



Potenzialità Terapeutiche delle Immunoglobuline

AGENDA

- # Guidelines and Evidences
- # Ig and Pathobiology of Sepsis
- # Ideas and Data



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Disclosures

POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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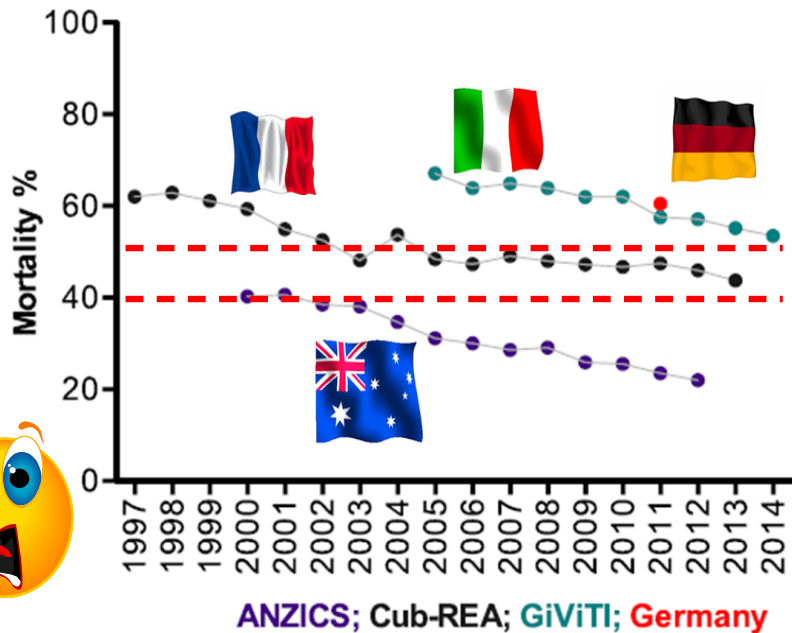
I trust in Physiology &
EBM,
but the latter is more
'voluble'



SEPSIS SHORT CIRCUIT



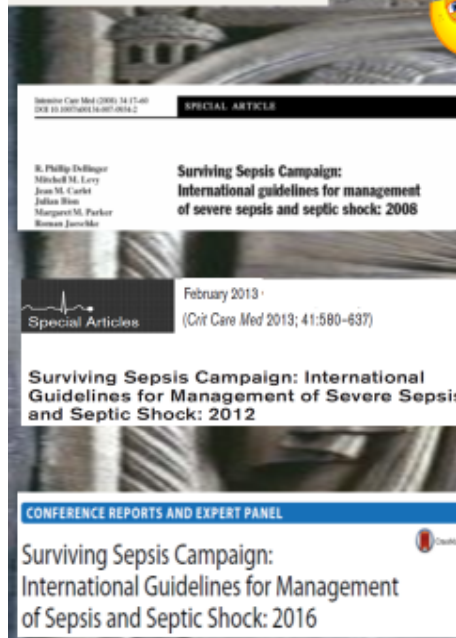
**MORTALITY IS STILL HIGH and
NOT REALLY DECREASING
(at least in Europe and in real life)**



**NEGATIVE TRIALS SINCE 5-10 Y
leading to low (or very low) level of evidence for
the majority of sepsis treatments**

EBM and SEPSIS

GUIDELINES



50 Strong Recommendations (1 A-C)

19 Weak Recommendations (2 B-D)

34 Strong Recommendations (1 A-C),

35 Weak Recommendations (2 B-D),

7 Ungraded Recommendations

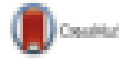
The majority of STRONG recommendations
"DO NOT USE"

31 Strong Recommendations (1 A-C)

42 Weak Recommendations (2 A-D)

18 Best Practice Statement (ungraded)

Surviving Sepsis Campaign: International Guidelines for Management of Sepsis and Septic Shock: 2016



J. IMMUNOGLOBULINS

1. We suggest against the use of IV immunoglobulins in patients with sepsis or septic shock (weak recommendation, low quality of evidence).



@ Most IVIg studies are small and some have a high risk of bias

@ The statistical information that comes from the high-quality trials does not support a beneficial effect of polyclonal IVIg.

@ Subgroup effects between IgM-enriched and non-enriched formulations reveal significant heterogeneity.

@ The low certainty of evidence led to the grading as a weak recommendation.

Ig in SEVERE SEPSIS: EVIDENCE IN ADULTS META-ANALYSIS

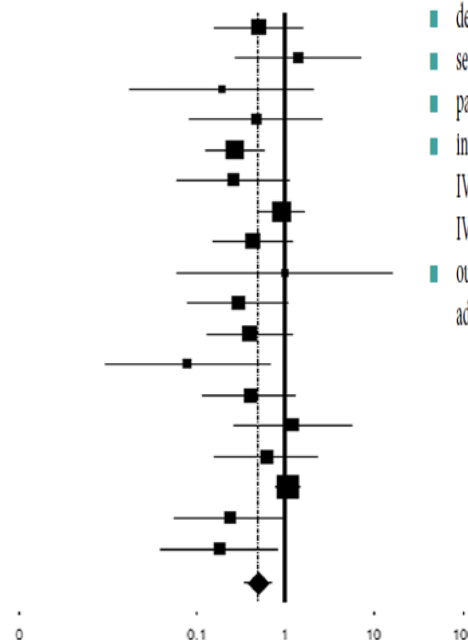
Intravenous immunoglobulin in septic shock: review of the mechanisms of action and meta-analysis of the clinical effectiveness

Minerva Anestesiologica 2016 May;82(5):559-72

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	ES	95% CI	W	Sig.	N1	N2
Behre et al. 1995	0.51	0.16 , 1.62	6.17%	0.256	30	22
Burns et al. 1991	1.42	0.27 , 7.44	3.72%	0.676	19	19
Darenberg et al. 2003	0.19	0.02 , 2.15	2.01%	0.182	10	11
De Simone et al. 1988	0.47	0.08 , 2.66	3.44%	0.390	12	12
Dominioni et al. 1996	0.28	0.13 , 0.60	9.20%	0.001	57	56
Grundmann et al. 1988	0.26	0.06 , 1.15	4.43%	0.075	24	22
Hentrich et al. 2006	0.91	0.49 , 1.68	10.89%	0.754	103	103
Karatzas et al. 2002	0.44	0.15 , 1.25	6.87%	0.124	34	34
Lindquist et al. 1981	1.00	0.06 , 16.29	1.54%	1.000	74	74
Masaoka et al. 2000	0.30	0.08 , 1.09	5.26%	0.067	339	343
Rodriguez et al. 2005	0.41	0.14 , 1.25	6.41%	0.116	29	27
Schedel et al. 1991	0.08	0.01 , 0.70	2.44%	0.022	27	28
Spannbrucker et al. 1987	0.40	0.12 , 1.35	5.76%	0.140	25	25
Toth et al. 2013	1.25	0.27 , 5.83	4.15%	0.776	16	17
Tugrul et al. 2002	0.62	0.16 , 2.42	4.98%	0.496	21	21
Werdan et al. 2007	1.09	0.79 , 1.50	14.01%	0.615	321	303
Wesoly et al. 1990	0.25	0.06 , 1.06	4.49%	0.059	18	17
Yakut et al. 1998	0.19	0.04 , 0.85	4.23%	0.029	21	19
Overall (random-effects model)	0.50	0.34 , 0.71	100.00%	0.000	1180	1153

I² 44.68%, p=0.022



- design: RCT
- setting: critical-care setting
- participants: adult patients with severe sepsis or septic shock
- intervention: any standard polyclonal IVIG or immunoglobulin (IgM)-enriched polyclonal IVIG (IVIGAM) compared with no intervention, placebo or another standard polyclonal IVIG or IVIGAM preparation
- outcome measures: all-cause mortality, all-cause mortality reported by subgroup and adverse events.

18 RCTs

TABLE II.—Assessment of study quality.

Study	Concealment of allocation	Blinding	Randomization procedure	Intention-to-treat analysis	Industry sponsorship	Jadad score
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Behre et al. ³⁵ 1995	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Not reported	1
Burns et al. ³⁶ 1991	Unclear	Adequate	Unclear	No	Yes	5
Darenberg et al. ³⁷ 2003	Unclear	Adequate	Unclear	Yes	Yes	5
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Heterogeneity:

- Type of Ig
- Type of control (Albumin)
- Dose and duration
- Quality of the study
- Setting (ICU vs No ICU)
- Severity of the patients

ARE ALL THE PATIENTS WITH SEPTIC SHOCK SIMILAR?

PREDISPOSITION:	Pre-existing illness, genetic polymorphisms	Difficult Patient
INSULT:	Site of infection, type of infection, virulence and sensitivity of infecting pathogens;	Difficult Micro-organisms Or Site
RESPONSE	SIRS, other signs of sepsis, activated inflammation (PCT or IL-6) or impaired host responsiveness (HLA-DR)	Difficult Immune Inflammatory Response
ORGAN DYSFUNCTION	Time and number of failing organs	

Which patient may benefit from Ig therapy?

INFLAMMATORY-IMMUNE RESPONSE IN SEPSIS

Sepsis-induced immune dysfunction: can immune therapies reduce mortality?

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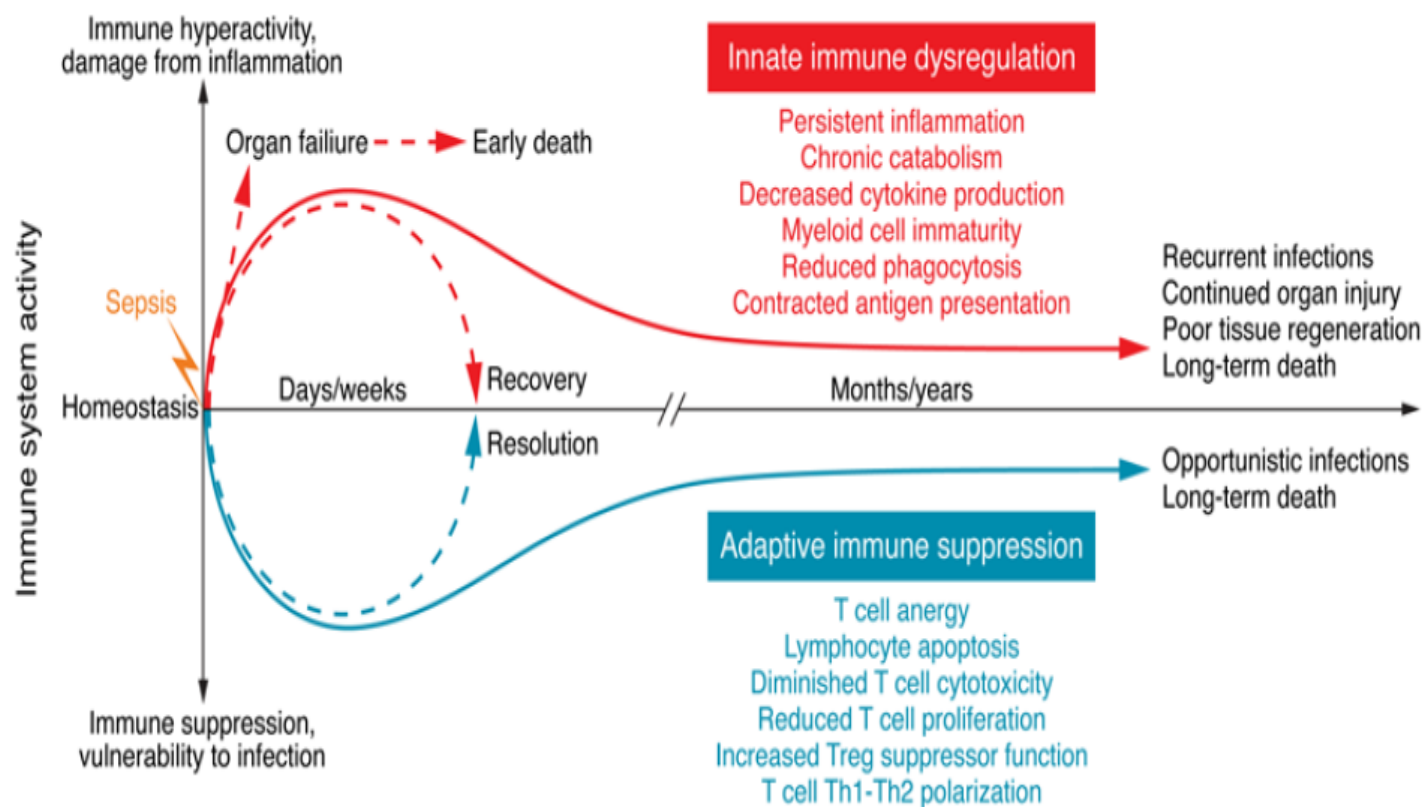


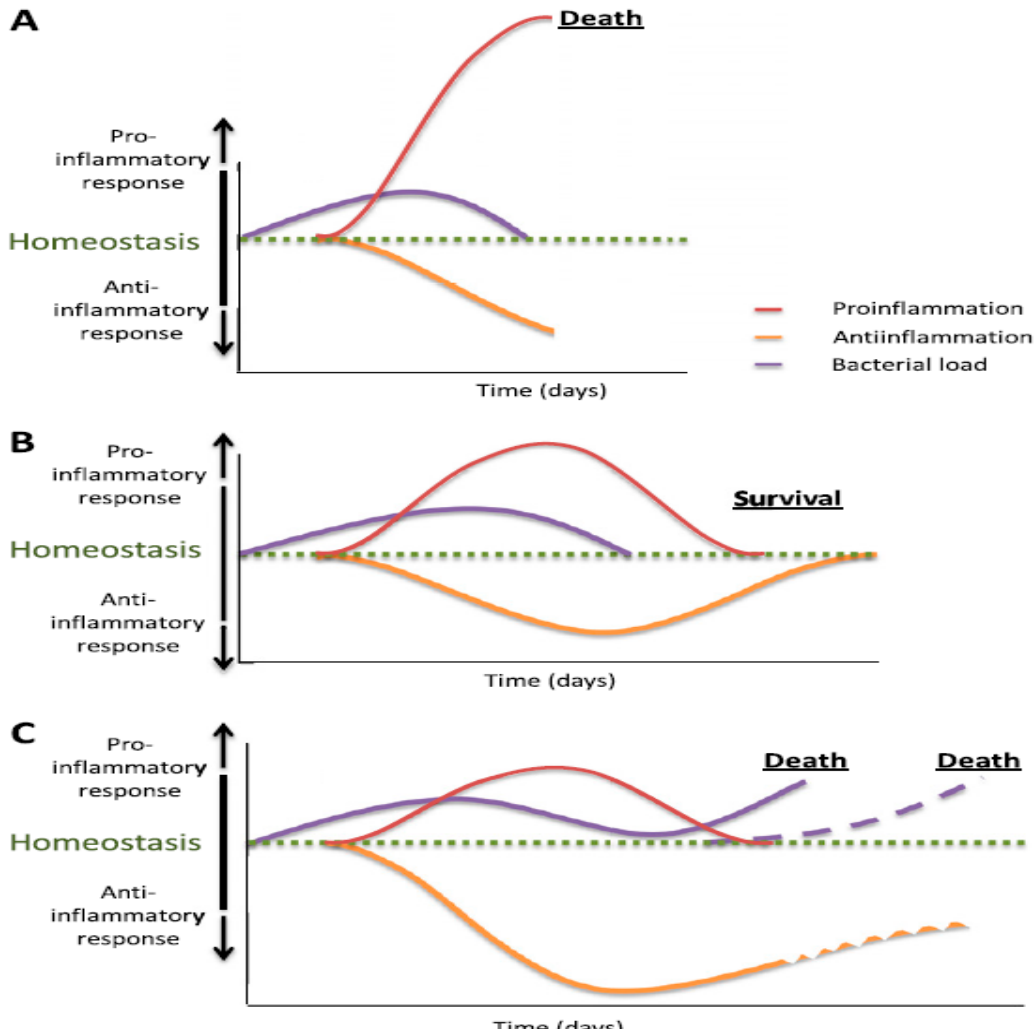
Figure 2. Immune dysregulation in sepsis. New insights into immune dysregulation have been gained using samples from deceased septic patients as well as from severely injured trauma patients. These studies demonstrate an enduring inflammatory state driven by dysfunctional innate and suppressed adaptive immunity that culminates in persistent organ injury and death of the patient. Although the initial inflammatory process, if unabated, contributes to organ failure and early mortality, this process is largely ameliorated by improvements in patient management protocols. However, considering that the vast majority of sepsis survivors are elderly with highly comorbid conditions, the short-term gains in survival have merely been pushed back by several months to a year. Although theories about the processes underlying this observation are numerous, the widespread consensus is that persistent derangements in innate and adaptive immune system cellular function are the main culprits driving long-term mortality.

INFLAMMATORY-IMMUNE RESPONSE IN SEPSIS

Immunotherapy for the Adjunctive Treatment of Sepsis:
From Immunosuppression to Immunostimulation
Time for a Paradigm Change?
Am J Respir Crit Care Med Vol 187, Iss. 12, pp 1287-1293, Jun 15, 2013

The inflammatory-immune response may vary and depends on

- @ Microorganism(s) load and virulence
- @ Host genetic factors and comorbidities



Healthy young adult with bacteremia by *N. Meningitidis*/*S. Pyogen*/ *S. Pneumonia*:

Overwhelming proinflammatory response which is likely to eradicate bacteria but lead to tissue damage and multiorgan failure

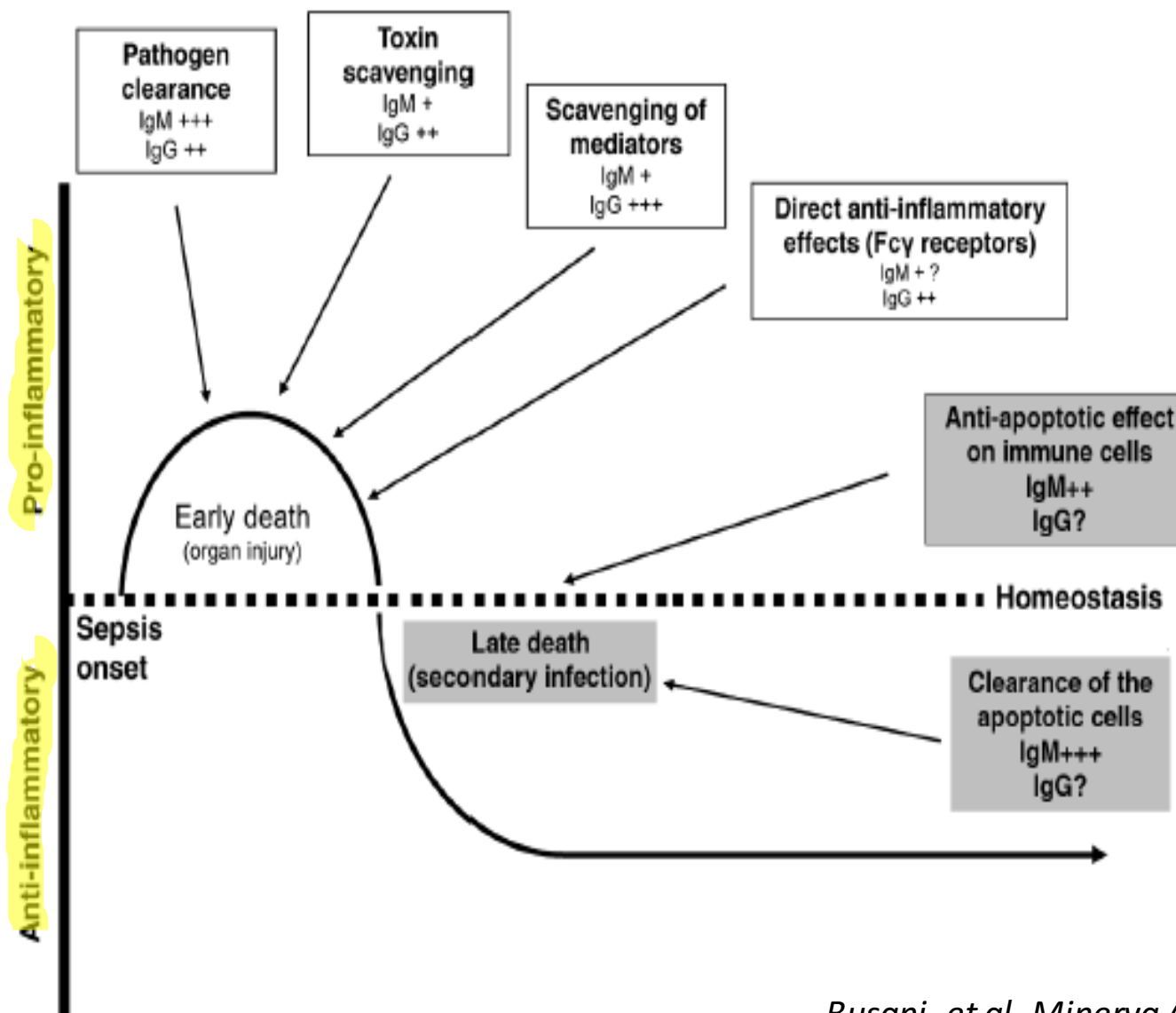
Healthy young adult with CAP responsive to Abx :

adequate proinflammatory re-sponse, combined with an adequate non-sustained antiinflammatory response to pre-vent tissue damage

Patient with breakthrough infection after first sepsis :

Proinflammatory response combined with a pronounced or sustained anti inflammatory state with persisting bacterial or secondary (opportunistic) infections

Ig: HOW IT WORKS ?



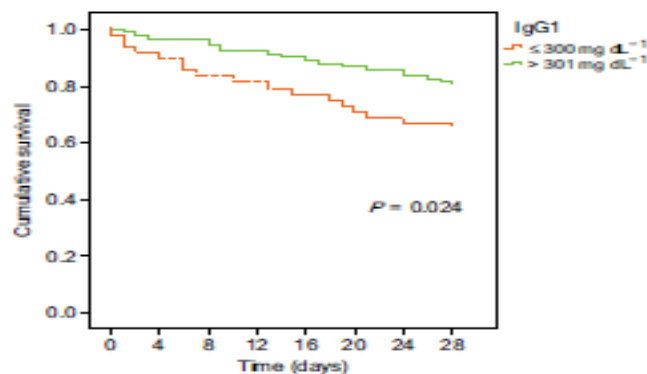
Busani et al. Minerva Anestesiol 2016

Figure 1.—Possible mechanism of action of Ig in the proinflammatory and immunosuppressive phases of sepsis.

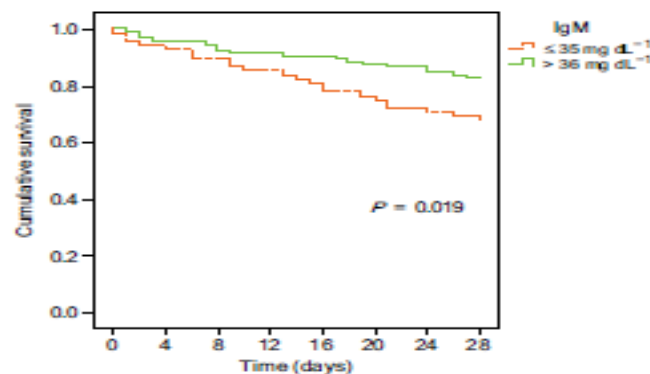
IG PLASMA CONCENTRATION IMMUNE RESPONSE

Immunoglobulins IgG1, IgM and IgA: a synergistic team influencing survival in sepsis

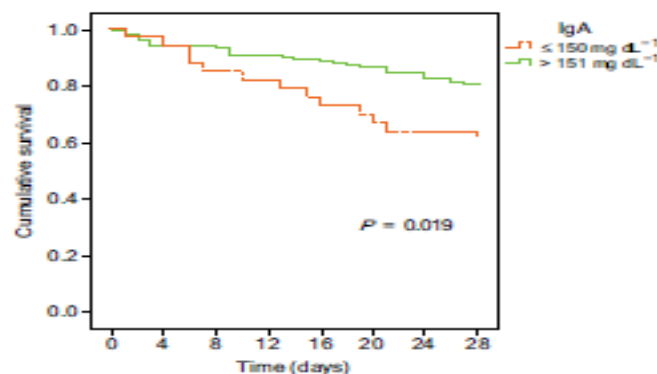
■ J. F. Bermejo-Martín^{1,*}, A. Rodríguez-Fernández^{2,*}, R. Herrán-Monge³, D. Andaluz-Ojeda^{1,4}, A. Muriel-Bombín³, P. Merino³, M. M. García-García³, R. Citores⁴, F. Gandía⁴, R. Almansa¹, J. Blanco^{3,5} & for the GRECIA Group (Grupo de Estudios y Análisis en Cuidados Intensivos)[†]



≤ 300 mg dL ⁻¹	48	43	40	39	37	32	34	31
> 301 mg dL ⁻¹	124	119	117	114	110	108	104	100



≤ 35 mg dL ⁻¹	67	63	61	58	53	51	48	45
> 36 mg dL ⁻¹	104	99	96	95	94	91	88	85



≤ 150 mg dL ⁻¹	33	31	28	27	24	22	21	19
> 151 mg dL ⁻¹	138	131	129	126	123	120	116	110

Fig. 1 Kaplan-Meier curves showing the impact of immunoglobulin levels on survival. Number of surviving (censored) patients over time is shown at the bottom of each graph.

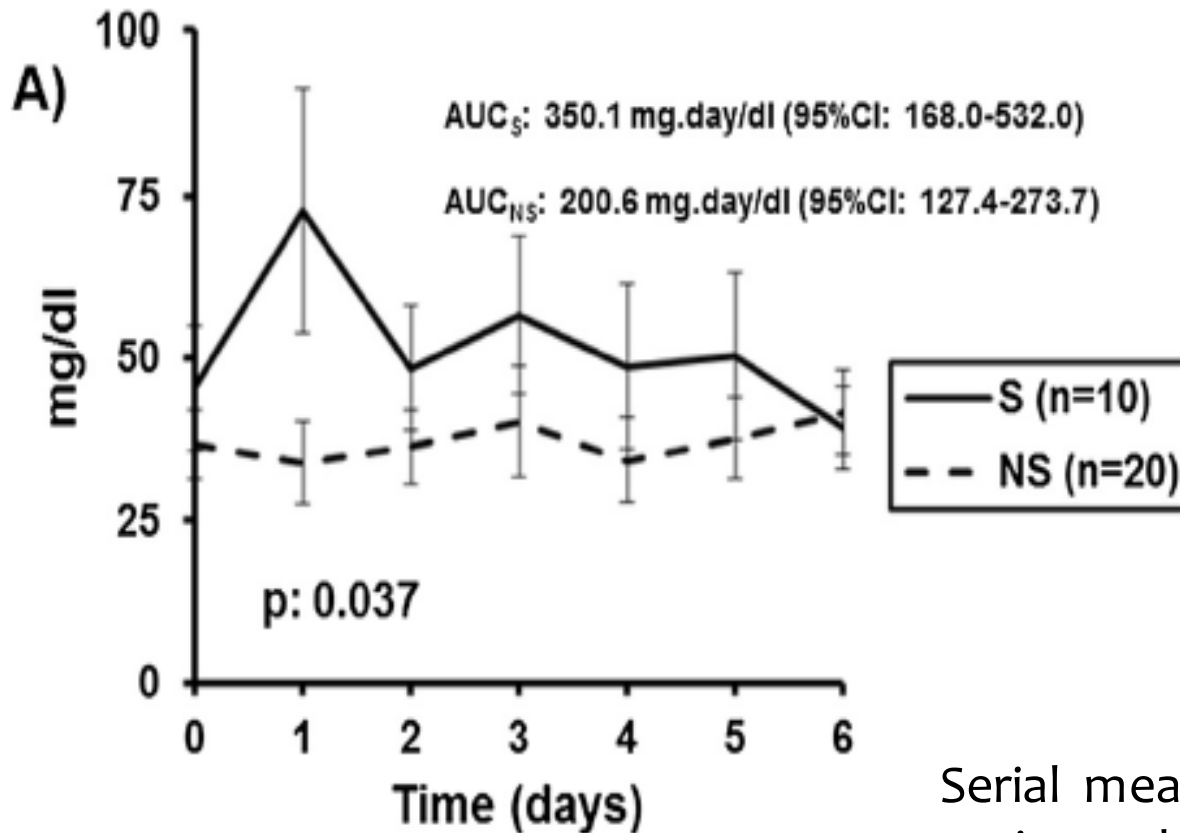
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Giamarellos-Bourboulis et al. *Critical Care* 2013, 17:R247
<http://ccforum.com/content/17/5/R247>

RESEARCH

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Kinetics of circulating immunoglobulin M in sepsis: relationship with final outcome



30 septic shock patients

Serial measurements in **septic shock** patients showed that the **distribution of IgM over time was significantly greater** for survivors than for non-survivors

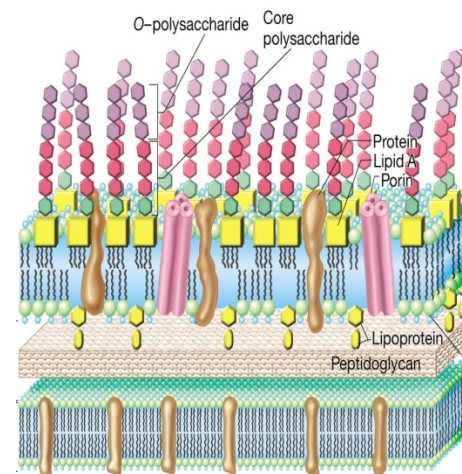
IG & Micro-organisms

IMMUNE RESPONSE

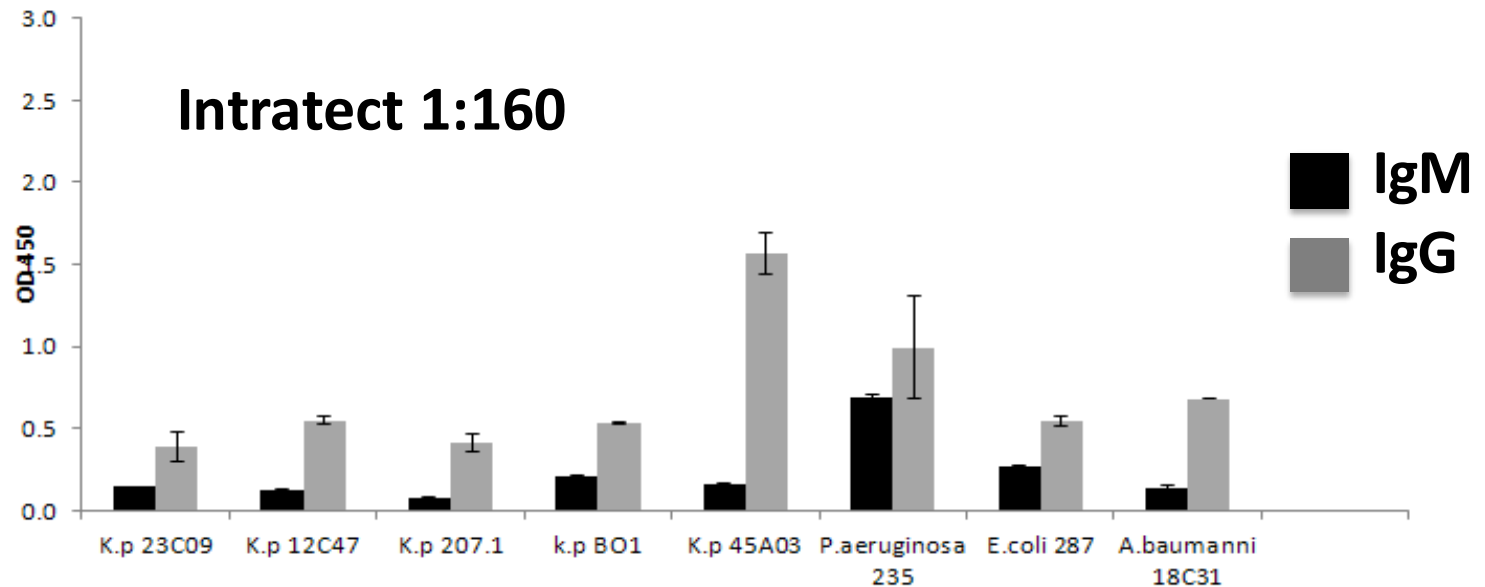
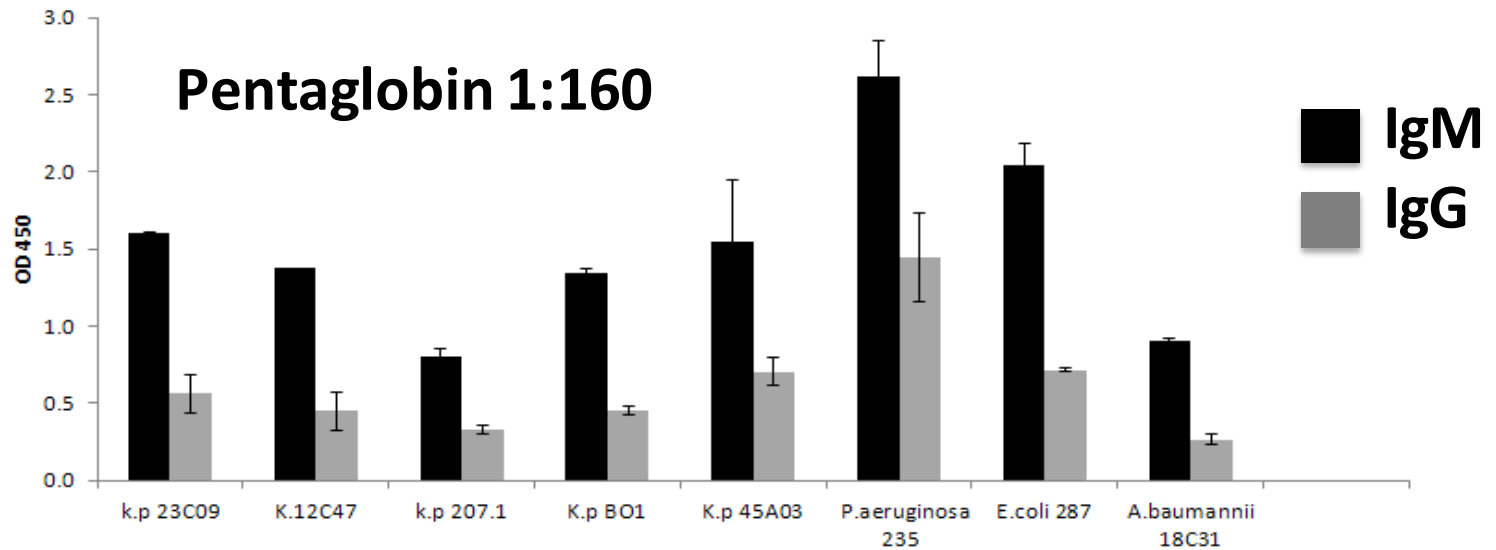
@ Are IgM-enriched human Ig preparations reactive against surface antigens of MDR/XDR Gram-negatives representative of recent epidemiology?

@ Are there differences in reactivity between IgM-enriched and conventional Ig preparations?

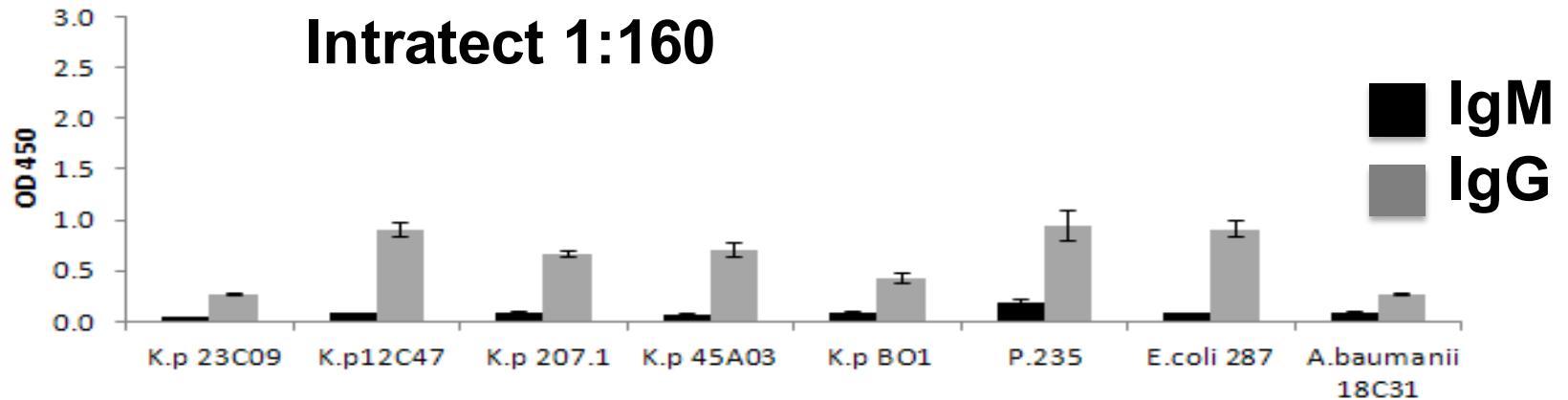
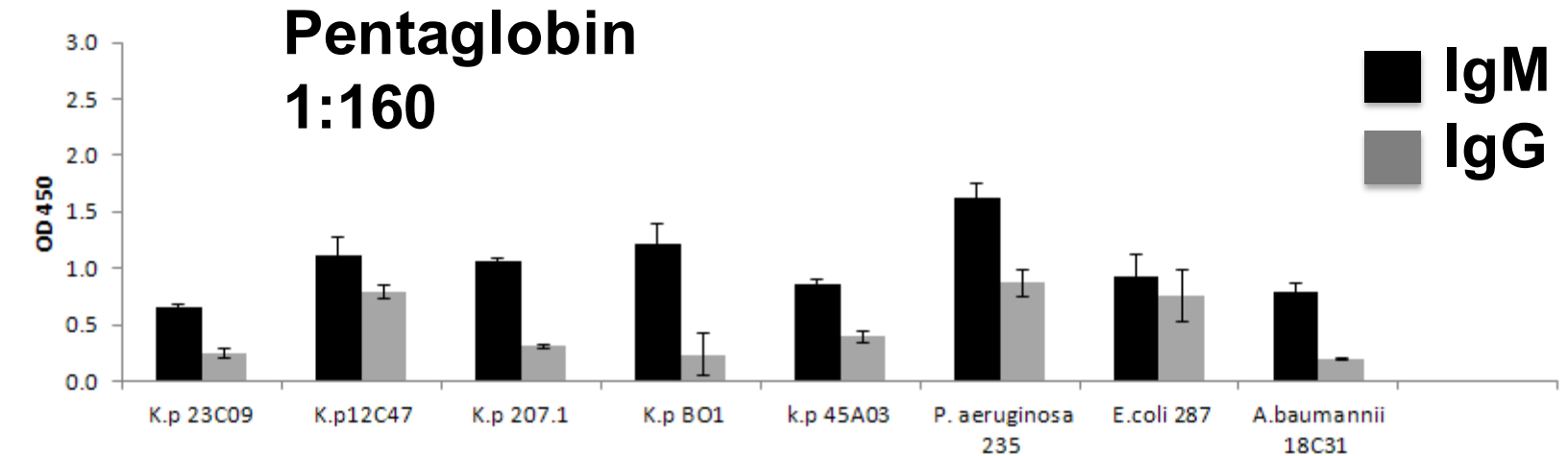
ELISA assays against lipopolysaccharide (LPS) fractions and outer membrane protein (OMP) fractions



ELISA assays against LPS fractions - all strains

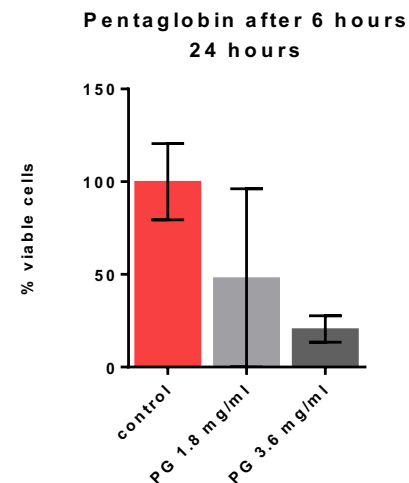
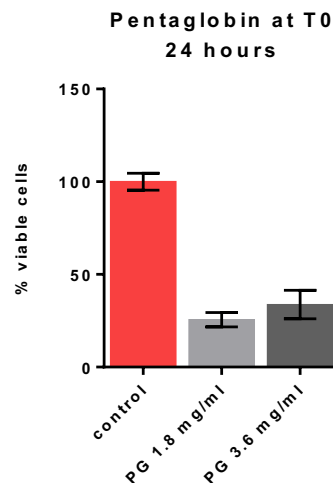
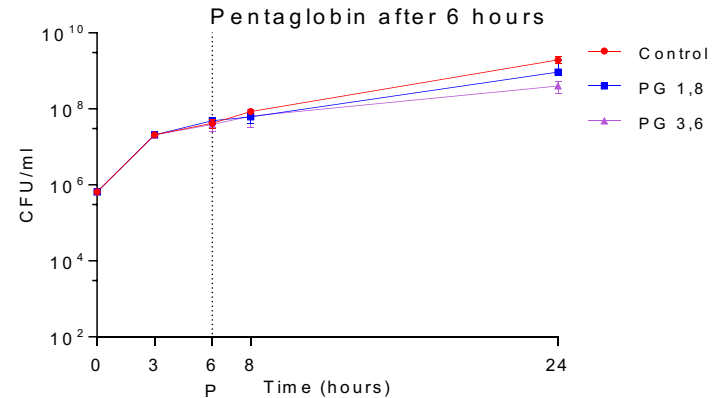
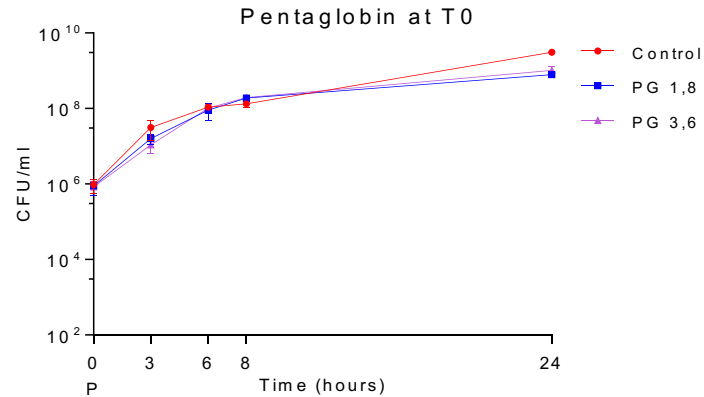


ELISA assays against OMP fractions - all strains



Potential antimicrobial activity of Pentaglobin in Time-Kill experiments

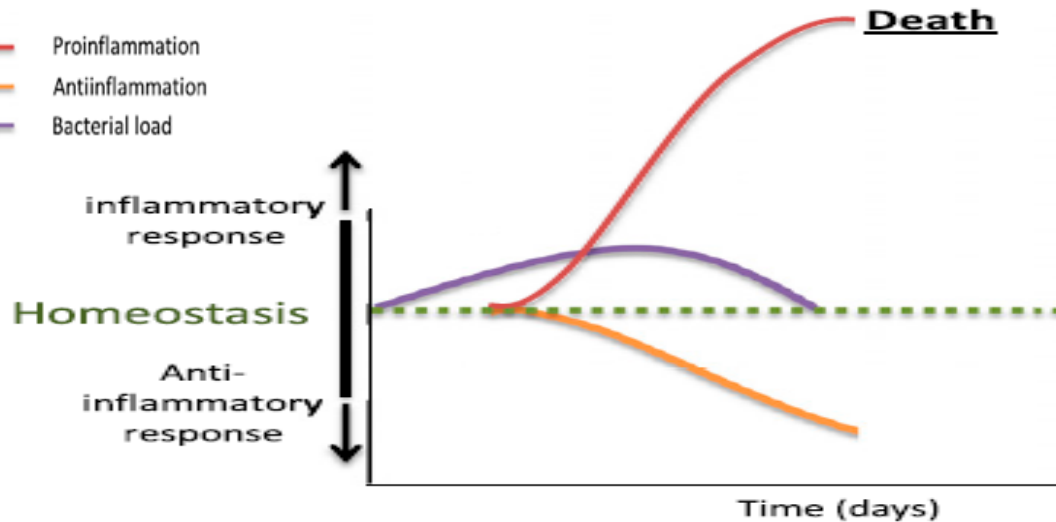
A. baumannii 18C31



A delay in growth was observed only with *A. baumannii* 18C31 strain after 24 hours of exposure to Pentaglobin

Which patients may benefit from Ig therapy?

Pathobiology



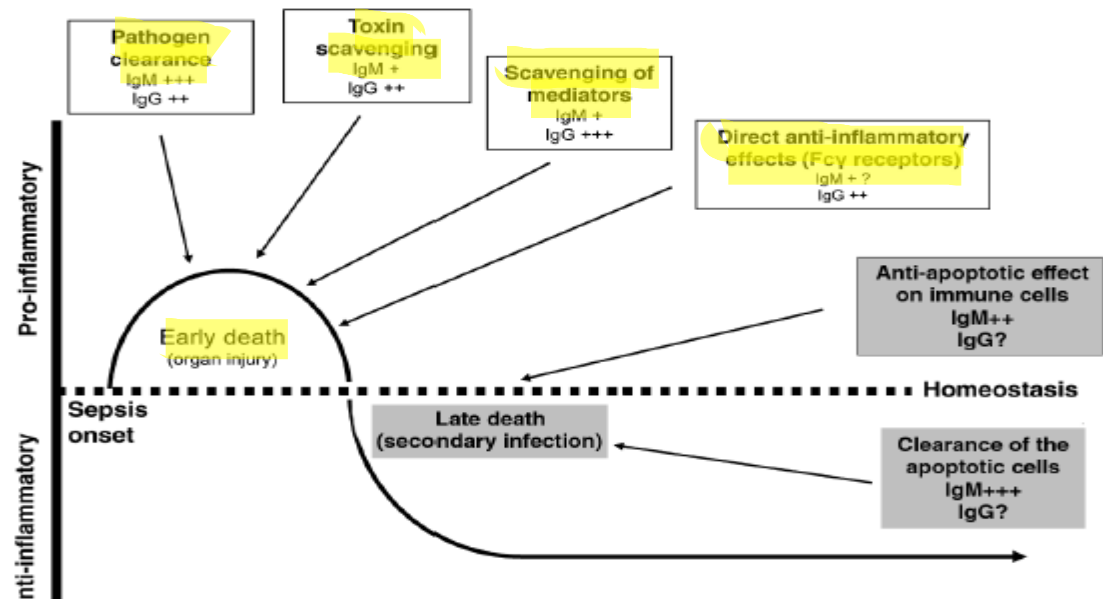
Clinical Scenario

Healthy adult with severe infection by Streptococcus spp:

Overwhelming pro-inflammatory response which is likely to eradicate bacteria but lead to tissue damage and multiorgan failure

Mode of action —

- a) Pathogen lysis-phagocytosis
- b) Direct Anti-inflammatory



Ig and Streptococcal Toxic Shock

Intravenous Immunoglobulin G Therapy in Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome: A European Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial **CID 2003:37**

- High-dose **intravenous polyclonal immunoglobulin G** as adjunctive therapy in **streptococcal toxic shock syndrome** (70% necrotizing fasciitis)
- The trial was prematurely terminated because of slow patient recruitment

End point	All included patients	
	IVIG group (n = 10)	Placebo group (n = 11)
Primary: mortality day 28, no. (%) of patients	1 (10)	4 (36)
Secondary		
Time to resolution of shock, ^a h		
Mean	88	122
Median (range)	96 (2-159)	108 (47-294)
Time to no further progression of NF/cellulitis, h		
Mean	68 ^b	36 ^c
Median (range)	20 (2-168) ^b	24 (19-72) ^c
Mortality day 180, no. (%) of patients	2 (20)	4 (36)

Clinical Efficacy of Polyspecific Intravenous Immunoglobulin Therapy in Patients With Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome: A Comparative Observational Study **CID 2014:59**

Anna Linnér,¹ Jessica Darenberg,² Jan Sjölin,³ Birgitta Henriques-Normark,^{2,4,5} and Anna Norrby-Teglund¹

Age <80 y			Age >80 y		
IVIG (n = 21)	Non-IVIG (n = 35)	P Value	IVIG (n = 2)	Non-IVIG (n = 9)	P Value
Survival 18 (85.7)	20 (57.1)	.039	2 (100)	2/9 (22.2)	NS

- **streptococcal toxic shock syndrome** prospectively identified in a nationwide Swedish surveillance study (2002-2004): **67 patients**.
- 23 patients received IgG.

presented in this study. Taken together with the high morbidity and mortality of these infections as well as a detailed mechanistic action of IVIG, our results strongly suggest that clinicians ought to consider the use of IVIG in the treatment of STSS.

Objectives:

Efficacy and safety of a **novel polyclonal antibody preparation containing high IgM and IgA levels** in addition to IgG (verum) as adjunctive treatment to standard of care in **intubated and mechanically ventilated patients with severe community acquired pneumonia (sCAP)**

Patient number:

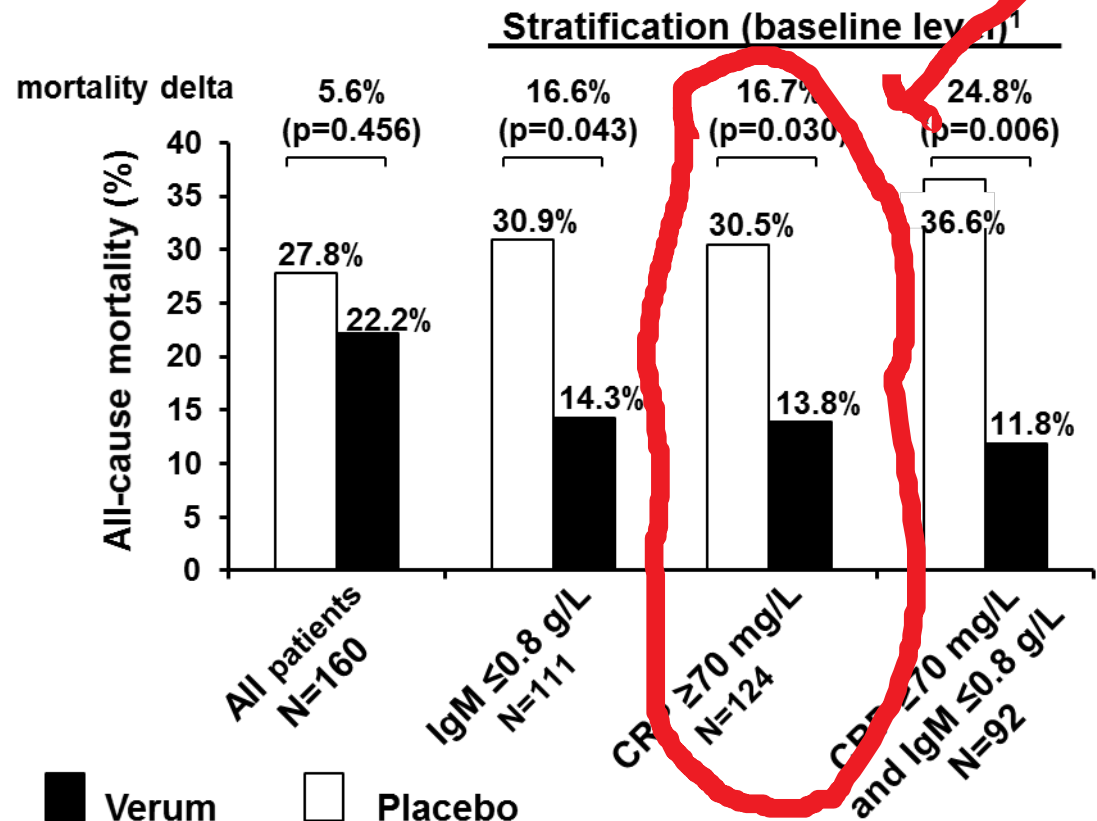
160 patients (verum: 81 patients, placebo: 79 patients)

Primary endpoint:

VFDs (mean 11.0 vs. 9.6 days, respectively, $p=0.173$)

Mortality results:

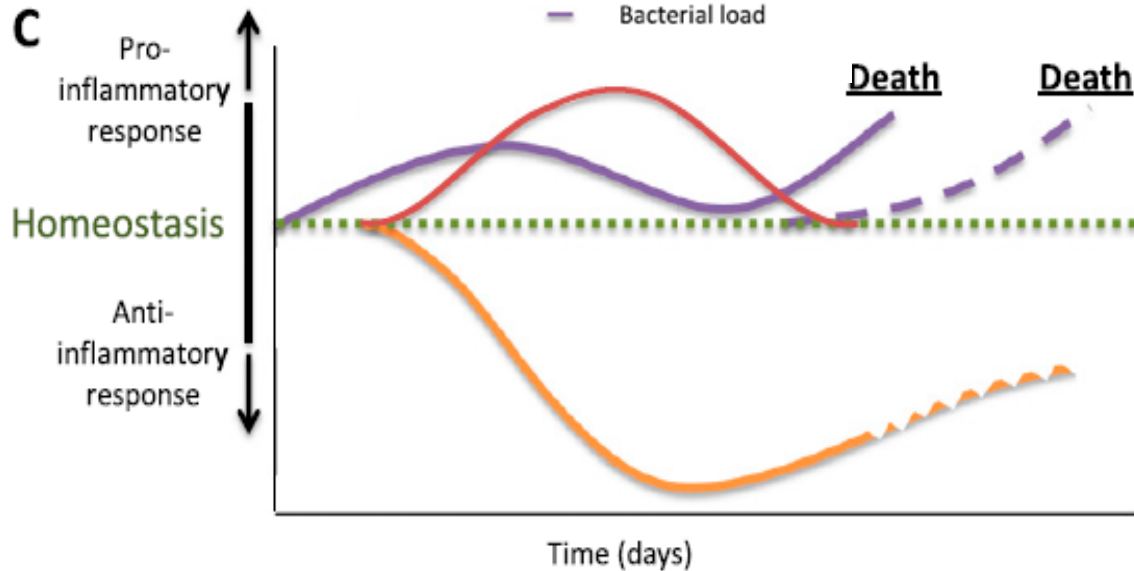
Pronounced mortality advantage in selected subgroups representing the majority of the study population.



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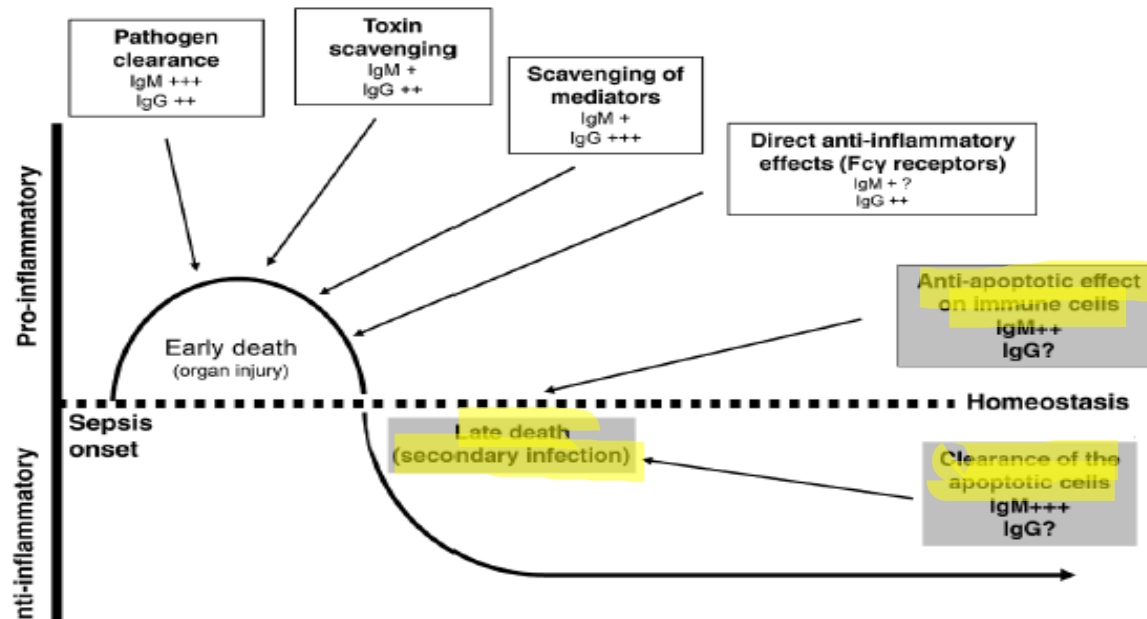
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Patient with breakthrough infection after first sepsis :
pronounced and/or sustained anti inflammatory state with persisting bacterial or secondary (opportunistic) infections

Mode of action

- Pathogen lysis /phagocytosis
- Direct Anti-inflammatory
- Immune-modulation (?)



IMMUNE DYSFUNCTION & MDR infections

Immunosuppression in sepsis: a novel understanding of the disorder and a new therapeutic approach

Lancet Infect Dis 2013;
13: 260-68

Richard S Hotchkiss, Guillaume Monneret, Didier Payen

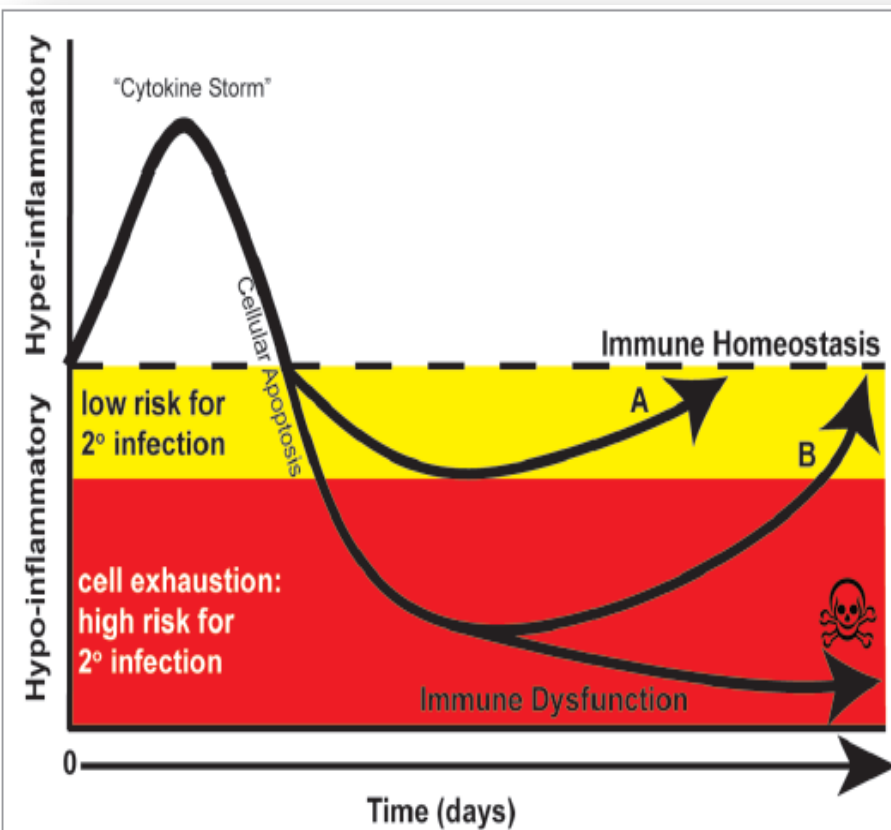


Table: Potential biomarker and clinical-laboratory findings

Decreased monocyte HLA-DR expression

Persistent severe lymphopenia

Increased PD-1 or PD-L1 expression

Decreased TNF α production in stimulated blood

Increased T-regulatory cells

Infections with relatively avirulent or opportunistic pathogens
(*Enterococci* spp, *Acinetobacter* spp, *Candida* spp, etc)

Reactivation of cytomegalovirus or HSV

Elderly patients with malnutrition and multiple comorbidities

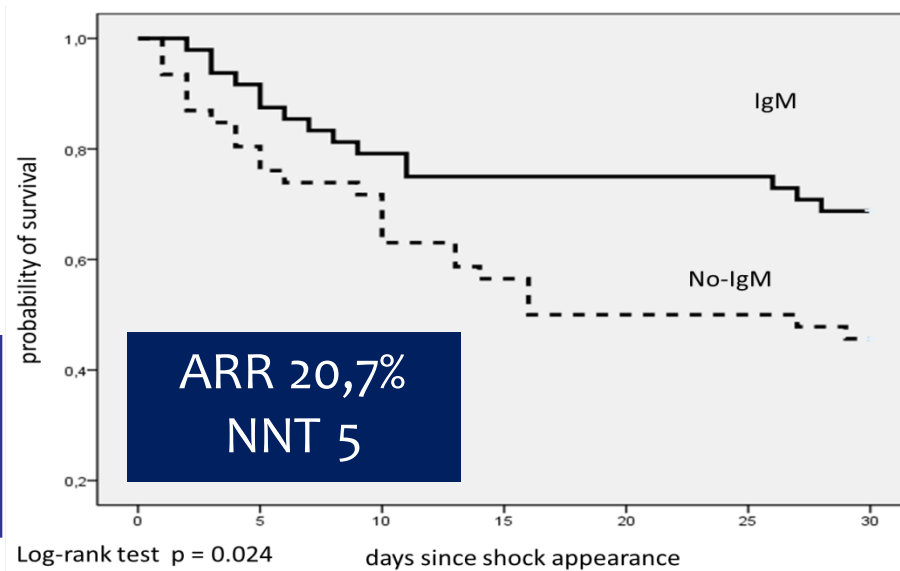


- Retrospective analysis of 94 ICU patients with septic shock by MDR bacteria (2008-2013)
- History of **cancer** and infection sustained by **A baumannii increase** the risk of mortality
- **Standard sepsis treatments** do not seem to provide any protective effect
- Adjunctive therapy with IgM preparation was associated with a decrease in mortality rate.

Table 3. Multivariate Analysis of Risk Factors for 30 Days Mortality.^a

	OR	95% CI	P
Preexisting condition cancer	2.97	1.14-7.71	.026
Infection by Acinetobacter baumannii	3.2	1.01-10.21	.050
IgM preparation	0.28	0.14-0.59	.001

Propensity Score Matching age, year of admission, type of admission, primary site of infection, pre-existing diseases, SOFA and SAPS II score, 6-hour and 24 hour bundles compliance.



Multivariate logistic regression
OR 0,31; CI 95% 0,12–0,78

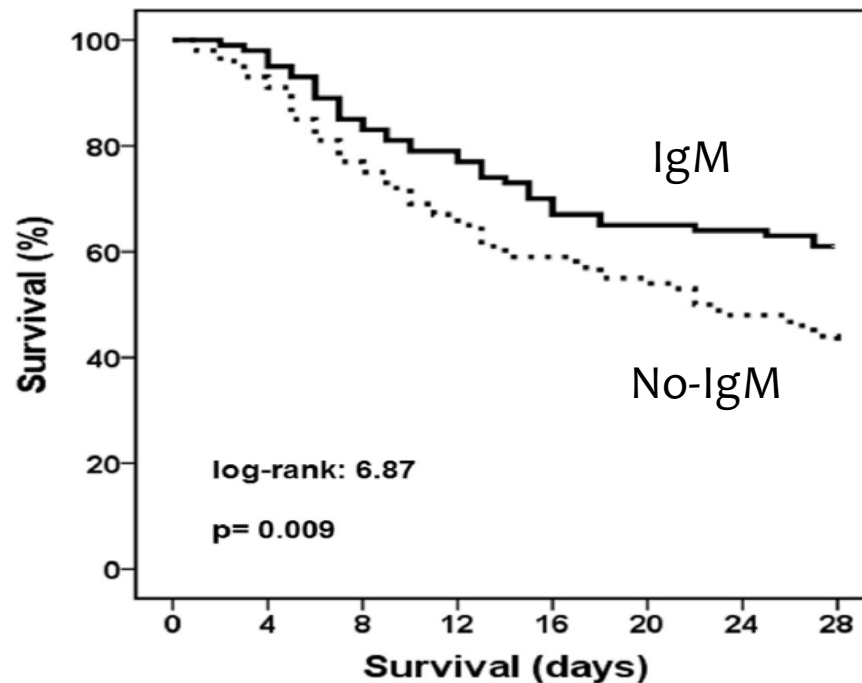
	No IgM (N=37)	IgM (N=37)	P value
30 days mortality	19 (51,4)	11 (29,7)	0,013

- Retrospective case-control study: **200 patients** (100 with and 100 without IgGAM) with microbiologically confirmed **severe infections by MDR Gram-negative bacteria** acquired after ICU admission.

Improving outcomes of severe infections by multidrug-resistant pathogens with polyclonal IgM-enriched immunoglobulins

Clin Microbiol Infect 2016; **22**: 499–506

E. J. Giamarellos-Bourboulis¹, N. Tziolos¹, C. Routsis², C. Katsenos³, I. Tsangaris⁴, I. Pneumatikos⁵, G. Vlachogiannis⁶,



The present study provides promising data supporting the use of polyclonal IgM-enriched immunoglobulin preparations as adjunctive of antimicrobial treatment for the management of severe infections caused by MDR Gram-negative bacteria.

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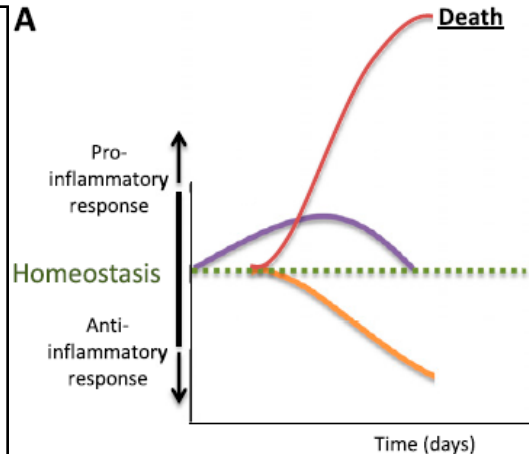
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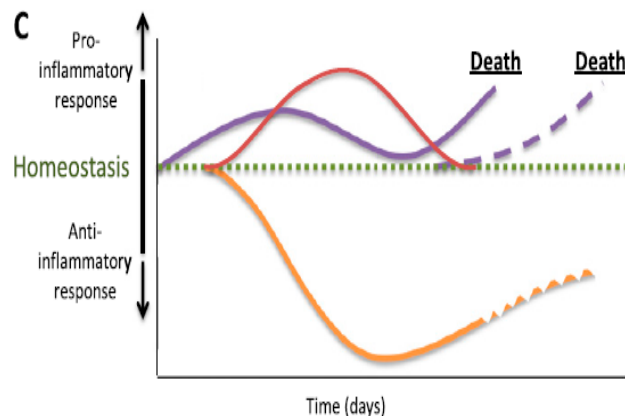
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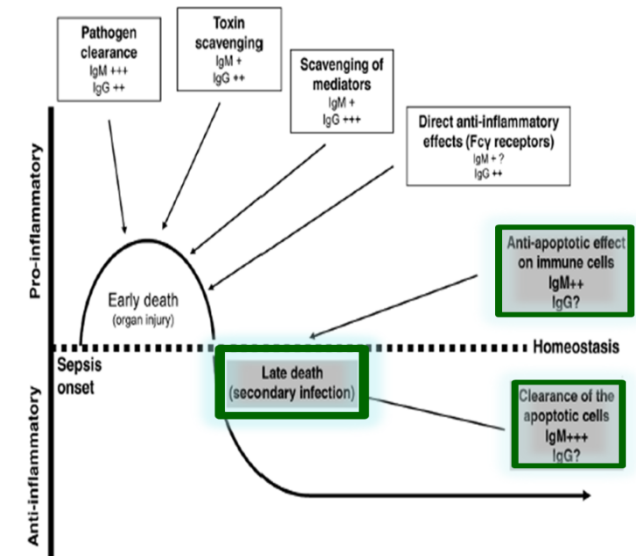
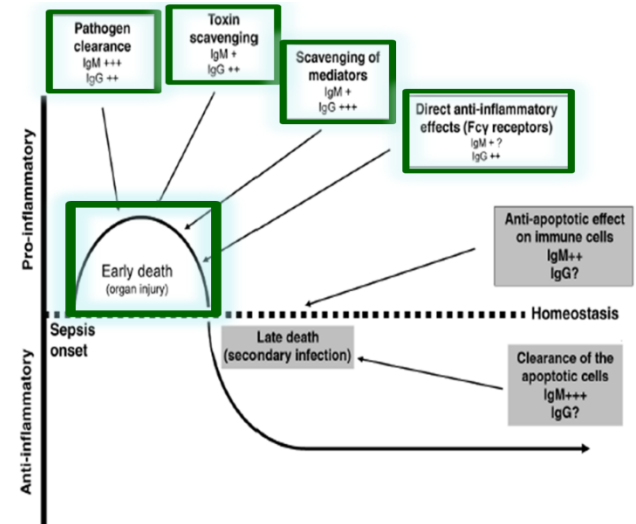
Pathobiology



— Proinflammation
— Antiinflammation
— Bacterial load

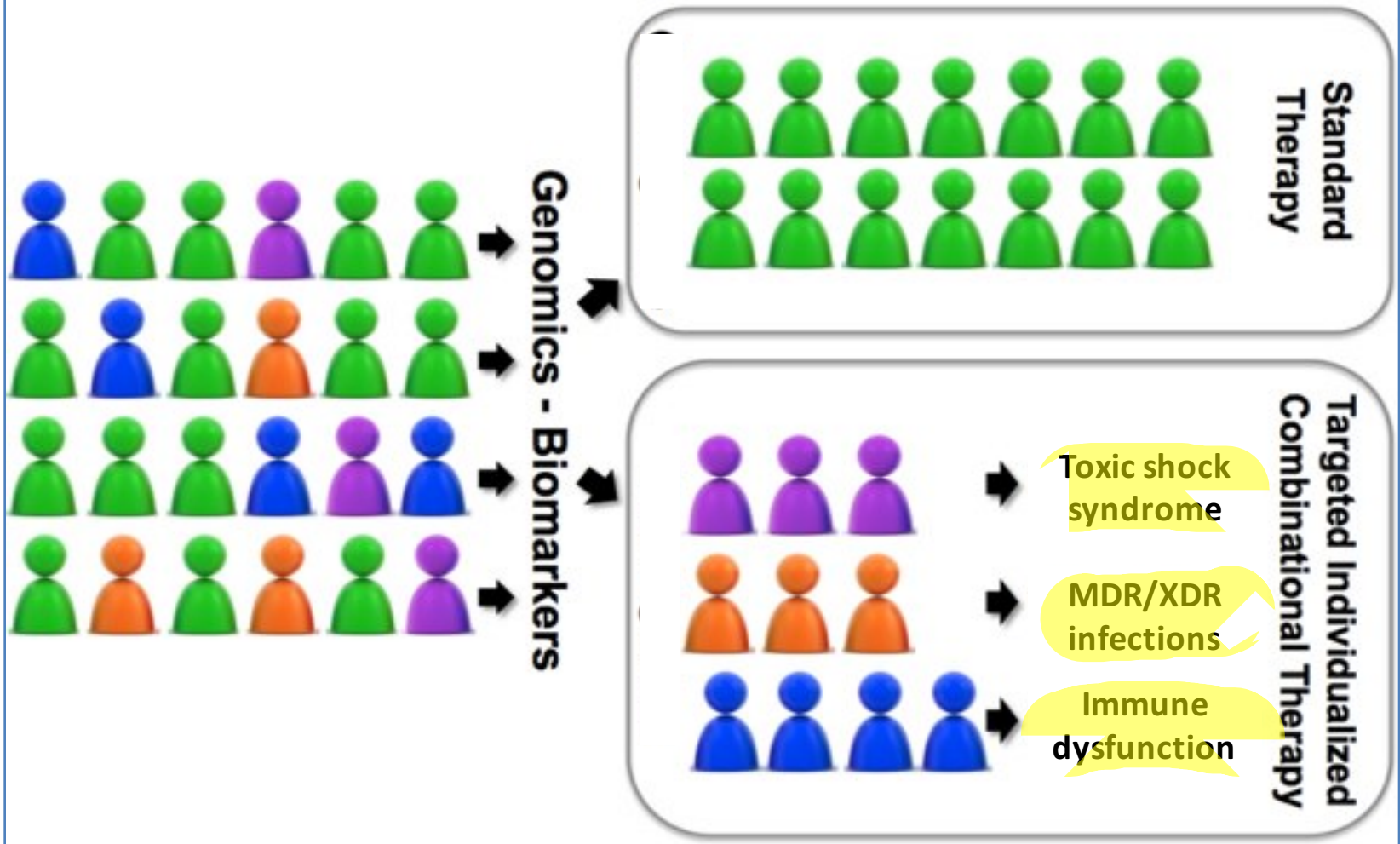


Mode of action



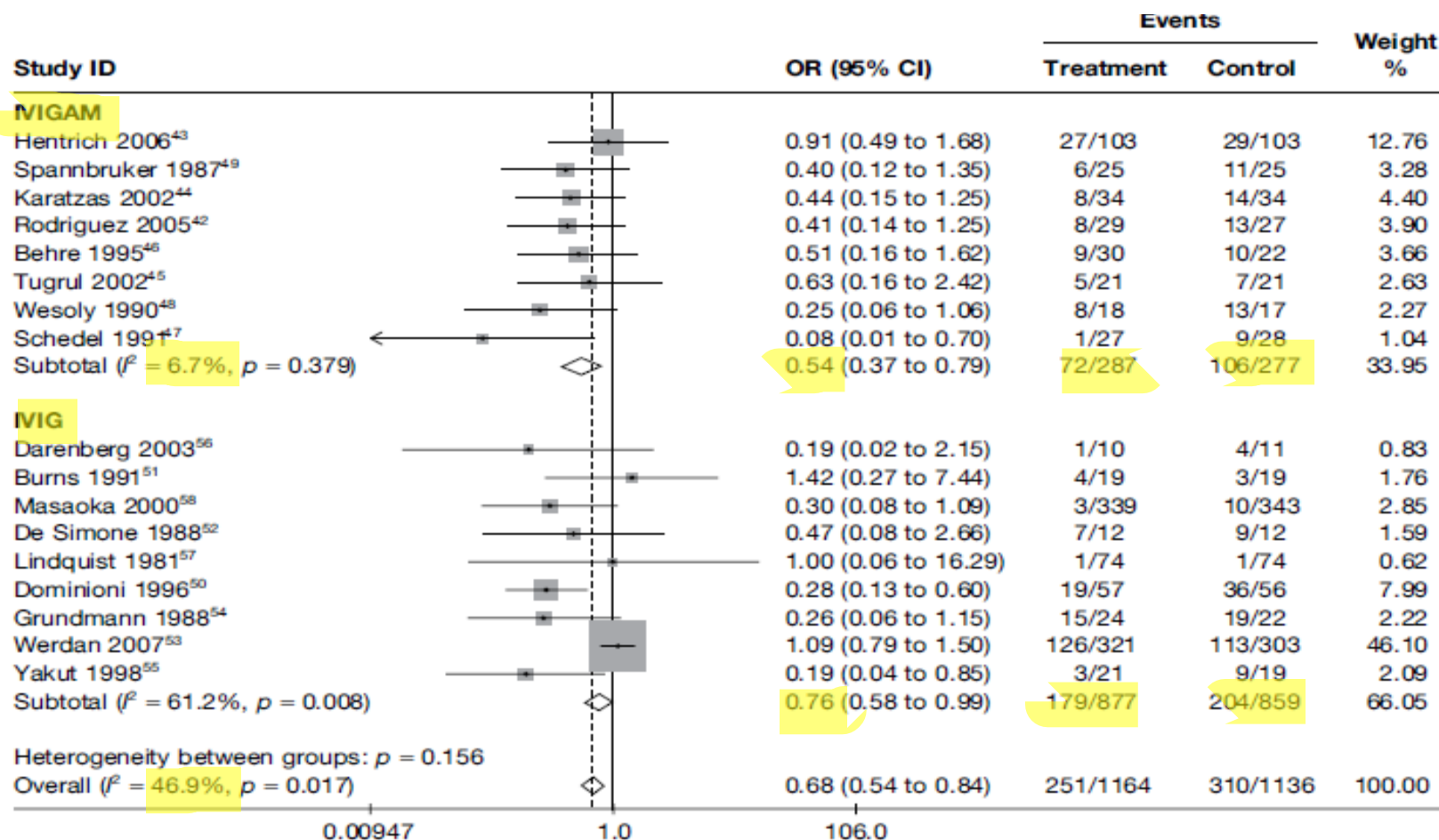
TAKE HOME PICTURE

Personalized Medicine – The Goal



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IgG vs IgGAM



Studies using IgGAM showed a more consistent mortality reduction in the treatment arm as compared to those where standard polyclonal IgG were used.

Kreymann et al. Crit Care Med 2007

Soares et al. Health Technology Assessment 2010

Alejandra et al. Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2013

Busani et al. Minerva Anestesiol 2016

Ig Therapy & MDR infections

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

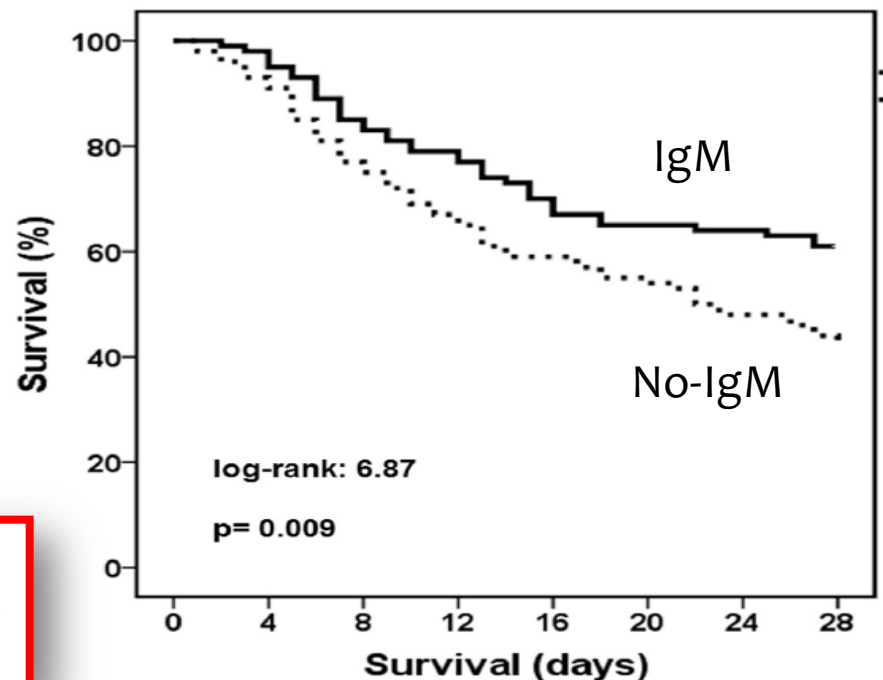
Improving outcomes of severe infections by multidrug-resistant pathogens with polyclonal IgM-enriched immunoglobulins

Clin Microbiol Infect 2016; 22: 499–506

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- Retrospective case-control study: **200 patients** (100 with and 100 without IgGAM) with microbiologically confirmed **severe infections by MDR Gram-negative bacteria** acquired after ICU admission.

The present study provides promising data supporting the use of polyclonal IgM-enriched immunoglobulin preparations as adjunctive of antimicrobial treatment for the management of severe infections caused by MDR Gram-negative bacteria.

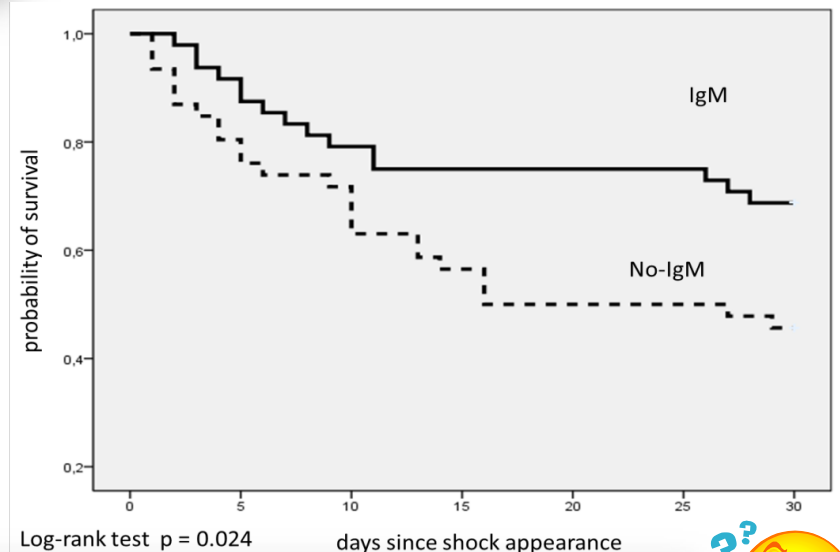


Mortality in Patients With Septic Shock by Multidrug Resistant Bacteria: Risk Factors and Impact of Sepsis Treatments

Journal of Intensive Care Medicine

Stefano Busani, MD¹, Giulia Serafini, MD¹, Elena Mantovani, MD¹,

- Retrospective analysis of **94 ICU patients with septic shock by MDR bacteria**
- All **therapeutic interventions were similar** between ICU survivors and no-survivors, **except for IgM preparation** provided more frequently in survivors group ($P < .05$)
- IgM analysis by propensity score-based matching (1:1): 74 patients 37 IgM vs 37 no IgM



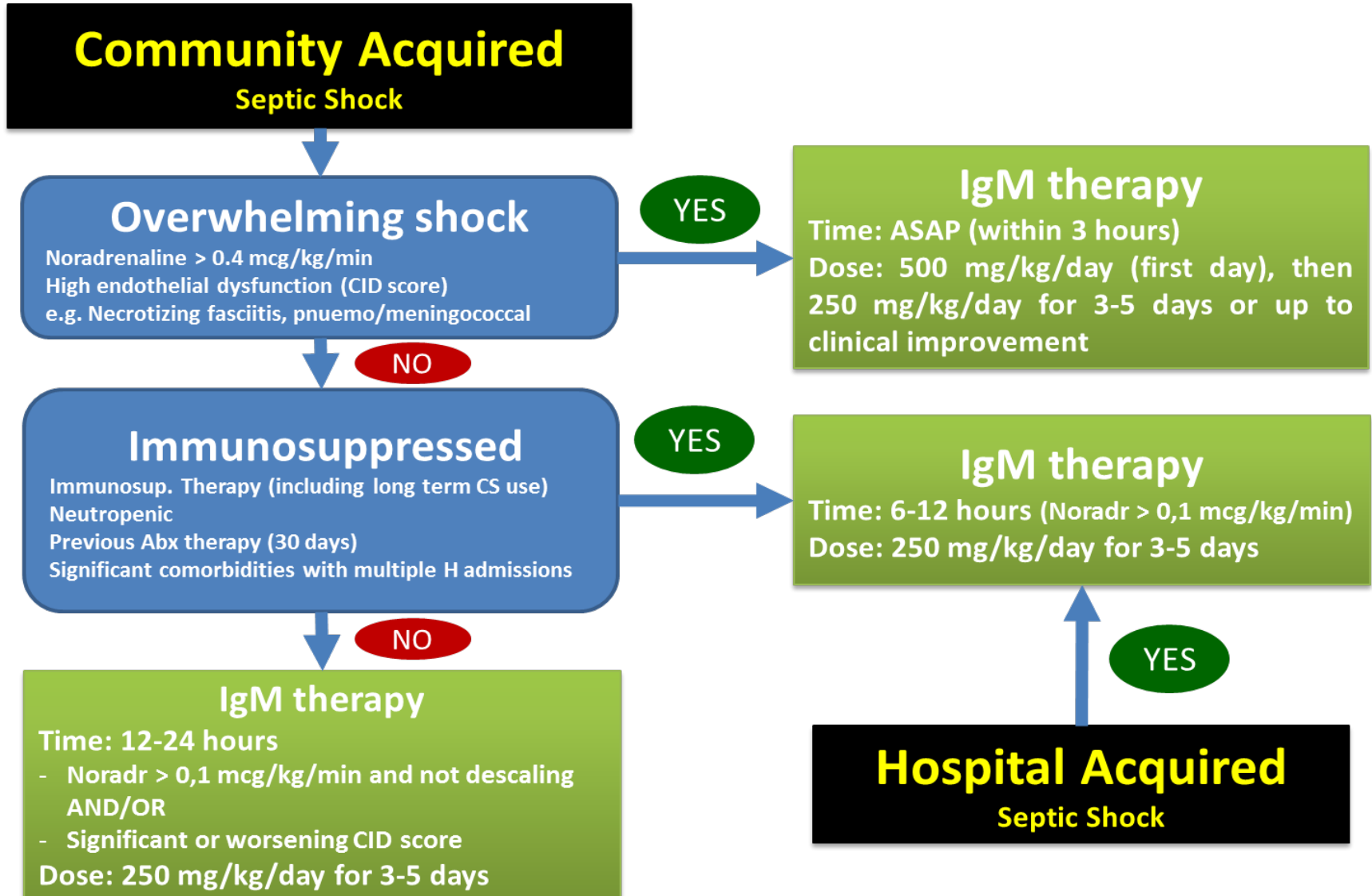
retrospective study showed that in patients with septic shock caused by MDR bacteria, history of cancer and infection sustained by *A baumannii* increase the risk of mortality and that standard sepsis treatments do not seem to provide any protective effect. Adjunctive therapy with IgM preparation seems to be beneficial, but further appropriate studies are needed to confirm the results observed.

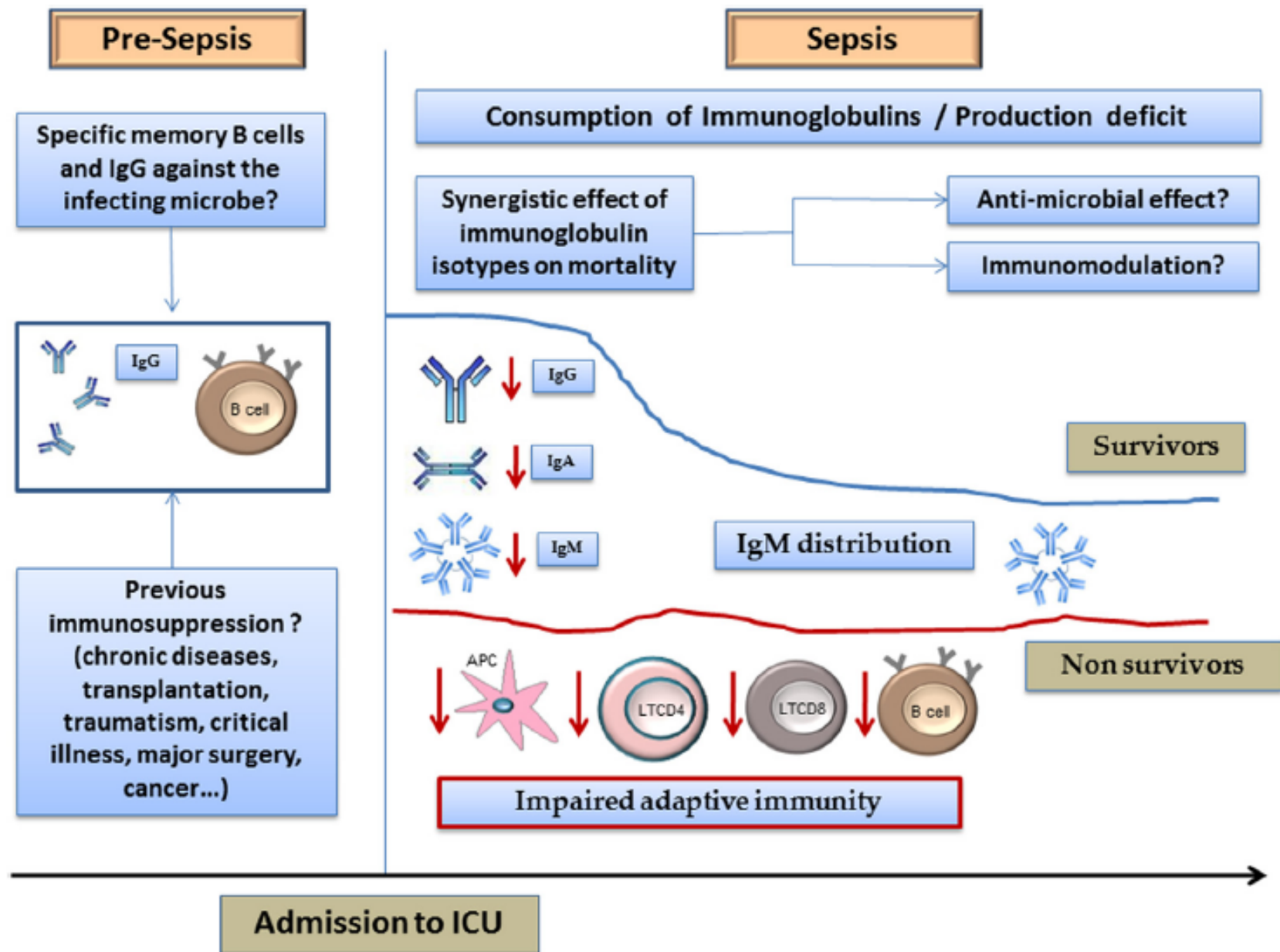


Septic Shock IgM protocol



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Immunoglobulins in severe sepsis

Prevention, Diagnosis, Therapy and Follow-up Care of Sepsis February 15th 2010

1st revision of S-2k guidelines of the German Sepsis Society (Deutsche Sepsis-Gesellschaft e.V. (DSG)) and the German Interdisciplinary Association of Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine (Deutsche Interdisziplinäre Vereinigung für Intensiv- und Notfallmedizin (DIVI))



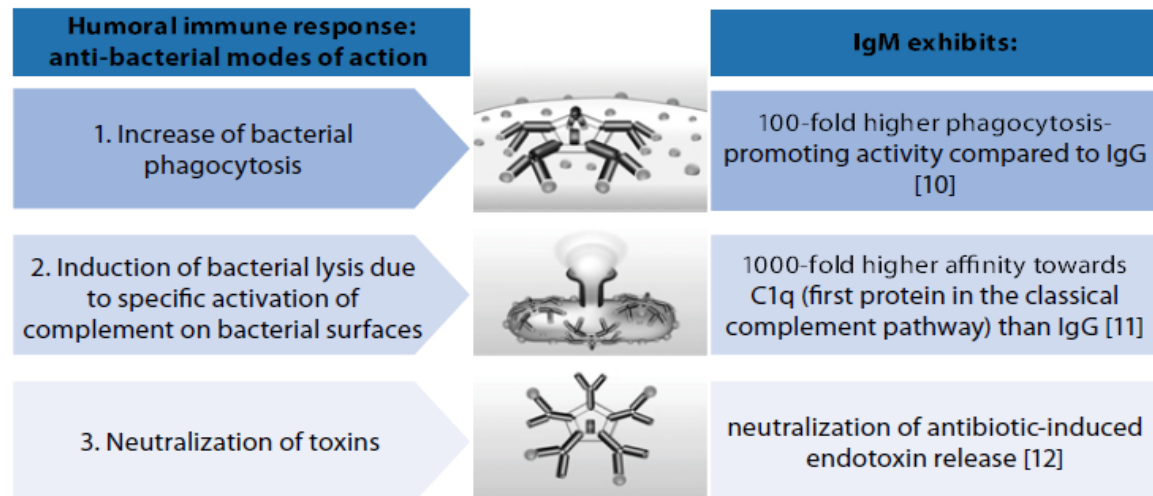
- The use of ivIgGAM may be *considered* for treatment of adult patients with severe sepsis or septic shock.

→ **Recommendation level C** (evidence level Ia for [322])

Comment: The experts in the field are not in agreement about this recommendation. The recommendation rests on a meta-analysis from the year 2007 [322]. However, a further meta-analysis published in 2007 in the same volume of Crit Care Med [323], which employed a different trial quality evaluation methodology and produced different results, recommends that a high-quality, adequately powered and transparently presented study be conducted in order to determine the significance of I.V. immunoglobulin therapy.

IgM: HOW IT WORKS?

- @ Natural IgM is the first to appear during ontogeny, the oldest and the only class of antibody present in all vertebrates
- @ Immune IgM is the first antibody to be produced during immune response
- @ IgM has low affinity but high reactivity to common components of invading microorganisms such as nucleic acids, phospholipids and carbohydrates.
- @ IgM participates in diverse pathophysiologies including infection, B cell homeostasis, inflammation, autoimmunity and atherosclerosis.



QUESTION 2: Intravenous polyclonal immunoglobulins may be useful as adjunctive therapy in critically ill patients with intra-abdominal sepsis ?

Oda et al. *Journal of Intensive Care* 2014, **2**:55
<http://www.jintensivecare.com/content/2/1/55>



GUIDELINE

Open Access

The Japanese guidelines for the management of sepsis

Shigeto Oda^{1*}, Mayuki Aibiki², Toshiaki Ikeda³, Hitoshi Imaizumi⁴, Shigeatsu Endo⁵, Ryoichi Ochiai⁶, Joji Kotani⁷,

Immunoglobulin

CQ1: What is the indication for immunoglobulin administration in septic patients?

A1: Currently, there is insufficient evidence suggesting that immunoglobulin administration improves the prognosis of adult patients with sepsis (2B). However, with a reduced duration of mechanical ventilation and improvement in ICU survival, administration of immunoglobulin may be considered (2C).

CQ2: When should immunoglobulin be administered?

A2: Immunoglobulin administration may be considered in the early stage of sepsis (2C).

CQ3: What should be the dose and duration of immunoglobulin administration?

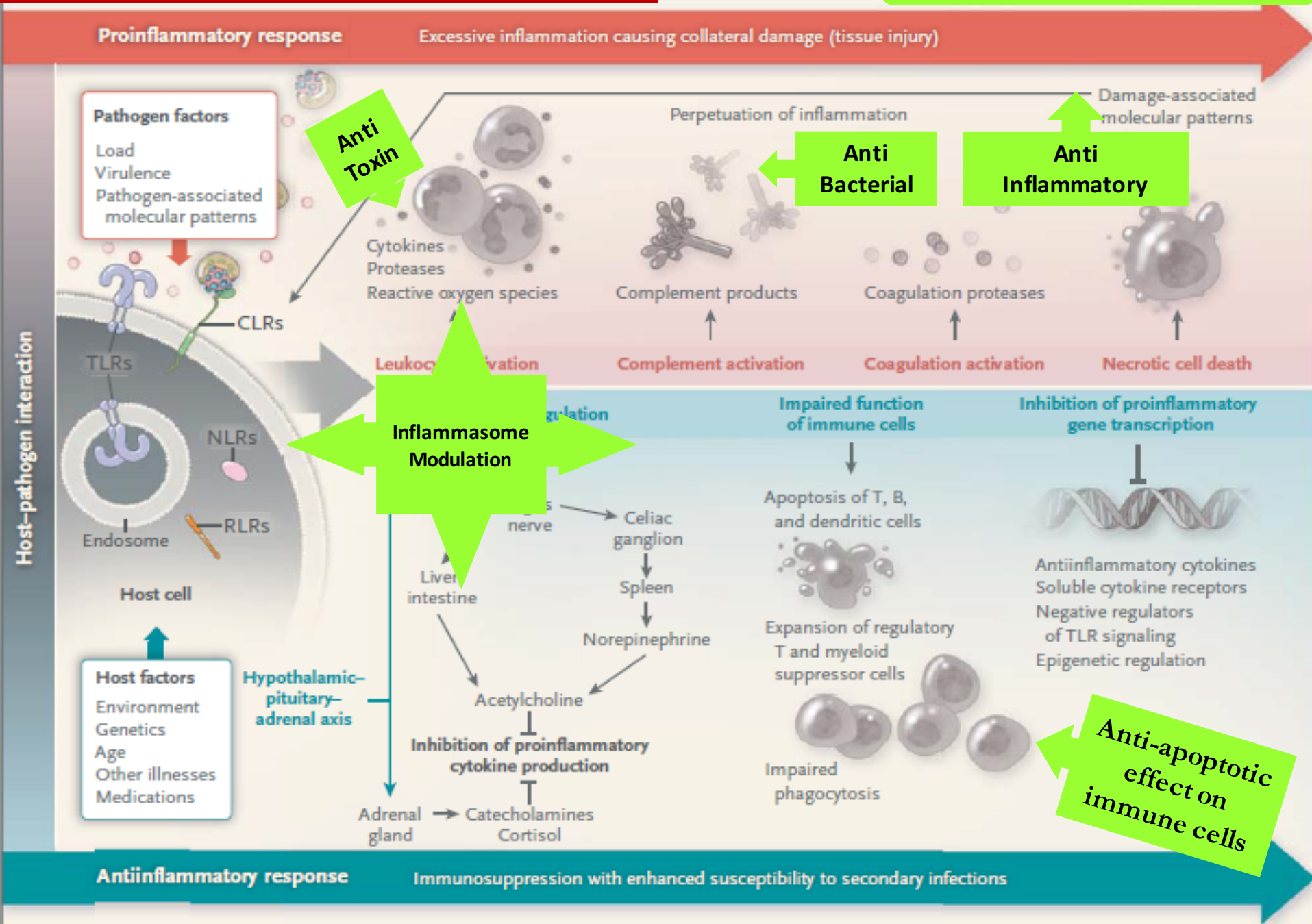
A3: A total immunoglobulin dose of ≥ 0.2 g/kg should be administered for ≥ 3 days (2C).

CQ4: What should be given particular attention in the selection of immunoglobulin preparation?

A4: Use of a complete-molecular-type preparation is suggested (2C).

Ig Therapy: HOW MAY IT WORK ?

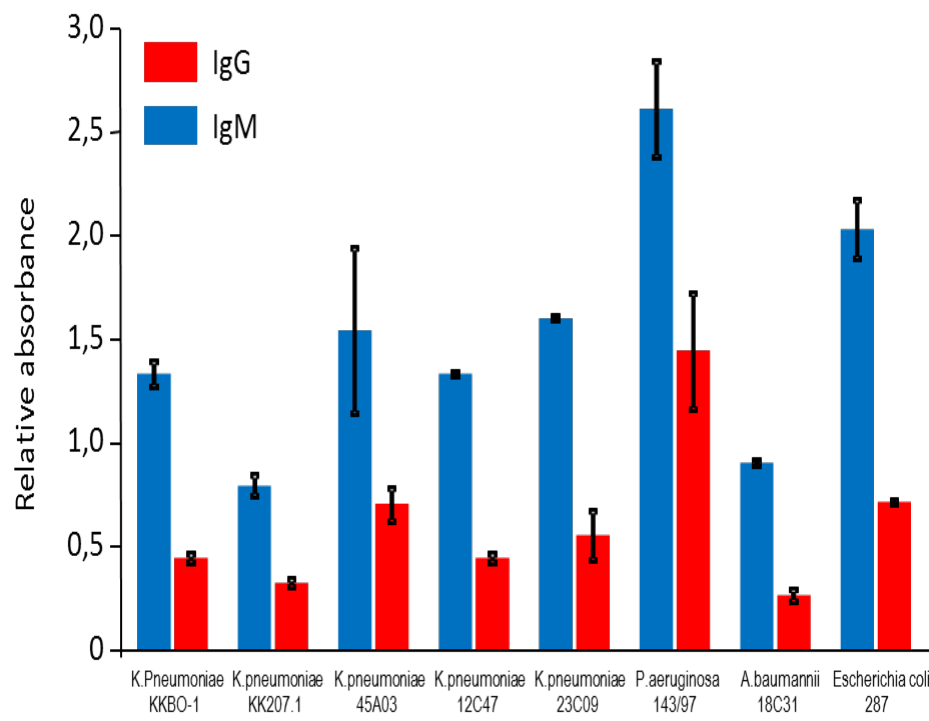
Pleiotropic effects



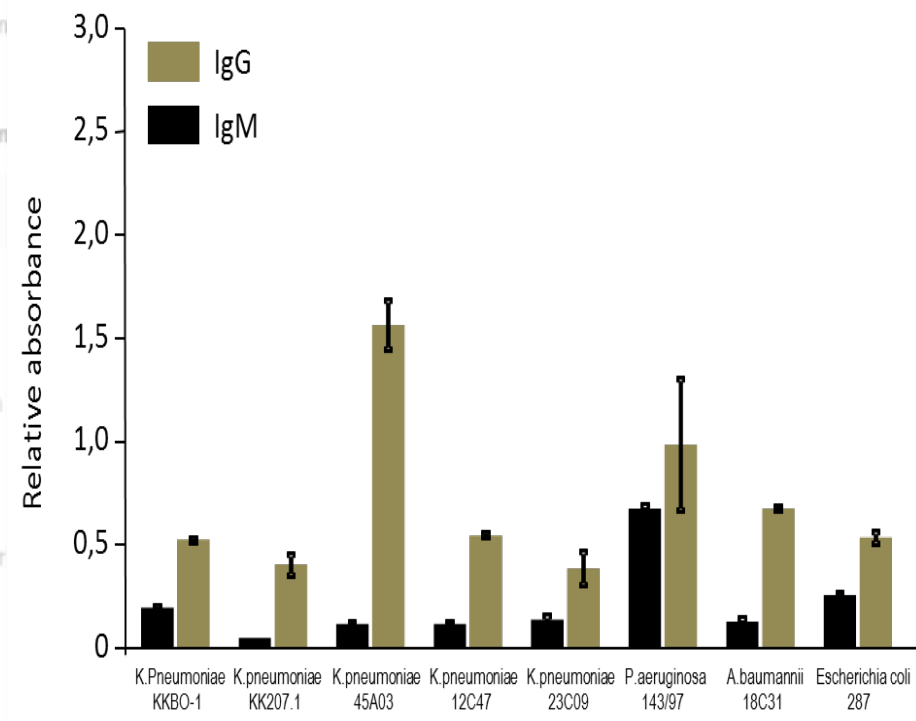
Why IgM preparation ?

Antibody titers vs 'Italian 2013-2014 MDR' bacteria

IgM - Pentaglobin®



IgG - Intratect®



TAKE HOME MESSAGES (and PICTURE)

Clinical Decision making

American Thoracic Society Documents

Am J Respir Crit Care Med Vol 185, Iss. 10, pp 1117-1124, May 15, 2012

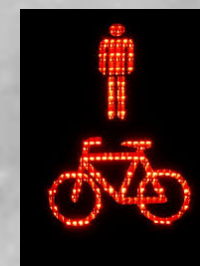
An Official Multi-Society Statement: The Role of Clinical Research Results in the Practice of Critical Care Medicine

- The results of **clinical research**, **pathophysiologic reasoning**, and **clinical experience** represent **different kinds of medical knowledge crucial for effective clinical decision making.**



Clinical Research

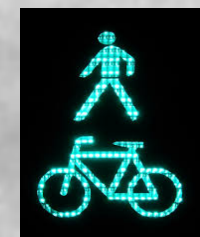
Polyclonal IgG reduced mortality among adults with sepsis but this benefit was not seen in trials with low risk of bias. For IgM enriched Ig, the trials on adults were small and the totality of the evidence is still insufficient to support a robust conclusion of benefit.



Pathophysiologic Reasoning

The role of IgG and IgM in the pathogenesis of sepsis and immunomodulation are well described.

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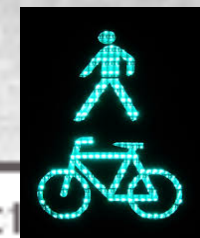


Clinical Experience

In numerous trials, the use of IgG provides positive results, but many questions remain open.

of IgG and IgM have been well described.

- In which patient ? (age, sex, type of infection, immune-biomarkers)
- At what time ? (late use possible)
- Which dosage ? (titrate dose by biomarkers)



say
yes
(OR MAYBE)

Ig in SEVERE SEPSIS: WHAT EVIDENCE IN ADULTS?

Z. Molnar, ISCIEM Book, 2013

Requirements	Comments and concepts	Reference
Severity	Persistence of septic shock or severe sepsis with > 2 organ dysfunctions after initial resuscitation/treatment	Heinrich et al. Expert opinion
Timing	As early as possible. Best effects are expected if treatment is initiated within the first 8 h of sepsis	Berlot et al.
	Late start of treatment (48 h) is not recommended	Expert opinion
Target groups/subgroups with the highest benefit probability	Abdominal infections in surgical patients (peritonitis) presumably Gram-negative bacterial infections	Rodriguez et al.
	Meningococcal sepsis	Expert opinion
	Toxic shock syndrome	
	Overwhelming post splenectomy infection	
	Necrotizing fasciitis	
Dosage (80 kg)	50 ml/h for the first 6 h (15 g), followed by 15 ml/h for 72 h (54 g), daily re-evaluation	Expert opinion
Exclusion criteria	Standing Do Not Resuscitation order or limitation of therapy, incurable metastatic malignant disease, neutropenia due to haematological malignancies and according to Summary Products Characteristics	Expert opinion

Ig in SEVERE SEPSIS: WHAT EVIDENCE IN ADULTS?

IgM enriched in septic shock

Intensive Care Med (2014) 40:1888–1896
DOI 10.1007/s00134-014-3474-6

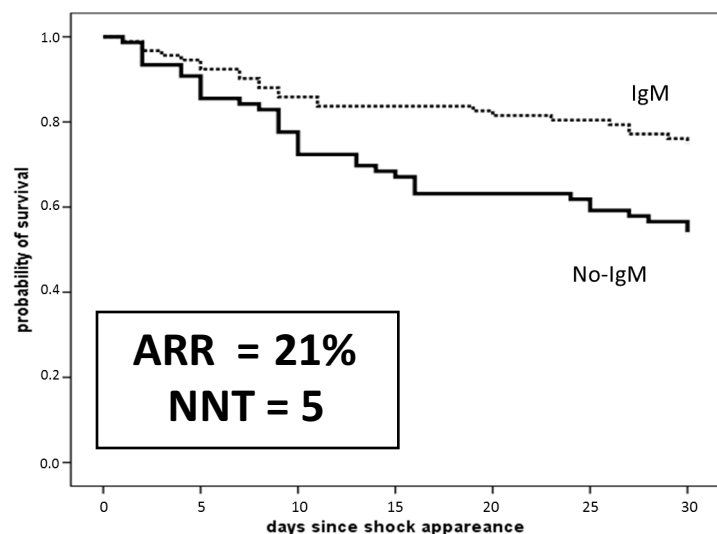
ORIGINAL

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Early therapy with IgM-enriched polyclonal immunoglobulin in patients with septic shock

	No IgM (N=76)	IgM (N=92)	P value
30 days mortality;	35 (46,1)	23 (25,0)	0,004

ods: In 2008 we introduced IgM as a possible adjunctive therapy to be provided within 24 h after shock onset in the management protocol for patients with septic shock. In this retrospective study we included the adult patients suitable for IgM therapy admitted to our ICU from January 2008 to December 2011. An



Conclusions

Ig and the dose used. Our experience suggests that early adjunctive treatment with IgM at a dose of 250 mg/kg per day for 3 days results in an approximately 20 % reduction in the absolute risk of 30-day mortality in patients with septic shock treated according to guidelines. However, additional studies are needed to confirm these results and better evaluate the use of IgM therapy early on in patients with septic shock.

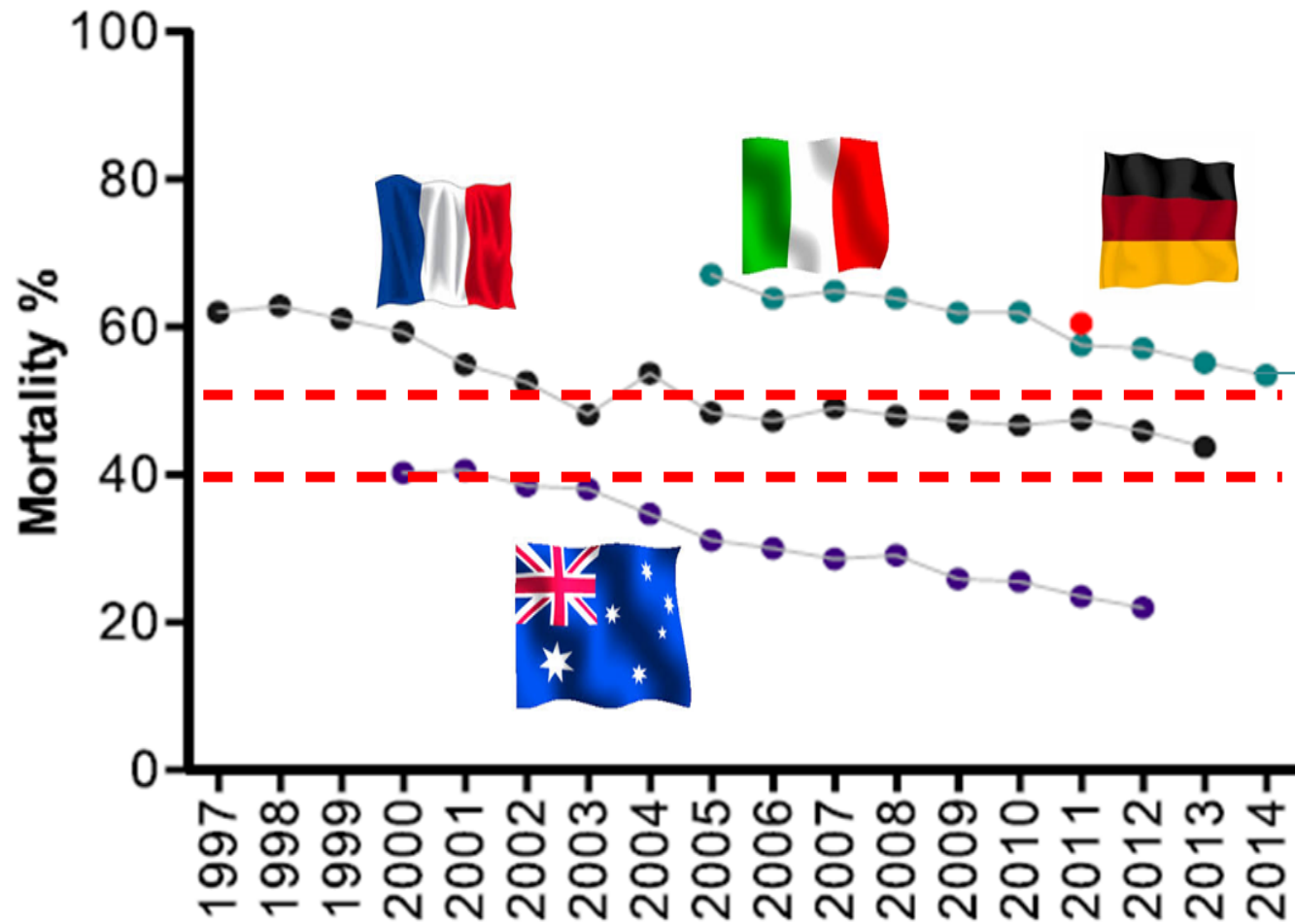
CEMETERY SECTION
2010-2014



SEPTIC SHOCK: MORTALITY IS STILL HIGH and NOT REALLY DECREASING (at least in Europe and in real life)

PROBLEM EXTENT

Shankar-Hari *et al. Critical Care* (2015) 19:445
DOI 10.1186/s13054-015-1164-6



ANZICS; Cub-REA; GiViTi; Germany





Intensive Care Med (2008) 34:17–60
DOI 10.1007/s00134-007-0934-2

SPECIAL ARTICLE

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**Surviving Sepsis Campaign:
International guidelines for management
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50 Strong Recommendations (1 A-C)

19 Weak Recommendations (2 B-D)

Special Articles

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(*Crit Care Med* 2013; 41:580–637)

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34 Strong Recommendations (1 A-C),

35 Weak Recommendations (2 B-D),

7 Ungraded Recommendations



The majority of STRONG recommendations
'DO NOT USE'

CONFERENCE REPORTS AND EXPERT PANEL



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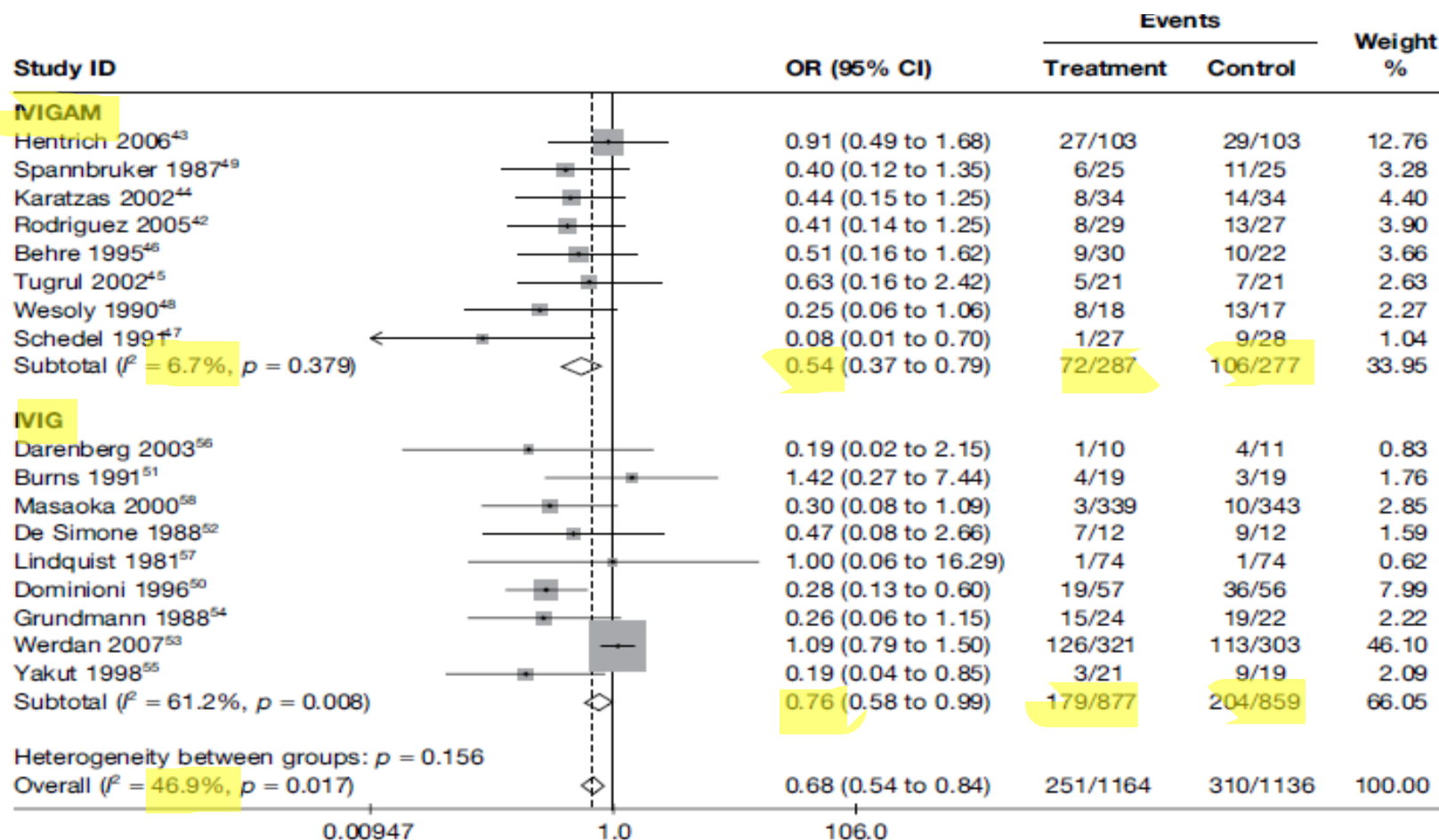
42 Weak Recommendations (2 A-D)

18 Best Practice Statement (ungraded)



Ig in SEVERE SEPSIS: EVIDENCE IN ADULTS META-ANALYSIS

IgG vs IgGAM



Studies using IgGAM showed a more consistent mortality reduction in the treatment arm as compared to those where standard polyclonal IgG were used.

Kreymann et al. Crit Care Med 2007

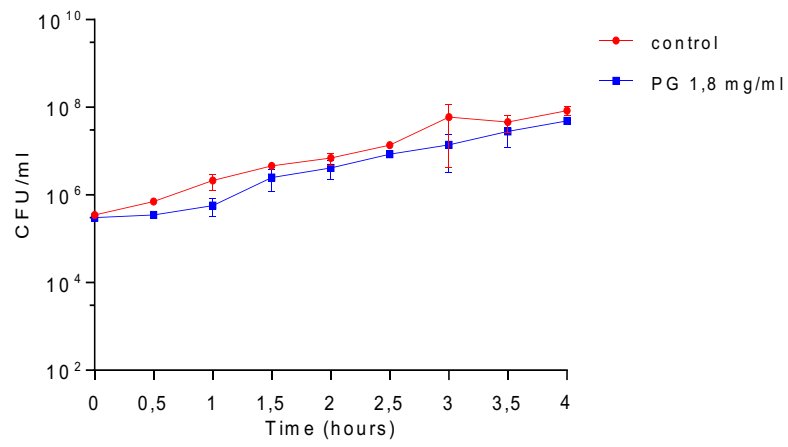
Soares et al. Health Technology Assessment 2010

Alejandra et al. Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2013

Busani et al. Minerva Anestesiol 2016

Potential antimicrobial activity of Pentaglobin in Time-Kill experiments

A. baumannii 18C31



Significant delay in growth after 30 minutes of exposure to Pentaglobin

