

Immunomodulation for difficult-to-treat infections

Conflicts of interest

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What is a “difficult-to-treat infection”?

Difficult-to-treat infections and Resident bugs ?

Articles

Attributable deaths and disability-adjusted life-years caused by infections with antibiotic-resistant bacteria in the EU and the European Economic Area in 2015: a population-level modelling analysis

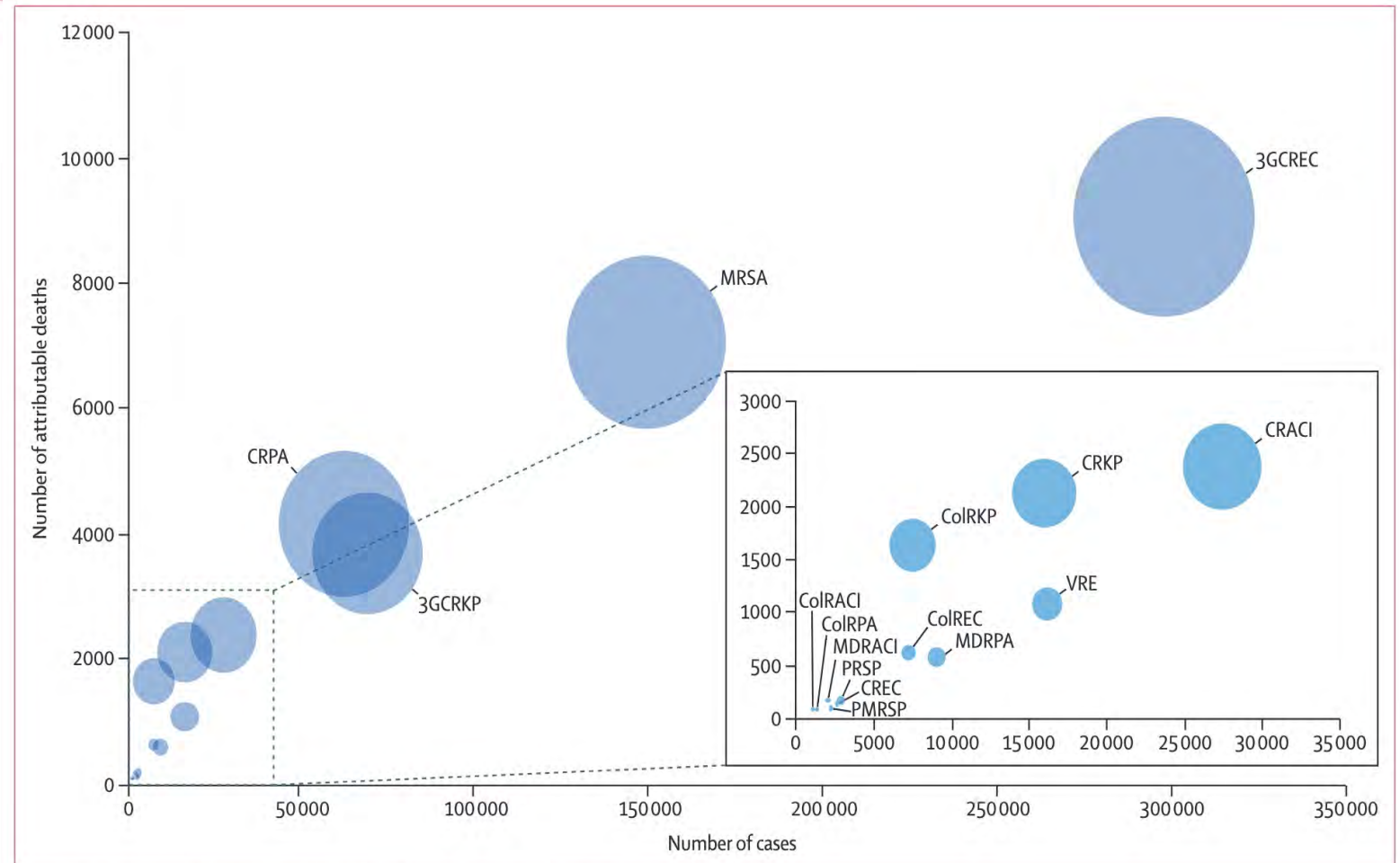


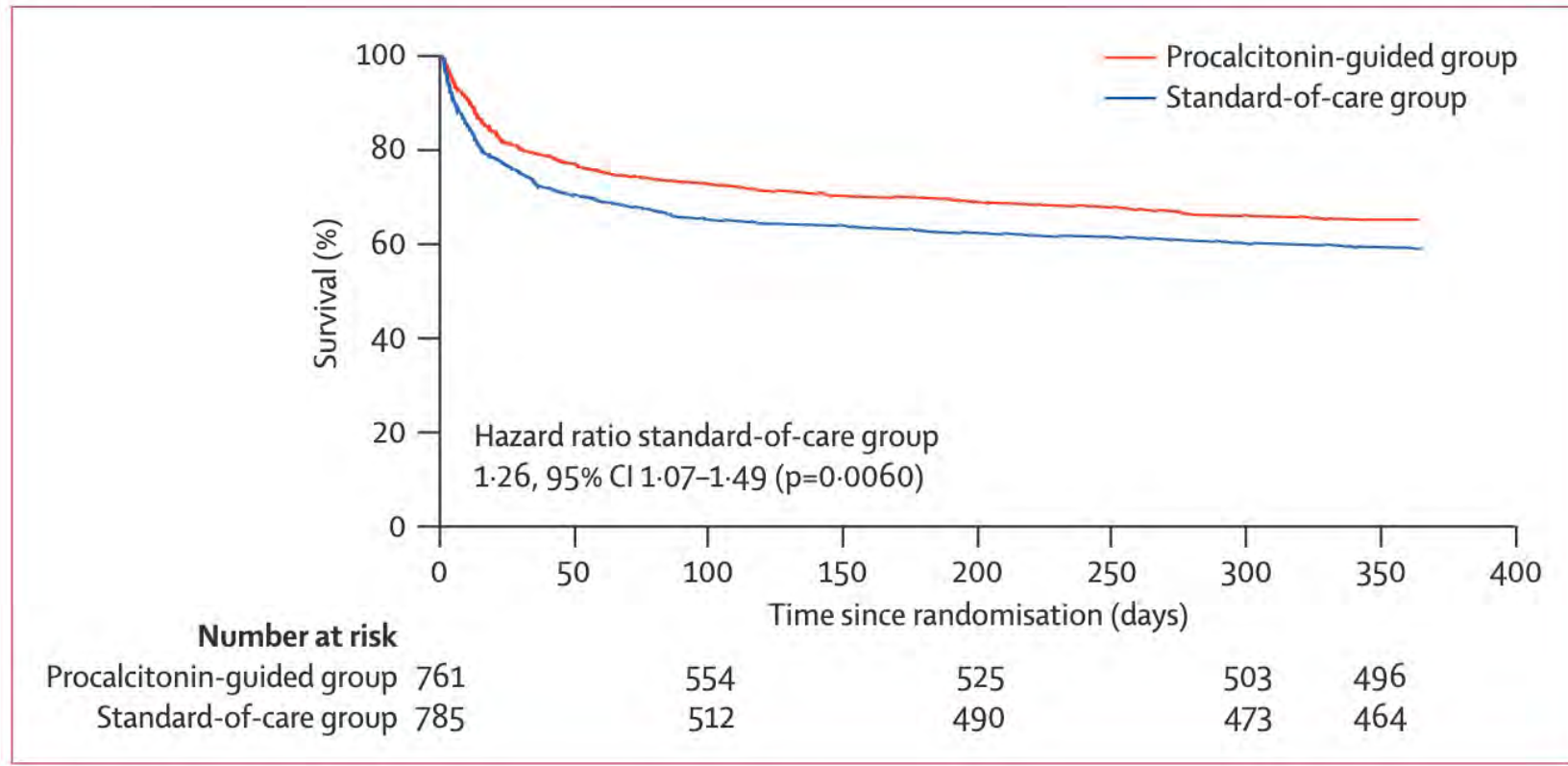
Figure 1: Infections with antibiotic-resistant bacteria, EU and European Economic Area, 2015

Difficult-to-treat infections

Do we need immunotherapies to improve outcomes of patients with “easy-to-treat infections”?

Antimicrobial therapy and the roof of glass

*The example of **septic shock***



De Jong et al. Lancet Infect Dis 2016

Antimicrobial therapy and the roof of glass

The example of hospital-acquired pneumonia

Ceftazidime-avibactam versus meropenem in nosocomial pneumonia, including ventilator-associated pneumonia (REPROVE): a randomised, double-blind, phase 3 non-inferiority trial

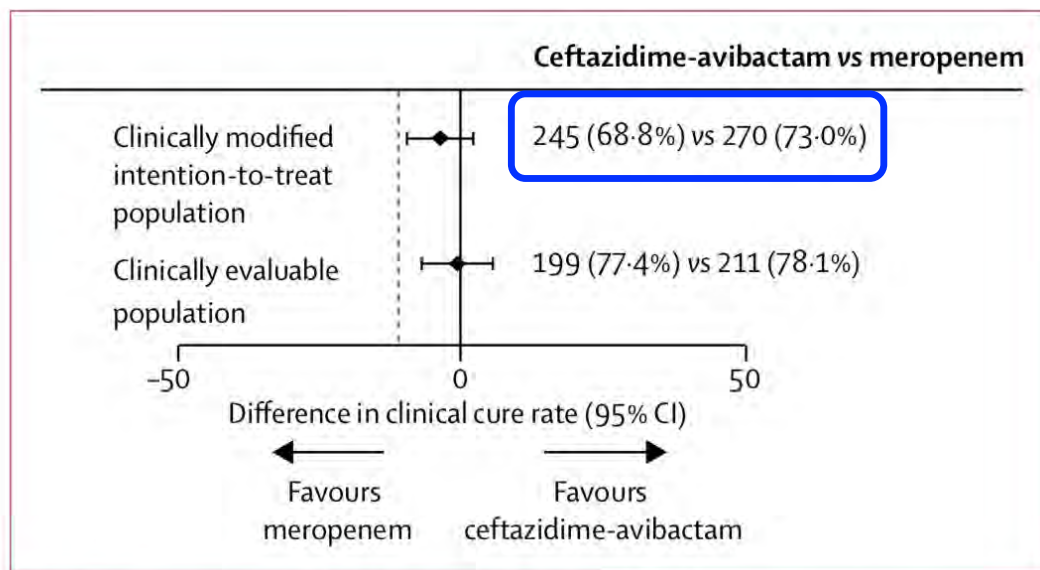


Figure 2: Clinical cure rates at test-of-cure visit

Data are number of patients with clinical cure (%). Dashed line indicates non-inferiority margin of -12.5%.

Implementation of French Recommendations for the Prevention and the Treatment of Hospital-acquired Pneumonia: A Cluster-randomized Trial

Roquilly et al. Clin Infect Dis 2020

	Before reco. N=600 patients	After reco. N=669 patients	P-value
Treatment failure	99 (66%)	117 (75%)	0.16
Death at day 28	104 (17%)	113 (17%)	0.93

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YES

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The Third International Consensus Definitions
for Sepsis and Septic Shock (Sepsis-3)

Box 3. New Terms and Definitions

- Sepsis is defined as life-threatening organ dysfunction caused by a dysregulated host response to infection.



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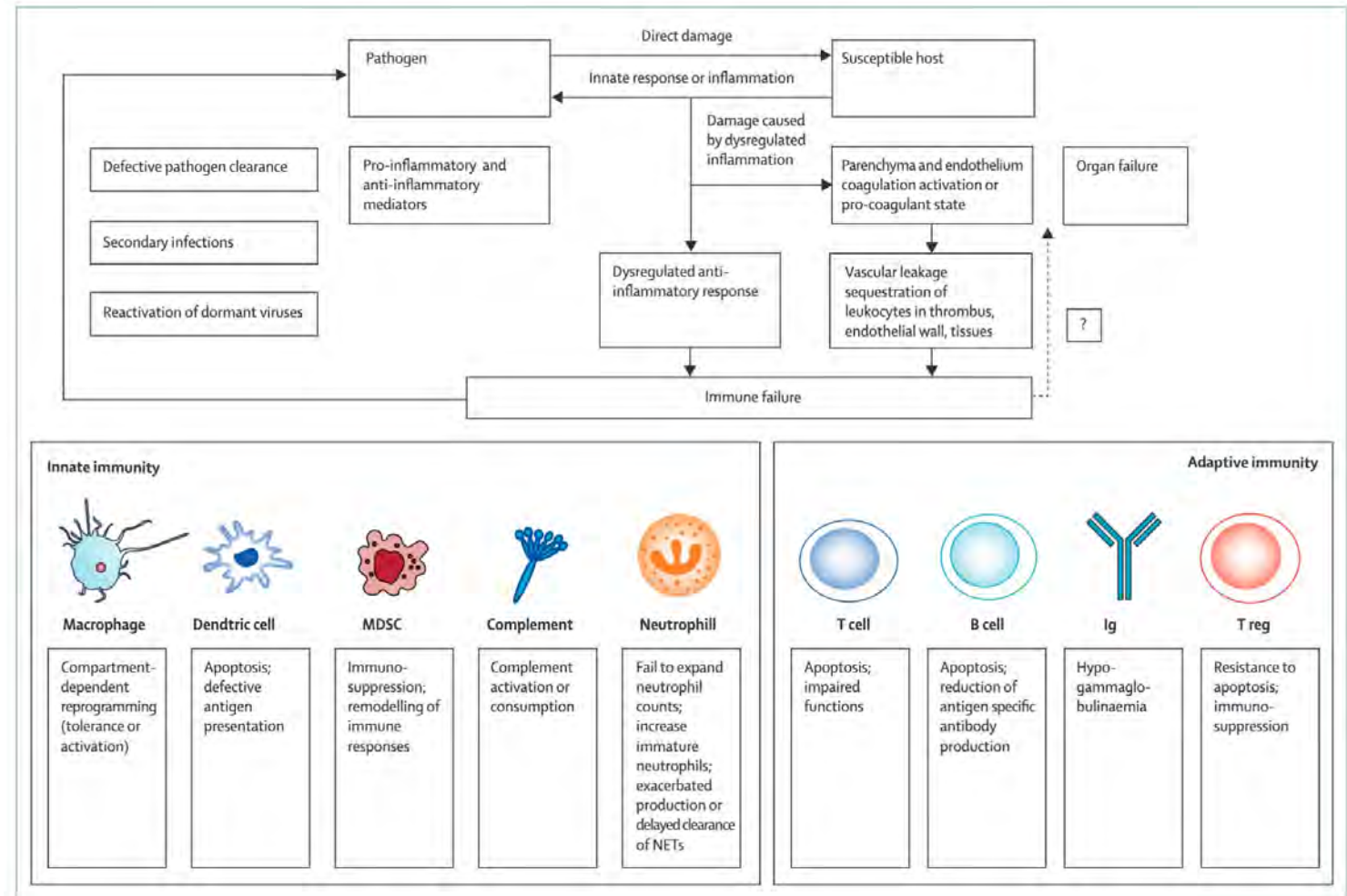
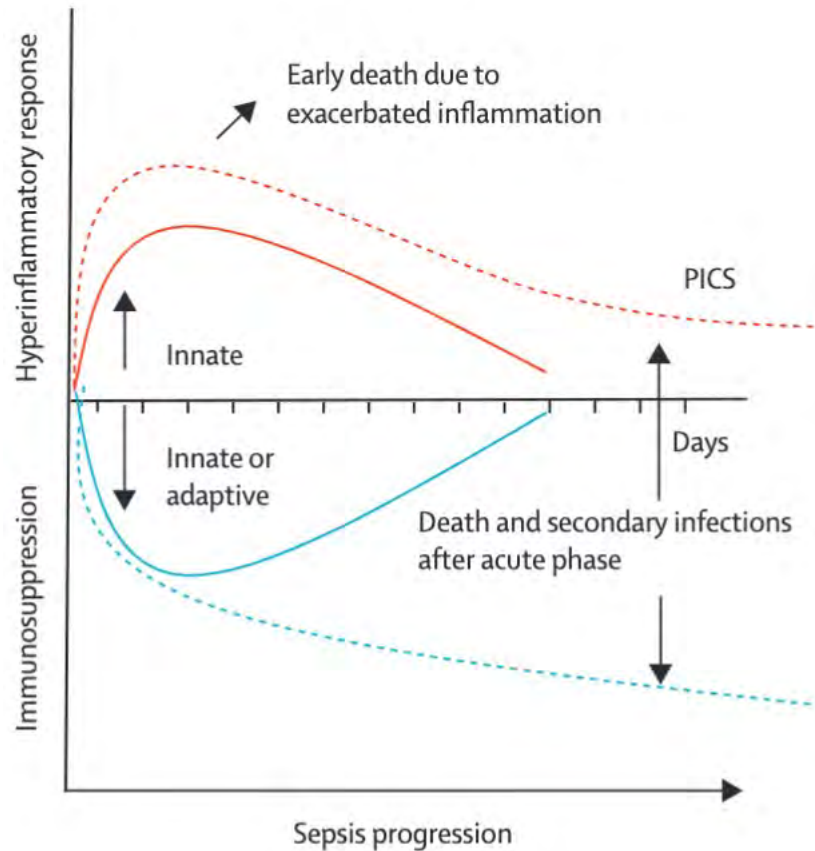
Immune physiology and sepsis

Current gaps in sepsis immunology: new opportunities for translational research



Ignacio Rubio, Marcin F Osuchowski, Manu Shankar-Hari, Tomasz Skirecki, Martin Sebastian Winkler, Gunnar Lachmann, Paul La Rosée, Guillaume Monneret, Fabienne Venet, Michael Bauer, Frank M Brunkhorst, Matthijs Kox, Jean-Marc Cavaillon, Florian Uhle, Markus A Weigand, Stefanie B Flohé, W Joost Wiersinga, Marta Martín-Fernandez, Raquel Almansa, Ignacio Martín-Loeches, Antoni Torres, Evangelos J Giamarellos-Bourboulis, Massimo Girardis, Andrea Cossarizza, Mihai G Netea, Tom van der Poll, André Scherag, Christian Meisel, Joerg C Schefold, Jesús F Bermejo-Martín

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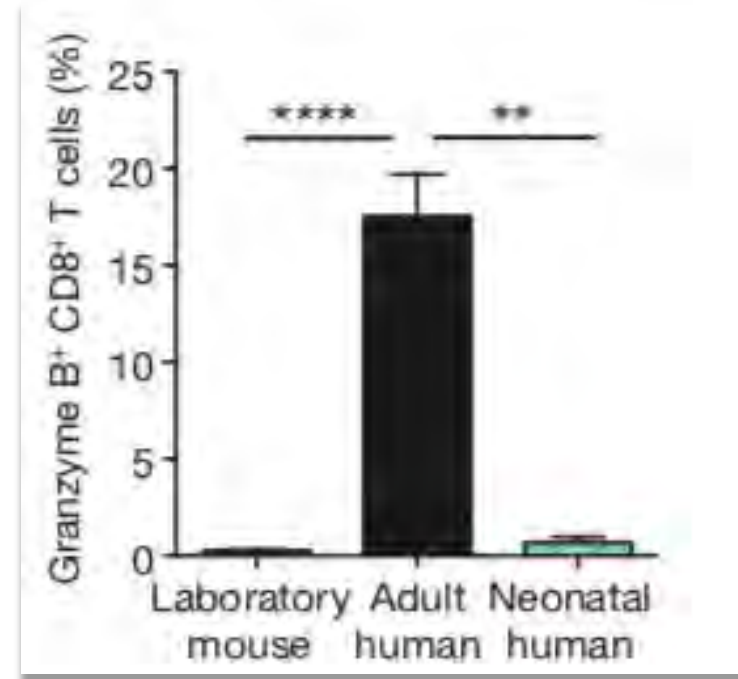
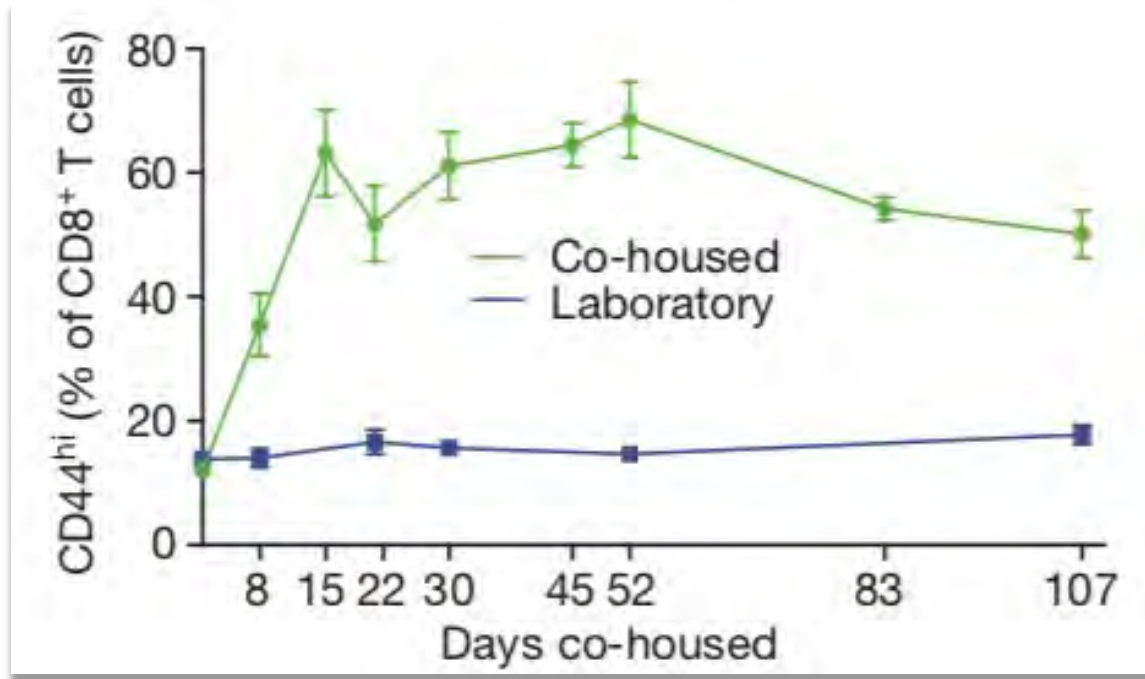
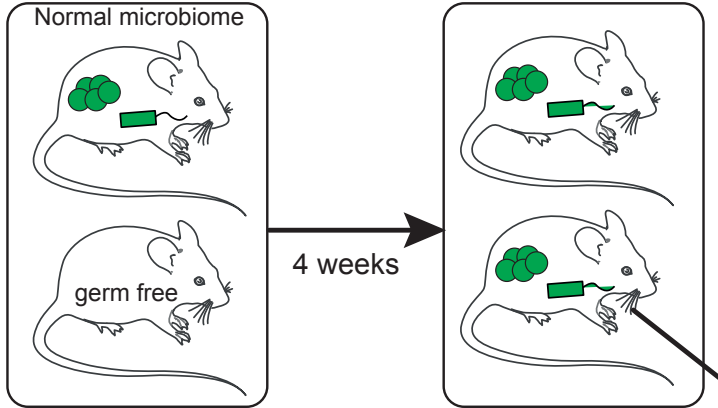
Immune physiology and (?) sepsis (?)

1. It is critical to differentiate **infection of a sterile tissue from mucosal infection**
2. **Dysbiosis**, a refined concept of mucosal infection physiopathology



Host-pathogen interactions: a mutual benefit

Ex. Immune competence



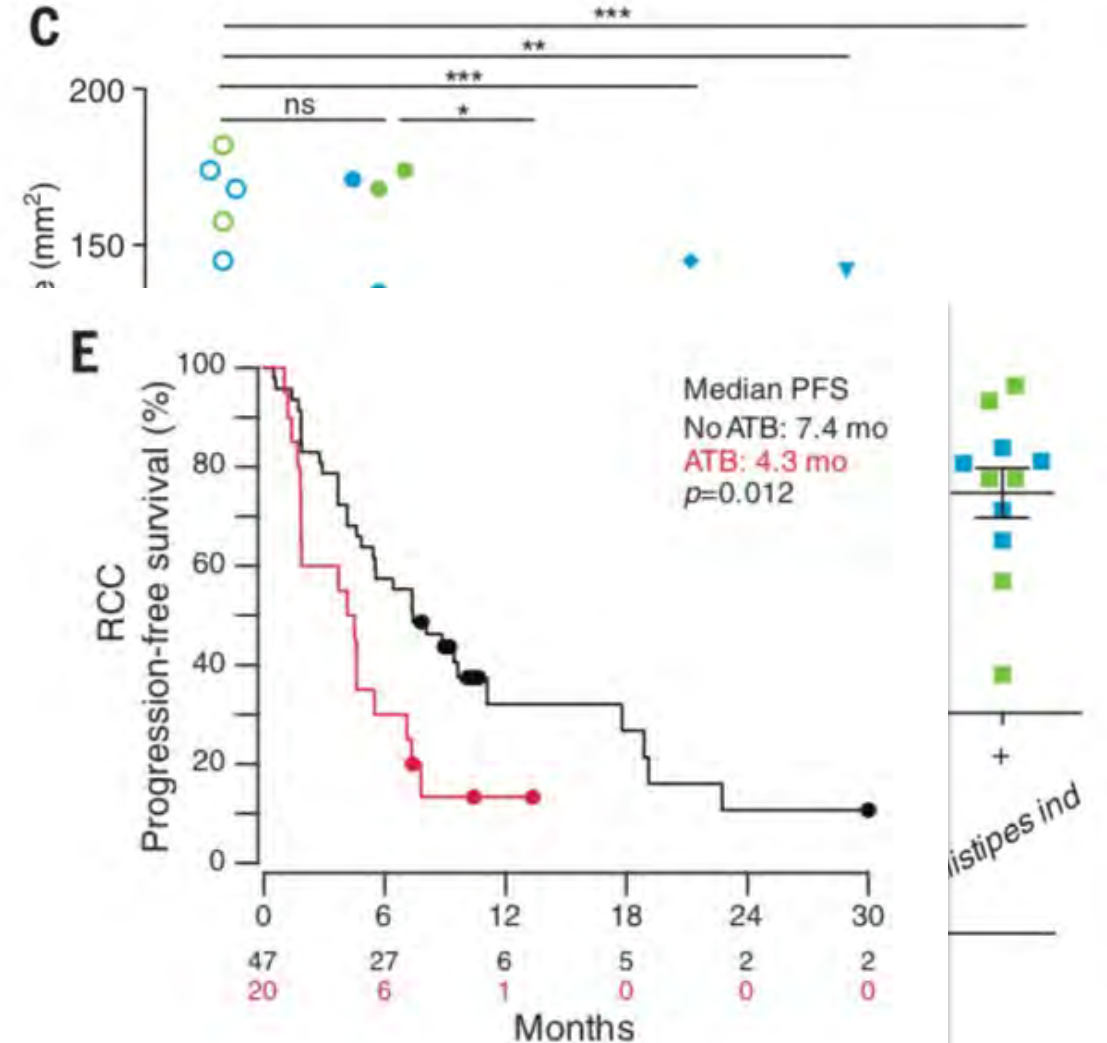
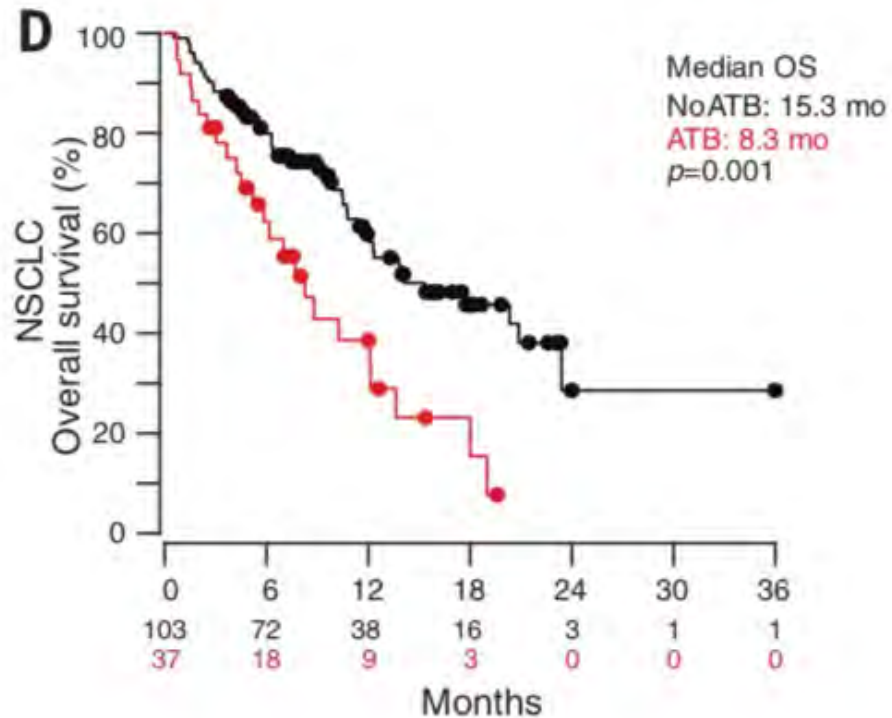
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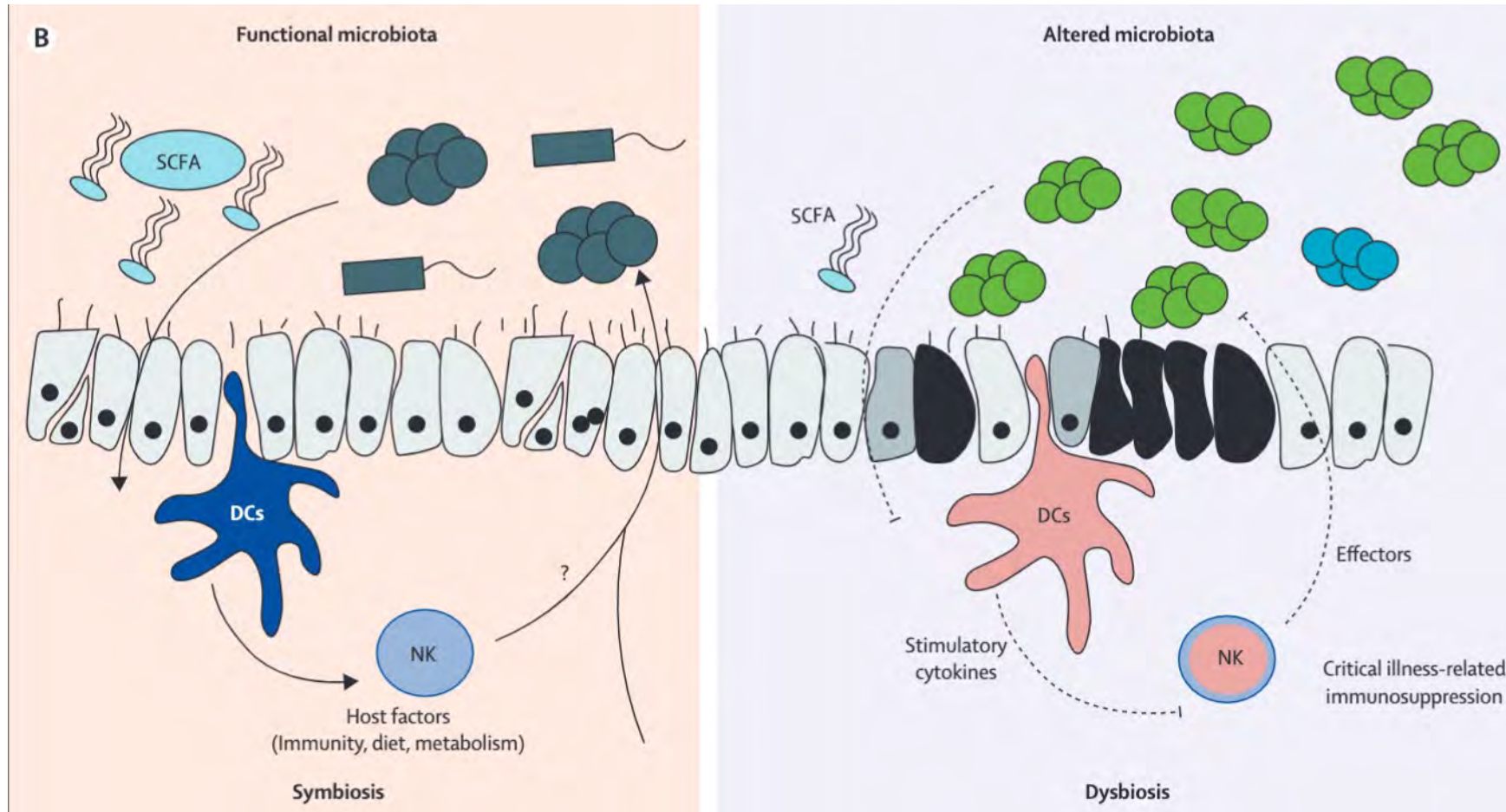
Ex. Immunomodulation by antibiotics

Science

Gut microbiome influences efficacy of PD-1-based immunotherapy against epithelial tumors

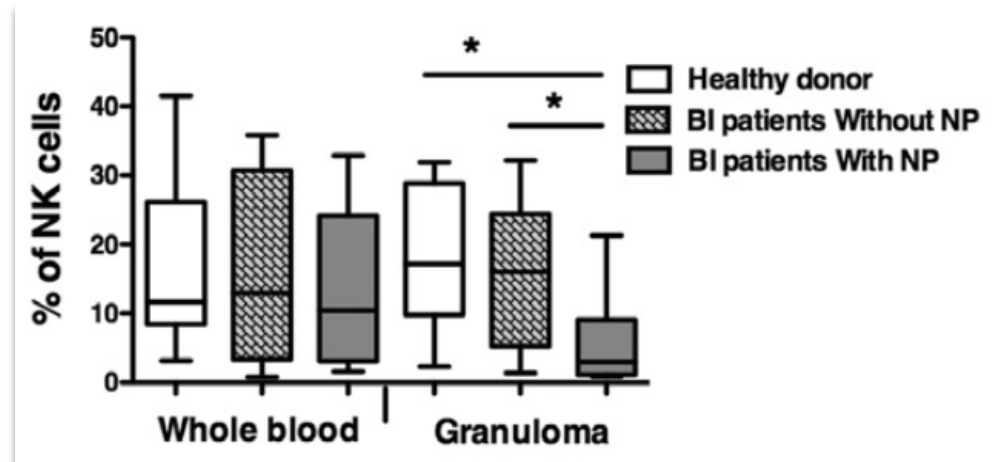
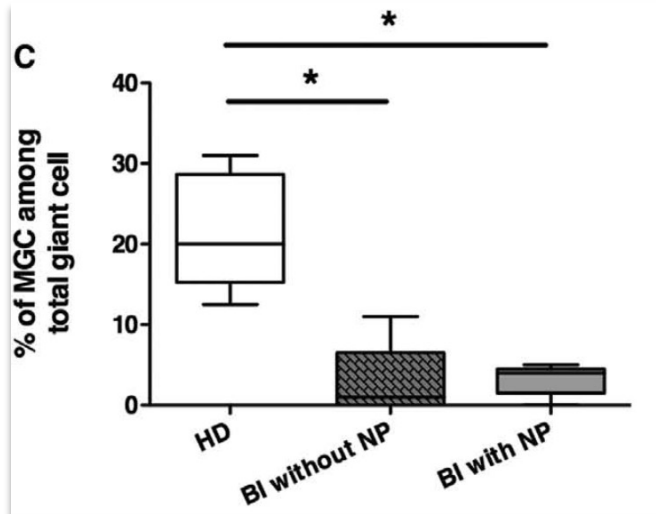
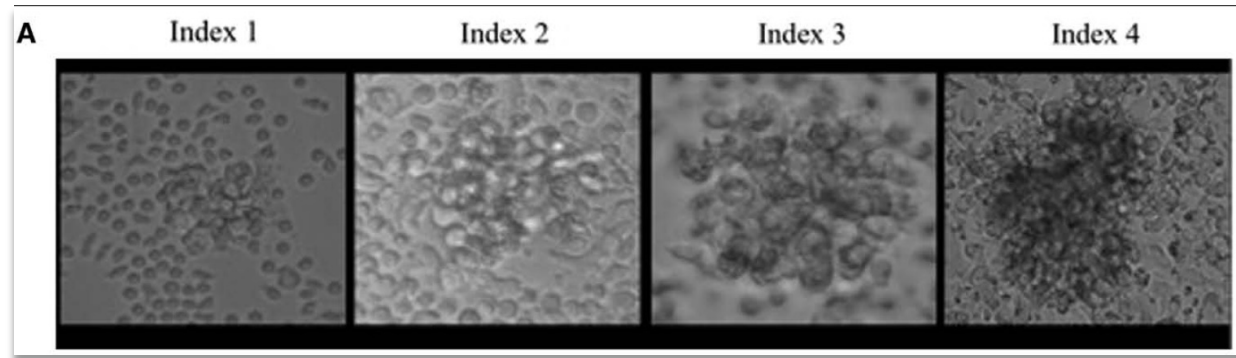


We need more knowledge on the mucosal immunity status **before** and **during** mucosal infections to have the full picture



Immunity and hospital-acquired pneumonia

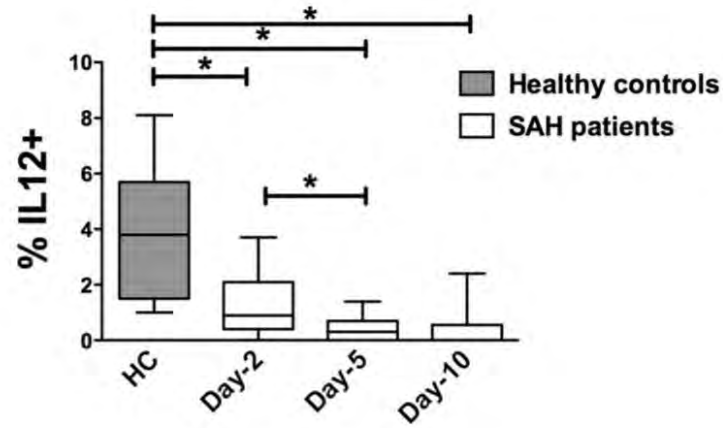
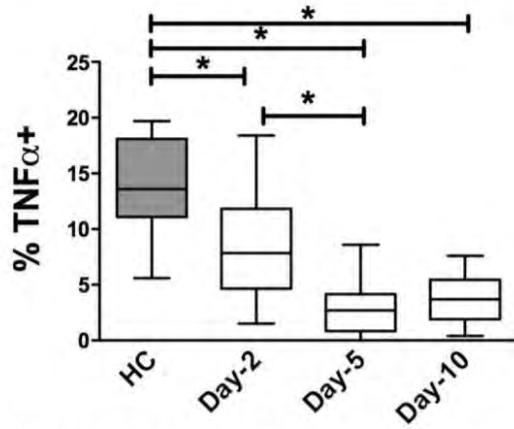
defect in myeloid / NK cells interactions



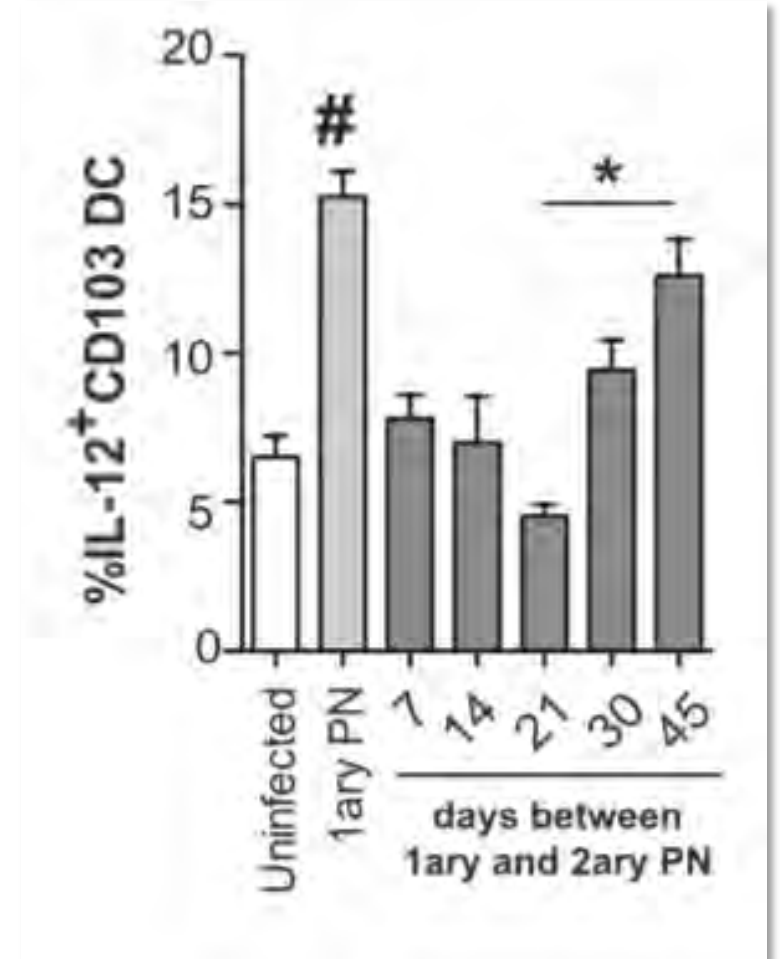
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*Production of **IL-12 by DCs** is decreased during HAP*

A. TLR-3 stimulation



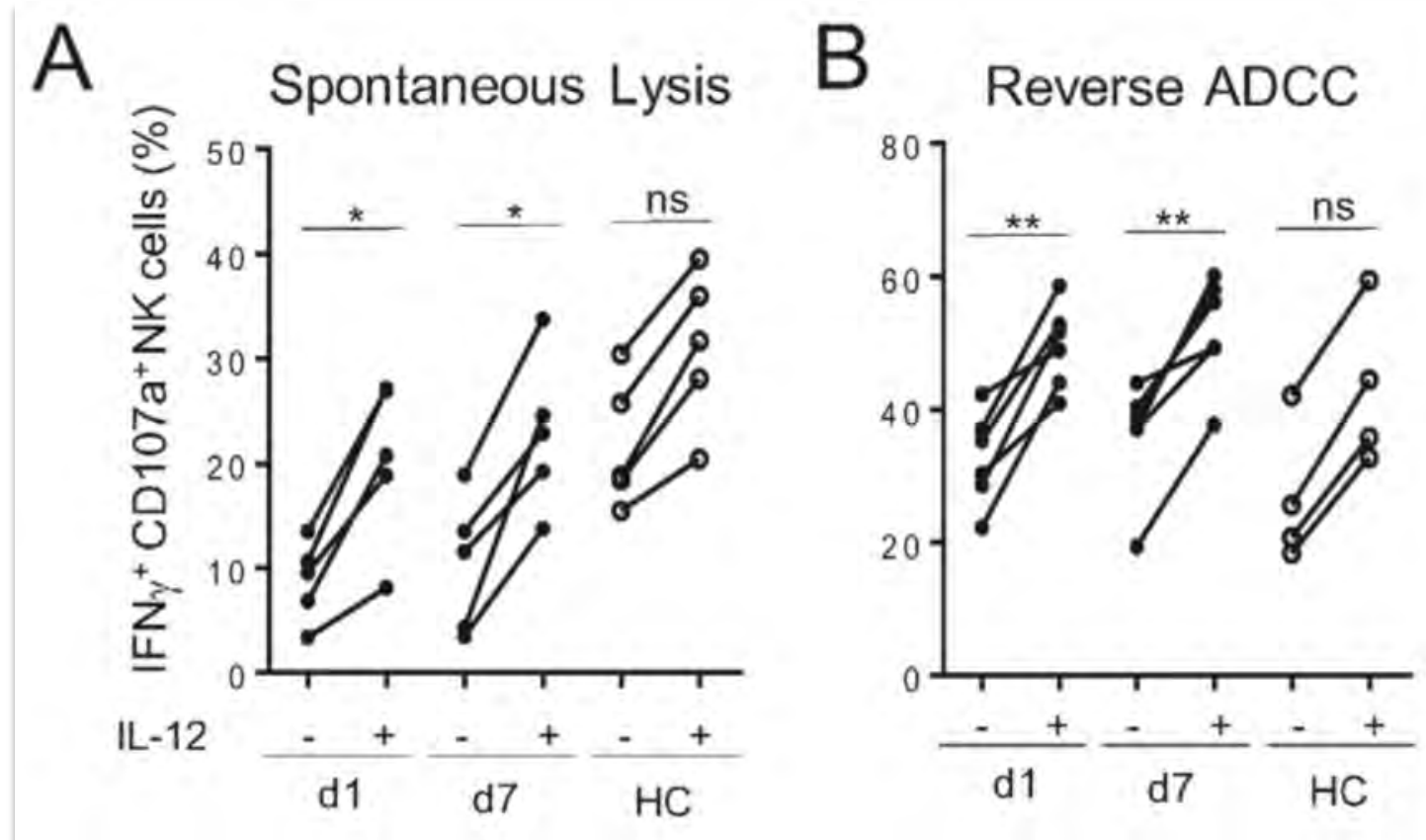
Roquilly et al. PLoS one 2013



Roquilly et al. Immunity 2017

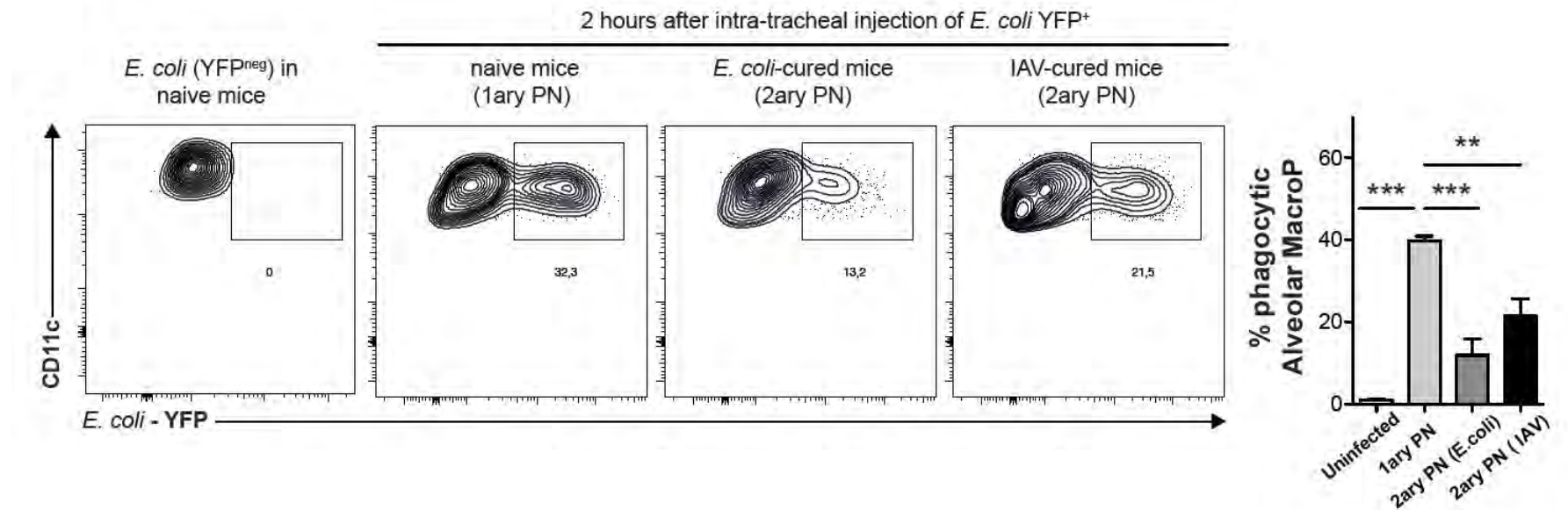
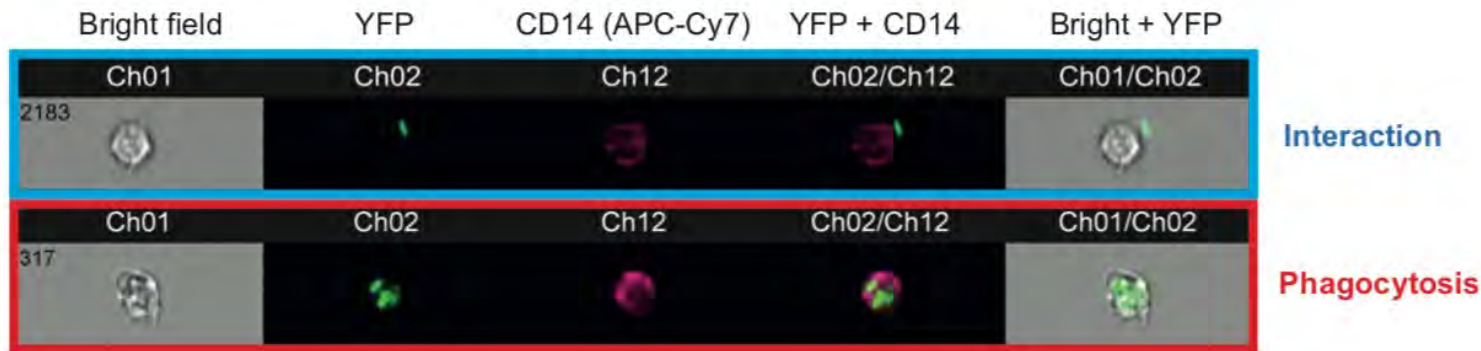
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*IL12 treatment restored **IFN γ production by NK cells** function in vitro*

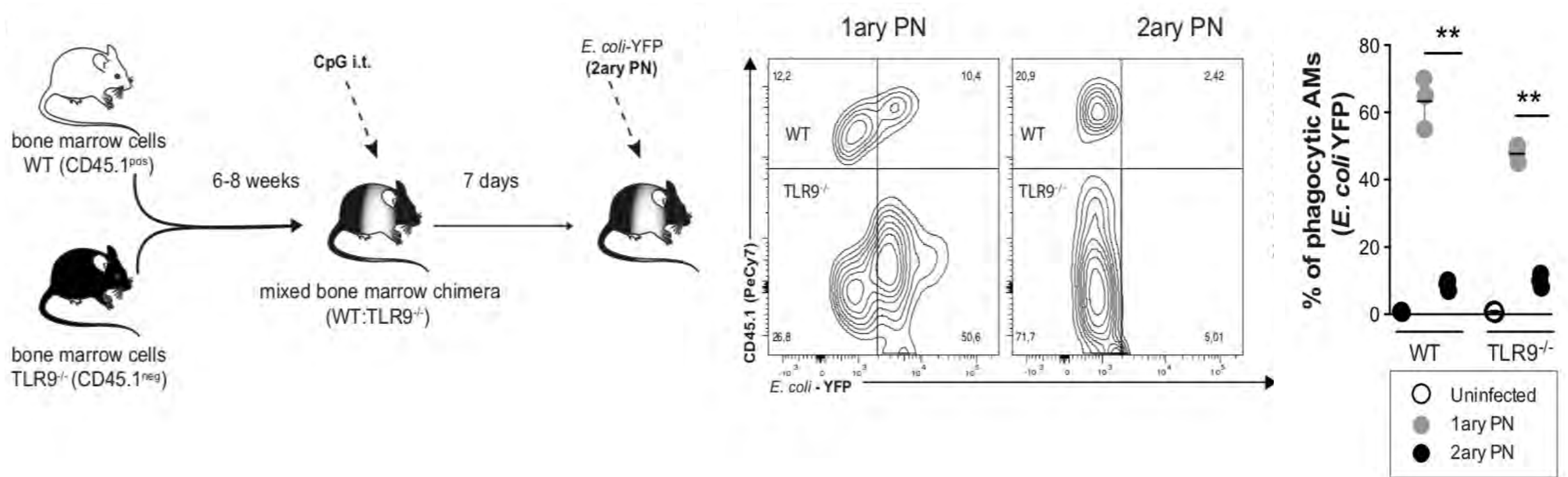


Immunity and hospital-acquired pneumonia

Capacity of *phagocytosis by AM* is decreased during HAP



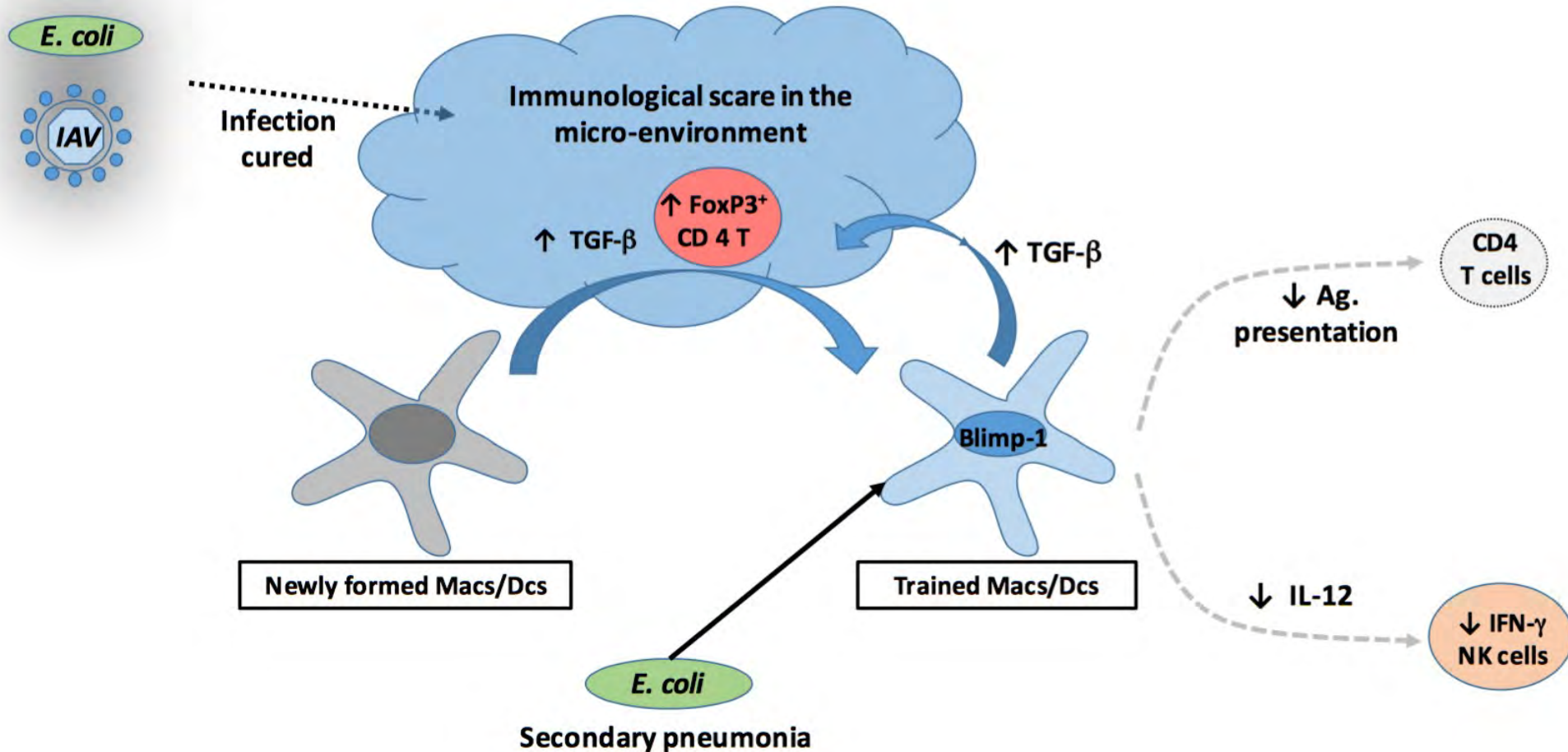
AMs programming is not induced by the pathogens but by 2ary mediators of the inflammatory response



Acquired-immunosuppression during sepsis

An active process

Tissue specific trained immunity in infection-cured mice



Treatment of infections

What can immunotherapies currently afford to the clinicians ?

Mucosal immunity

time for a reappraisal of the physiopathology !



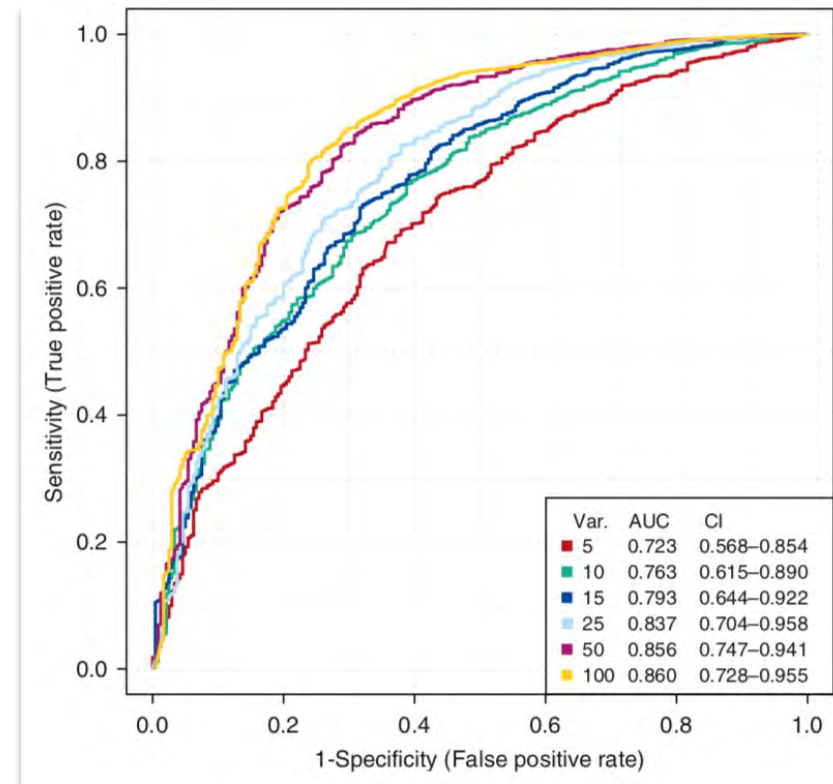
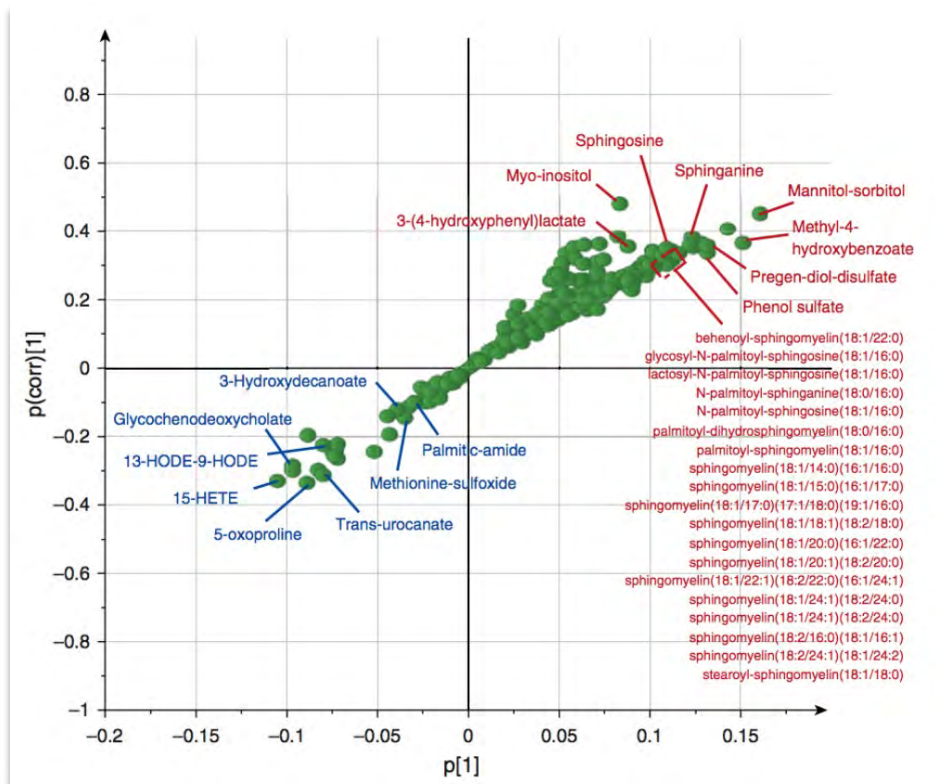
**In couples quarrels,
no party is innocent !**



**Restauration of the
symbiosis**

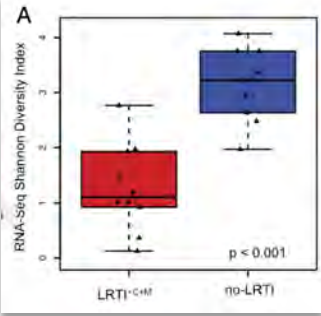
Modulation of the microbiome to restore symbiosis

Correction of the bacterial metabolic functions



Modulation of the microbiome to restore diversity

microbiota transplantation to increase diversity



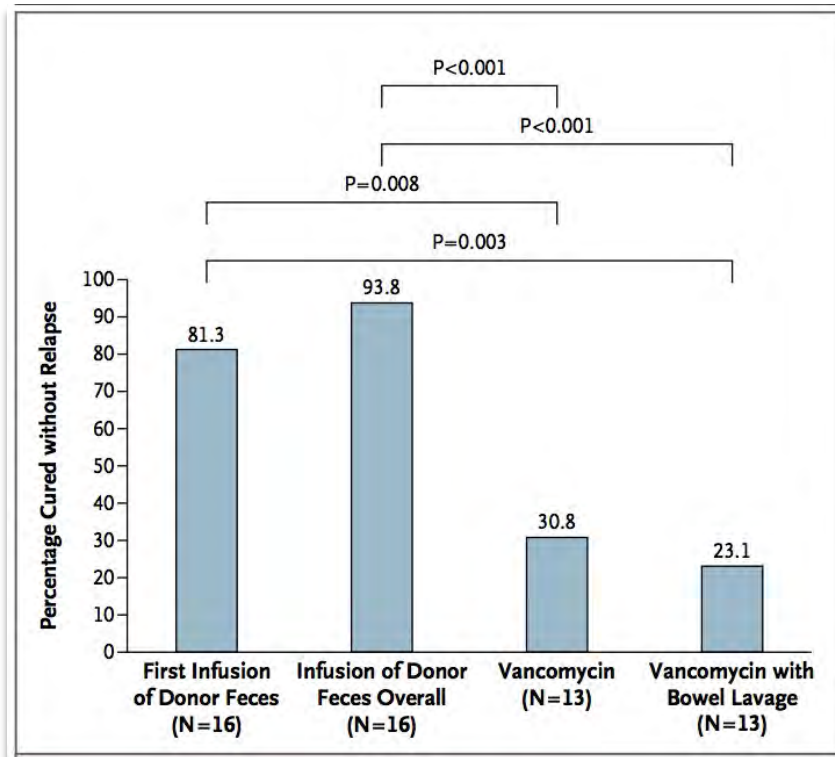
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Duodenal Infusion of Donor Feces for Recurrent
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Fecal Microbiota Transplantation Induces Remission in Patients With Active Ulcerative Colitis in a Randomized Controlled Trial

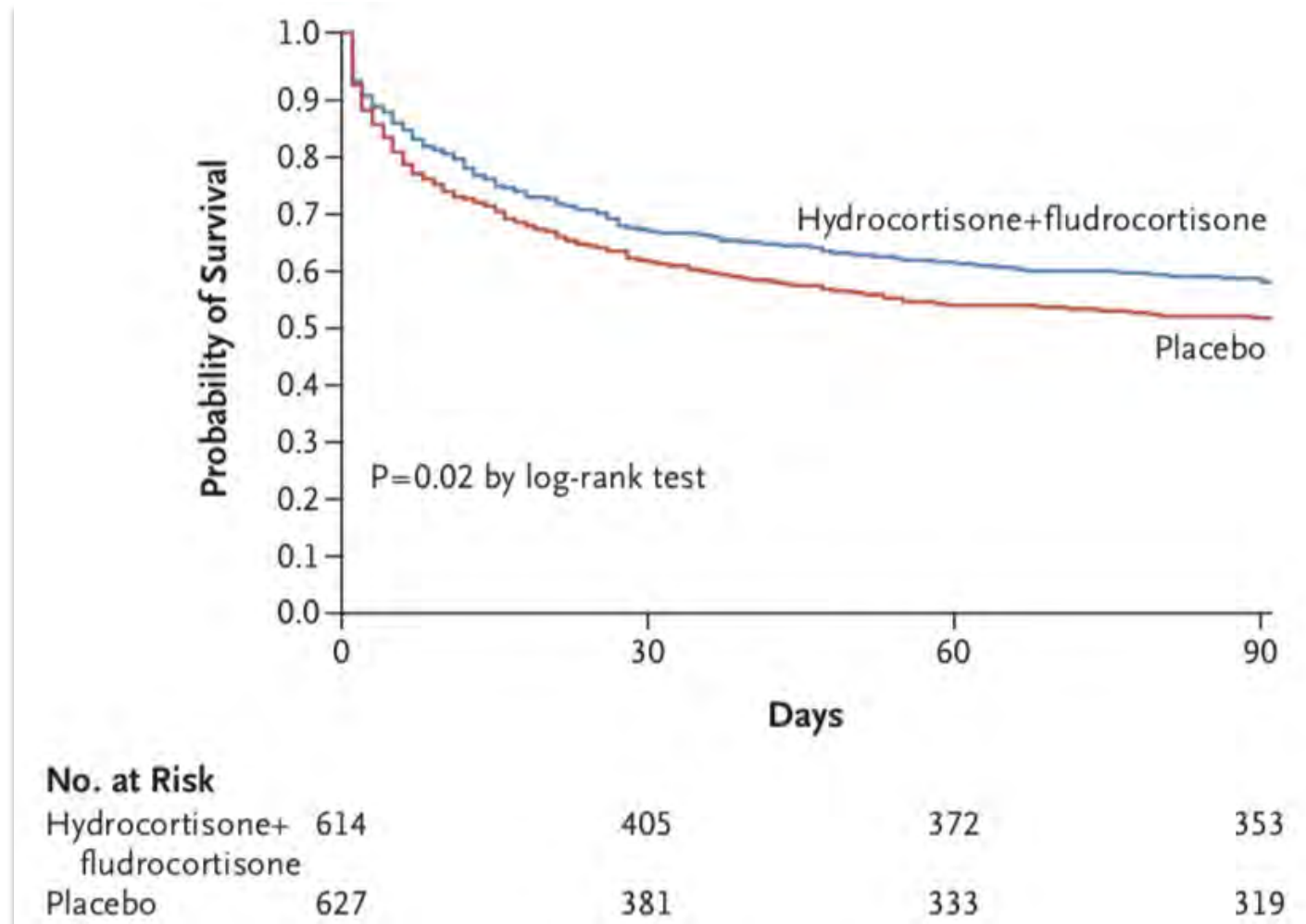
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Table 2. Outcome Measures Comparing Fecal Microbial Transplantation With Placebo

Outcome	Placebo (n = 37)	FMT (n = 38)	P value
Clinical remission, ^a n (%)	2 (5)	9 (24)	.03
Clinical response, ^b n (%)	9 (24)	15 (39)	.16
Full Mayo score	6.34	6.09	.42
IBDQ score	149.38	152.13	.44
EQ-5D score	70.07	68.52	.99
CRP, mg/L (n = 17 placebo, n = 15 FMT)	3.3 ± 3.4	4.9 ± 5.9	.38
ESR, mm/h (n = 17 placebo, n = 15 FMT)	13.1 ± 11.2	15.9 ± 17.0	.59
Proportion with high ESR, n (%)	4 (24)	3 (20)	1.0
Proportion with high CRP, n (%)	5 (29)	2 (13)	.40
Patients with serious adverse events n (%)	2 ^c (5)	3 ^d (8)	1.0

Immunomodulation: **steroids** for septic shock

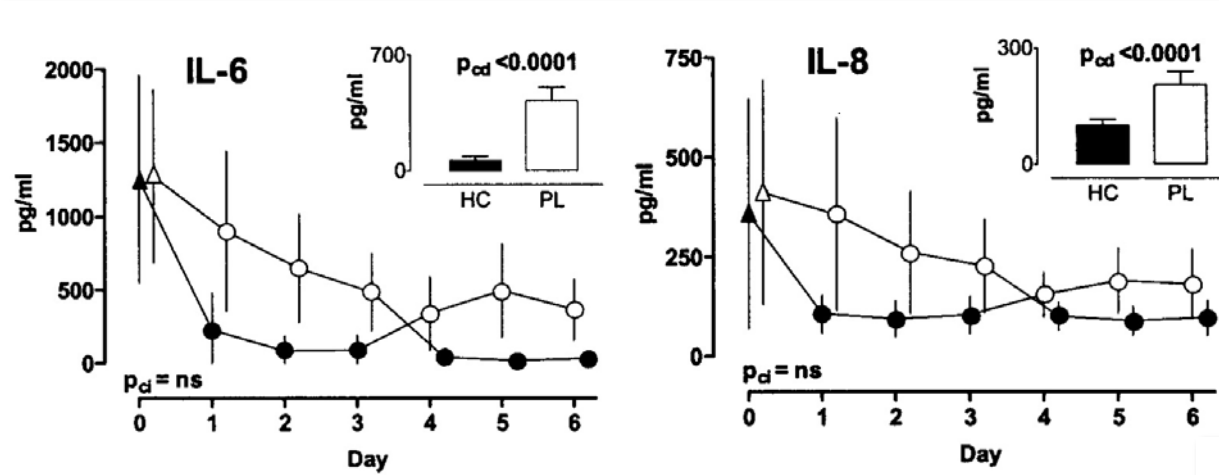
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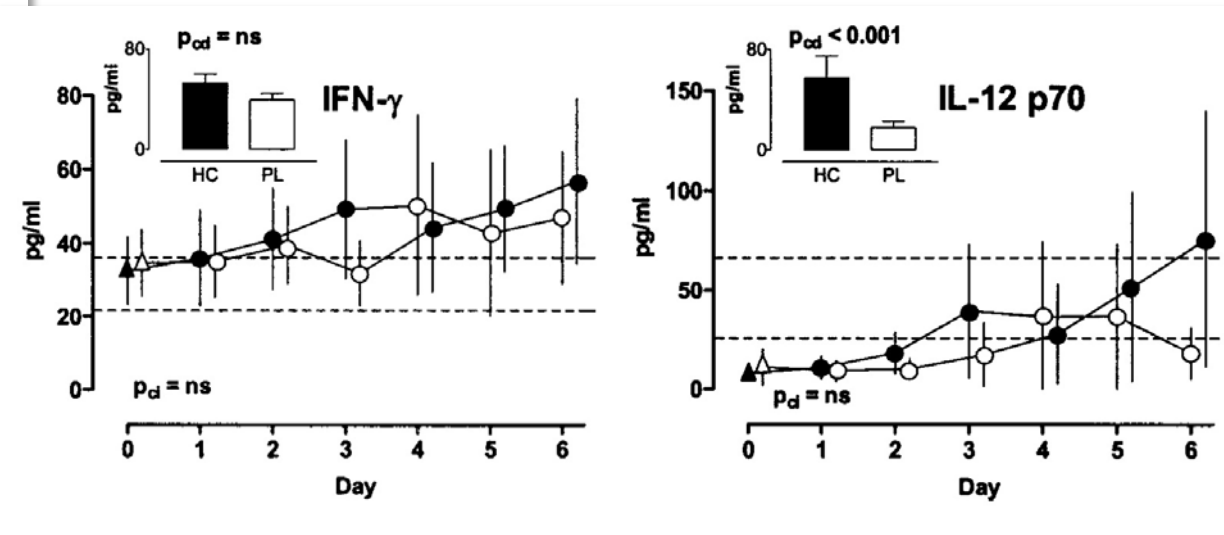
Annane et al. NEJM 2018

Immunomodulation by steroids

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Kel et al. AJRCCM 2003

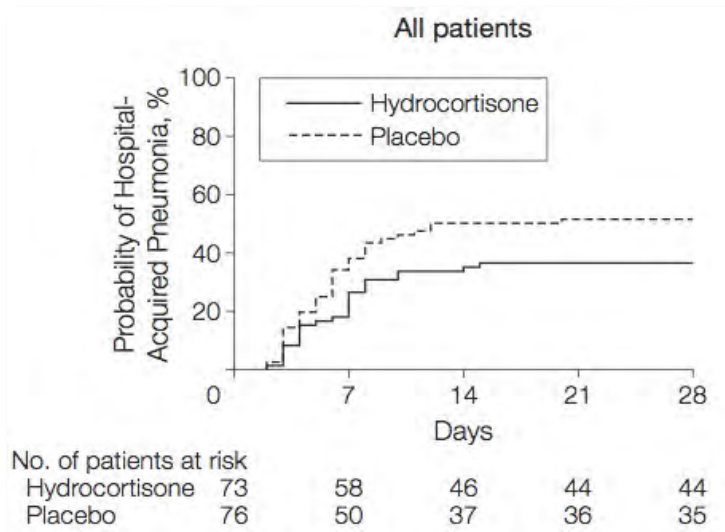


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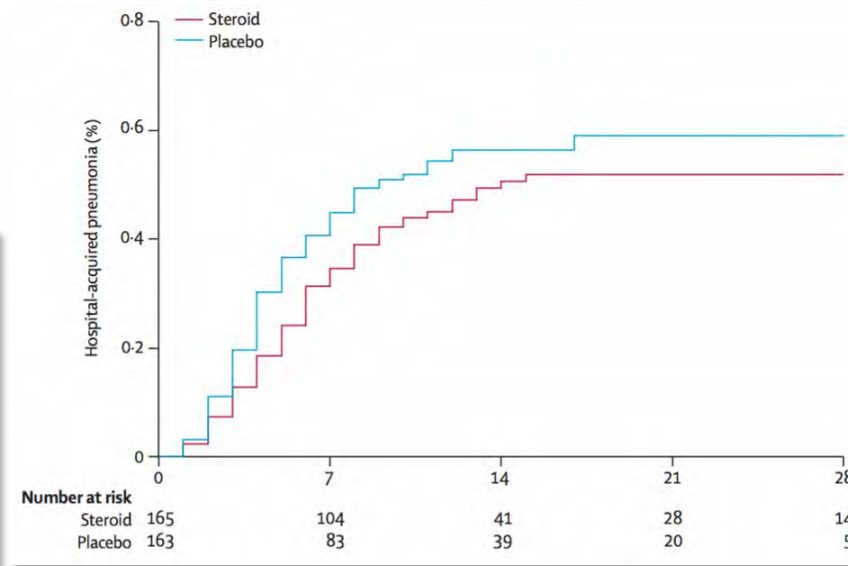
Hydrocortisone Therapy for Patients With Multiple Trauma

The Randomized Controlled HYPOLYTE Study



Roquilly et al.
JAMA 2011

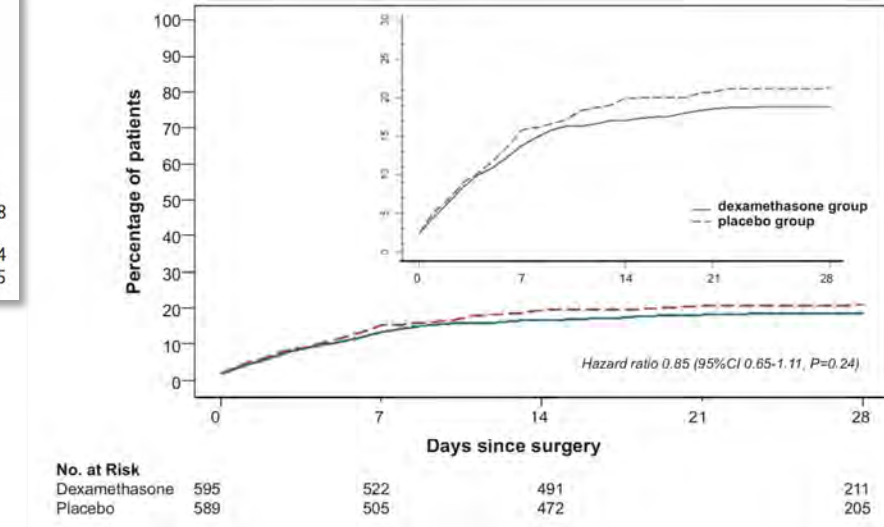
Hydrocortisone and fludrocortisone for prevention of hospital-acquired pneumonia in patients with severe traumatic brain injury (Corti-TC): a double-blind, multicentre phase 3, randomised placebo-controlled trial



Asehnoune et al.
Lancet Respir Med 2014

Effect of dexamethasone on complications or all cause mortality after major non-cardiac surgery: multicentre, double blind, randomised controlled trial

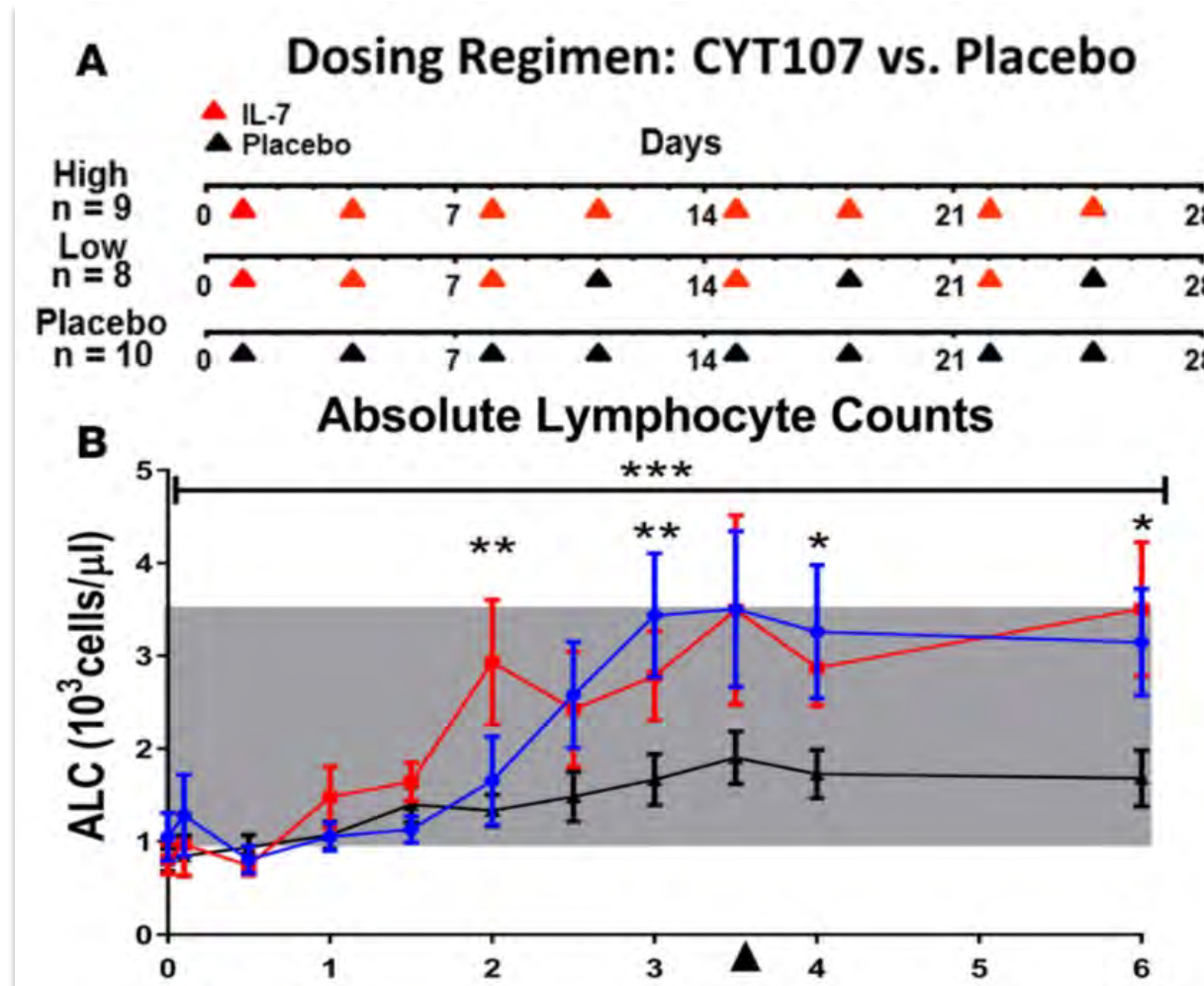
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Asehnoune et al.
BMJ 2021

Host-targeted approaches for the treatment of infections

Boosting immunity - the future ?



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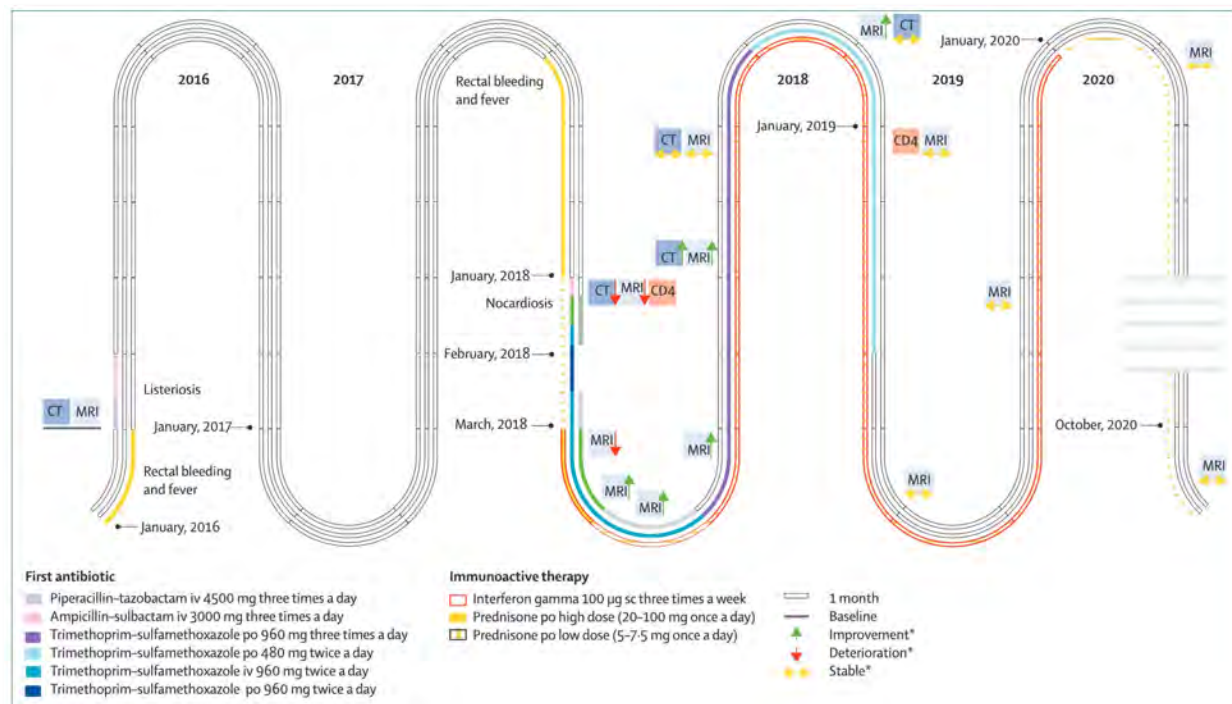


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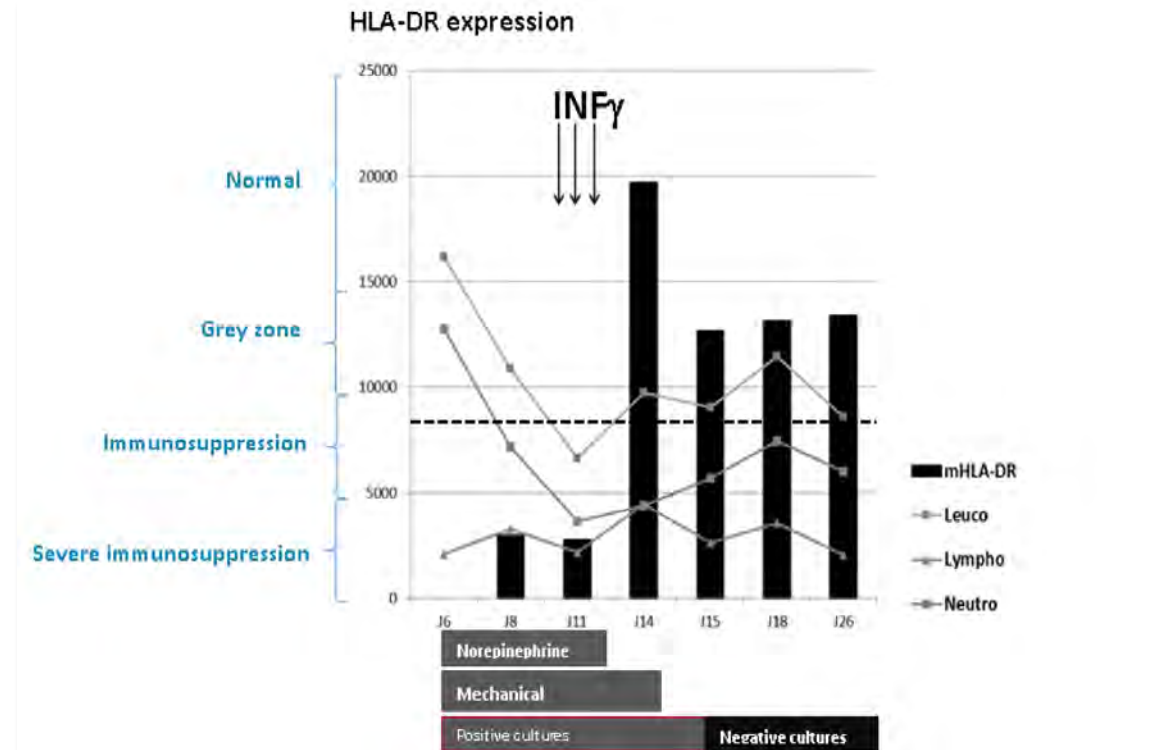
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Treatment of disseminated nocardiosis: a host-pathogen approach with adjuvant interferon gamma

Thomas Derungs, Fabian Leo, Christoph Loddenkemper, Thomas Schneider



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Host-targeted approaches for the treatment of infections

Boosting immunity - the future ?

**rHuIL-12 or rHuIFN- γ for the treatment
of HAP in ICU patients**
The HAP2 project



- Clinical trials
- Immunology
- Access to IBIS & ATLANREA cohorts
- Big data



- **Pr. TORRES**
- Lung infections
- HAP
- VAP



- **Dr KOULENTI**
- HAP
- antibiotic dosage optimisation
- infections from multidrug resistant pathogens

Clinical
expertise



Study treatment
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- **Pr NETEA**
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- Trained immunity



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- biology of IL-12 superfamily



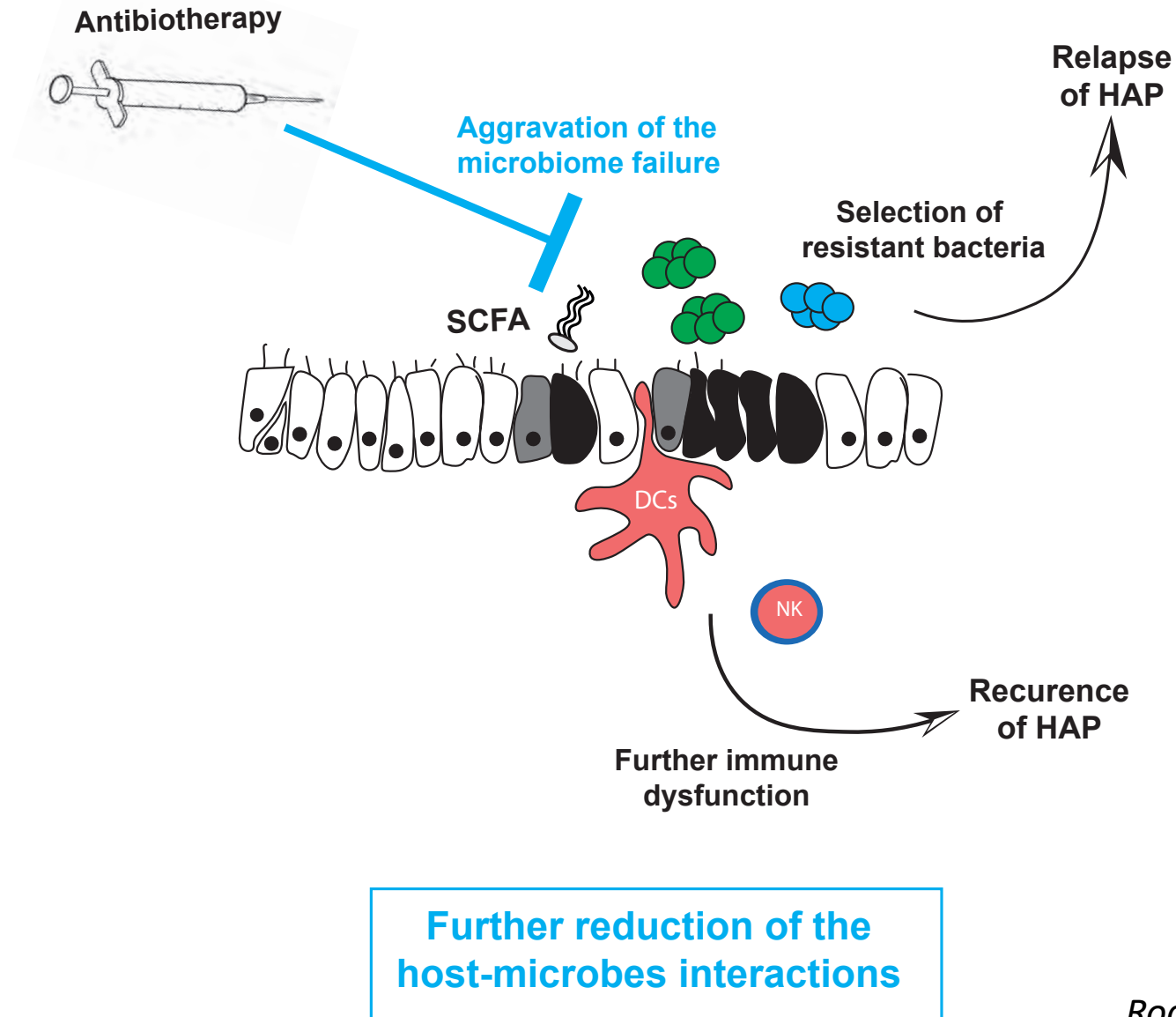
- **Dr MOUSSET**
- viral sequencing
- transcriptomic analysis of host response to viral infections



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- lung microbiome

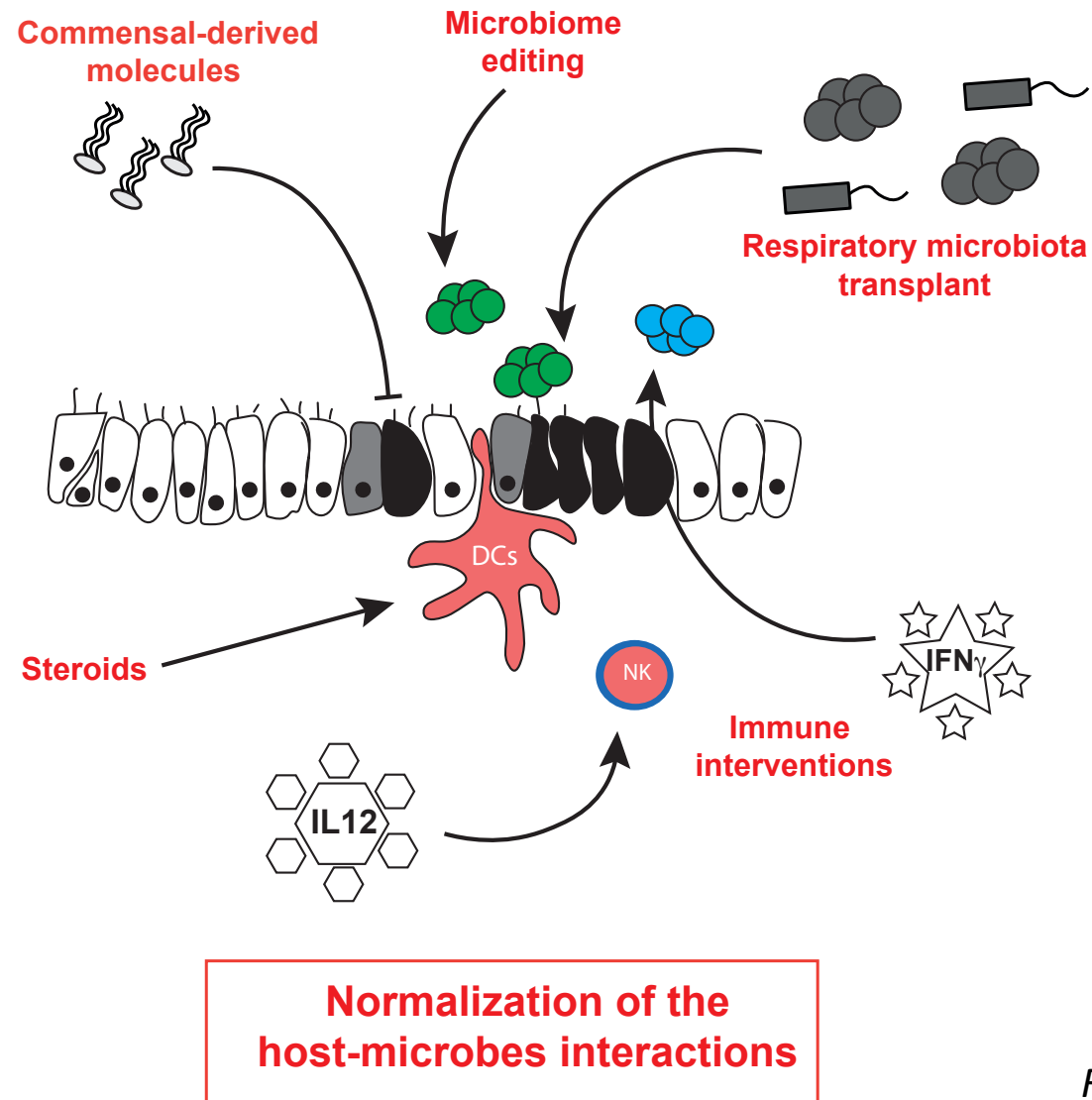
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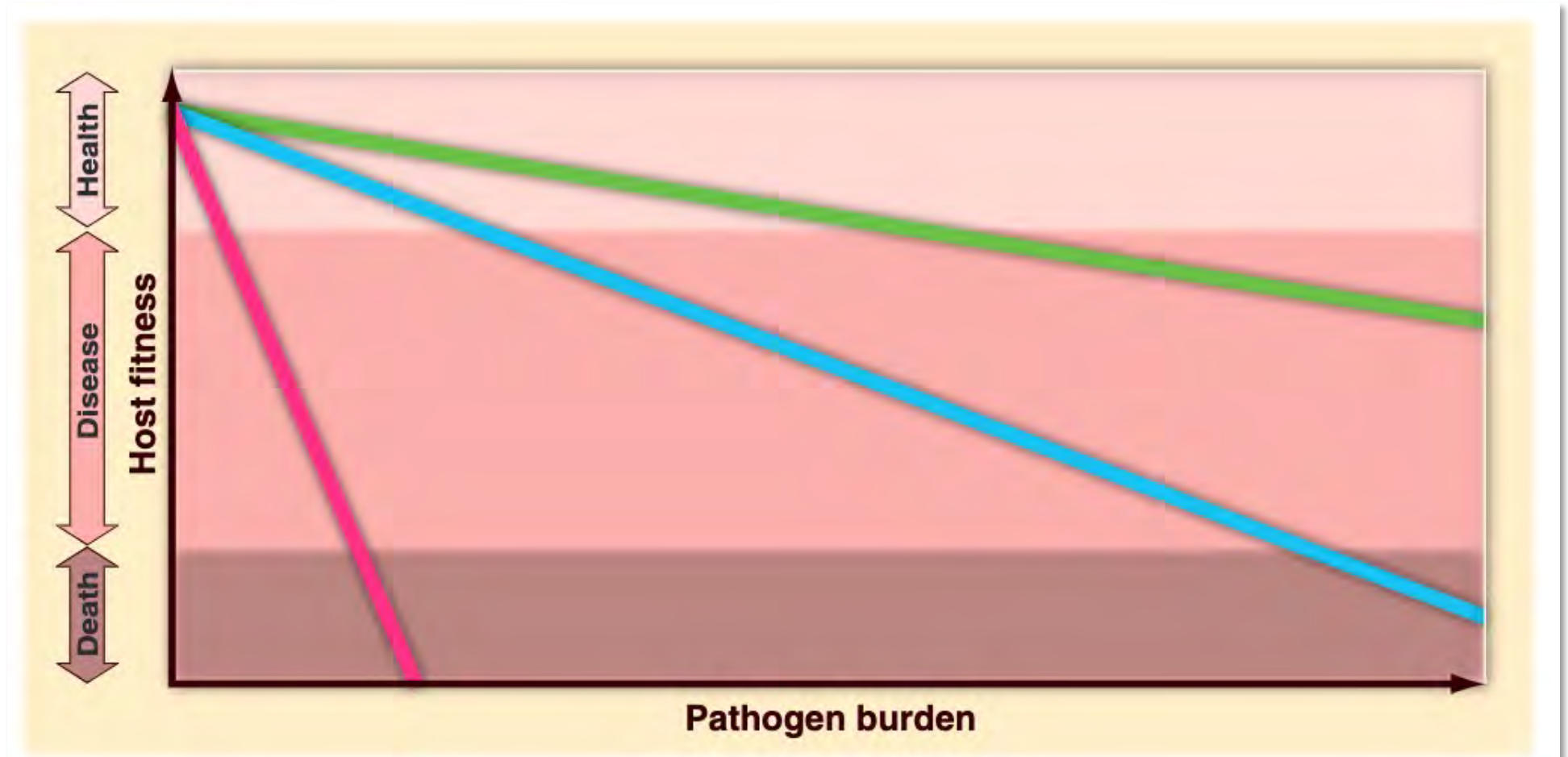
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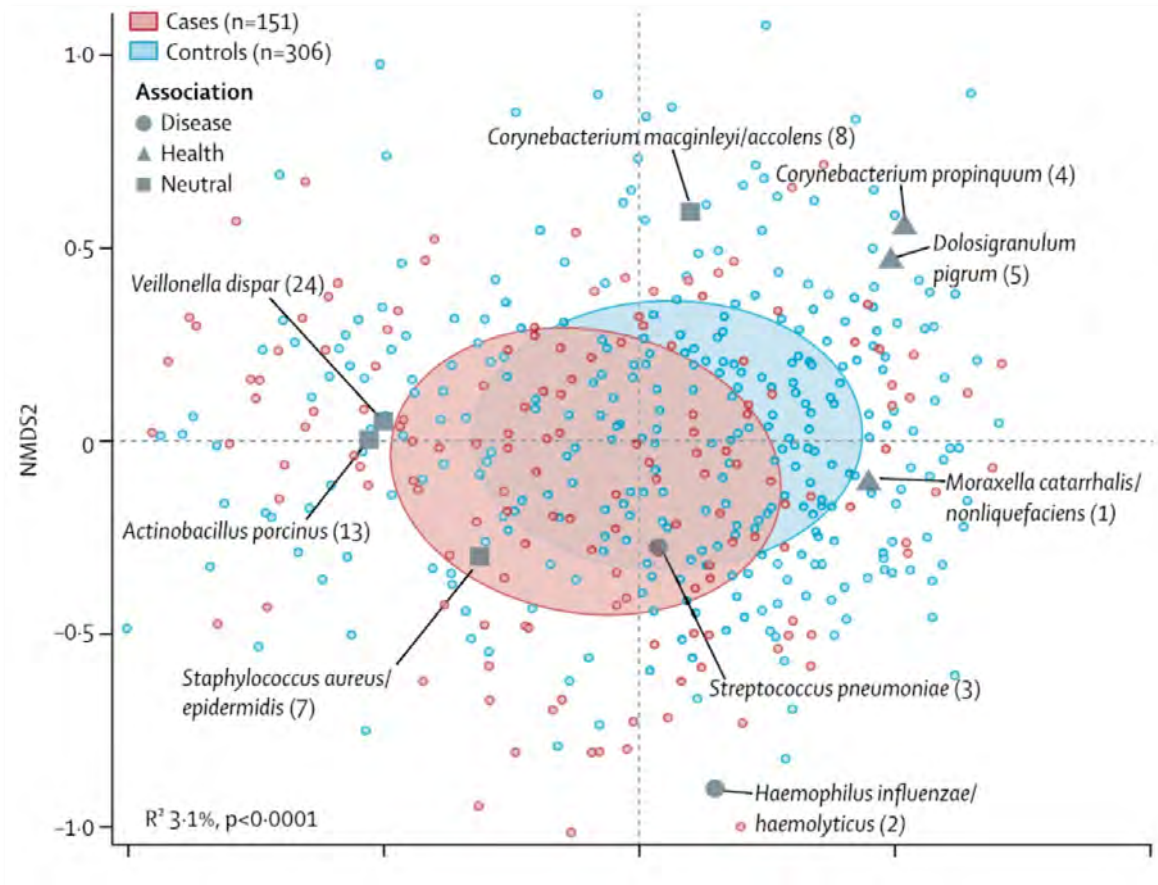
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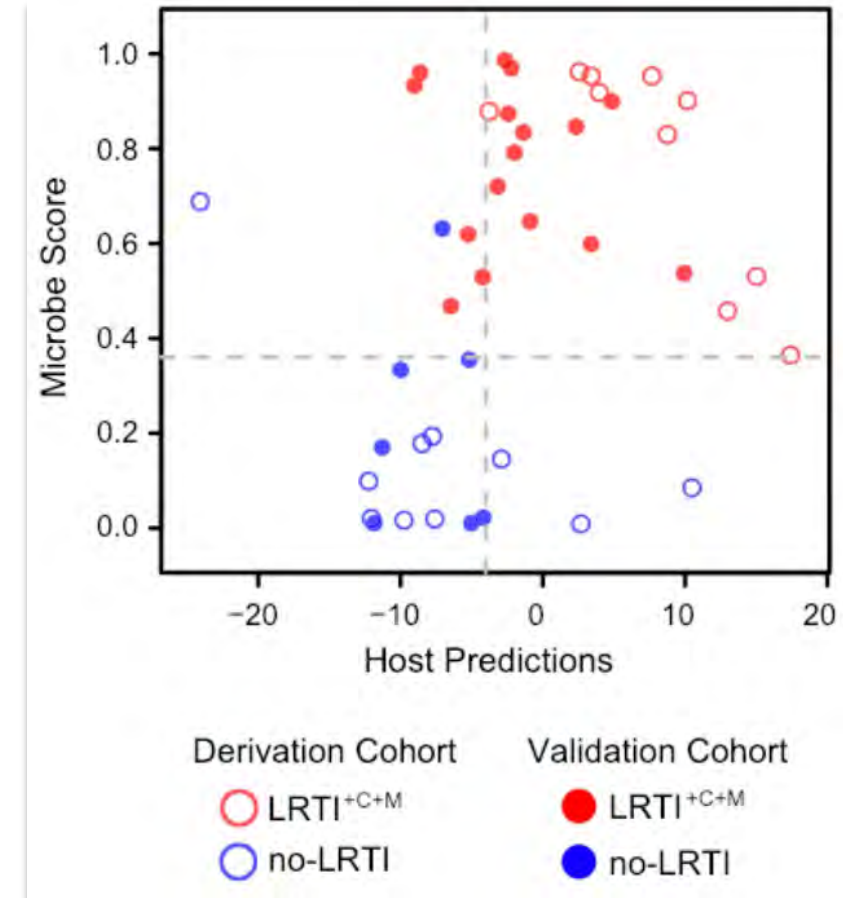


Precision medicine

Integration multi-omics pour biomarqueurs



Man et al. Lancet Respir Med 2019



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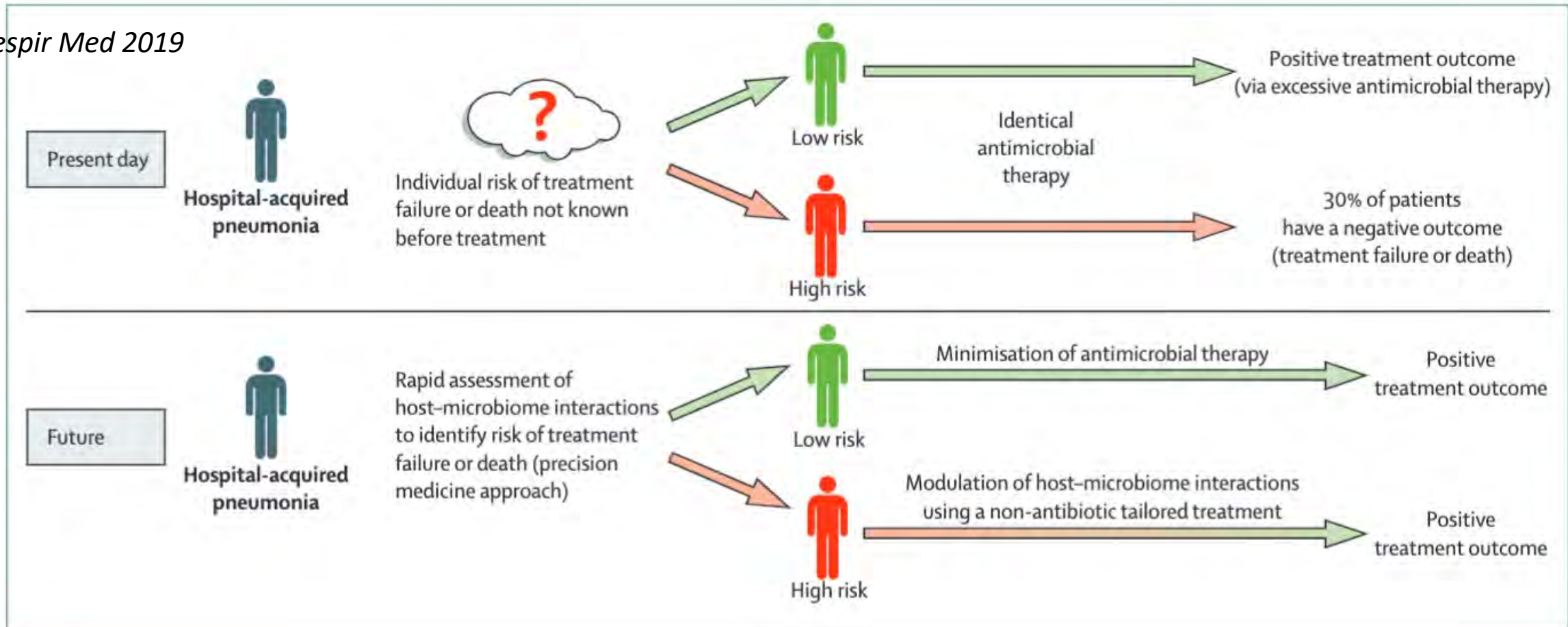
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