

In vivo efficacy of daptomycin in experimental
endocarditis caused by vancomycin-resistant
Enterococcus faecium

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Infectious endocarditis (IE) and *Enterococcus faecium*

Elderly patients with comorbidities (diabetes, hemodialysis)

Native valve

1/3 healthcare associated

Sub acute and non-specific clinical presentation

1-year mortality = 30%

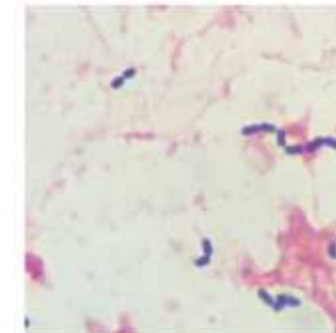
Treatment : glycopeptides



Vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus faecium* (VRE)

80% *E. faecium* (USA)

→ daptomycin

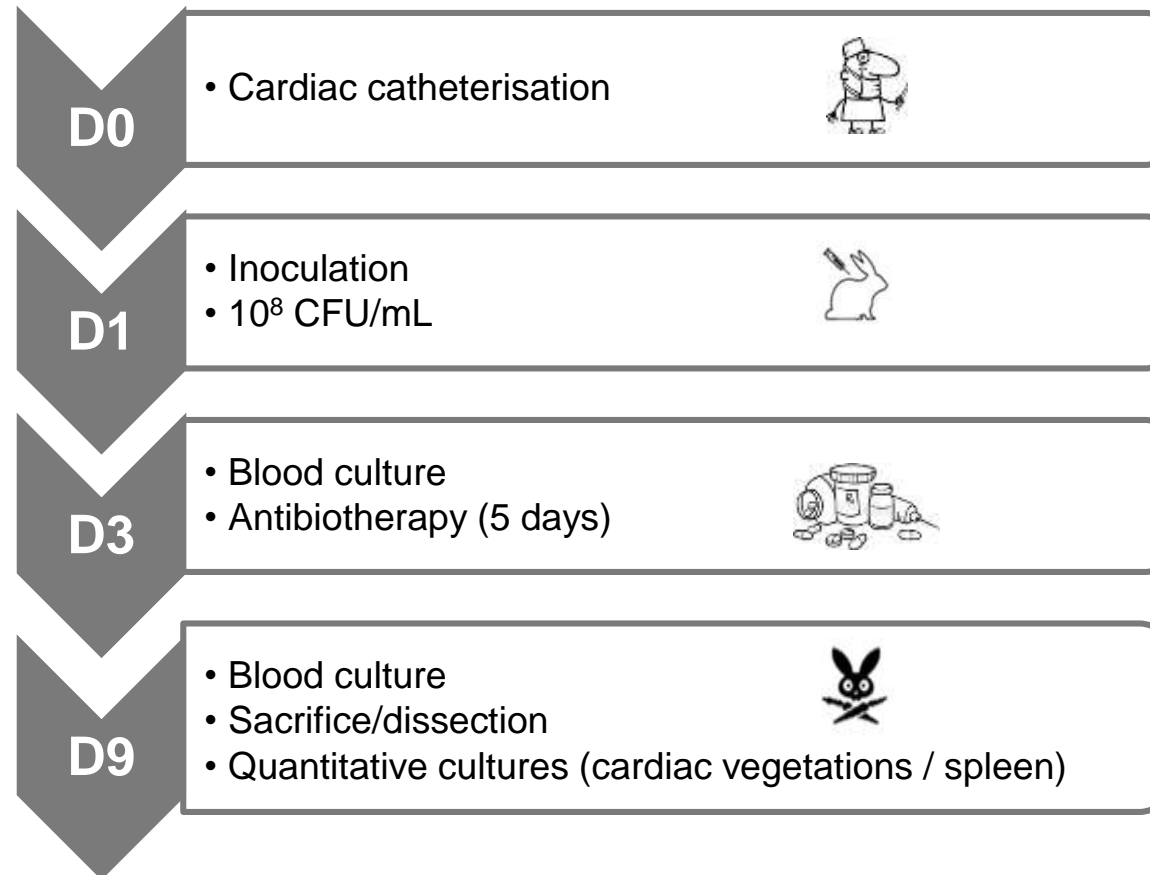


- Daptomycin susceptibility breakpoint= 4 mg/L
- Treatment failures and emergence of resistant mutants during daptomycin treatment of severe VRE infection
- Optimum posology according to MIC for VRE endocarditis : no in vivo study

Objectives of the study

- ➔ Determine *in vivo* the optimal dosage according to the MIC
- ➔ Evaluate the emergence of resistance

Material & Methods



Strains

- Aus0004 (MIC= 2 mg/L)
- Mut4 (MIC= 4 mg/L)

Daptomycin

- Control ($n=12$)
- 8 mg/kg (DAP8) ($n=12$)
- 12 mg/kg (DAP12) ($n=12$)

Resistant mutant analysis

- Vegetations plated on agar supplemented with daptomycin (2x or 4x MIC)
- MIC (microdilution method)

Plasma daptomycin levels: dose equivalent human/rabbit

Time-kill curves: daptomycin bactericidal activity

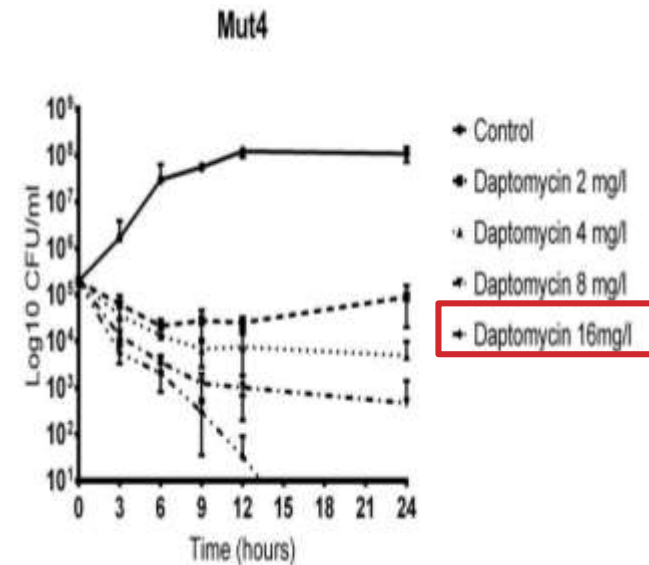
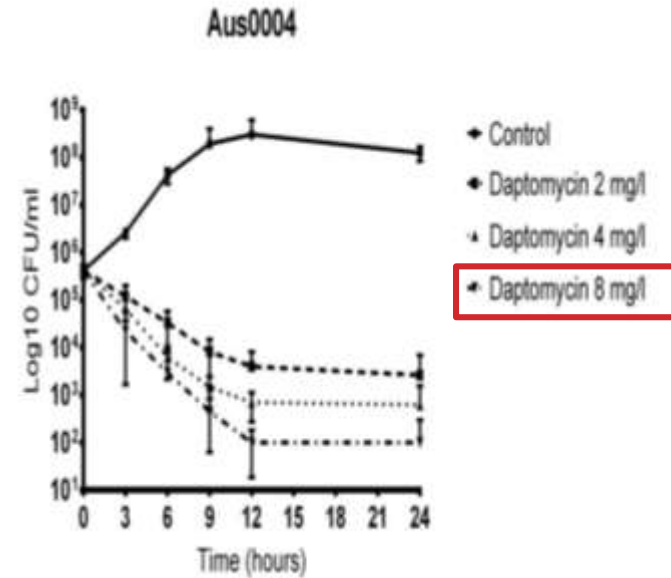
Results

Plasma concentrations

	Human		Rabbit	
Dose (mg/kg)	8	12	22	30
AUC (mg.h/L)	858.2 ± 213	1277 ± 253	987.8	1459

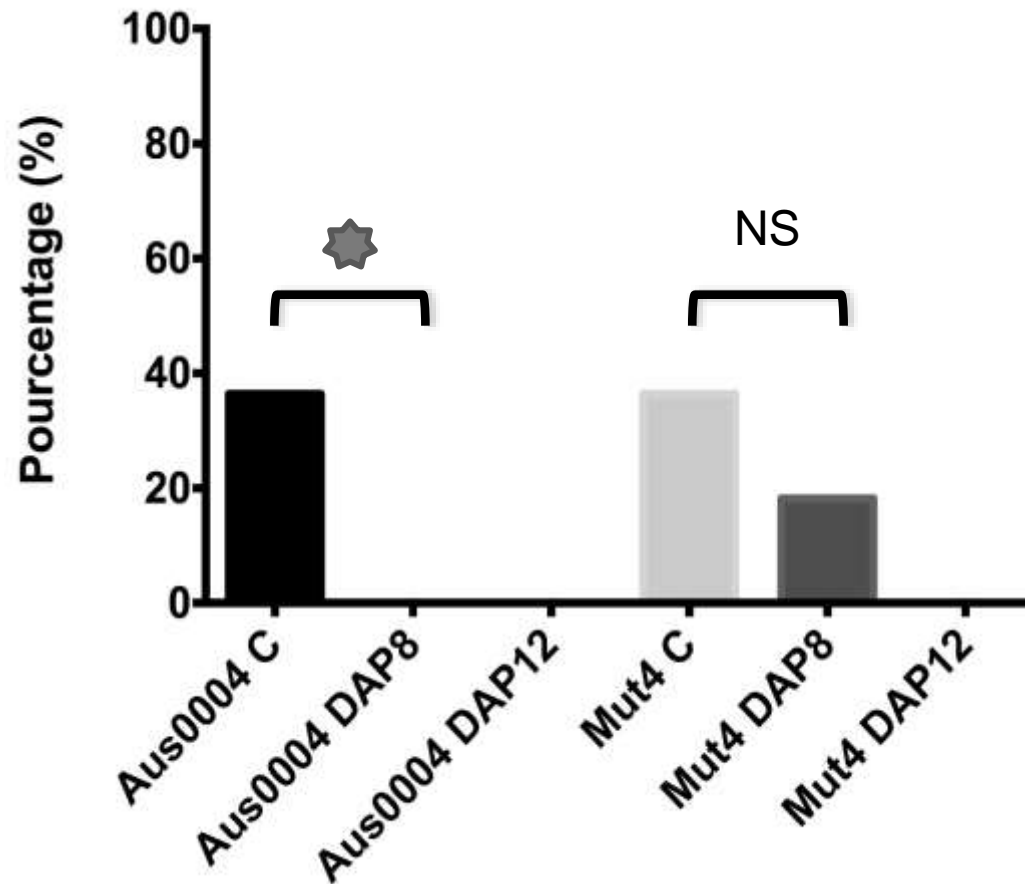
Benvenuto et al. Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, 2006

Time-kill curves

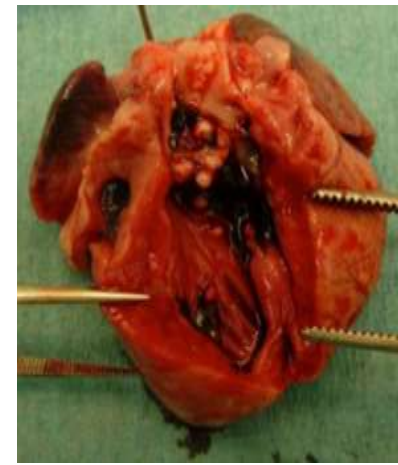


Experimental model ($n= 65$ rabbits)

Mortality

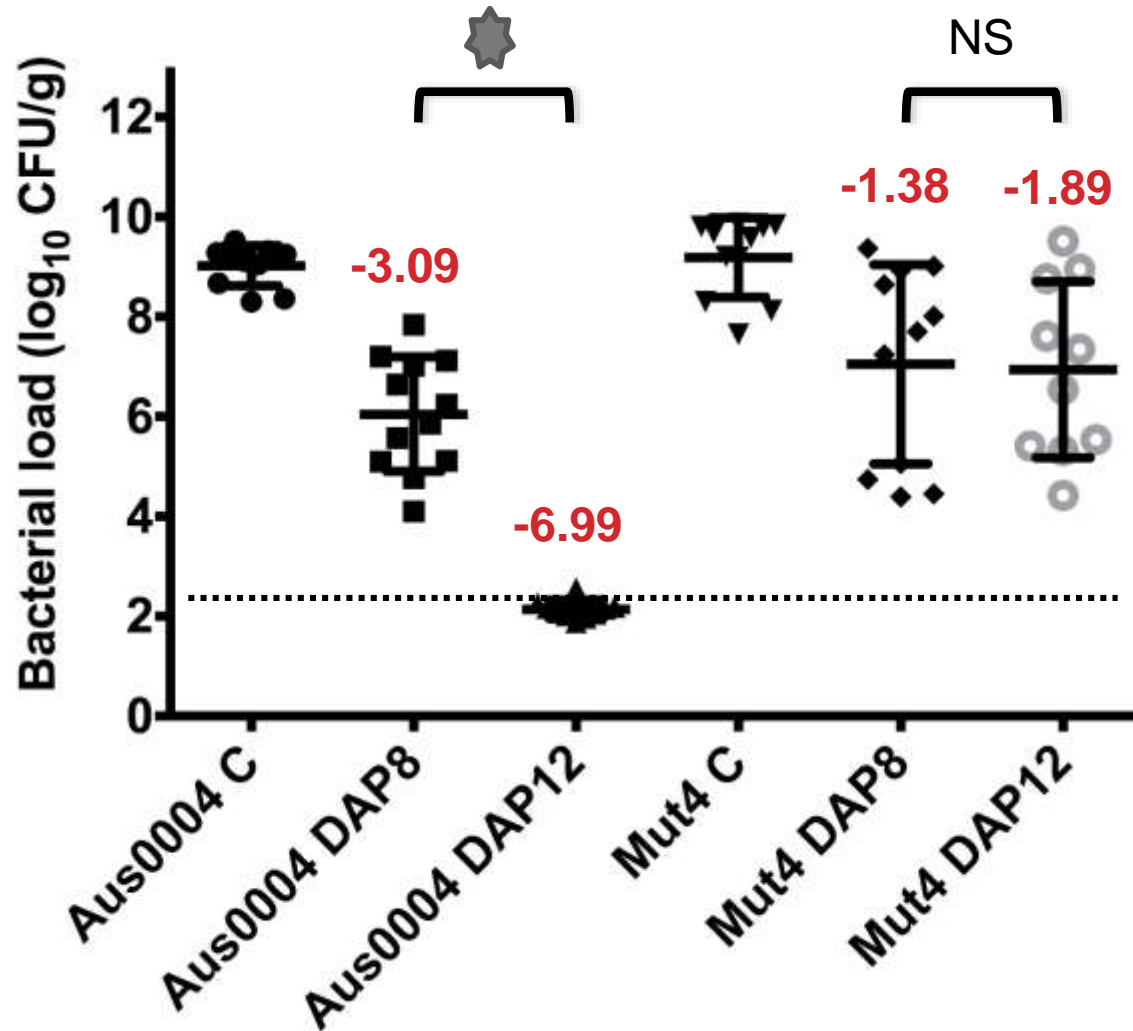


★ $P < 0.05$



- Aus0004 (MIC= 2 mg/L)
 - Control: 4 ($n=11$)
 - ➔ Significant reduction with treatment (DAP8)
- Mut4 (MIC= 4 mg/L)
 - Control: 4 ($n=11$)
 - DAP8: 2 ($n=11$)
 - ➔ No significant reduction

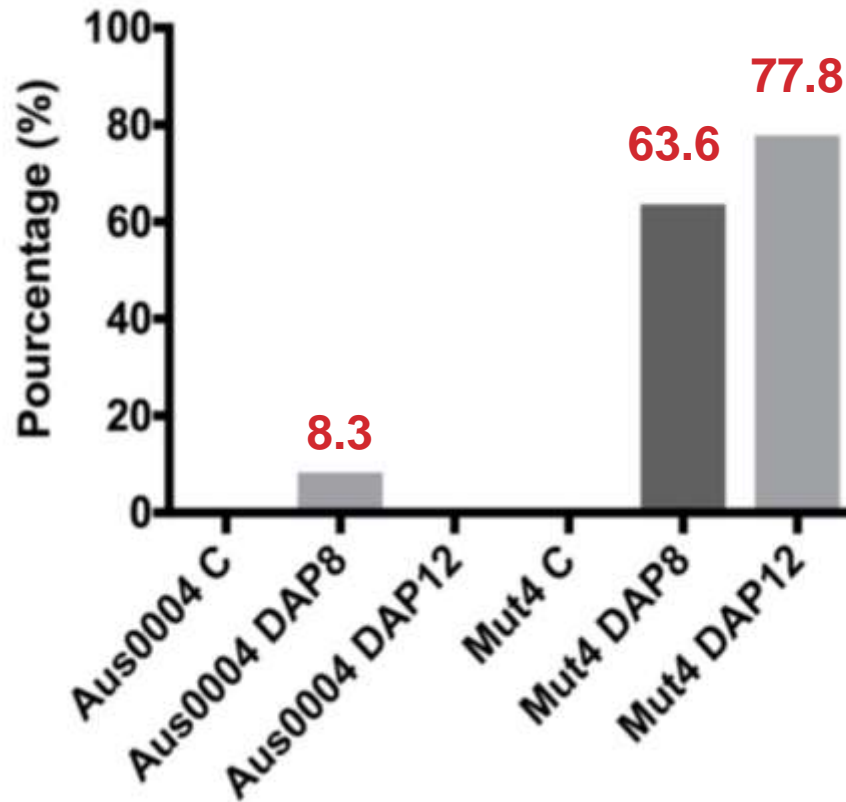
Vegetations bacterial count



★ $P < 0.05$

- Aus0004 (MIC= 2 mg/L)
 - Significant reduction with both doses
 - ➔ DAP12 > DAP 8
- Mut 4 (MIC= 4 mg/L)
 - Significant reduction with both doses
 - ➔ DAP8 = DAP12

Resistant mutant



- Aus0004 (MIC= 2mg/L)
 - DAP8: 8,3%
 - ➔ MIC= 4 mg/L
- Mut4 (MIC= 2mg/L)
 - DAP8: 63,6%
 - ➔ MIC= 8 – 32mg/L
 - DAP12: 77,8%
 - ➔ MIC= 8 – 16mg/L

Discussion

VRE – MIC= 2 mg/L

The two dosages were efficient, but 12 mg/kg seems more efficient than 8 mg/kg

- % sterilized vegetations
- No resistance

- **Hall et al.** Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, 2012

Evaluation of standard and high dose daptomycin versus linezolid against vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus isolates in an in vitro pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic model with stimulated endocardial vegetations.

- **Werth et al.** Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, 2014

Defining daptomycin resistance prevention exposures in vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus faecium and Enterococcus faecalis

- **Senneville et al.** International Journal of Antimicrobial Agents, 2016

Toward a definition of daptomycin optimal dose : lessons from experimental and clinical data.

VRE – MIC= 4 mg/L

The two dosages were moderately efficient

- Bacterial load diminution
- No sterilization of vegetations
- Mortality rate similar to control
- Many resistant mutants

- **Shukla et al.**, Clinical Infectious Disease, 2016

Influence of minimal inhibitory concentration in clinical outcomes of Enterococcus faecium bacteremia treated with daptomycin: is it time to change the breakpoint?

**Reassessment of the daptomycin
susceptibility breakpoint for enterococci (2 mg/L?)**

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Backup slides

Limits

- Monotherapy
- Risks of recurrence/mid term mortality?

Perspectives

- Mechanism of resistance
- Daptomycin in association

Table 18 Antibiotic treatment of infective endocarditis due to *Enterococcus* spp.

Antibiotic	Dosage and route	Duration, weeks	Class ^e	Level ^h	Ref. ⁱ	Comments
Beta-lactam and gentamicin-susceptible strains (for resistant isolates see ^{a,b,c})						
Amoxicillin* with Gentamicin ^d	200 mg/kg/day i.v. in 4–6 doses 3 mg/kg/day i.v. or i.m. in 1 dose Paediatric doses:^e Ampicillin 300 mg/kg/day i.v. in 4–6 equally divided doses Gentamicin 3 mg/kg/day i.v. or i.m. in 3 equally divided doses	4–6 2–6**	I I	B B	6,8, 129, 135, 136, 186	6-week therapy recommended for patients with >3 months symptoms or PVE
Ampicillin with Ceftriaxone	200 mg/kg/day i.v. in 4–6 doses 4 g/day i.v. or i.m. in 2 doses Paediatric doses:^e Amoxicillin as above Ceftriaxone 100 mg/kg/12 h i.v. or i.m.	6 6	I I	B B	183–185	This combination is active against <i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> strains with and without HLAR, being the combination of choice in patients with HLAR <i>E. faecalis</i> endocarditis. This combination is not active against <i>E. faecium</i>
Vancomycin ^f with Gentamicin ^d	30 mg/kg/day i.v. in 2 doses 3 mg/kg/day i.v. or i.m. in 1 dose Paediatric doses:^e Vancomycin 40 mg/kg/day i.v. in 2–3 equally divided doses. Gentamicin as above	6 6	I I	C C		

HLAR: high-level aminoglycoside resistance; IE: infective endocarditis; MIC: minimum inhibitory concentration; PBP: penicillin binding protein; PVE: prosthetic valve endocarditis.

^aHigh-level resistance to gentamicin (MIC >500 mg/L): if susceptible to streptomycin, replace gentamicin with streptomycin 15 mg/kg/day in two equally divided doses.

^bBeta-lactam resistance: (i) if due to beta-lactamase production, replace ampicillin with ampicillin–sulbactam or amoxicillin with amoxicillin–clavulanate; (ii) if due to PBPS alteration, use vancomycin-based regimens.

^cMultiresistance to aminoglycosides, beta-lactams and vancomycin: suggested alternatives are (i) daptomycin 10 mg/kg/day plus ampicillin 200 mg/kg/day i.v. in four to six doses; (ii) linezolid 2 × 600 mg/day i.v. or orally for ≥8 weeks (IIa, C) (monitor haematological toxicity); (iii) quinupristin–dalfopristin 3 × 7.5 mg/kg/day for ≥8 weeks. Quinupristin–dalfopristin is not active against *E. faecalis*; (iv) for other combinations (daptomycin plus ertapenem or ceftaroline), consult infectious diseases specialists.

- **Shukla *et al.***, Clinical Infectious Disease, 2016

*Influence of minimal inhibitory concentration in clinical outcomes of *Enterococcus faecium* bacteremia treated with daptomycin: is it time to change the breakpoint?*

- Retrospective study
- 62 patients – *E. faecium* bacteremia
- MIC= 3-4 mg/L
- Strains with MICs= 3-4 mg/L : microbiological failures

- **Hall et al.** Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, 2012

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→ Simulated vegetations

→ MIC= 2 – 4 mg/L

→ Bactericidal activity maintained at 96h only with 10 and 12 mg/kg

→ Daptomycin doses of > 10 mg/kg may be necessary to treat high inoculum VRE infections.

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 - Simulated vegetations
 - MIC= 2 mg/L
 - 4, 6 and 8 mg/kg: resistant mutants
 - Doses of >10 mg/kg may be required to prevent reistance in serious enterococcal infections.