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# Antimicrobial peptides and device coating

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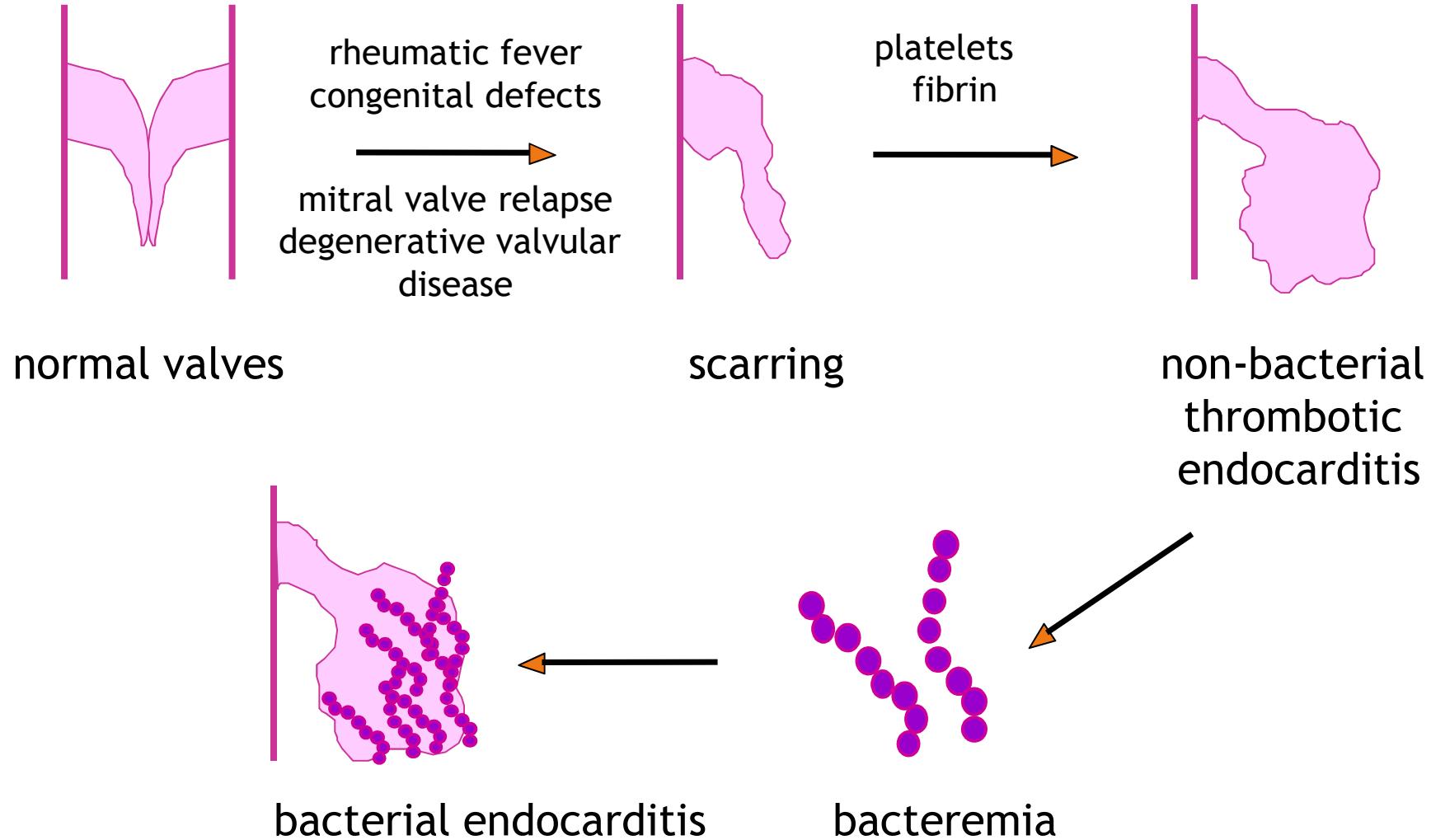


# Outline

- Pathogenesis
- ES TE heart valves
- Synthetic Antimicrobial and Antibiofilm Peptides
- Antimicrobial supramolecular polymers
- Antimicrobial Photochemical internalization

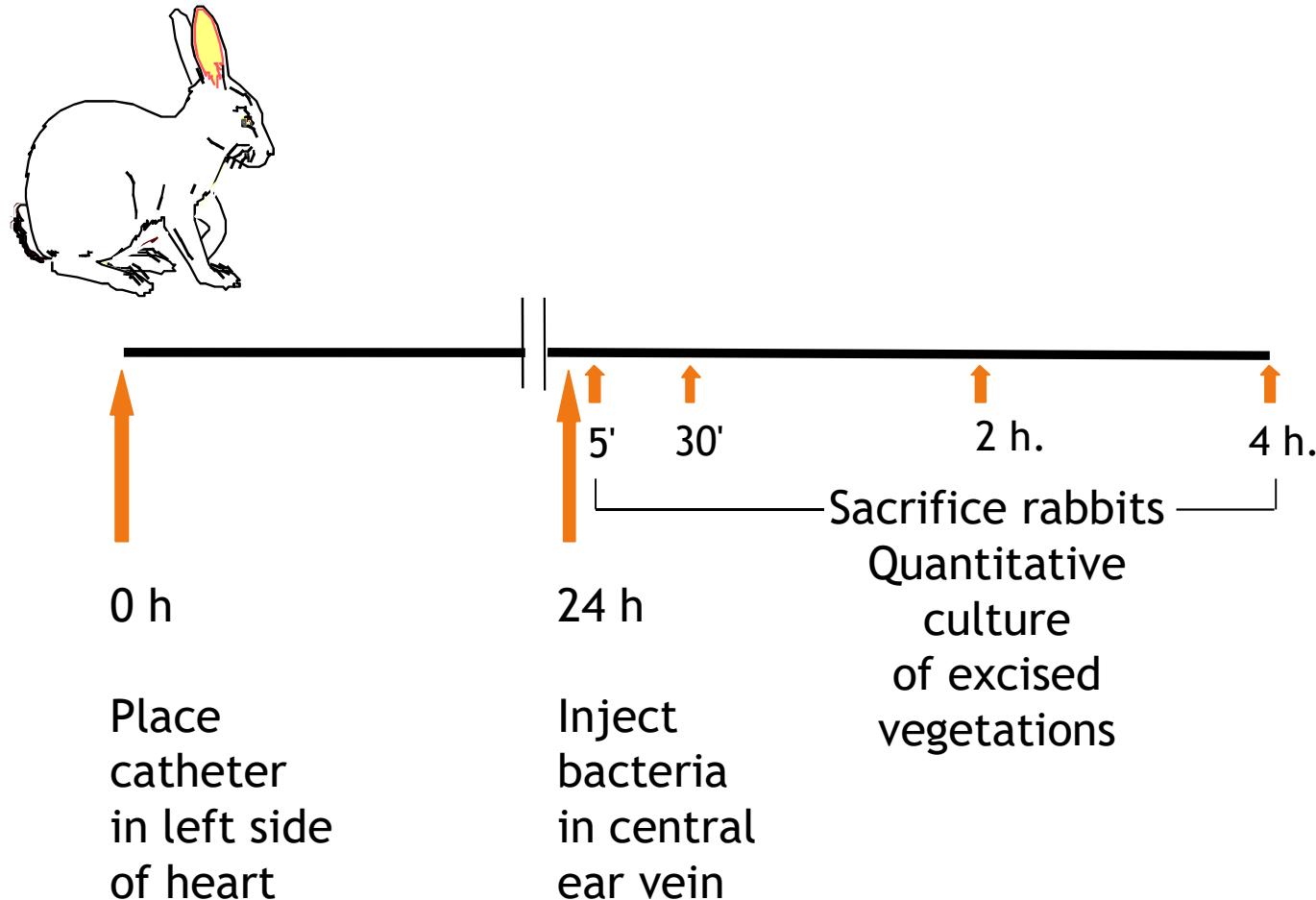


# Native valve Streptococcal Endocarditis



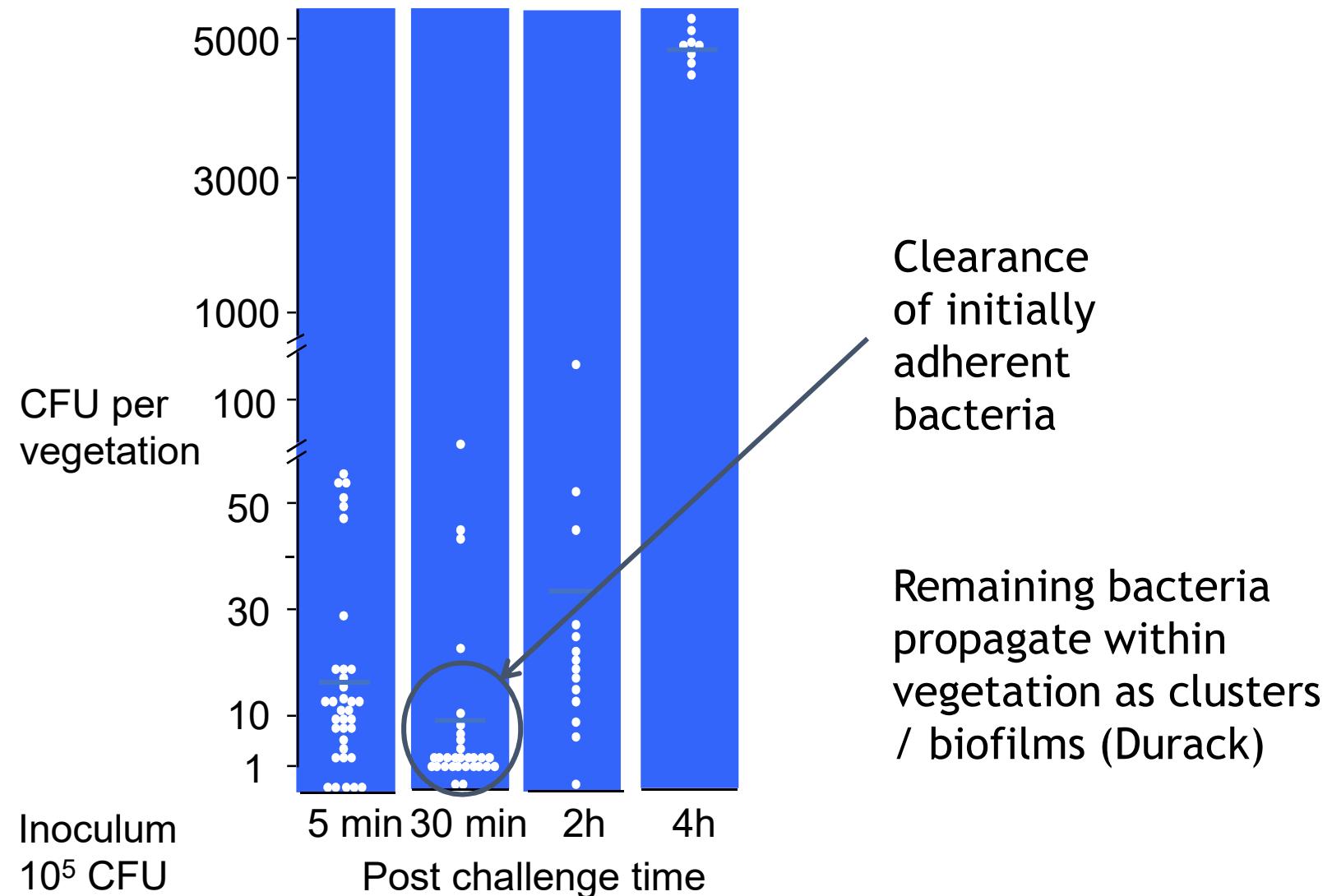


# Rabbit Model of Experimental Infective Endocarditis

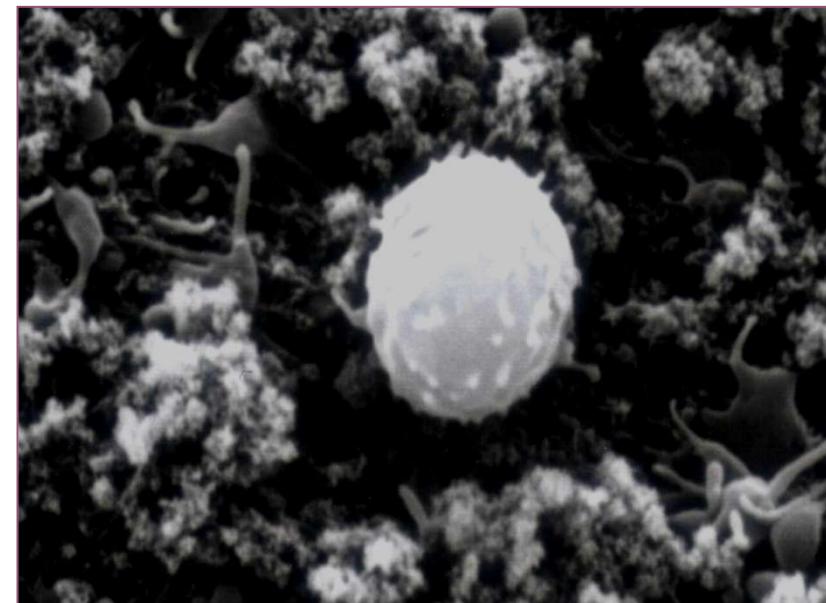
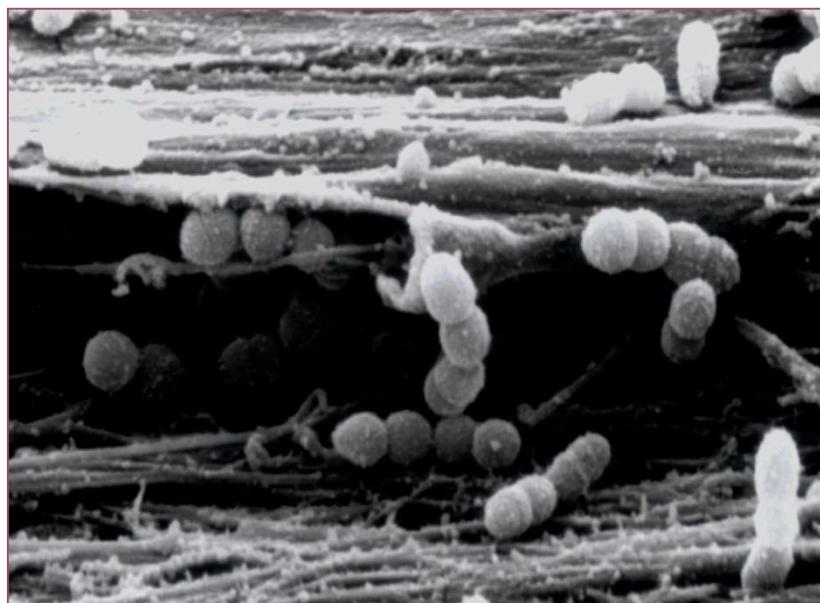
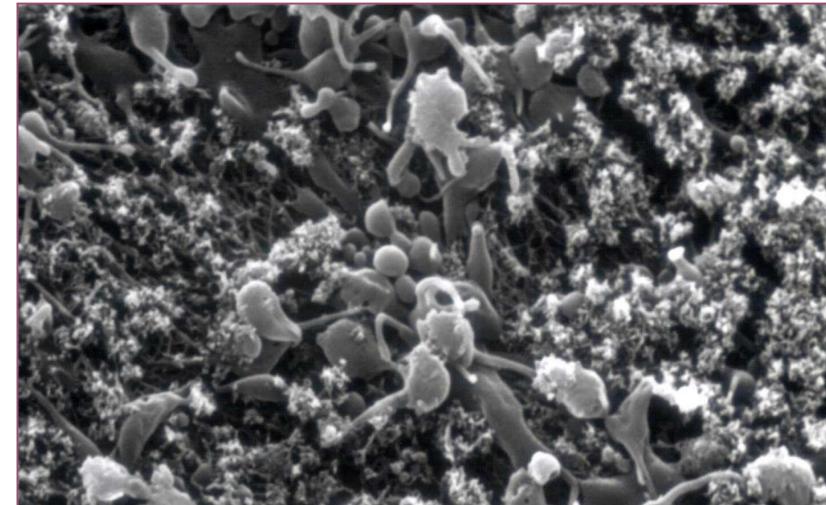




# Initial Clearance of *Streptococcus oralis* from rabbit VGs

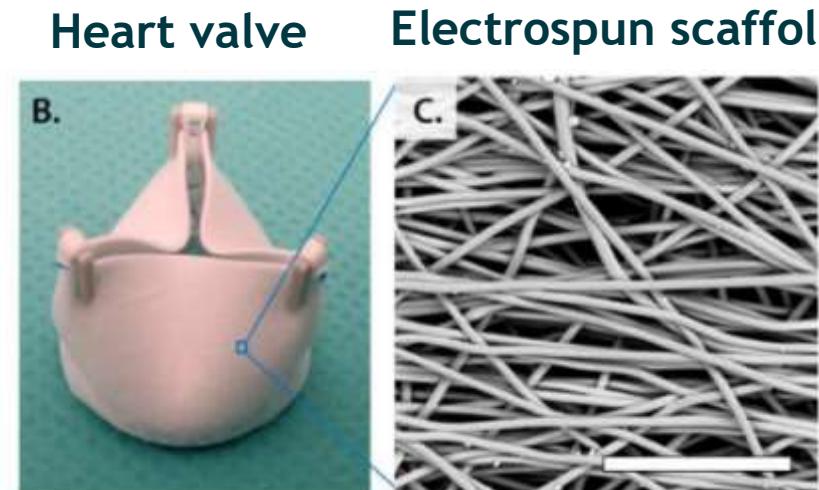
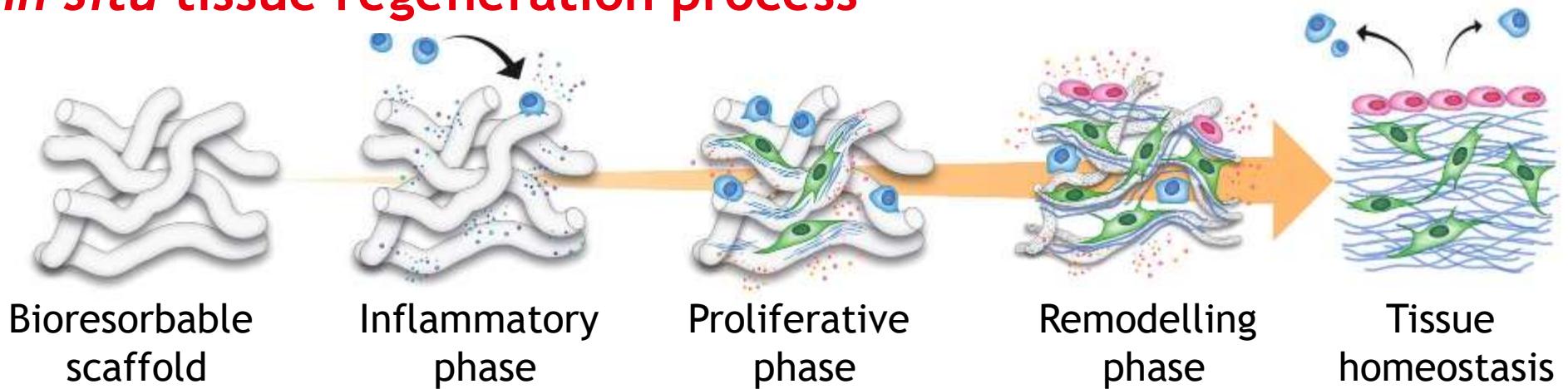


# Viridans Streptococci Within Platelet-Fibrin Clots Are Shielded from Phagocytes



# Biomaterial implants for *In situ* tissue engineering of heart valves

## *In situ* tissue regeneration process



Infection  
Risk ?

Wissing 2017



## Incidence Native Valve IE Surprisingly Low

Vegetations in **2.4%** of 3404 autopsy specimen of hospitalized patients without IE

Daily low level transient bacteremia due to chewing candy, eating and tooth brushing: **7 - 51%**

Bacteria adhering to / embedded in vegetations are shielded from phagocytes: expected to cause IE!!

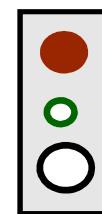
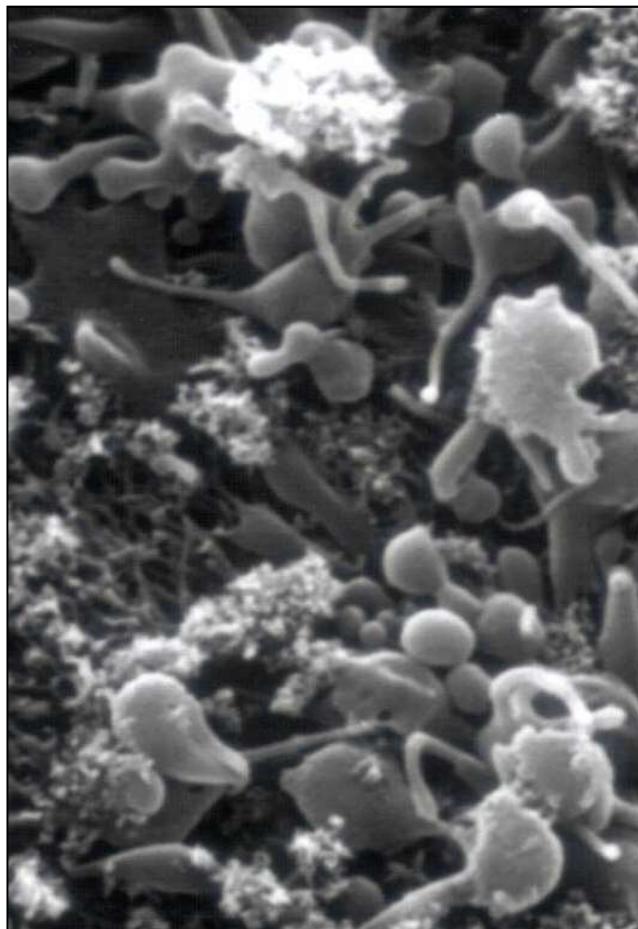
IE cases:

- General population: 0.7 - 6.8 per 100,000 per year
- Persons at risk for IE: 20 - 180 per 100,000 per year

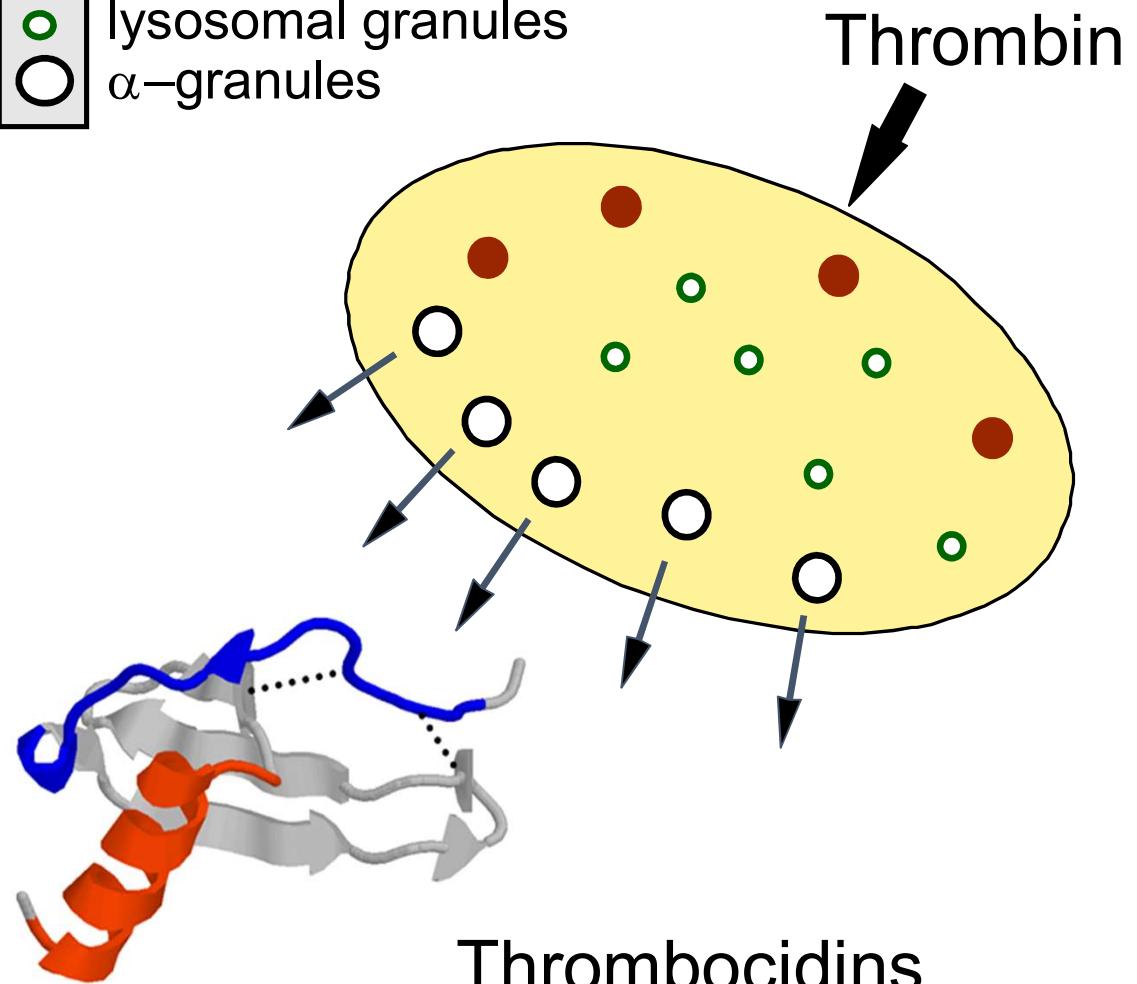
→ **PROTECTIVE MECHANISM: Thrombocidins / PMP**



# Human platelet Thrombocidins, cationic AMPs



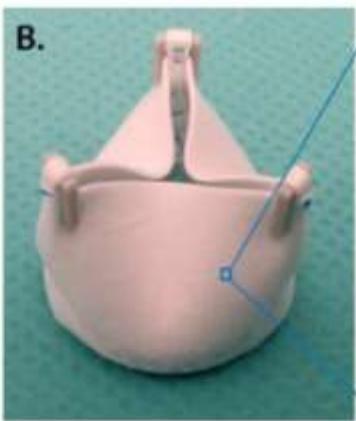
dense granules  
lysosomal granules  
 $\alpha$ -granules



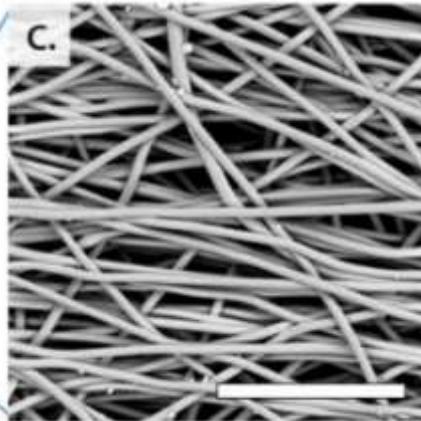


# Can we provide similar protection to electrospun TE prosthetic valves?

Heart valve



Electrospun scaffold



Heart valve in situ



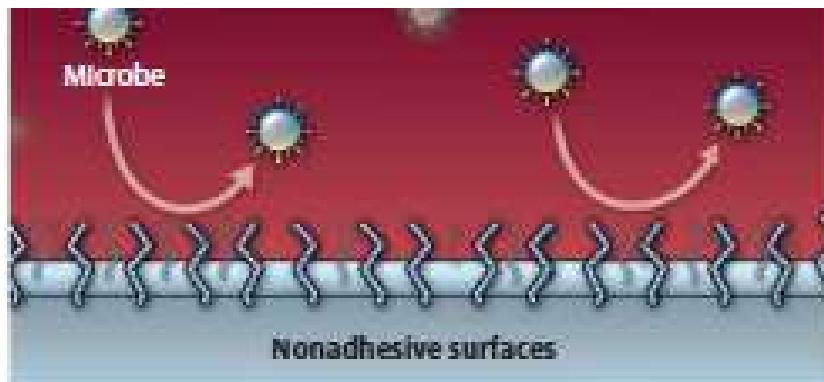
## Requirements:

- Novel antimicrobials preventing biofilm formation
- No resistance development
- Manufacturing system

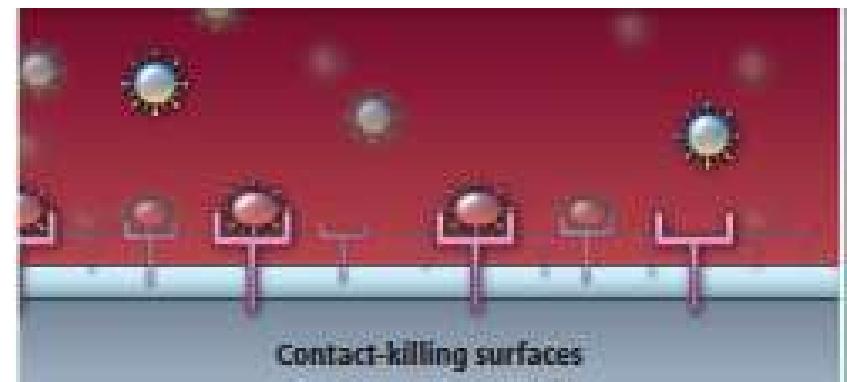


# Antimicrobial surface designs

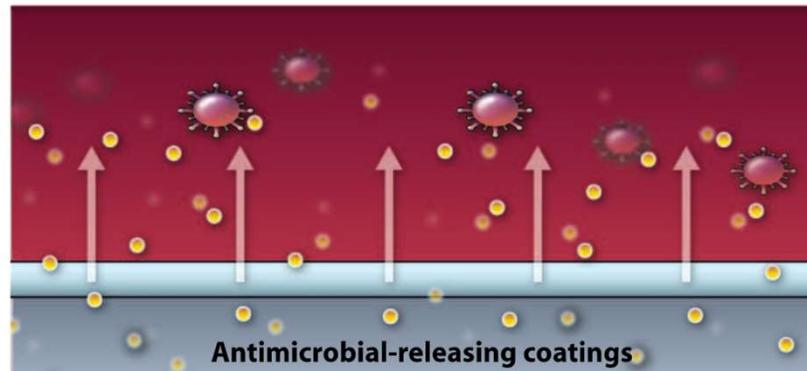
Anti-adherent



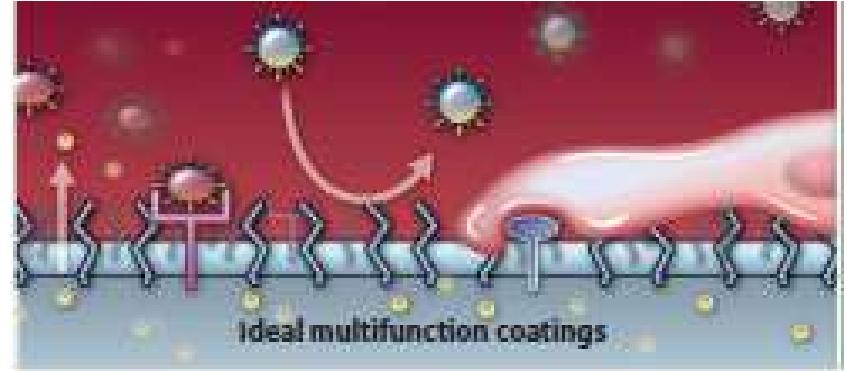
Contact killing



Release



Combinations



Busscher 2013

# BALI, the Biofilm Alliance, EU FP7

Design Synthetic Antimicrobial and Anti-biofilm Peptides, **SAAPs**

- Inspired by human cathelicidin LL-37
- Inspired by human Thrombocidin-1

Develop therapeutic applications with SAAPs

- Controlled release coating for implant surfaces
- Ointment for skin wound infections



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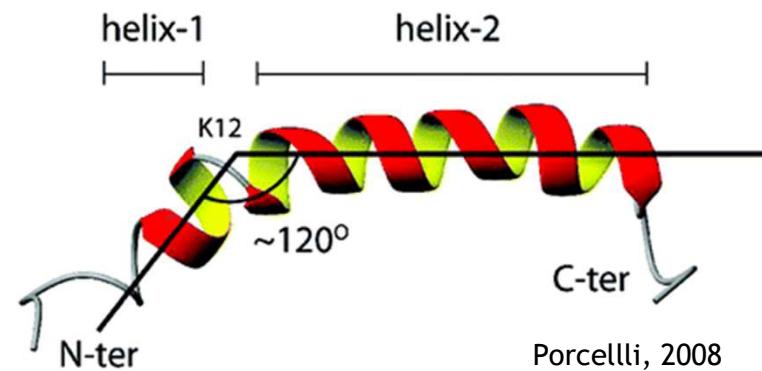


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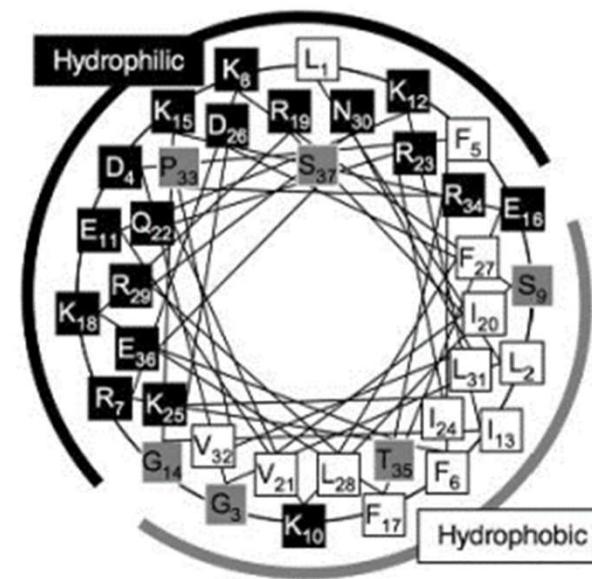


# Human cathelicidin LL-37, and Synthetic Antimicrobial and Antibiofilm Peptides (SAAPs)

- Precursor hCAP18, produced by neutrophils and epithelial cells
- Amphipathic  $\alpha$ -helical structure
- Derived peptides:
  - SAAPs (SAAP-148)
  - OP-145



Porcelli, 2008



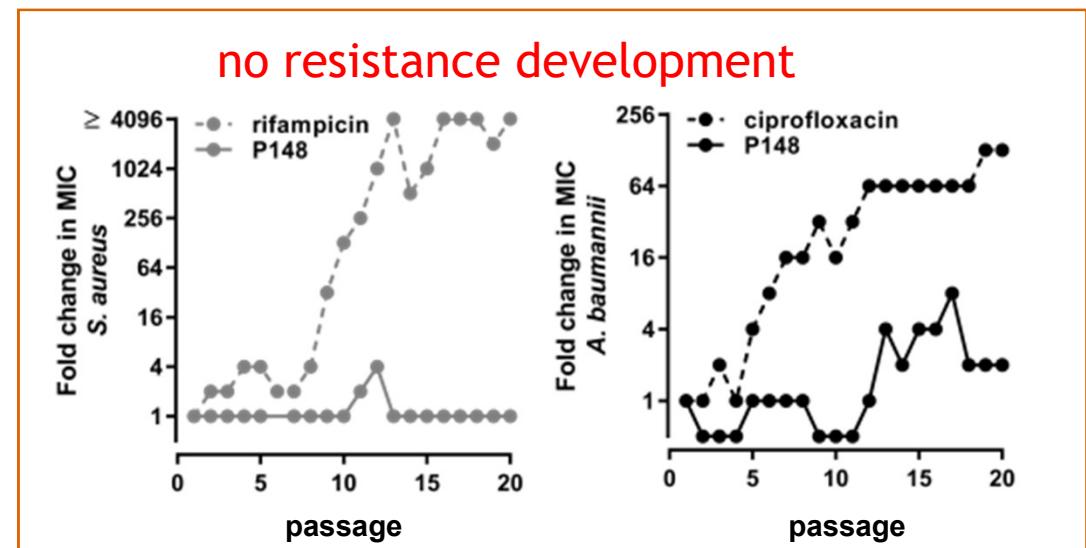
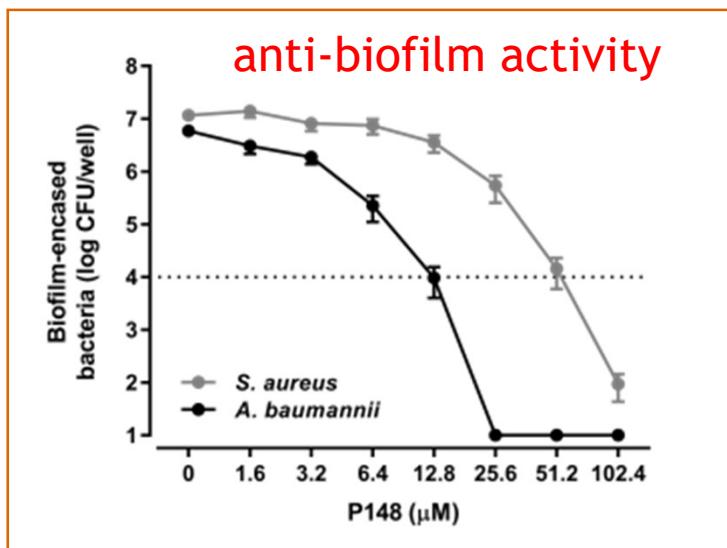
Yamasaki2008

# SAAP-148, the present lead compound



Species	Strain	aminoglycosides	ansamycins	carbapenems	cephalosporins	fluoroquinolones	fusidanes	glycopeptides	glycylcyclines	lincosamides	lipopeptides	macrolides	monoxy-carbolic acid	oxazolidinones	penicillins	polymyxins	sulfonamides	tetracyclines
<i>E. faecium</i>	LUH15122	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>S. aureus</i>	LUH14616	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	LUH8995	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>A. baumannii</i>	RUH875	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	LUH15103	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>E. cloacae</i>	LUH15114	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>E. coli</i>	LUH15117	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

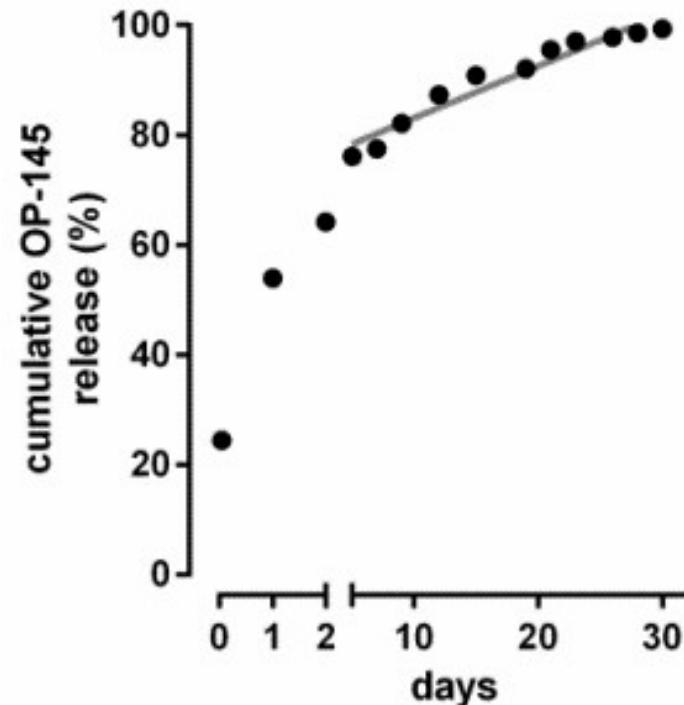
Broad range  
Activity;  
ESKAPE panel



# OP-145 Polymer Lipid Encapsulation Matrix (PLEX) for titanium implants



Composed of PLGA / DPPC / DSPC / Cholesterol / **OP-145** (10 wt%)



- Initial **burst release** 55% in the first 48h
- First order kinetic release (~1%) for 30 days
- OP-145 released from coating kills *S. aureus*



# PLEX-OP-145 prevents rabbit humerus intramedullary nail infection

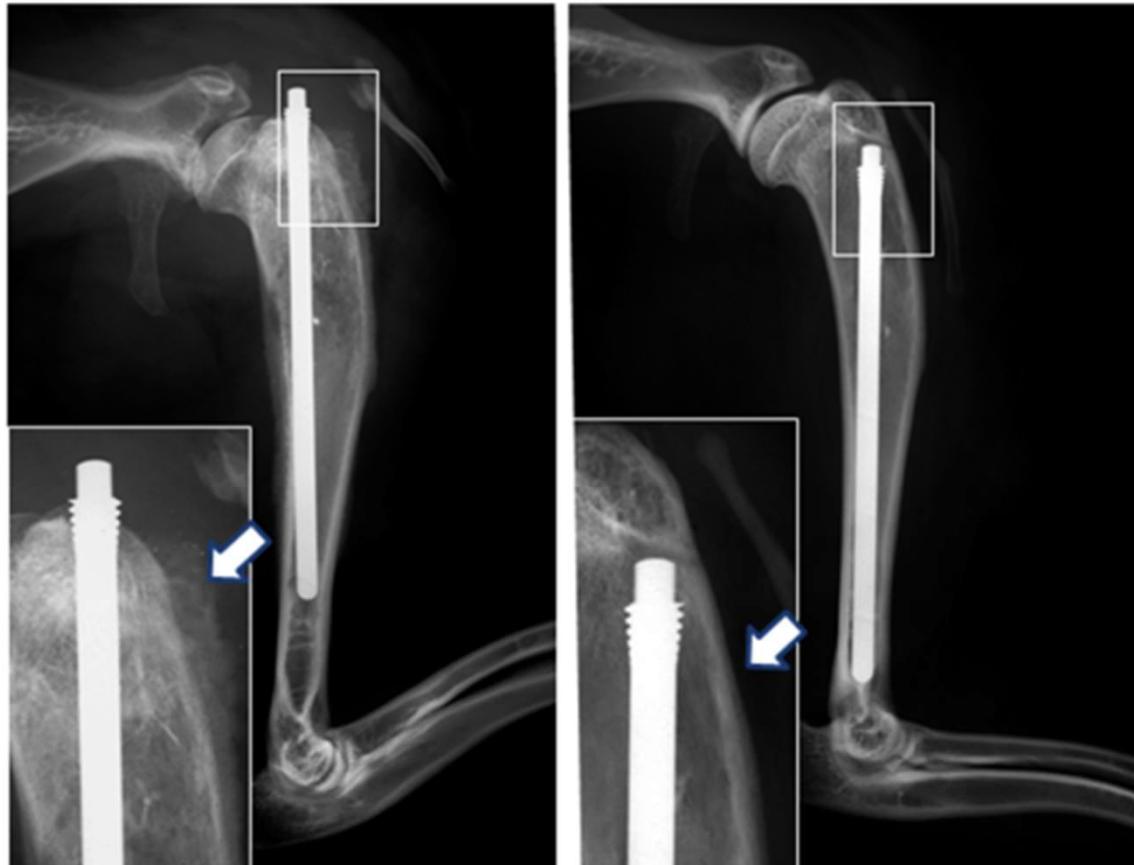
- Intramedullary (IM) nail infection model
  - New Zealand White rabbits
  - Right humerus
  - $6 \times 10^4$  CFU *S. aureus* JAR
  - TAN IM nail
    - No coat
    - PLEX-OP-145 coating
  - Evaluation at 28 days
    - Quantitative culture
    - Contact radiograph
    - Clinical parameters



 AO Foundation  
Fintan Moriarty



# PLEX-OP-145: contact radiographs

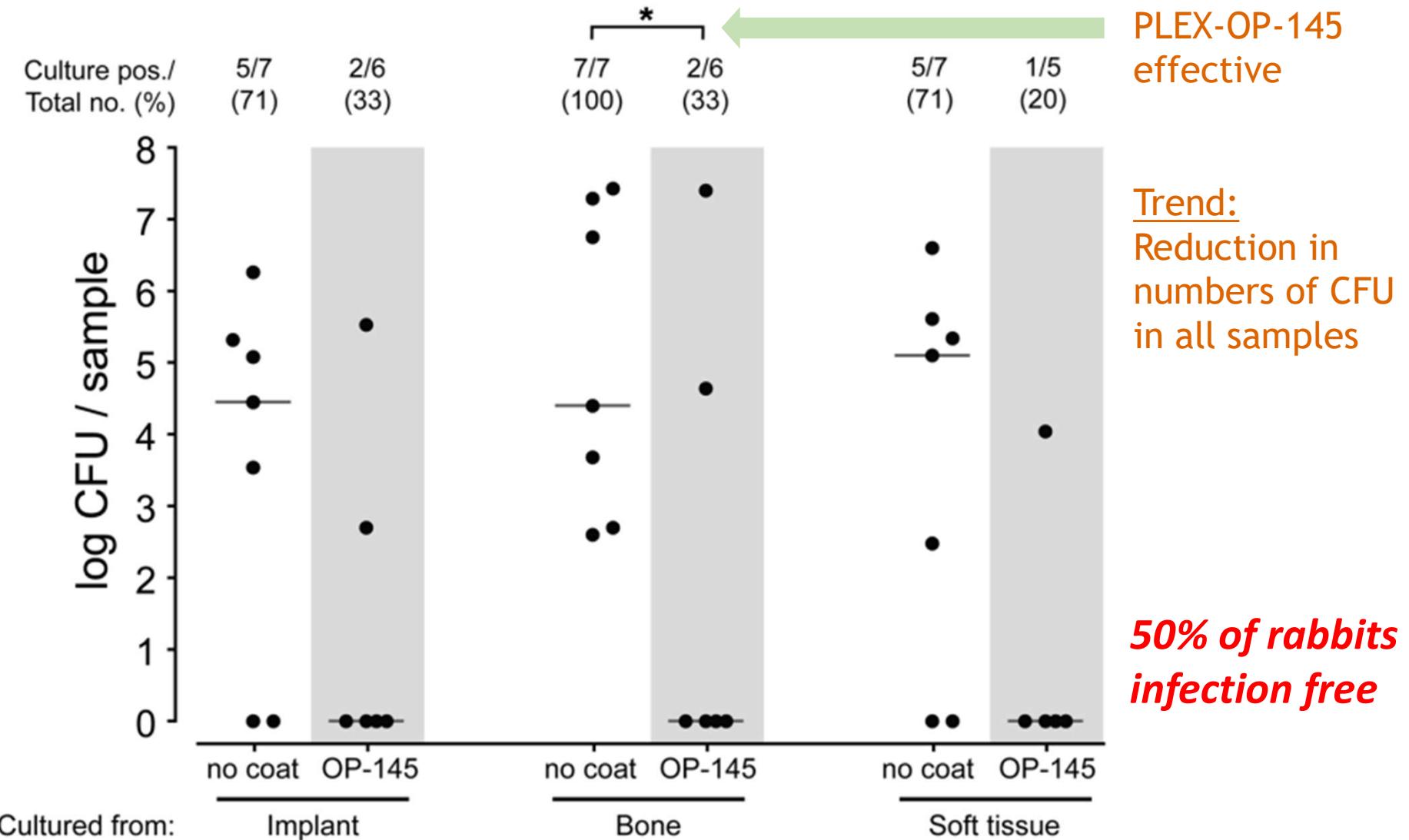


**uncoated**  
Signs of infection

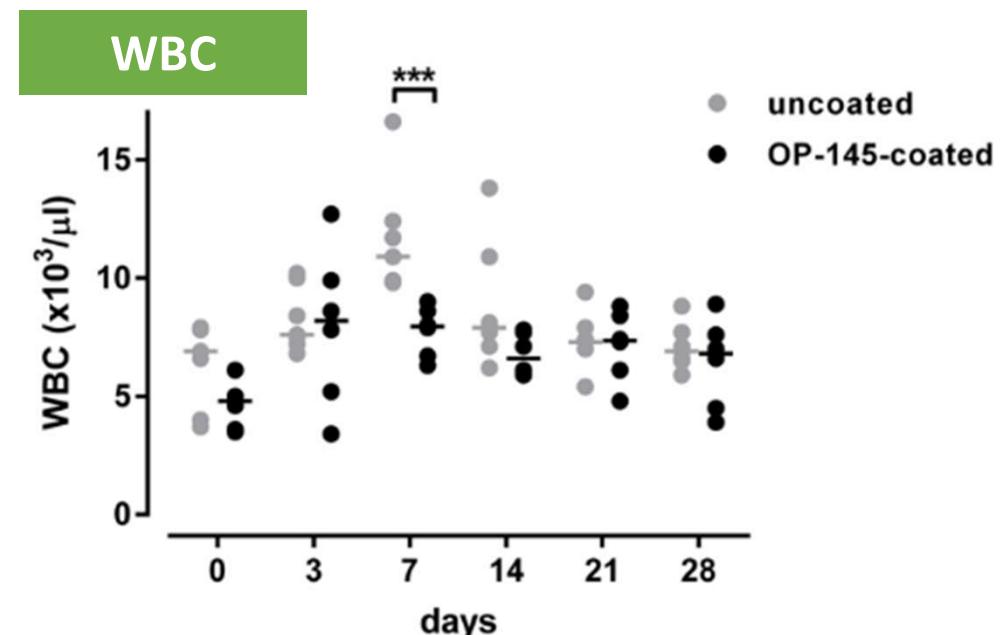
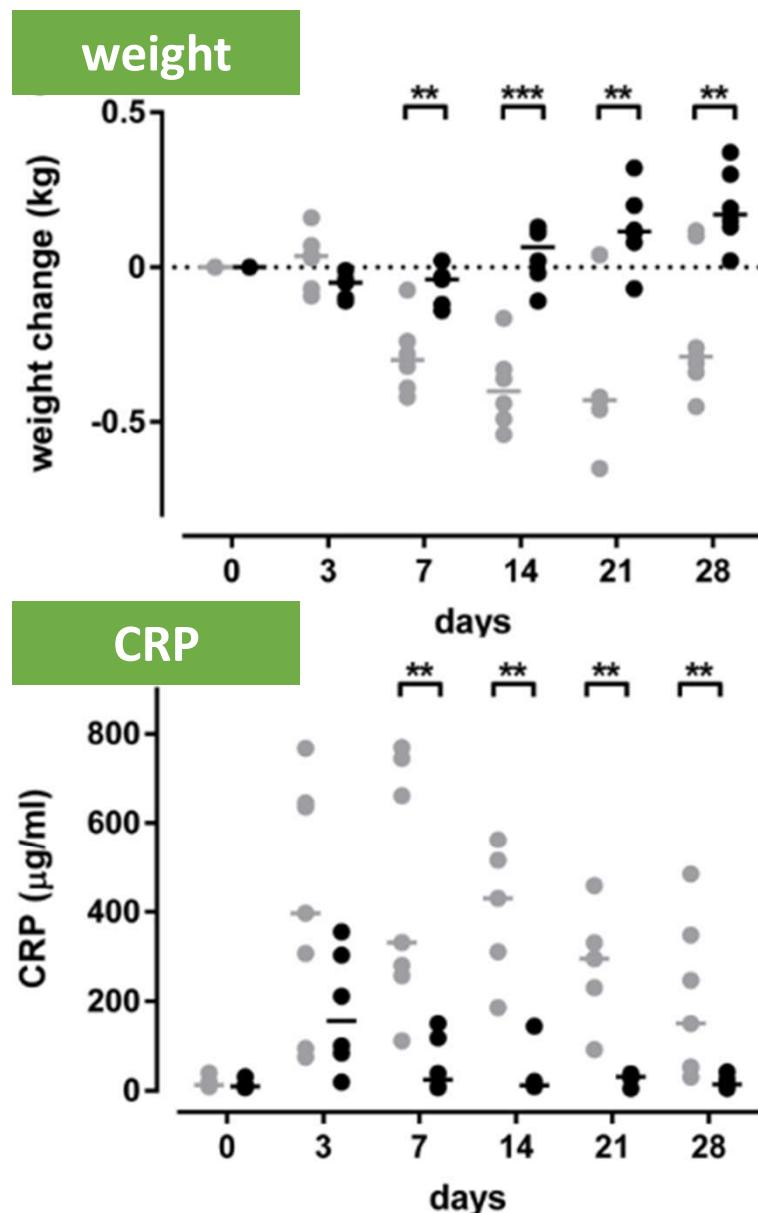
**OP-145-coated**  
No signs of infection



# PLEX-OP-145: quantitative culture



# PLEX-OP-145: clinical parameters



Rabbits with uncoated implants:

- more weight loss
- elevated WBC counts at 7d
- elevated CRP level  $\geq 7$ d

**→ Clinical signs of infection**

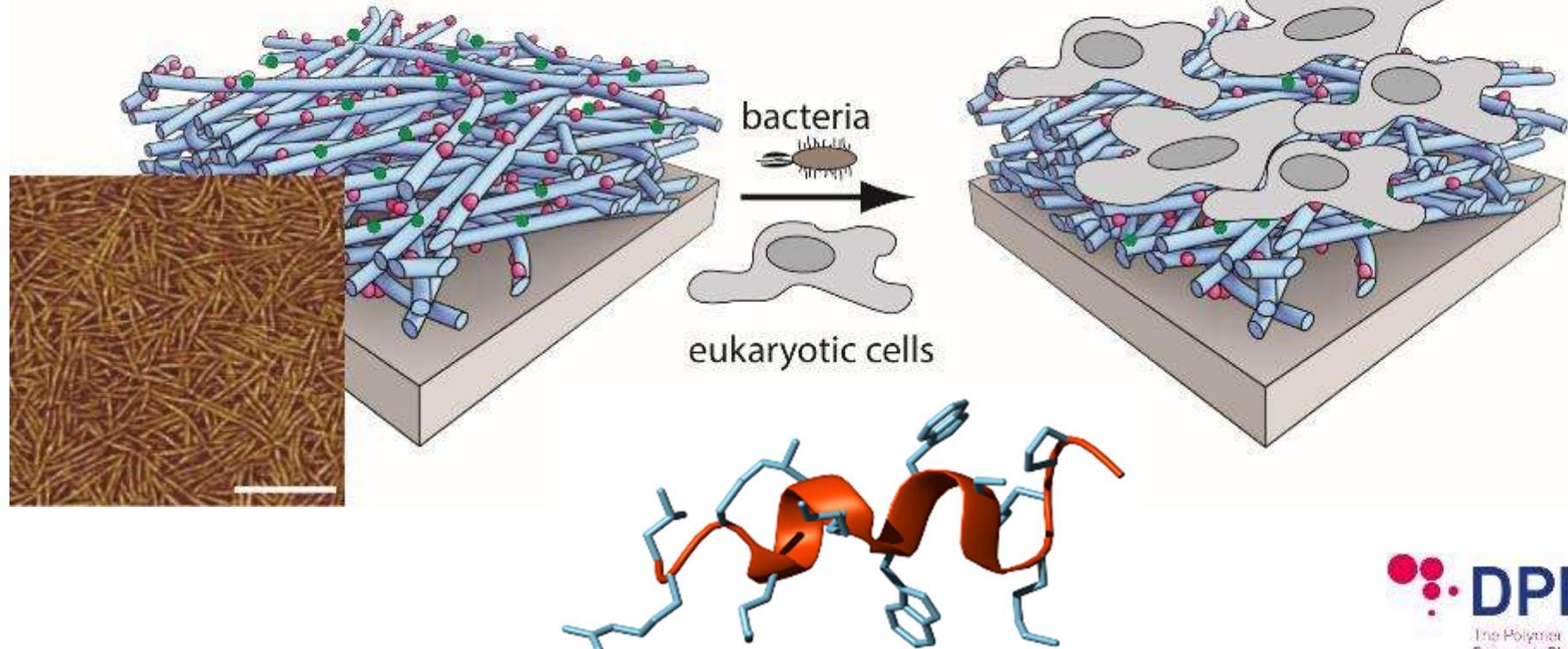
**PREVENTED WITH PLEX-OP-145**

# Heart valves? SuperActive!



*Supramolecular Biomaterials with Antimicrobial and Regenerative Activity*

Development of multi-functional bioactive supramolecular materials with both antimicrobial and **regenerative** activity

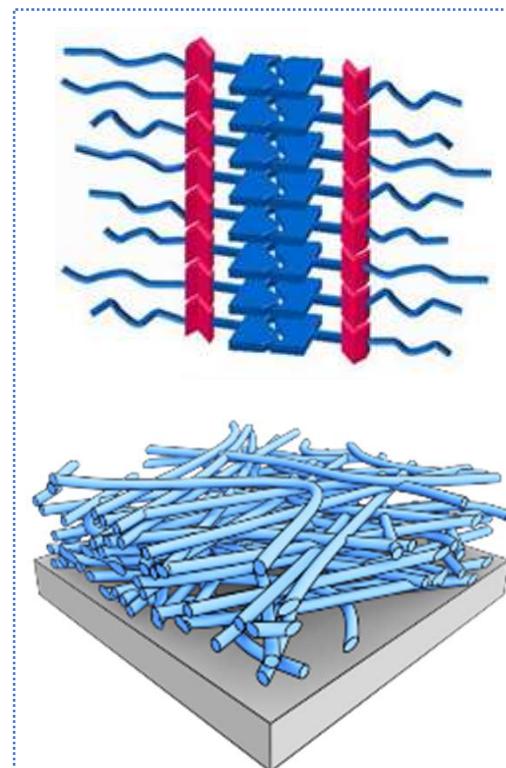
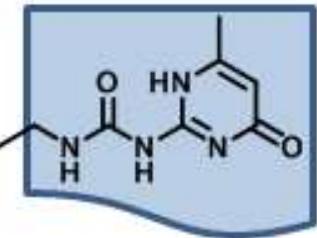
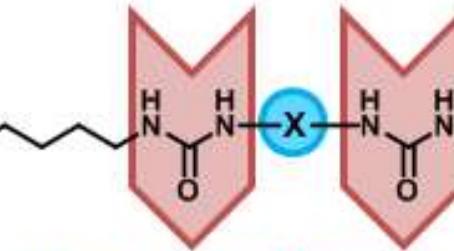
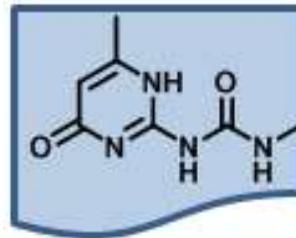
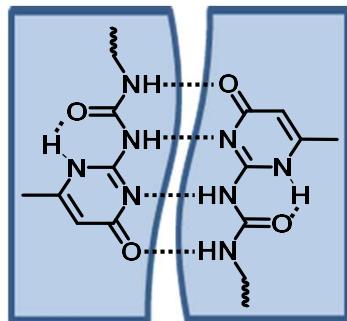


Antimicrobial activit  
Novel AMPs **TC19** and **SAAP-148**

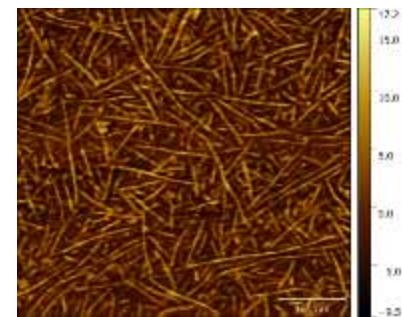
# Supramolecular materials



## Ureido-pyrimidinone (UPy)



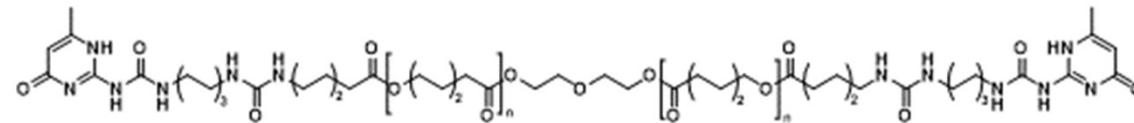
Atomic force microscopy  
Phase image



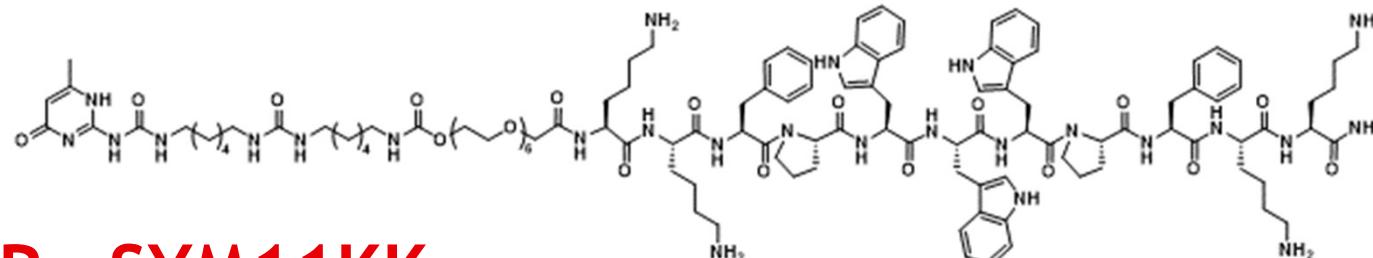
PCL<sub>2k</sub>-diUPy, 500x500 nm



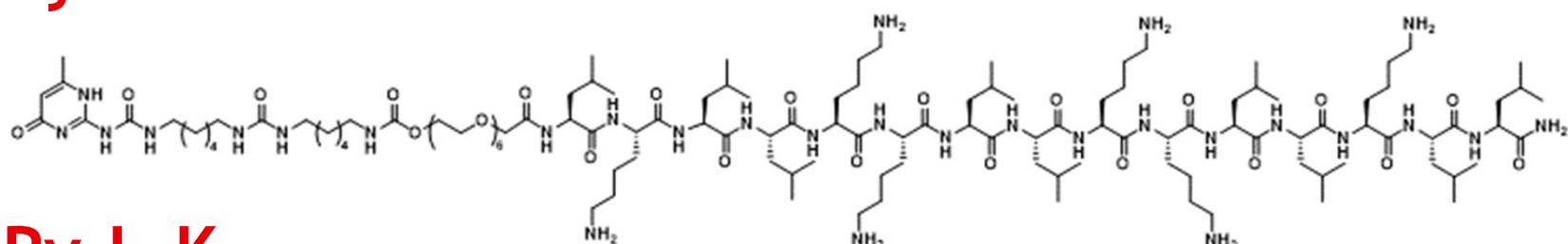
# UPy-antimicrobial peptides (from literature)



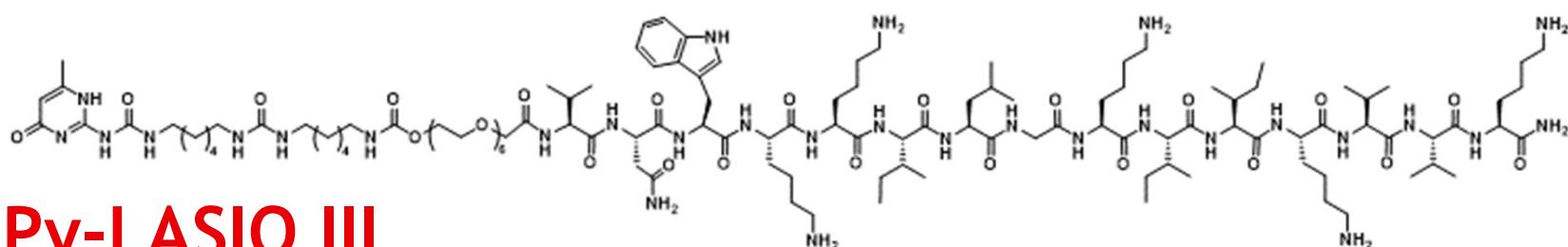
**PCL<sub>2k</sub>-diUPy**



**UPy-SYM11KK**



**UPy-L<sub>9</sub>K<sub>6</sub>**

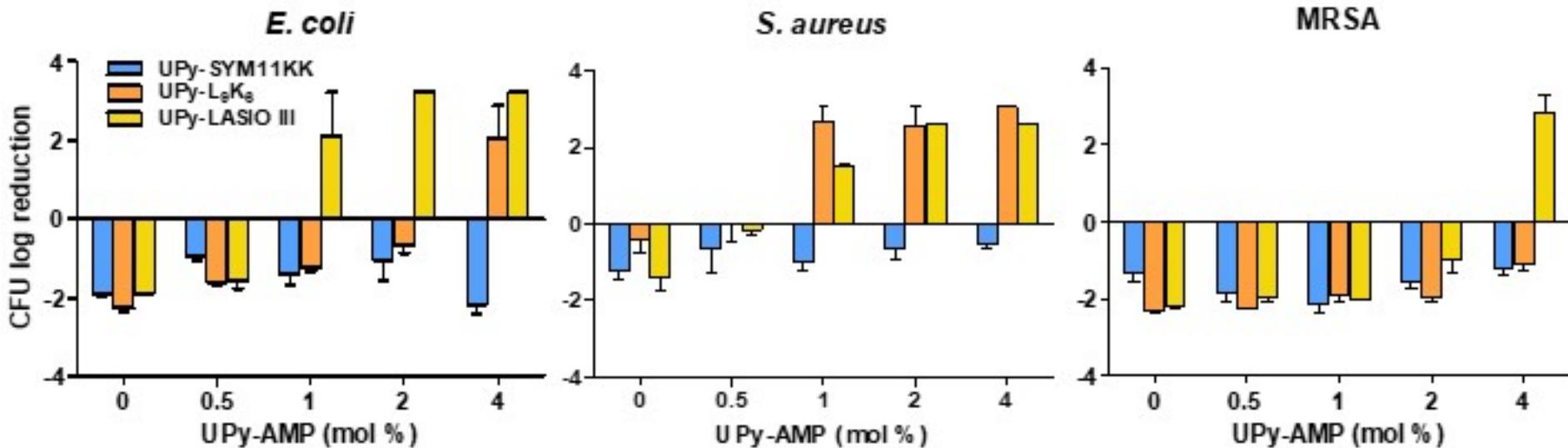
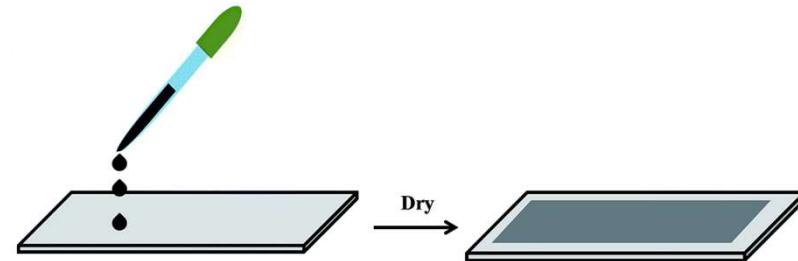


**UPy-LASIO III**

# Surface antimicrobial activity of UPy-AMP solid samples



Dropcasting of  $\text{PCL}_{2k}$ -diUPy films with  
4 mol% (UPy-)AMPs



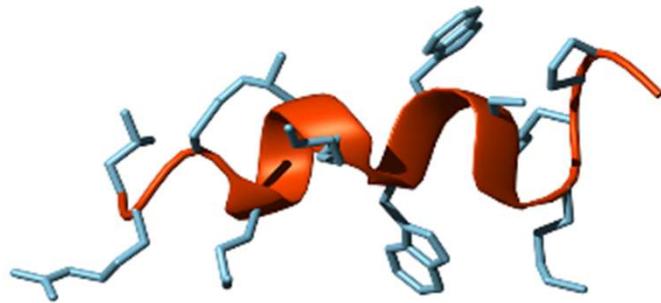
# SuperActive plans



*Development of multi-functional bioactive supramolecular materials with both antimicrobial and regenerative activity*

## Antimicrobial activity

- Novel AMPs **TC19** and **SAAP-148**



## Regenerative activity

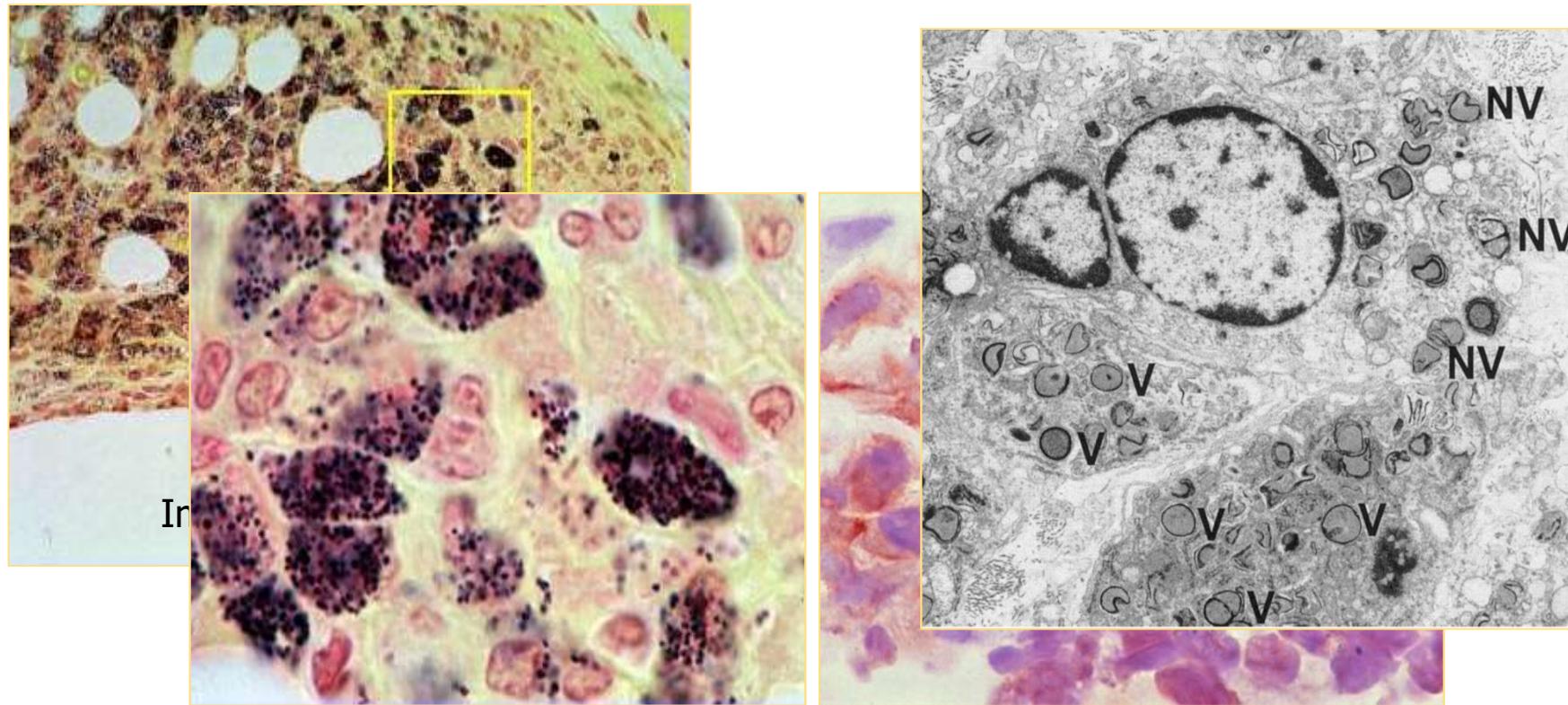
- Heparin-binding peptide (HBP)
- Cell-adhesive properties



**And what about abscesses and intracellular bacteria.... ?**



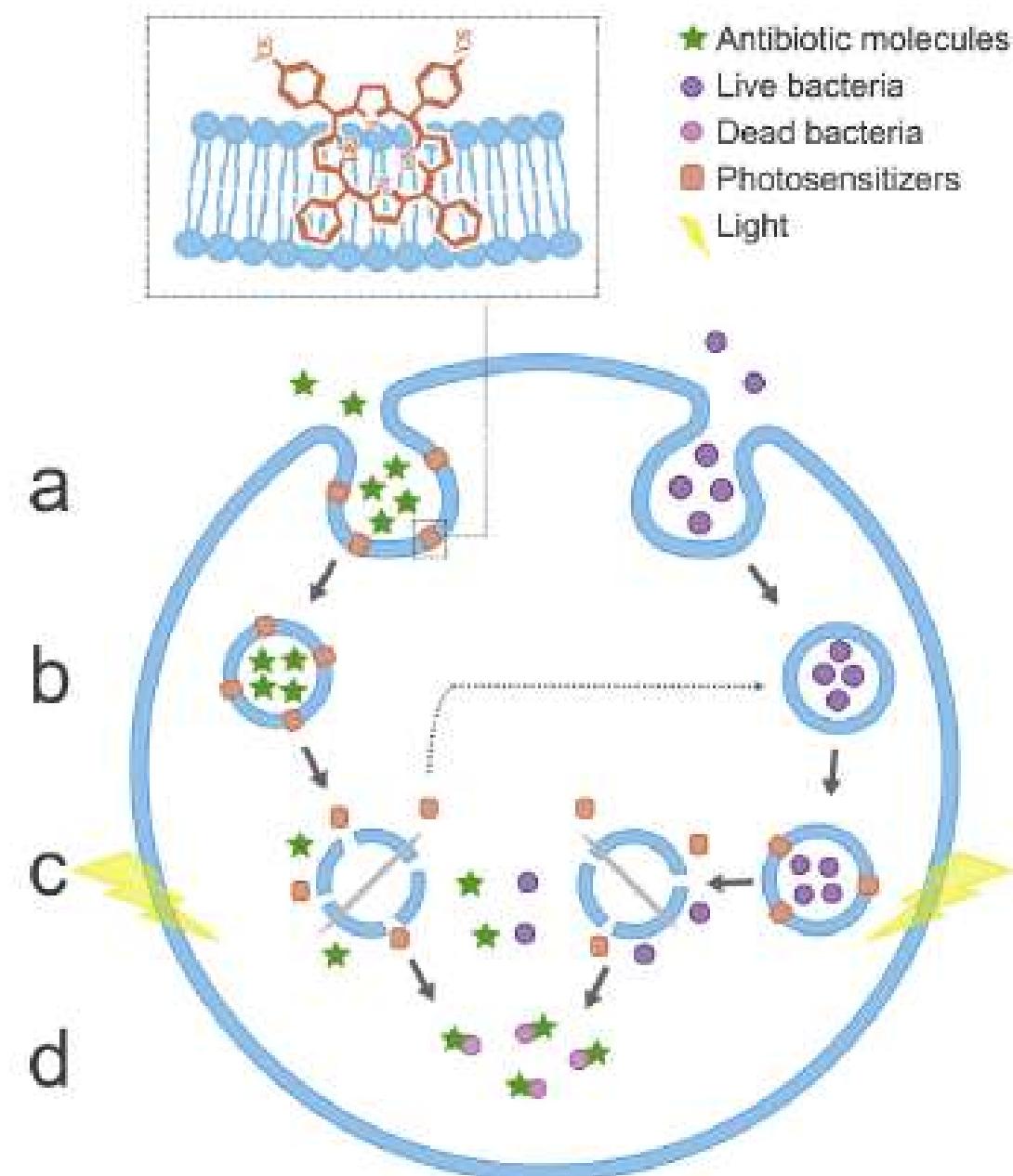
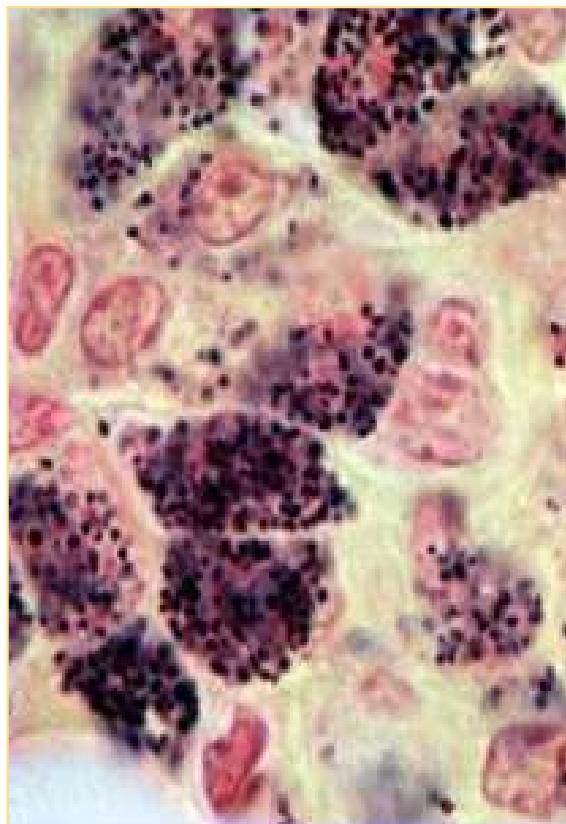
# Intracellular *S. epidermidis* in mouse peri-implant subcutaneous tissue after 14 days



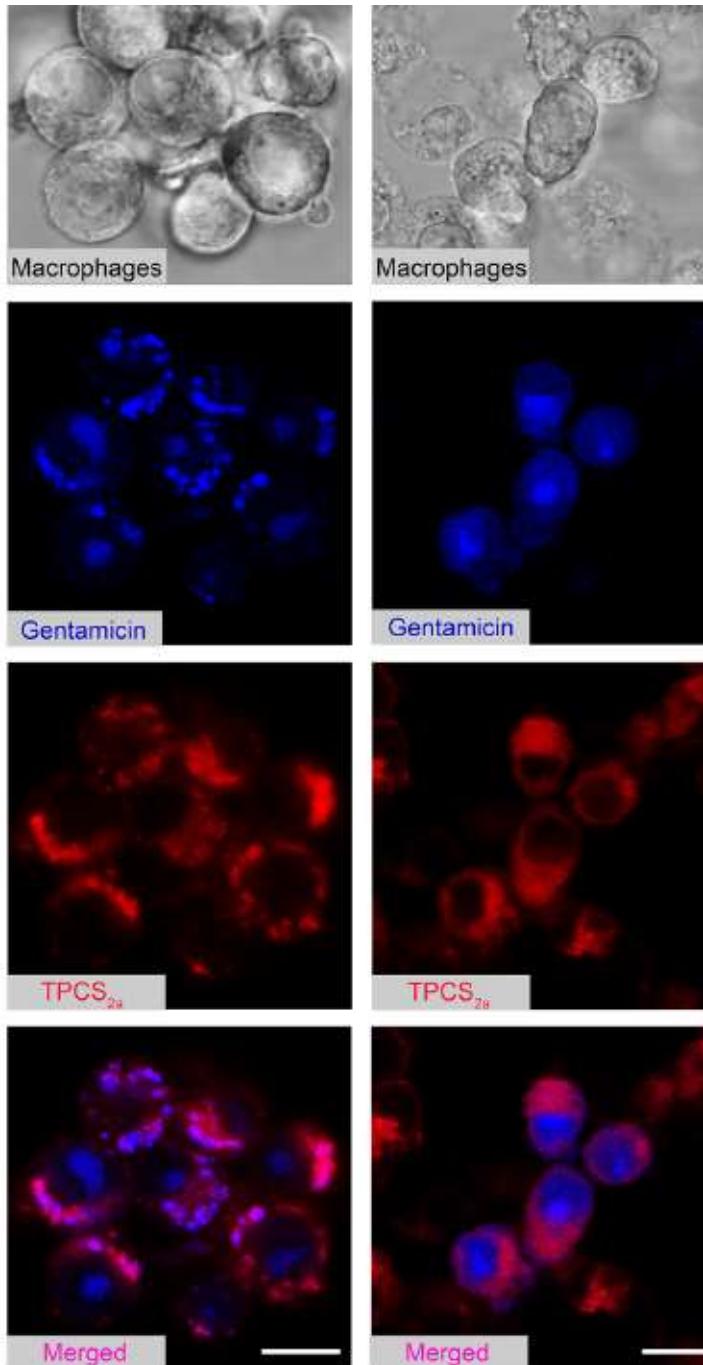
- Bacteria in tissue, within macrophages (F4/80)
- Mice **implant-associated sepsis** after 3 weeks
- Survival due to deranged cytokine responses

Boelens 2000

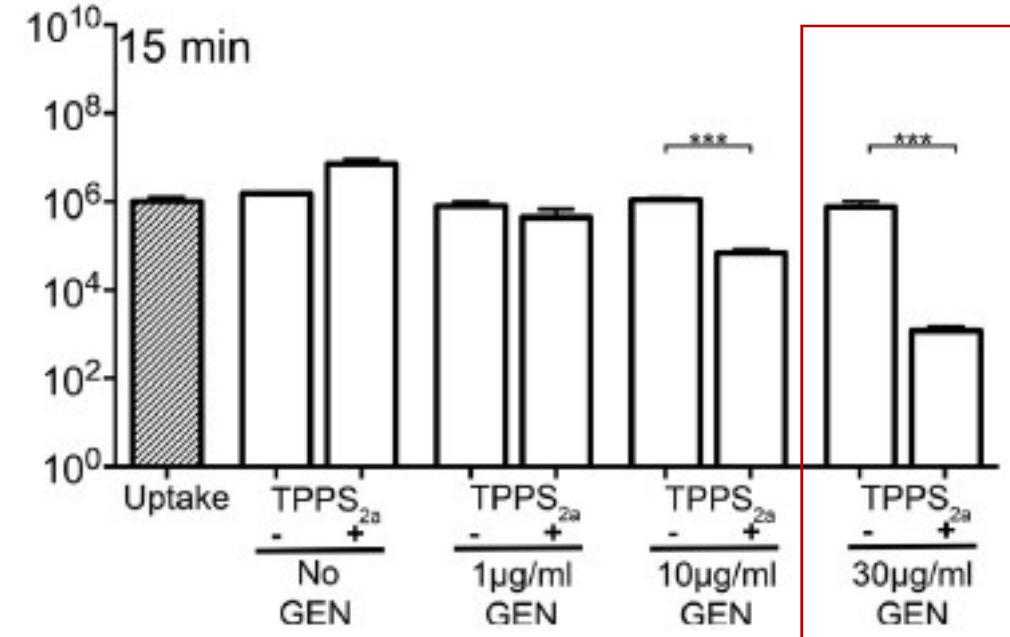
# Mechanism of AM-PCI



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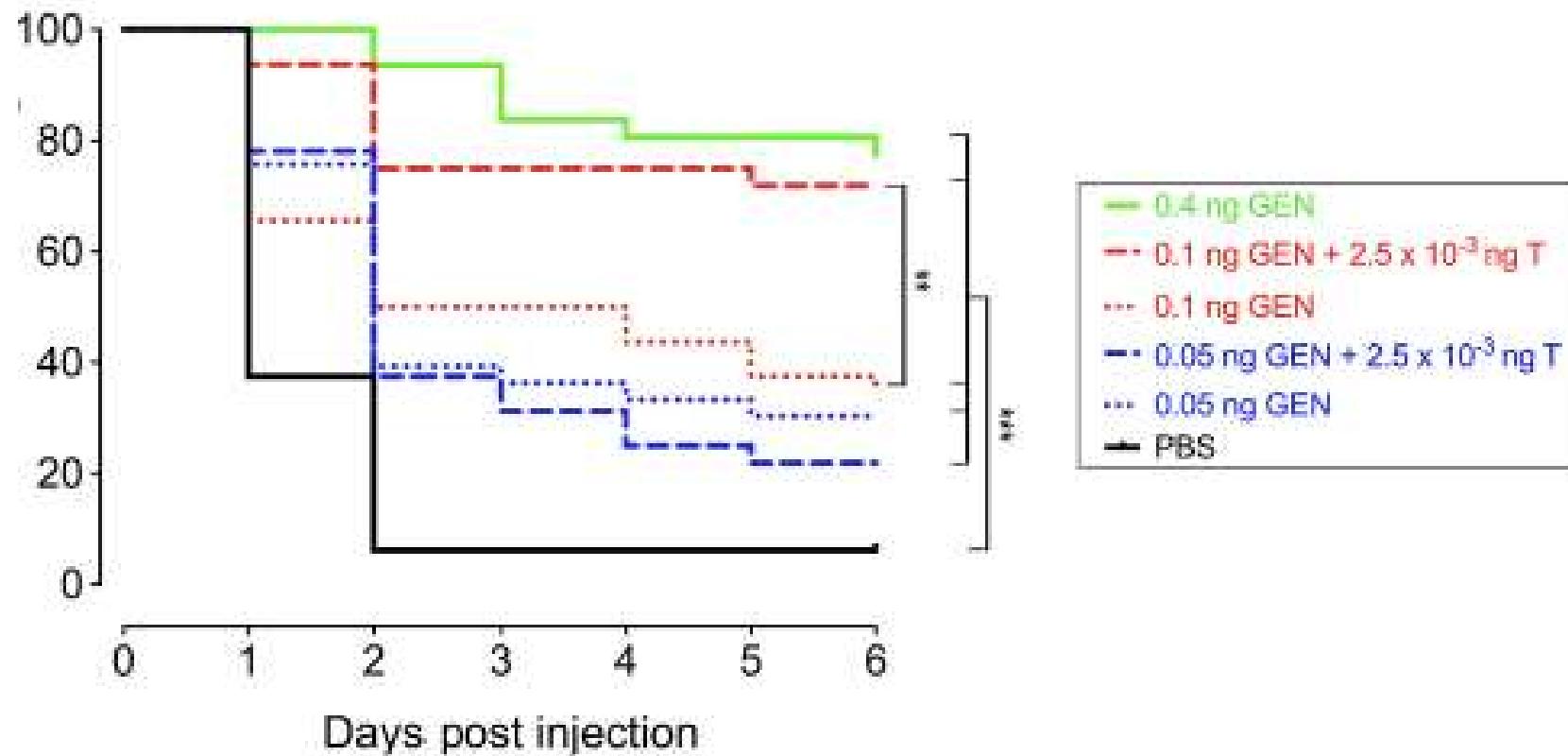


# Photochemical internalization enhancement of gentamicin against intracellular *S. epidermidis*





# Rescue of *S. aureus* - infected zebrafish embryos with gentamicin - PCI



- Non-toxic
- Effective protection owing to PCI

Zhang 2018



## In summary: full circle!

- Platelets produce matrix shielding invading bacteria
- ES matrix also can provide shelter against immune cells
- Trombocidins protecting from NVE
- BALI novel SAAPs from LL-37 and Thrombocidins
- SAAPs potent novel antimicrobials
- Self assembling polymers with AMPs
- Protect TE heart valves with SAAP- supramolecular system
- Kill intracellular bacteria with AM-PCI



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