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Approches Innovantes dans la lutte contre l'antibiorésistance



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Les peptides antimicrobiens : pourquoi et comment ?

Les bactériocines

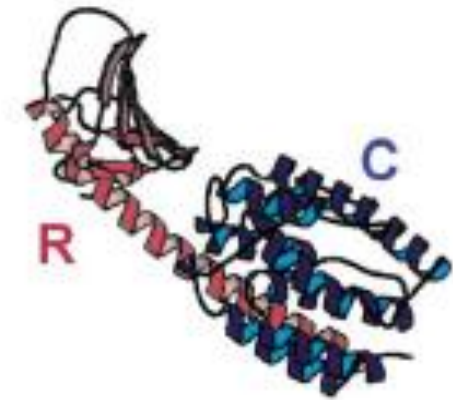
Plan de la présentation

- Éléments généraux sur les bactériocines (D3-D10).
- Partie D. Drider, Université de Lille (D11-D19).
- Partie P. Gabant, Syngulon SA, Seraing, Belgique. D20-D34

Bacteriocins



Prof. André GRATIA (1893-1950)
Prof at ULB and later at ULiège



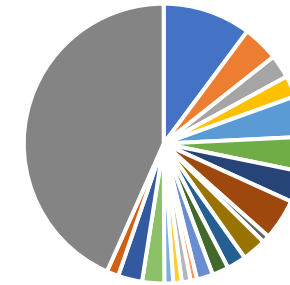
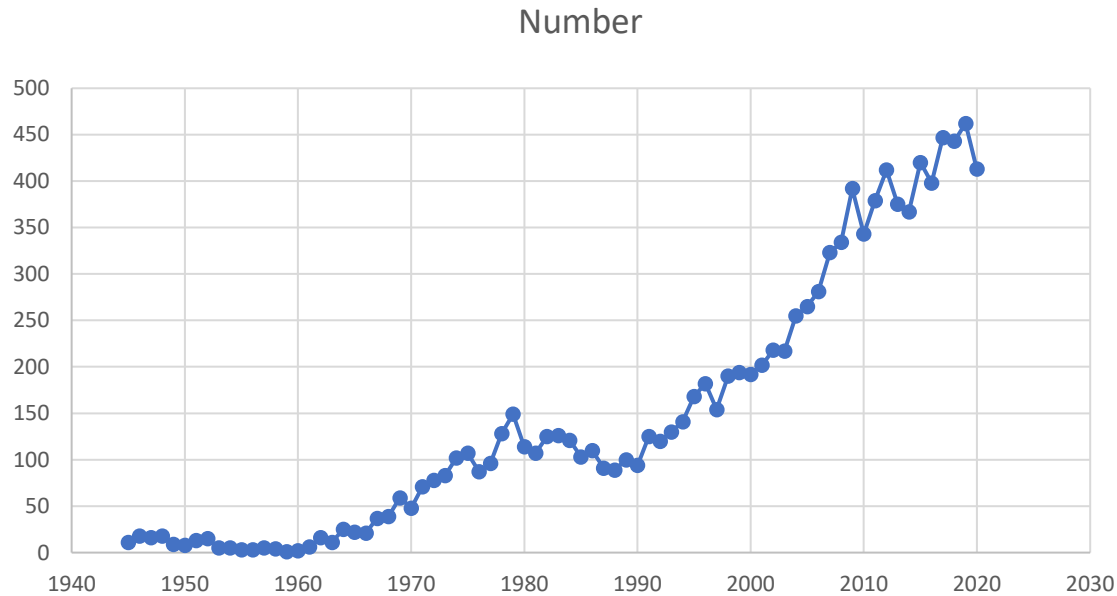
1925 (colicin)

Bacteriocins are Antimicrobial Peptides (AMPs) :

- ribosomally synthesized by **Gram-positive**, **Gram-negative** and *Archaea*
- scheme of production of primary metabolites
- proteinaceous nature
- non-cytotoxic (usually)
- active against bacteria which are phylogenetically close to the producing strains **but...**
- stable at different pHs and temperatures
- no universal classification common scheme



Data and database (s)



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APD3. <http://aps.unmc.edu/AP> (2016)
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Mode of action of colicin-like bacteriocins

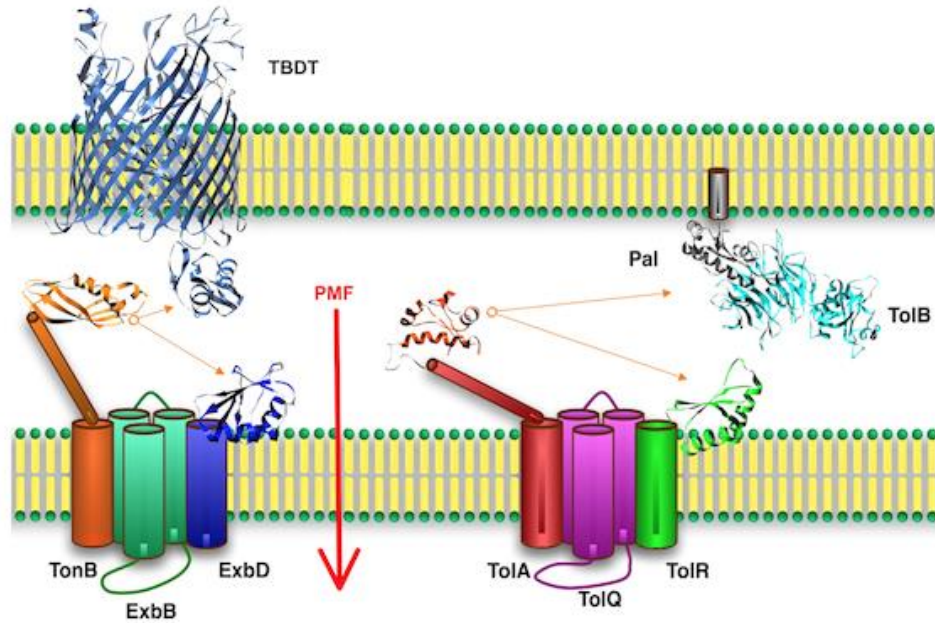
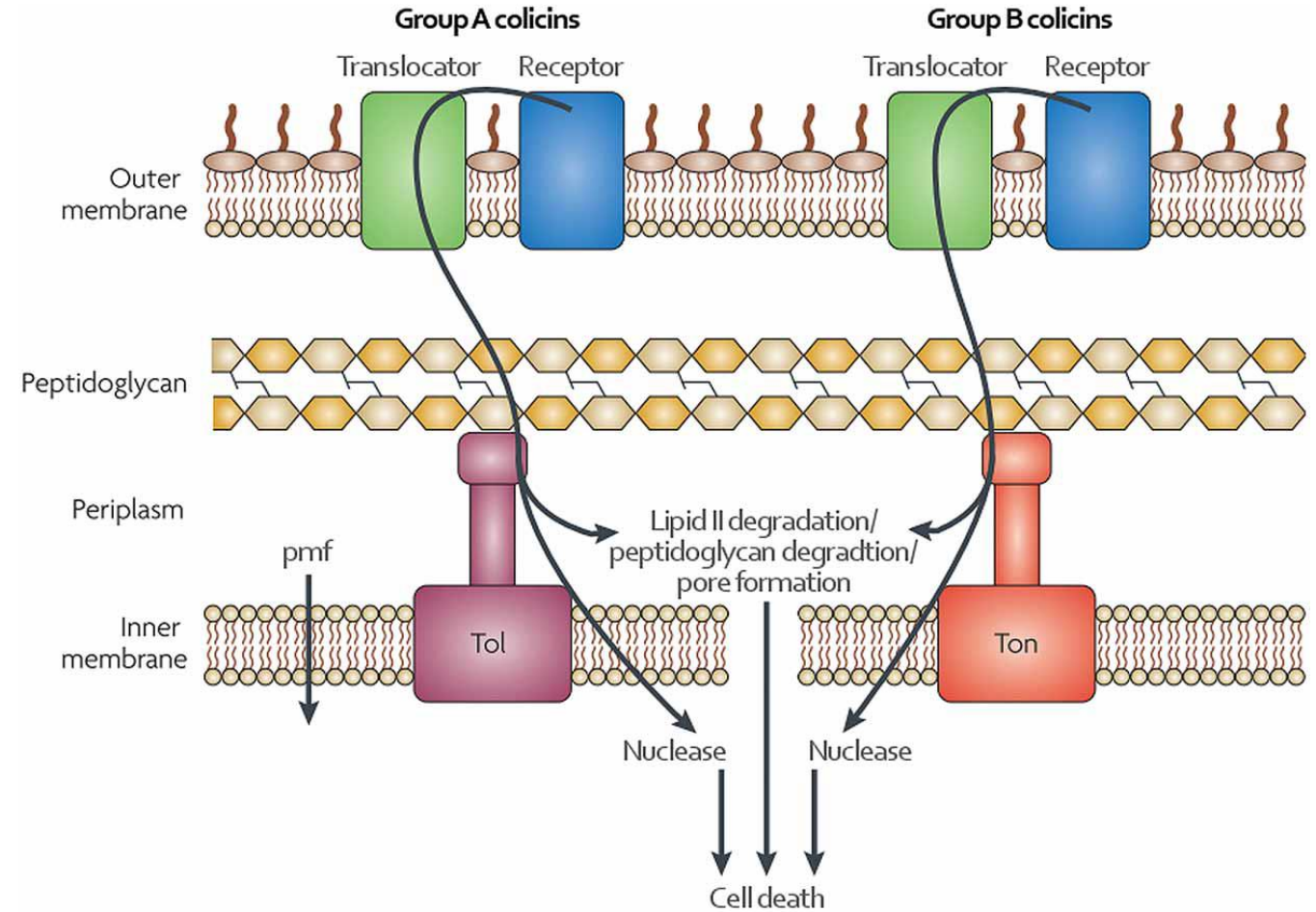


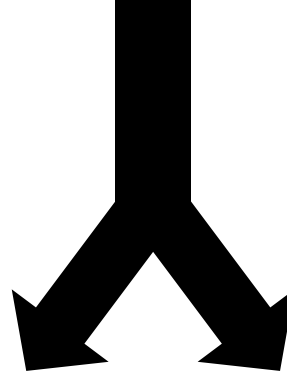
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The therapeutic potential of bacteriocins as protein Antibiotics by
Hannah M. Behrens et al. 2017. Emerging Topics in Life Sciences
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Mode of action of LAB-bacteriocins

Gram-positive bacteria

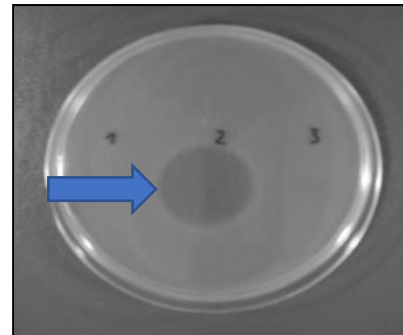


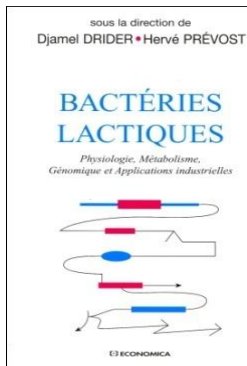
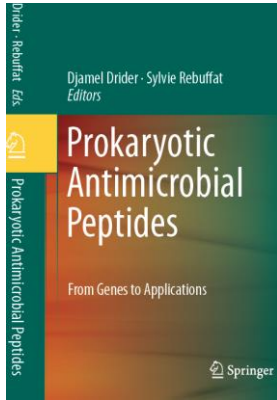
Pore forming

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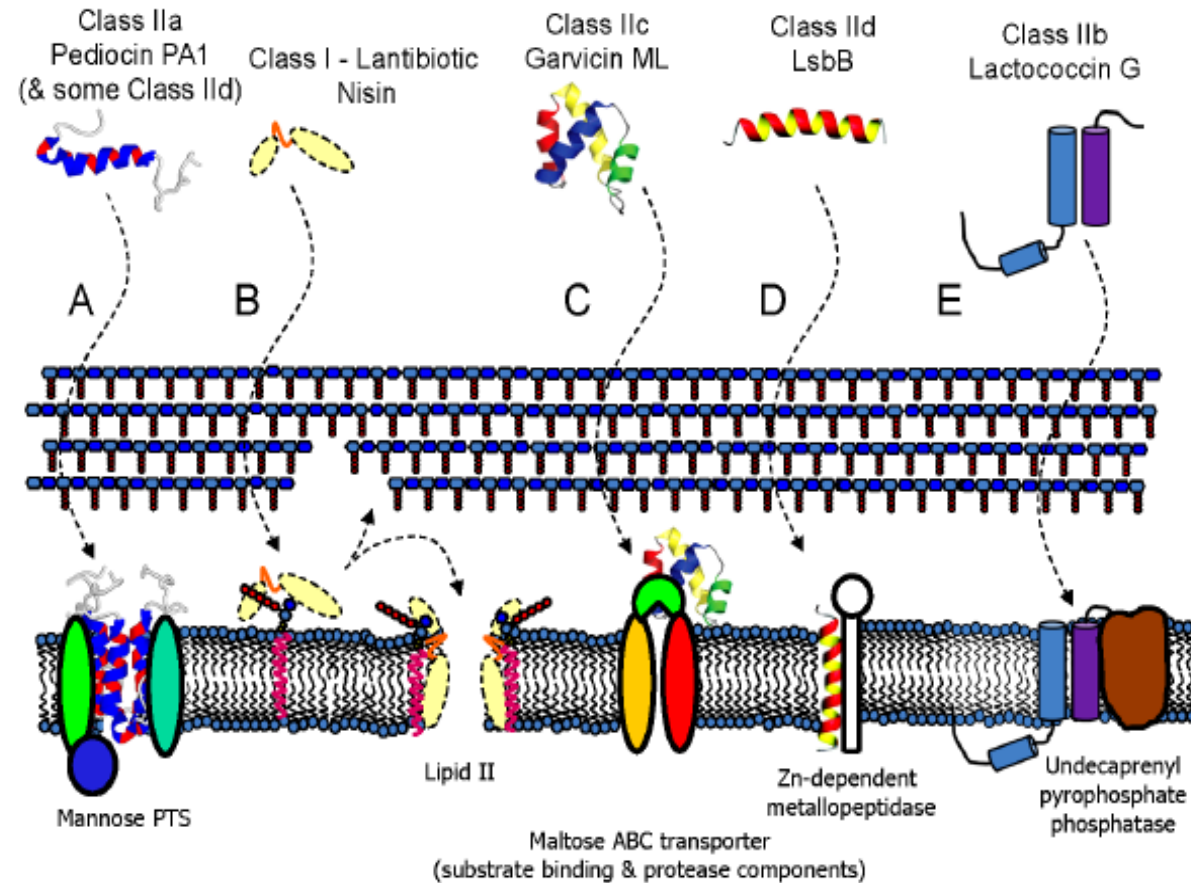
Cell – membrane target

nM CONCENTRATION





Docking molecules of LAB-Bacteriocins



COTTER et al. (2013). Nature Reviews Microbiology. 11: 95-105

RseP likely serves as the receptor for EntK1 and EntEJ97: stress response membrane-bound Zn dependent protease



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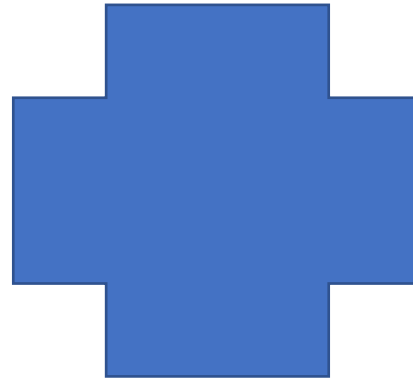
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LAB-BACTERIOCINS – Prof. D. Drider

Nisin (Nisaplin)
Nisin/colistin combination

Divercin V41
Class IIa
Carnobacterium divergens V41

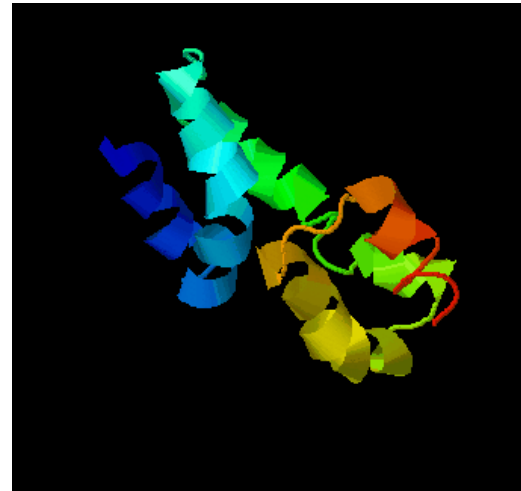


Enterocin DD14
Leaderless class IIb
Enterococcus faecalis 14

E20 fraction
5 novel class II LAB-bacteriocins
Activity against *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli* mcr-1
EP 19178926.2)

Spectrum of Leaderless class II b Enterocin DD14

Listeria monocytogenes
Clostridium perfringens
Enterococcus faecalis V583 (VRE)



Methicillin Resistant
Staphylococcus aureus



Staphylococcus aureus

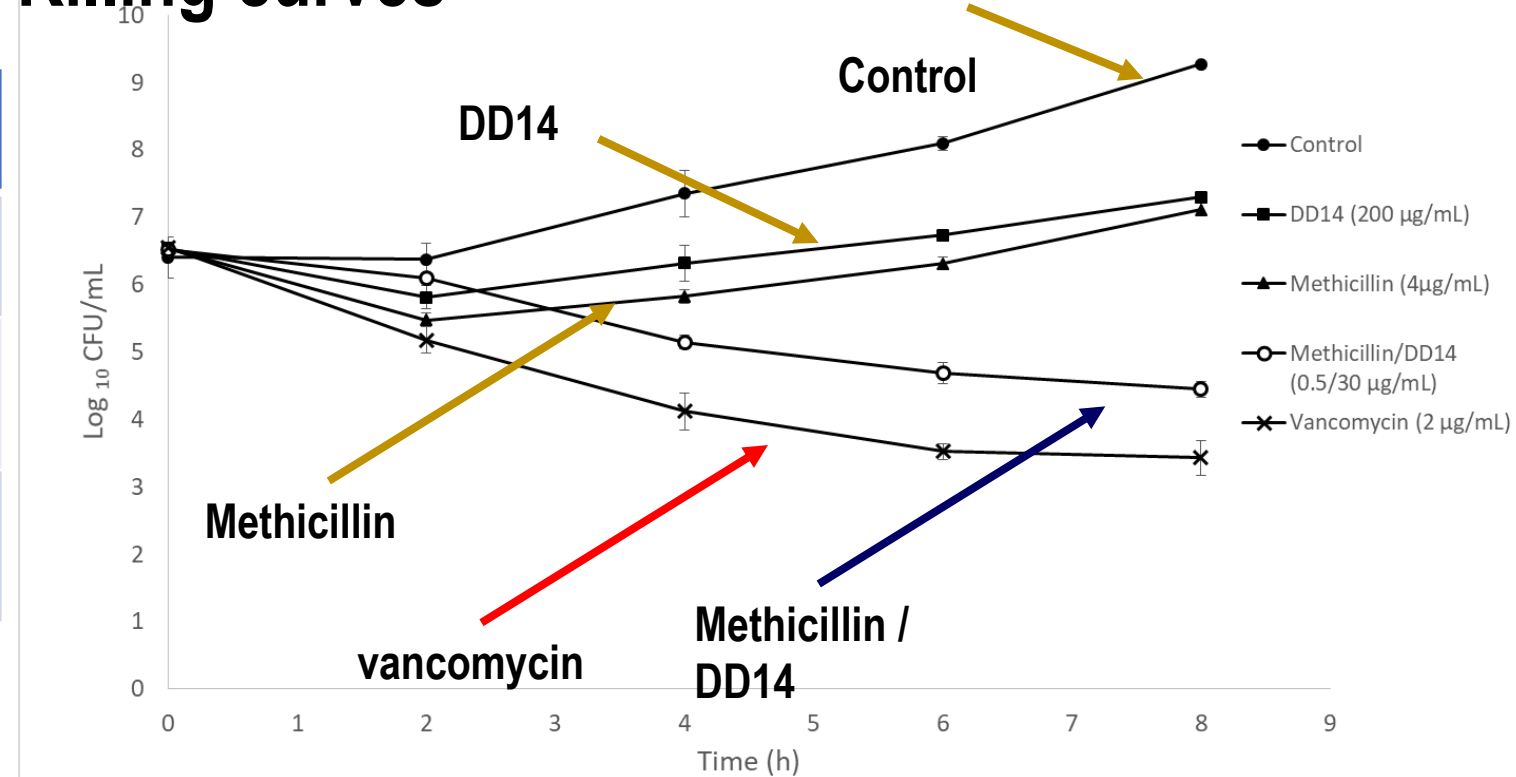


Anti-MRSA activity (MRSA-S1)

FICI values

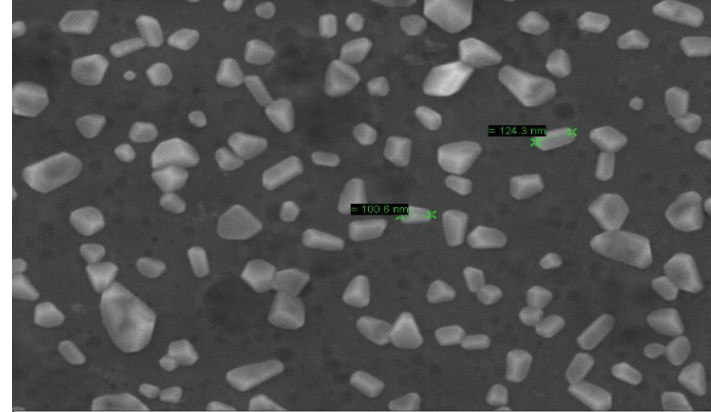
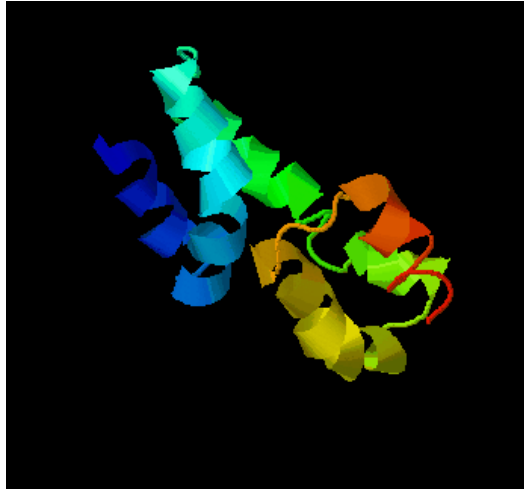
Strains	DD14 ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	Methicillin ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	Met/DD14 ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)
<i>S. aureus</i> S1 (MRSA)	>200	4	0.5/30
<i>S. aureus</i> USA300 (MRSA)	>200	16	4/30
<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC 25923 (MSSA)	>200	0.5	0.25/30

Killing curves



Please remember MRSA-S1 is resistant to Erythromycin & DD14 + Erythromycin have a synergistic interaction

Development of nanobiotics anti-MRSA-S1



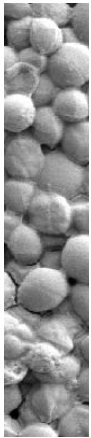
Alginate nanoparticles

EntDD14 + Alginate nanoparticles = **Nanobiotics**

- MIC Ent DD14 : 240 µg/ml
- MIC Ent DD14 + Alginate nanoparticules = 60 µg/ml
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- (EntDD14 + Alginate Nanoparticles) + methicillin,
- MIC methicillin **4 à 0.25 µg/ml**

Anti-biofilm activity



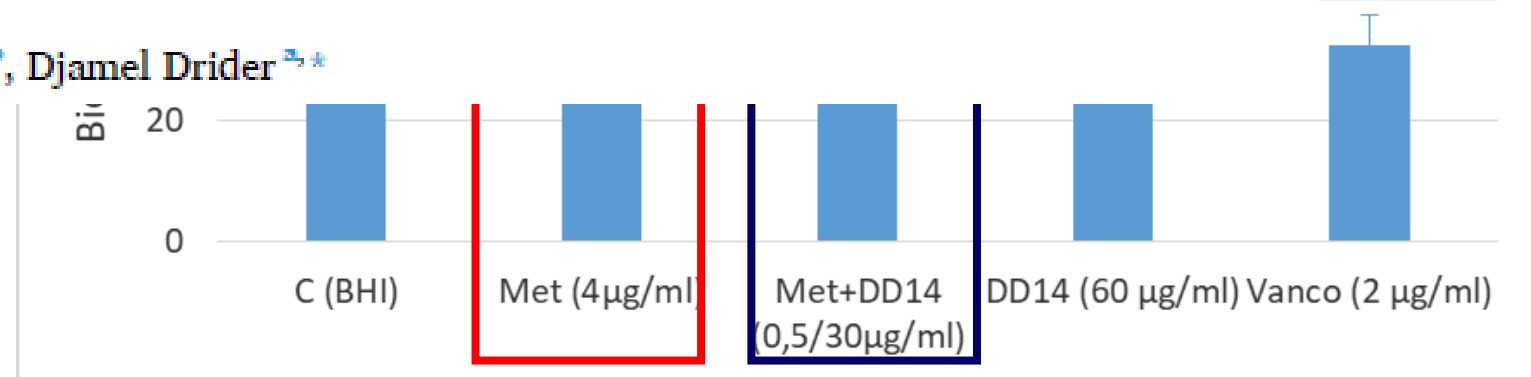
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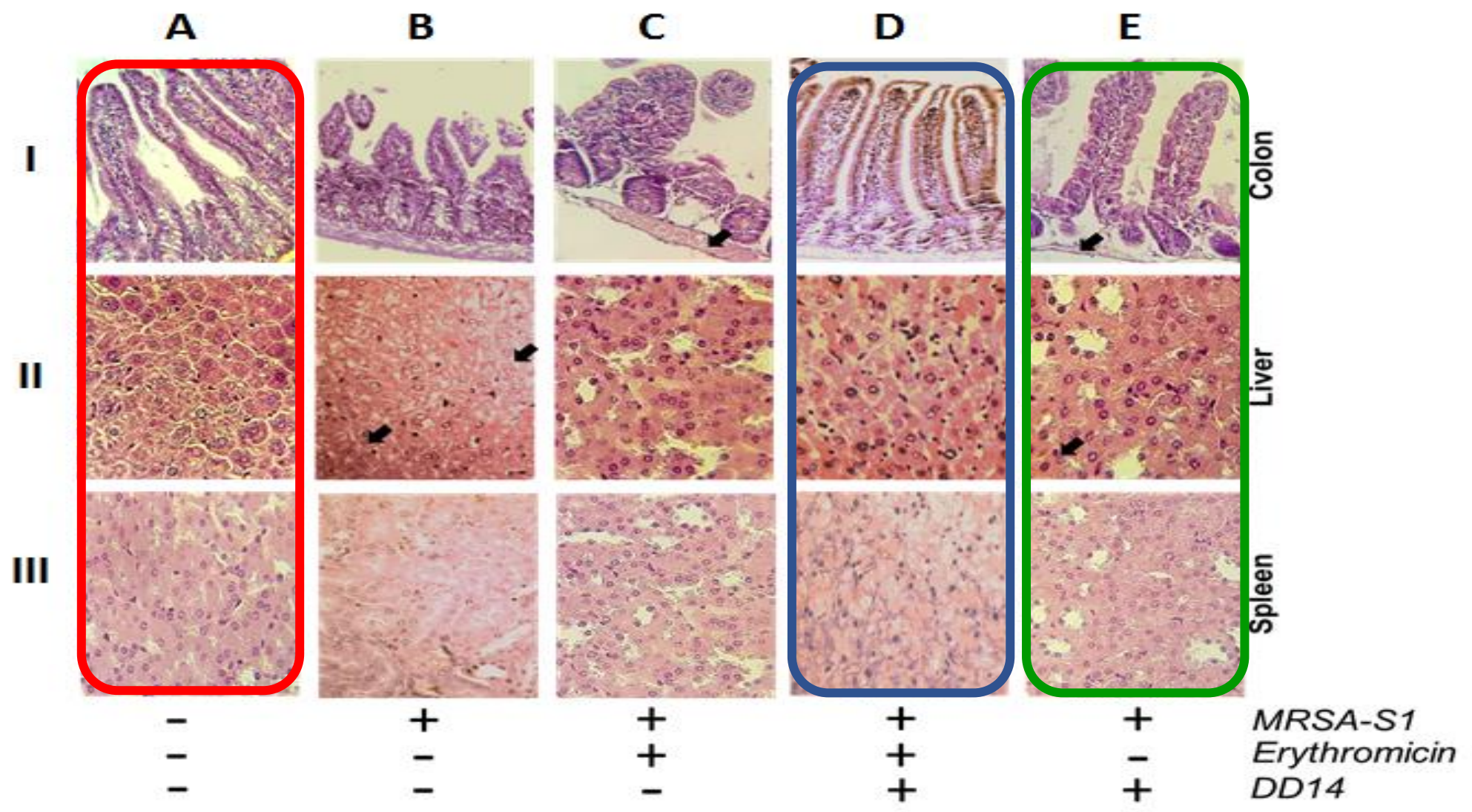
Potentiating effects of leaderless enterocin DD14 in combination with methicillin on clinical methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* S1 strain

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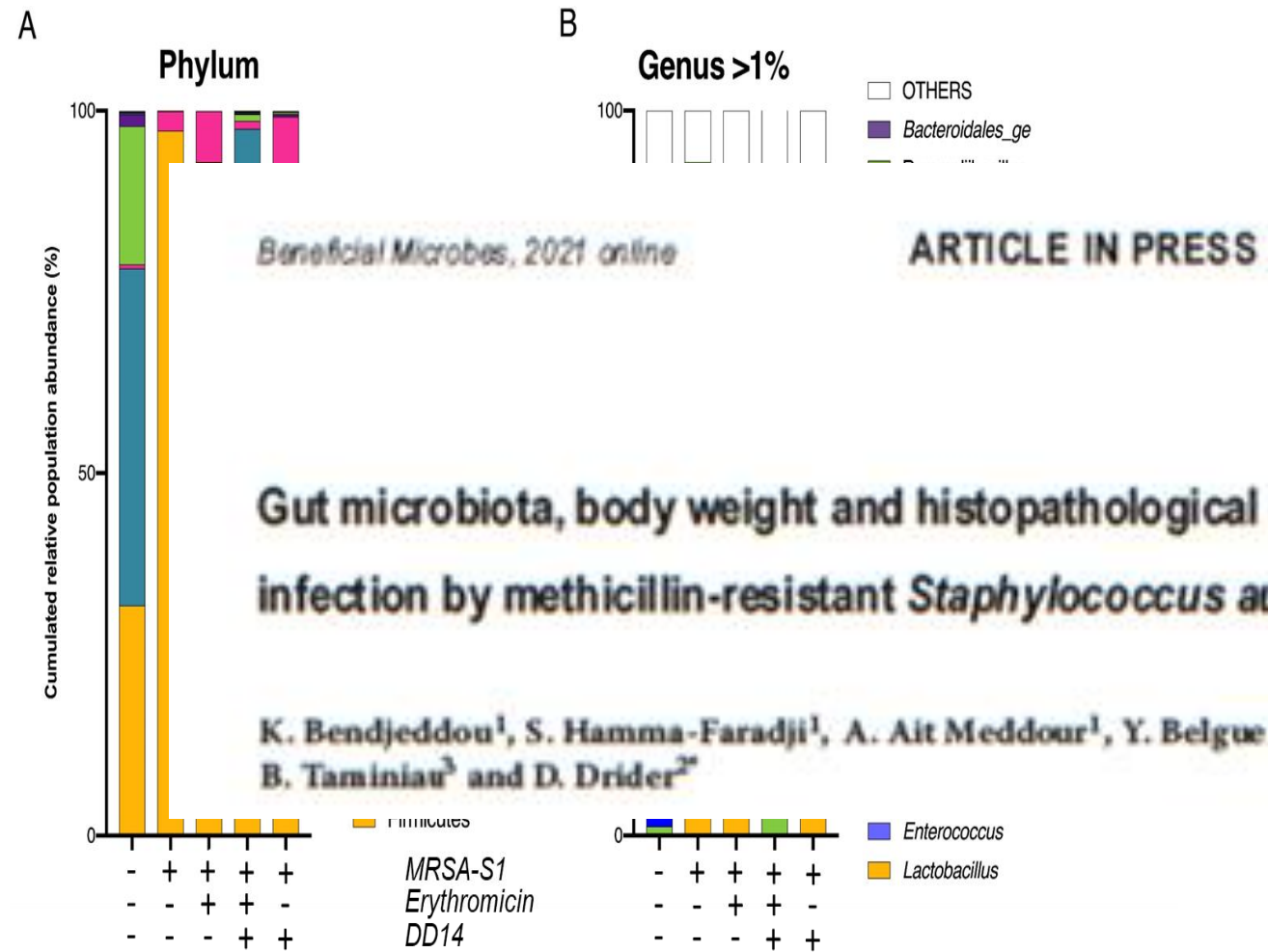
**Biofilm: Cristal violet method
on polyester plates**



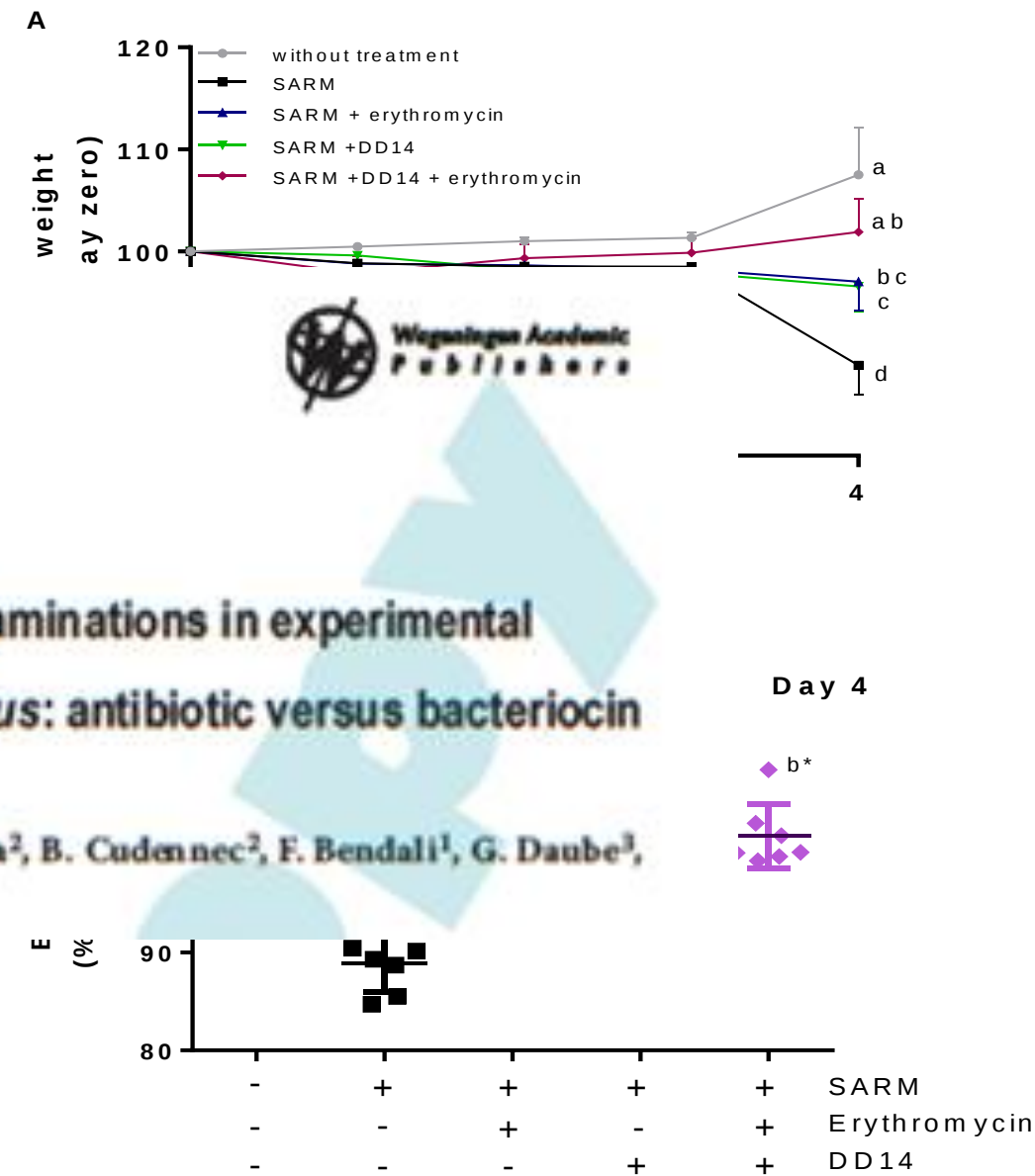
Histological alterations following SARM infections, Erythromycin and/or DD14 treatments



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Body weight evolution (statistic analysis)



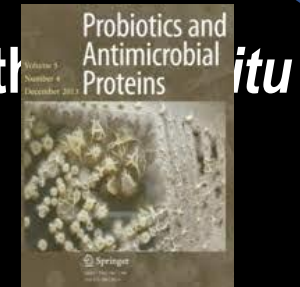
Innovative strategy

Gut microbiota is an important source of bacteriocins and their expression can be explored for treatment of bacterial infections

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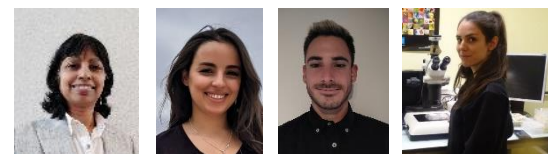
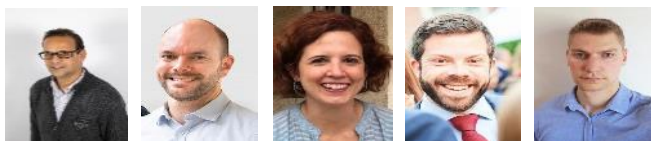
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The importance of microbes for life on our planet

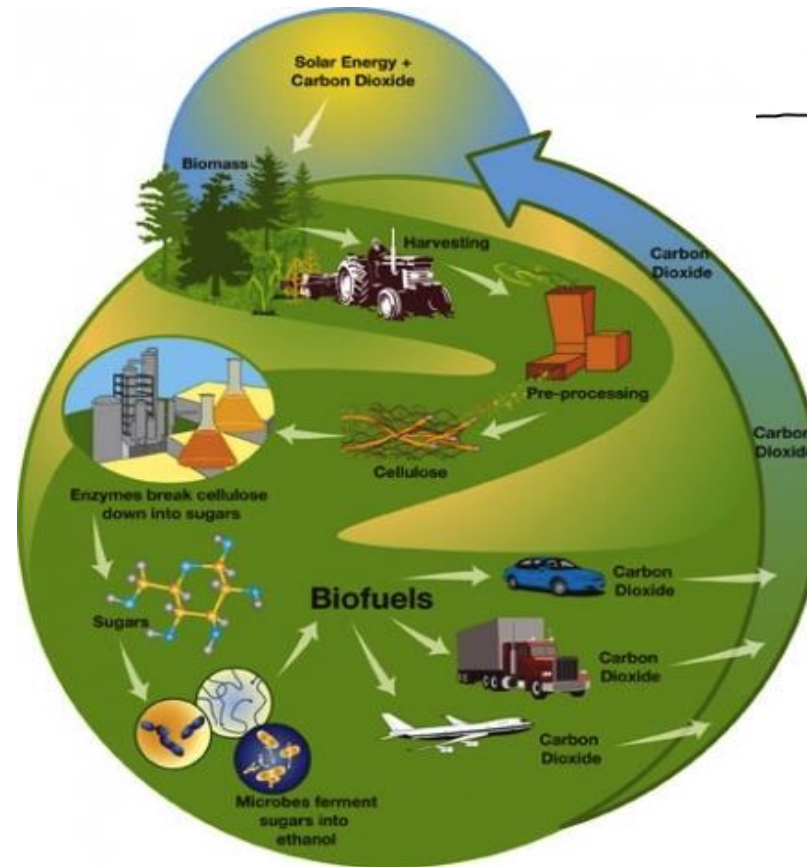
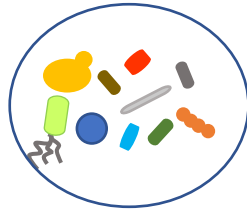


- Microbes are the chemical biocatalysers of our ecosystem
- Microbes are collaborating and fighting with each other to reach certain equilibrium to form communities: « microbiota »
- These microbiota have evolved to generate unique chemical reactions via species synergies

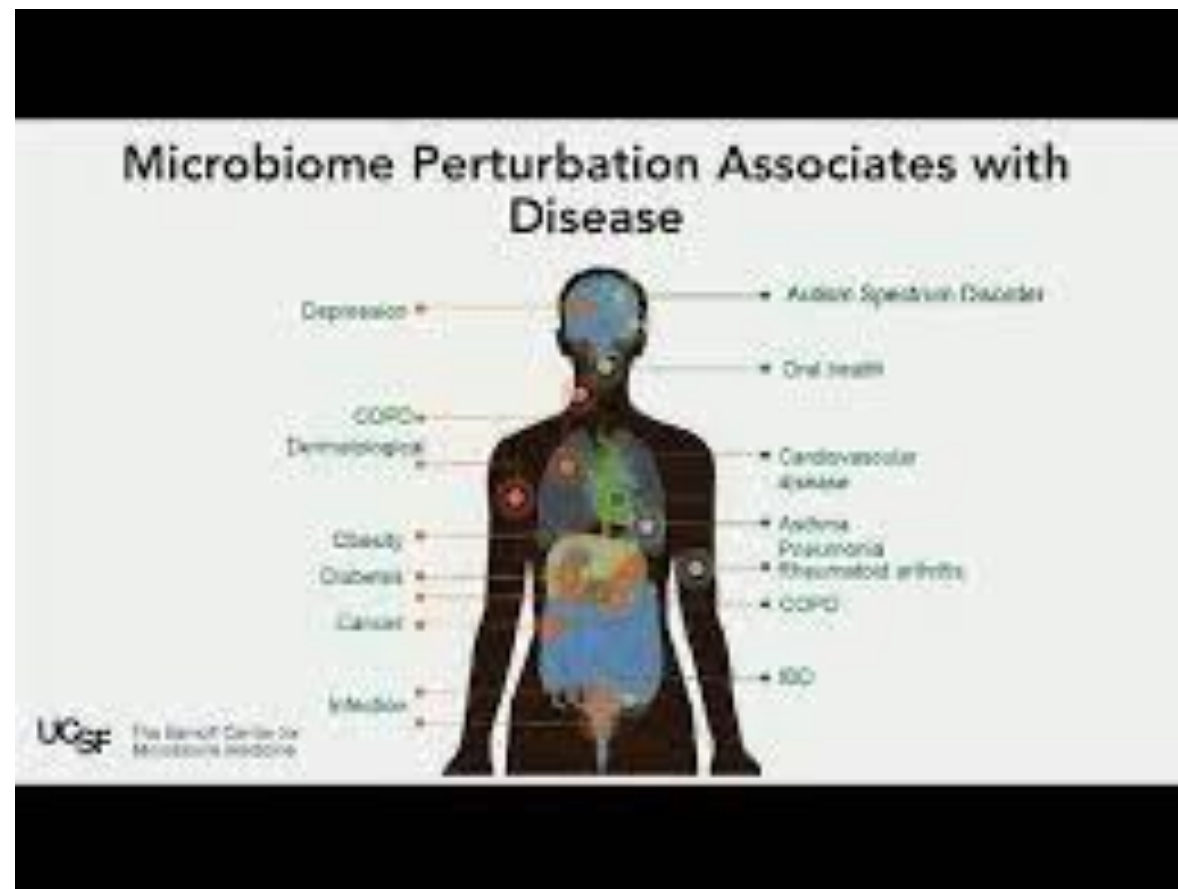
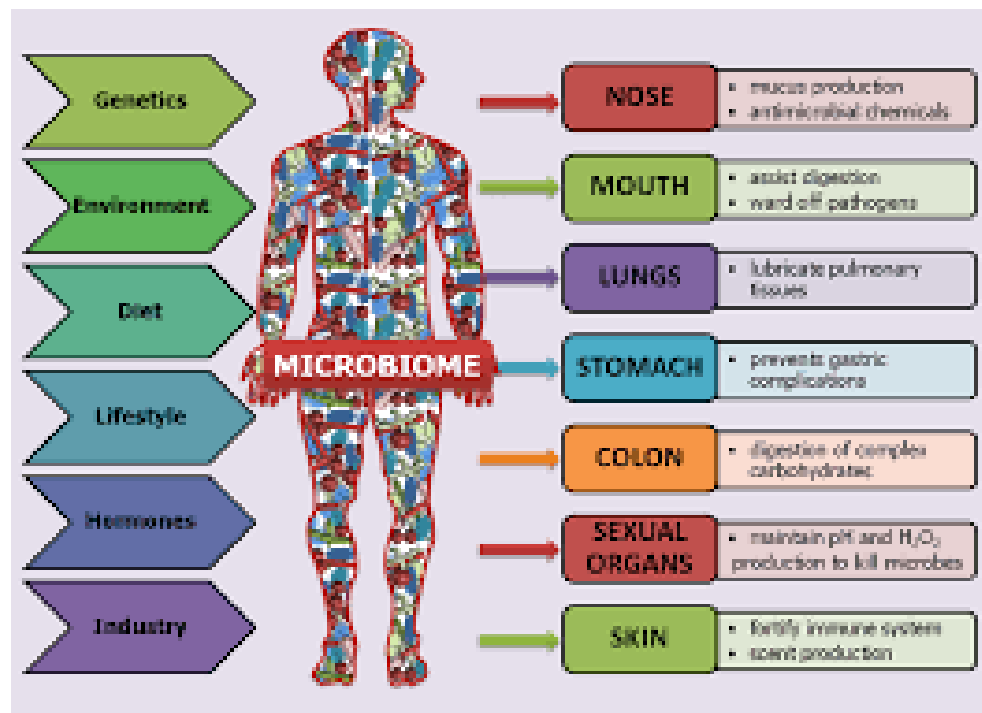


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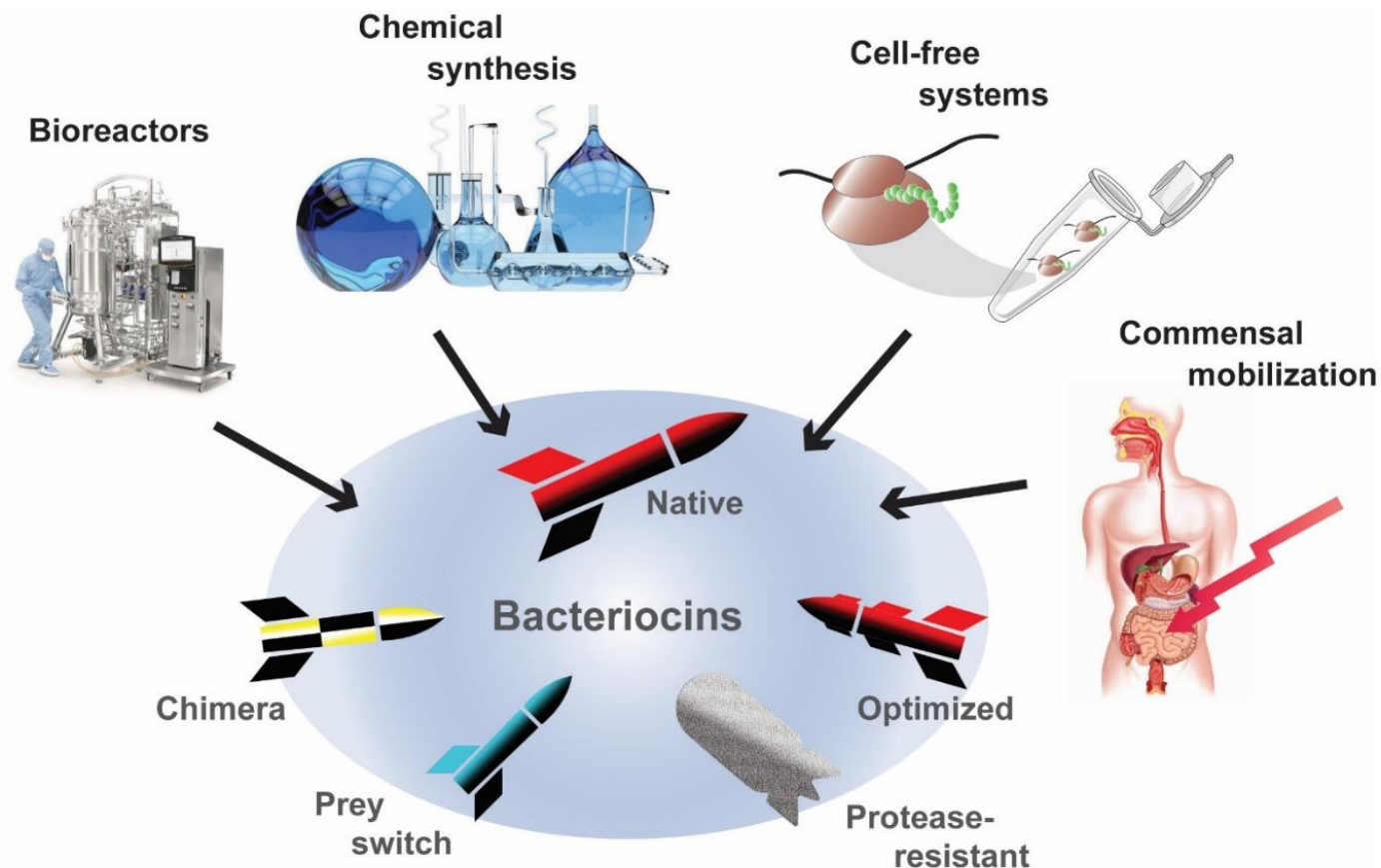
- Improvements in energy storage
- An intensification of biotechnological processes



Bacteria and our health



Bacteriocin potential



- Production
- Genetic amenability
- Various prey spectrum
- Molecular diversity
- Cyto-friendly
- Stability
- Biological half-life

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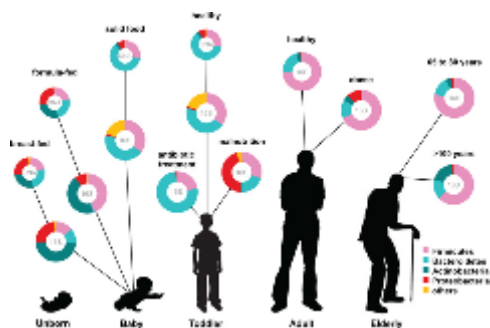
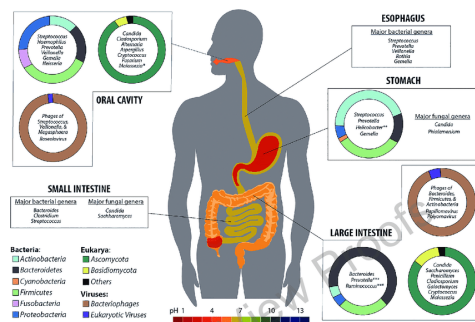
Bacteriocins as alternative to antibiotics



Broad spectrum antibiotics
VS
Narrow spectrum bacteriocins



Human microbiota is very variable



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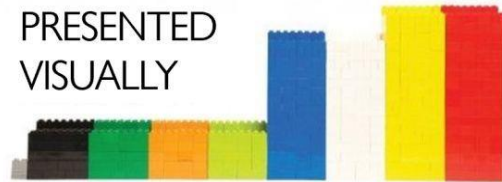
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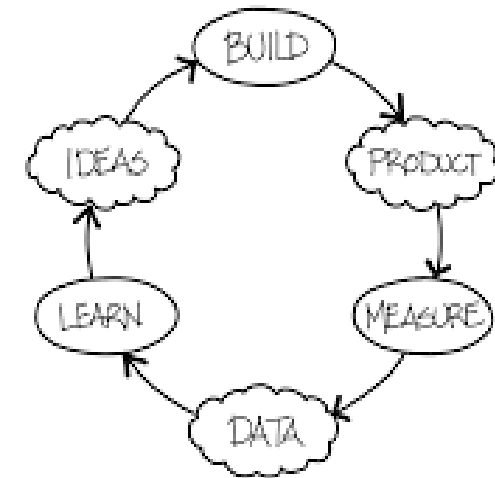
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Evolution diversity of bacteriocins

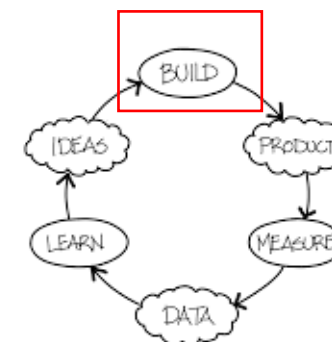




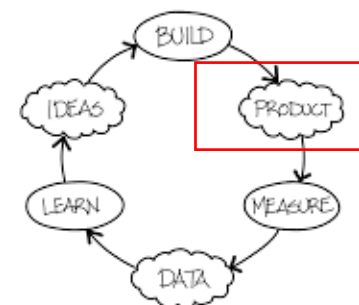
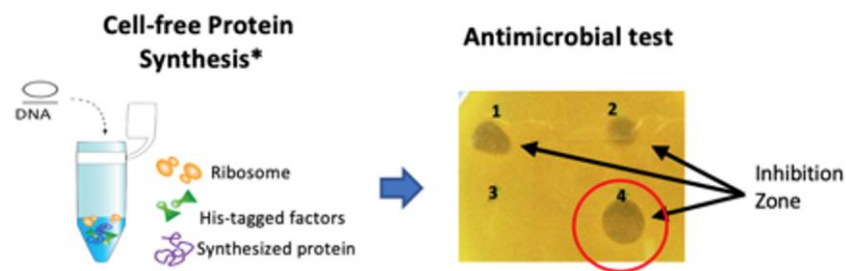
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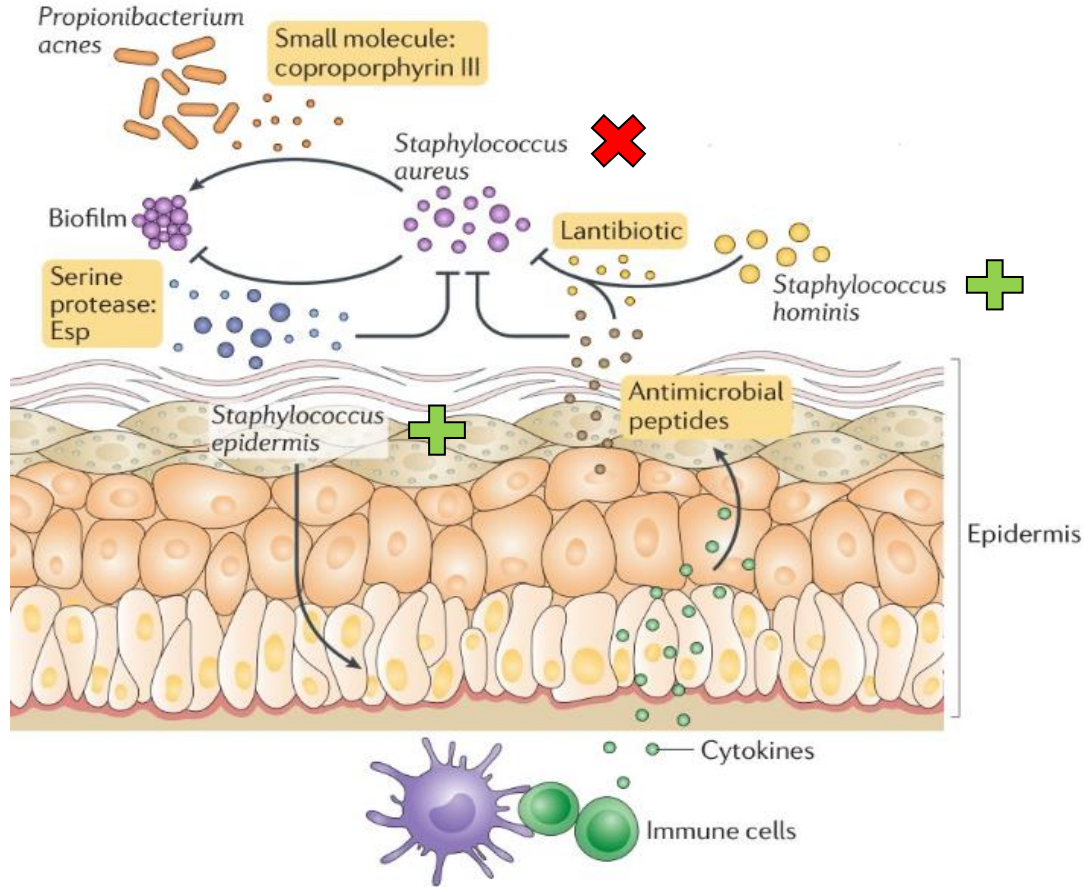
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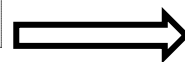
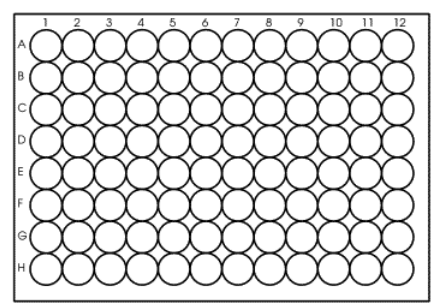
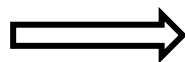
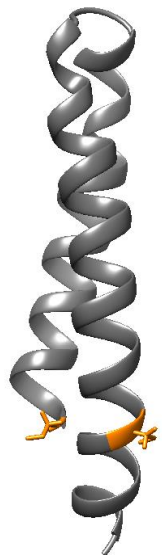
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Example of a potential application



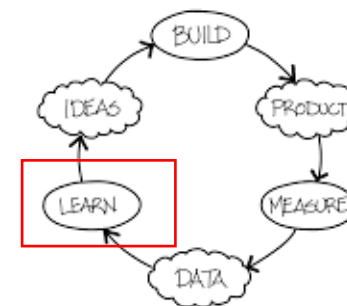
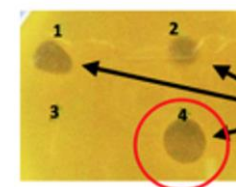
Mutant Library generation to determine structure/function relationships



Cell-free Protein Synthesis*



Antimicrobial test



Type of mutations

- Alanine scan
- Deletion
- Single or multiple amino acid mutation
- (Charge variation)
- (Disulfides bound)



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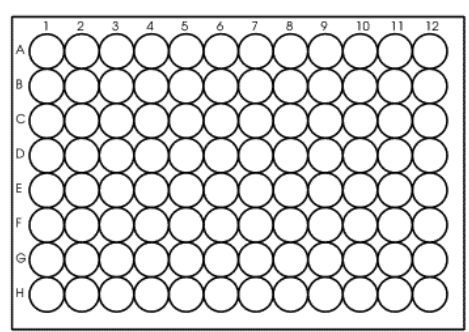
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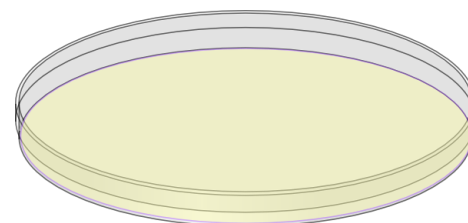
Screening of the PARAGEN collection



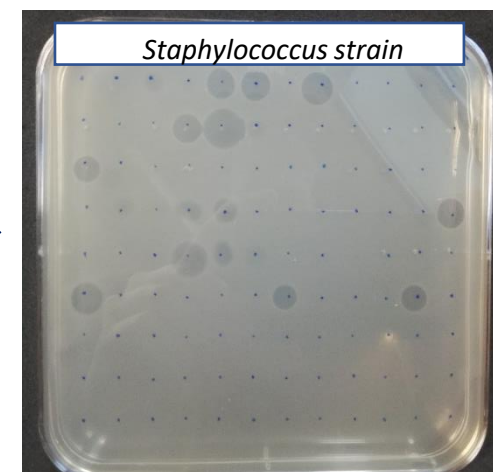
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96 well plate containing chemically synthesized bacteriocins



Petri dish with a homogenous culture of a *Staphylococcus* strain



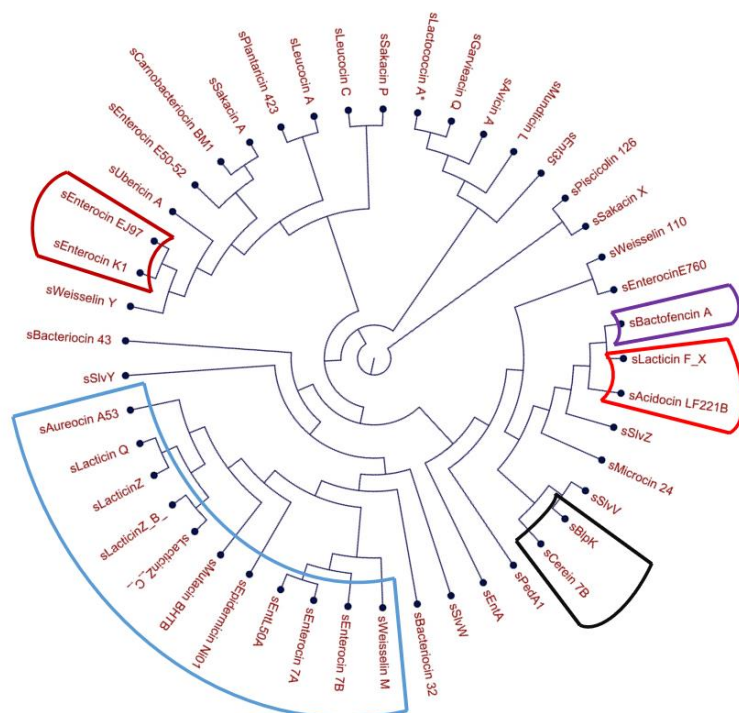
Observation of inhibition halos



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Bacteriocins non active
against *S. epidermidis*
(2 strains tested)

A; B; C

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Subtle selectivity in a pheromone sensor triumvirate desynchronizes competence and predation in a human gut commensal

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Take home message

1. Industries and the health sectors are looking for new ways to control microbial flora (microbiota)
2. Synthetic biology allows to apply biological functions at a new level
3. Bacteriocins are natural antimicrobial peptides (AMP) used by bacteria to protect their ecological niche
4. Syngulon has built PARAGEN a unique collection of synthetic bacteriocin genes (around 500 genes)
5. Via academic collaborations Syngulon is studying the mode of action of bacteriocins
6. Via different industrial/medical partnerships Syngulon is testing applications of bacteriocins

