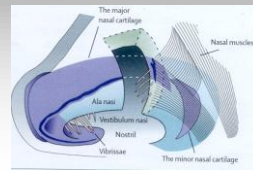
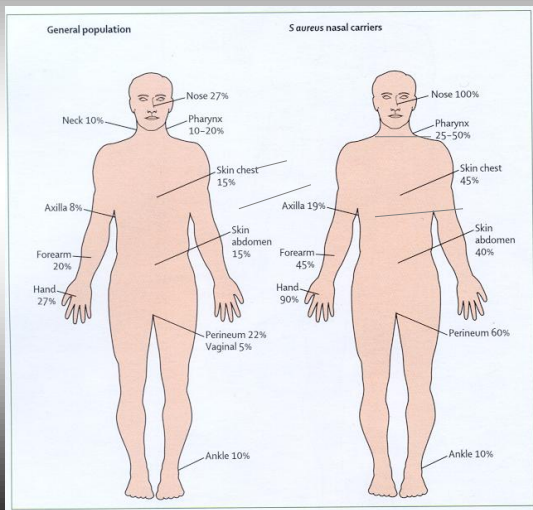


CAN NOSOCOMIAL INFECTIONS BY *STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS* BE PREVENTED?

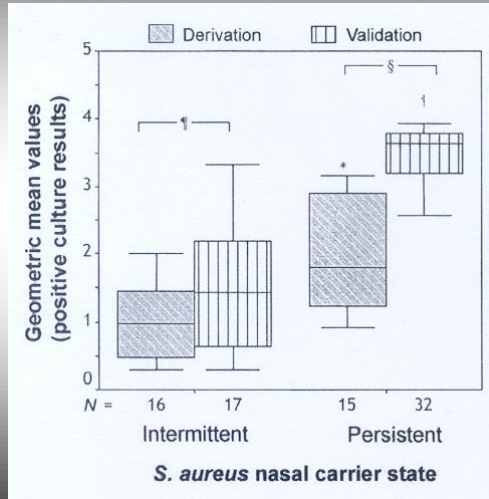


STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS CARRIAGE SITES



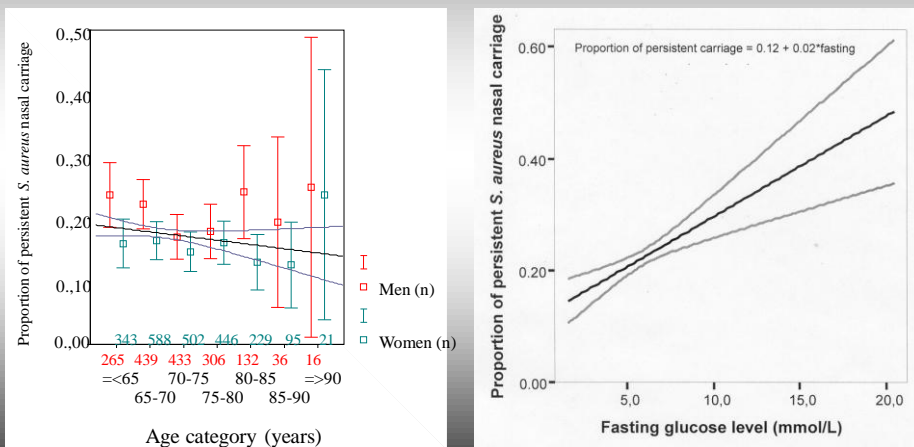
**THE ANATOMICAL
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WHICH ALL (!)
STRAINS CAN
CAUSE
INFECTIONS:
AMONG WHICH
80% AUTO-INFECTIONS**

HOST FEATURES: QUANTITATIVE ASPECTS OF NASAL CARRIAGE



Nouwen *et al.*, CID 2004

HOST FEATURES: GENDER AND AGE AND BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVELS



HOST FEATURES: GLUCOCORTICOID RECEPTOR GENE POLYMORPHISM

Four polymorphisms determined for 3000 people for whom also the *S. aureus* carriage status is known

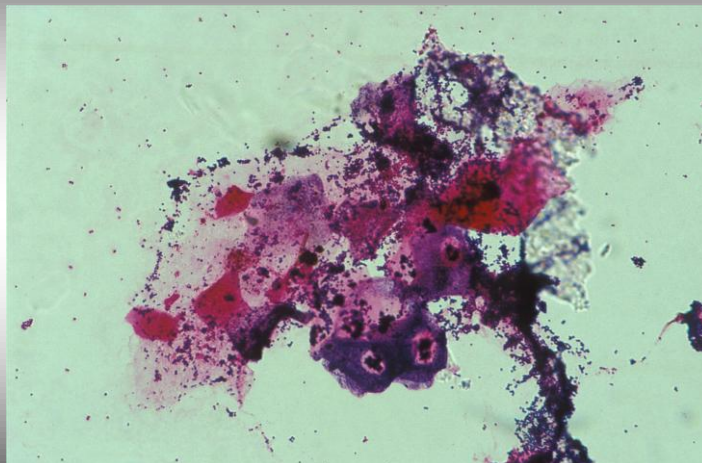
9-beta GG homozygotes have a 67% lower risk of being a persistent carrier (Odds ratio 0.33, 95% CI 0.15-0.74)

9-beta-ER22/23K genotypes stand an 80% increased risk of being a persistent carrier (Odds ratio 1.80, 95% CI 1.08-3.00)

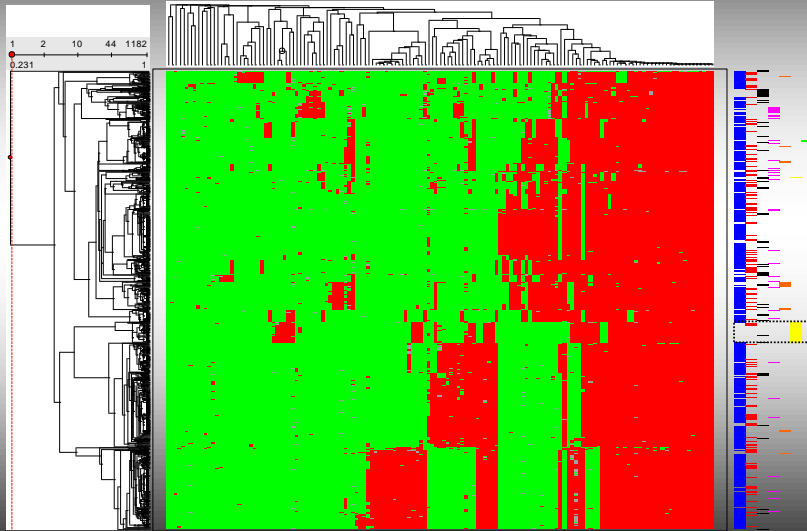
Data: the different mutations affect cortisol susceptibility

Hypothesis: cortisol resistance (9-beta-ER22/23K mutant) leads to elevated levels of cortisol, induces immune suppression, increases the chance of being a persistent carrier

THE ORGANISM AT HOME



STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS DOES ITS POPULATION STRUCTURE PREDICT THE EXISTENCE OF HYPERVIRULENT CLONES?

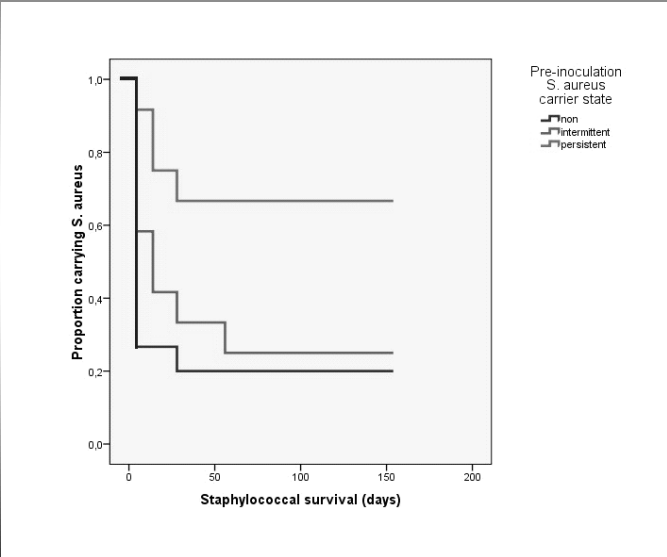


CURRENT WORKING HYPOTHESIS

ESSENTIALLY ALL
STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS STRAINS
HAVE THE CAPACITY
TO BECOME INVASIVE AND
ACCESSORY GENE PRODUCTS
MIGHT VERY WELL BE
THE MOST RELEVANT FACTORS
IN STAPHYLOCOCCAL VIRULENCE

ATTACHMENT – COLONISATION –
INVASION OR PENETRATION – EVASION OF HOST IMMUNITY
HUMORAL IMMUNE RESPONSES

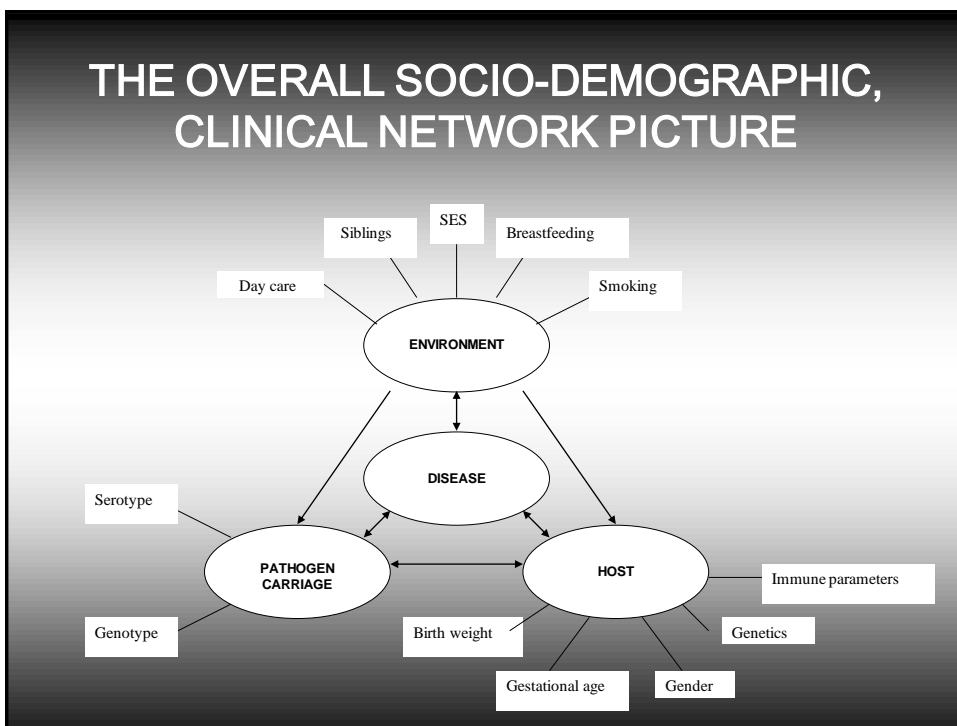
THERE ARE ONLY PERSISTENT CARRIERS AND NON-CARRIERS!!!!



NASAL AND NASOPHARYNGEAL BACTERIAL CARRIAGE STUDIES IN HEALTHY CHILDREN



THE OVERALL SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC, CLINICAL NETWORK PICTURE

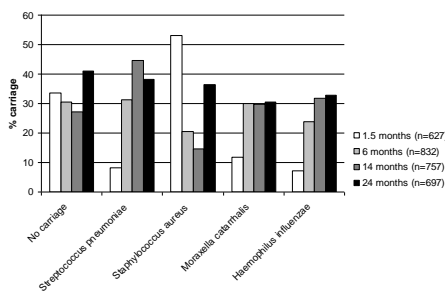


STUDY SET-UP

The bacterial carriage study is embedded in the Generation R Study, a prospective cohort study from fetal life onwards.

1. 10,000 pregnant women got enrolled.
2. 1,232 women were eligible to participate in the Generation R Focus Study
3. Complete follow up in Focus cohort of 1,079 infants
4. Visits at age 1.5, 6, 14 and 24 months of age (visit rate 82%)
5. Questionnaires at age 2, 6, 12, 24 months of age

OVERVIEW OF CARRIAGE PREVALENCES ACROSS THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF LIFE



	1.5 months (n=627)	6 months (n=832)	14 months (n=757)	24 months (n=697)
No carriage	33.7	30.4	27.1	41
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	8.3	31.3	44.5	38.2
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	5.3	20.4	14.5	38.3
<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>	11.8	29.9	29.7	30.6
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	7.2	23.8	31.7	32.9

Carriage in %

RISK FACTORS

TABLE 1. Determinants of *Staphylococcus aureus* carriage in the first year of life

Parameter	Value for infants*			
	Not colonized (0-1) (n = 354)	Colonized (≥2) (n = 89)	OR (95% CI)	aOR (95% CI)
Gender				
Female	184 (52.0)	34 (38.2)	1.00	1.00
Male	170 (48.0)	55 (61.8)	1.75 (1.09-2.82)	2.09 (1.17-3.72)
Gestational age (mo)	40.3 (37.7-42.0)	40.3 (37.0-42.4)	0.91 (0.78-1.06)	0.94 (0.76-1.17)
Birth wt (g)	3,580 (2,751-4,305)	3,520 (2,385-4,605)	1.00 (1.00-1.00)	1.00 (1.00-1.00)
Breast-feeding at 6 mo				
No	237 (69.1)	56 (63.6)	1.00	1.00
Yes	106 (30.9)	32 (36.4)	1.28 (0.78-2.09)	1.36 (0.75-2.47)
Mother's educational level				
Higher education	223 (63.9)	63 (70.8)	1.00	1.00
Lower/intermediate education	126 (36.1)	26 (29.2)	0.73 (0.44-1.21)	0.52 (0.26-1.05)
Mother's prenatal smoking				
No	319 (94.4)	79 (94)	1.00	1.00
Yes	19 (5.6)	5 (6)	1.06 (0.34-2.93)	5.35 (0.86-33.40)
Mother's postnatal smoking				
No	260 (87.8)	70 (88.6)	1.00	1.00
Yes	36 (12.2)	9 (11.4)	0.93 (0.43-2.02)	0.25 (0.05-1.33)
Siblings				
No	201 (60.5)	52 (59.1)	1.00	1.00
Yes	131 (39.5)	36 (40.9)	1.06 (0.66-1.71)	1.03 (0.57-1.87)
Day-care attendance				
No	67 (22.5)	25 (31.6)	1.00	1.00
Yes	231 (77.5)	54 (68.4)	0.63 (0.36-1.08)	0.53 (0.27-1.01)

* Values are given as number (%) of infants unless indicated otherwise. Values are means or medians (5 to 95% range) for variables with skewed distribution. A total of 443 infants provided nasal swabs at all three collection moments. Data were missing on breast-feeding (n = 12), mother's educational level (n = 5), mother's prenatal smoking (n = 21), mother's postnatal smoking (n = 68), siblings (n = 23), and day-care attendance (n = 66).

POPULATION BASED SCREENING STUDIES

	<i>Positive once</i>		<i>Positive twice or more</i>	
	OR (95% CI)	AOR (95% CI)	OR (95% CI)	AOR (95% CI)
No atopic dermatitis	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Atopic dermatitis 0-6 months**	0.67 (0.32 – 1.44)	0.64 (0.30 – 1.34)	1.61 (0.82 – 3.13)	1.67 (0.85 – 3.27)
Atopic dermatitis 6-12 months	1.23 (0.59 – 2.54)	1.24 (0.60 – 2.56)	1.47 (0.59 – 3.64)	1.46 (0.59 – 3.63)
Long-term atopic dermatitis ***	2.15 (1.10 – 4.19) *	2.16 (1.11 – 4.22) *	3.43 (1.60 – 7.35) *	3.48 (1.62 – 7.49) *

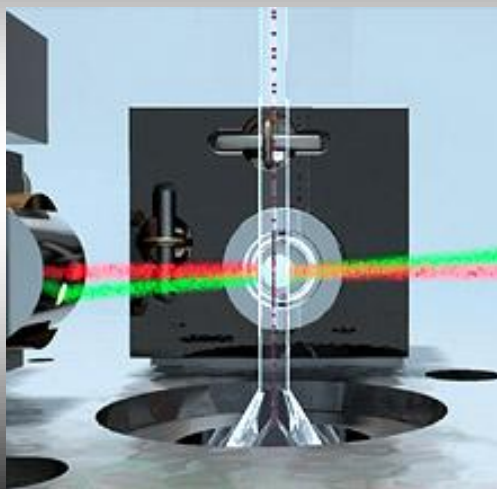
<i>PRESS</i>	<i>Positive once</i>		<i>Positive twice or more</i>	
	OR (95% CI)	AOR (95% CI)	OR (95% CI)	AOR (95% CI)
No atopic dermatitis	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Mild atopic dermatitis	1.11 (0.68 - 1.81)	1.12 (0.69 – 1.83)	1.56 (0.85 – 2.85)	1.59 (0.87 – 2.92)
Moderate atopic dermatitis	1.77 (0.83 – 3.75)	1.81 (0.85 – 3.86)	1.84 (0.72 – 4.71)	1.92 (0.75 – 4.95)
Severe atopic dermatitis	2.15 (0.79 – 5.82)	2.12 (0.78 – 5.75)	5.71 (2.04 – 15.97) *	5.58 (1.99 – 15.64) *

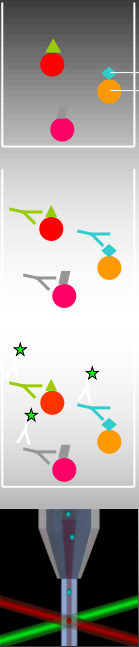
* p value <0.05

** 14-month swab was not taken into account.

Adjusted for gestational age, birth weight.

HUMORAL IMMUNITY AND STAPHYLOCOCCAL CARRIAGE: CORRELATIONS AND PROTECTIVITY





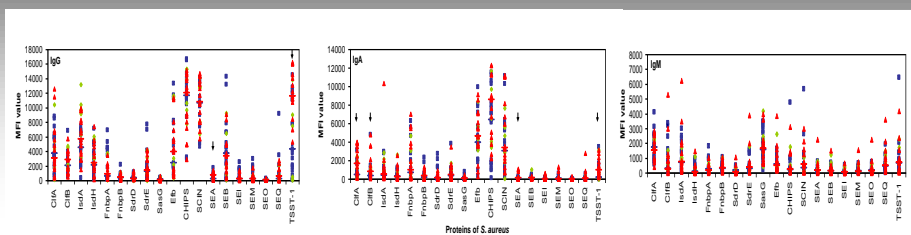
S. aureus proteins are coupled to different fluorescently-coloured beads and the beads are mixed in one well

Serum is added and, when present, antigen-specific antibodies will bind to the proteins

A reporter molecule, labelled with a fluorescent dye, is introduced

Assays are read using a compact analyser. The beads pass through a red laser, to distinguish the bead set, and a green laser, to determine the assay result.

PERSISTENT VERSUS NON CARRIERS



MFI values reflecting antigen-specific IgG, IgA and IgM. Each dot represents a single volunteer; red triangles represent persistent carriers, green diamonds: intermittent carriers and blue squares non-carriers. Median levels of antistaphylococcal antibodies are indicated by horizontal lines. Statistically significant differences are indicated by black arrows (Mann Withney U test; persistent vs. non-carriers; IgG: TSST-1, 11554 vs. 429 ($p < 0.001$) and SEA, 742 vs. 218 ($p < 0.05$); IgA: TSST-1, 973 vs. 155 ($p < 0.01$), SEA 127 vs. 32 ($p < 0.05$); ClfA, 1661 vs. 441 ($p < 0.05$) and ClfB, 792 vs. 356 ($p < 0.05$).

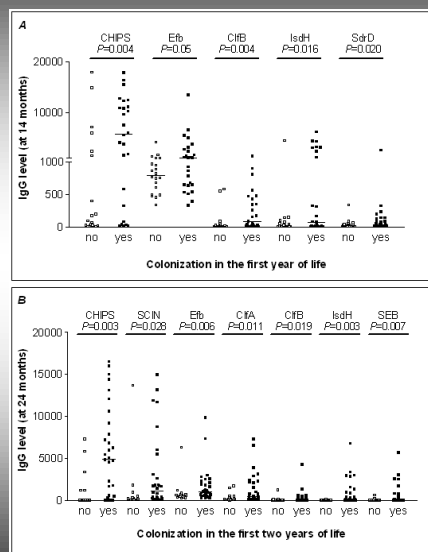
PERSISTENT VERSUS NON CARRIERS

Antistaphylococcal antibody levels in serum are highly variable, stable over time and correlate well with antibody levels in nasal secretions. Median antibody levels to TSST-1, SEA, ClfA and ClfB are higher in persistent than in non-carriers and antibodies to TSST-1 have neutralizing capacity. These antibodies might be associated with the difference in risk and outcome of *S. aureus* infections in nasal carriers versus non-carriers.

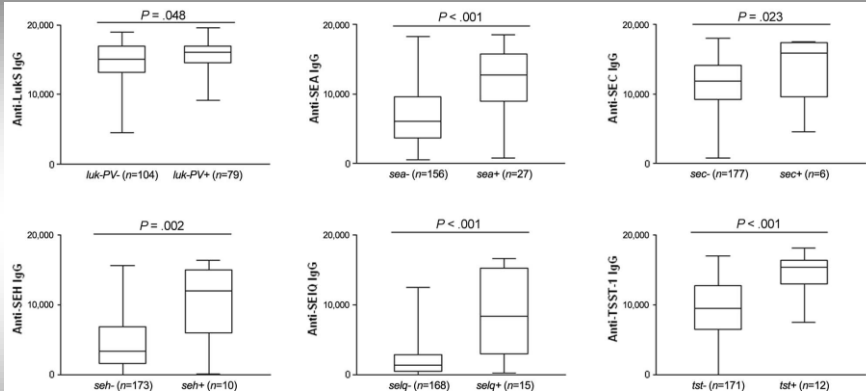
Dryla et al. 2005 presented similar data!
and Luminex data are in agreement with the novel persistent versus non carrier dogma

IMMUNE MATURATION AT YOUNG AGE

- A. Relation between *S. aureus* colonization in the first two years of life and the level of IgG at 24 months. Each dot represents a serum sample. Median values are indicated by horizontal lines.
- B. Relation between *S. aureus* colonization in the first year of life and level of anti-staphylococcal IgG, reflected by Median Fluorescence Intensity value, at 14 months.



IN BLOOD

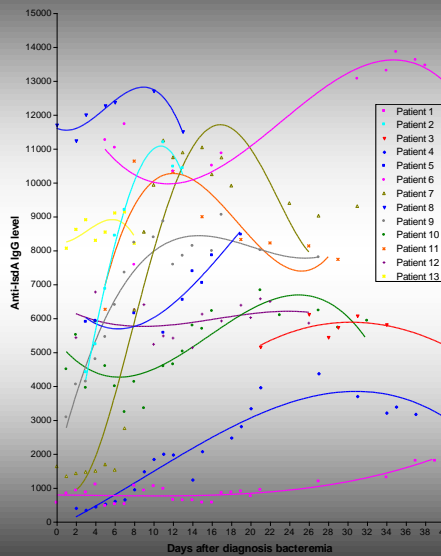


Immunogenicity of Toxins during *Staphylococcus aureus* infection

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LONGITUDINAL FOLLOW UP DURING BACTERAEMIA

Course of anti-IsdA IgG levels during bacteremia and its follow-up in different adult patients



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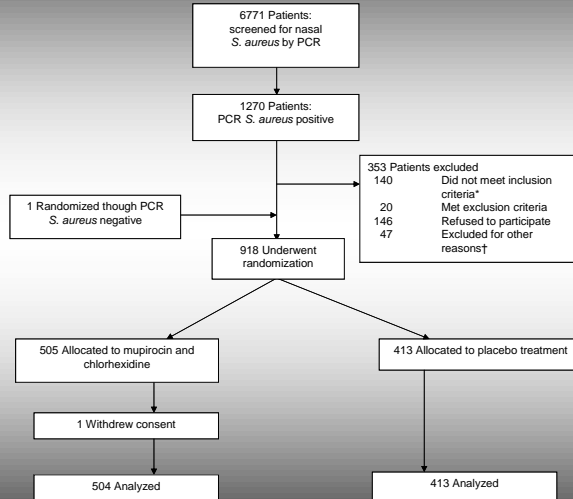
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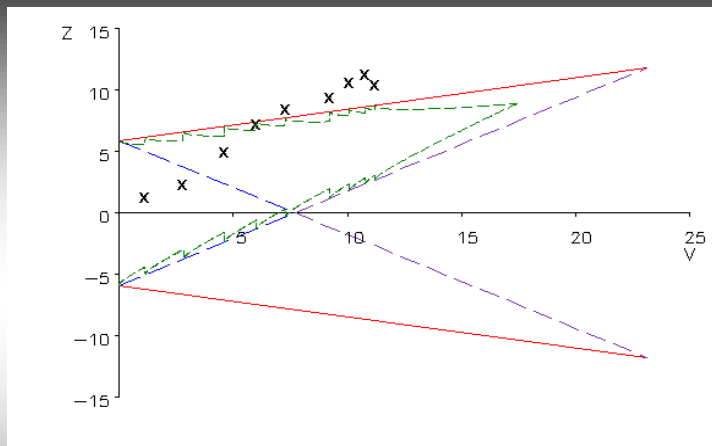
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BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ENTIRE STUDY

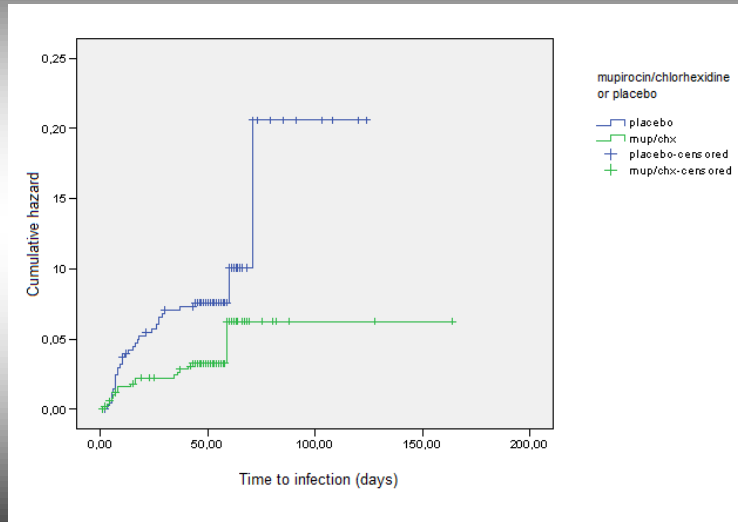


GROUP SEQUENTIAL ANALYSIS



V represents the cumulative information available, Z the cumulative effect size. Every (Z.V) x point represents 100 patients. Crossing of the upper red boundary indicates A significant reduction by mup/chlor of the cumulative incidence of nosocomial *S. aureus* infections ($p = 0.0076$).

KAPLAN-MEIER CURVE SHOWING CUMULATIVE HAZARD OF ACQUIRING HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED *S. aureus* INFECTIONS



INFECTION PREVENTION

Healthcare-associated infections with *Staphylococcus aureus*, especially those in surgical patients, can largely be prevented by rapid screening of patients for nasal carriage of *S. aureus* and immediate decolonization of carriers after hospital admission. This is associated with a significantly shorter duration of hospitalization.

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