## From metagenomics to bacterial therapy.

Eric G. Pamer, M.D. Infectious Diseases Service, Memorial Hospital Immunology Program, Sloan Kettering Institute Lucille Castori Center for Microbes, Inflammation and Cancer Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

#### RESISTANCE OF THE MOUSE'S INTESTINAL TRACT TO EXPERIMENTAL SALMONELLA INFECTION

#### I. FACTORS WHICH INTERFERE WITH THE INITIATION OF INFECTION BY ORAL INOCULATION\*

BY MARJORIE BOHNHOFF, C. PHILLIP MILLER, M.D., AND WILLIAM R. MARTIN,<sup>‡</sup> Ph.D.

(From the Departments of Medicine and Microbiology, University of Chicago, Chicago)

(Received for publication, July 2, 1964)

Described below are observations which seem to account, in large part at least, for the normal resistance of the mouse's intestinal tract to infection with *Salmonella enteritidis* introduced by mouth, the natural route of infection. Thus inoculated, about  $10^6$  microorganisms are required to infect 50 per cent of young adult CF-1 mice (1). Their resistance, however, can be sharply reduced by the oral administration of a single, large dose of streptomycin, for during the following 24 hours, <10 microorganisms of the same strain suffice to initiate infection (2, 3). Of the changes in the mouse's enteric microflora resulting from streptomycin treatment, the most consequential was thought to be the elimination of certain obligate anaerobes belonging to the genus *Bacteroides* (4, 5).

IN VIVO AND IN VITRO ANTAGONISM OF INTESTINAL BACTERIA AGAINST SHIGELLA FLEXNERI

I. CORRELATION BETWEEN VARIOUS TESTS\*

From the Department of Microbiology, Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois; and the Department of Microbiology, Jefferson Medical DAVID J. HENTGES AND ROLF FRETER College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Antagonism against pathogenic bacteria exerted by microorganisms of the normal human body flora has been the subject of numerous studies ever since the time of Metchnikoff's original ideas on the benefits attributable to the presence of lactobacilli in the intestine. This degree of interest is only natural since, for many different reasons, the ability to control the bacterial flora of patients would be of great value to the physician. Hentges, D. J. and Freter, R. 1962, J Infect Dis 110:30-37.

# ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE THREATS IN The United States, 2013

# **Urgent Threats**

- Clostridium difficile
- Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)
- Drug-resistant Neisseria gonorrhoeae

# Serious Threats

- Multidrug-resistant Acinetobacter
- Drug-resistant Campylobacter
- Fluconazole-resistant Candida (a fungus)
- Extended spectrum β-lactamase producing Enterobacteriaceae (ESBLs)
- Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus (VRE)
- Multidrug-resistant Pseudomonas aeruginosa
- Drug-resistant Non-typhoidal Salmonella
- Drug-resistant Salmonella Typhi
- Drug-resistant Shigella
- Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)
- Drug-resistant Streptococcus pneumoniae
- Drug-resistant tuberculosis

# **Concerning Threats**

- Vancomycin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (VRSA) Erythromycin-resistant Group A *Streptococcus*
- Clindamycin-resistant Group B Streptococcus

#### Vancomycin-resistant enterococcus (VRE)

- Gram positive bacterium
- Increasing prevalence (<1% to 28.5%)</li>
- One of the most common causes of nosocomial bloodstream infections
- High risk for patients receiving broad spectrum antibiotics



Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (allo-HSCT)

Pre-transplant conditioning: Total body irradiation Cytotoxic chemotherapy Prophylactic antibiotic administration

Mucositis – loss of epithelial integrity Neutropenia Monocytopenia High risk of infection – frequent broad-spectrum antibiotic administration

Graft versus host disease

# VRE Domination of the GI tract occurs in some patients following allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation and is associated with VRE bacteremia.



# Antibiotic treatment enables VRE Domination of the GI tract in mice.





Ubeda et al. (2013) Infection and Immunity

#### Clostridium difficile (C. dif)



### Correlating microbiota components & CDI resistance



Buffie et al. (2015) Nature 517:205

# Shared microbial taxa associated with *C. difficile* inhibition in murine and human lower GI tracts, as determined by inference.





Buffie et al. (2015) Nature 517:205

Protection against *C. difficile* mediated by four commensal bacterial species: *B. intestihominis*, *Blautia hansenii*, *Pseudoflavonifractor capillosus* and *C. scindens* 



## Secondary bile salt-mediated inhibition of Clostridium difficile growth



#### Taur & Pamer (2014) Nature Medicine



Taur et al. (2014) Blood 124:1174-82.

# Allo-HSCT patients can be divided into low, intermediate and high microbiota diversity groups.



Taur et al. (2014) Blood 124:1174-82.

# Transplant-related mortality is markedly reduced in patients with a diverse microbiota following engraftment



Taur et al. (2014) Blood 124:1174-82.



## Microbiota-mediated defense against antibioticresistant bacterial infections.

Microbial populations in the gut stimulate antimicrobial mechanisms that reduce the ability of pathogens to colonize the gut.

Complex microbial networks in the gut provide colonization resistance; the indirect and direct mechanisms remain incompletely defined.

Bacterial populations that confer resistance can be defined by metagenomic analyses and include obligate anaerobic bacteria.

Microbiota-mediated modification of bile acids contributes to host resistance to intestinal pathogens.

Microbiota diversity predicts survival following allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

Reconstitution of mucosal bacterial populations following antibiotic therapy using FMT or specific commensal microbes provides an alternative approach to treat and prevent infections in an era of decreasing antibiotic susceptibility.



Joao Xavier



Ying Taur





Marcel van den Brink



**Charlie Buffie** 



Peter McKenney

**Carles Ubeda** 



Funding: NIH-NIAID Tow Foundation Donald and Catherine Marron Cell Metabolism Core Laboratory Justin Cross

Bone Marrow Transplantation Robert Jenq Marcel van den Brink Juliet Barker Sergio Giralt Miguel Perales Melissa Kinnebrew Michael Abt Peter McKenney Charlie Buffie Silvia Caballero Dane Samilo Krista Dubin Brittany Lewis Ingrid Leiner

Boze Susac Rebecca Carter Lilan Ling *Computational Biology* Joao Xavier Jonas Schluter Kat Coyte

Genomics Core Laboratory Agnes Viale

Infectious Diseases Ying Taur Eric Littmann Mergim Gjonbalaj