

Real-time antimicrobial sensing – closing the loop on precision antimicrobial therapy

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Real time monitoring and closed-loop control

Declaration

- No conflicts to declare

Individualized antimicrobial therapy

- Challenges
- Antimicrobial biosensors
- Closed loop control
- New PK-PD targets
- Integrated systems

Dosing is a dynamic process

Race

Weight

Age

Gender

Medications

Comorbidities

Inter-individual variability



Circulatory changes

Organ support

Renal failure

Hepatic dysfunction

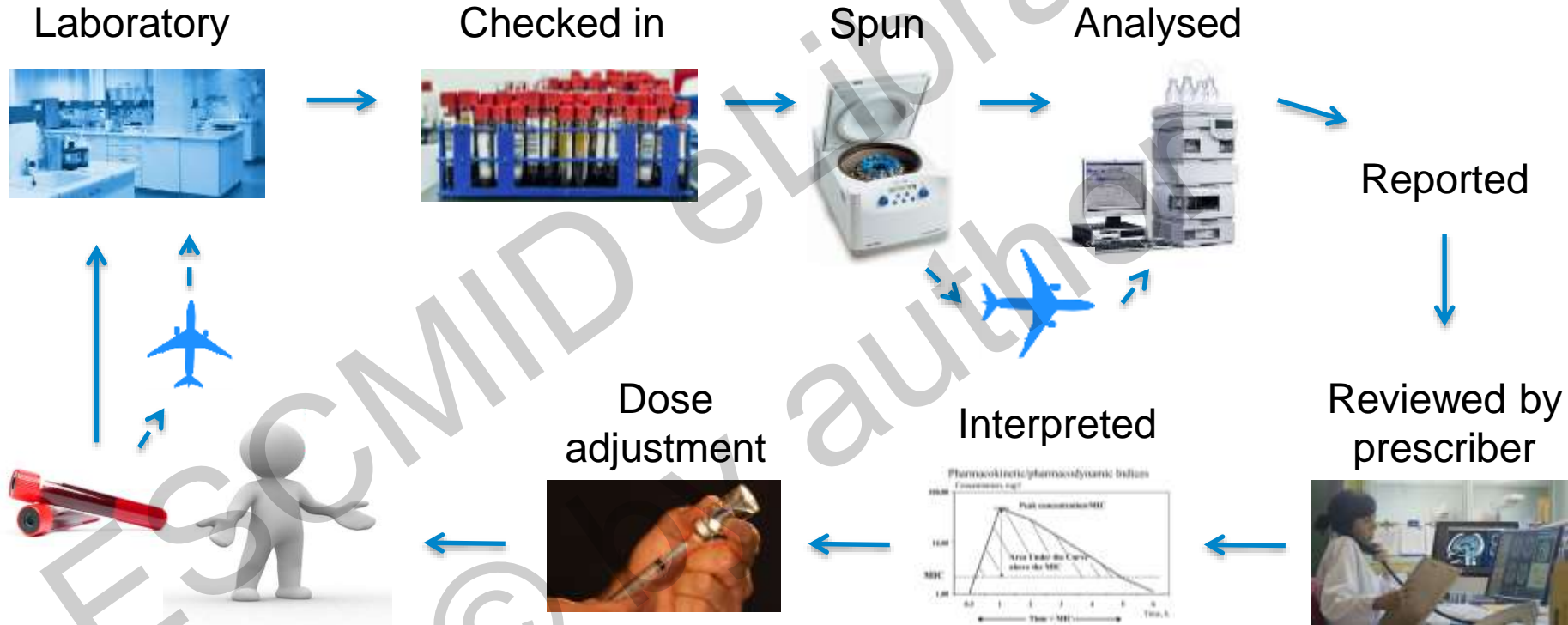
Clearance

Fluid balance

Intra-individual variability



Current approach to drug monitoring



Challenges with drug monitoring

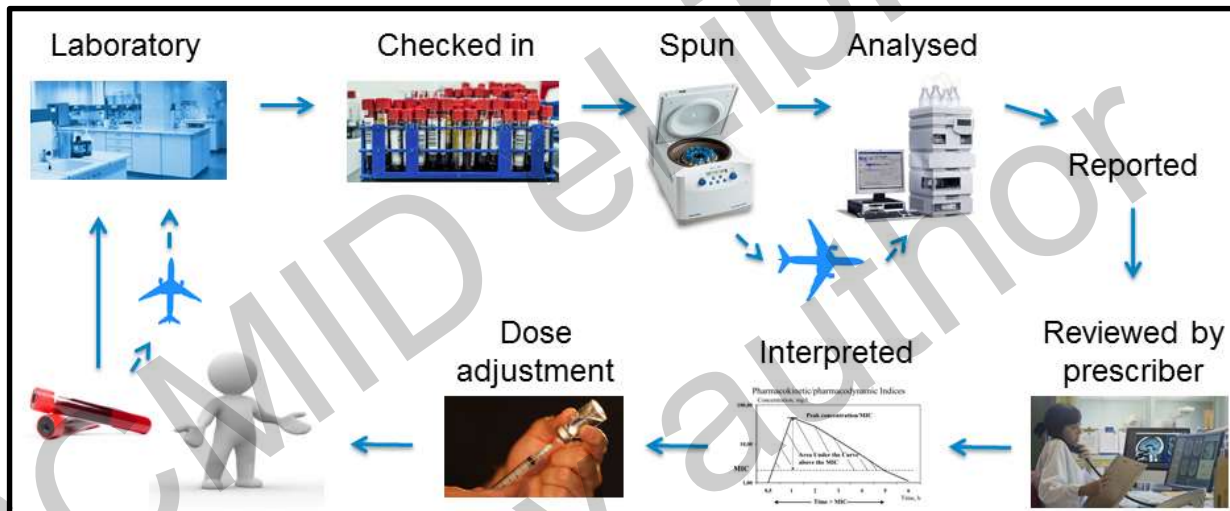
**Risk of exposure
to HCW's**

Valid assay

**Stability of
drug**

**Equipment /
staff costs**

**Timing
samples**

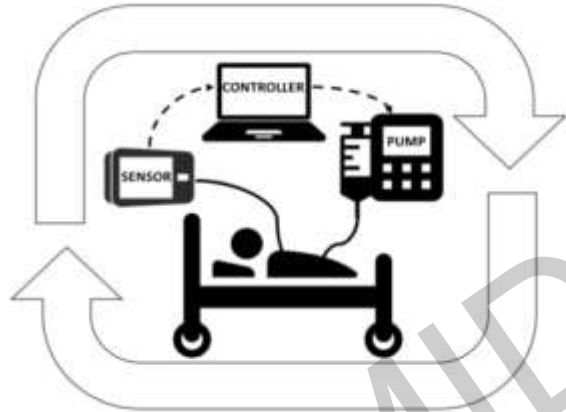


**Population level
estimates**

**Expertise to
interpret**

**Delays in
reporting**

Can technology improve the way we dose antibiotics?



Closed-loop control for precision antimicrobial delivery.

Already validated in diabetes control through individualised insulin delivery and anaesthesia control intra-operatively

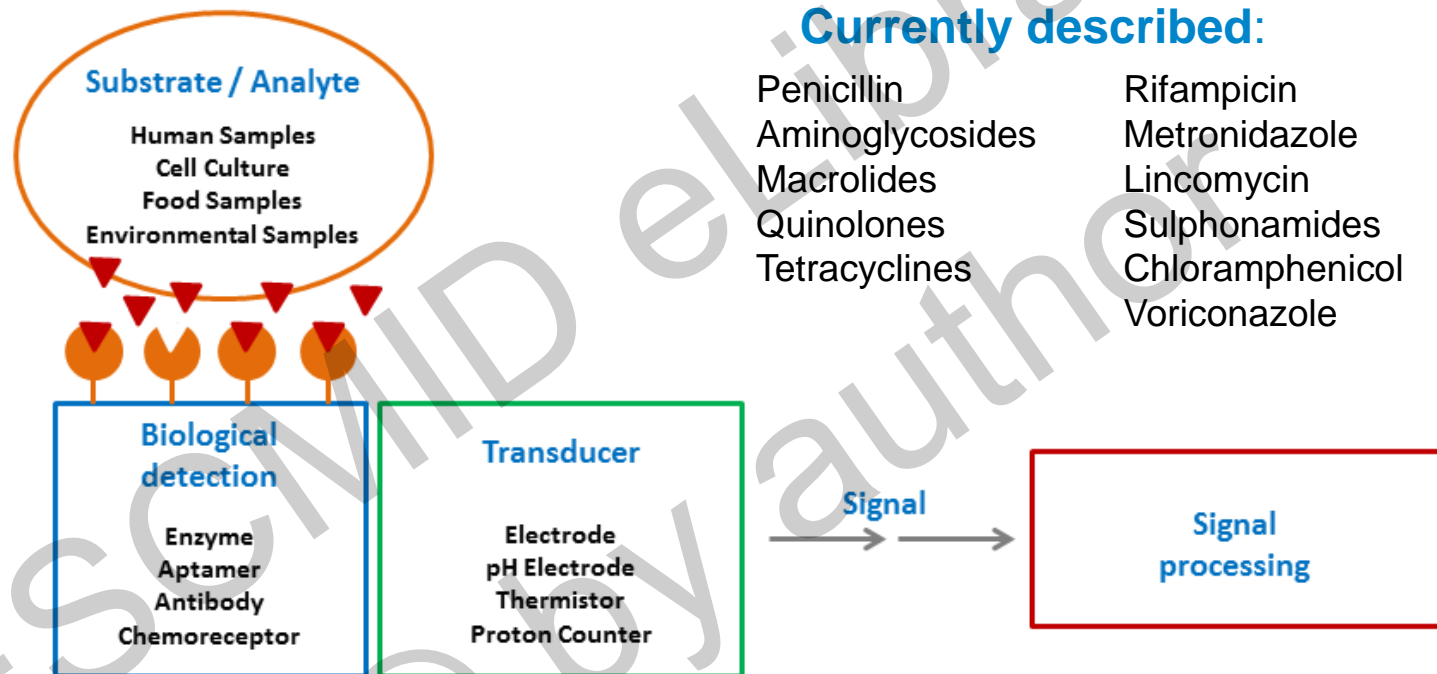
Improved methods for drug monitoring required



Minimally invasive
Point-of-care
Continuous monitoring
Broad range of agents

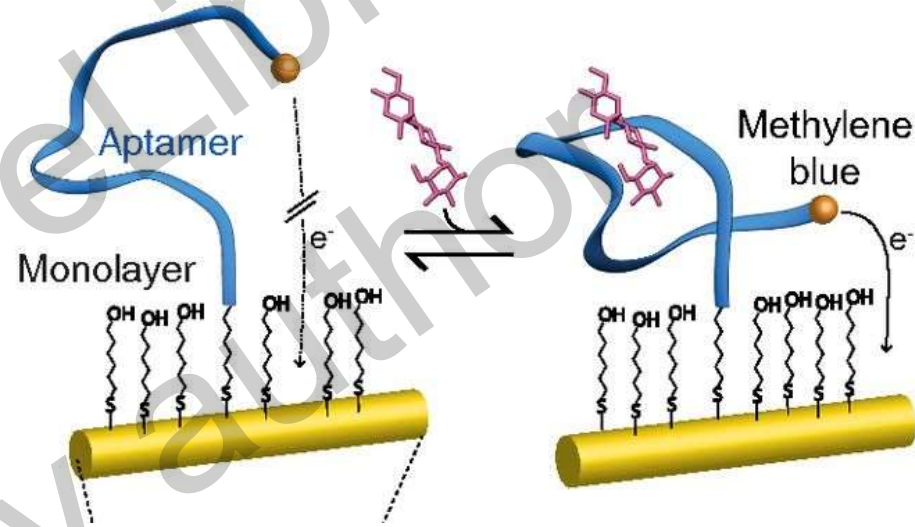


Electrochemical Biosensors



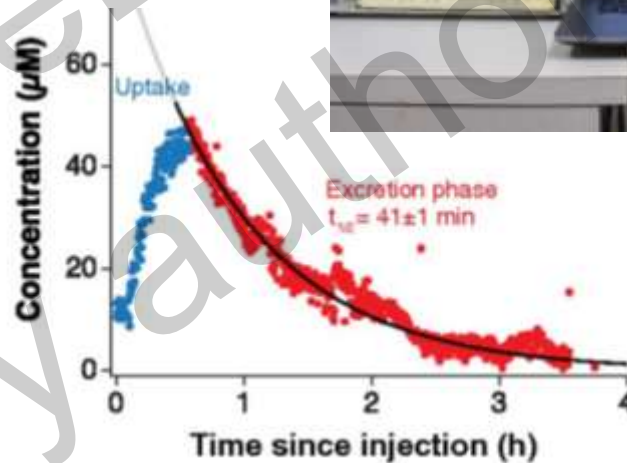
Aptamer biosensors

- Single stranded DNA or RNA sequences
- Bind to specific target molecules
- Selected by *systematic evolution of ligands by exponential enrichment (SELEX)* (**SELEX**)



Invasive drug monitoring

- Aptamer biosensor
- Central venous insertion
- Monitor in ambulatory animals
- Challenges:
 - Acceptability outside of ICU
 - Venous thrombosis
 - Bleeding

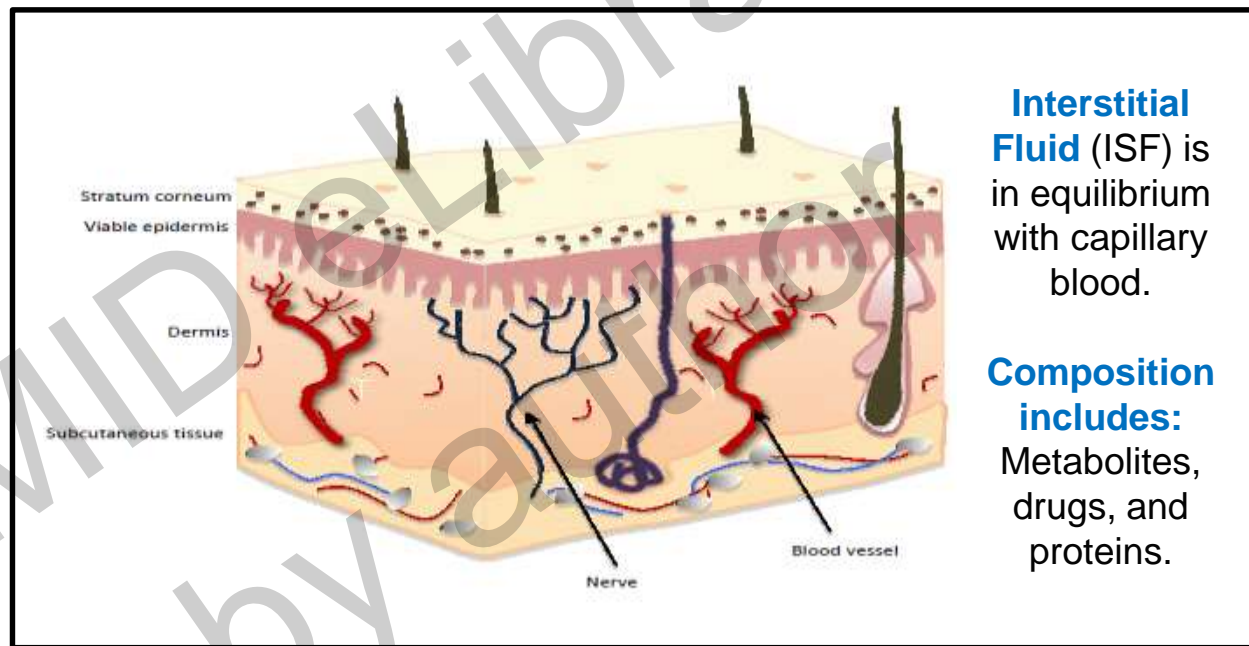
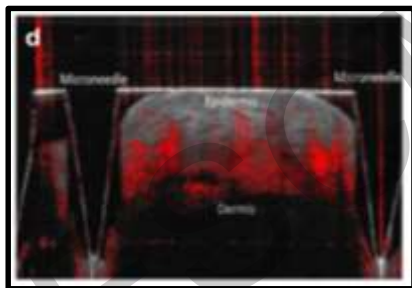


Figures from Arroyo-Currás et al, PNAS; 2017

Minimally invasive monitoring



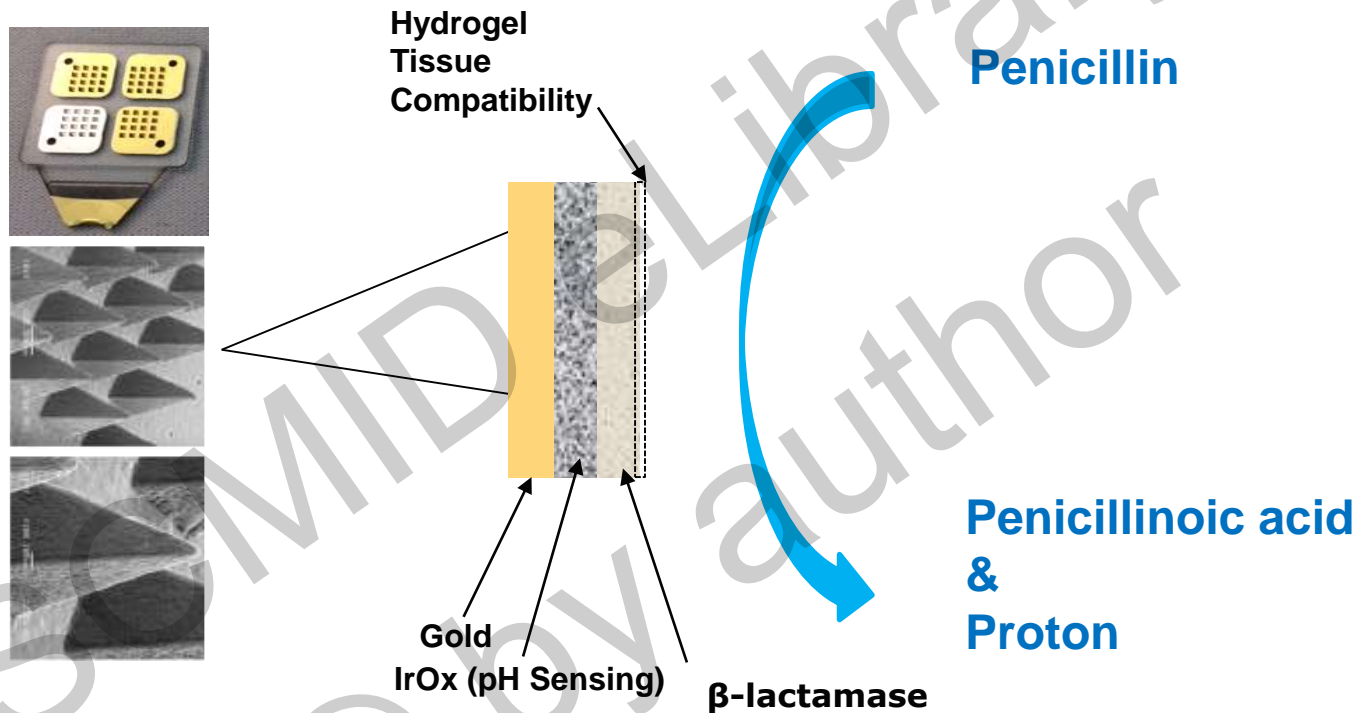
Microneedle array



Interstitial Fluid (ISF) is in equilibrium with capillary blood.

Composition includes:
Metabolites,
drugs, and
proteins.

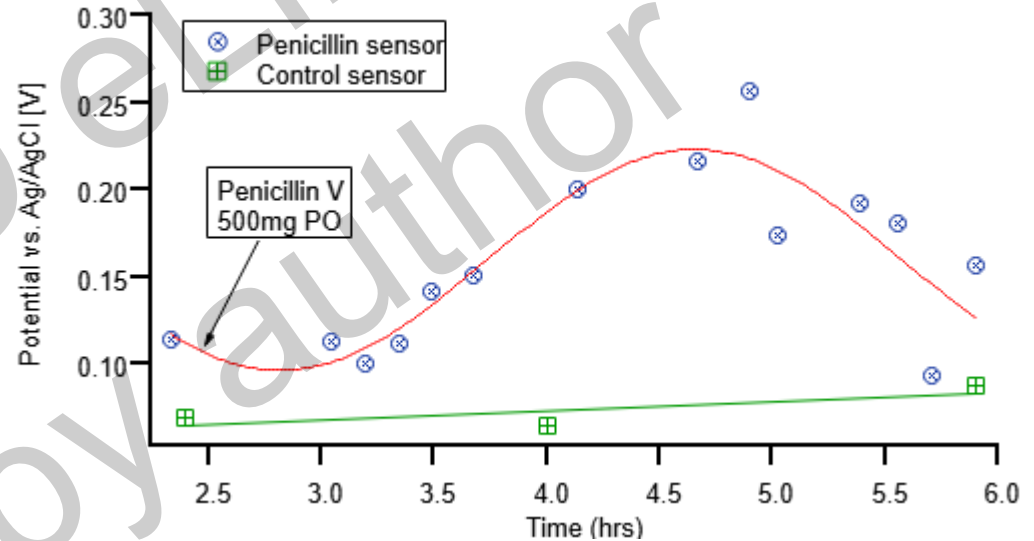
Microneedle based sensing



In-vivo monitoring



In-vivo results during penicillin-V dosing

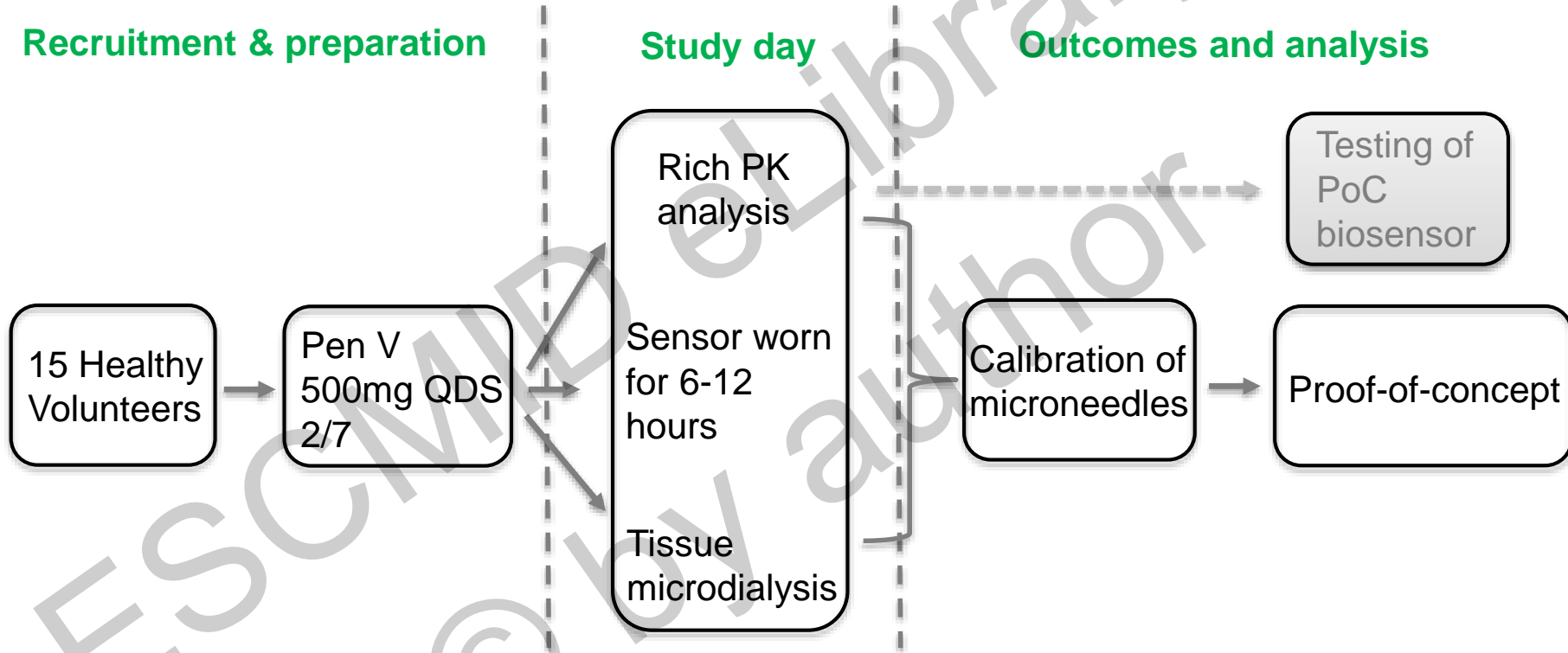


MISBLA study – April 2018

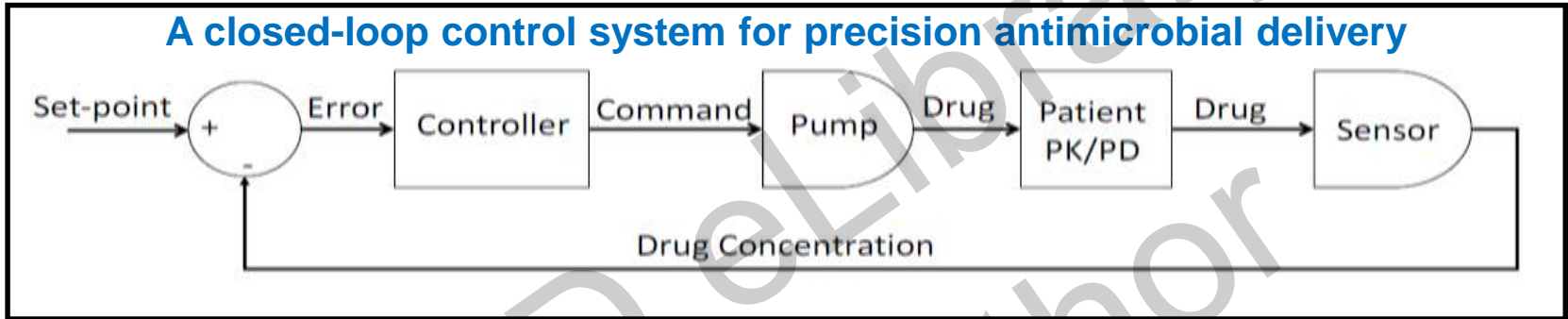
Recruitment & preparation

Study day

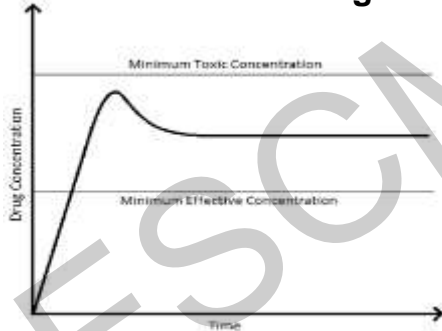
Outcomes and analysis



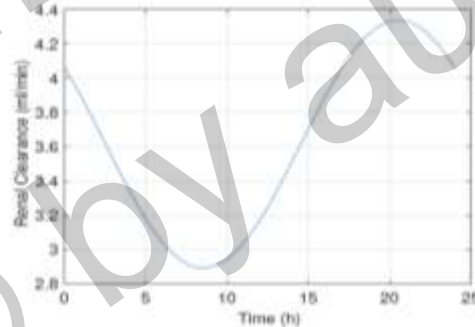
Closed-loop control



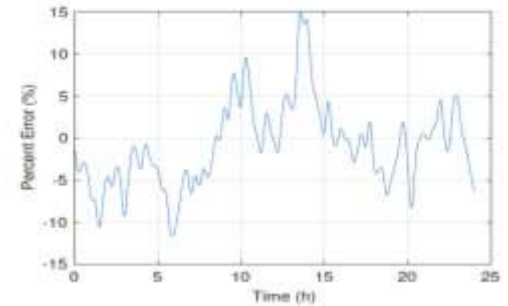
Define PK-PD target



Variation in CL

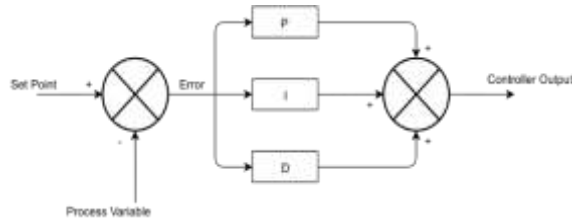


Sensor error

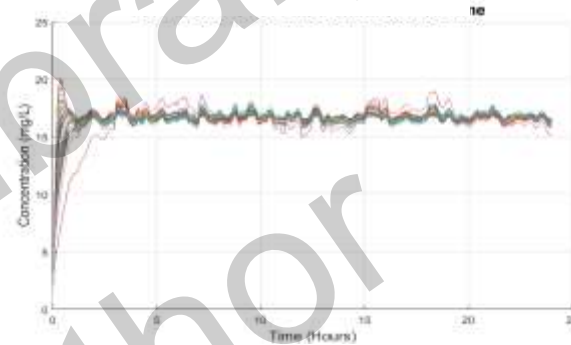


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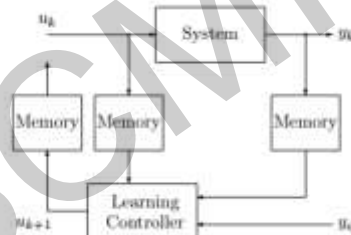
Continuous infusions – PID controller



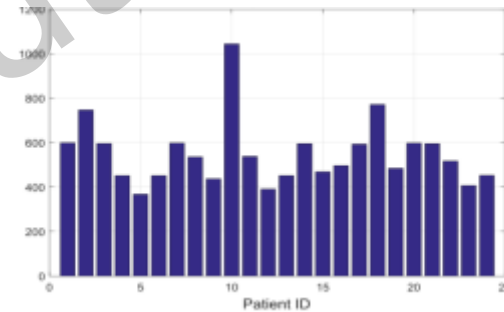
$$\text{PID Controller Output} = K_p * \text{Error} + K_d * \frac{d\text{Error}}{dt} + K_i * \int \text{Error}$$



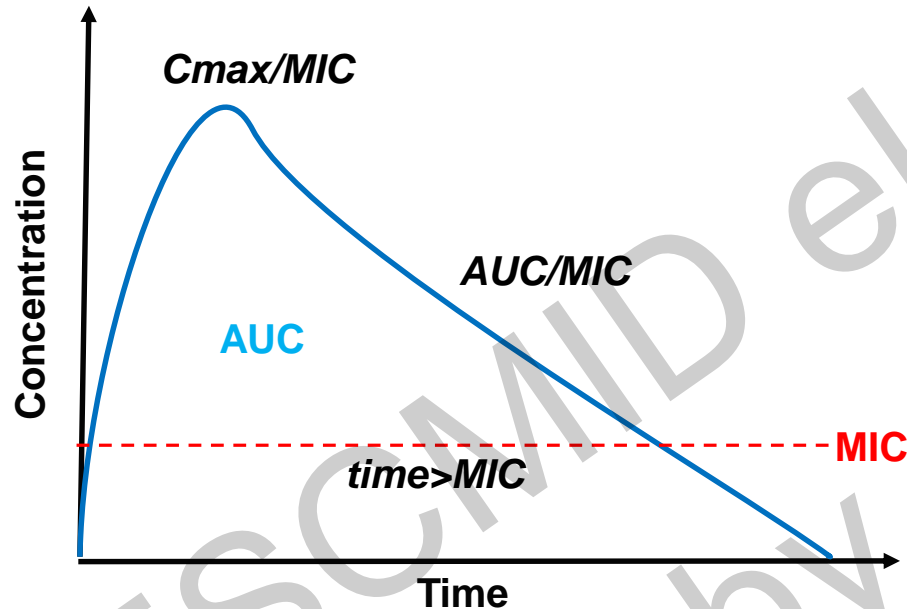
Intermittent infusions – ILC controller



$$\text{ILC Output} = U_{k+1}(t) = U_k(t) + \gamma e_k(t+1)$$



PK-PD targets for therapy



MIC gold standard

- *In-vitro*, static measure
- Ignores host factors

Use in empirical therapy?

Link with rapid diagnostics?

Are there alternatives / adjuncts?

- Kill curves
- $AUC:EC_{50}$

Can CRP predict vancomycin PD?

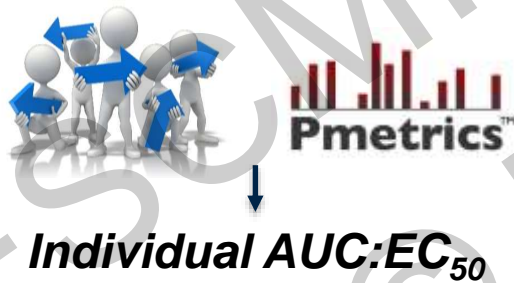
Vancomycin PK

$$\frac{dX(1)}{dt} = R(1) + X(2) \cdot K_{pc} - X(1) \cdot \left(\frac{SCL}{V}\right) - X(1) \cdot K_{cp}$$
$$\frac{dX(2)}{dt} = X(1) \cdot K_{cp} - X(2) \cdot K_{pc}$$

C-reactive protein

$$\frac{dX(3)}{dt} = \left(KCRP_p \cdot X(3) \cdot \left[1 - \frac{X(3)}{POP_{max}} \right] \right) - \left(\frac{KCRP_i \cdot X(3) \cdot \left[\frac{X(1)}{V} \right]^H}{EC50^H \cdot \left[\frac{X(1)}{V} \right]^H} \right)$$

- Potential to provide *in-vivo* host and organism response data.
- May be useful adjunct to MIC
- Role during empirical phase for truly individualised therapy?
- Role of other markers, such as procalcitonin?



Intelligent use of data

Patient level data

Individual rich PK data from biosensors

Individual patient electronic health records

Individual patient microbiology records

Pooled data

Pooling of data centrally with bio-bank data

Analytics

Application of machine / supervised machine learning

Population PK modelling

Informing practice

Individualised dosing recommendations

Extrapolation to settings with limited supporting evidence

Holistic understanding of appropriate therapy

Integrated platforms



Summary

- (Dynamic) dose optimization important consideration of appropriate antimicrobial therapy.
- Current approaches have a number of problems.
- Technology offers a new frontier to improve antimicrobial drug monitoring.
- Development must focus on acceptability across care settings.

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