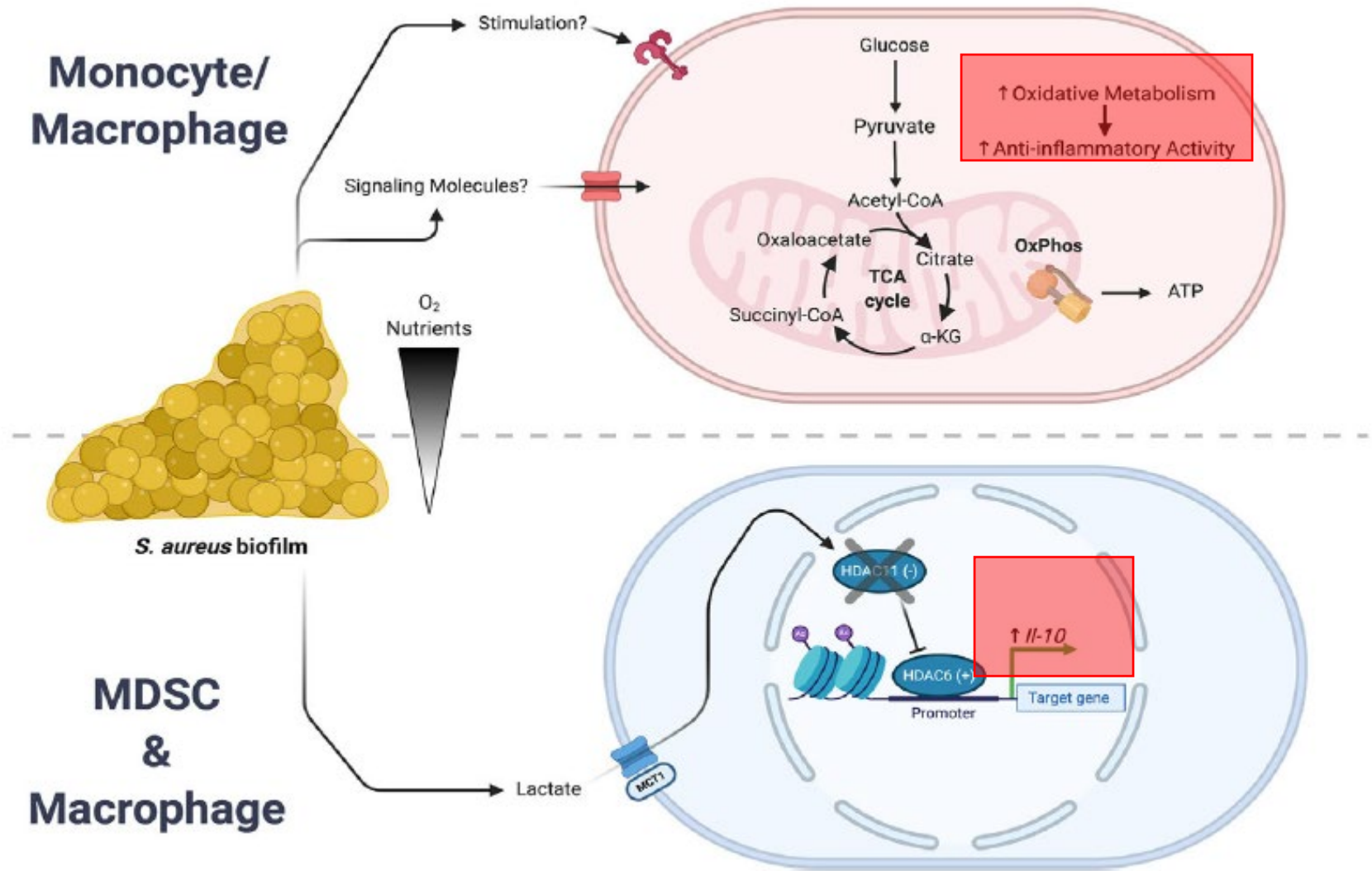
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Antimicrobial effect of gold nanoparticles in the formation of the *Staphylococcus aureus* biofilm on a polyethylene surface

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S. aureus Biofilm Metabolites ↓ Inflammation



SUMMARY:

Biofilm, *S. aureus*, and the Future

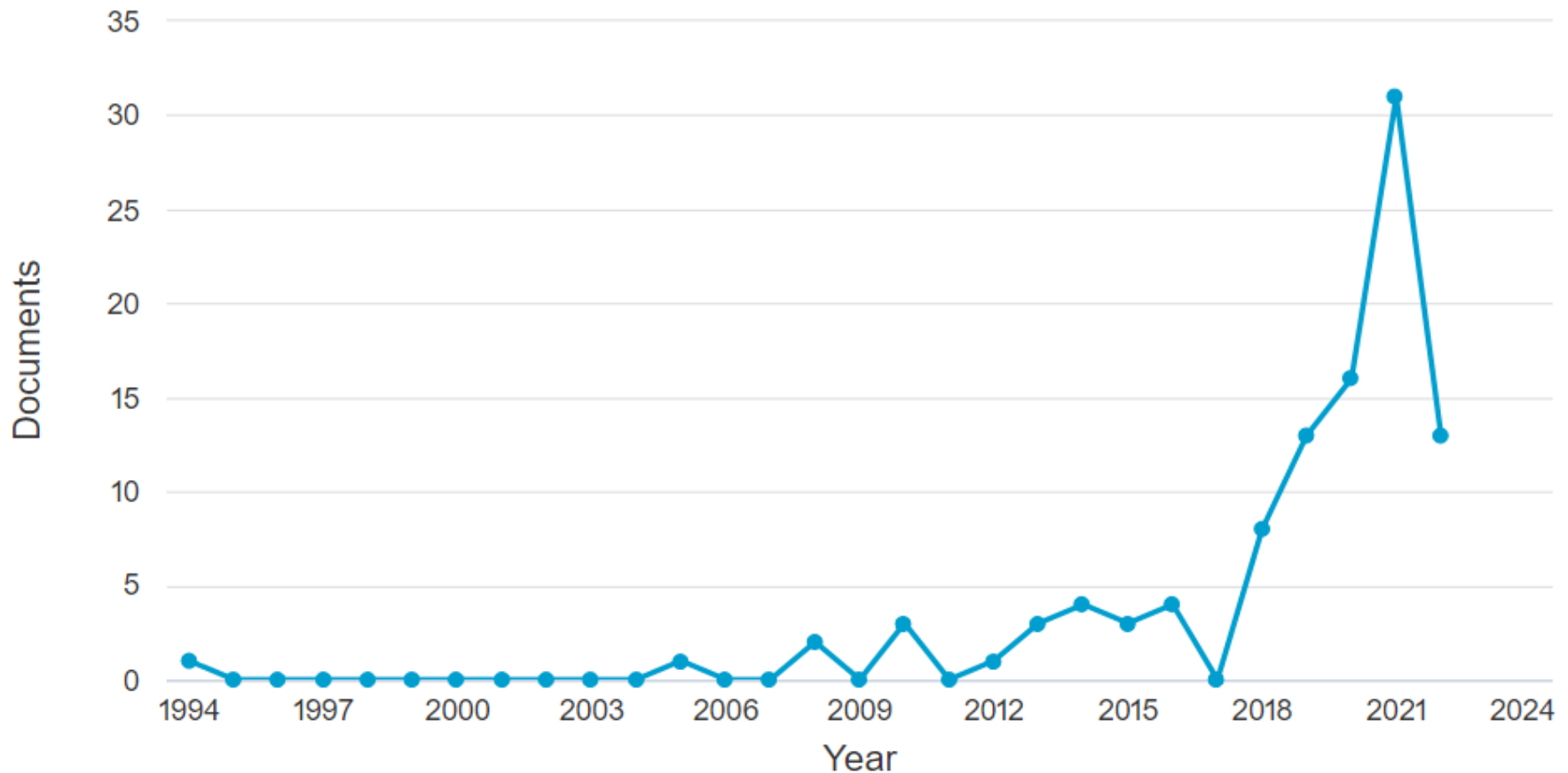
The problem of biofilm-based infection will not be overcome until we understand how the bacteria avoids local host immune response

Machine Learning

Machine Learning for *SAB/IE*

“*S. aureus*” AND “Artificial Intelligence” OR “Machine Learning”

Documents by year



Direct antimicrobial resistance prediction from clinical MALDI-TOF mass spectra using machine learning

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- Machine learning to predict AMR from MALDI-TOF Mass Spectra profiles of clinical isolates
- Trained & Validated on >300,000 mass spectra with > 750,000 AMR Phenotypes
- Receiver Operating Curves: *S. aureus*: 0.80
Escherichia coli & *Klebsiella pneumoniae*: 0.74
- *MALDI-TOF Mass Spectra based Machine learning may thus be an important new tool for treatment optimization*
- *My take: Necessary but Insufficient for IE*

Development and Validation of a Machine Learning Model to Estimate Bacterial Sepsis Among Immunocompromised Recipients of Stem Cell Transplant

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- Create a full risk factor & clinic factor-specific automated sepsis decision tool using electronic medical record
- 1943 Stem cell transplant patients divided 70:30 into modeling & validation
- **Primary outcome:** High sepsis risk bacteremia (Gram-negative, *S. aureus*, Streptococcus)
- **Result: Full decision support tool** had Highest AUC (0.85: 0.81-0.89) for high sepsis-risk Bacteremia: overall, inpatients, outpatients, and 10-day and 28-day mortality
- Full decision tool had superior prognostic accuracy for high-risk sepsis bacteremia and mortality

SUMMARY:

Future of Machine Learning in SAB

- **Today:** *Unproven promise*
- **Eventually:** *Differentiate high risk SAB vs. low-risk SAB ?*

Where are We Going? S. aureus Bacteremia/ IE

Epidemiology & Microbiology:

Healthcare & IDU, ↑↑ Devices, New Clones

Clinical Trials:

Test existing antibiotics >> Approve new antibiotics

Diagnostics:

New tools to differentiate Uncomplicated and Complicated SAB

Biofilm:

Better understanding of host immunology

Machine Learning: Promising but unproven

