THE COAGULATION SYSTEM IN STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS ENDOVASCULAR INFECTIONS

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Staphylococcus aureus



COLONISATION INVASION

COMMENSAL ABCESS

PERSISTENCE

CATHETER- AND DEVICE-RELATED INFECTIONS DISSEMINATION

SEPSIS

ENDOVASCULAR ADHESION

INFECTIVE ENDOCARDITIS

SEVERITY

S. aureus disease spectrum



SKIN



COLONISATION INVASION COMMENSAL ABCESS

SURFACE

PERSISTENCE

CATHETER- AND **DEVICE-RELATED INFECTIONS**

SEPSIS

ENDOVASCULAR DISSEMINATION **ADHESION INFECTIVE ENDOCARDITIS**

BLOOD

THE COAGULATION SYSTEM PROTECTS AGAINST LIFE-THREATENING BLEEDING











THE COAGULATION SYSTEM PROTECTS AGAINST LIFE-THREATENING BLEEDING **BUT UNREGULATED ACTIVATION IS OUR N°1 KILLER**

THE COAGULATION SYSTEM PROTECTS AGAINST LIFE-THREATENING INFECTIONS



THE COAGULATION SYSTEM PROTECTS AGAINST LIFE-THREATENING INFECTIONS **BUT INADEQUATE RESPONSE INCREASES MORTALITY**

S. AUREUS HAS EVOLVED TO ESCAPE THE COAGULATION SYSTEM

S. AUREUS HAS EVOLVED TO USE THE **COAGULATION SYSTEM TO ITS OWN ADVANTAGE** TO PROMOTE INFECTION

S.aureus and coagulation





coagulase test negative = coagulase-negative staphylococ (CNS)

coagulase test positive = Staphylococcus aureus (S. aureus)

COAGULASE AND HEMOLYSIN TESTS AS MEASURES OF THE PATHOGENICITY OF STAPHYLOCOCCI

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"The determination of the coagulase is important because, regardless of its color, a coagulating strain is probably pathogenic"











S. AUREUS COAGULASES: - STAPHYLOCOAGULASE - VWBP



'STAPHYLOTHROMBIN'



PROTHROMBIN

THROMBIN





Vanassche et al, J Clin Microbiol 2010



- VWBP



Vanassche et al, J Clin Microbiol 2010





abscess formation









device-related infections



bloodstream infection and sepsis



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Vanassche et al, JTH 2011



bloodstream infection and sepsis



GENETIC STRATEGY



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Vanassche et al, J Inf Dis 2013



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DIRECT THROMBIN INHIBITORS IN PATIENTS WITH *S. AUREUS* BACTEREMIA:

A RANDOMIZED CLINIAL TRIAL
CLINICALTRIALS N° NTCC 0191162 MARCH 2013 --> APRIL 2016



PRIMARY ENDPOINT

FEASIBILITY RECRUITMENT OF PATIENTS ANTI-STAPHYLOTHROMBIN ACTIVITY

SAFETY MAJOR BLEEDING









CLINICALLY RELEVANT BLEEDING: 5 DABIGATRAN VS 5 LMWH

THROMBOTIC EVENTS: 7 DABIGATRAN VS 7 LMWH

SECONDARY ENDPOINTS

CHANGE IN D-DIMERS CHANGE IN INFLAMMATORY PARAMETERS CHANGE IN BLOOD CULTURES

CLINICAL OUTCOMES

METASTATIC INFECTIONS DETECTED BY PET/CT

CHANGE IN **D**-DIMERS



POSITIVE BLOOD CULTURES



CLINICAL PARAMETERS

	DTI	LMWH	
HOSPITAL STAY	19 (13-39)	16 (12-30)	
DEFERVESCENCE (h)	26 (0-58)	12 (0-50)	
ENDOCARDITIS	2	3	
METASTATIC INFECTION	2/30 (6.7%)	6/26 (23%)	
90 day MORTALITY	10	9	
Of which infection-related	1/10	4/9	

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S.AUREUS TARGETS SPECIFIC THROMBIN EXOSITES TO FORM FIBRIN CLOTS THAT **INCREASE INFECTIVITY AND ADHESION IN VIVO**

TARGETING COAGULASE ACTIVITY HAS POTENTIAL TO MODULATE PATIENT **OUTCOMES**

S.aureus and platelets



























Claes et al, JTH 2017







Claes et al, Blood 2014



Sepsis mortality



IN PATIENTS WITH S. AUREUS SEPSIS

von Willebrand factor (VWF)

ADAMTS-13



VWF LEVELS ARE HIGH AND **ADAMTS-13** LEVELS ARE LOW

IN PATIENTS WITH S. AUREUS SEPSIS



VWF/ADAMTS-13 CORRELATES WITH DISEASE SEVERITY

S.aureus and endocarditis















H&E Staining

MSB Staining



VWF-immunostaining


S. AUREUS USES VWF TO ATTACH TO DAMAGED VALVULAR ENDOTHELIUM IN VIVO

MORE REFINED ENDOCARDITIS ANIMAL MODELS ALLOW MORE DETAILED STUDY OF EARLY ADHESION

A new model to study early bacterial adhesion







40 um

A new model to study early bacterial adhesion



Mechanisms of adhesion







Damaged cardiac valve

Endothelium Platelets Fibrin *S. aureus* Dapi White blood cells



normal valve





damaged valve





Mechanisms of adhesion











Liesenborghs et al. Eur Heart J. 2019



Liesenborghs et al. Eur Heart J. 2019

Inflamed cardiac valve

Endothelium Platelets Fibrin S. aureus

Dapi



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inflamed valve











infective endocarditis platelet coagulase DTI? anti-VWF? recruitment anti-VWF? anti-PLT? anti-ClfA?

TARGETED VIRULENCE FACTOR INHIBITION