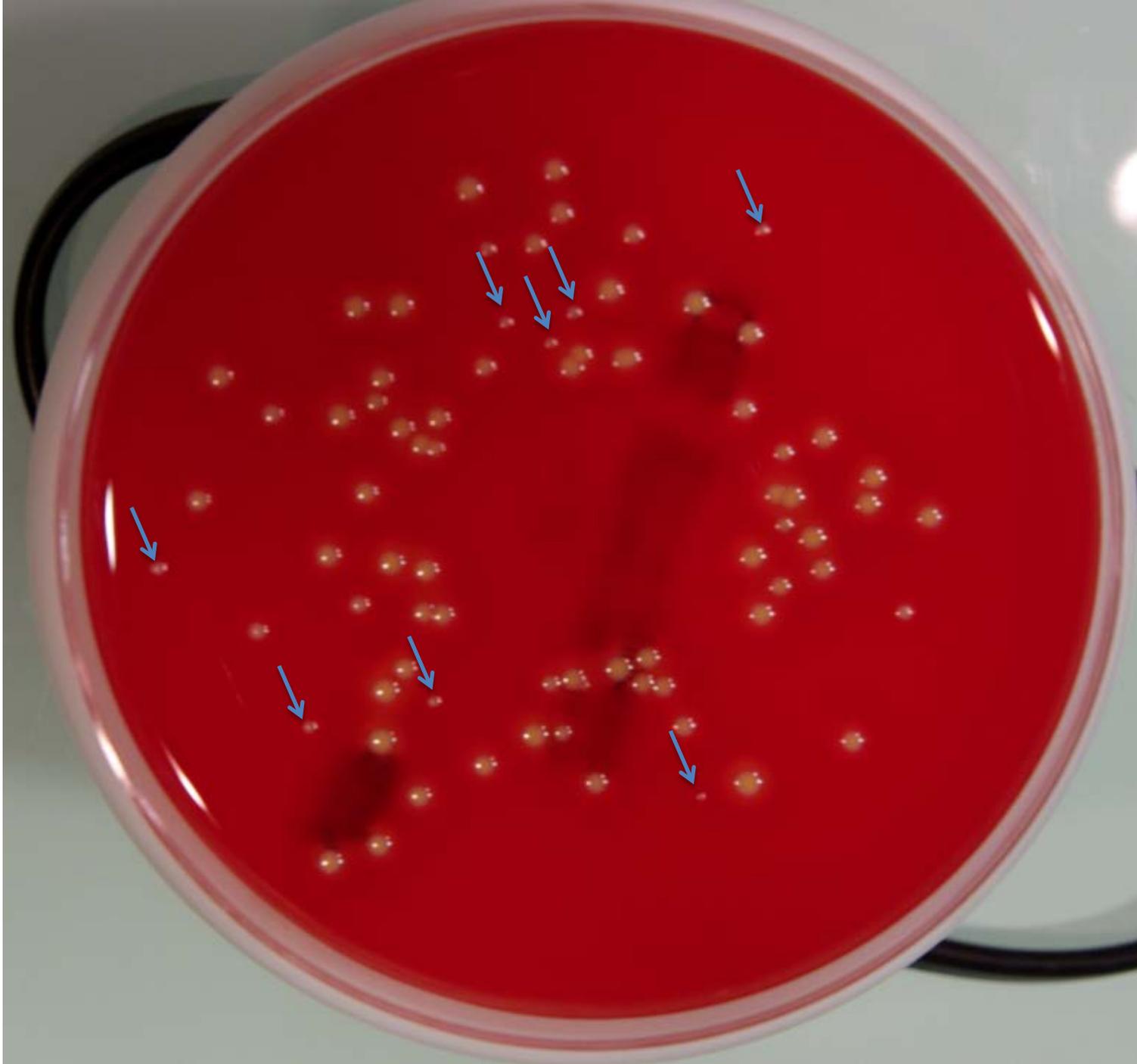


# Small Colony Variant et IOA

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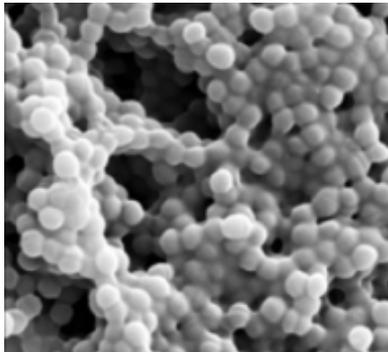
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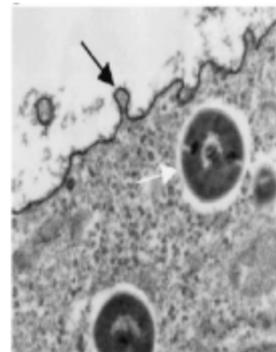
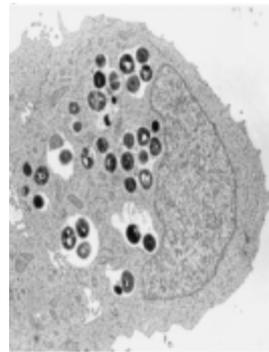


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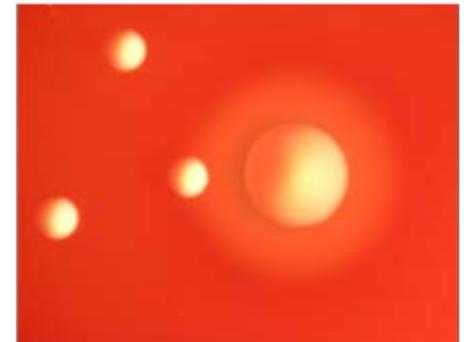
Biofilm



Internalisation



Small Colony Variant



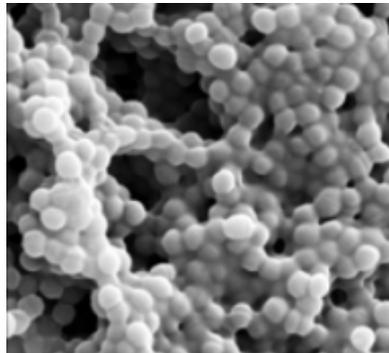
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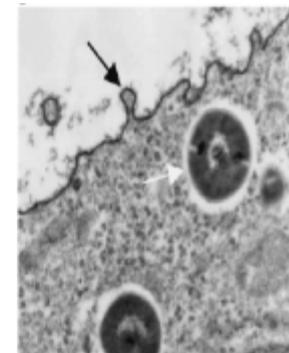
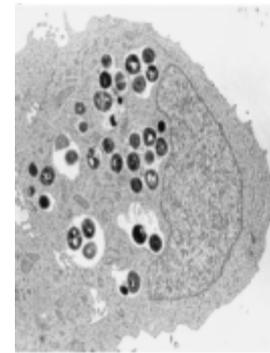


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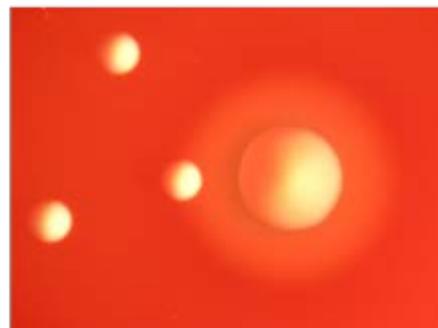
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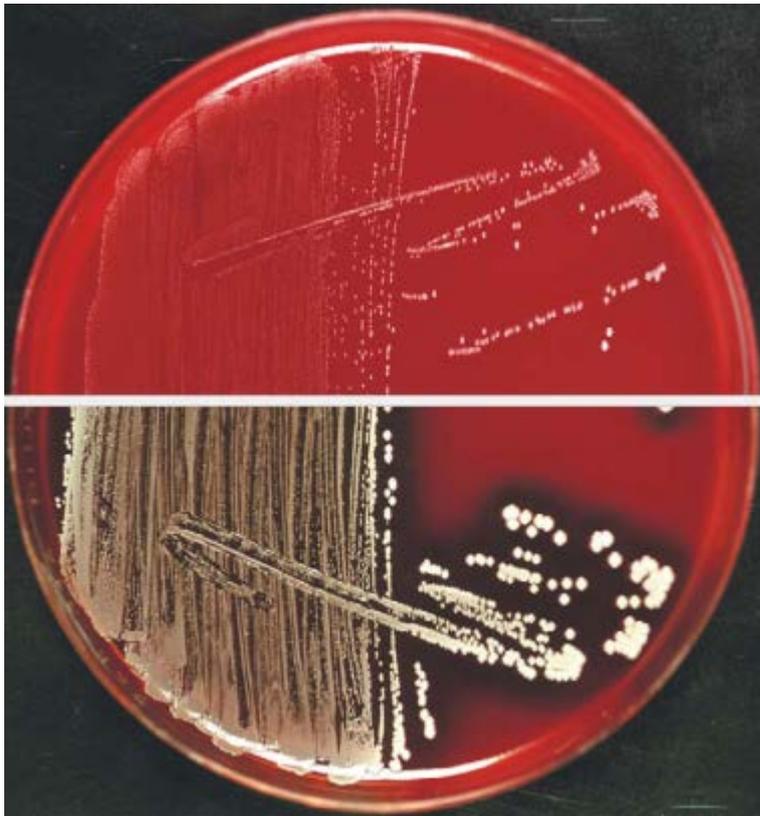


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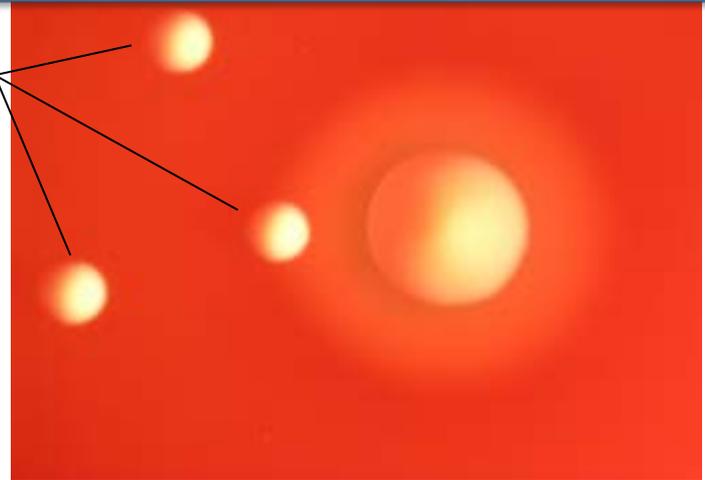
Même souche (génétiquement)

En bas : *S. aureus* normale

En haut : *S. aureus* SCV



SCV

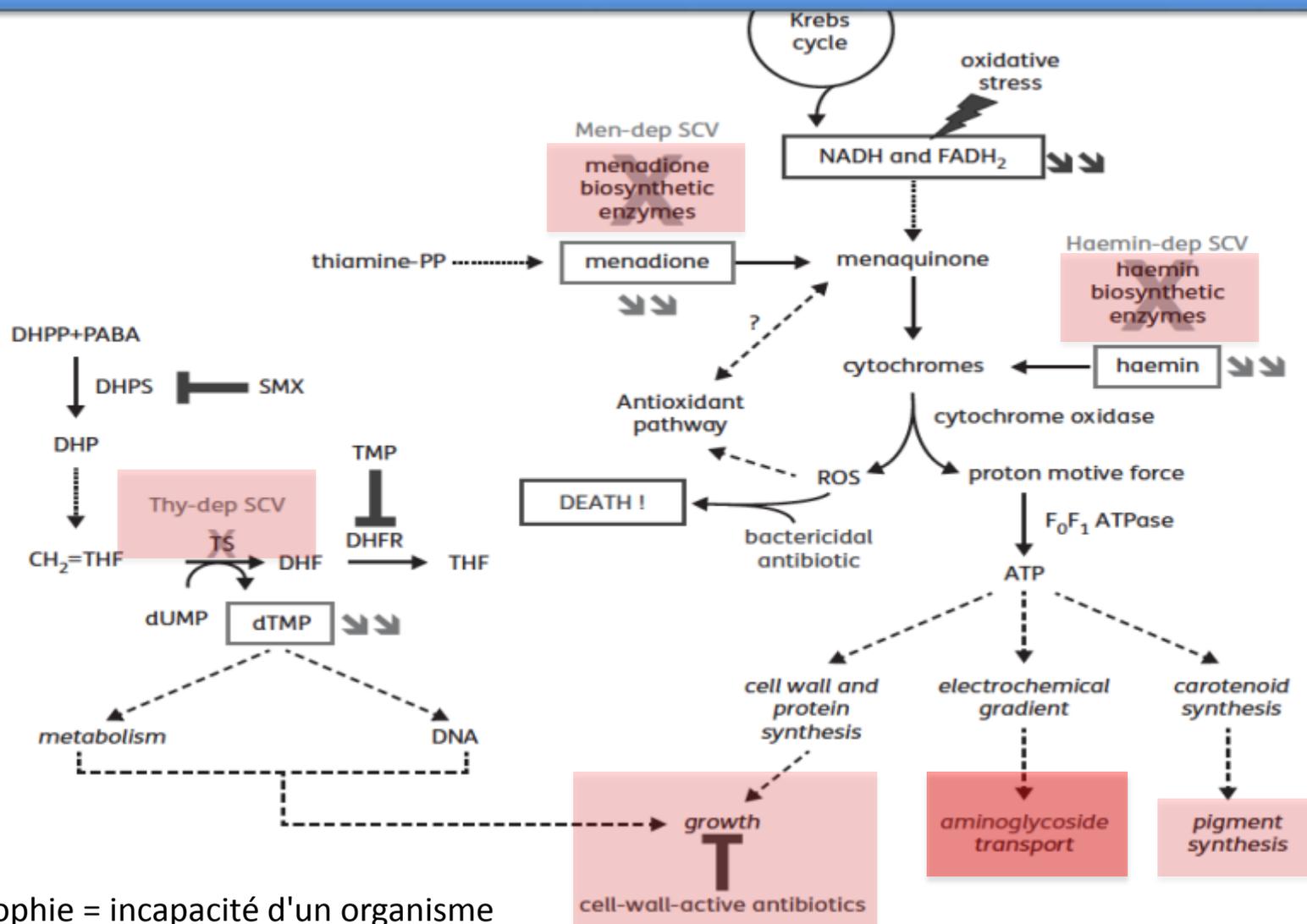


Particularités des micro-colonies *in vitro*:

- . adhérence +++
- . tps de génération (doublement) x 10
- . perte de l'activité bactéricide de certains ATB
- . persistance des bactéries dans des niches cellulaires protectrices (ostéoblastes, cellules endothéliales , ...)
- . peu de réaction inflammatoire locale
- . à l'origine d'échec thérapeutique

SCV existent chez de nombreuses espèces : *S. aureus*, *E. coli*, *P. aeruginosa*, *P. acnes*, ...

# Physiologie des SCV



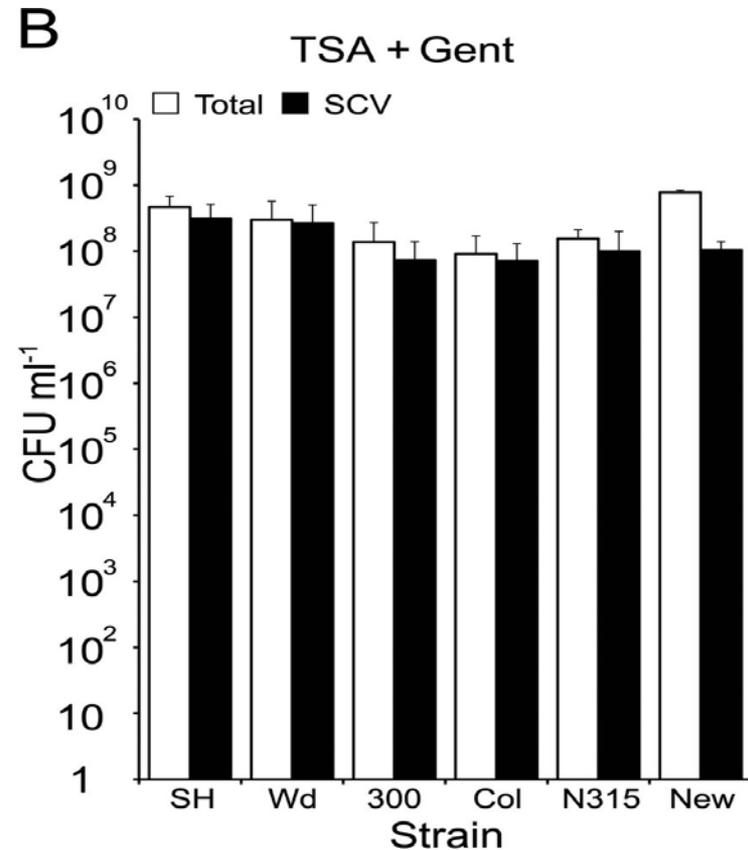
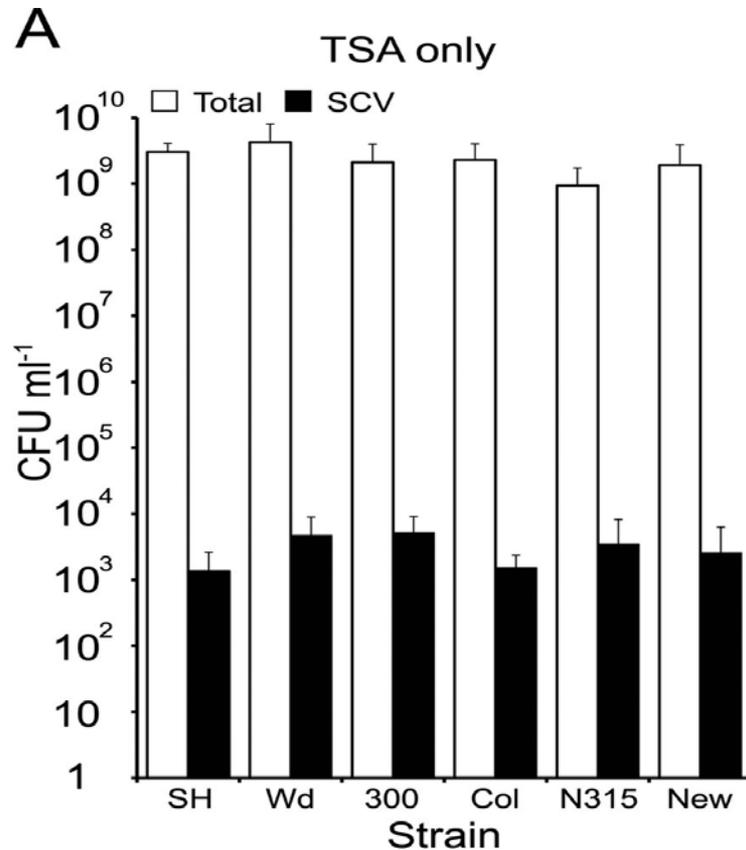
Auxotrophie = incapacité d'un organisme vivant de synthétiser un composé organique nécessaire à son développement.

+ altération large du protéome

Kriegeskorte A, Protéomics 2011

# Physiologie des SCV

In vitro



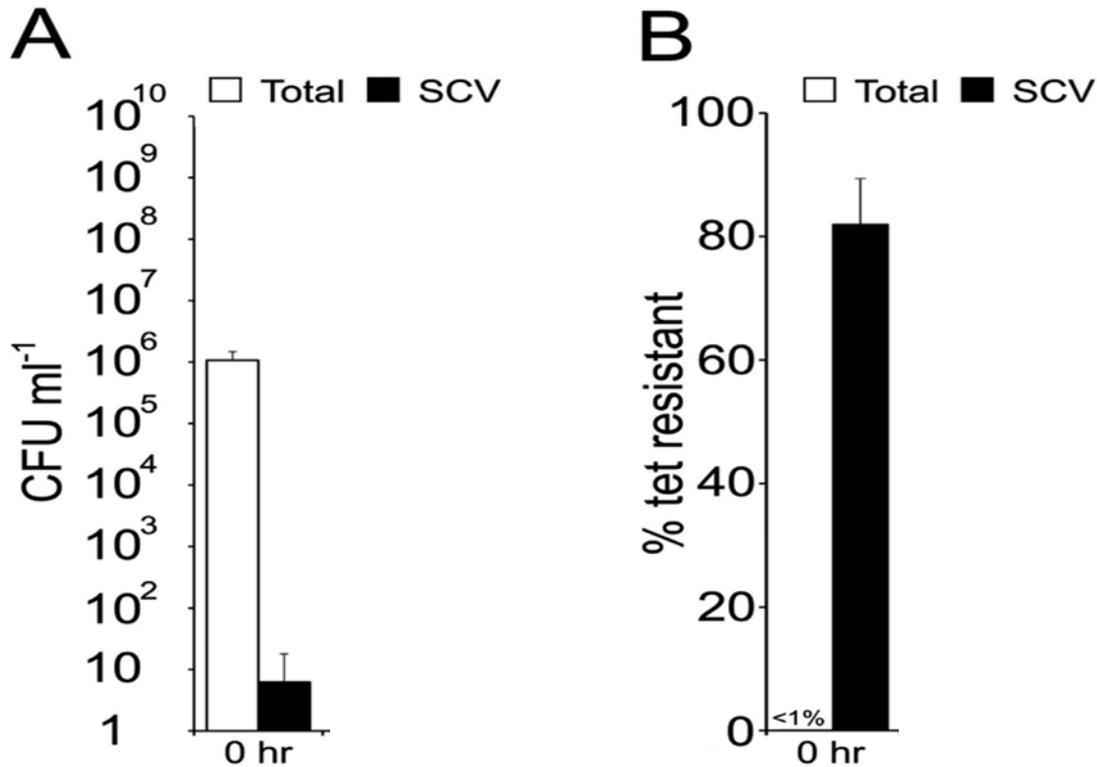
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**Genetically diverse *S. aureus* cultures contain a small subpopulation of SCVs that expands under selective pressure.**

# Physiologie des SCV

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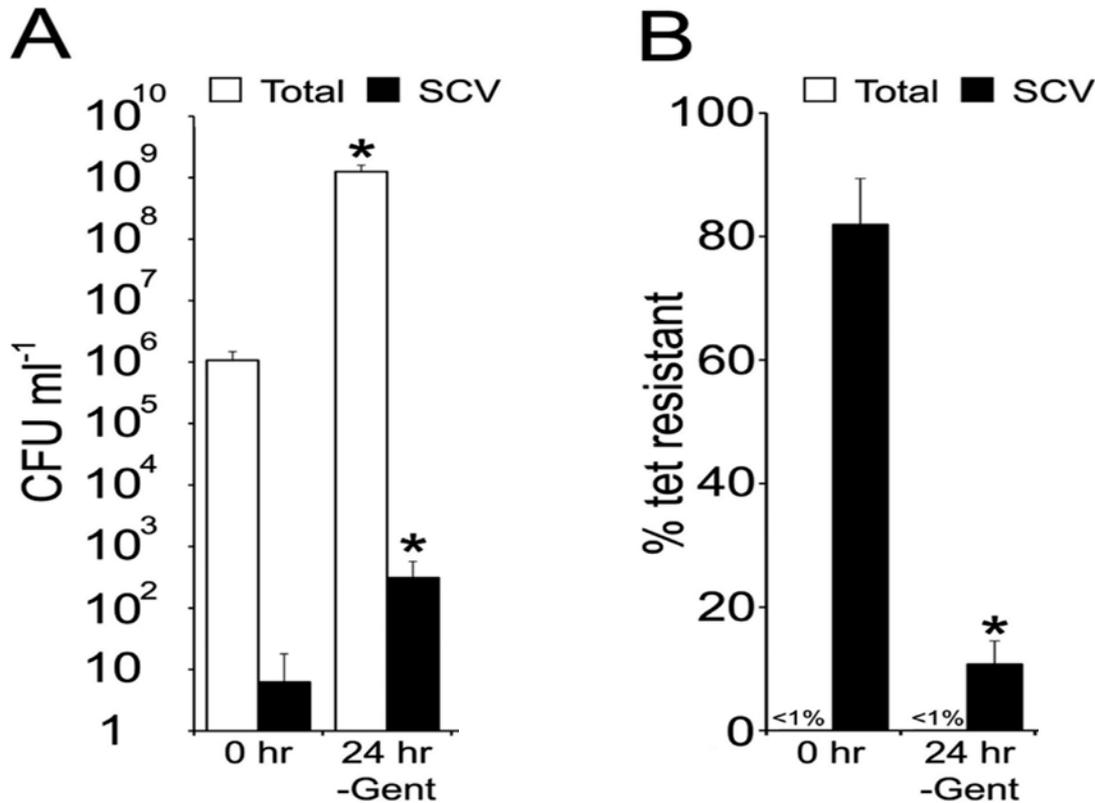
Mélange initial NCP TétraS + SCV TétraR



# Physiologie des SCV

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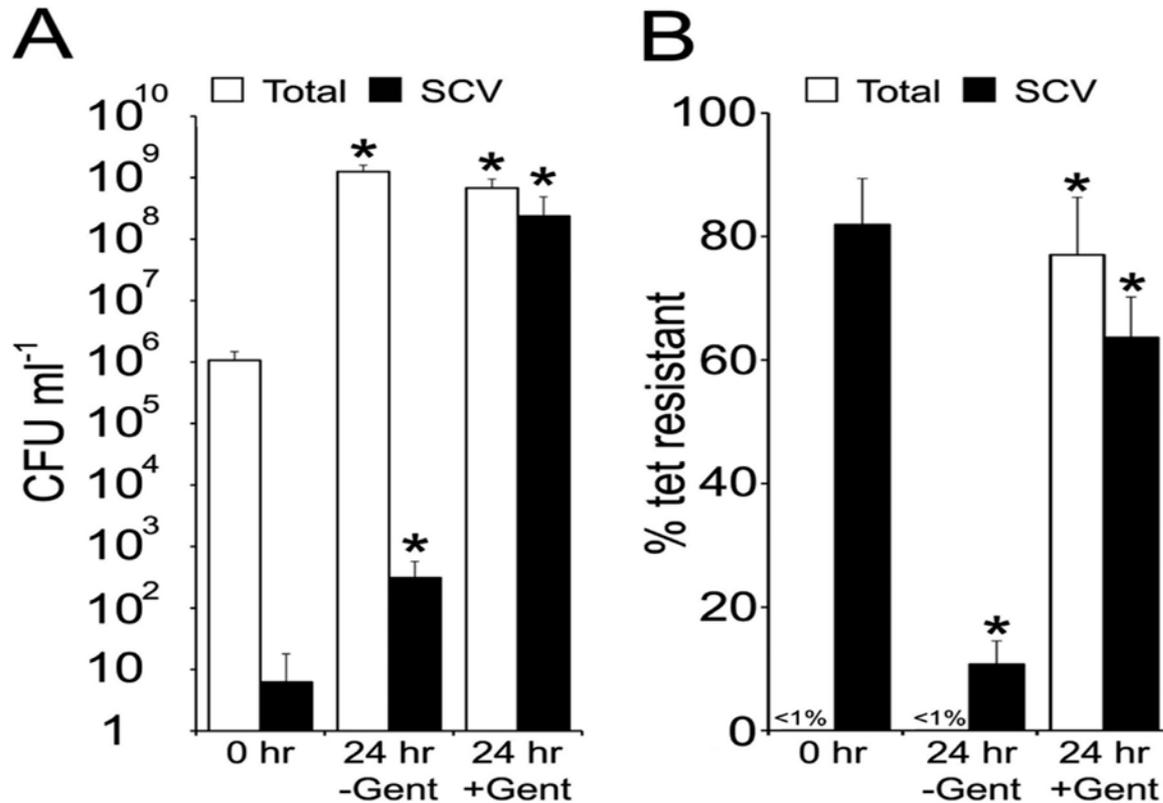


Apparition de SCV TétraS au cours de la croissance sans pression de sélection (ici exposition genta)

# Physiologie des SCV

In vitro

Mélange NCP TétraS + SCV TétraR

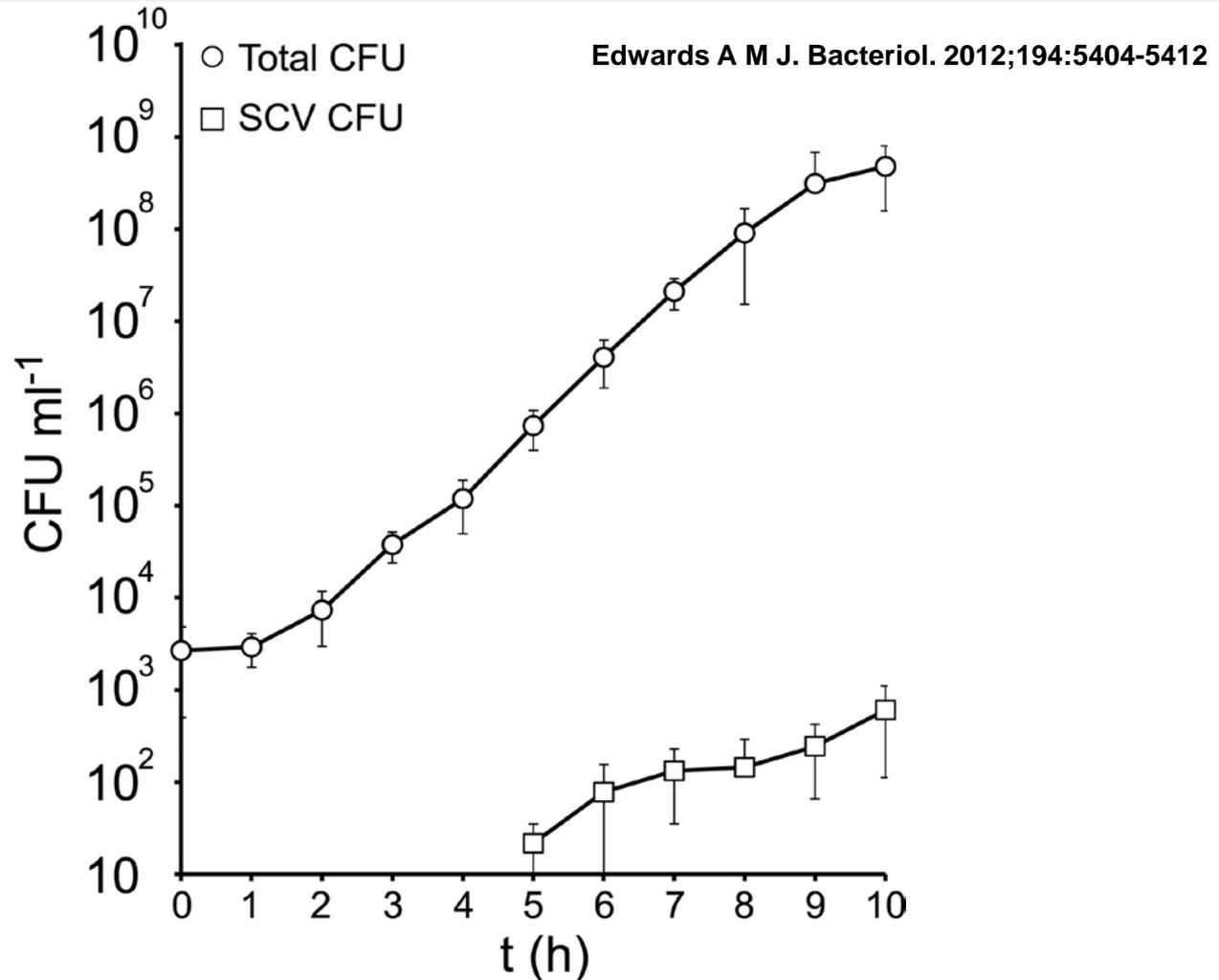


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**The SCV subpopulation is dynamic in the absence of selective pressure.**

# Physiologie des SCV

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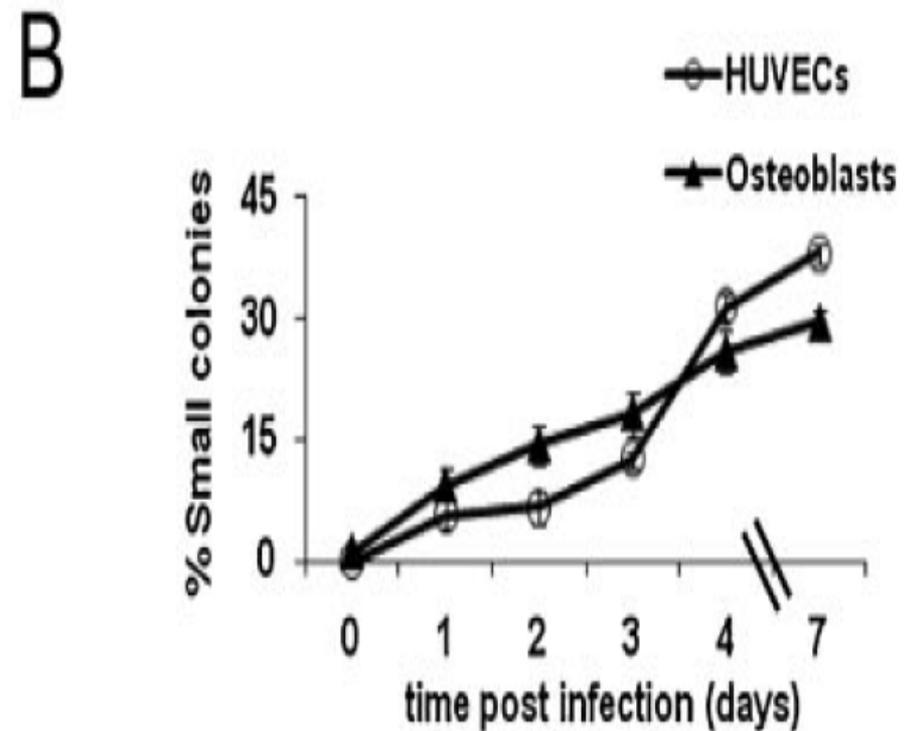
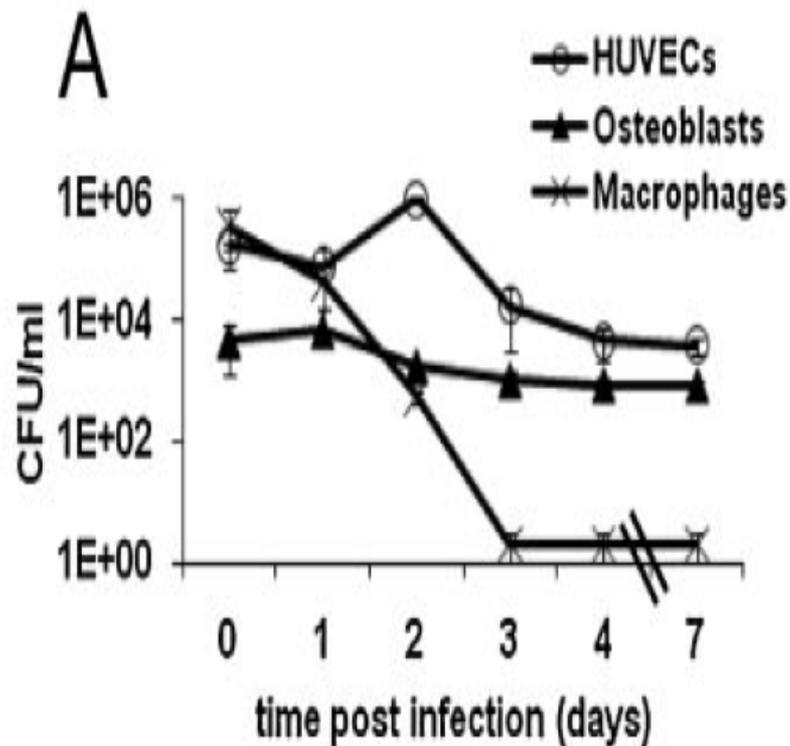


**SCVs emerge naturally during exponential-phase of Normal Colony Population growth.**

# Physiologie des SCV

## Modèle cellulaire

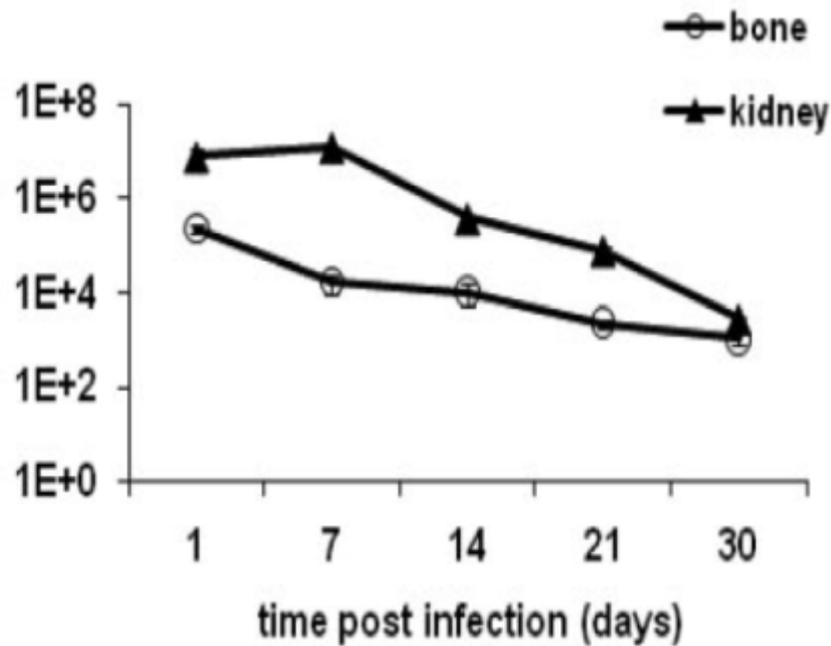
### Infection culture cellulaire par NCP



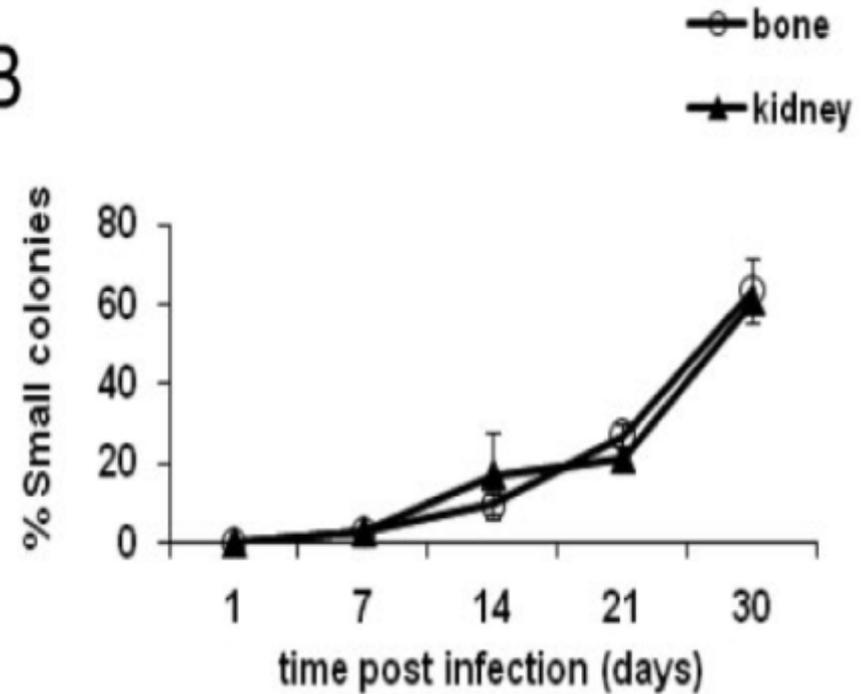
# Physiologie des SCV

In vivo

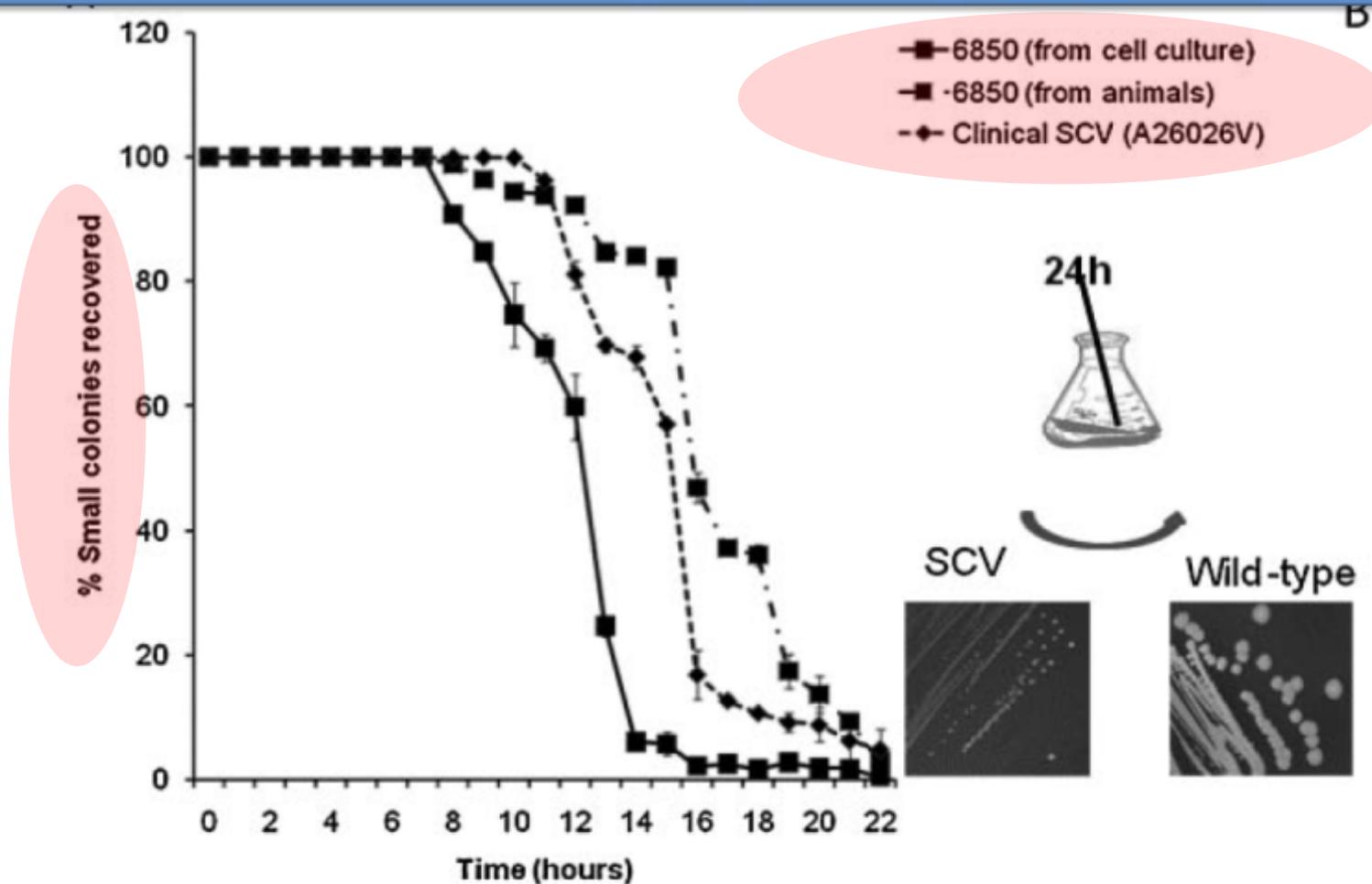
A



B



# Sélection des SCV

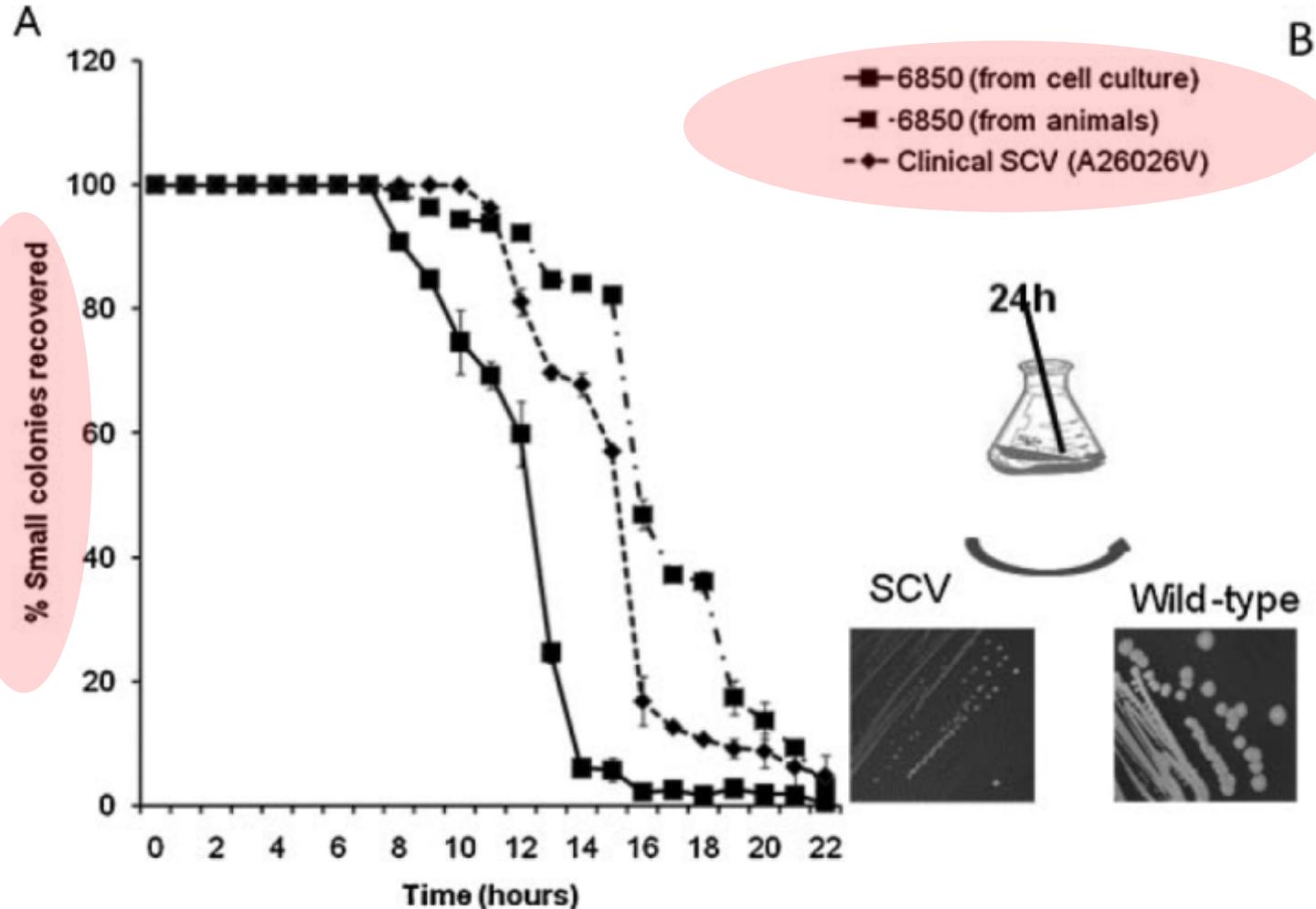


Tuchscher et al., 2010 EMBO Molecular Medicine

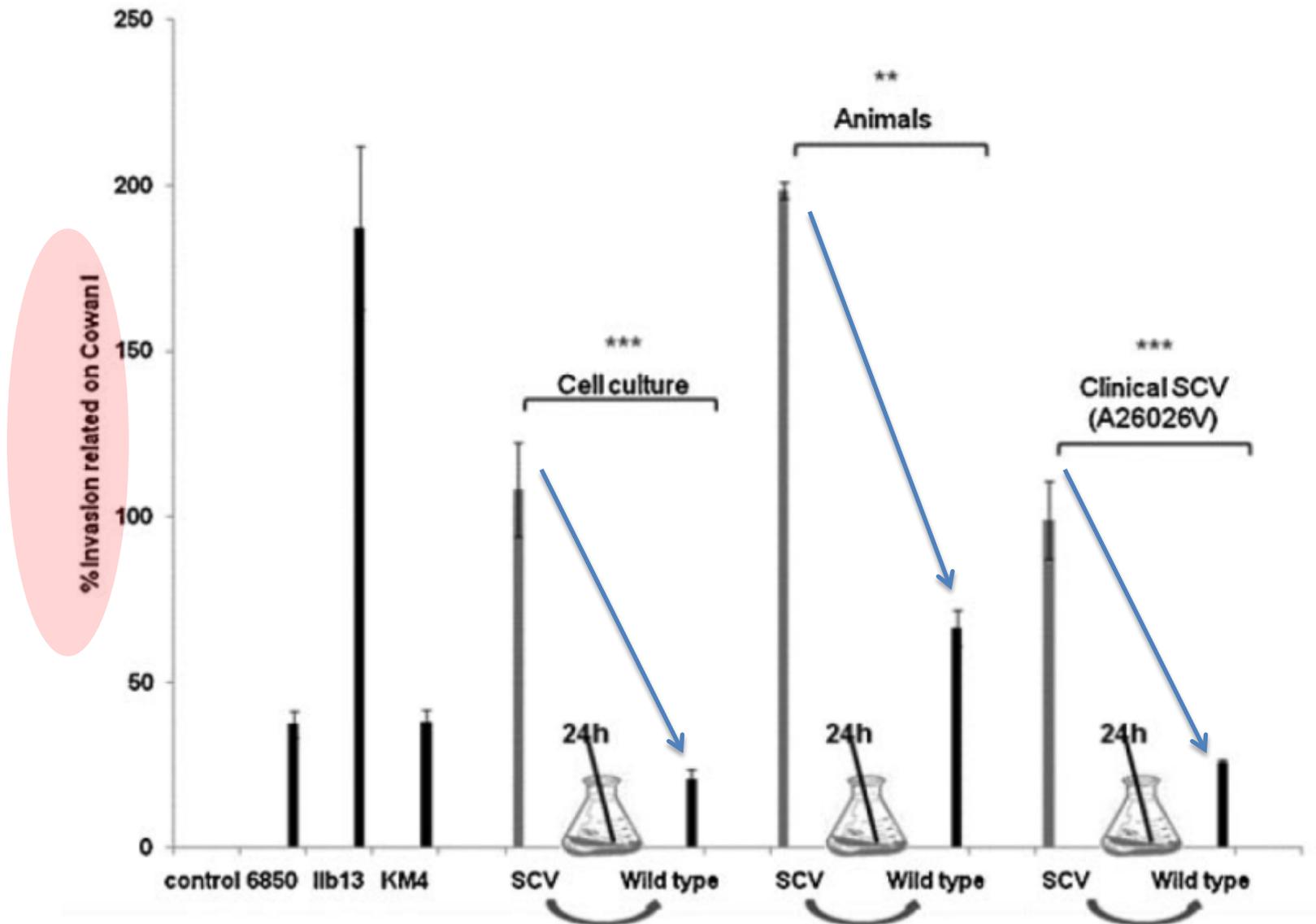


Pb pour le diagnostic : SCV révertants vs. SCV stables

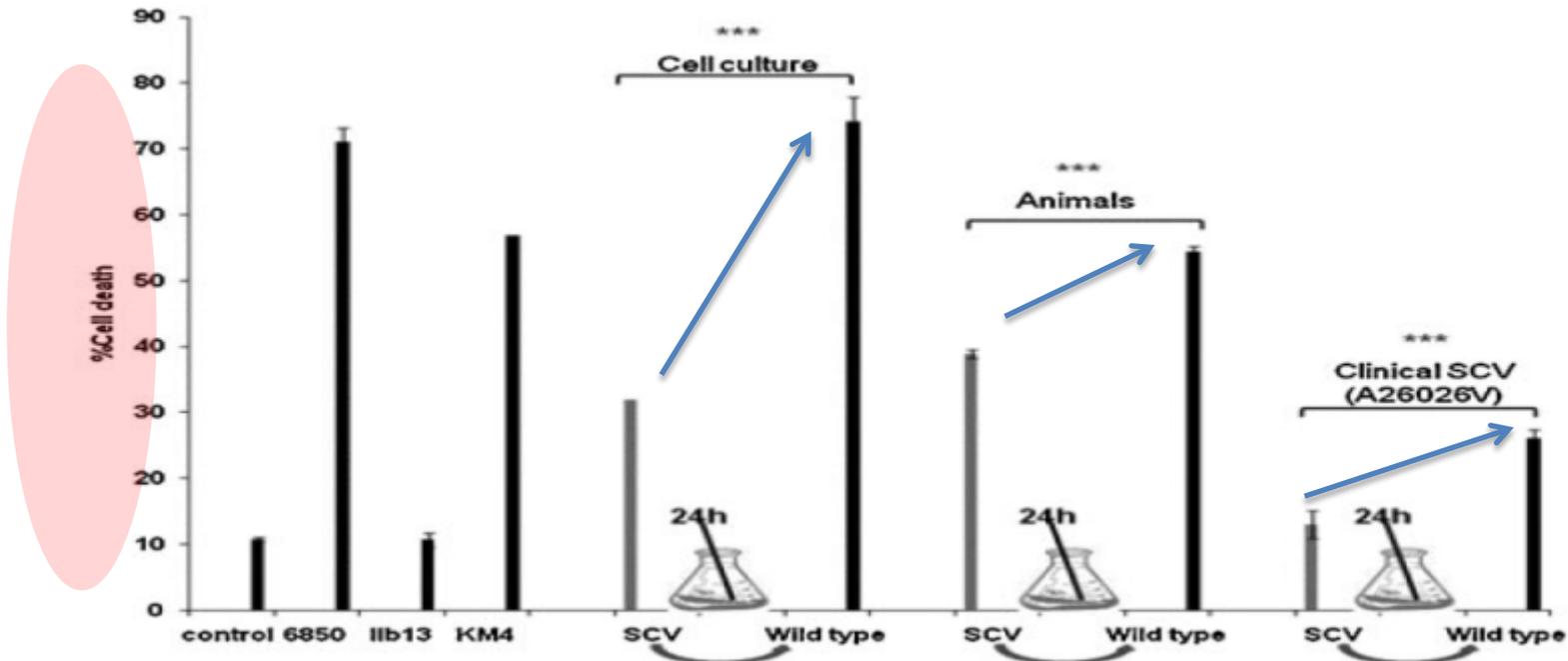
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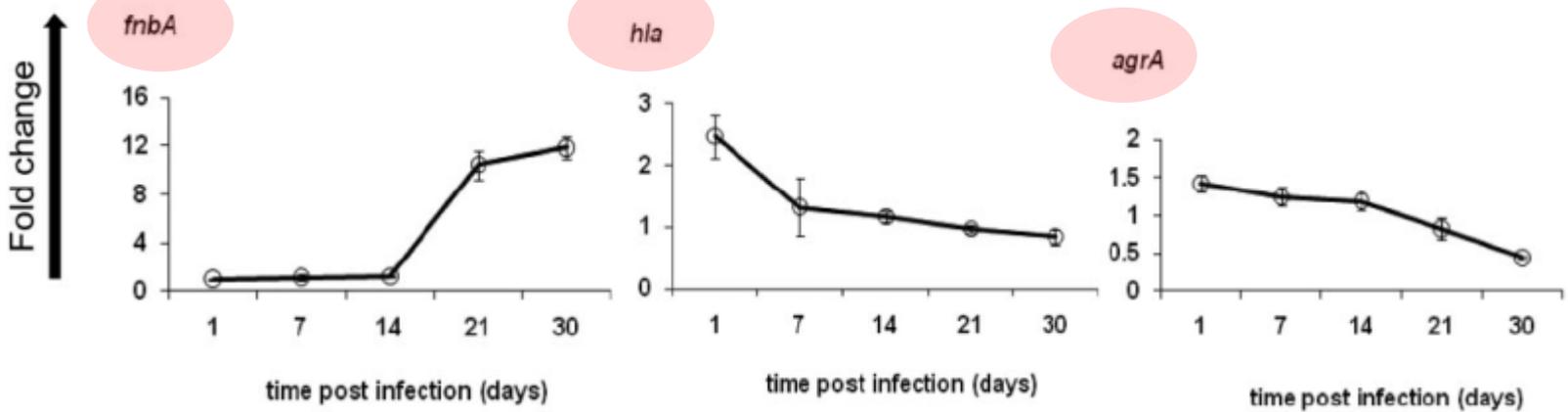
# SCV et capacité d'internalisation



# SCV et virulence

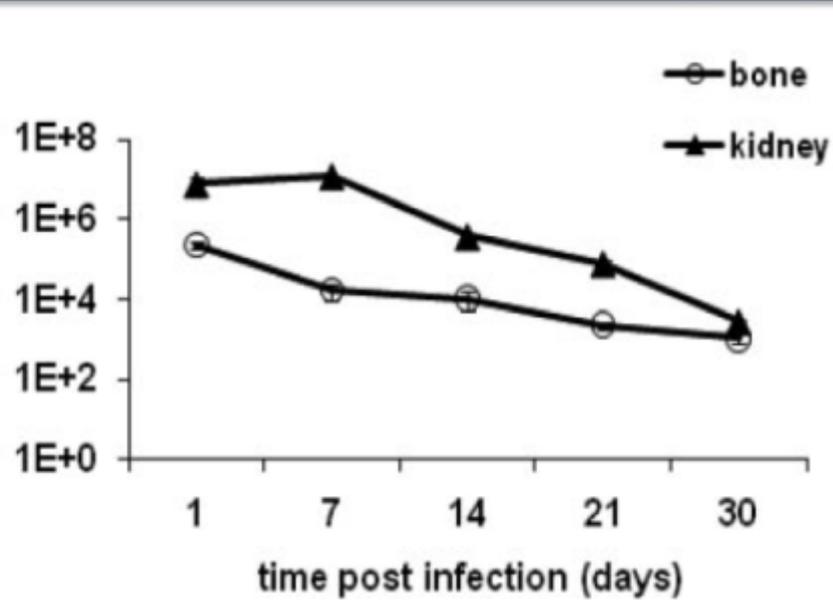


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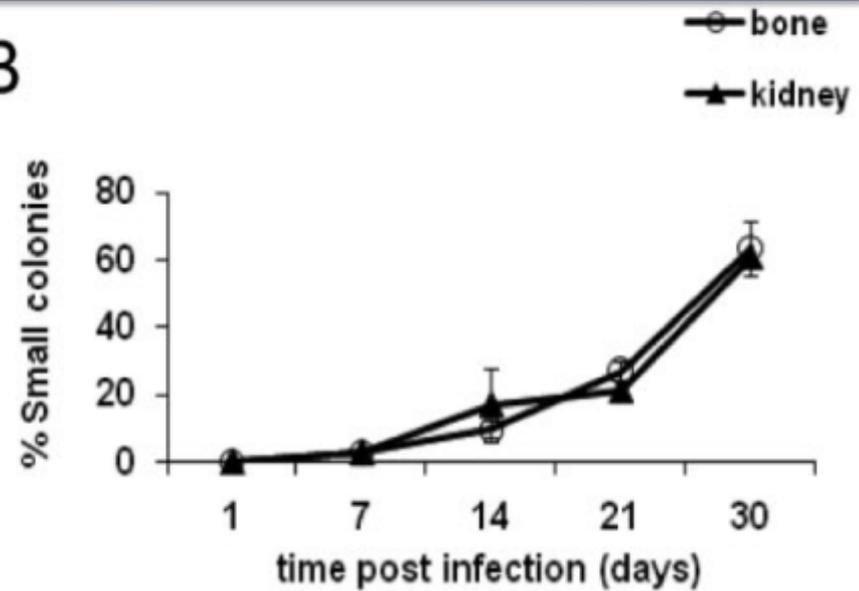


# SCV et persistence

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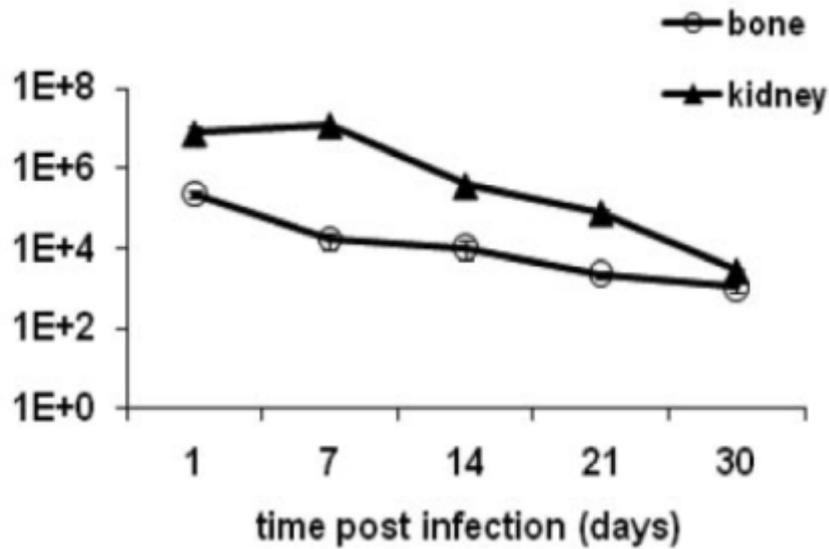


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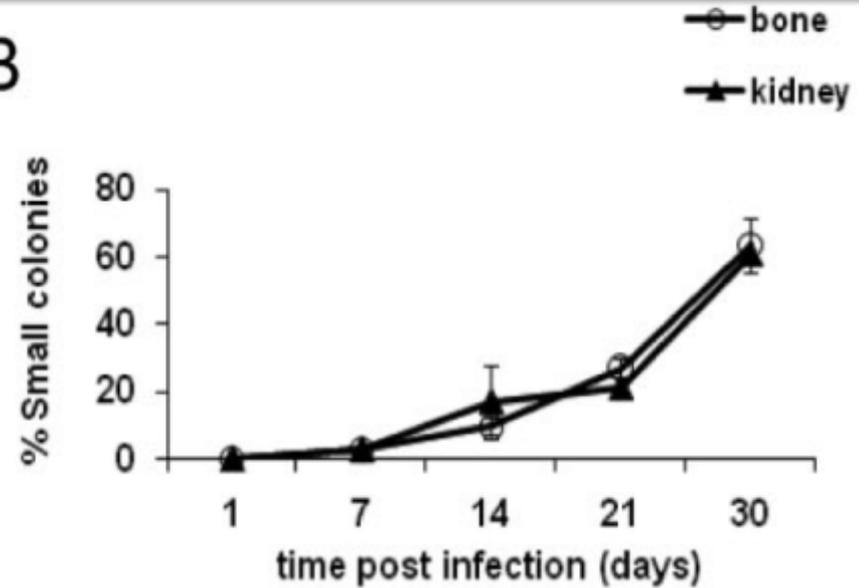


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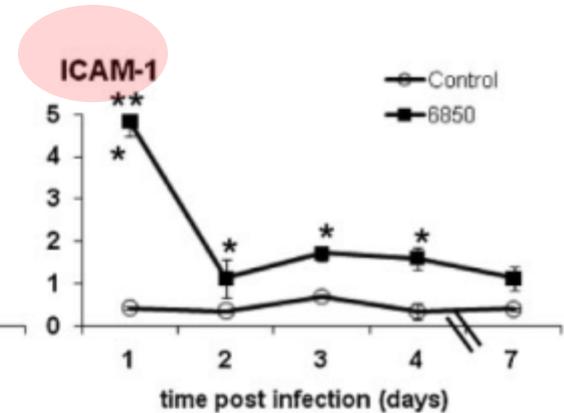
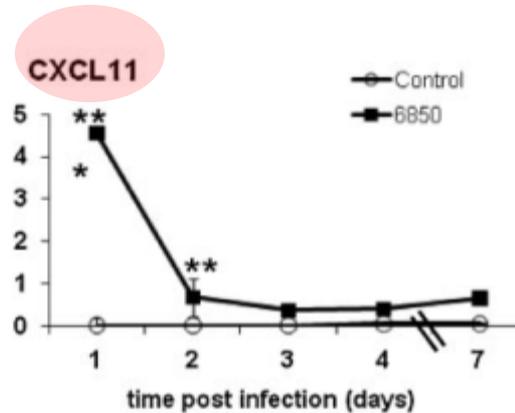
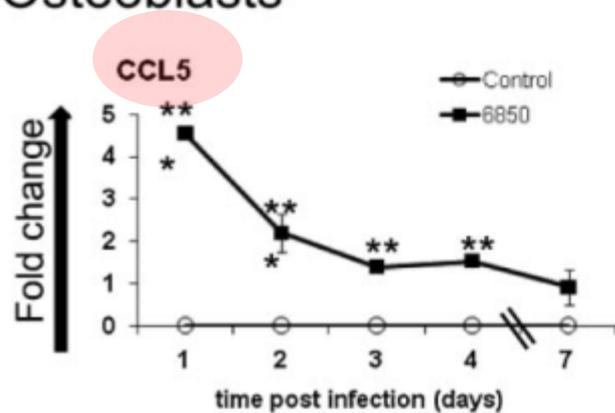


B



Réponse cellulaire

Osteoblasts



# SCV et IOA chronique

- Correlation SCV et chronicité en clinique:  
oui sur la base de cas cliniques mais pas de  
large serie publiée ....

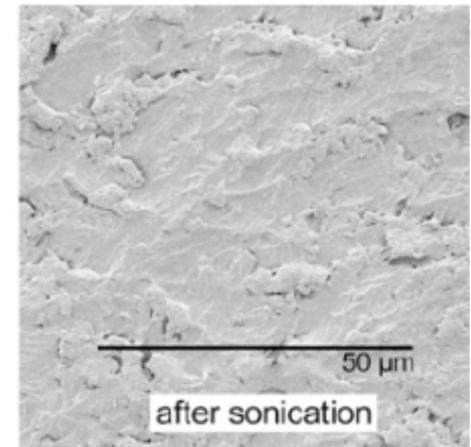
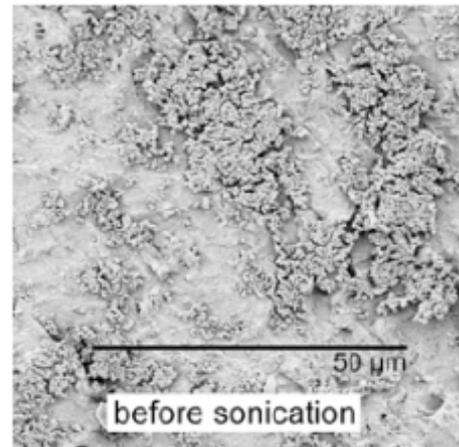
# SCV et biofilm



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Bactéries collées sur le matériel  
Bactéries engluées dans la matrice

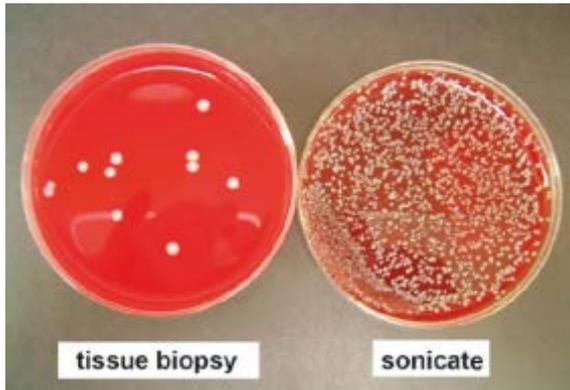


**Sonication des prothèses et matériels**

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Sonication of Removed Hip and Knee Prostheses for Diagnosis of Infection

Andrej Trampuz, M.D., Kerryl E. Piper, M.S., Melissa J. Jacobson, A.S., Arlen D. Hanssen, M.D., Krishnan K. Unni, M.D., Douglas R. Osmon, M.D., Jayawant N. Mandrekar, Ph.D., Franklin R. Cockerill, M.D., James M. Steckelberg, M.D., James F. Greenleaf, Ph.D., and Robin Patel, M.D.



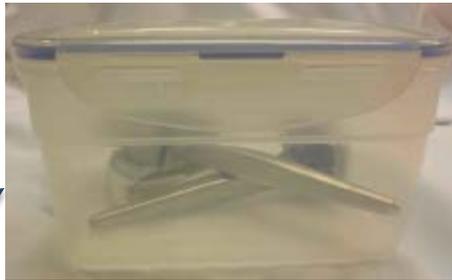
Test	Patients with Prosthetic-joint Infection (N=79)	Patients with Aseptic Failure (N=252)	Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive Predictive Value	Negative Predictive Value
	no. of patients with positive specimens*					
Synovial-fluid culture	18/32	2/108	56.3 (37.7–73.6)	98.1 (93.5–99.8)	90.0 (68.3–98.8)	88.3 (81.2–93.5)
Periprosthetic-tissue culture†						
≥1 positive culture	58	23	73.4 (62.3–82.7)	90.9 (86.6–94.1)	71.6 (60.5–81.1)	91.6 (87.4–94.7)
≥2 positive cultures	48	2	60.8 (49.1–71.6)	99.2 (97.2–99.9)	96.0 (86.3–99.5)	89.0 (84.7–92.4)
Sonicate-fluid culture‡						
≥1 CFU	64	28	79.0 (68.5–87.3)	88.5 (83.9–92.2)	68.8 (58.4–78.0)	93.9 (88.9–95.8)
≥2 CFU	63	8	79.7 (69.2–88.0)	96.8 (93.8–98.6)	88.7 (79.0–95.0)	93.8 (90.2–96.4)
≥3 CFU	63	5	79.7 (69.2–88.0)	98.0 (95.4–99.4)	92.6 (83.7–97.6)	93.9 (90.3–96.5)
≥4 CFU	62	5	78.5 (67.8–86.9)	98.0 (95.4–99.4)	92.5 (83.4–97.5)	93.6 (89.9–96.2)
≥5 CFU	62	3	78.5 (67.8–86.9)	98.8 (96.6–99.8)	95.4 (87.1–99.0)	93.6 (90.0–96.2)
≥6 CFU	62	3	78.5 (67.8–86.9)	98.8 (96.6–99.8)	95.4 (87.1–99.0)	93.6 (90.0–96.2)
≥7 CFU	60	3	75.9 (65.0–84.9)	98.8 (96.6–99.8)	95.2 (86.7–99.0)	92.6 (89.2–95.7)
≥8 CFU	59	3	74.7 (63.6–83.8)	98.8 (96.6–99.8)	95.2 (86.5–99.0)	92.6 (88.8–95.4)
≥9 CFU	58	3	73.4 (62.3–82.7)	98.8 (96.6–99.8)	95.1 (86.3–99.0)	92.2 (88.4–95.1)
≥10 CFU	57	3	72.2 (60.9–81.7)	98.8 (96.6–99.8)	95.0 (86.1–99.0)	91.9 (88.0–94.8)
≥25 CFU	55	2	69.6 (58.2–79.5)	99.2 (97.2–99.9)	96.5 (87.9–99.6)	91.2 (87.2–94.3)
≥50 CFU	54	1	68.4 (56.9–78.4)	99.6 (97.8–100.0)	98.2 (90.3–100.0)	90.9 (86.9–94.1)
Gram's staining of sonicate fluid	34/76	0/250	44.7 (33.3–56.6)	100.0 (98.5–100.0)	100.0 (89.7–100.0)	85.6 (81.1–89.4)

≥ 5 UFC/boîte = infection

Sensibilité plus importante de la technique de sonication 60,8 % contre 78,5 %

# SCV et biofilm

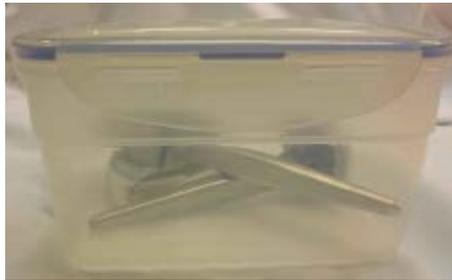
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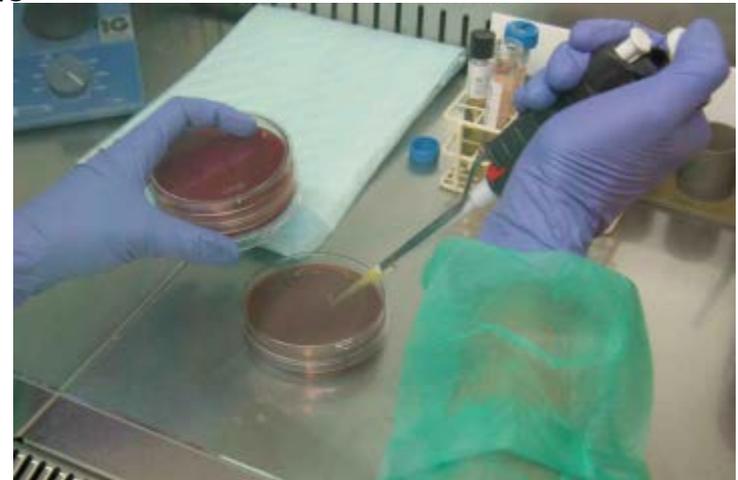
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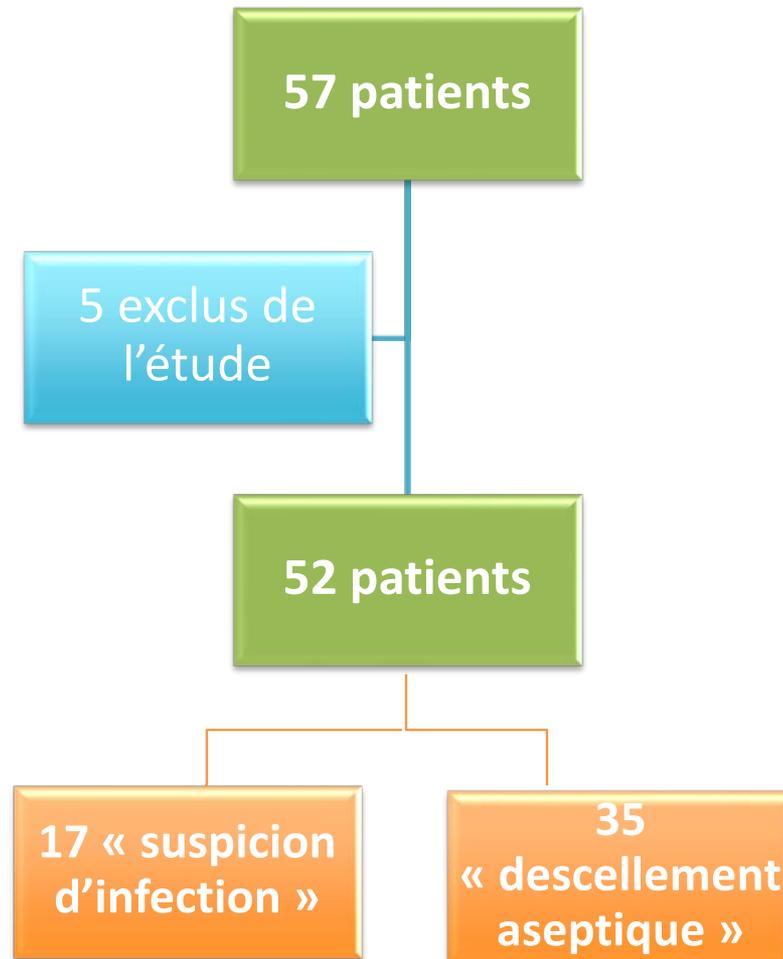
Culture bactérienne classique  
(1-10 prélèvements  
per-opératoires)



Juin 2011 –  
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# SCV et biofilm



# SCV et biofilm

Résultats – Culture classique VS sonication (3)

Apport de la sonication dans le diagnostic des SCV

17 "suspicion d'infection" → 9 cultures + → 6 avec SCV +

*S. aureus*

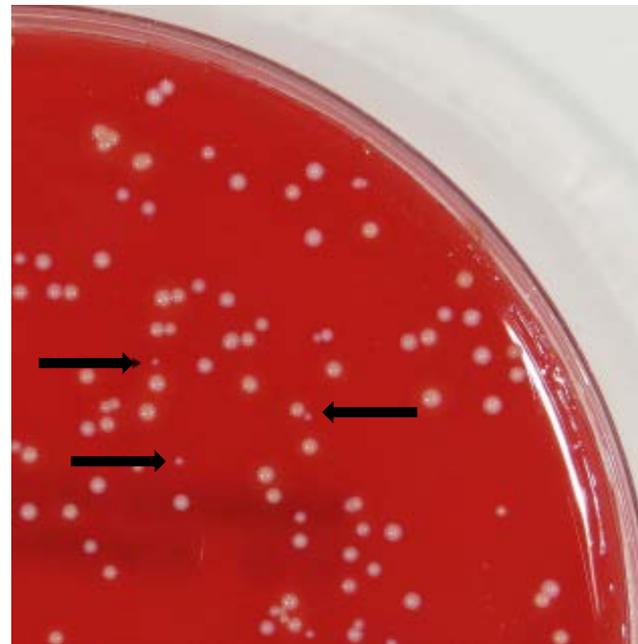
*S. epidermidis*

*P. aeruginosa*

*S. gallolyticus*

*P. acnes*

*S. sanguinis*



Culture de sonicat



*S. aureus* « sauvage »

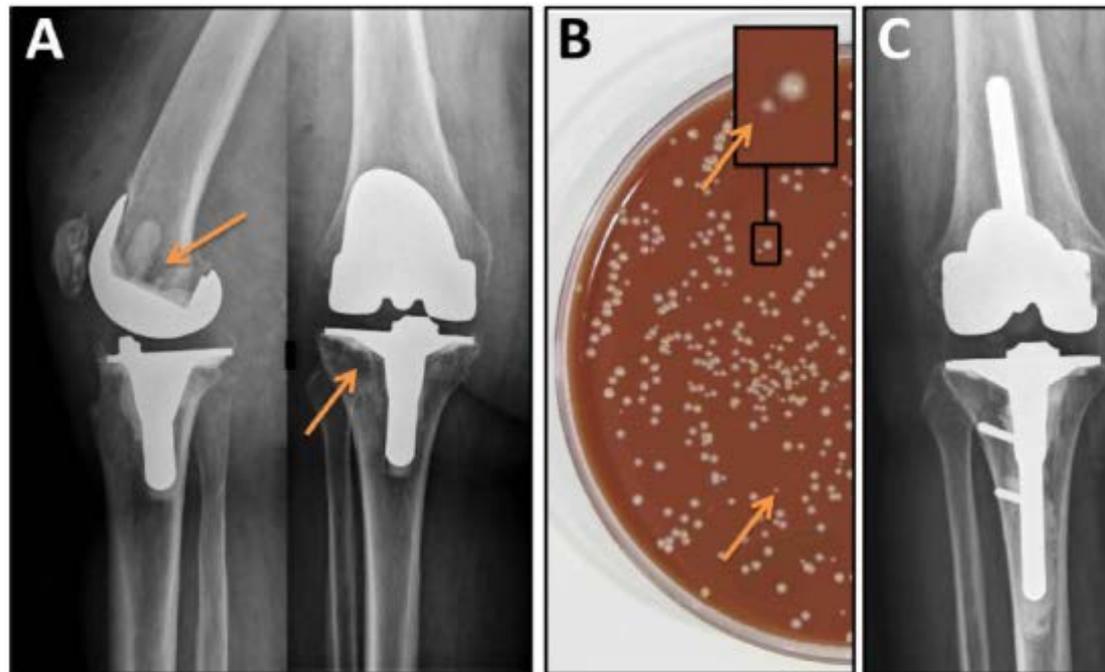


*S. aureus* SCV

# SCV et biofilm

## Small colony variant-producing *S aureus* prosthesis joint infection highlighted by sonication and treated with prolonged high doses of daptomycin

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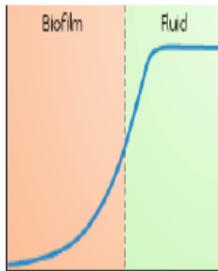
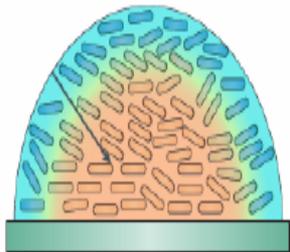


**Figure 1** Periprosthetic pathological lucencies (A, arrows), associated with MSSA SCV in cultures (small colonies) obtained with sonication from prosthesis explantation (B, arrows). After reimplantation and a total of 3 months of antimicrobial therapy, no relapse occurred at 1 year (C, x-ray).

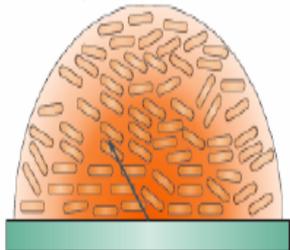
# SCV et biofilm

## Métabolites primaires

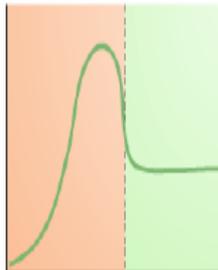
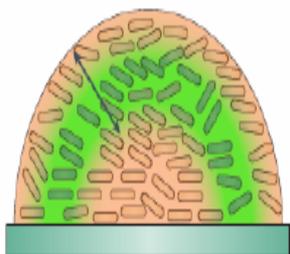
a Metabolic substrate



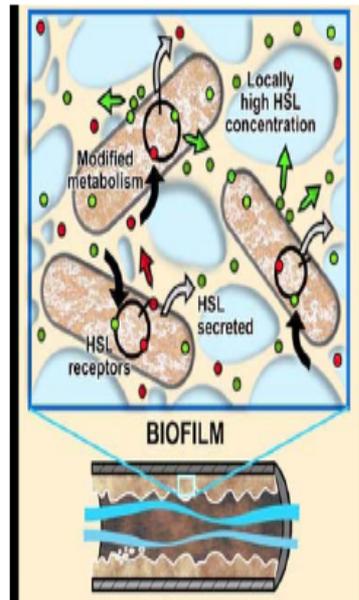
b Metabolic product



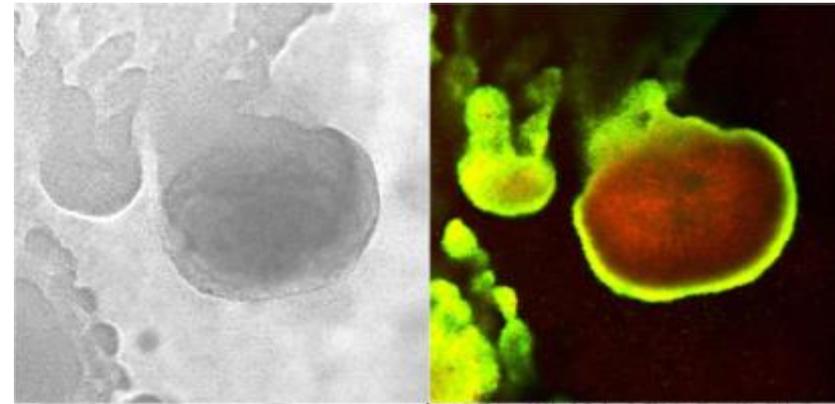
c Metabolic intermediate



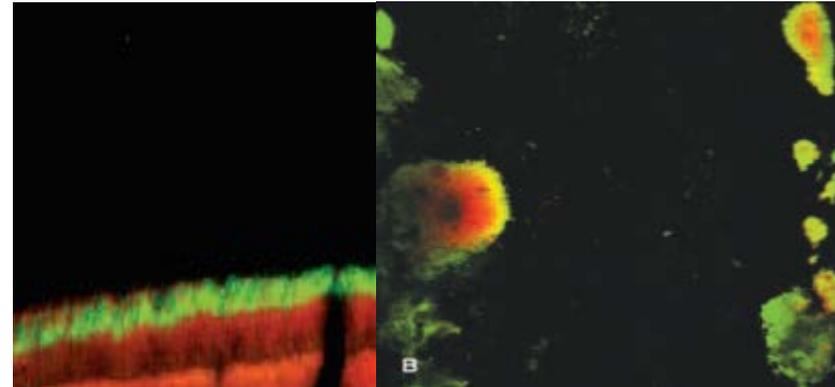
## Métabolites secondaires et signaux



## Réplication ADN



## Synthèse protéique



# SCV et biofilm

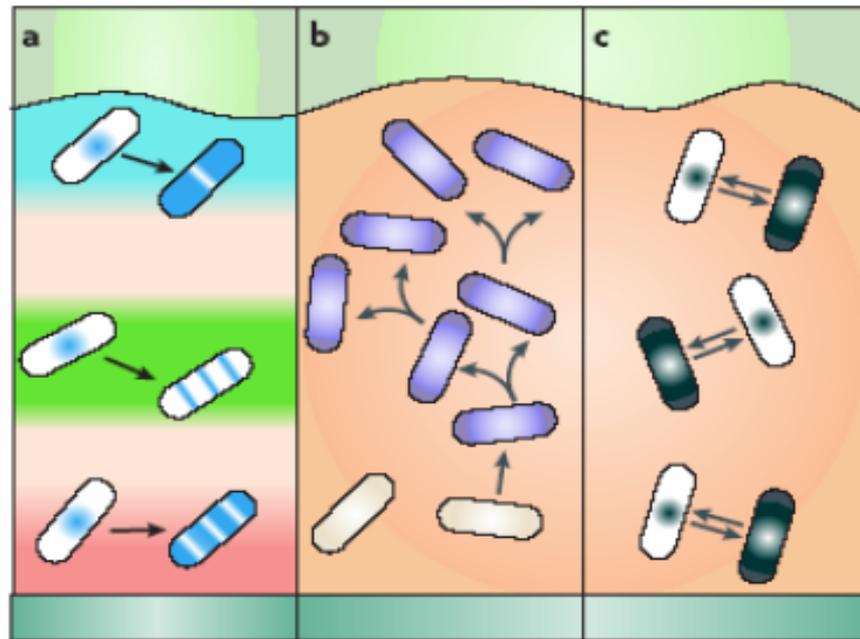
## Variation génotypique et phénotypique

**1- L'adaptation (a).** Perception de conditions environnementales localement différentes auxquelles les cellules répondent.  
->réponses adaptatives distinctes en fonction de la localisation dans le biofilm.

**2- Variation génotypique et sélection (b).** Apparition de variants génétiques (variation de phase) qui se multiplient dans le biofilm en fonction de leur valeur adaptative (fitness).

**3- Expression stochastique des gènes.** Expression génique aléatoire.

### Diversification phénotypique : 3 hypothèses



Stewart & Franklin 2008 Nature Reviews Microbiology 6:199-210



Sélection de "phénotype" biofilm



# SCV, IOA et diagnostic bactériologique



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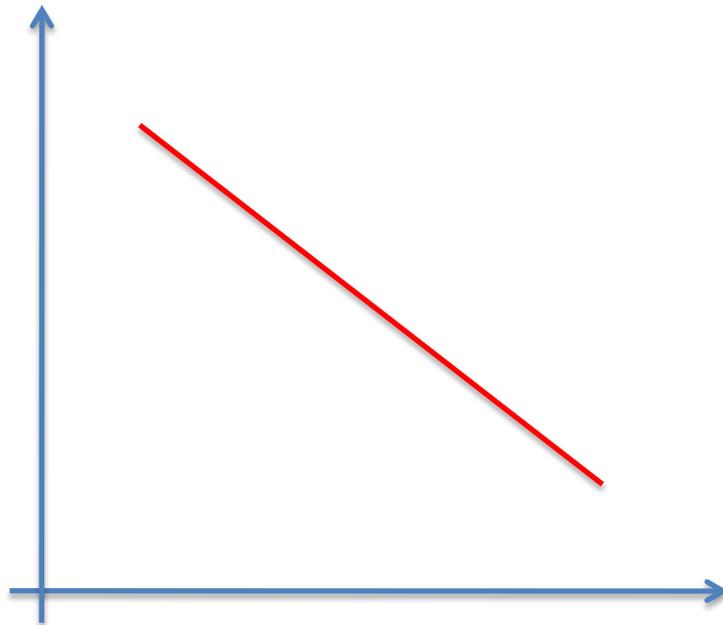
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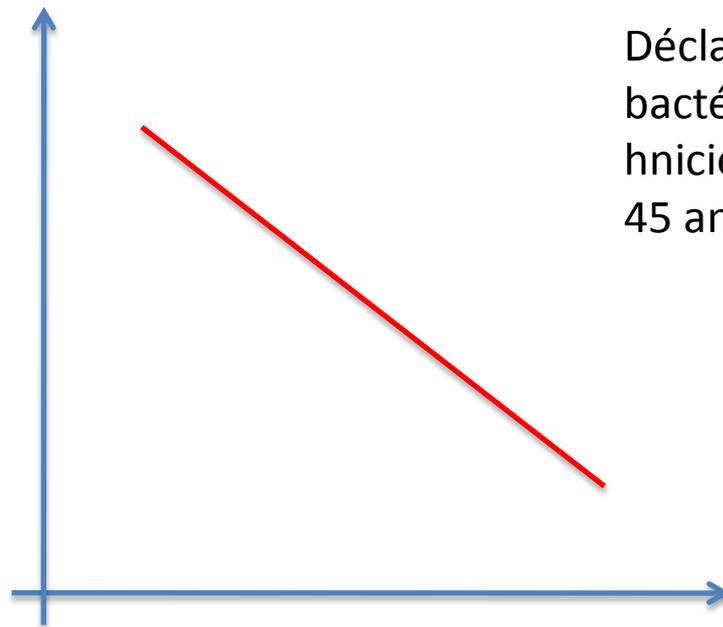


Age et niveau de myopie de la technicienne

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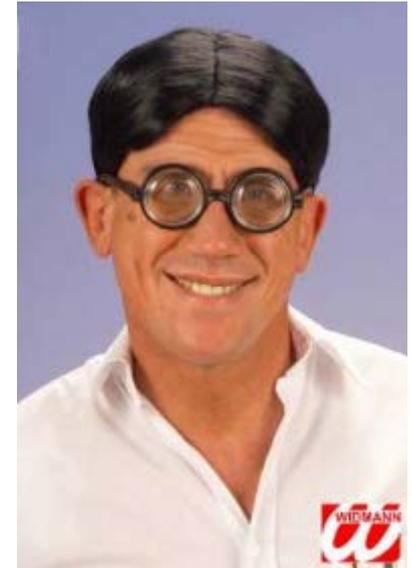
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Déclarer inapte les  
bactériologiste/tec  
hnicien de plus de  
45 ans

OU



Age et niveau de myopie de la technicienne

# SCV, IOA et diagnostic bactériologique

- SCV seule ou avec colonies "classiques"
- Culture lente
- Colonies petites
- Aspect différent (*S. aureus* non pigmenté +++)
- Perte d'hémolyse
- Perte de caractères distinctifs:
  - Ex: *S. aureus* et slidex, coagulase, DNase, caractères biochimiques



# SCV, IOA et diagnostic bactériologique

**Table 2.** Biochemical characterization of small colony variants of *S. aureus* 6850 obtained after infection of endothelial cells.

Strain (n = 14)	cfu* (n = 660)	Auxotrophy			Coagulase		Hemolysis	
		M	CO <sub>2</sub>	H	NS	S	NS	S
E3-2	5	-	-	-	+	NT	+	NT
E3-5	500	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
E3-8	50	-	+	-	-	+	+	+
E3-10	5	-	+	-	-	+	-	-
E4-10	10	-	-	-	+	NT	+	NT
E4-19A	10	+	-	-	-	+	-	+
E4-19B	10	+	-	-	-	+	-	+
E4-19C	10	+	-	-	-	+	-	+
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E4-24H	10	+	-	-	-	+	-	+

NOTE. M = menadione, H = hemin, NS = nonsupplemented, S = supplemented with menadione or CO<sub>2</sub>, NT = not tested because of nonauxotrophism.

\* No. of cfu for each strain.

# SCV et diagnostic bactériologique

- SCV seule ou avec colonies "classique"
- Culture lente
- Colonies petites
- Aspect différent (*S. aureus* non pigmenté +++)
- Perte d'hémolyse
- Perte de caractères distinctifs:
  - Ex: *S. aureus* et slidex, coagulase, DNase, caractères biochimiques



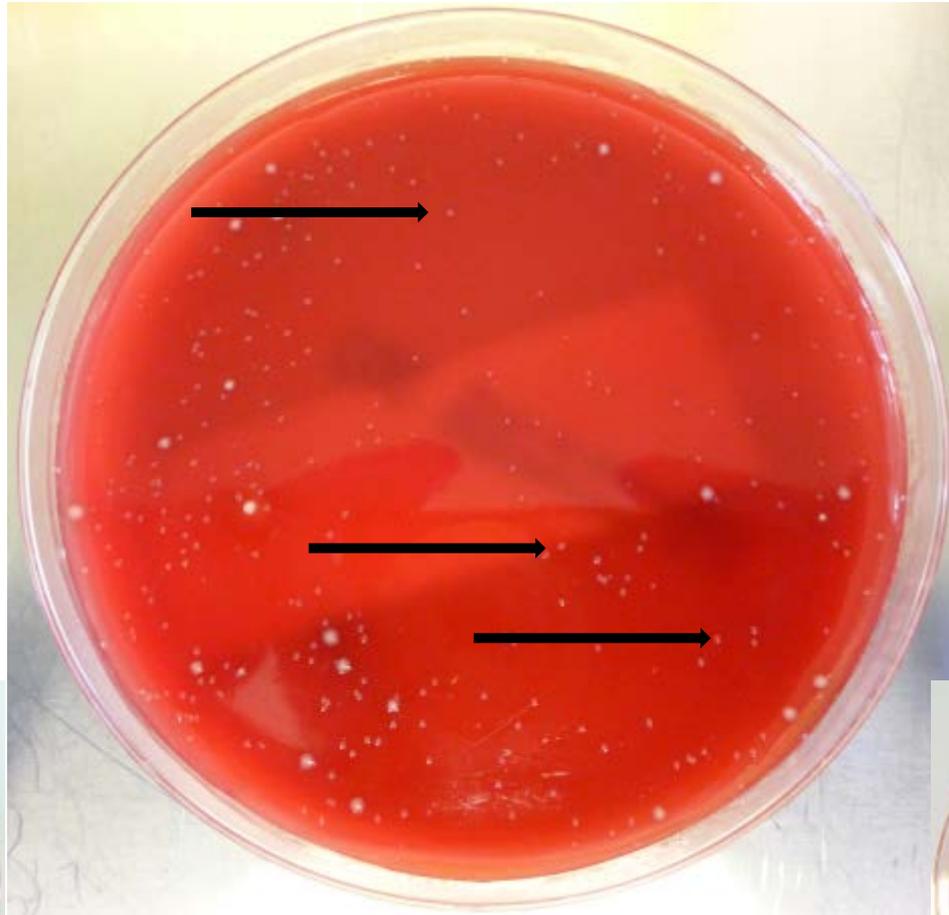
D'où pour IOA

- nécessité examen approfondi
- incubation prolongée
- ATBgramme sur toutes les morphologies
- parfois probablement identification erronée (SCN vs *S. aureus*)

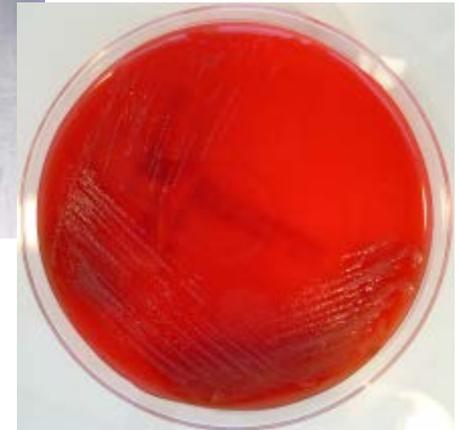
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*P. aeruginosa*



No SCV on standard cultures



*P. aeruginosa* SCV

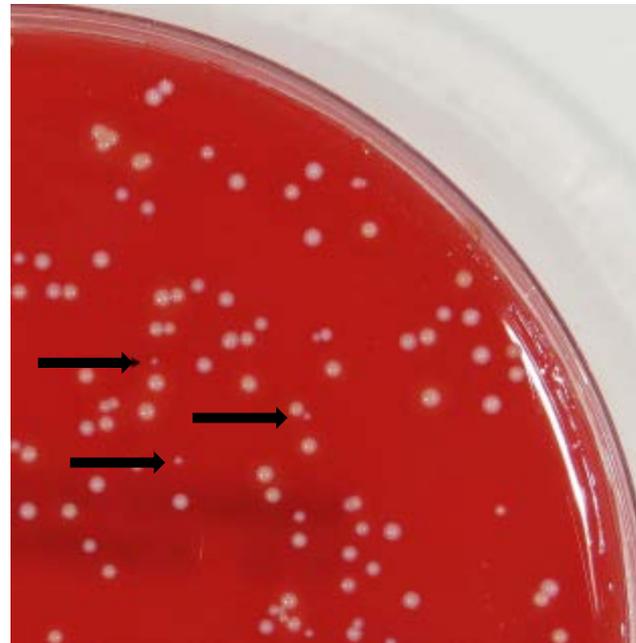
# SCV et résistance

## Résultats – Culture classique VS sonication (3)

Apport de la sonication dans le diagnostic des SCV

17 "suspicion d'infection" → 9 cultures + → 6 avec SCV +

*S. aureus*  
*S. epidermidis*  
*P. aeruginosa*  
*S. gallolyticus*  
*P. acnes*  
*S. sanguinis*



Culture de sonicat



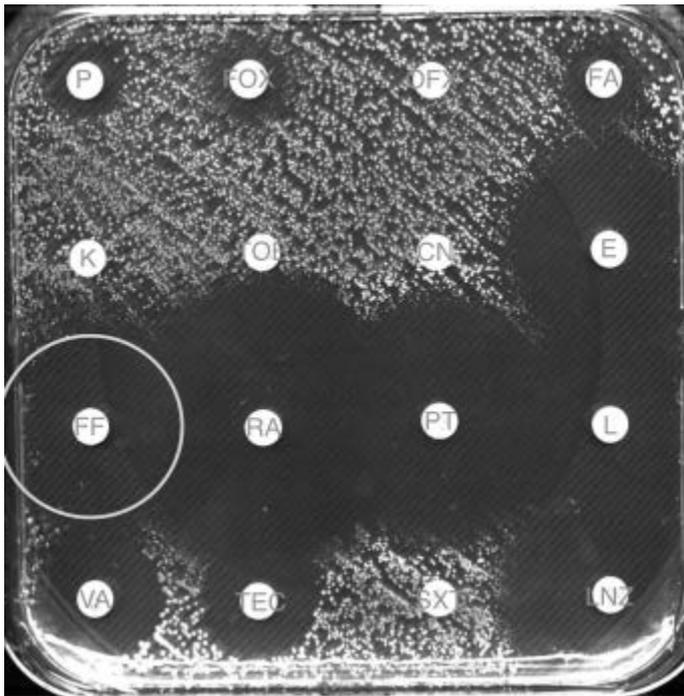
*S. aureus* « sauvage »



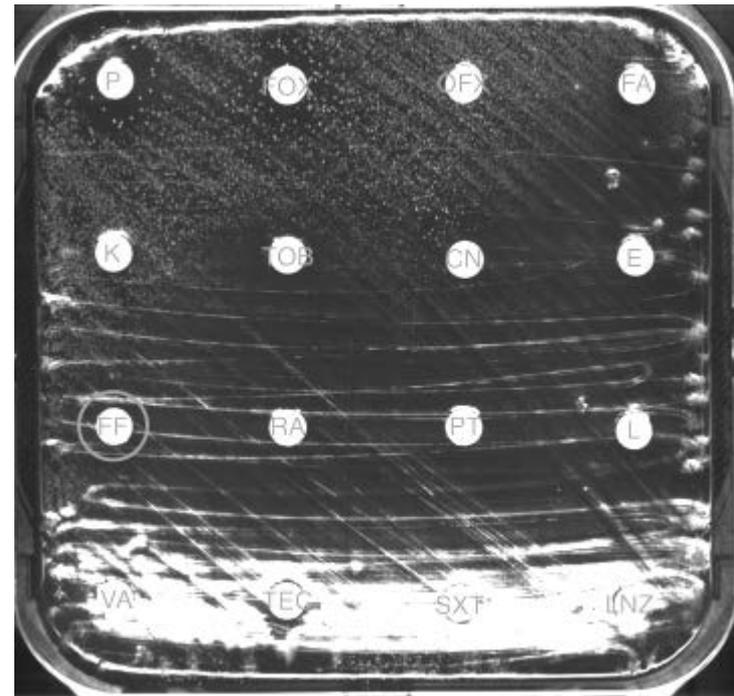
*S. aureus* SCV

# SCV et résistance

- Comparaison des antibiogrammes : SCV plus résistants (n=2)



*S. epidermidis*



*S. epidermidis* de phénotype SCV



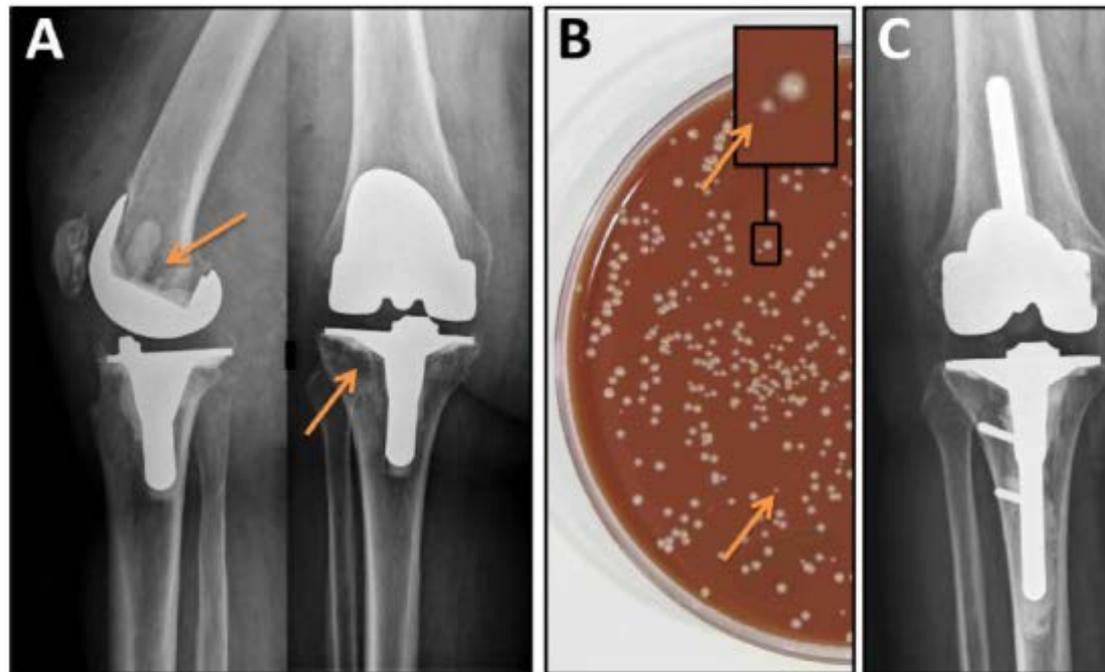
Choix thérapeutiques orientés et adaptés

# SCV et IOA en échec

- Échec de traitement et SCV :  
oui, mais là encore cas cliniques mais pas de grande série documentée

# Small colony variant-producing *S aureus* prosthesis joint infection highlighted by sonication and treated with prolonged high doses of daptomycin

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**Figure 1** Periprosthetic pathological lucencies (A, arrows), associated with MSSA SCV in cultures (small colonies) obtained with sonication from prosthesis explantation (B, arrows). After reimplantation and a total of 3 months of antimicrobial therapy, no relapse occurred at 1 year (C, x-ray).

## Antibiotic activity against small-colony variants of *Staphylococcus aureus*: review of *in vitro*, animal and clinical data

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### Conclusions

Although clearly challenging for both the microbiologist and the clinician, SCVs of *S. aureus* remain an ill-explored field, at least with respect to the more appropriate therapeutic options to prevent their emergence on the one hand and to eradicate them when present on the other. Although long-term therapy with gentamicin and antifolate agents is clearly associated with their selection, clinical reports suggest that other drugs may also be incriminated. *In vitro* susceptibility testing should also be performed in conditions that allow SCV susceptibility to be examined (48 h incubation). Clinical investigations specifically targeting SCV-related infections are probably difficult to perform because their diagnosis escapes routine procedures. The present

# SCV et résistance

Questions qui restent sans réponse car aucune étude seulement des séries de quelques cas:

- Faut-il traiter différemment les patients avec IOA à SCV + ?
- Faut-il préférer certains ATB ? (activité intracellulaire, intra biofilm, ...)
- Faut-il traiter plus longtemps? ... mais combien de temps

On aurait envie de répondre oui ...

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**Projet possible autour de cette thématique  
pour le CRIOA / PHRC inter-régional ?**

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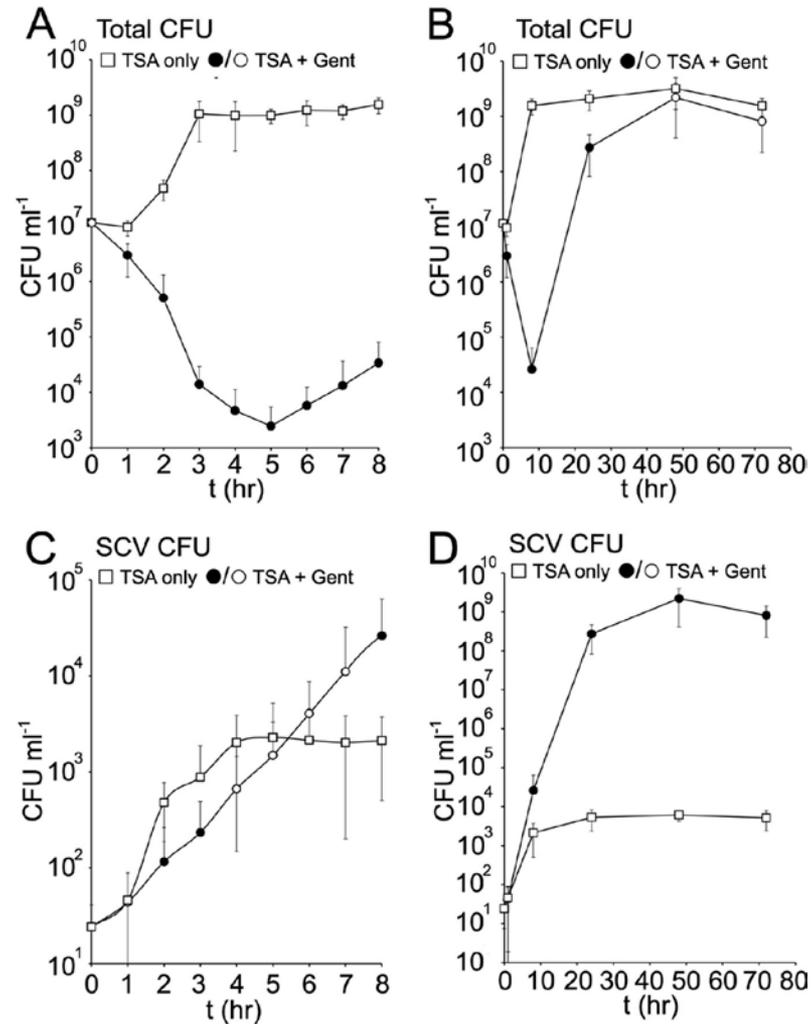
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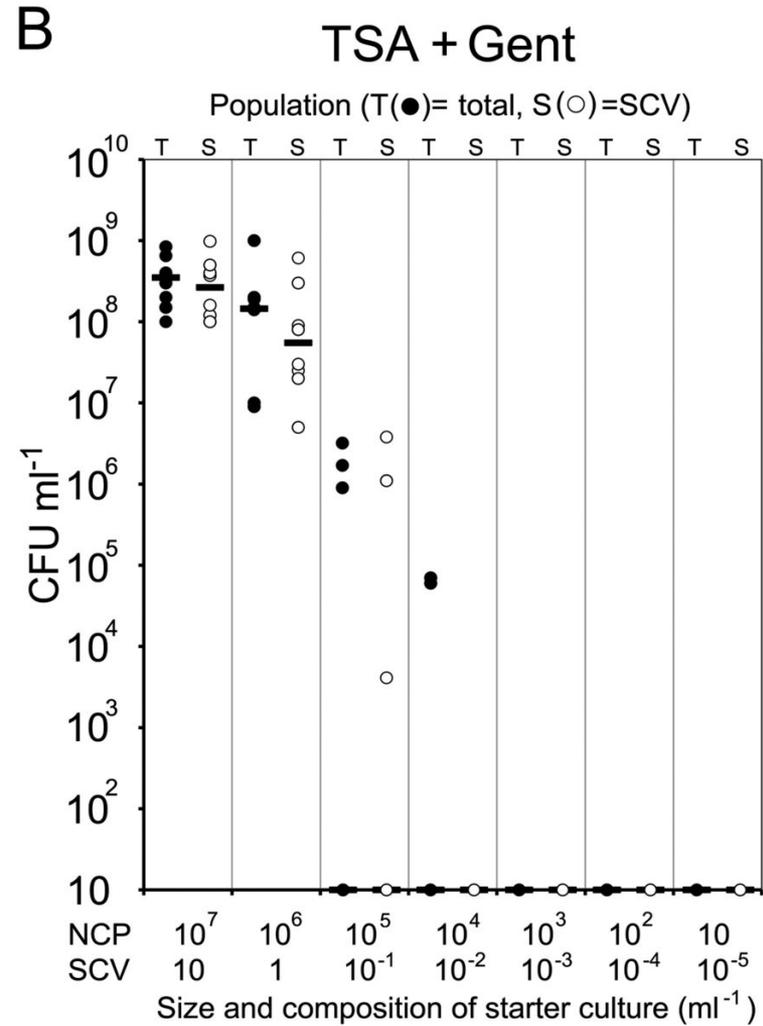
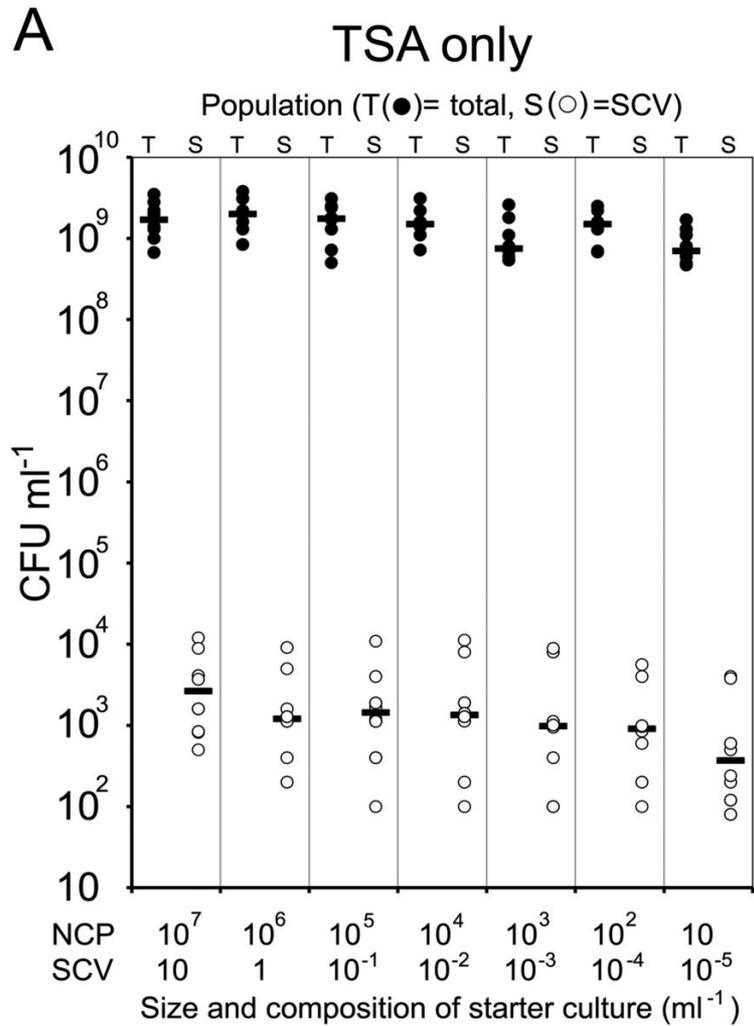
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# The SCV subpopulation expands more slowly in the presence of gentamicin.



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SCVs appear in cultures grown from purely NCP inocula.



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