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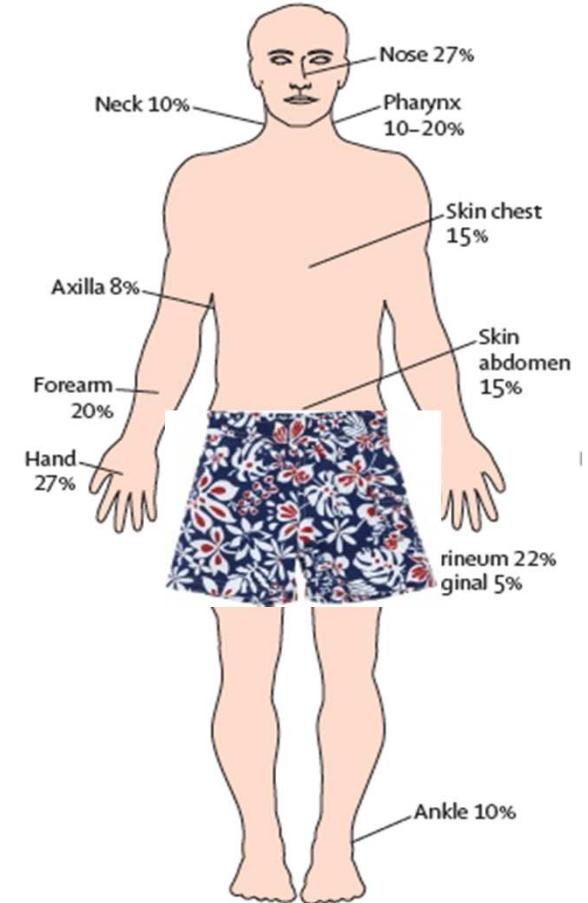
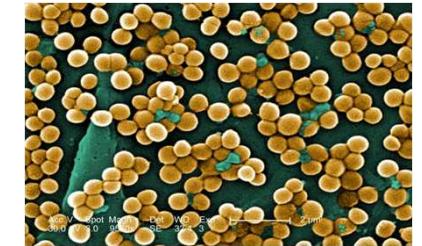
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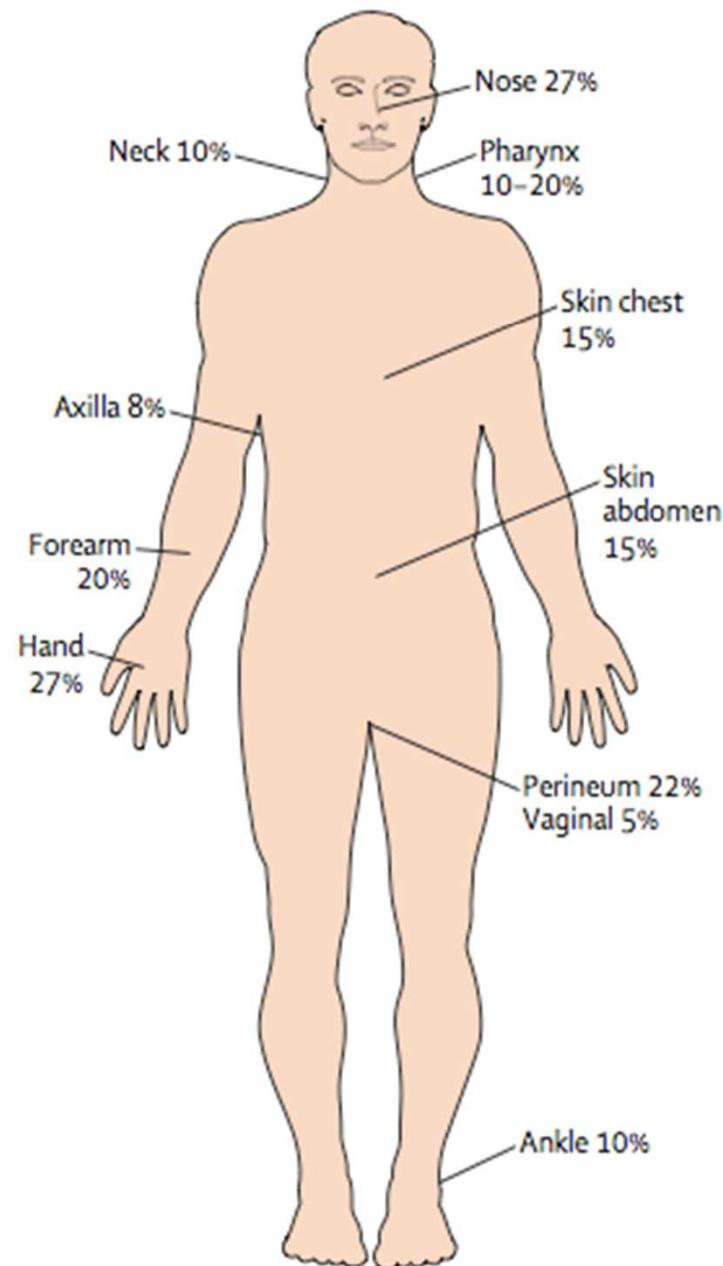
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Staphylococcus aureus, from commensalism to pathogenicity

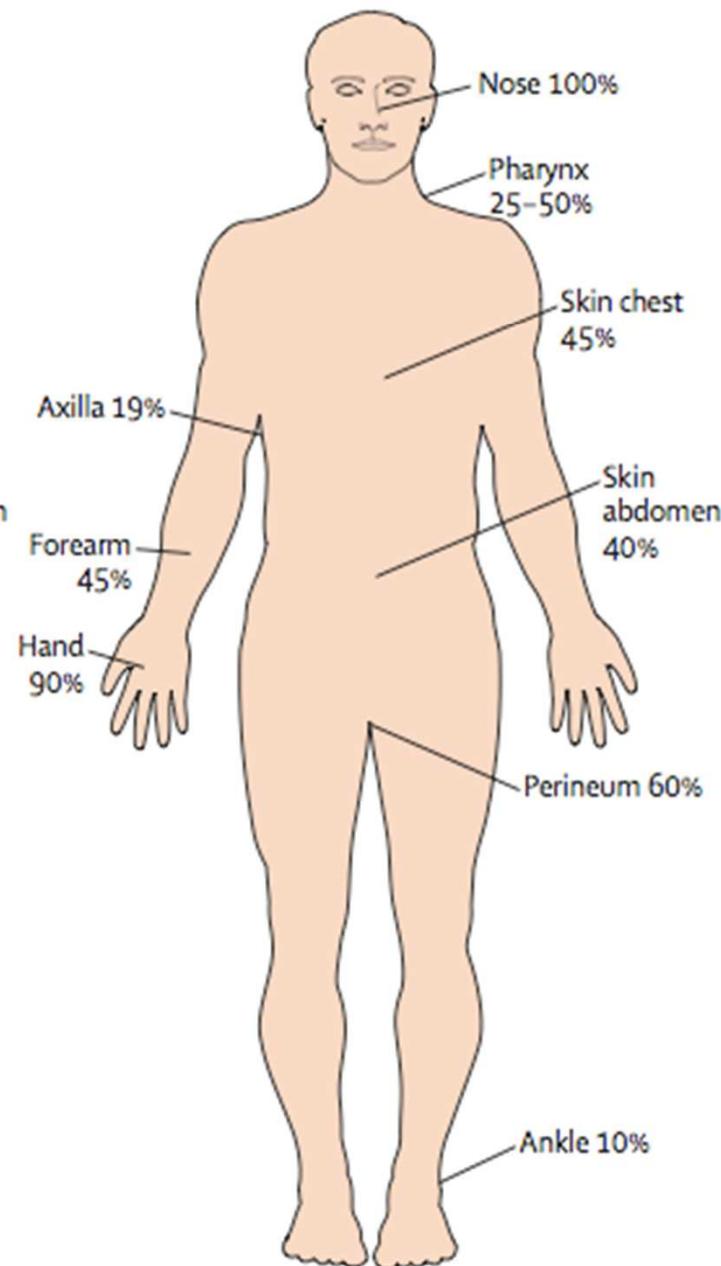
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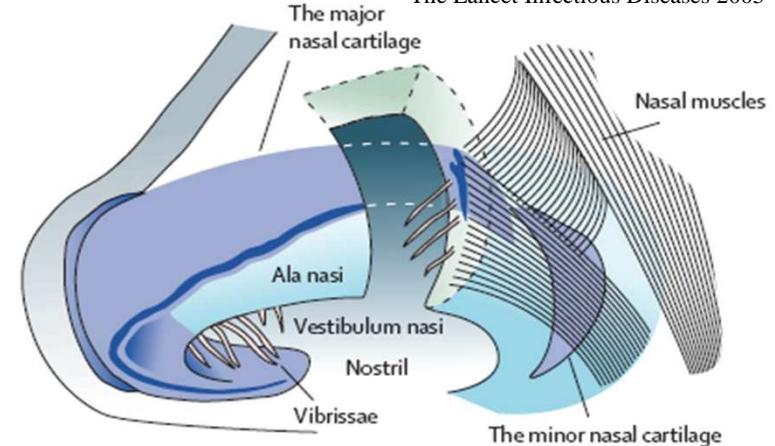
General population



S. aureus nasal carriers



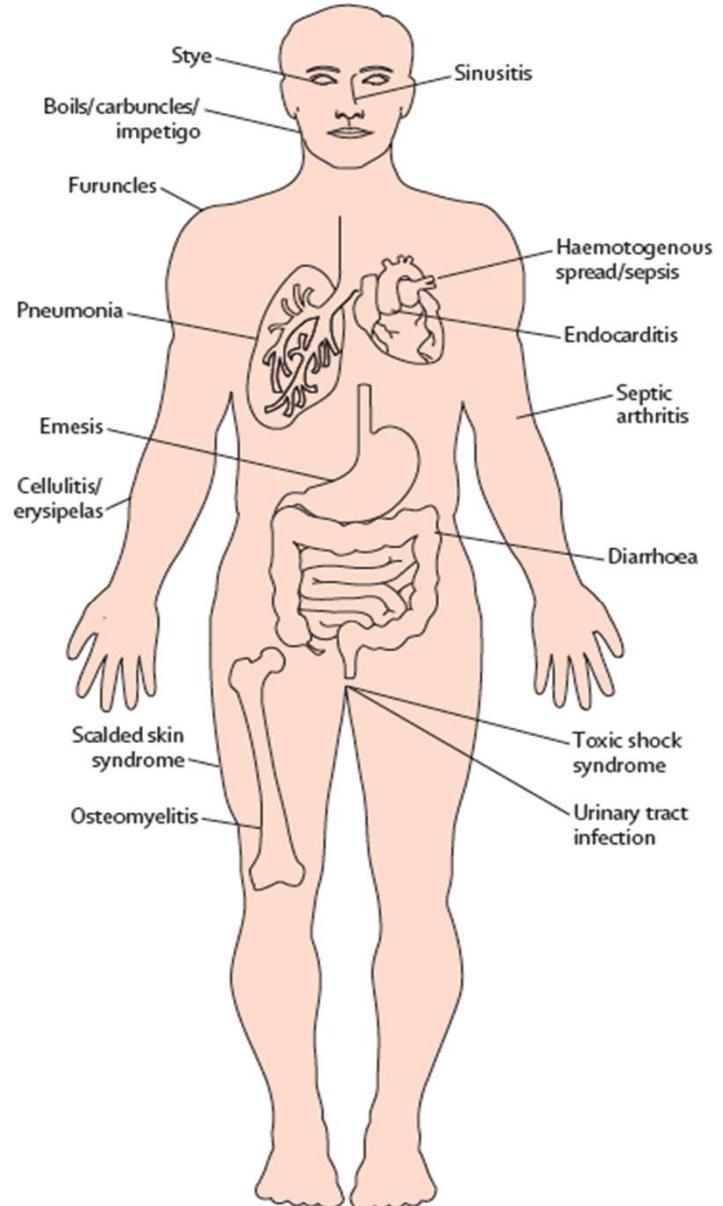
nasal carriage of *S. aureus* and the development of staphylococcal infection are linked



- rates of infection are higher in carriers than in non-carriers
- individuals are usually infected with their own carriage isolate
- temporary eradication of carriage following the use of topical mupirocin has been shown to reduce nosocomial infection

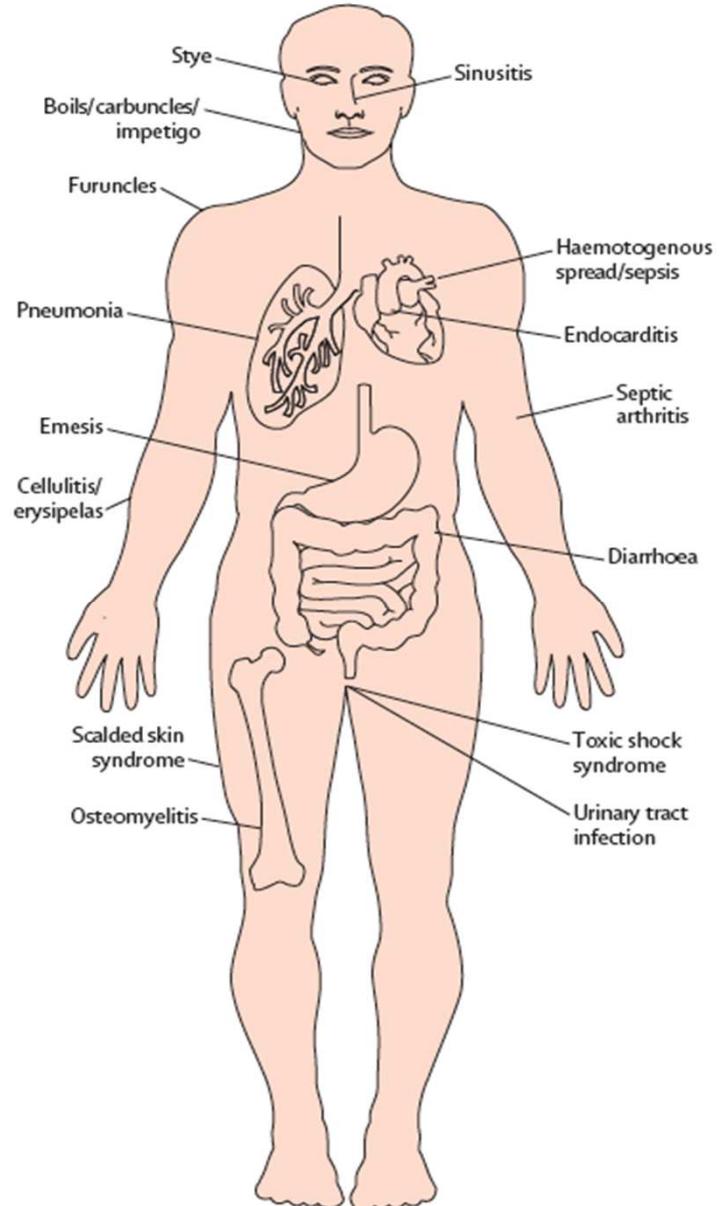
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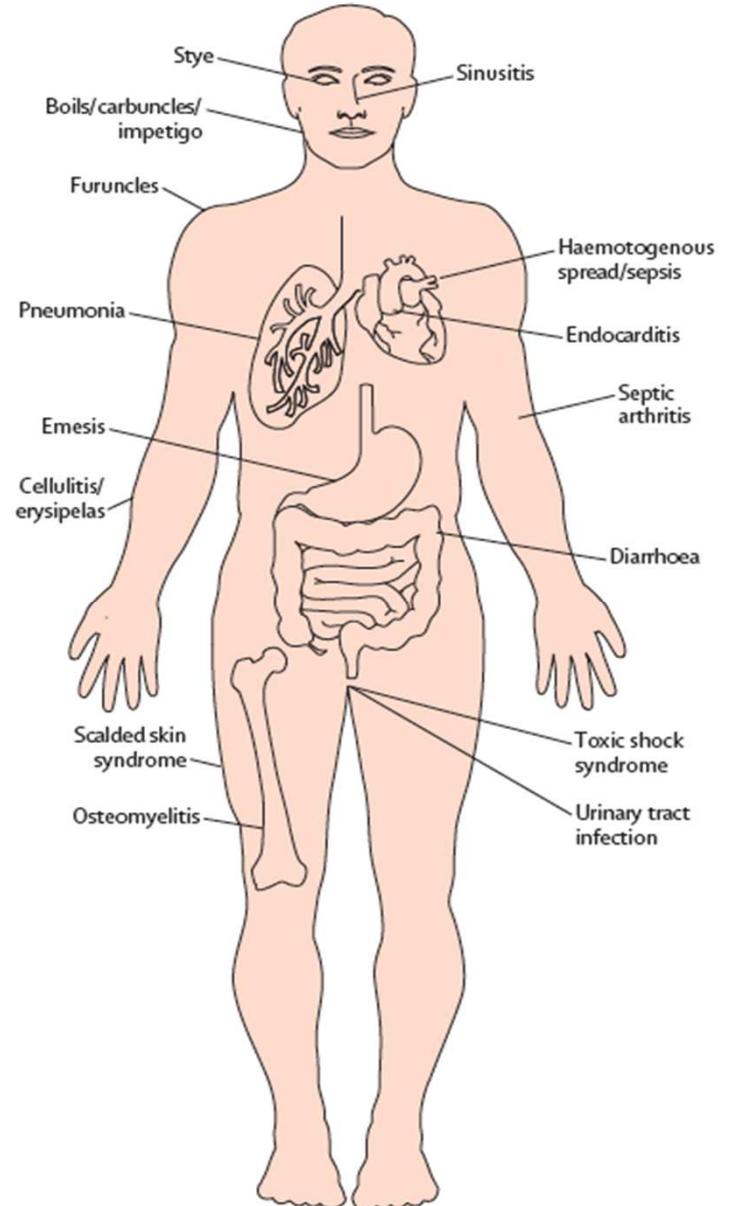
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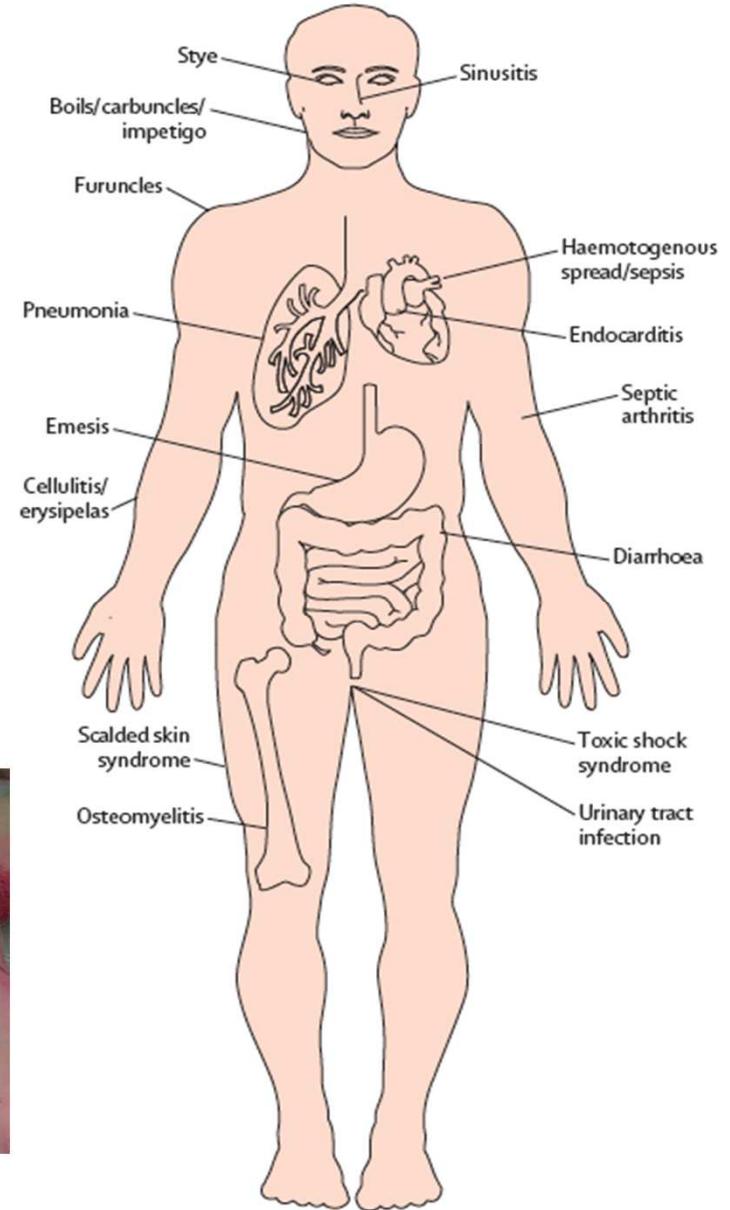
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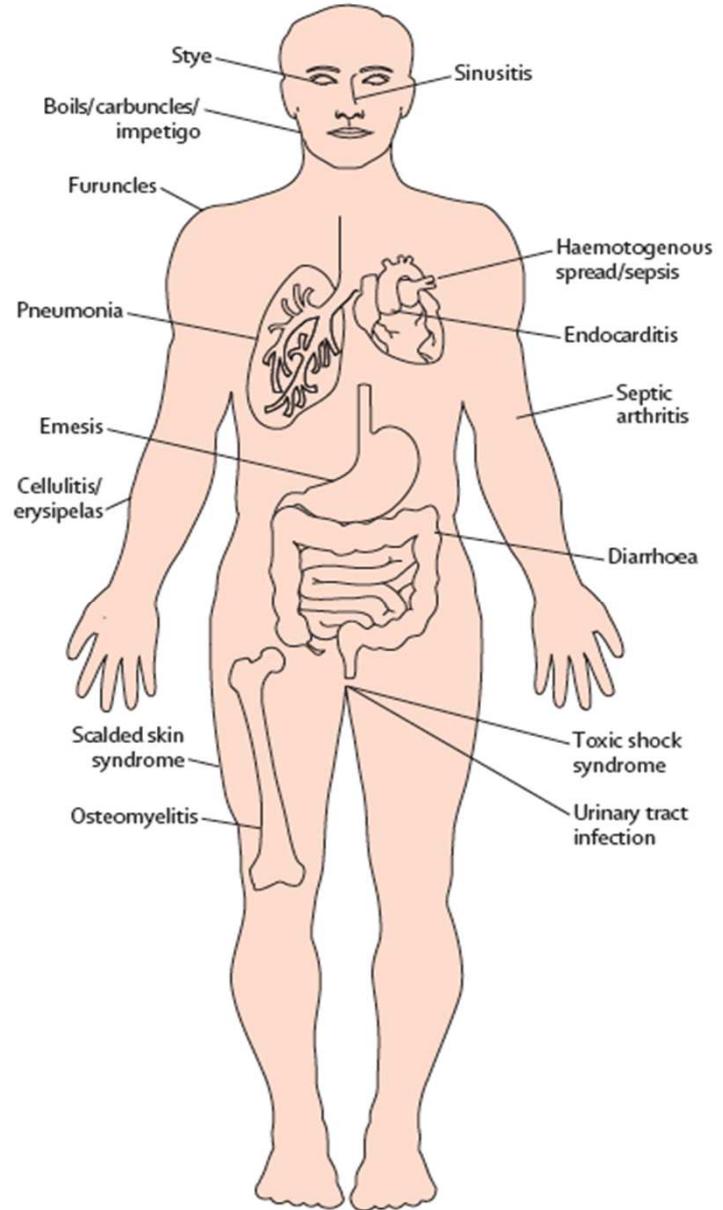
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 - Food poisoning : TIAC
- Community & Hospital acquired



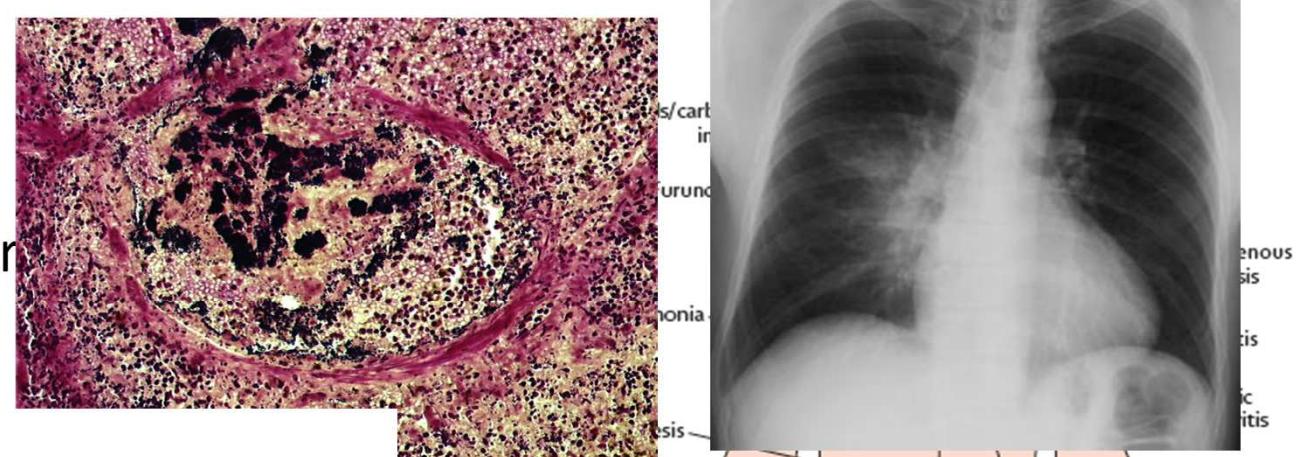
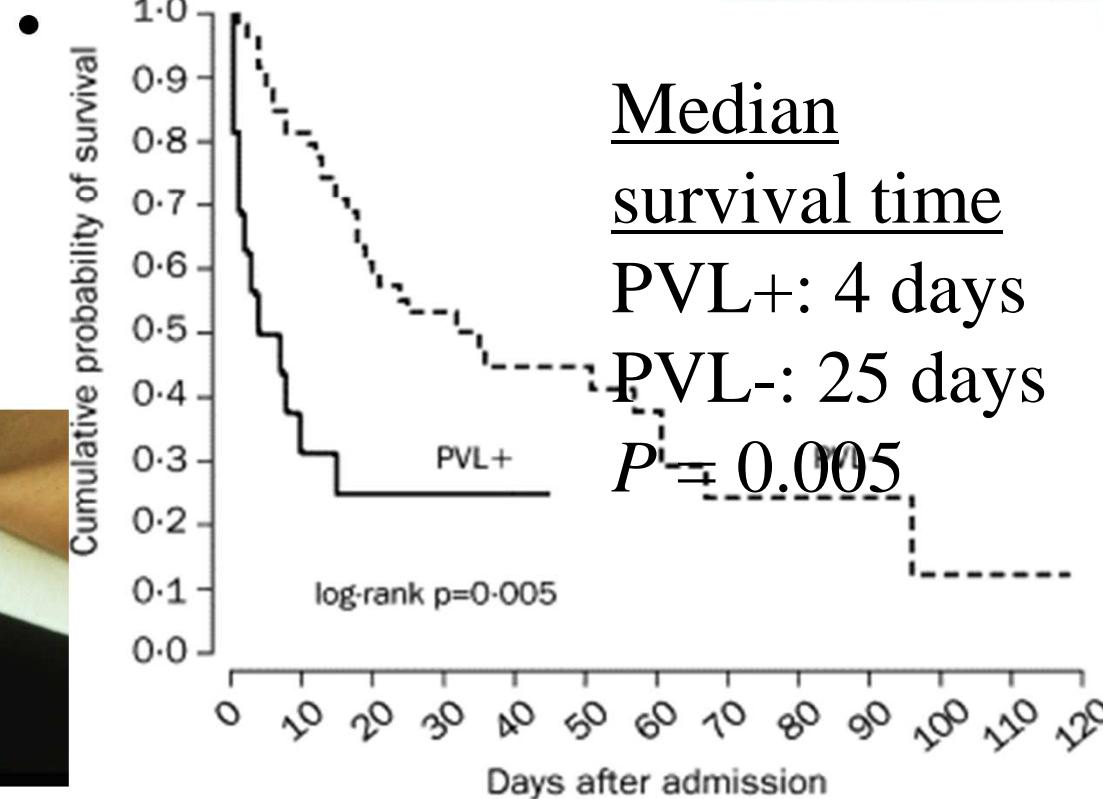
The burden of *S. aureus* infections

- Frequency
 - 25 to 40% of community-acquired infections
 - 25% of nosocomial infection
- The burden for nosocomial infections
 - Inpatients with *S.aureus* infection:
 - 3 times the length of hospital stay (14.3 vs 4.5 days; P<.001),
 - 3 times the total charges (48,824 US dollars vs 14,141 US dollars; P<.001),
 - 5 times the risk of in-hospital death (11.2% vs 2.3%; P<.001) than inpatients without this infection

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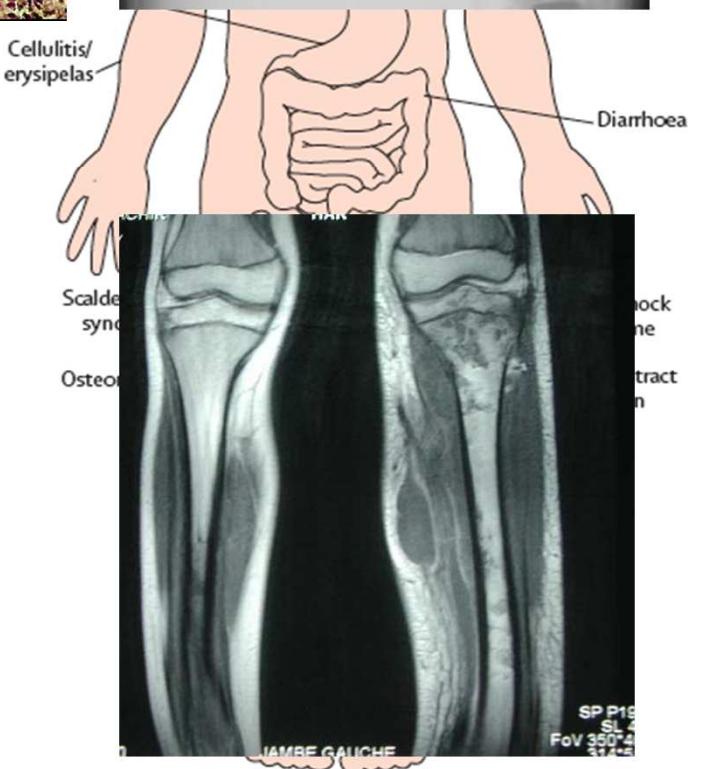


Median survival time

PVL+: 4 days

PVL-: 25 days

$P = 0.005$



S.aureus, a diversity of secreted and cell-wall associated virulence factors

- **Adhesion** : >20 adhesins including MSCRAMs: Microbial Surface components Recognizing Adhesive matrix molecules
- **Acquisition of nutrients:** e.g. hemolysins & siderophores
- **Immune escape and subversion:**
 - Opsonisation inhibition: e.g. Prot A
 - chemotaxis inhibition: e.g. CHIPS
 - Non-specific immune activation: superantigens
 - hemolysins, pore-forming toxins and membrane-damaging peptides

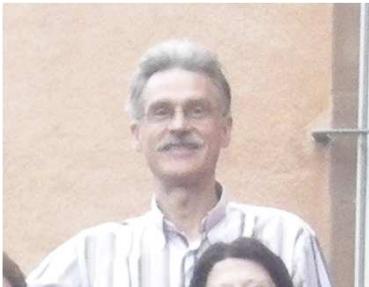
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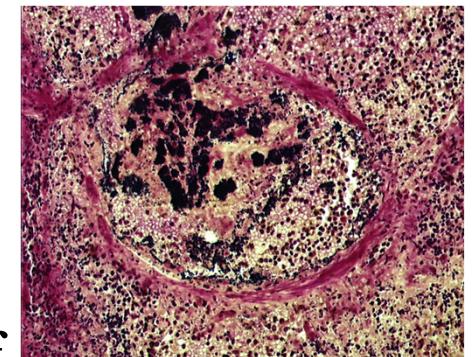
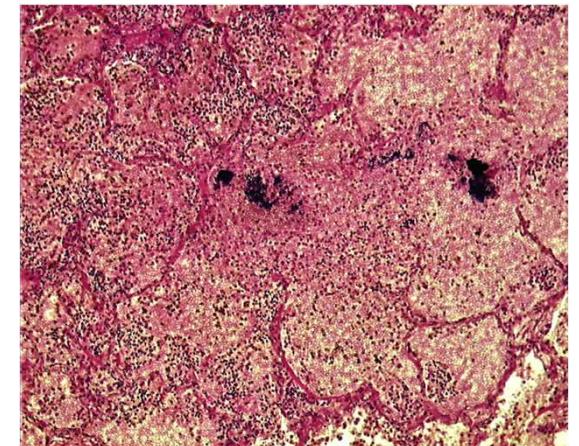
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Starting point : case report

- Yves Piémont, Strasbourg, 1998
- Jeune fille 14 ans sans ATCD
- J1: consultation état pseudo grippal
- J2: admission en réanimation SDRA, leucopénie, hémophytysie
- J3: décès.
 - *S.aureus*
 - Autopsie : nécrose extensive
 - Microbio: *S.aureus* Panton Valentine positif



CNR des staphylocoques

- Label DGS-InVS
- Expertise, surveillance, alert toward resistance or emerging staphylococcal diseases
- Ca 100 different french hospitals
- Ca 3000 strains expertised each year



G. Lina



- Retrospective analysis of *S.aureus* isolates from the CNR
- PCR targeting Panton Valentine leukocidin
- Results stratified according to known clinical informations

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Type of infection	No. of strains tested	No. (%) of PVL-positive strains	P value
Pneumonia			
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Community-acquired	27	23 (85)	<.001
Skin infection			
Superficial folliculitis	10	0 (0)	— ^b
Impetigo	4	0 (0)	NS
Finger pulp (felon)	15	2 (13)	NS
Cutaneous abscess	6	3 (50)	.03
Cellulitis	9	5 (55)	.01
Furunculosis	30	28 (93)	<.001
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Infective endocarditis	21	0 (0)	— ^c
Osteomyelitis	13	3 (23)	NS
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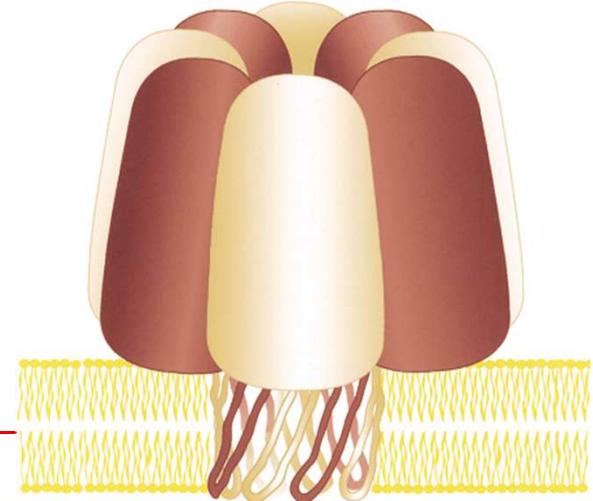
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- Analyse rétrospective des souches de *S.aureus* reçues au CNR
- PCR ciblant la leucocidine de Panton Valentine
- Catégorisation / renseignement clinique connus
-> PVL significativement associé au caractère communautaire des pneumonies à *S.aureus*

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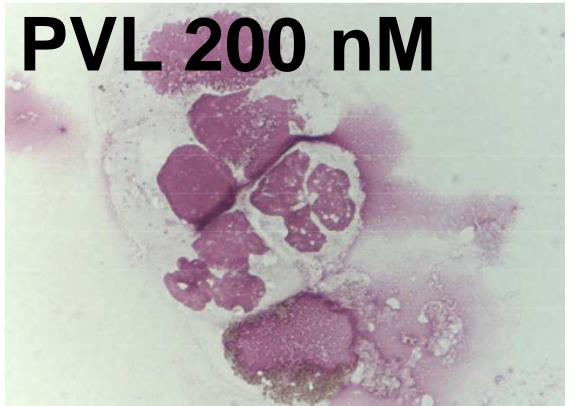
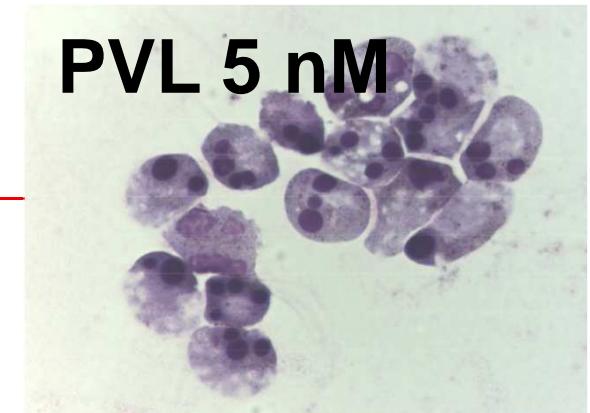
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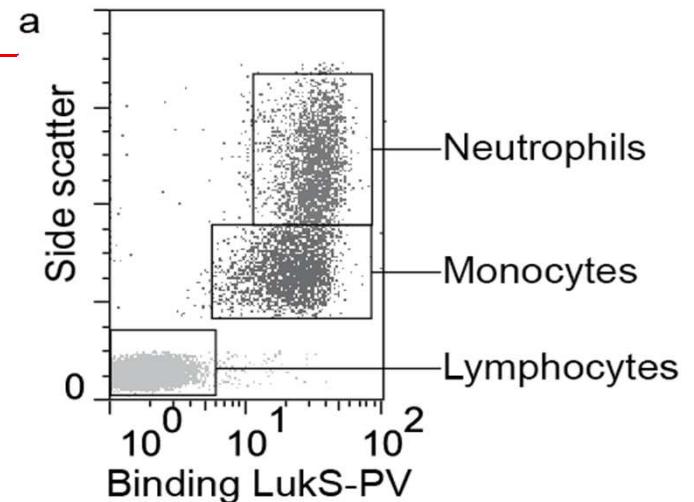
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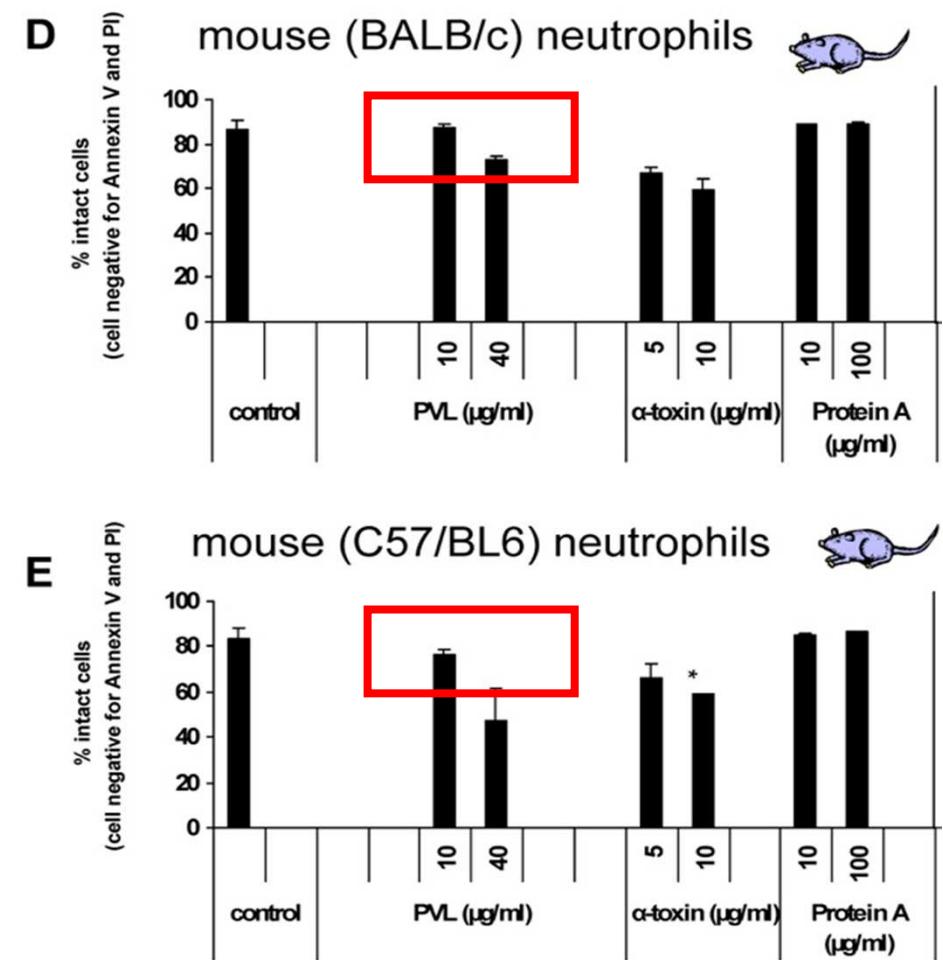
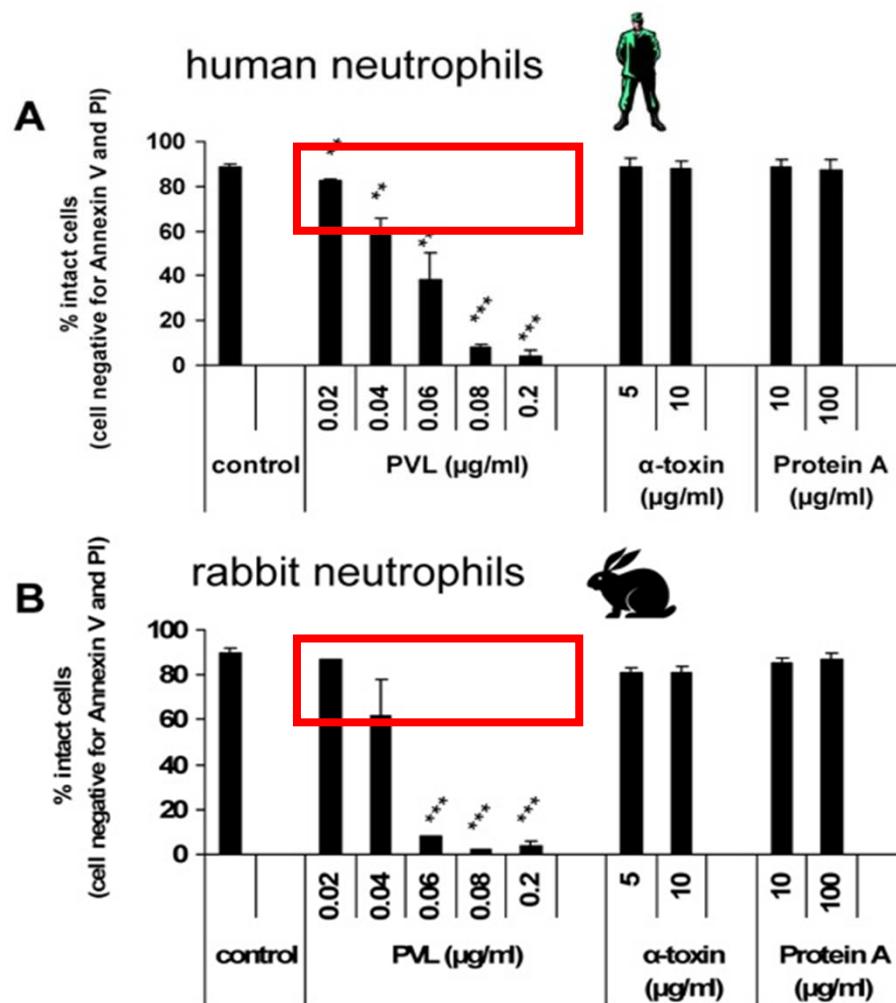
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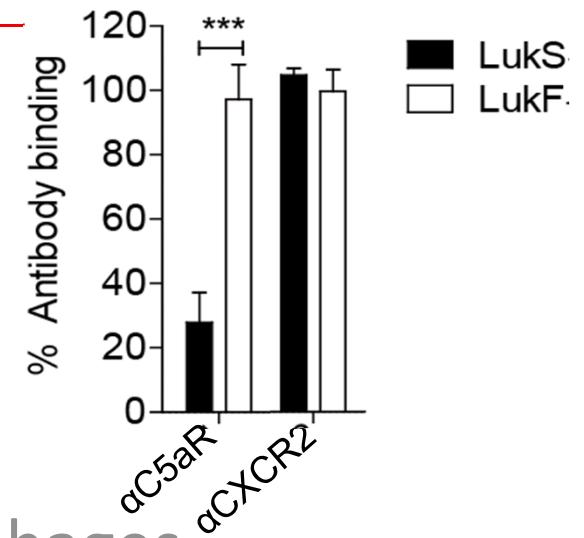
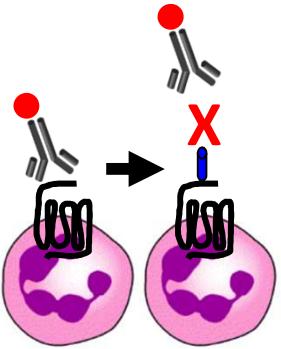
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PVL induces rapid activation and cell death in human and rabbit neutrophils, but not in murine or simian cells



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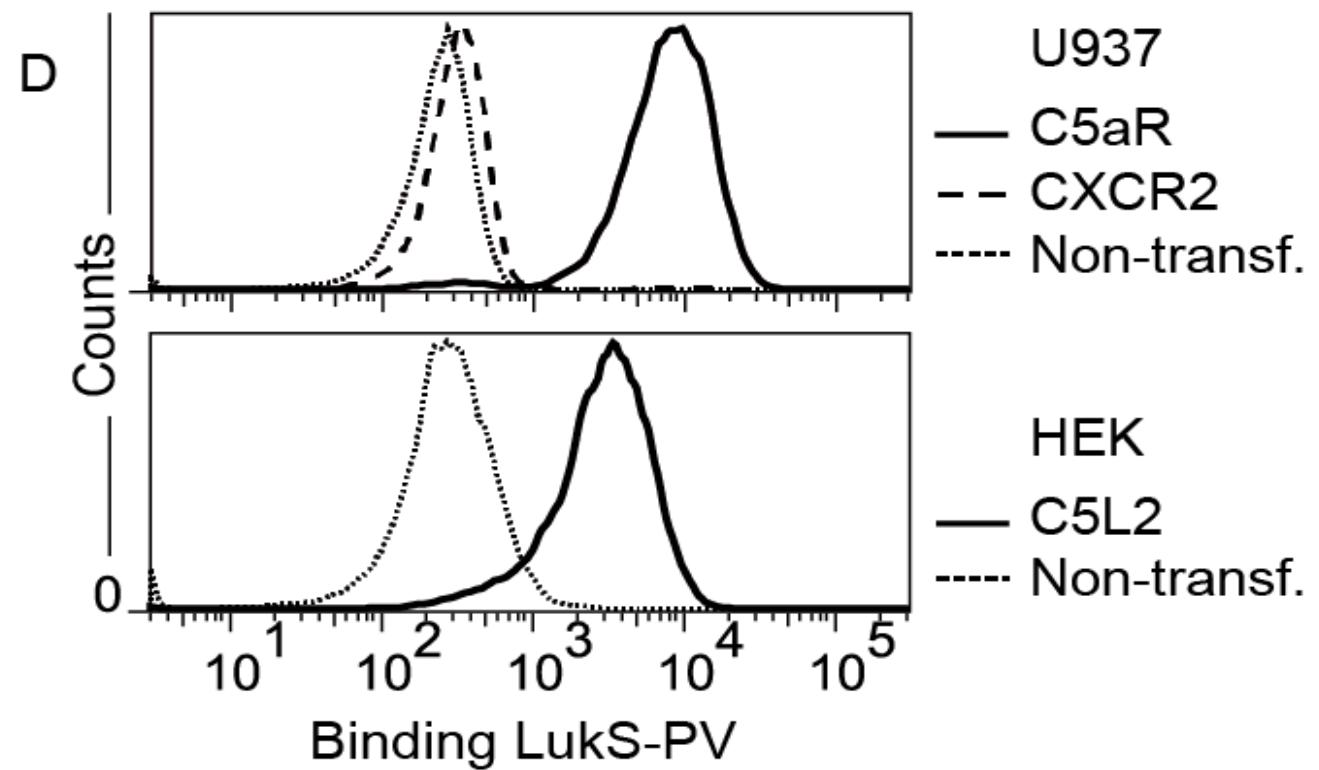
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The Staphylococcal Toxin Panton-Valentine Leukocidin Targets Human C5a Receptors

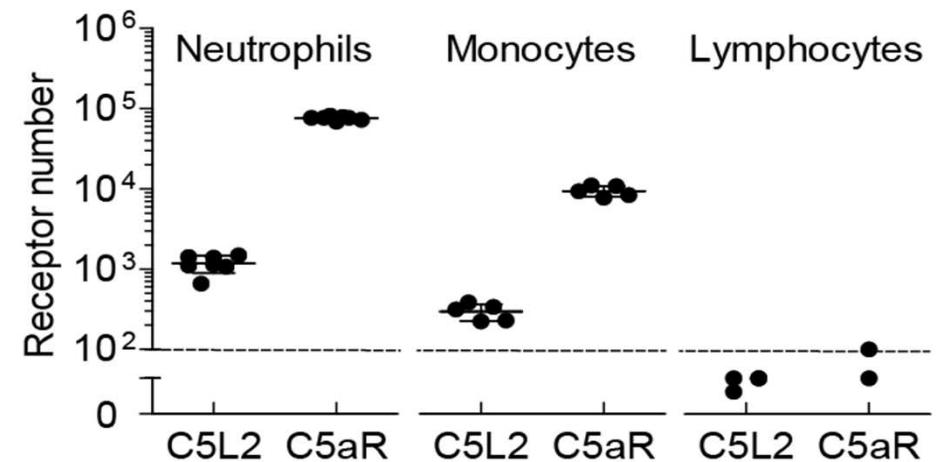
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LukS-PV binds to
C5aR and C5L2
transfected cells



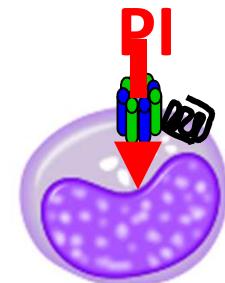
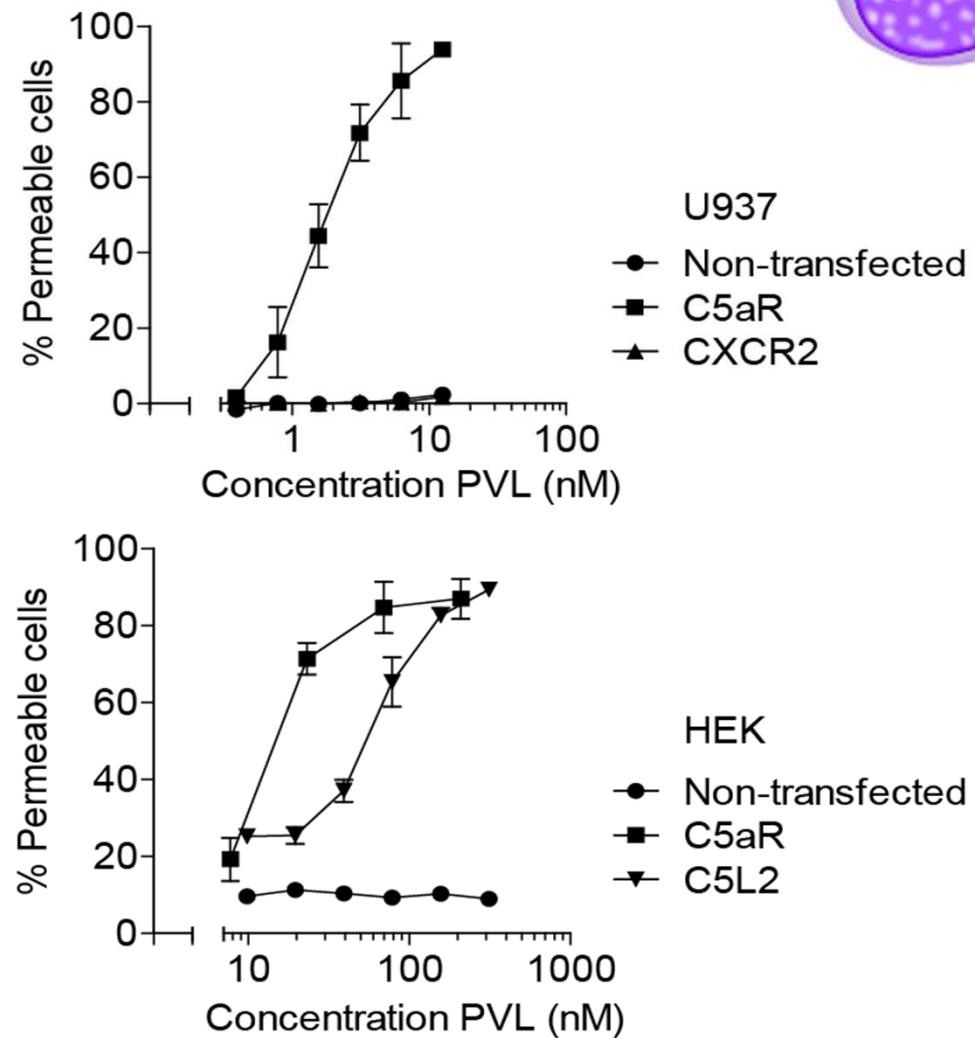
C5aRs Determine PVL Cell Specificity

C5aR is most abundantly expressed on neutrophils and monocytes but not on lymphocytes



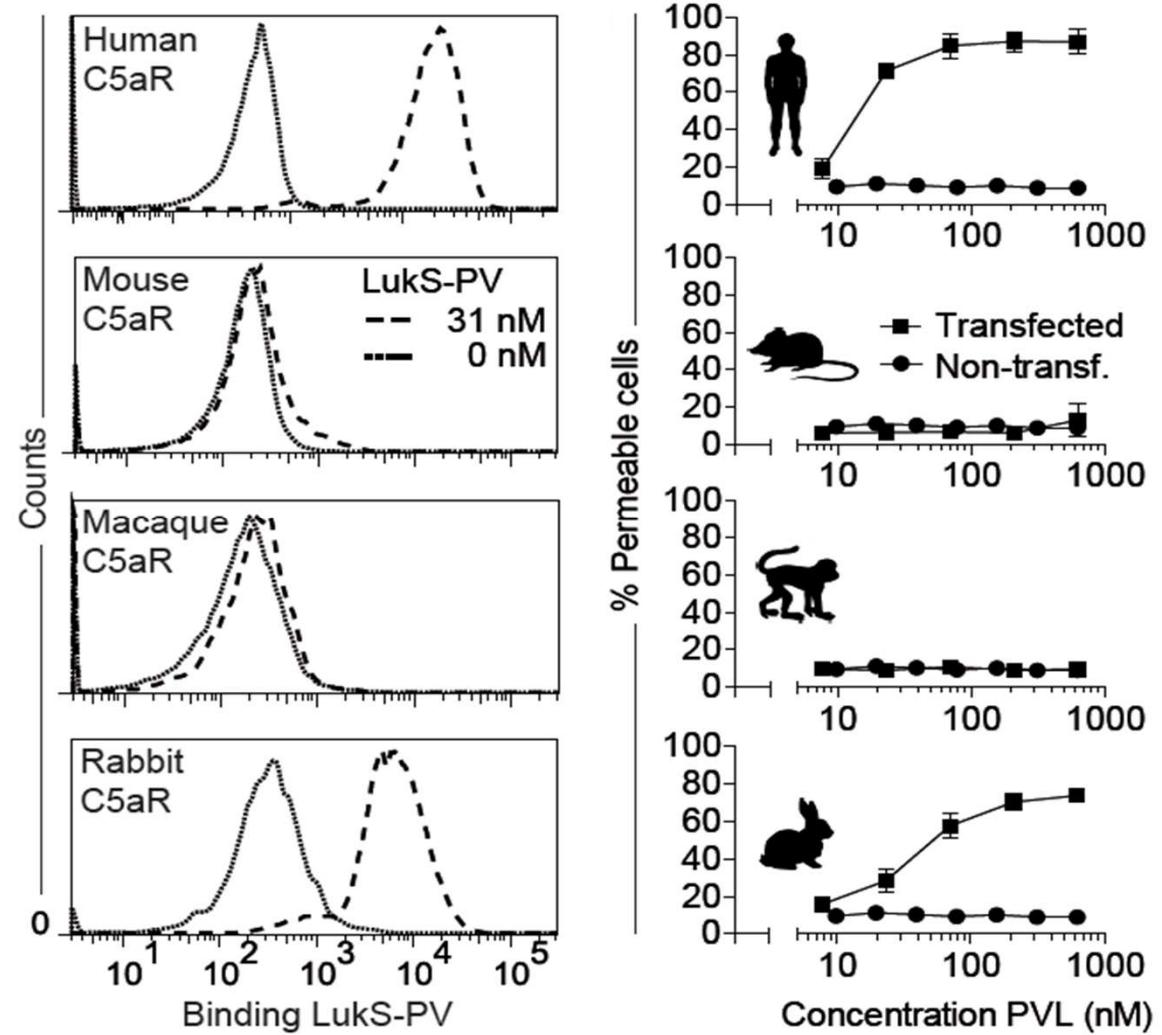
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PVL induced pore formation (PI incorporation) is mediated by C5aR and C5L2

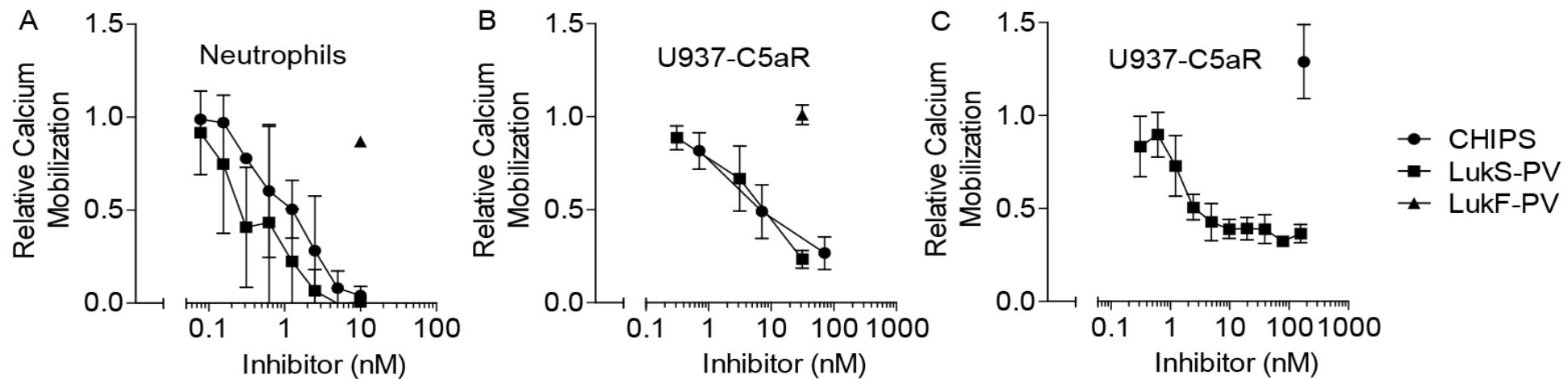


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HEK Cells
transfected with
C5aR from
various species



LukS-PV is a potent inhibitor of the human C5aR



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(2.5 μM)

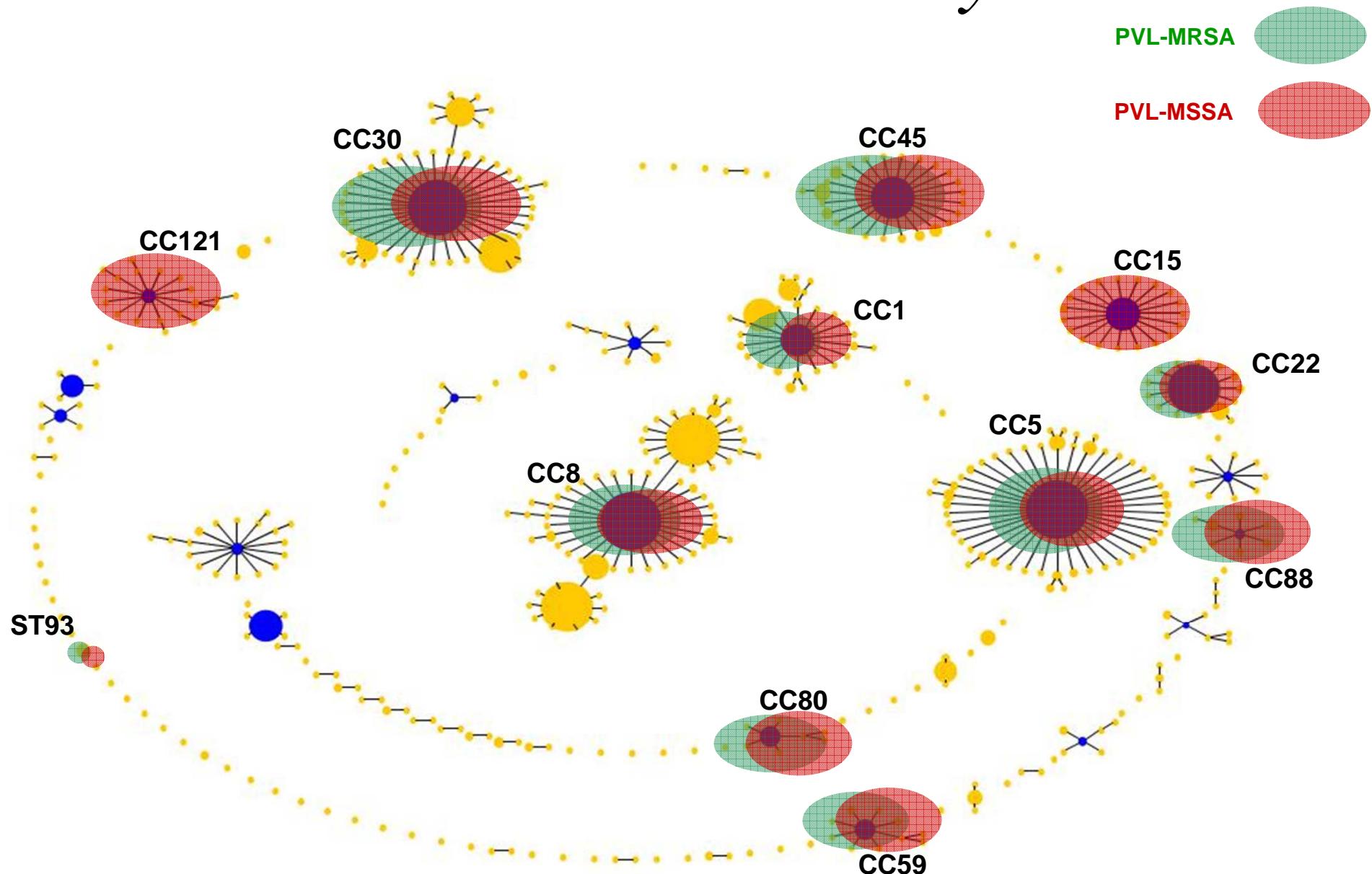
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PVL-SA: Genetic diversity



Courtesy Angela Kearns, Health Protection Agency, London, UK



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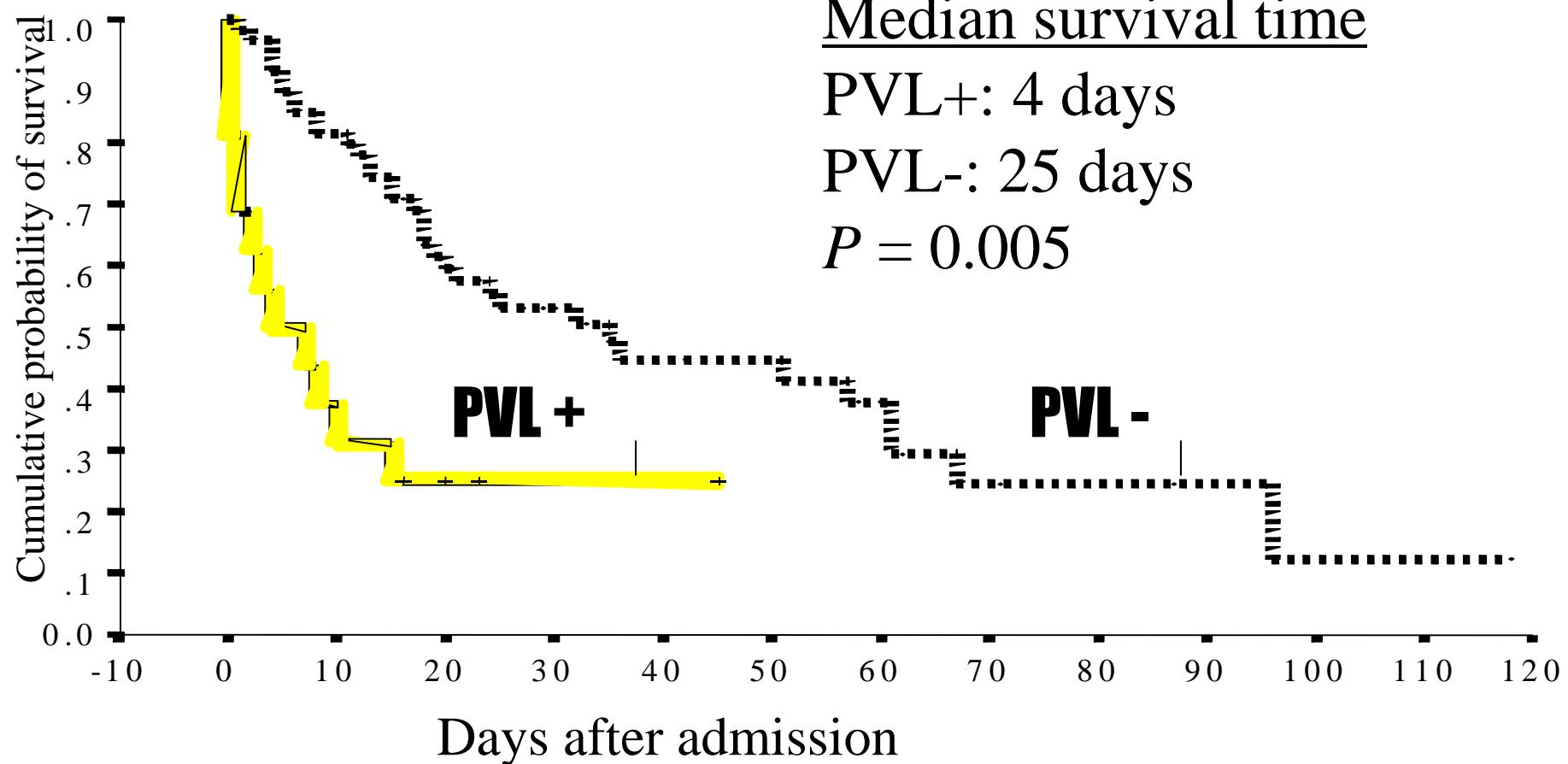
- Does PVL production correlate with community acquired pneumonia ?
- Does PVL production correlate with severity ?
- -> Prospective observational study
 - 1 year, 76 hospitals
 - 16 PVL+ cases, 36 PVL- controls



Clinical and biological features

	PVL + N = 16	PVL- N = 36	<i>P</i>
Median age	14.8 (5.4–24.0)	70.1 (59.2–81.4)	0.001
Risk factor (underlying disorder)	0	20	< 0.001
Influenza-like illness (2 days before adm)	12	3	< 0.0001
Haemoptysis	6	1	0.005
Median trough leucocyte count ($\times 10^9/L$)	1.85 (0.6–6.4)	7.4 (4.9–9.9)	0.001

Survival of patients (16 cases, 36 controls)
Deaths : PVL+ 75%, PVL- 47%



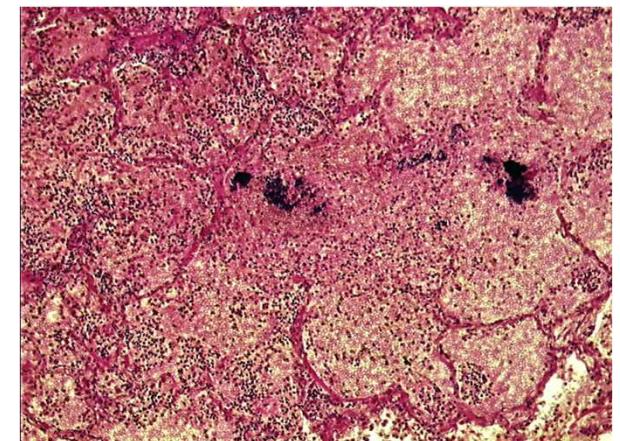
Mechanisms of disease

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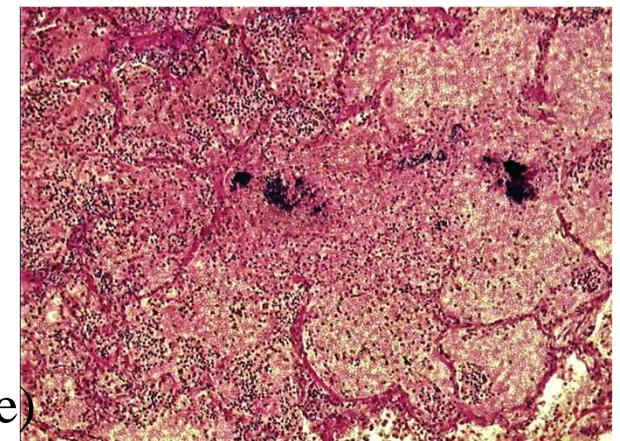


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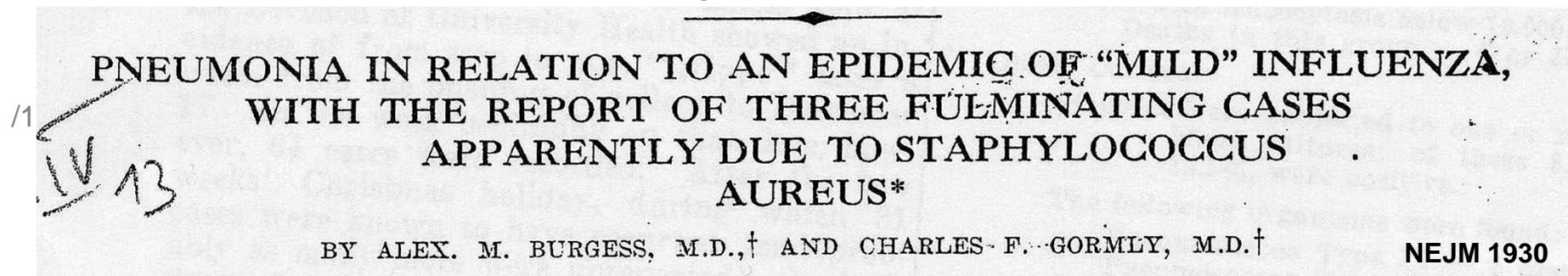
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Is it a new syndrome ?

Probable cases as early as 1930



First report CA-MRSA PVL+ infections

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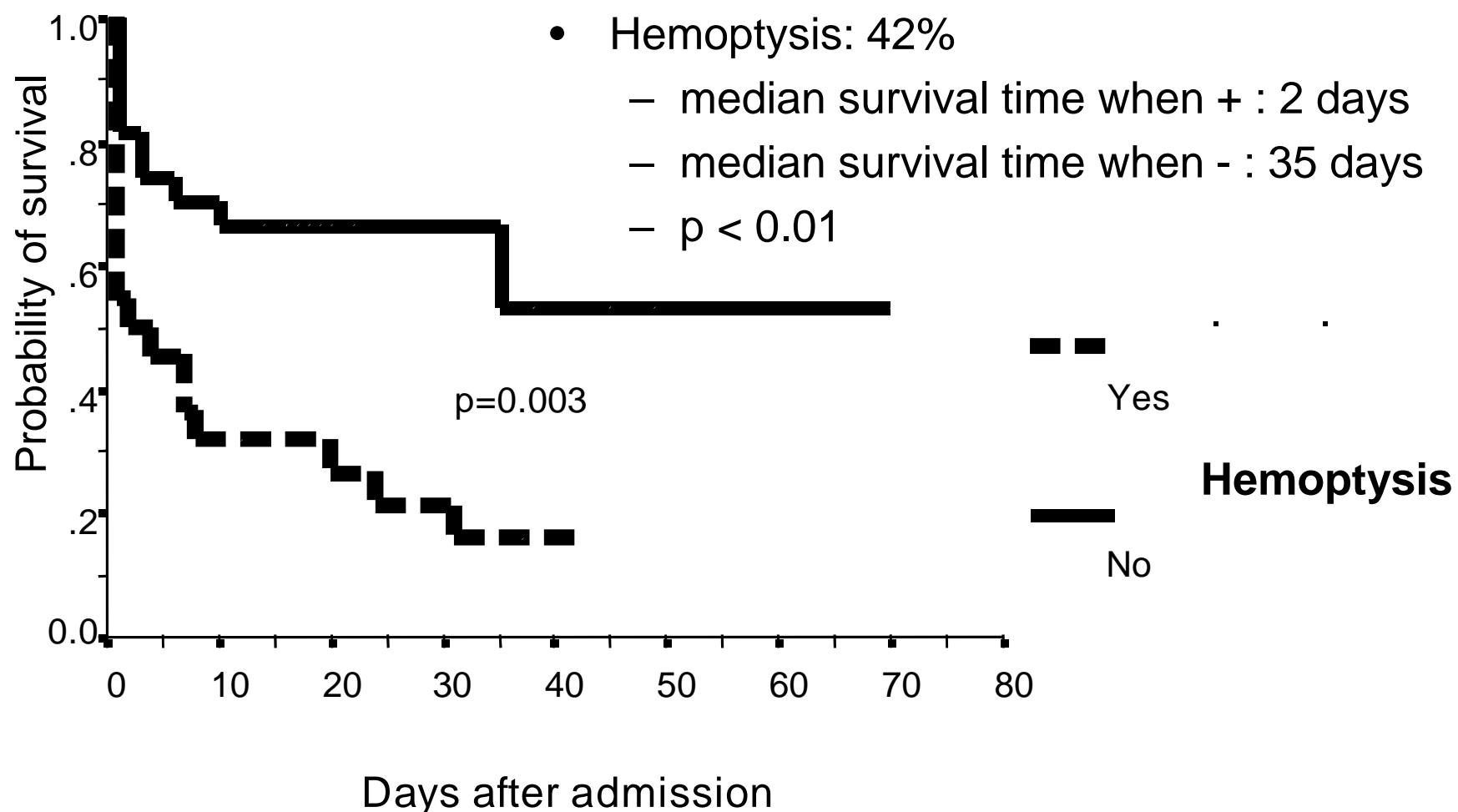
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Minnesota and North Dakota, 1997–1999

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- 50 PVL+ cases recruited via the NRC network
- Analysis of clinical and biological characteristics according to vital outcome

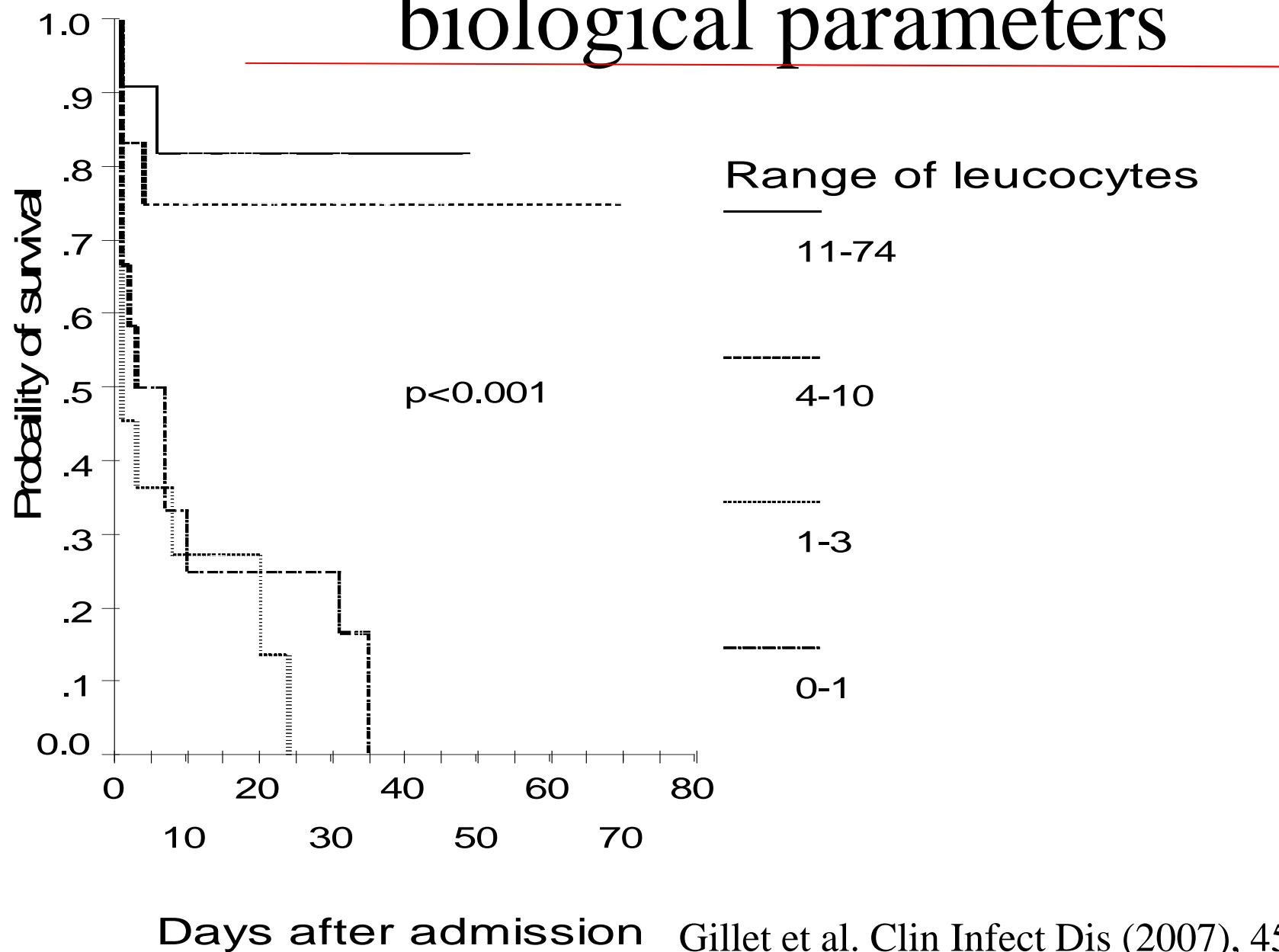
Factor associated with lethality: clinical parameters



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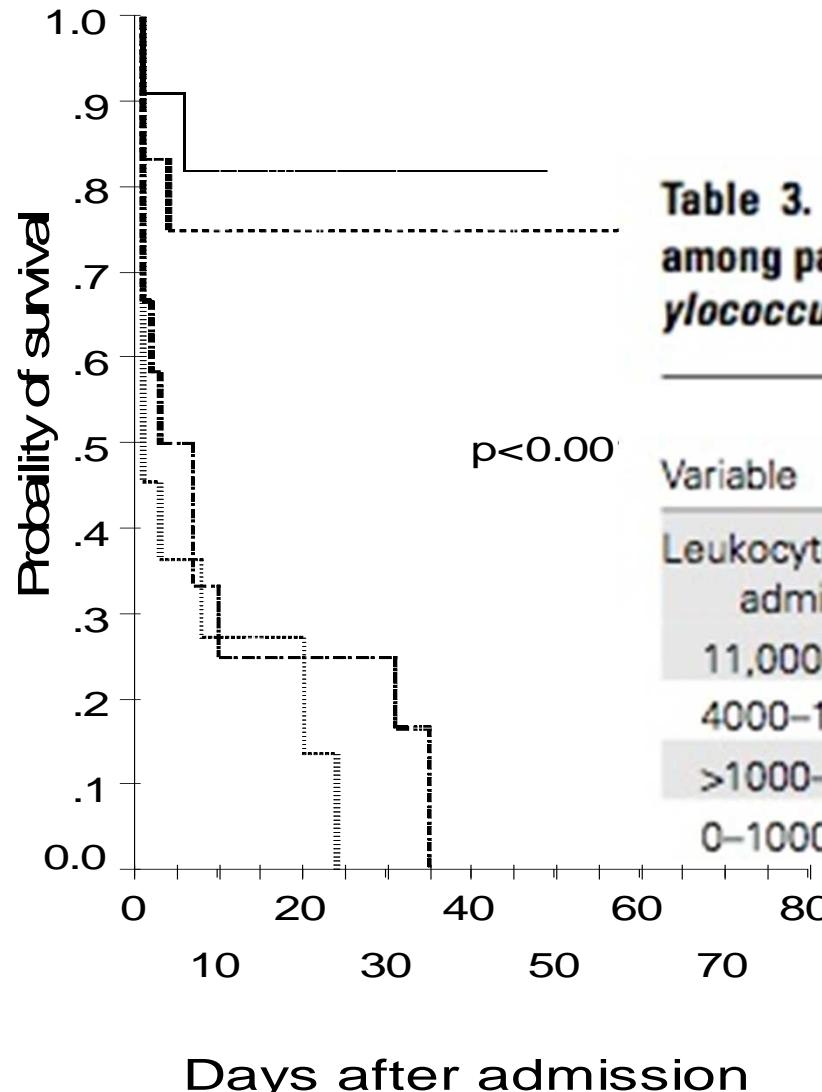


Table 3. Multivariate analysis of factors associated with death among patients with Panton-Valentine leukocidin-positive *Staphylococcus aureus* pneumonia.

Variable	Adjusted Relative Hazard (95% CI)
Leukocyte count at hospital admission, leukocytes/mL	
11,000–74,000	1.0
4000–10,000	1.29 (0.21–7.80)
>1000–3000	7.99 (1.66–38.43)
0–1000	7.38 (1.60–34.02)

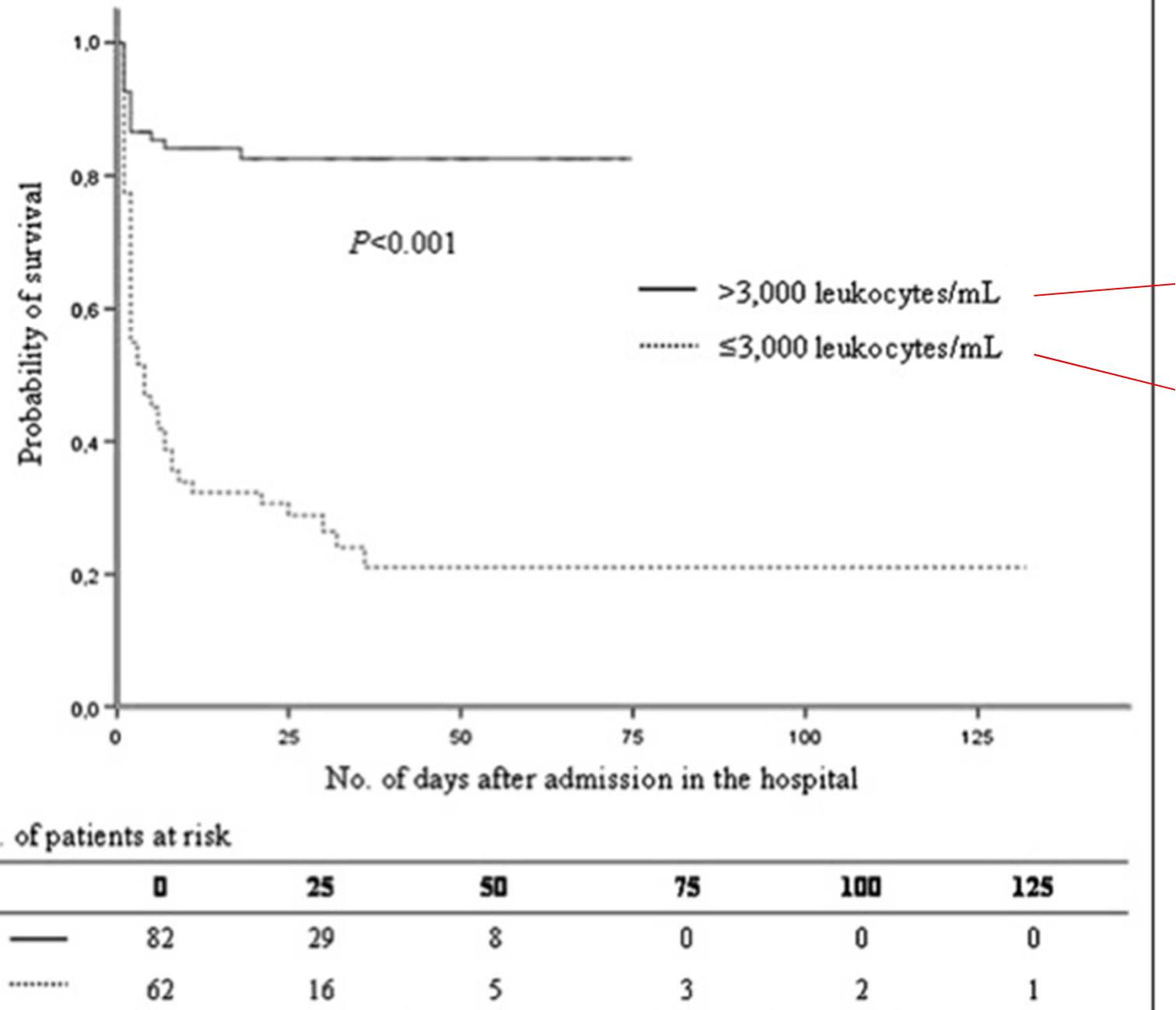
RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Severe leukopenia in *Staphylococcus aureus*-necrotizing, community-acquired pneumonia: risk factors and impact on survival

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- 148 cases of CA PVL+ pneumonia
- study population divided into 2 groups:
 - leukocyte count $\leq 3,000$ leukocytes/mL, n=62
 - $> 3,000$ leukocytes/mL, n=86



Khanafer et al. BMC Infectious Diseases (2013)

Table 2 Factors associated with severe leukopenia among patients with Panton-Valentine leukocidin-positive *Staphylococcus aureus*-associated necrotizing pneumonia

Variables ^a	Adjusted odds ratios (95% CI)	P value
Previous influenza-like illness	4.45 (1.67-11.88)	0.003
Age >30 years	2.69 (1.08-6.68)	0.033
Airway hemorrhage	4.53 (1.85-11.13)	0.001
Personal history of furuncles	0.11 (0.01-0.96)	0.046

^aVariables were adjusted to gender, mechanical ventilation, platelet count, pleural effusion, and time elapsed between onset of symptoms and hospitalization.

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Variables	Adjusted hazard ratio (95% CI)	P value
Age (per 1-year increase)	1.02 (1.01-1.03)	0.015
Airway hemorrhage	2.05 (1.18-3.59)	0.011
Severe leukopenia ($\leq 3,000$ leukocytes/mL)	4.50 (2.38-8.51)	<0.001

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PVL in question



Controversy: factor of severity ?

The role of the Panton-Valentine leucocidin toxin in staphylococcal disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis



Laura J Shallcross, Ellen Fragaszy, Anne M Johnson, Andrew C Hayward

Summary

www.thelancet.com/infection Published online October 26, 2012

- 76 studies from 31 countries.
- PVL strongly associated with SSTI, but are rare in pneumonia
- PVL-positive SSTI are more likely to be treated surgically
- Children with PVL-positive musculoskeletal disease might have increased morbidity.
- For other forms of disease [pneumonia,...] we identified no evidence that PVL affects outcome

Controversy: factor of severity ?

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Panton-Valentine leucocidin and pneumonia

Laura Shallcross and colleagues¹ concluded on the basis of their meta-analyses that individuals

by which PVL induces the rapidly fatal course of haemorrhagic necrotising pneumonia. In this regard, Shallcross and colleagues' review¹ failed to identify another study³ that elucidated mechanisms by which PVL rapidly induces severe hypoxaemia, leucopenia, lung necrosis, pulmonary

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While PVL-positive strain might have a lesser **propensity to cause** pneumonia compared with SSTI, these meta-analyses cannot be used to make any inference regarding whether or not PVL contributes to the **pathogenesis and outcomes** of pneumonia

Complexity

- Community-acquired MRSA
 - Harbor *pvl* genes
 - Can be highly epidemic (USA300)
 - Outcompete HA-MRSA in the US
- PVL and MRSA often mixed up in many articles
- Virulence and capacity to disseminate may not be linked

Methicillin resistance is not a predictor of severity in community-acquired *Staphylococcus aureus* necrotizing pneumonia—results of a prospective observational study

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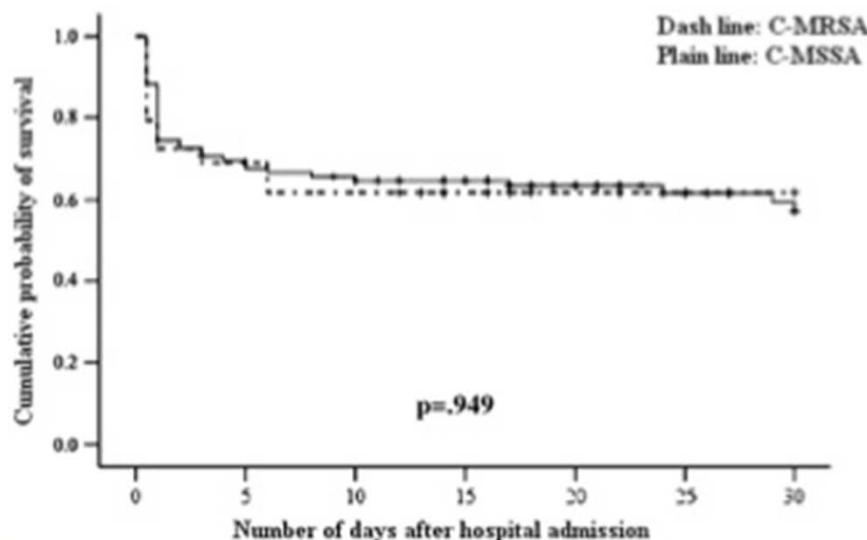


FIG. 1. Kaplan-Meier survival curves after 30 days for patients with community-acquired, Panton-Valentine-positive, *Staphylococcus aureus* necrotizing pneumonia according to methicillin susceptibility.

- 29 cases of PVL-MRSA pneumonia
- 104 cases of PVL-MSSA pneumonia

TABLE 2. Cox regression analysis of factors associated with 30 days mortality in community-acquired, Panton-Valentine leukocidin-positive *Staphylococcus aureus* necrotizing pneumonia^a

Variable	p-value	Multivariate adjusted hazard ratio (95% CI)
Airway haemorrhage	0.004	2.96 (1.41–6.25)
Leucocyte count ($10^9/L$) ^b	0.001	0.32 (0.17–0.61)
Antitoxic treatment	0.002	0.11 (0.03–0.49)

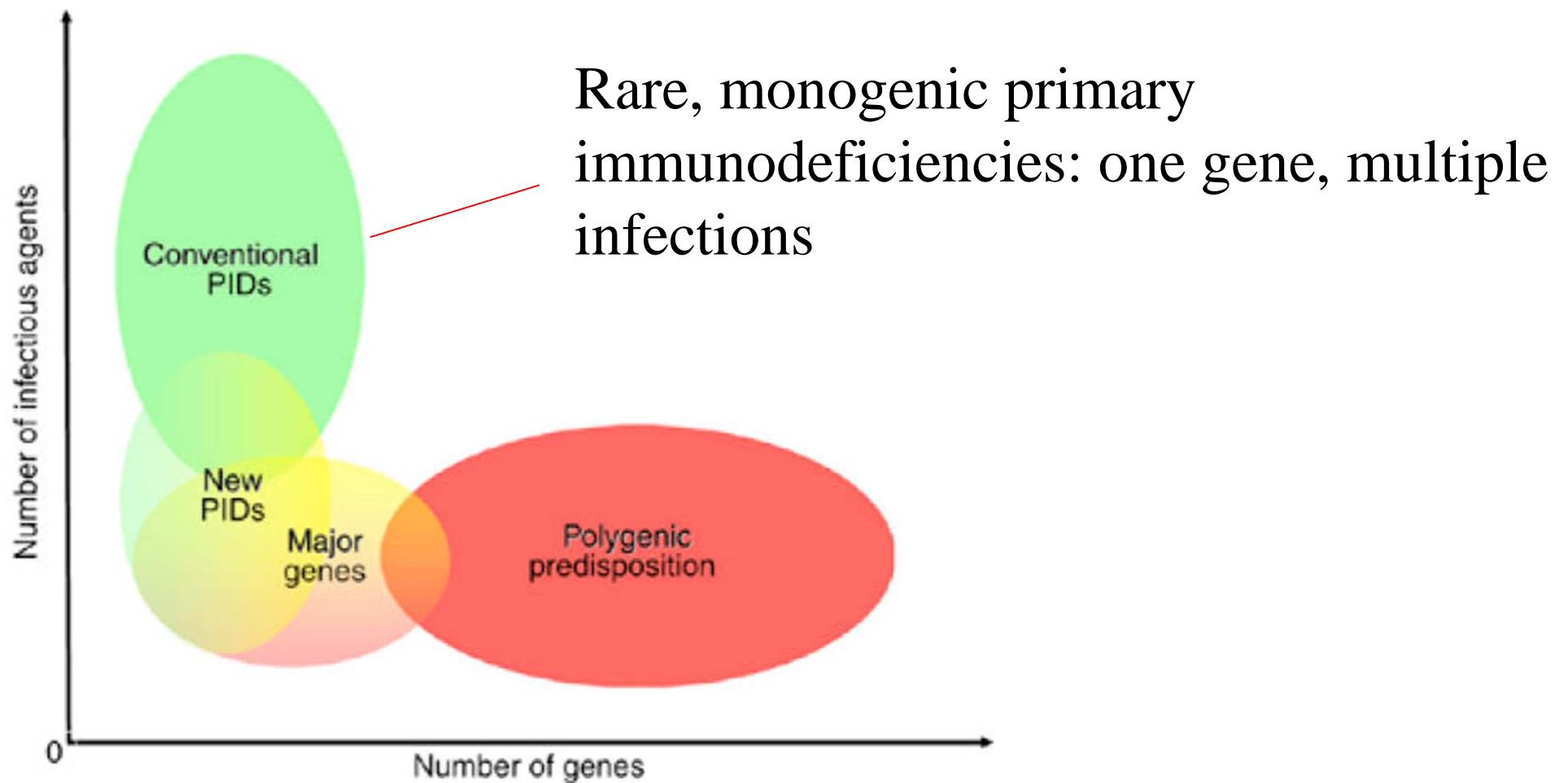
^aThe model was adjusted on severity and presence of the *mecA* gene.

^bIn this model, natural logarithms of leucocyte counts were used.

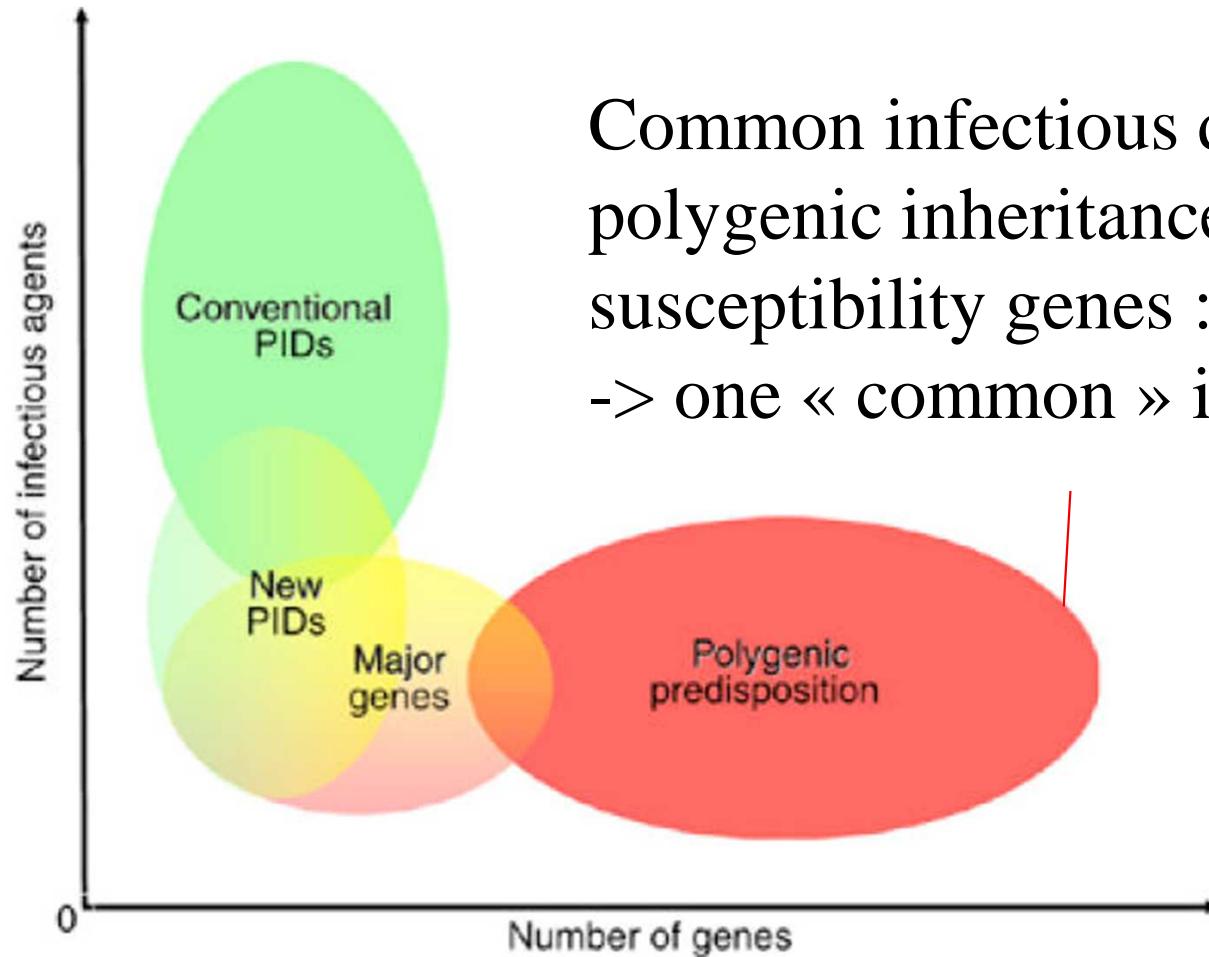
Necrotizing pneumonia: pending questions

- Why so infrequent (ca. 30 cases/year in France)
 - 5% PVL among 30% *S.aureus* nasal carriage
- Why children and young adults ?
- -> genetic predisposition to this disease ?

Human genetics of infectious diseases

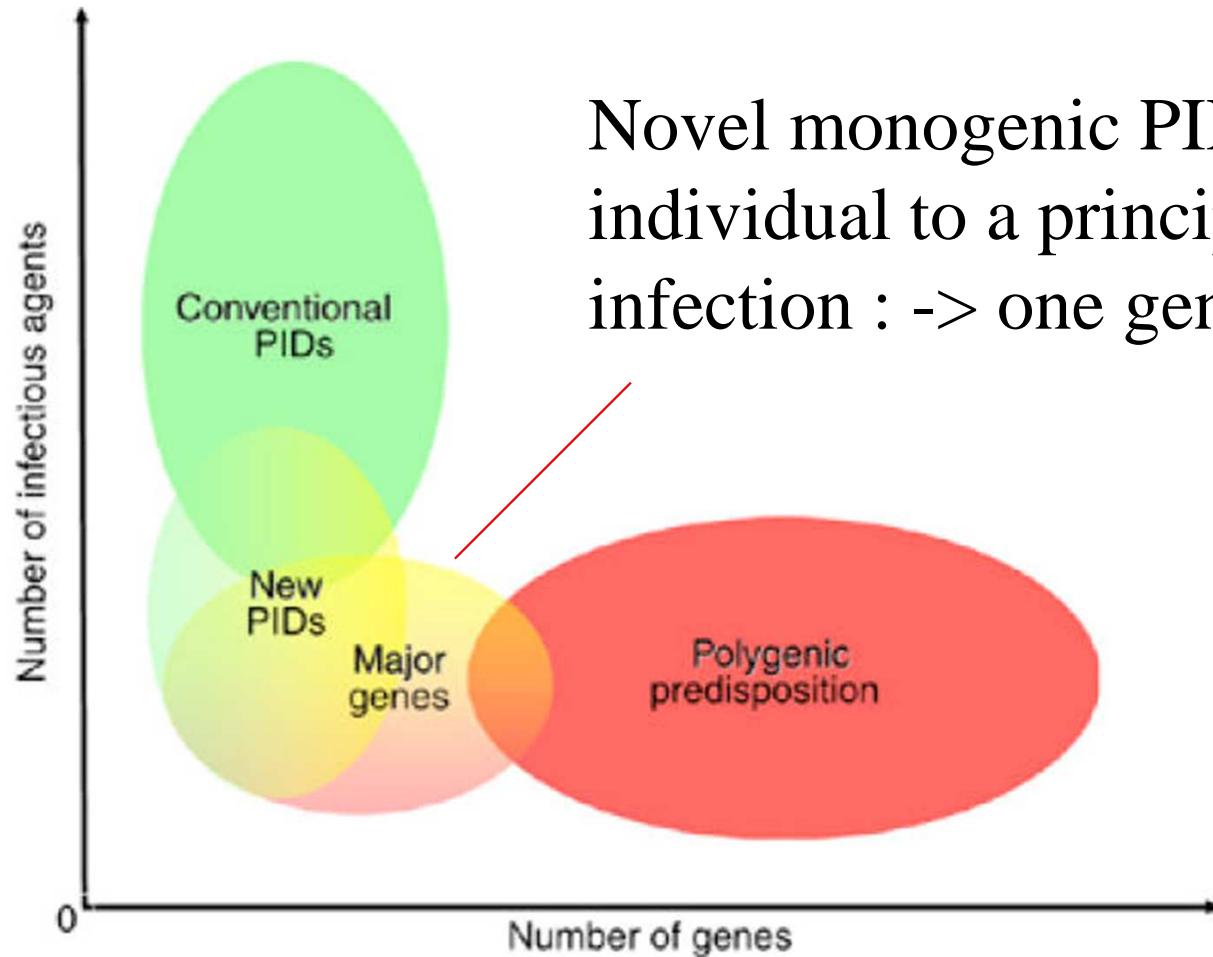


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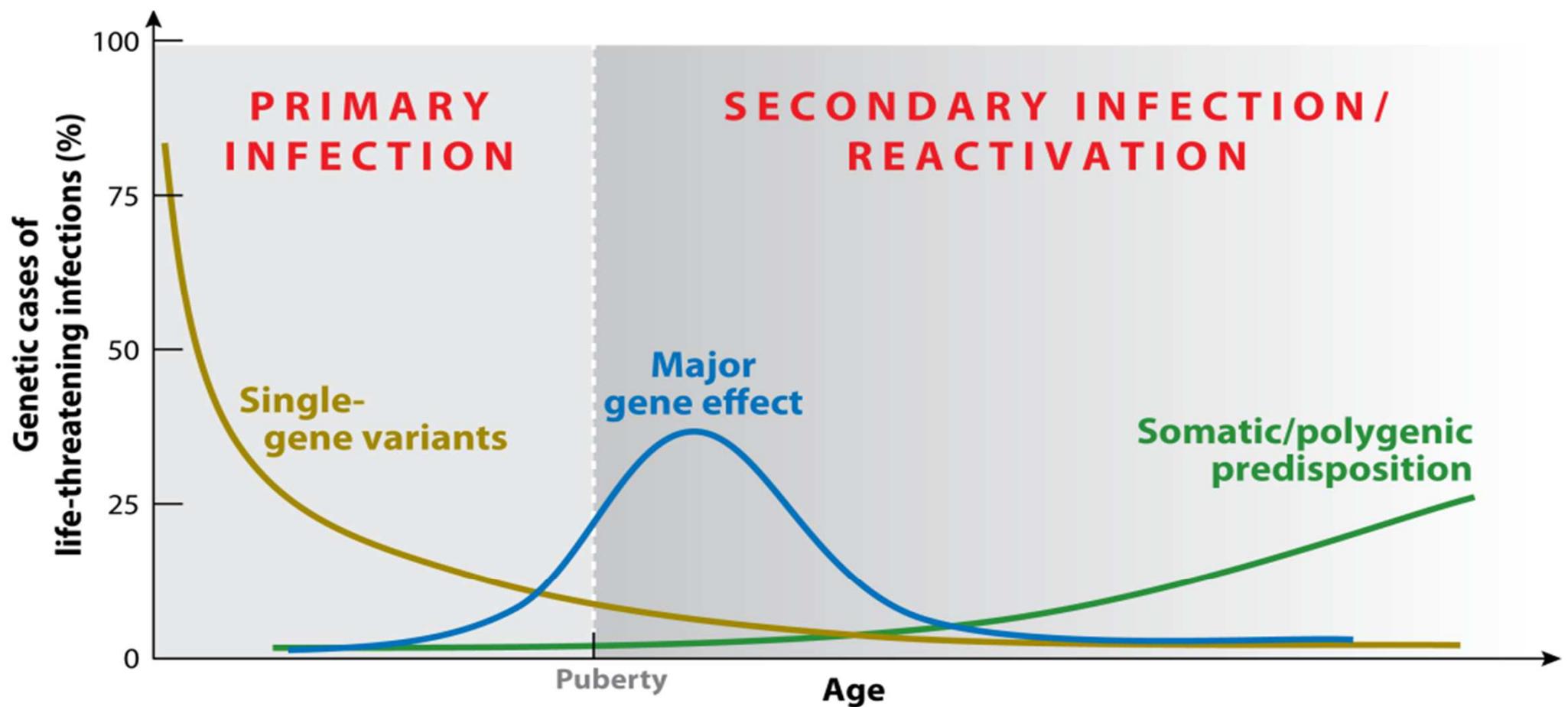
Common infectious diseases associated with polygenic inheritance of numerous susceptibility genes :
-> one « common » infection, multiple genes

Human genetics of infectious diseases



Novel monogenic PIDs predispose the individual to a principal or single type of infection : -> one gene, one infection

A proposed age-dependent genetic architecture of infectious diseases



Casanova J-L, Abel L. 2013.

Annu. Rev. Genomics Hum. Genet. 14:215–43

Current study

- Prospective observational study
- Nationwide level
- All case of community-acquired pneumonia admitted to ICU caused by *S.aureus*
- Clinical and genetic informations collected
- Orfeome of 50 patients currently beeing analysed

Pneumonie Nécrosante : questions en suspens

- Pourquoi si rare (environ 30 cas/an en France)
 - Pourquoi enfant et adulte jeune
 - Comment améliorer l'évolution ?
 - Antibiotiques anti-toxiniques
 - Immunoglobulines intra-veineuses
 - Vaccin
- > PHRC recrutement National
- > ANR Blanc

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Leucocidine de Panton Valentine :

Facteur indépendant de gravité des pneumonies à *Staphylococcus aureus*

Objectifs

- Confirmer le rôle de la PVL **comme facteur de gravité indépendant** des pneumonies à *S. aureus*
- Rechercher une **prédisposition génétique** rendant certains patients plus réactifs à l'effet de la PVL
- Impact de la prise en charge **thérapeutique** des patients sur l'évolution clinique
- Déterminer la proportion de **SARM-Co** responsables de pneumonie PVL+

Etude de cohorte

- volet observationnel adultes et enfants **pneumonie communautaire grave à *S. aureus* hospitalisée en Réanimation**
- volet interventionnel immunogénétique patients et famille: orfeome

Recueil

- Données cliniques
- Souche, Sérum, ADN

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Leucocidine de Panton Valentine :
Facteur indépendant de gravité des pneumonies à
Staphylococcus aureus

Objectives

- ✓ Investigate the role of PVL as an independent factor of severity in *S. aureus* CAP
- ✓ Identify clinical/biological factors associated with the disease prognostic
- ✓ Assess the level of antibiotic sensitivity of *S. aureus* strains
- ✓ Investigate the genetic susceptibility of the host

Methodology

Inclusion criteria

- *S. aureus* CAP leading to hospitalization in ICU

Non-inclusion criteria

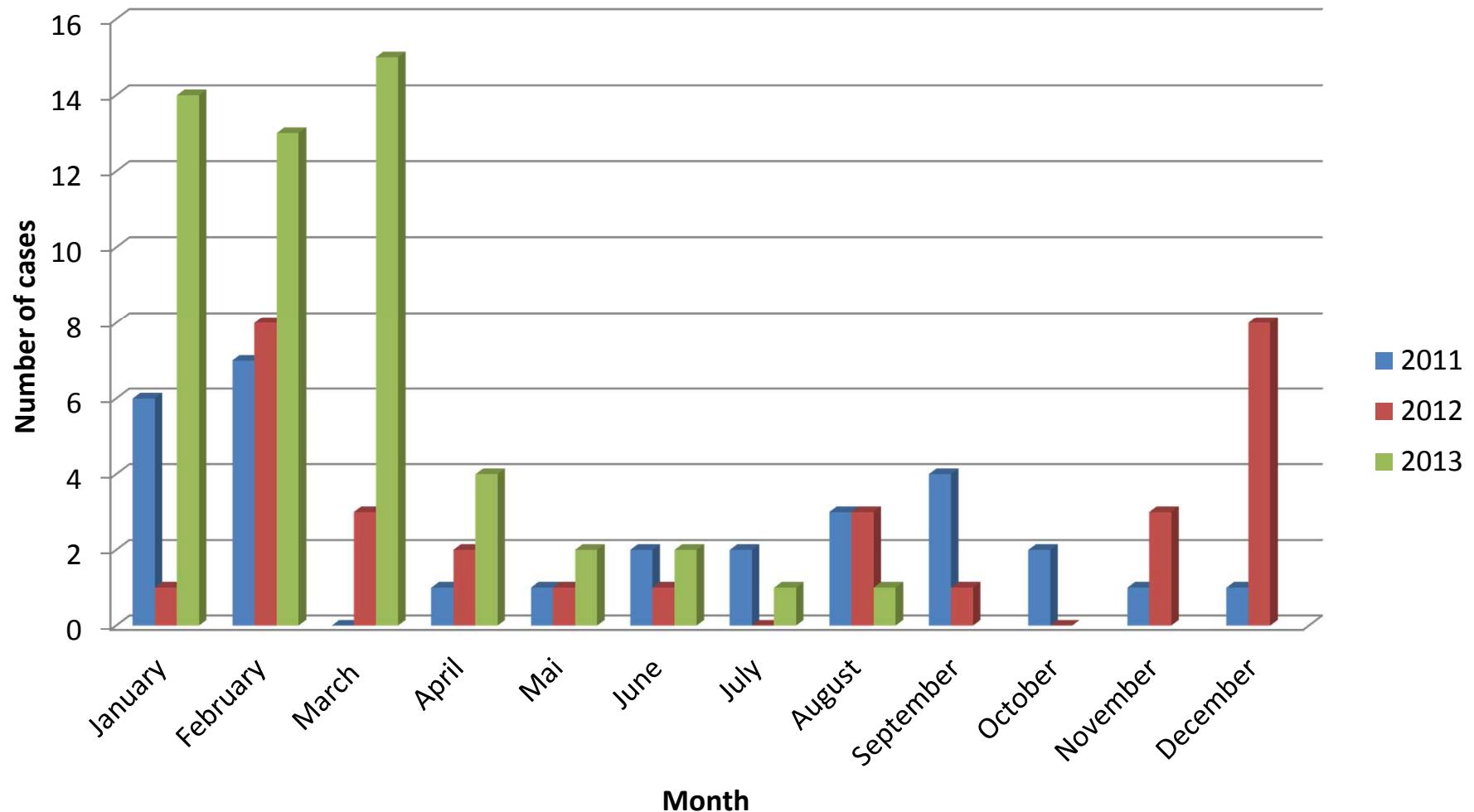
- HIV-positive
- Nosocomial pneumonia
- Hospitalization during three months prior to ICU admission for pneumonia

Data collection

- ✓ Demographic variables
- ✓ Medical history
- ✓ Signs and symptoms at presentation
- ✓ Radiological, laboratory and clinical findings during 7 days following hospitalization
- ✓ Biological sample: serum, total blood

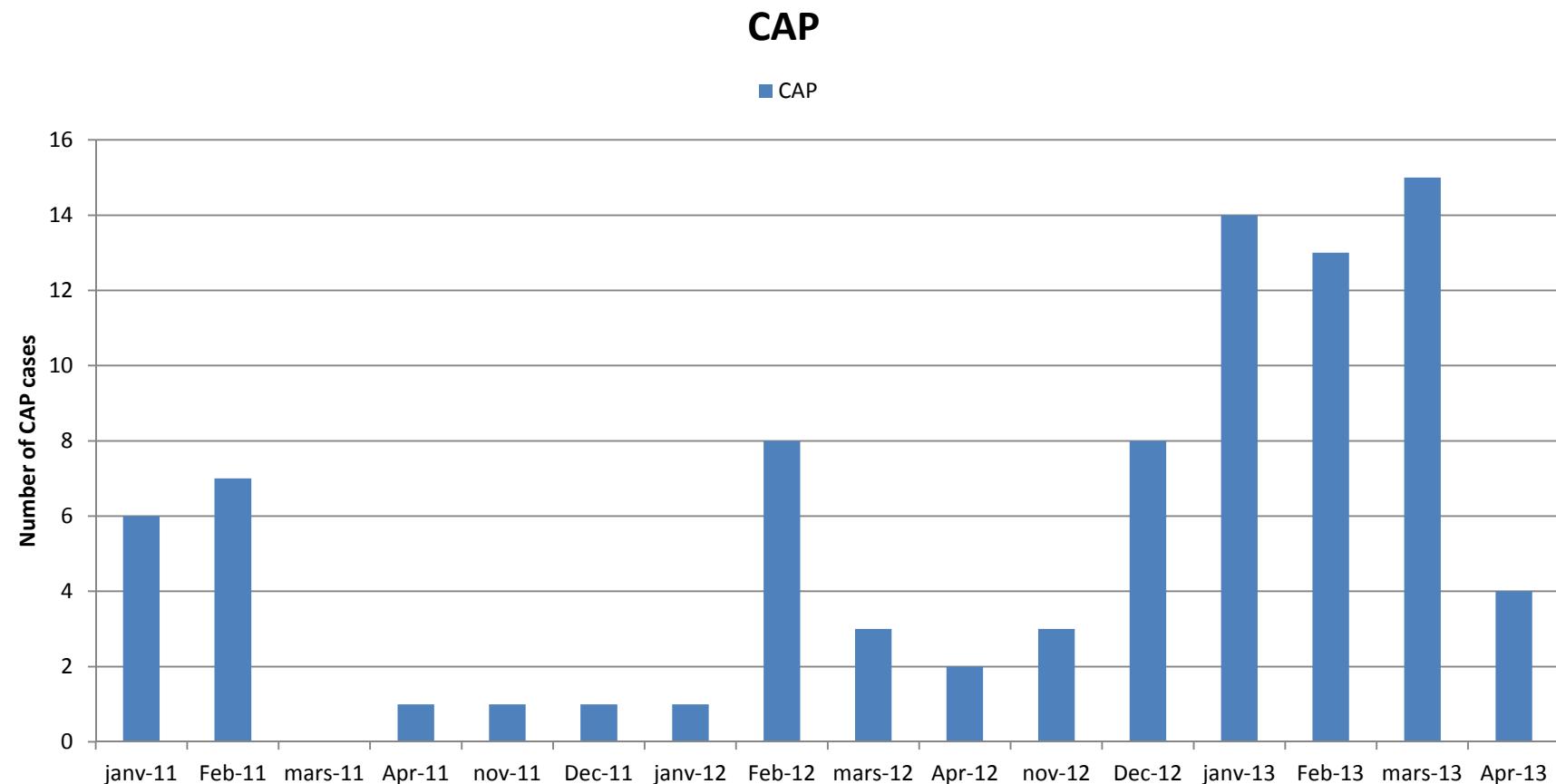
2011-2013

114 cases enrolled

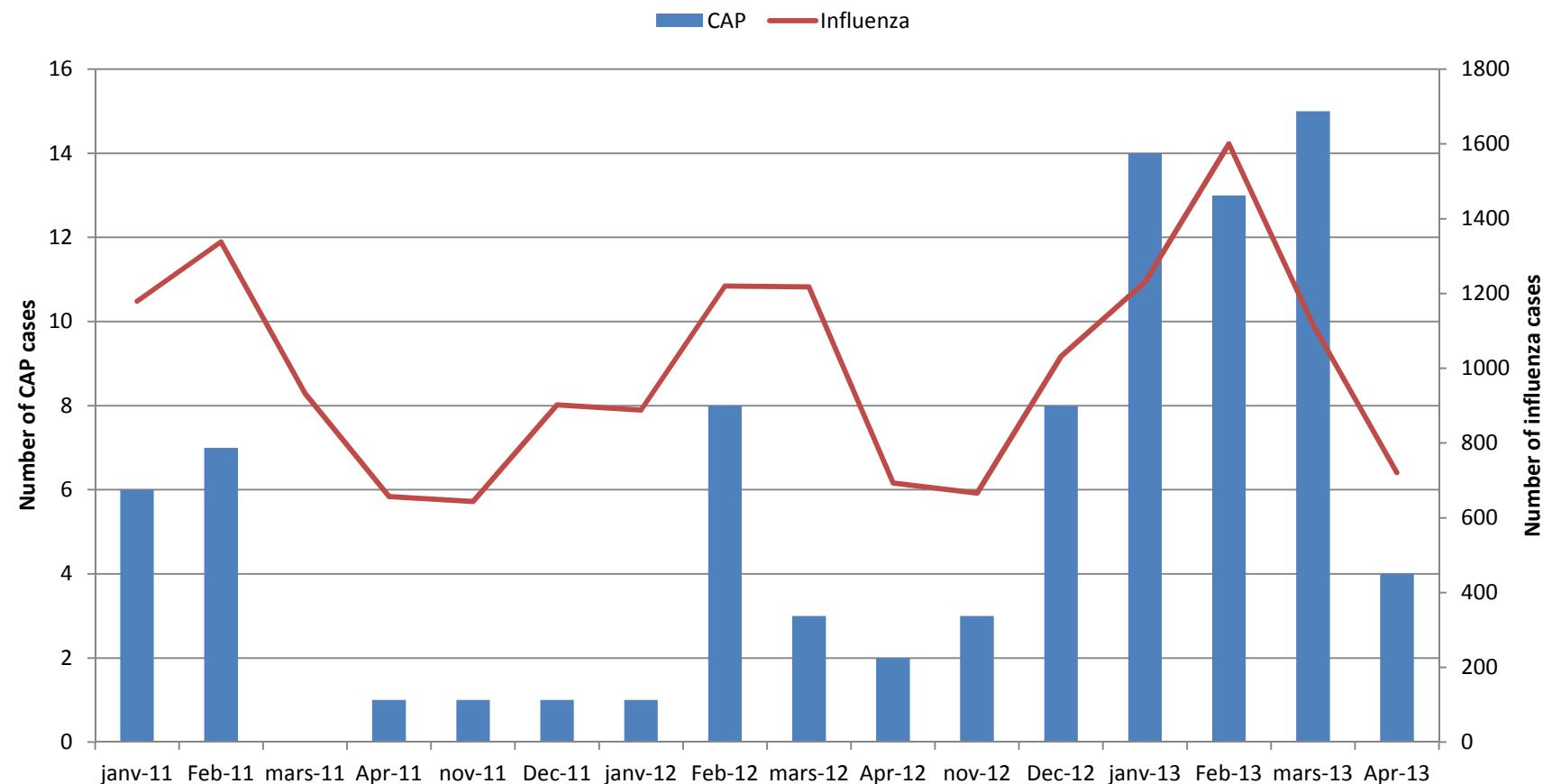


2011-2013

114 cases enrolled



CAP and influenza during influenza seasons



Characteristics of enrolled patients

- ✓ ♂/♀: 59/55
- ✓ 61 PVL+/53 PVL-
- ✓ 92 adults and 22 children <18 years old
- ✓ Serum available for all patients
- ✓ Blood samples for genetic analyses available for 53 patients (30 PVL+) and 37 family members
- ✓ CRF available for 70 patients

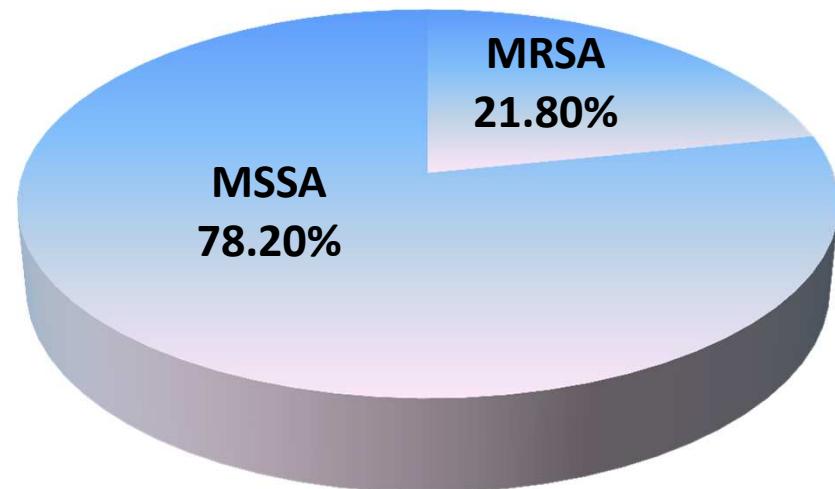
Interim analysis for 70 patients with
available CRF

Clinical and biological features at admission

Variable	PVL-positive (n=38)	PVL-negative (n=32)	p
Male sex	16 (42.1%)	22 (68.8%)	0.03
Age (years), Median (min-max)	37.5 (0.2-79)	58 (16-82)	0.001
Purulent aspiration	15 (41.7%)	21 (65.6%)	0.04
Diarrhoea	6 (15.8%)	0	0.02
Erythrodermia	8 (21%)	0	0.006
Median (min-max) CRP	291 (10-504)	203(20-486)	0.04

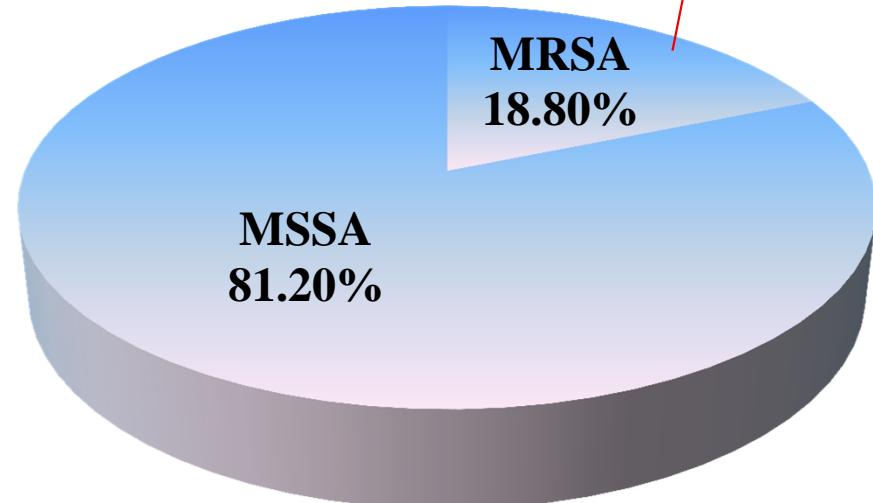
Antibiotic susceptibility of isolated strains

PVL- Negative



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3 CC5-MRSA-IV
3 ST8-MRSA-IV, USA300
3 CC88-MRSA-IV

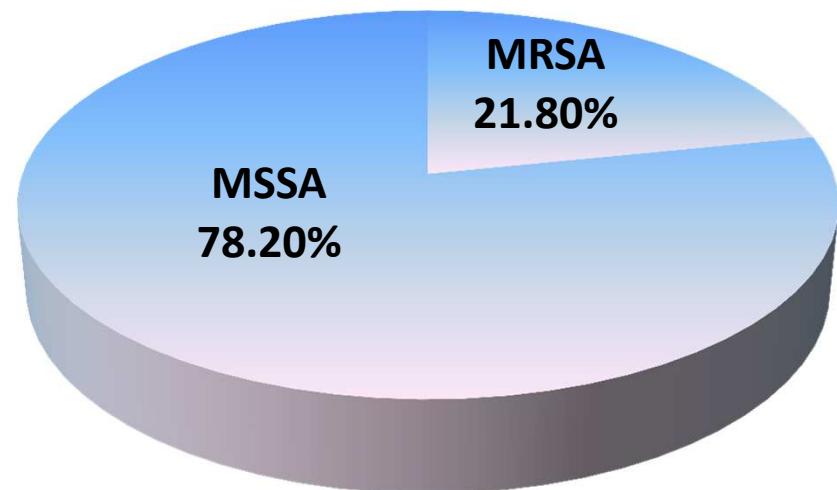
PVL-Positive



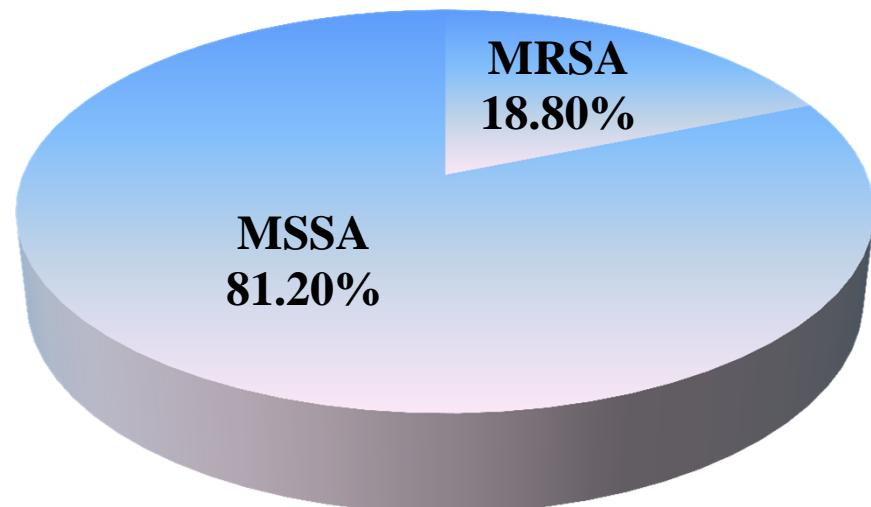
-> Severe CA pneumonia:
MRSA = ca. 20%

Antibiotic susceptibility of isolated strains

PVL- Negative



PVL-Positive



-> Severe CA pneumonia:
MRSA = ca. 20%

Clinical and biological features during hospitalization

Variable	PVL-Positive (n=38)	PVL-Negative (n=32)	p
Fever	24 (70.6%)	19 (61.3%)	0.24
Diarrhoea	9 (25.7%)	8 (25.8%)	0.61
Erythrodermia	9 (27.3%)	2 (6.3%)	0.03
Pulmonary abscess	12 (38.7%)	5 (16.1%)	0.04
Pneumothorax	6 (18.7%)	1 (3.3%)	0.06
Haemoptysis	18 (52.9%)	15 (48.4%)	0.45
Unilateral condensation	15 (46.9%)	6 (19.4%)	0.02
Bilateral condensation	23 (69.7%)	27 (84.4%)	0.13
Median (min-max) peak Leucocytes	15 (1.5-292)	13.2 (3.8-41.3)	0.65
Median (min-max) trough Leucocytes	6.5 (0.7-117)	8.6 (0.4-18.5)	0.95
Mechanical ventilation	28 (80.0%)	27 (87.1%)	0.33

Treatment during the first 24h of hospitalization

- ✓ Appropriate empirical antibiotic therapy

PVL+: 93.3%

PVL-: 84.4%

- ✓ Antibiotic with antitoxin properties

PVL+: 30%

PVL-: 21.9%

No differences between the two groups

Mortality

Survival status known for 58 patients

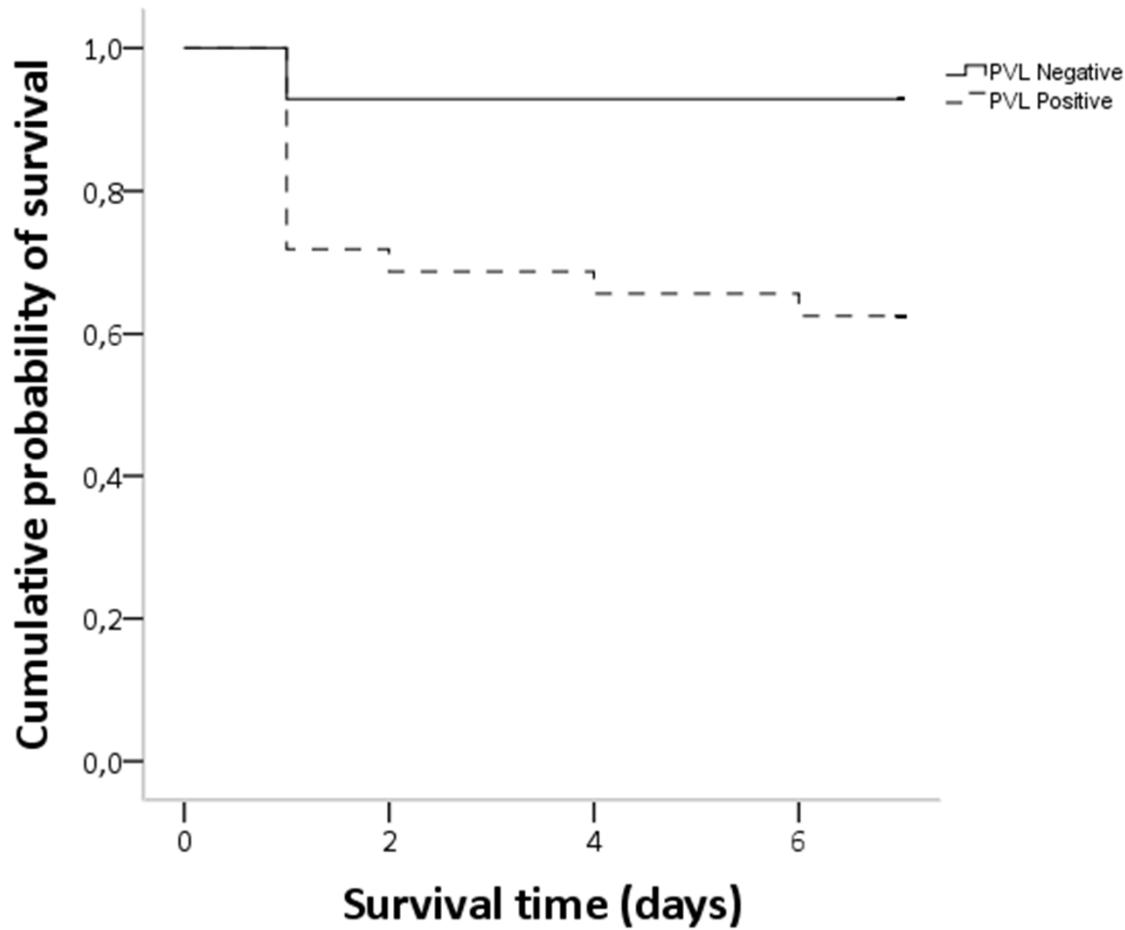
Overall mortality rate

✓ No differences between PVL-positive and PVL-negative patients (40.0% vs 23.3%; p=0.2)

Mortality rate at Day-7

✓ Significantly higher among PVL-positive as compared to PVL-negative patients(31.6% vs 6.6%, p=0.009)

PVL affects mortality



Overall mortality

PVL+ 40%,
PVL- 23.3%, p=NS

Day-7 mortality

PVL+ 31.6%,
PVL- 6.6%, p=0.009

Factors associated with death regardless of PVL status

	Survival (n=37)	Death (n=21)	p
Non-pulmonary cancer	2 (2.2%)	5 (4.8%)	0.03
Hemoptysis during hospitalization	15 (40.5%)	13 (72.2%)	0.03
Toxin eruption during hospitalization	2 (5.7%)	5 (27.8%)	0.04
Currarisation at admission	5 (13.5%)	10 (50%)	0.001
Currarisation during hospitalization	14 (38.9%)	13 (72.2%)	0.02
Abscess at admission	9 (25%)	0	0.03
Abscess during hospitalization	15 (35.3%)	0	0.006

Finding summary

- ✓ Characteristics of PVL-associated necrotizing CAP
 - ✓ younger adults
 - ✓ Rapid death at day-7
 - ✓ Presence of Diarrhea and erythoderma at admission in 15% and 20% of these patients
 - ✓ Higher rates of pneumothorax, erythroderma and unilateral condensation during hospitalization
 - ✓ High prevalence of MRSA

Finding summary

- ✓ Appropriate antibiotic therapy at admission in the large majority of patients
- ✓ regardless of PVL-status
 - ✓ Death associated with haemoptysis and toxin eruption during hospitalization
 - ✓ Survival associated with abscess at admission and during hospitalization
- ✓ Peaks of influenza seasons overlapped with an increase in the incidence of CAP

Perspectives

- ✓ Recruitment to be completed
- ✓ Study of genetic susceptibility of the host
 - ✓ Orfeome of 50 patients currently being analysed
- ✓ Study of bacterial co-factors by Meta-genomic analysis

Conclusions

- ✓ Biological evidence and animal experiments converge toward a role of PVL in pathogenesis
- ✓ PVL remains a factor of severity in *S. aureus* CAP
- ✓ PVL-associated CAP: young adults and rapid death
- ✓ Severe leukopenia and airway haemorrhage associated with death
- ✓ Severe CA pneumonia: MRSA = ca. 20% regardless PVL -> optimize the empirical treatment
- ✓ Parallelism between influenza epidemics and higher incidence of CAP

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