

# Medical innovations to maintain the function in patients with PJI

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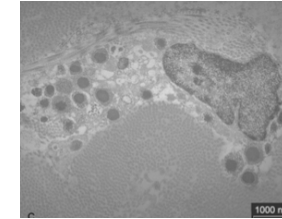
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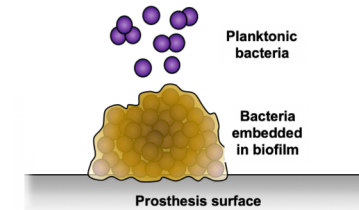


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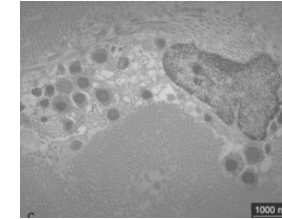


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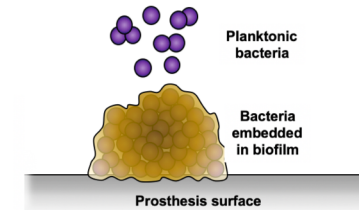


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## Infectious challenge

Eradication of the pathogen

## Functional challenge

Limit bone loss

**Infect. Dis.**

Physician

Cure the infection

PRO

**Incompatible**

CON

**Orthopaedic**

Surgeon

Maintain the function

# Personalized medicine for BJI



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**OPTIMAL  
SEPTIC  
SURGERY**

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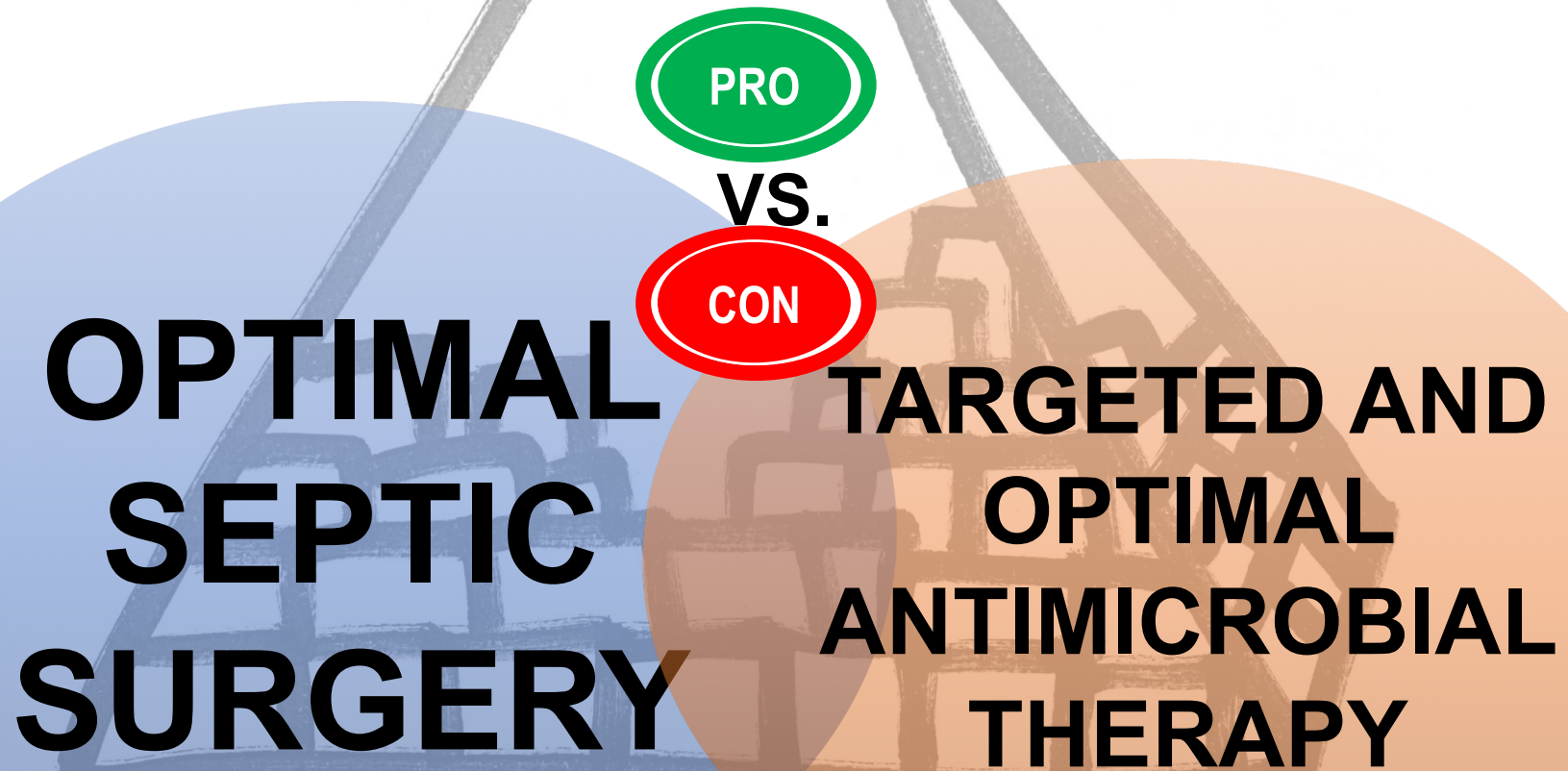
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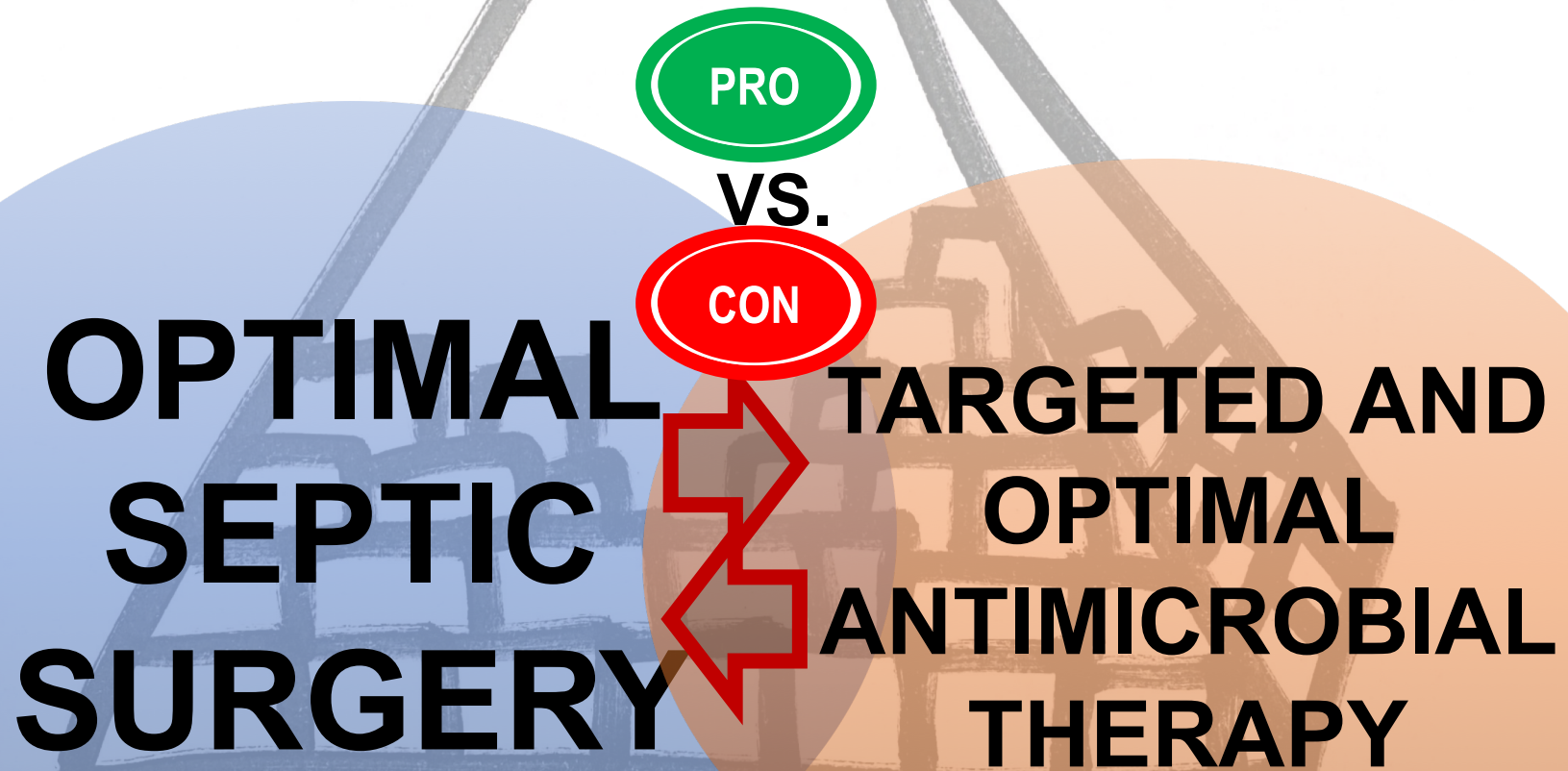
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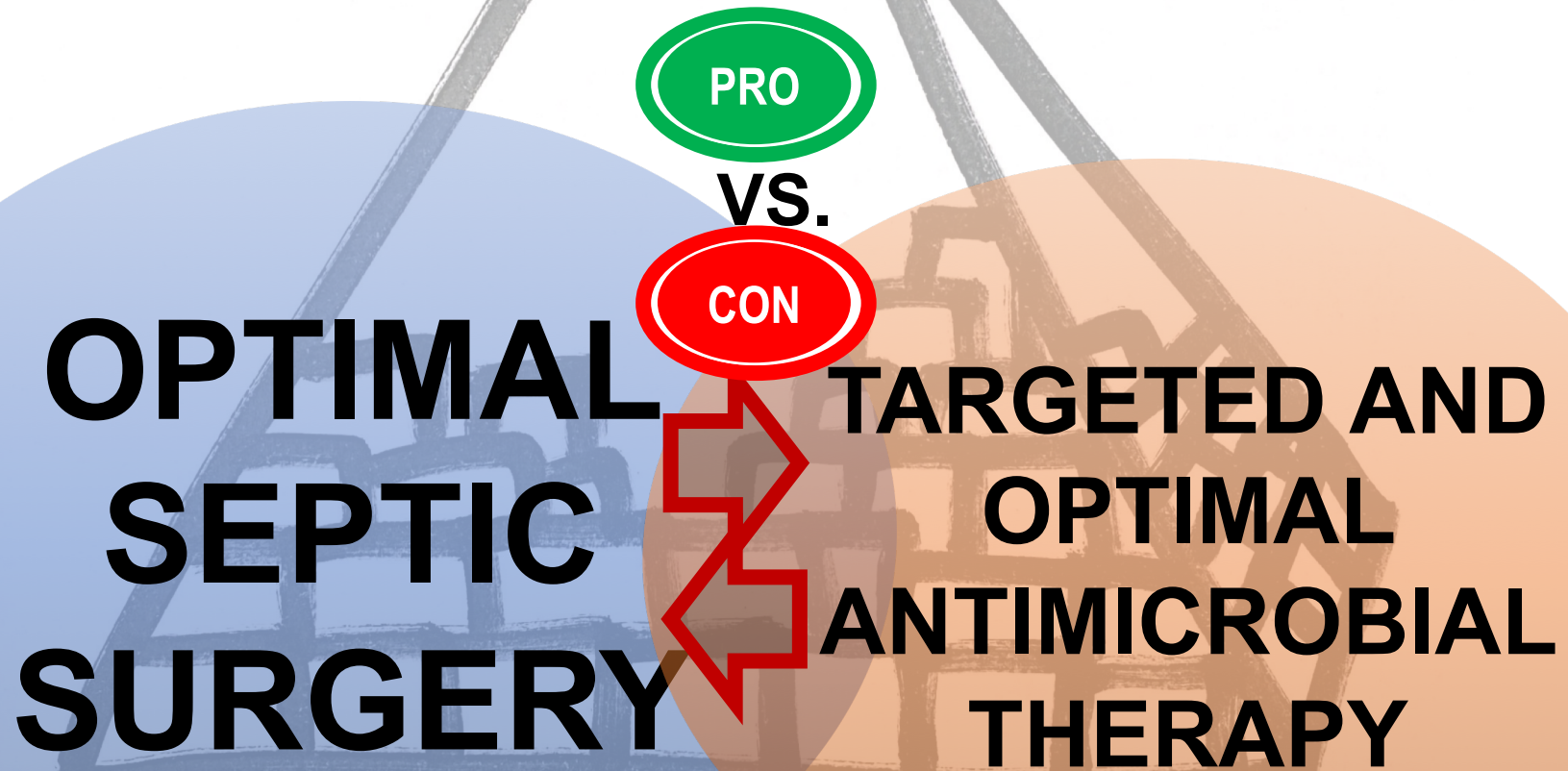
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## MULTIDISCIPLINARY MEETING

THE BEST INDIVIDUALIZED MEDICOSURGICAL STRATEGY

PRO

VS.

CON

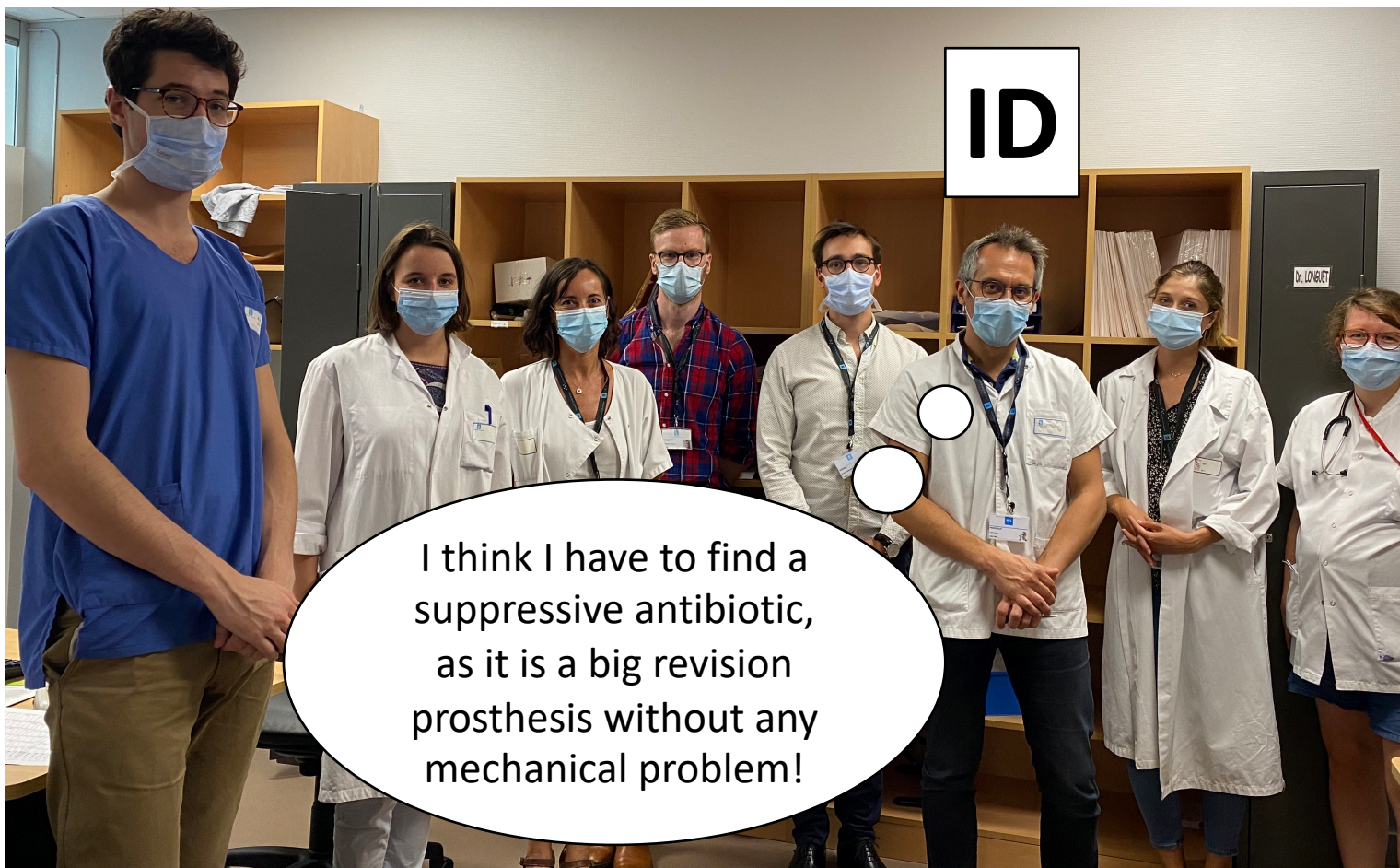
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# Centre de Référence des Infections Ostéo-Articulaires complexes



# Antimicrobial suppressive therapy

Consensus document

2017



Management of prosthetic joint infections. Clinical practice guidelines by the Spanish Society of Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology (SEIMC)

Some patients may be considered **unsuitable for implant removal**, either because they present with **too many baseline conditions**, or because a **poor functional outcome is foreseen**. In these patients, prolonged or indefinite antimicrobial therapy aiming to control the infection may be considered. This strategy is known as **SAT (suppressive antimicrobial therapy)**.

# Antimicrobial suppressive therapy

## Diagnosis and Management of Prosthetic Joint Infection: Clinical Practice Guidelines by the Infectious Diseases Society of America<sup>a</sup>

2013 



Douglas R. Osmon,<sup>1</sup> Elie F. Berbari,<sup>1</sup> Anthony R. Berendt,<sup>2</sup> Daniel Lew,<sup>3</sup> Werner Zimmerli,<sup>4</sup> James M. Steckelberg,<sup>1</sup> Nalini Rao,<sup>5,6</sup> Arlen Hanssen,<sup>7</sup> and Walter R. Wilson<sup>1</sup>

**Table 3. Common Antimicrobials Used for Chronic Oral Antimicrobial Suppression (B-III Unless Otherwise Stated in Text)<sup>a,b</sup>**

Microorganism	Preferred Treatment	Alternative Treatment
Staphylococci, oxacillin-susceptible	Cephalexin 500 mg PO tid or qid or Cefadroxil 500 mg PO bid	Dicloxacillin 500 mg PO tid or qid Clindamycin 300 mg PO tid or qid
Staphylococci, oxacillin-resistant	Cotrimoxazole 1 DS tab PO bid Minocycline or doxycycline 100 mg PO bid	
$\beta$ -hemolytic streptococci	Penicillin V 500 mg PO bid to qid or Amoxicillin 500 mg PO tid	Cephalexin 500 mg PO tid or qid
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Ciprofloxacin 250–500 mg PO bid	
Enterobacteriaceae	Cotrimoxazole 1 DS tab PO bid	$\beta$ -lactam oral therapy based on in vitro susceptibilities
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**Beta-lactam, clindamycin, cotrimoxazole, tetracycline**



# Clinical case #1

**71-year-old man**

Vitiligo, myocardial disease

**Chronic relapsing PJI**  
(resection prosthesis)

**Puncture: *S. epidermidis***  
only susceptible to vancomycine,  
daptomycine, linezolid

X-ray: asymptomatic partial  
tibial loosening

**Clinical status: fistula, walk  
without help and without  
pain**



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# Clinical case #1

**PRO**

**VS.**

**CON**

**DAIR**

**+**

**Primary ATBx**

**then**

**SAT**

**Linezolid  
then  
Tedizolid**

1 pill/day

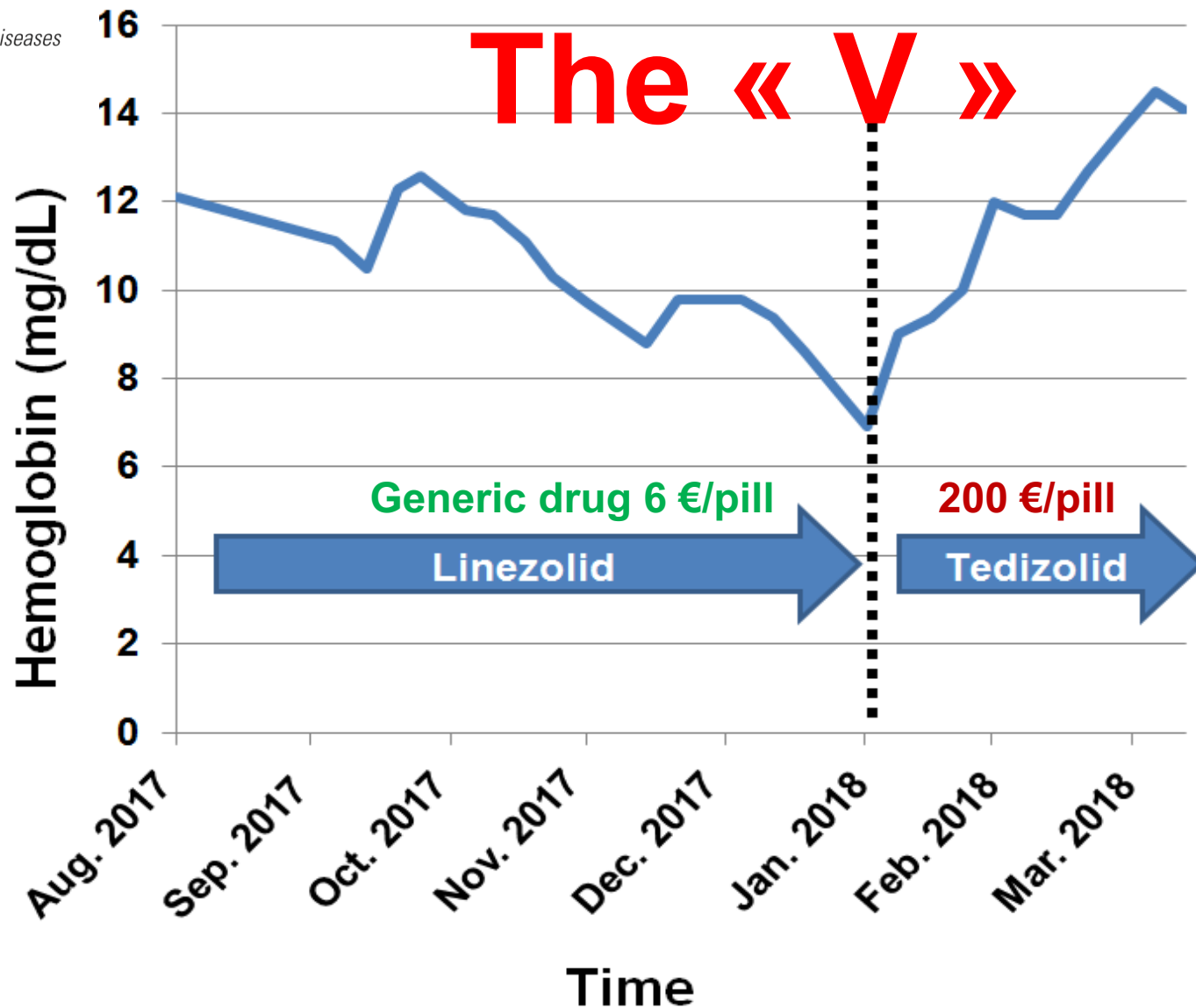
**Long acting  
Antibiotic  
Dalbavancin**

1 injection/month



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**Figure 1.** Hemoglobin during time, with continuous decrease under linezolid therapy, followed by a continuous increase after the switch to tedizolid.

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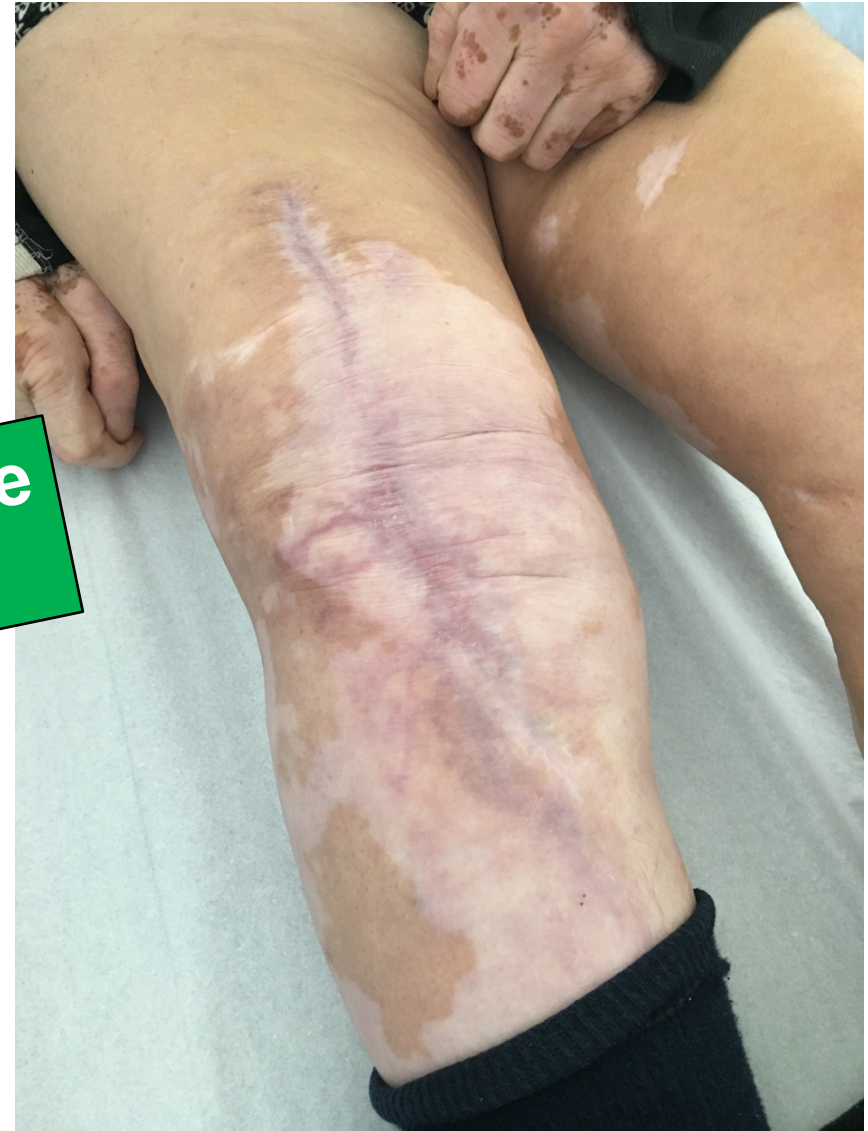
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Explantation to cure  
but associated with a  
considerable loss of  
function

PRO

VS.

CON

Last DAIR +  
Necrosis resection  
+ Dermal substitute  
+ Primary ATBx  
Then

SAT

G COUCHE





# Subcutaneous suppressive antibiotic therapy for bone and joint infections: safety and outcome in a cohort of 10 patients

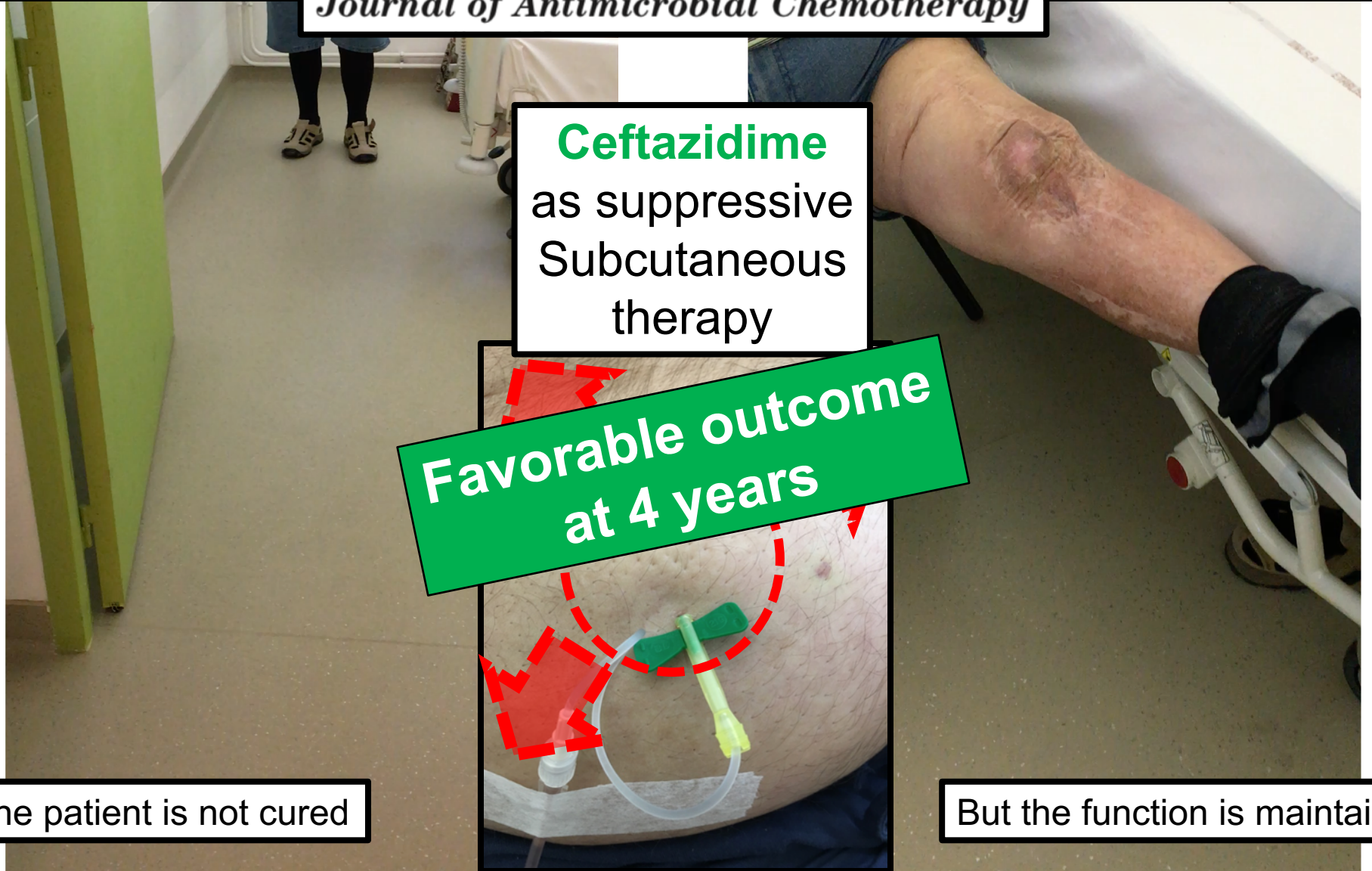
*Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy*

**Ceftazidime**  
as suppressive  
Subcutaneous  
therapy

**Favorable outcome  
at 4 years**

The patient is not cured

But the function is maintained



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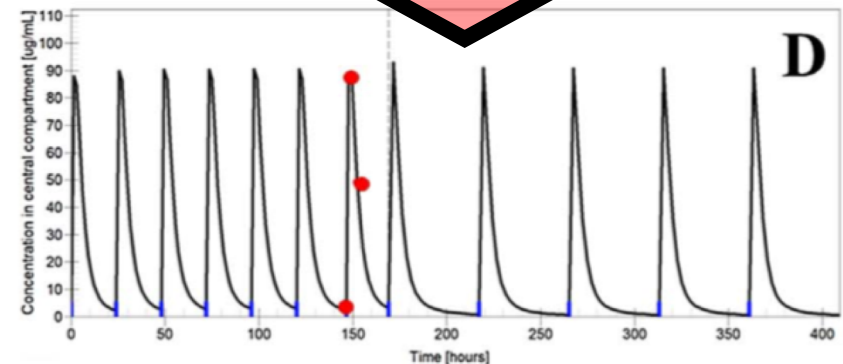
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**PK-based  
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SC injection each 48h**



*Lyon BJI Study group 2020*

Medical innovations to maintain the function in patients with chronic PJI for whom explantation is not desirable: a pathophysiology-, multidisciplinary-, and experience-based approach  
T. Ferry *SICOT-J* 2020, 6, 26

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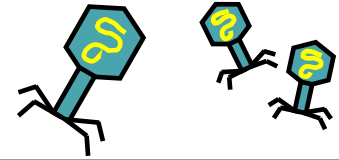
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# Personalized medicine

## Bacteriophages



Antibiotic-loaded  
PMMA cements

Antibiotic-loaded  
bone substitutes

**ADJUVANT  
INNOVATIVE ANTI-  
INFECTIVE AGENTS**

Bacteriophage-  
derived lysins

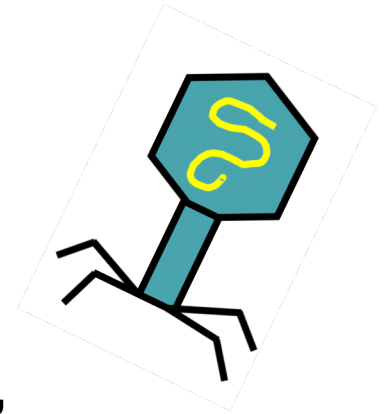
New antibiotics  
targeting the biofilm

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# What is a « bacteriophage » ?



- Suffix –phage, *phagos* φαγεῖν (*phagein*), "to eat", "to devour"
- Viruses that infect **ONLY** bacteria
- Classification (*myoviridae*, *podoviridae*, etc...)
- A phage is specific to A TYPE of bacteria
- **Largely abundant in the biosphere:  
10<sup>31</sup> bacteriophages on the planet, more than  
every other organism**
- Especially in marine environment, sea, lake, backwater, soil, animal and human stools, etc.



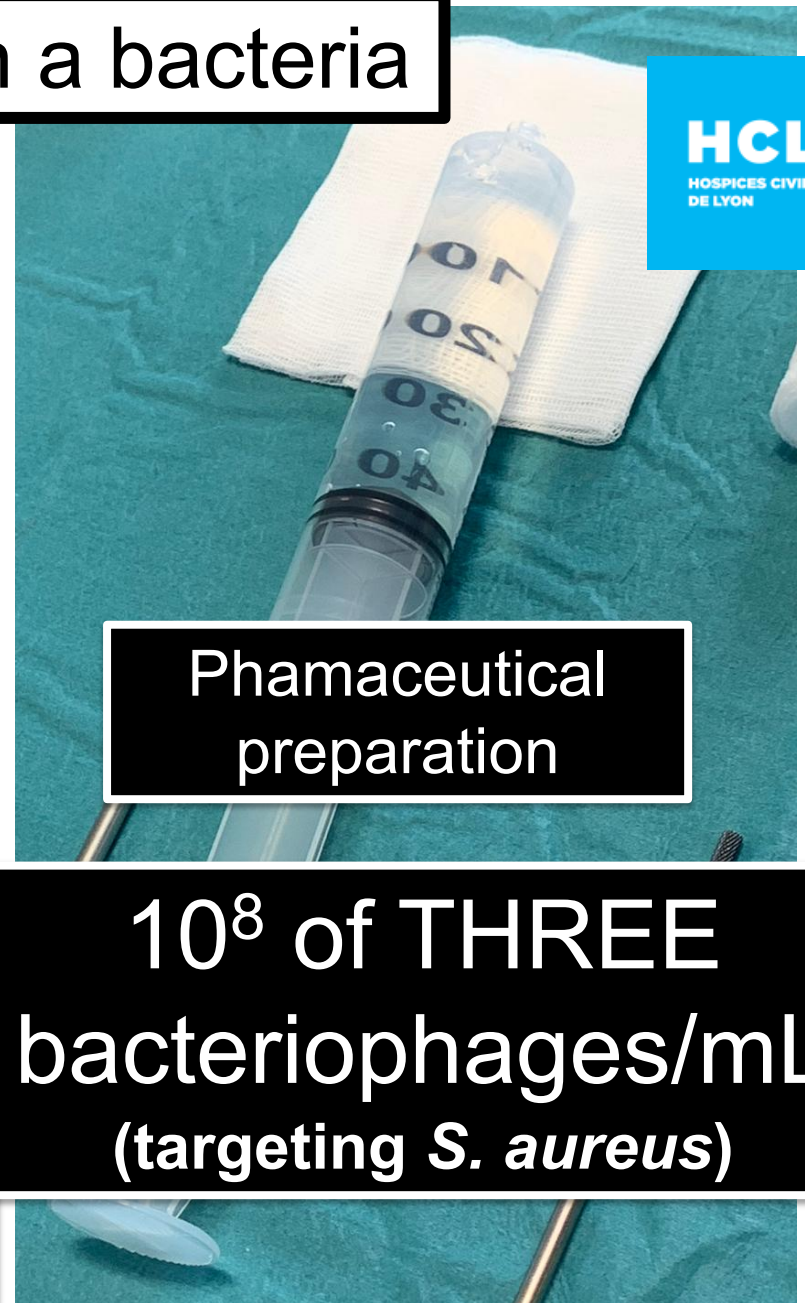


10 to 100 fold smaller than a bacteria

Translucent tap water

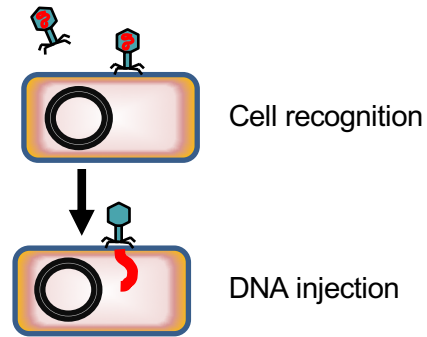


**X million of ≠  
BactériophageS !!!  
(targeting environmental bacteria)**

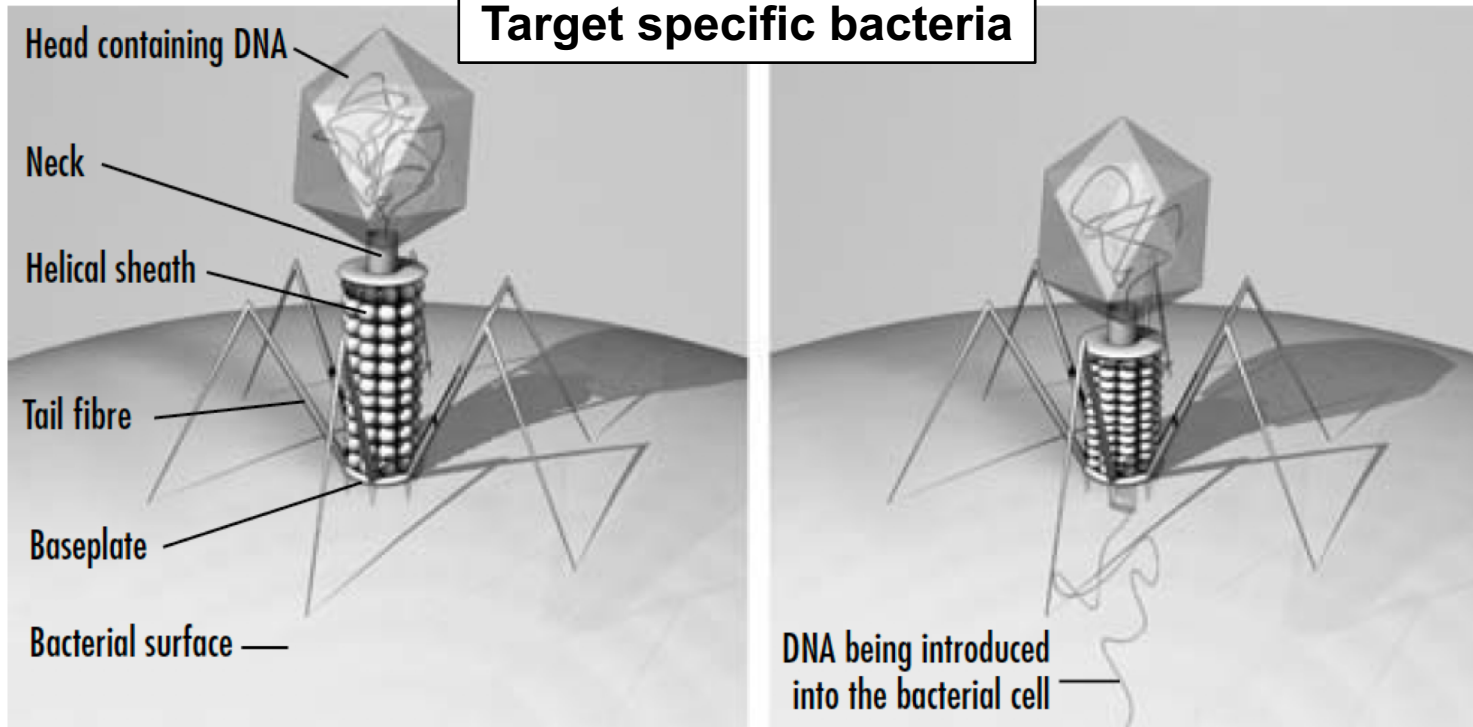


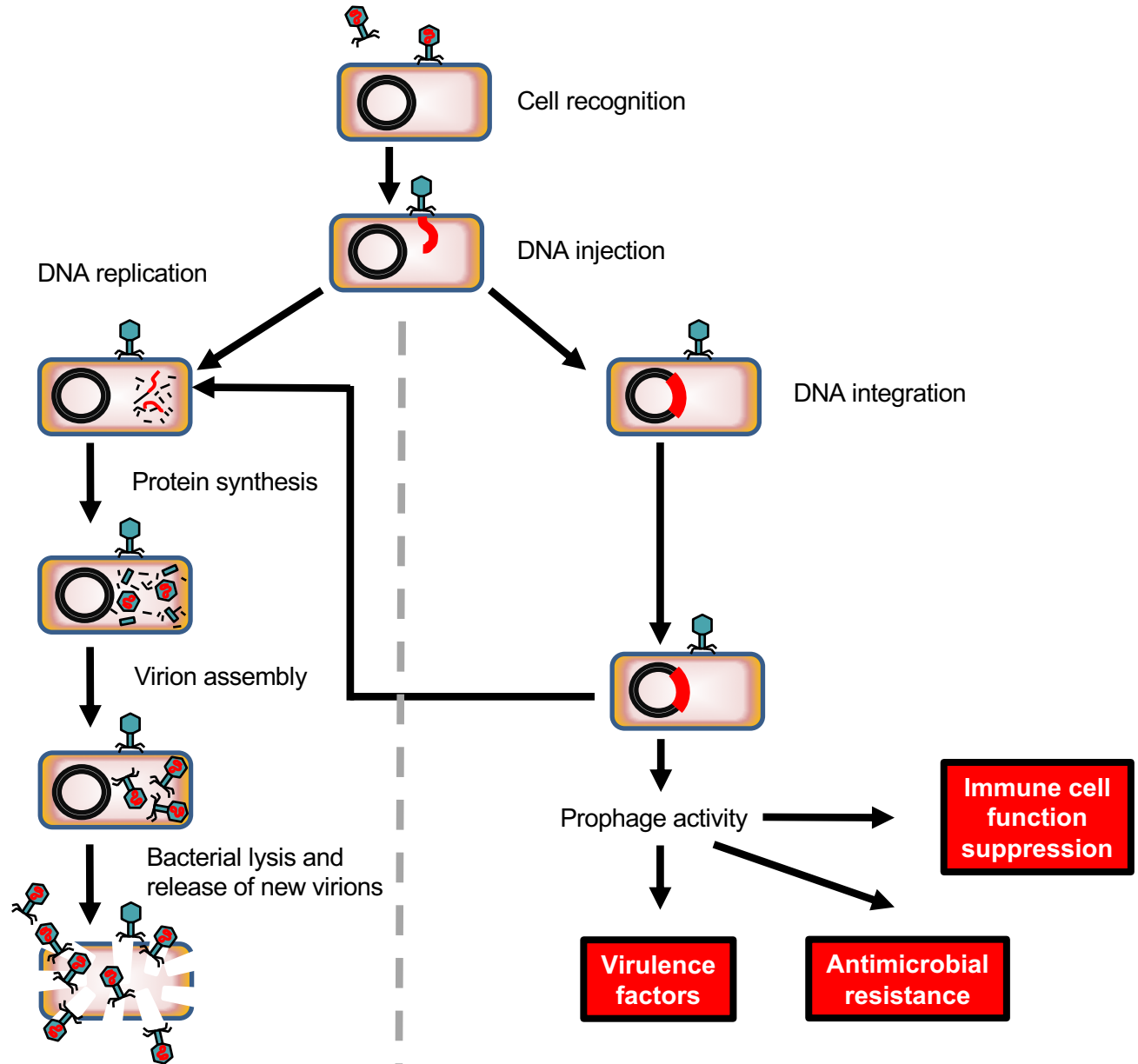
Pharmaceutical  
preparation

**$10^8$  of THREE  
bacteriophages/mL  
(targeting *S. aureus*)**



**Environmental viruses  
Target specific bacteria**



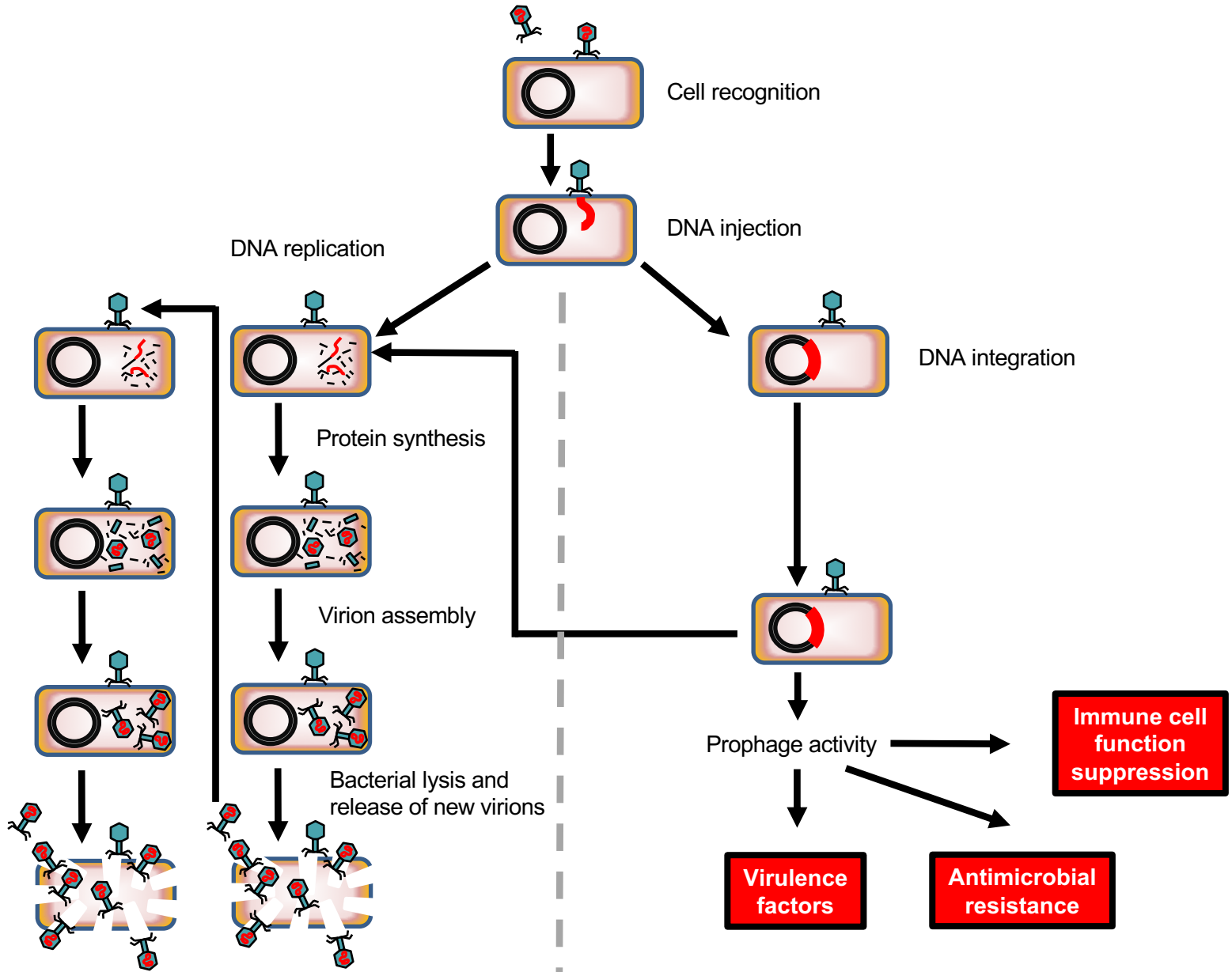


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**Self-maintained bacterial lysis**

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**Bacterial genetic remodeling**



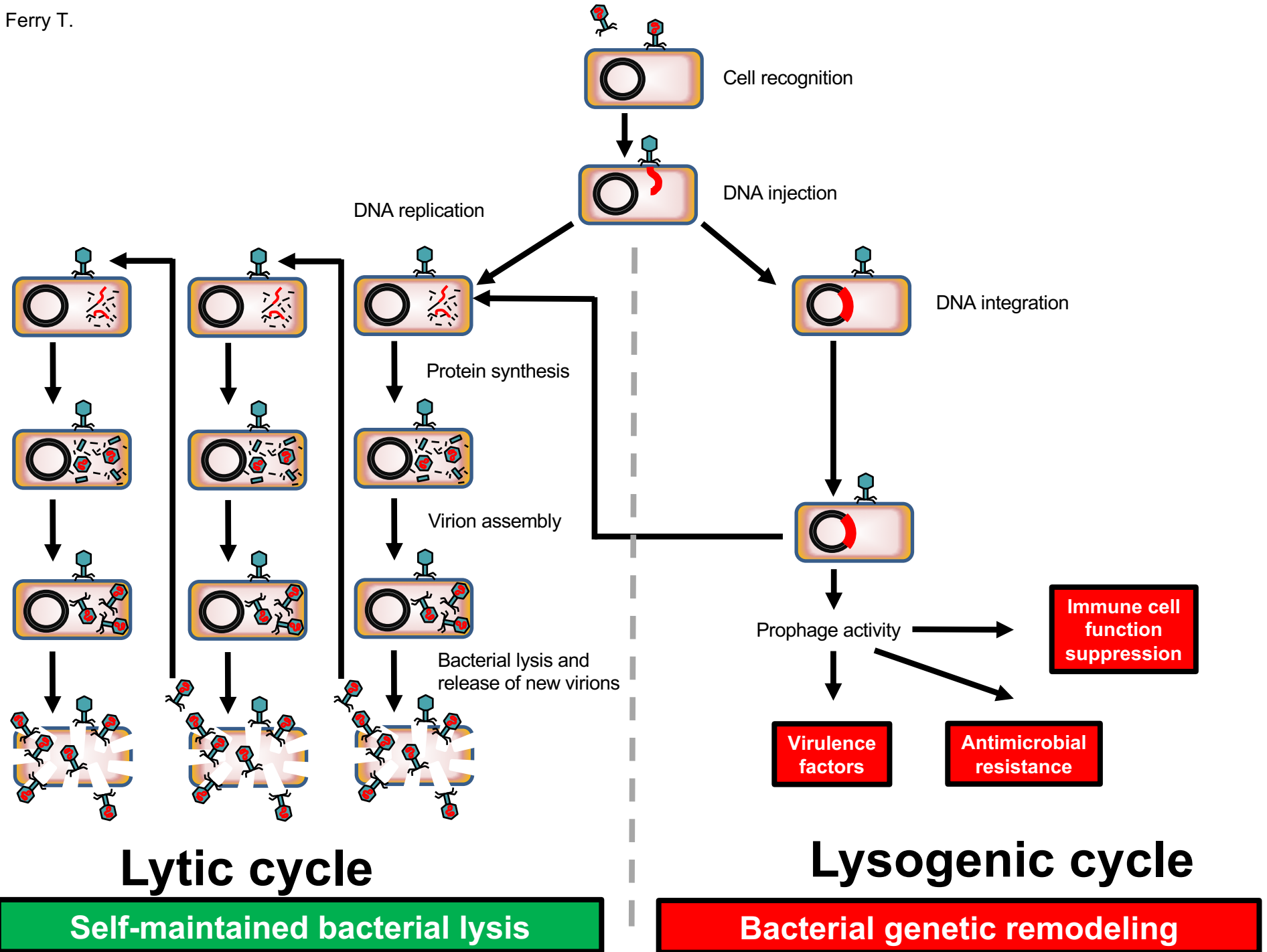
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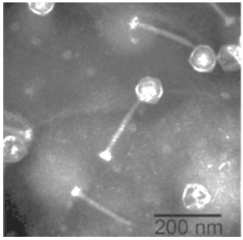
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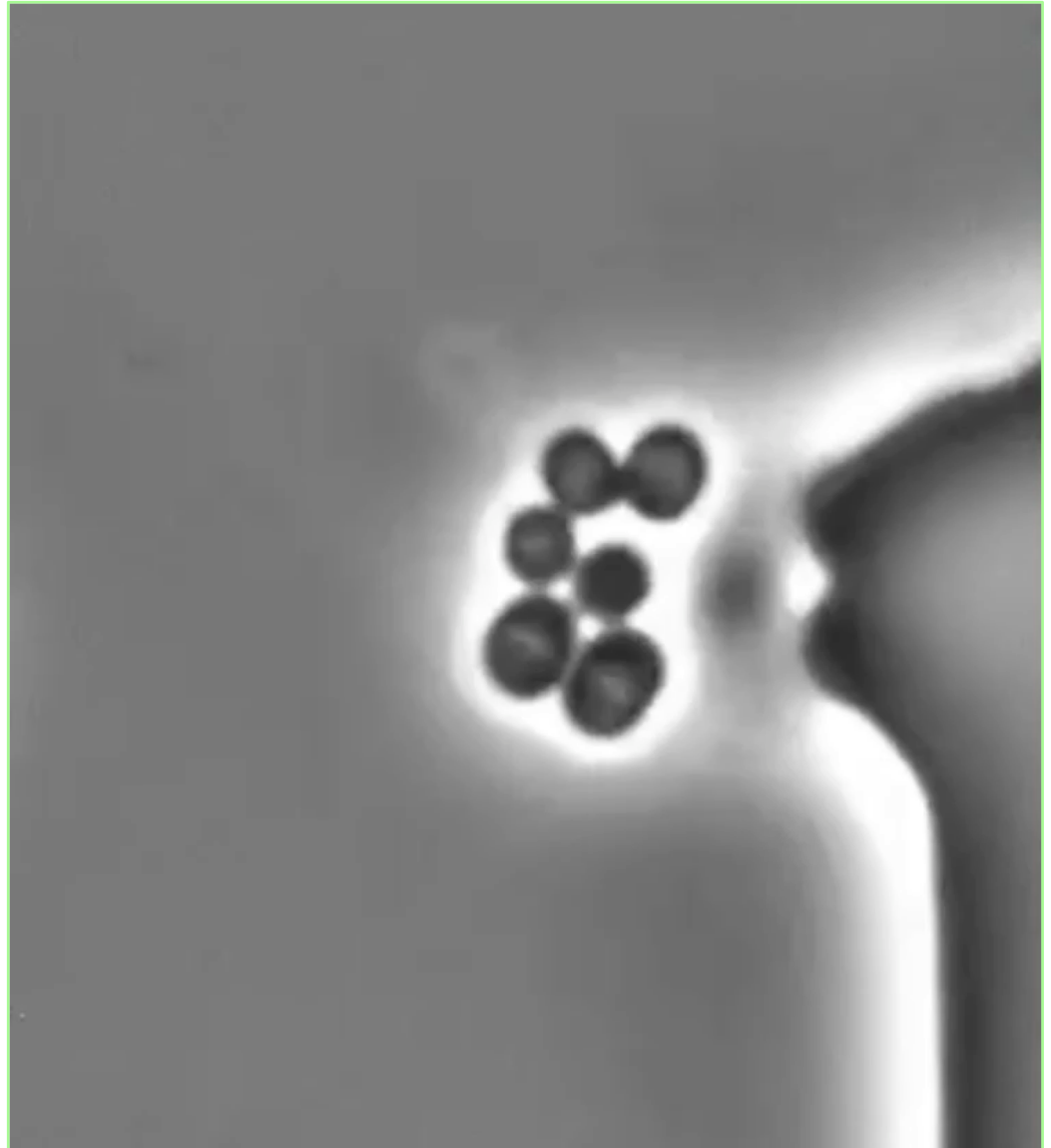
## *S. aureus* being lysed by the Sa2 phage



## Bacterial DNA appeared in green

Courtesy Pascal Maguin  
Luciano Marraffini Lab

THE ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY



# A clear antibacterial activity!

## Phagogram

*Phage*

$10^{10}$

$10^9$

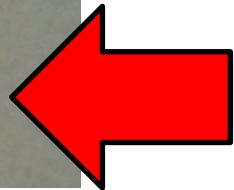
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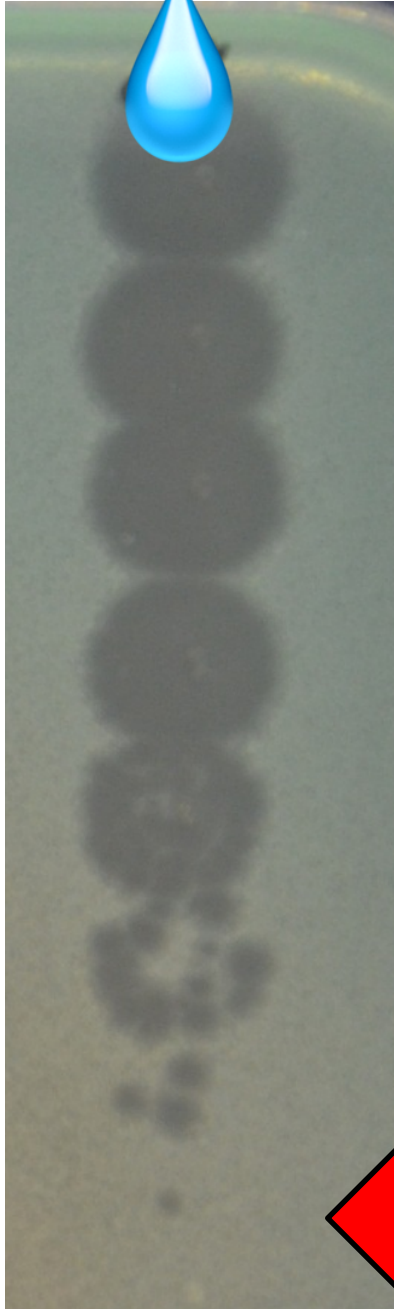
$10^6$

$10^5$

PFU/mL



*S. aureus* culture on a gelosis



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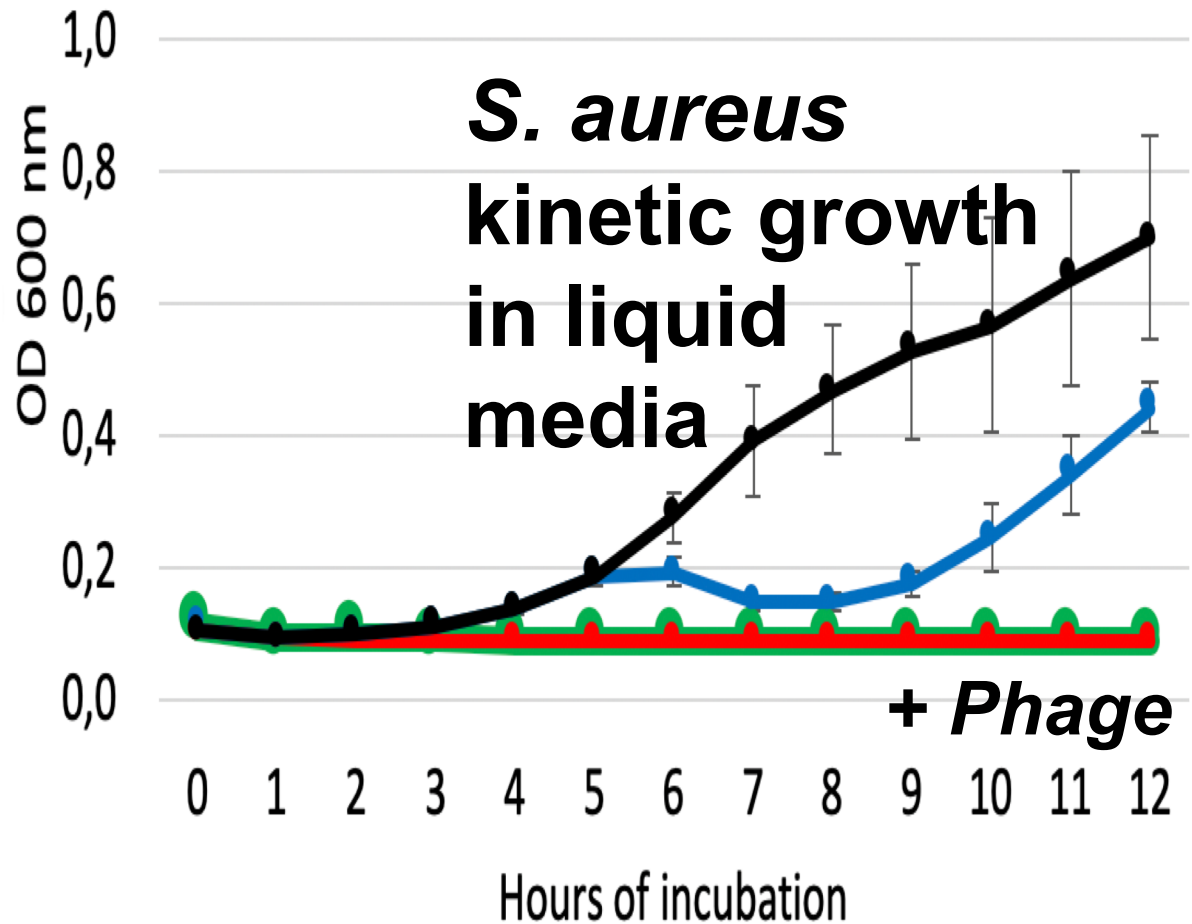
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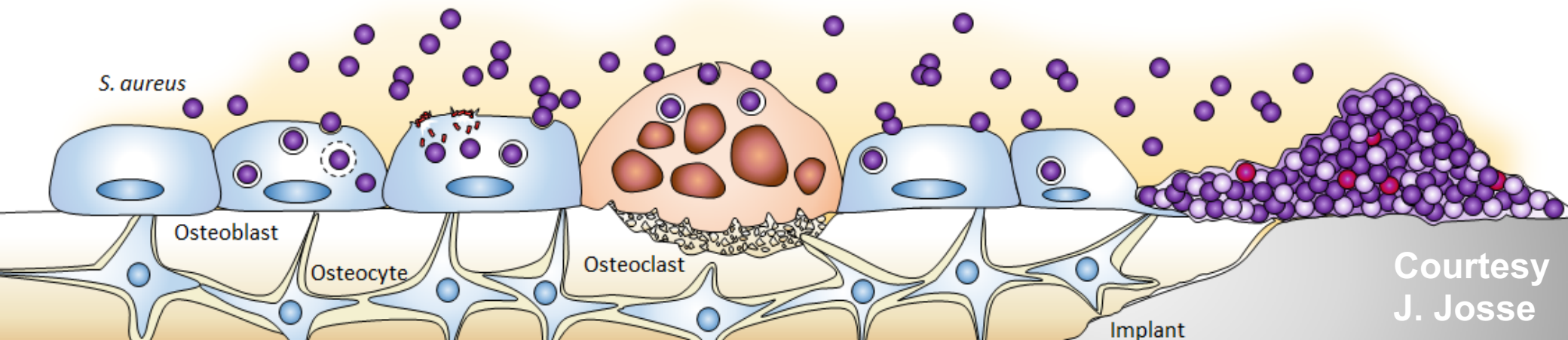


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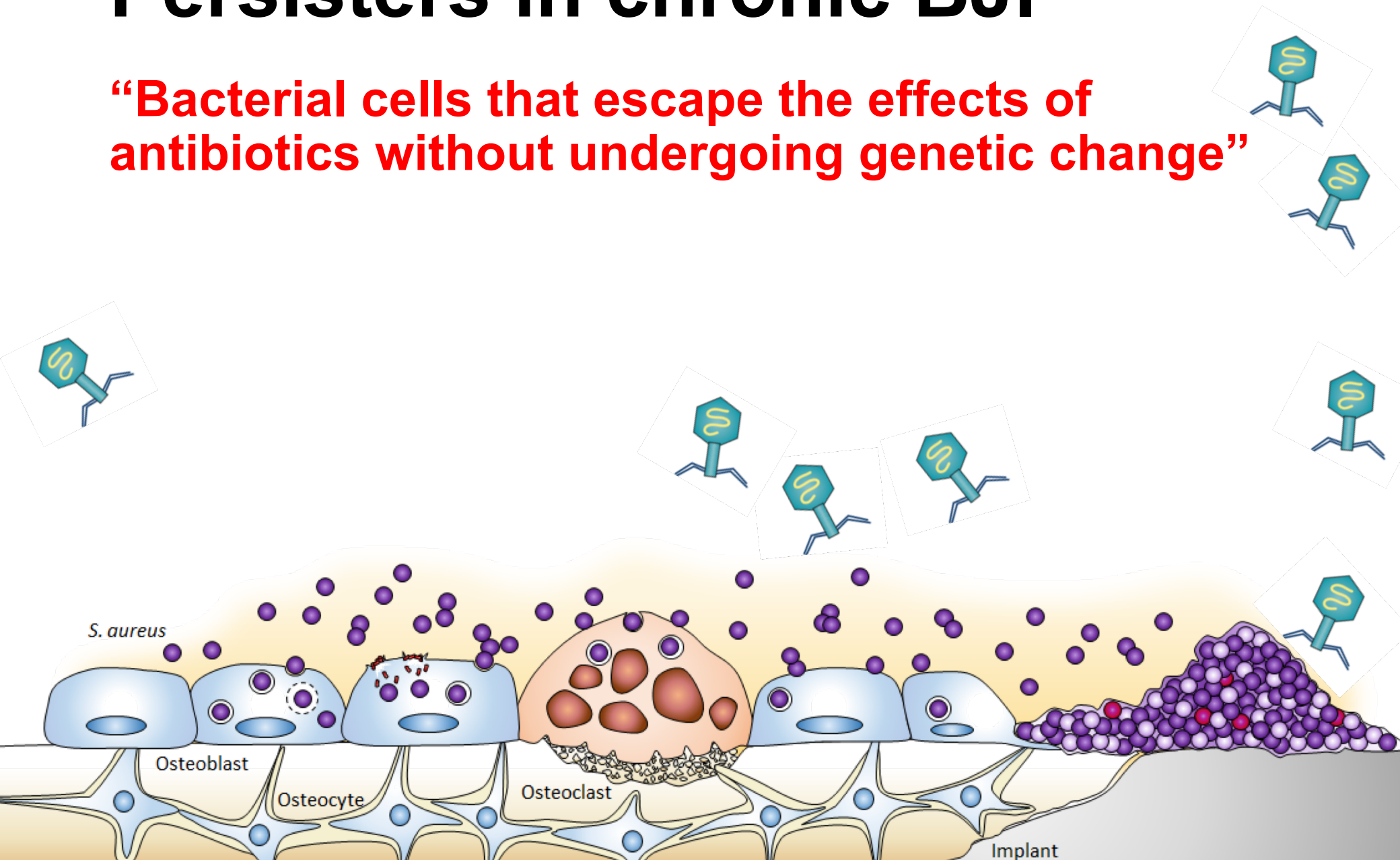
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Courtesy  
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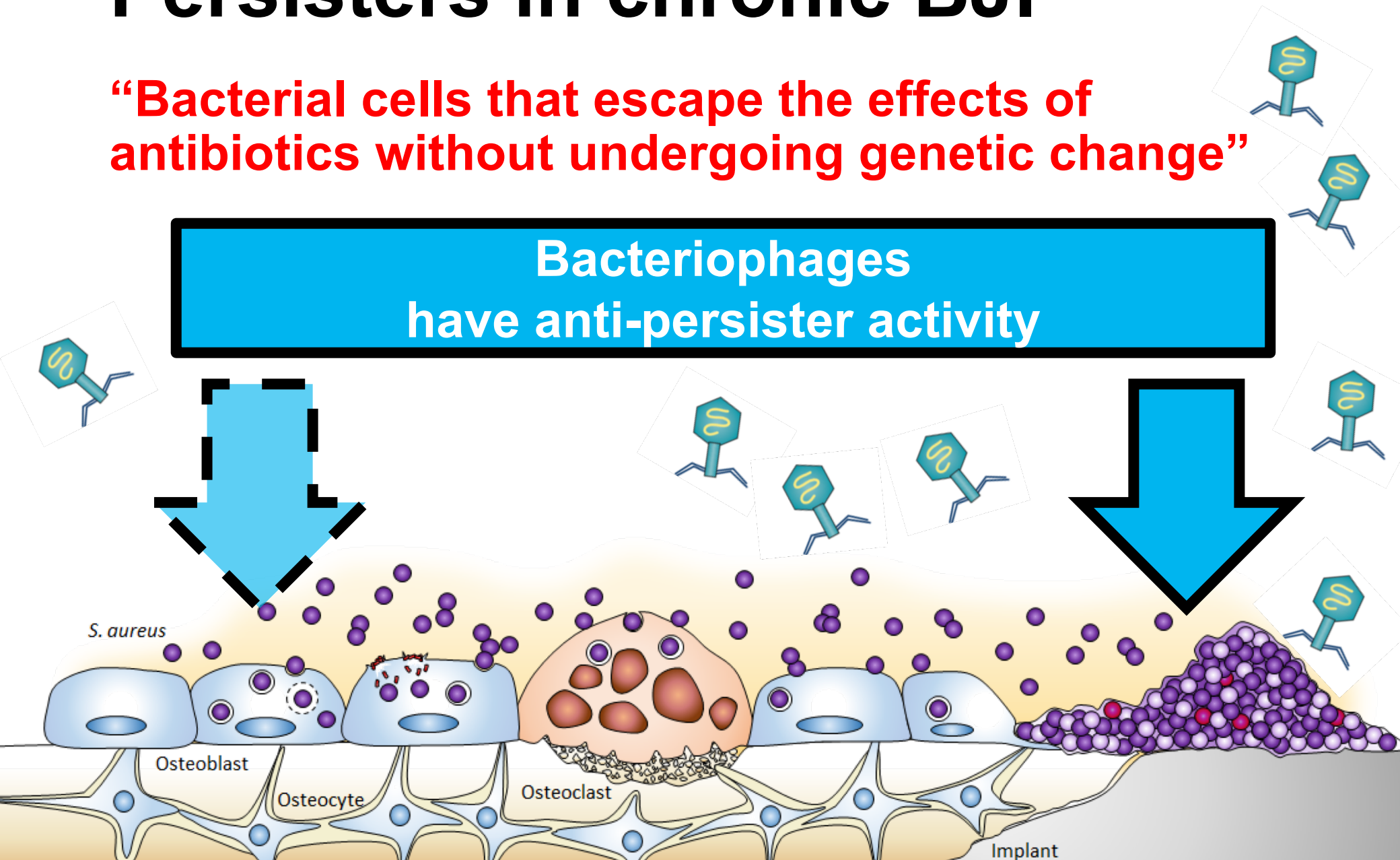
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**Bacteriophages  
have anti-persister activity**



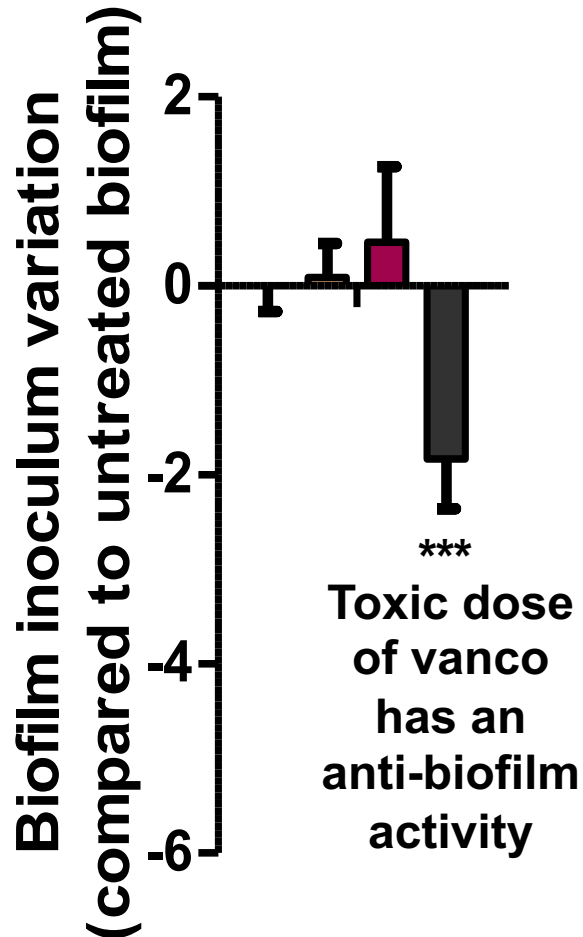
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■ MIC

■ C<sub>bone</sub> (4\*MIC)

■ 10\*MIC

## vancomycin



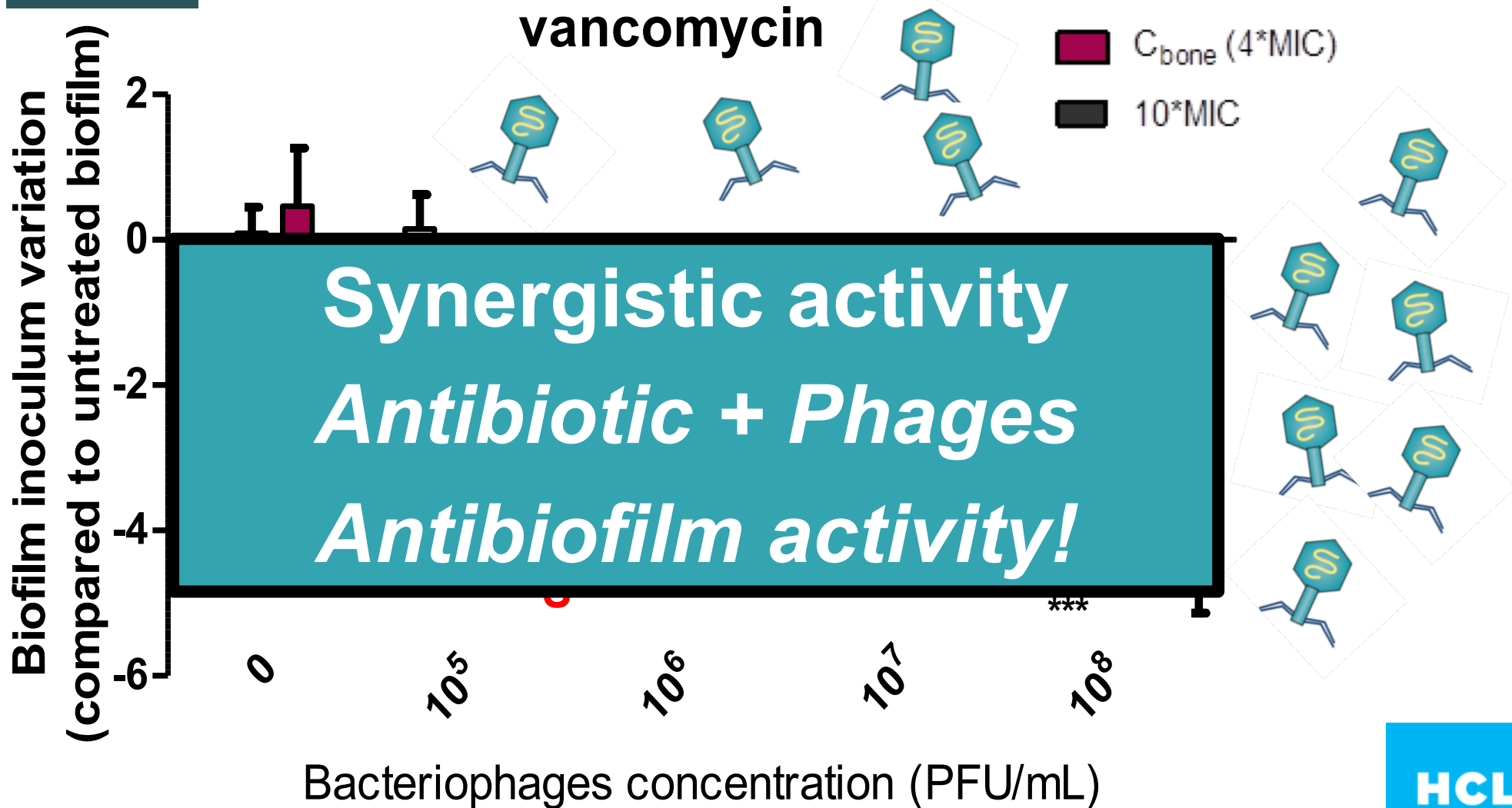


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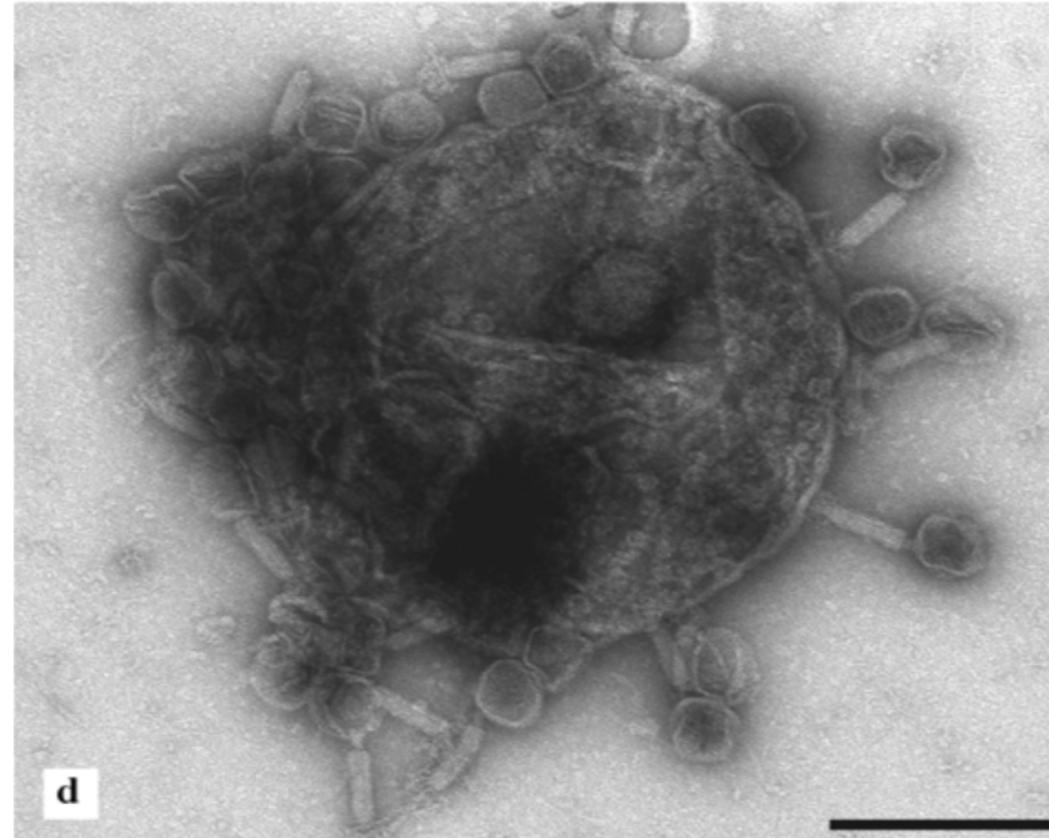
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# Cocktails produced in 2020 by the Eliava Institute

- PYO Bacteriophage
- FERSIS Bacteriophage
- STAPHYLOCOCCAL Bacteriophage
- SES Bacteriophage
- INTESTI Bacteriophage
- ENKO Bacteriophage

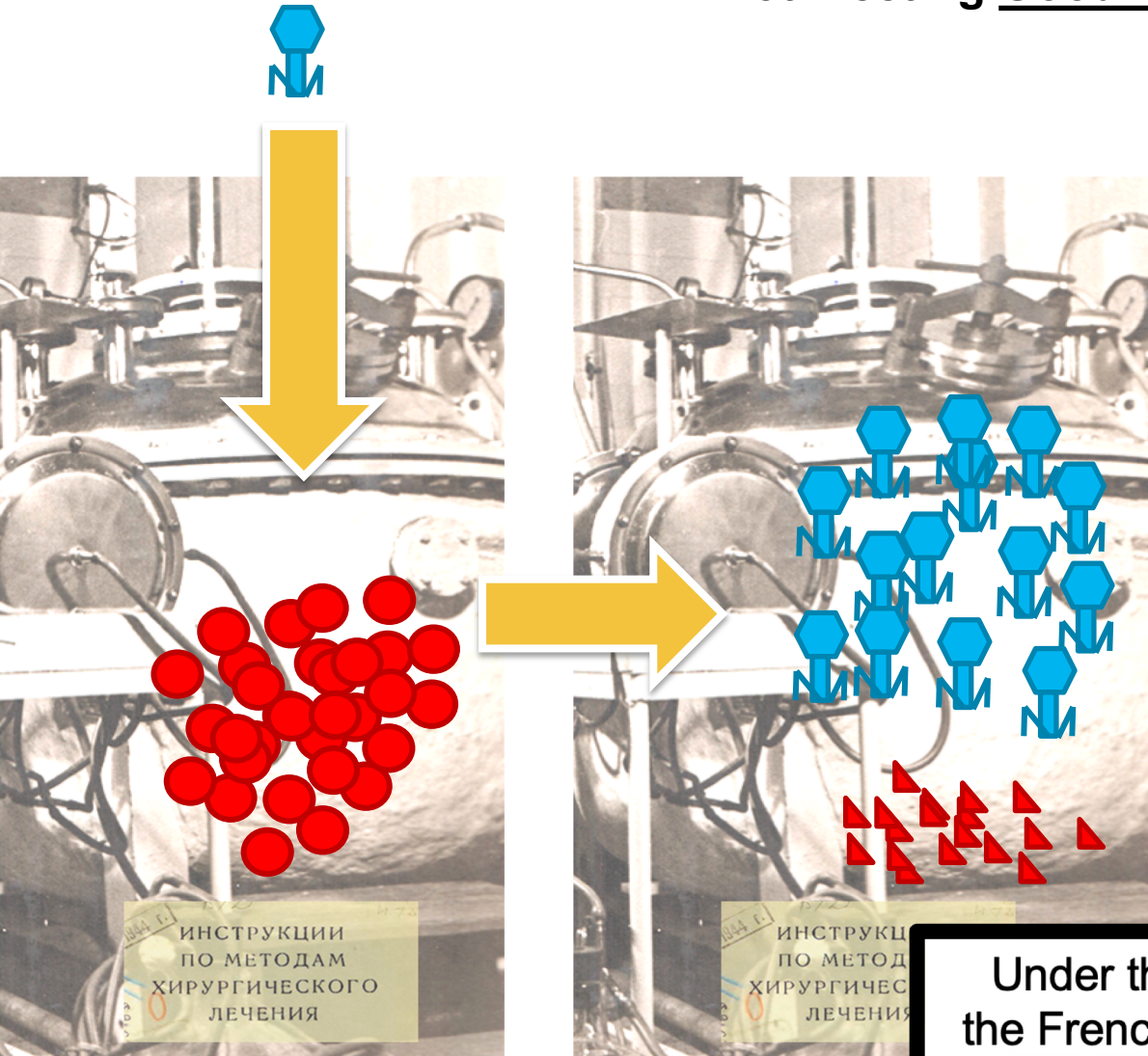
Bacteriophage ISP (*Myoviridae*)



Merabishvili et al. PloS ONE 2009



# Not meeting Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)



**Mass production of bacteriophage  
in Soviet Union during WWII**

**Pyrogenic  
Bacterial  
remnant?**



$10^6$  phages/mL



**GMP**

**Purified and  
produced as  
a drug**

$10^6$  phages/mL

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# Clinical case #3

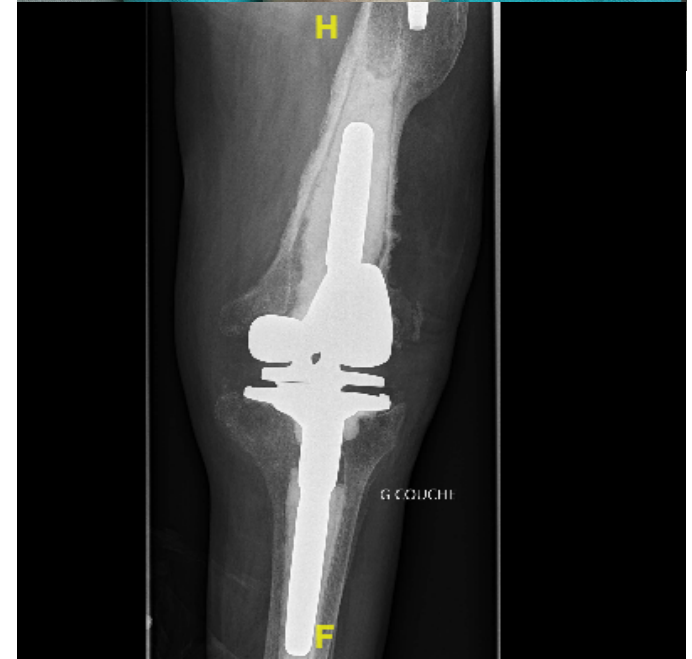
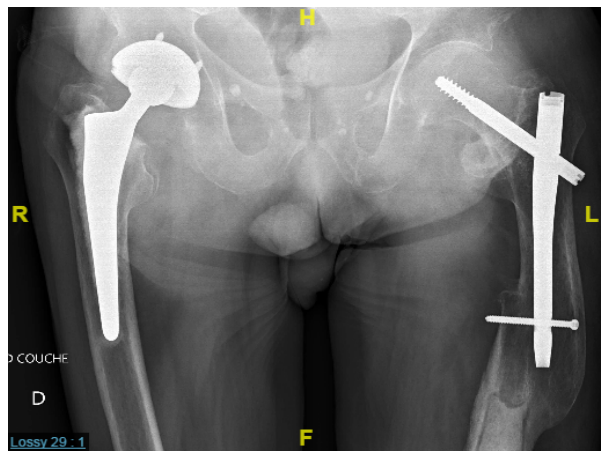
80-year-old man

**Relapsing MSSA** prosthetic left knee infection (past revision)

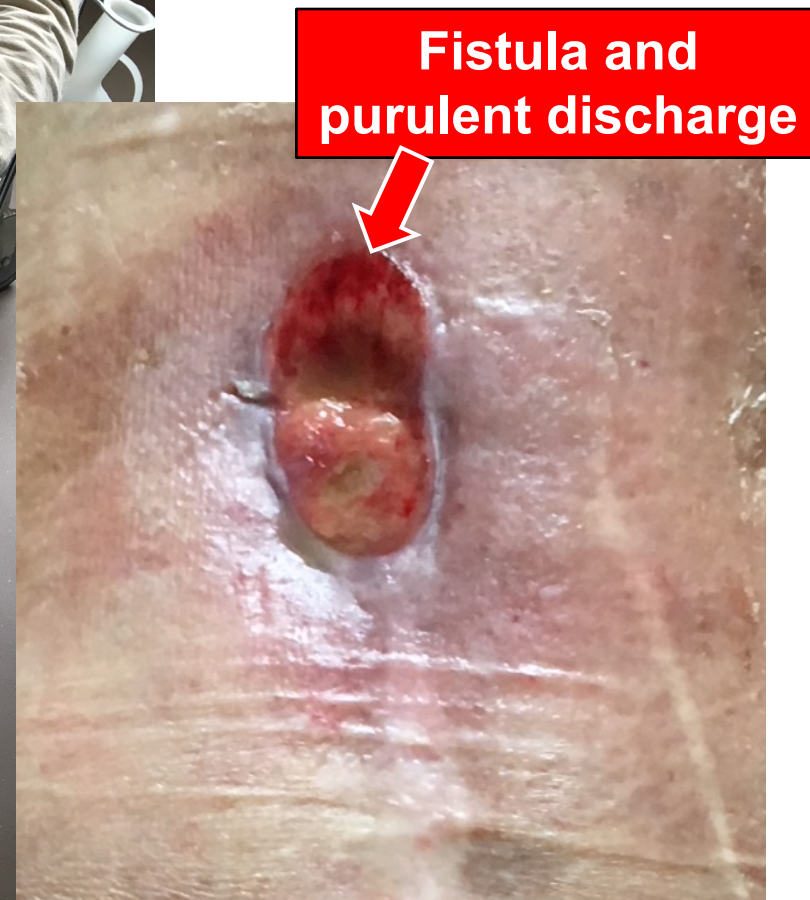
**Failure** under **SAT**

Complex orthopaedic situation with past femoral fracture

Impossible to walk (painful knee)







# Clinical case #3

Amputation  
(but not feasible !) ?



VS.



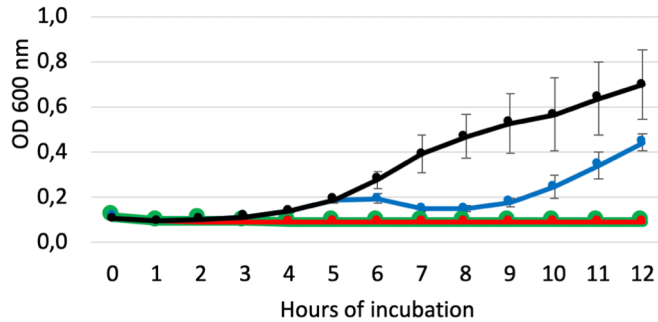
Doing nothing, but poor clinical situation with risk of complication and death

Conservative surgery  
“Debridement And Implant Retention” (DAIR) +  
innovative approach to disrupt biofilm

+

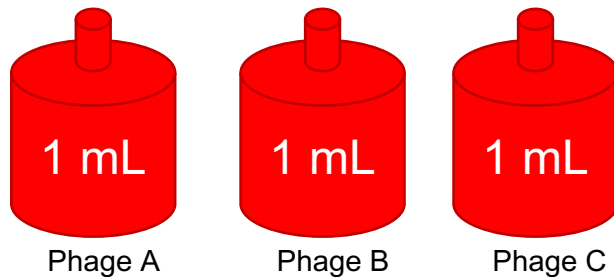
SAT

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**Phagogram**  
**Selection of active bacteriophages**

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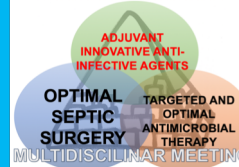


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**CRIAOC**  
LYON



**Surgery**



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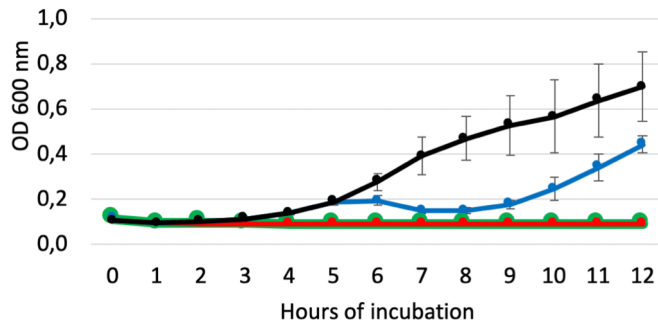


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**Extemporaneous  
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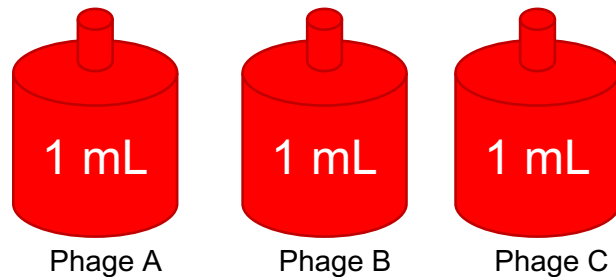
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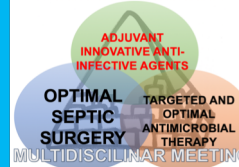


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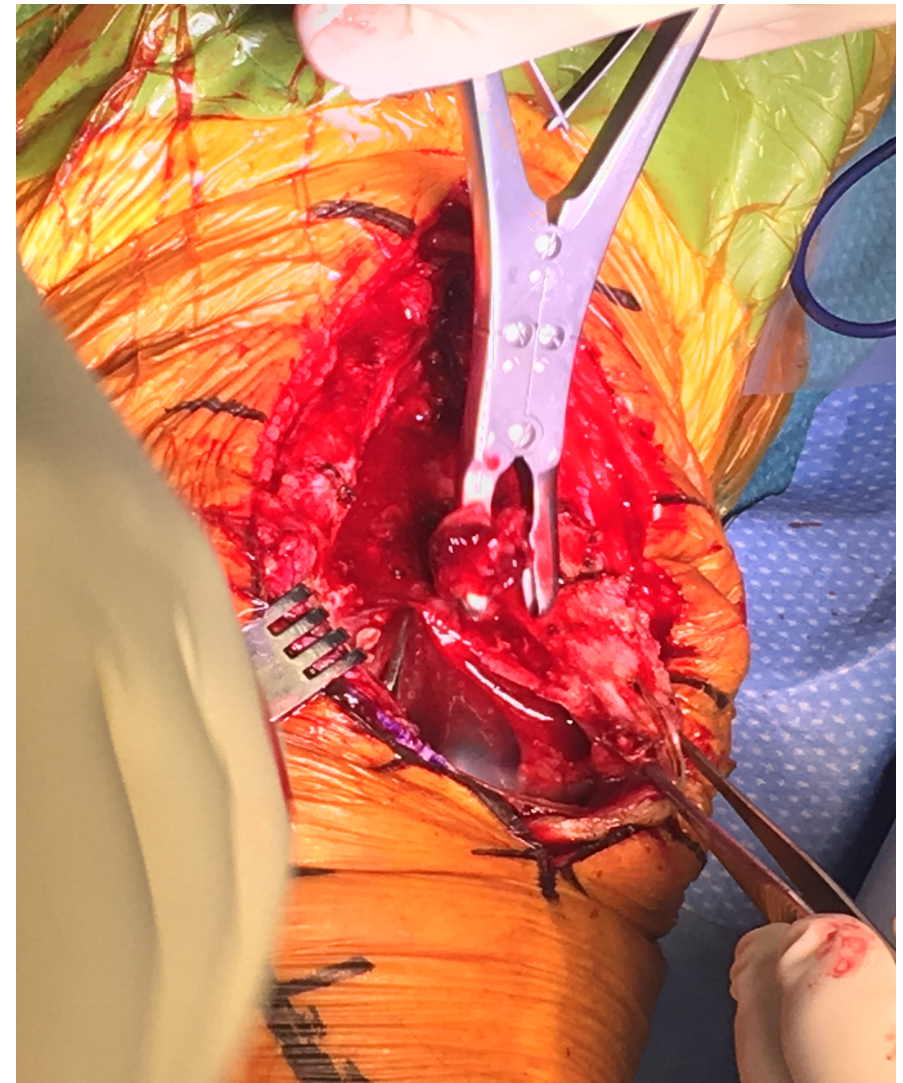
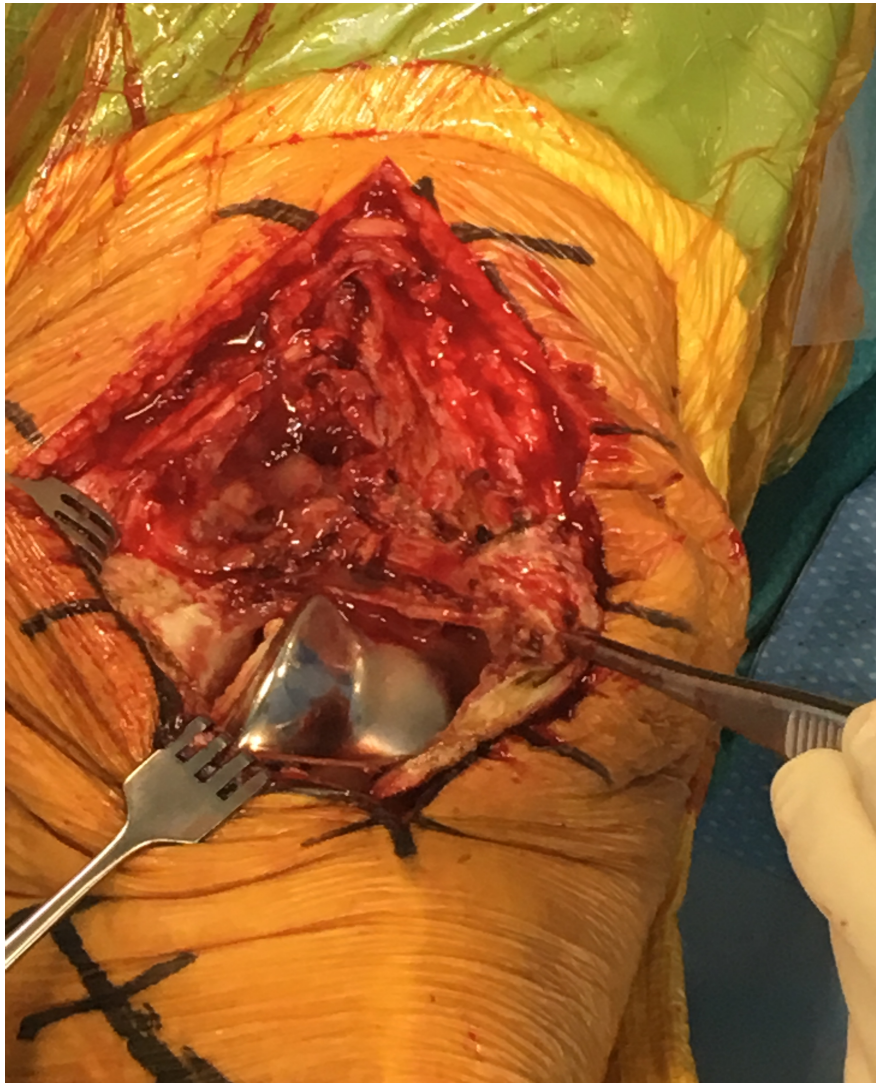
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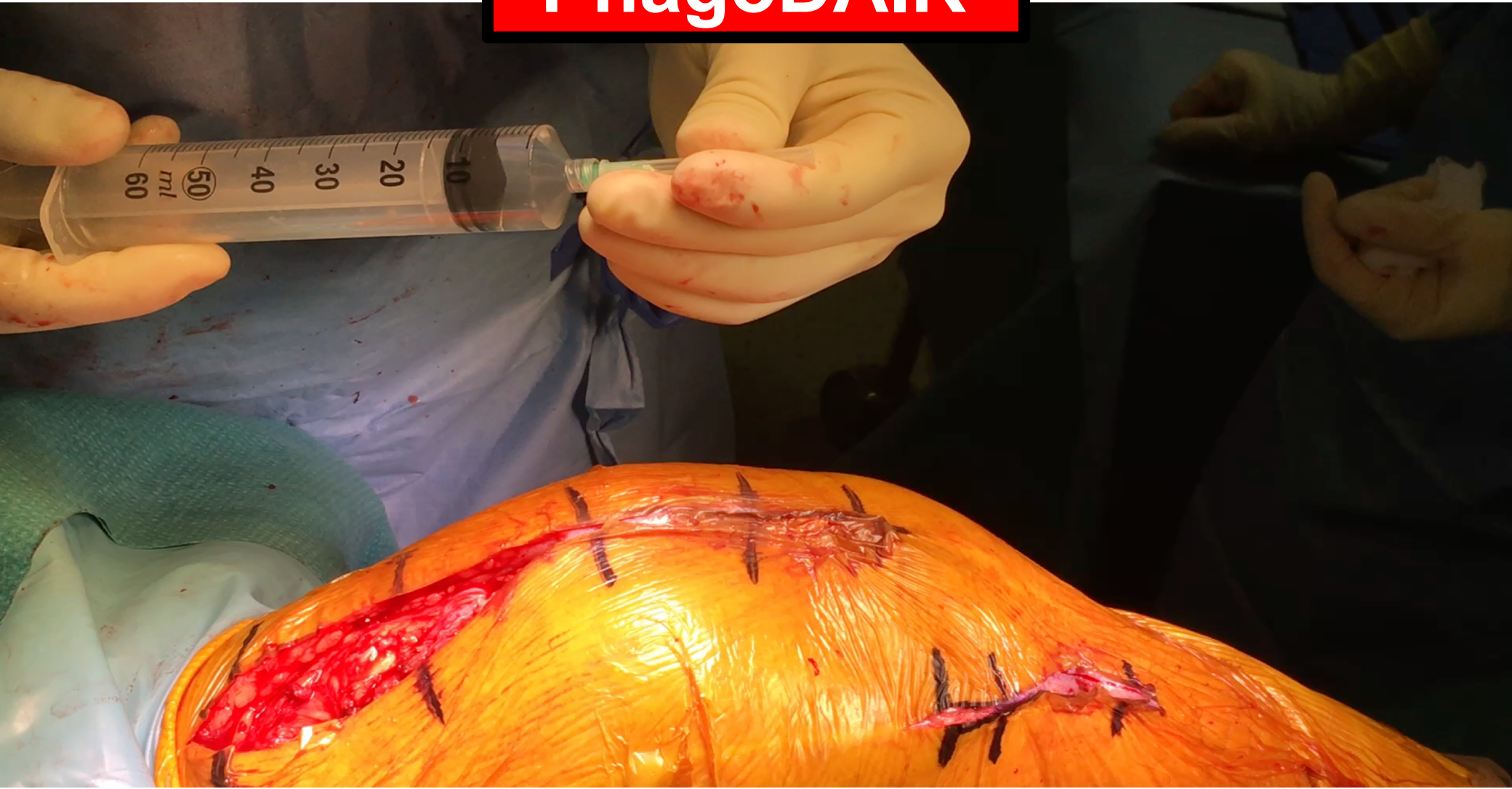








# “PhagoDAIR”



**One shot peroperative phage  
application after “DAIR”**

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LYON

# Clinical case #3

## Post-operative antibiotics:

Daptomycin + Rifampin

## At day 4 (only MSSA in all intraoperative samples):

Levofloxacin + Rifampin

## Then:

Cefalexin as suppressive antimicrobial therapy







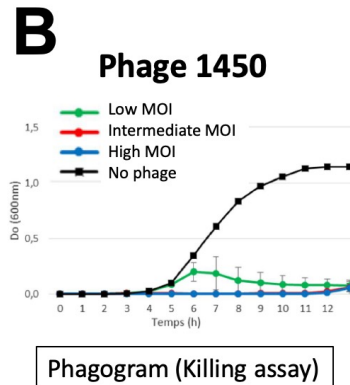
**Favorable outcome  
at 2 years**



*"The bacteriophages saved my life, he insists. I never thought one day to walk again. And to say that doctors were talking about cutting my leg off!"* R.N.

**‘Debridement And Implant Retention’ (DAIR) with local administration of personalized cocktail of bacteriophages (PhagoDAIR) followed by suppressive antibiotherapy as salvage therapy in four patients with relapsing prosthetic knee infection**

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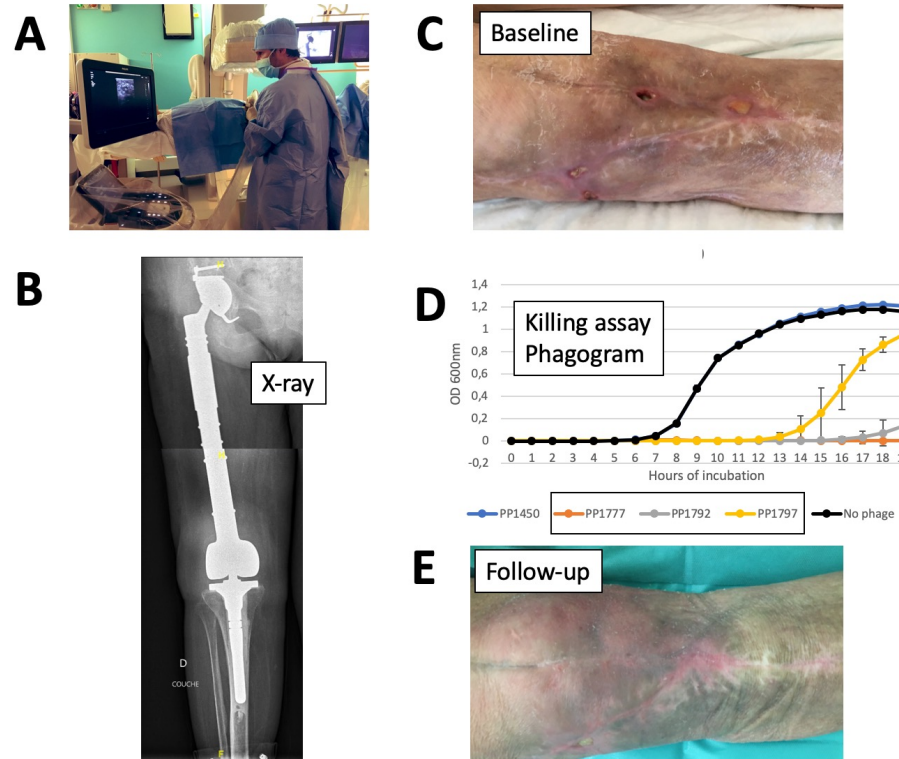


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**Conclusions:** Personalized bacteriophage therapy has the potential to be used as salvage therapy during DAIR in patients with relapsing *S. aureus* and *P. aeruginosa* prosthetic knee infection, **to improve the efficacy of suppressive antibiotics, and to avoid considerable loss of function.**

# Ultrasound guided local administration of personalized cocktail of bacteriophages followed by suppressive antibiotherapy as salvage therapy in two patients with relapsing total femur prosthesis infection



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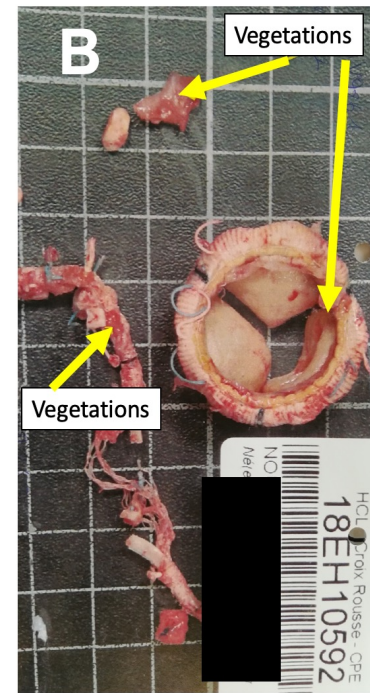
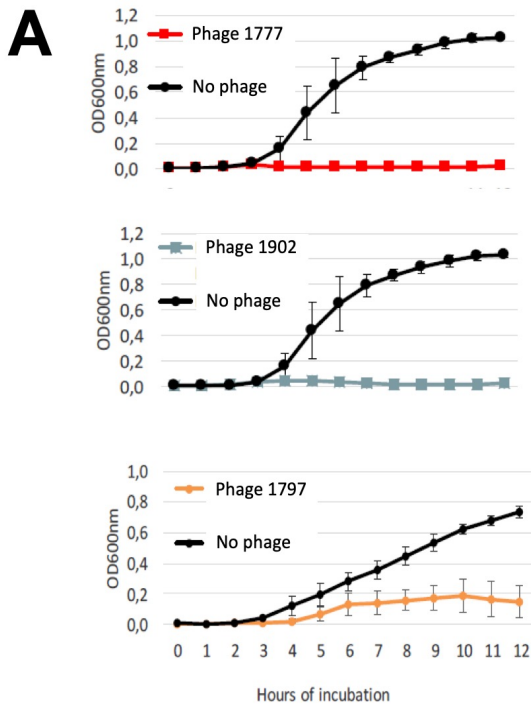
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**Conclusions:** Ultrasound-guided local administration of personalized cocktail of GMP bacteriophages followed by suppressive antibiotherapy in patients with relapsing total femur PJI has the potential to be used as salvage therapy to control the infection and avoid disarticulation. **Dramatic superinfection could be diagnosed at the time of phage administration.**



# **Intravenous administration of personalized cocktail of bacteriophages as salvage therapy in combination with ceftazidime/avibactam in patients with relapsing *P. aeruginosa* bacteremia: Lesson learned from two cases**



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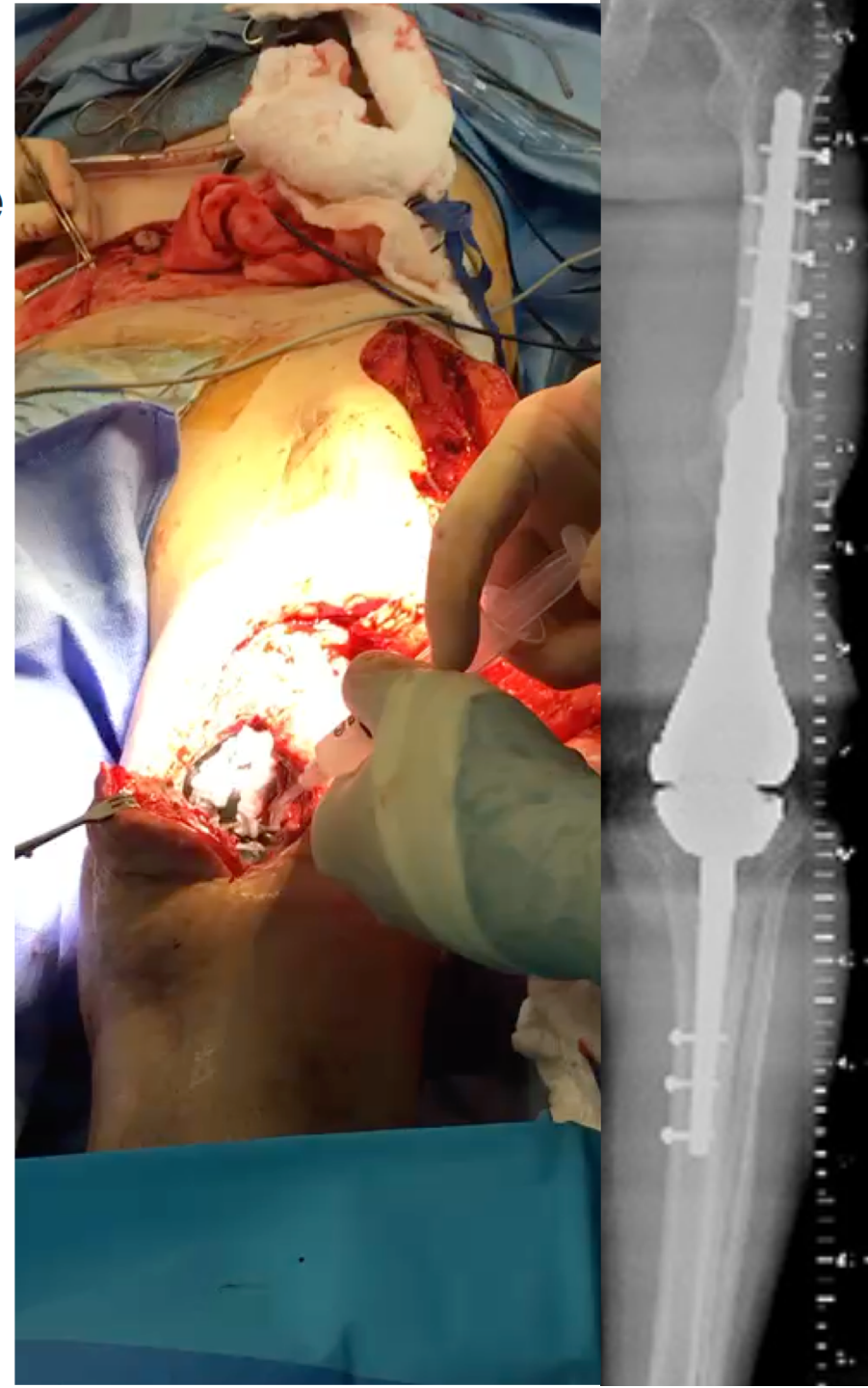
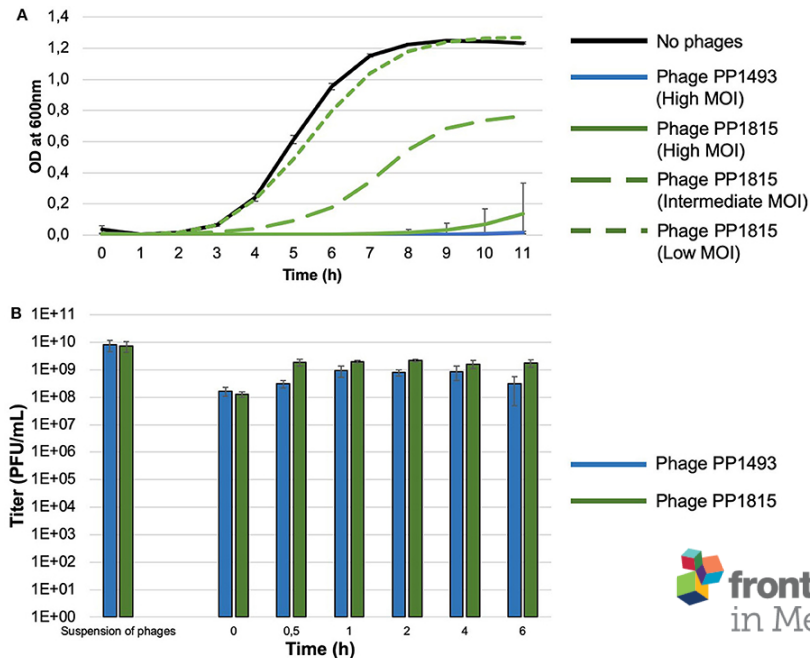
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**Conclusions:** The type of filter used for the magistral preparation and the duration of the perfusion influenced the phage titer, as the titer in the patient's blood. Personalized GMP bacteriophage therapy has the potential to be used as salvage therapy of *P. aeruginosa* intravascular implant infections.

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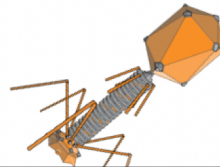
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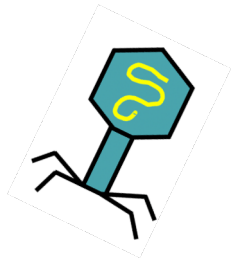


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# Conclusion



- **Suppressive antimicrobial therapy (SAT)**
  - May help to keep the function in patients with PJI
  - But limited number of conventional drugs are available
  - **Major role of ID physician** and multidisciplinary approach
  - New oral (tedizolid) or intravenous (long acting ATBx) drugs are promising
  - Subcutaneous SAT is also an (exceptional) option
- **Phage therapy seems to be relevant for PJI**
  - “PhagoDAIR” procedure implemented in CRIOAc Lyon
  - Relapsing patients, for whom phages facilitated the efficiency of SAT
  - **12 patients with PJI (among 16 treated with phages)**
  - At this time only *S. aureus* and *P. aeruginosa* could be targeted
  - Need for national phage center (in each country?)
  - Crucial need for academic and private collaborations with national health authorities
  - Clinical trials have to be performed to demonstrate a potential benefit of phage therapy in less severe patients



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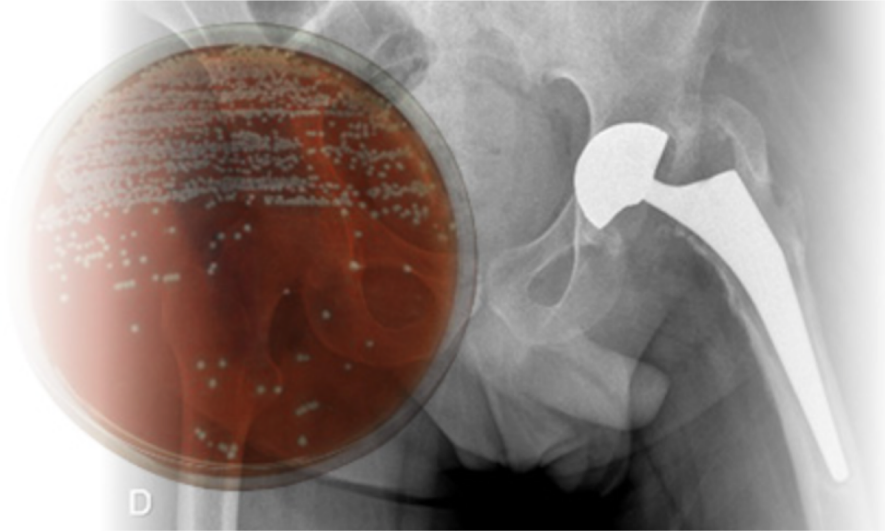
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