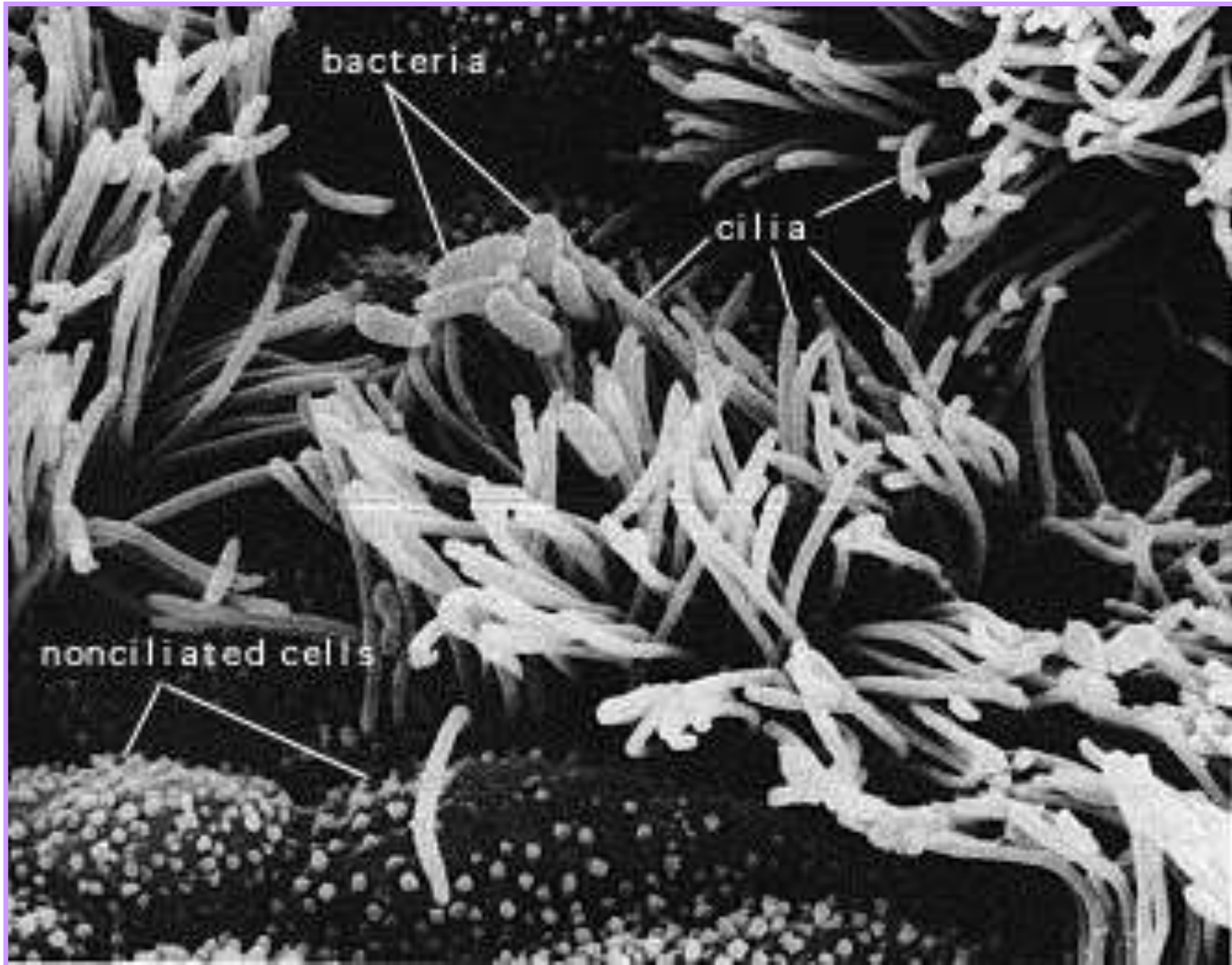


# *Bordetella pertussis*

The agent of whooping cough (pertussis)



# Whooping cough used to be a major cause of infant morbidity and death in the pre-vaccine era in CR (slide dr. Fabianova NIPH)

## Died of pertussis according to age groups in 1949-1957

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# Vaccination

**- pertussis used to be a leading cause of infant death in the pre-vaccine era**

## DTP (1942)

- D – diphtheria, T – tetanus, P – pertussis (suspension of killed bacteria)
- side effects (pain, convulsions, irreversible brain damage)

## DTaP (acellular pertussis) introduced in US in 1999

- PT toxoid and an adhesins FHA and PRN + Fim2/3 eventually
- protection from symptoms, but not from colonization
- circulation of strains with less or no production of antigens present in DTaP

40 millions infected people every year, around 300 000 deaths

# *Bordetella pertussis*

One of the few TRUE human pathogens

No fever!!!

Pertussis can kill nonvaccinated infants before being diagnosed

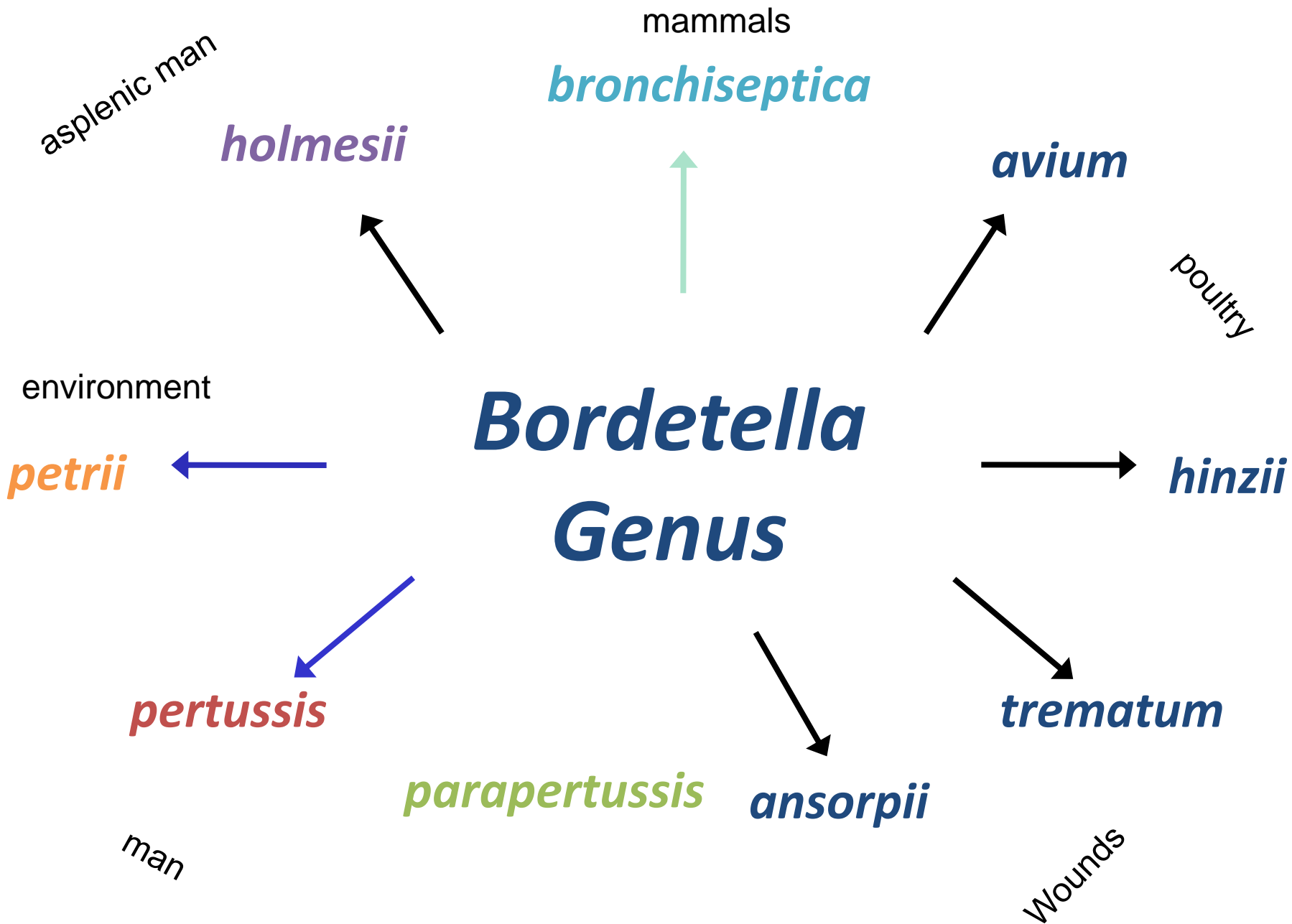
**Least controlled vaccine-preventable infectious disease...**

*30–50 million pertussis cases/year*

*200 – 300 thousands deaths/year worldwide*

- **Recent circulating *B. pertussis* strains adapt to acellular vaccine pressure – resurgence in US and EU**

# *Bordetella* Genus



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*B. petrii*, *B. bronchiseptica* and *B. holmesii* are species able to infect humans, mostly immuno-suppressed, and

- persist inside the host
- cause bacteremia

Is the inability of *B. parapertussis* or *B. pertussis* to persist inside their host due harnessing of the immune system by toxins?



# *Bordetella* Genus

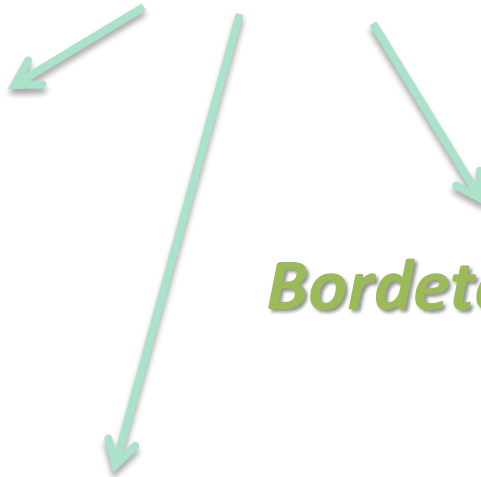
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# *Bordetella* Genus

*Bordetella petrii*

(FHA like, TCT ?, LPS?)

*Bordetella bronchiseptica*

(FHA, PRN, Fim±, TCT, AC-Hly, BteA, no PT, Fla, LPS±)



*Bordetella holmesii*

(FHA like?, TCT?, LPS?)

*Bordetella parapertussis*

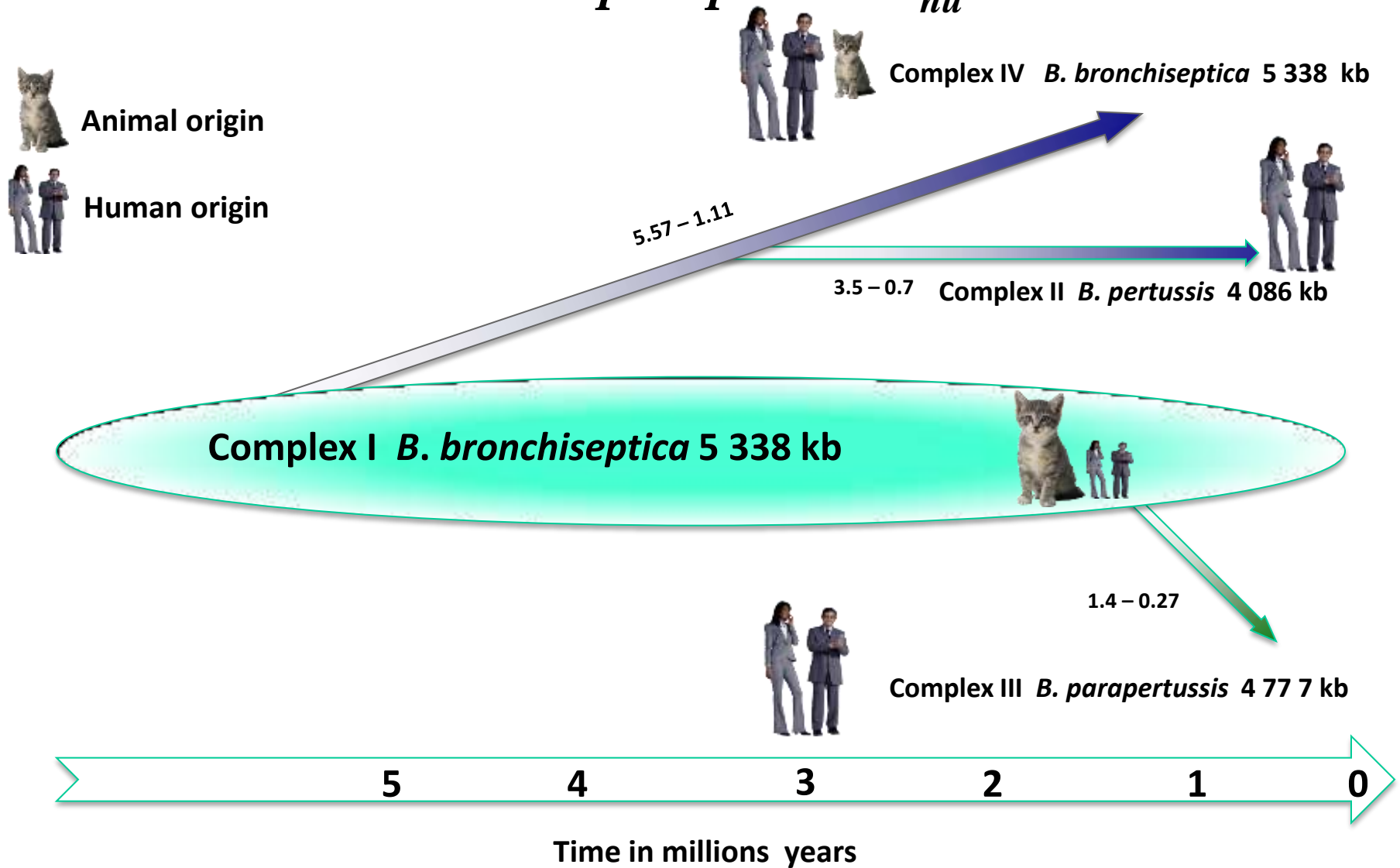
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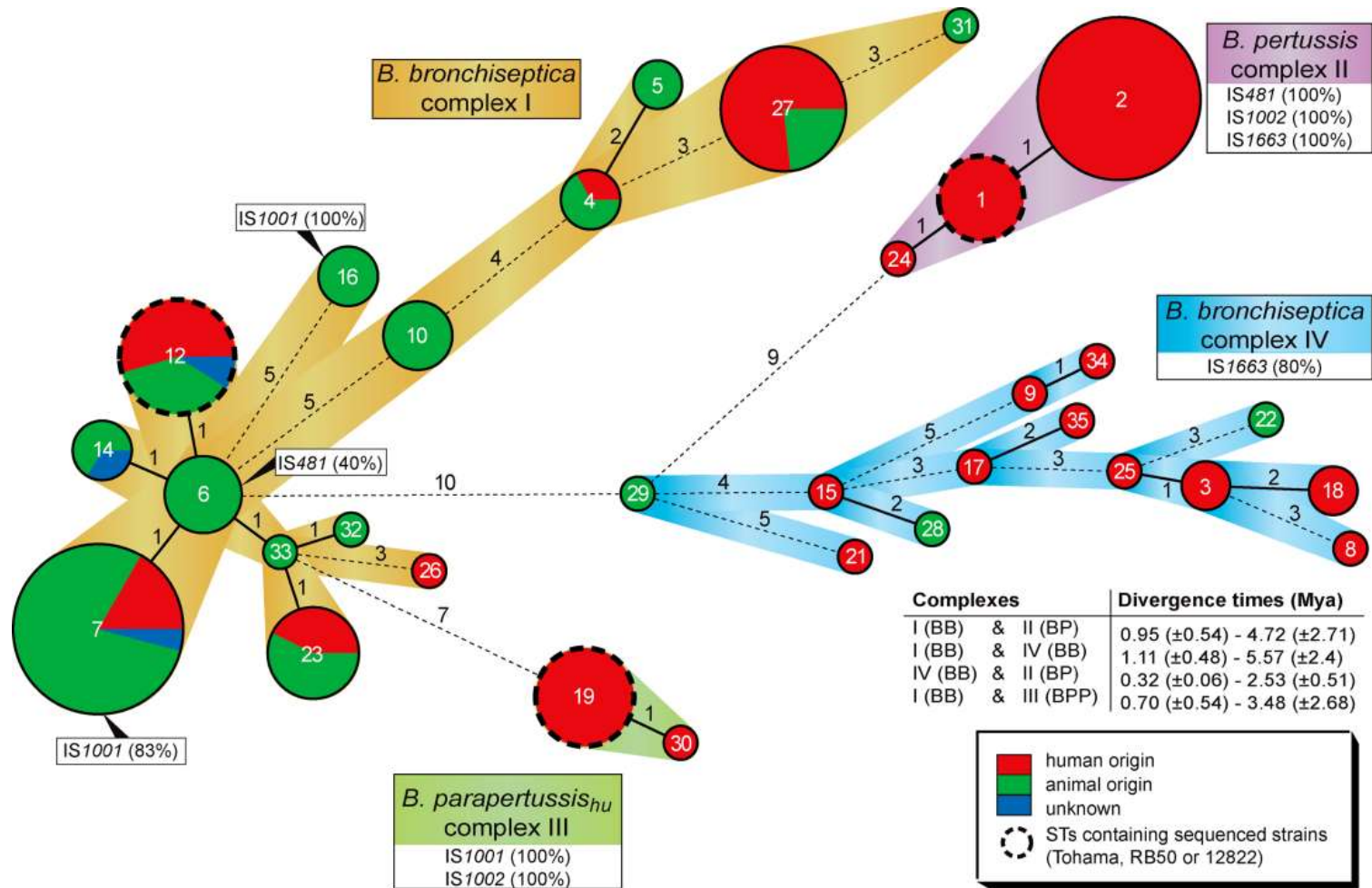
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# Relationships between *B. bronchiseptica*, *B. pertussis* and *B. parapertussis*<sub>hu</sub>



# Minimum spanning tree of *B. bronchiseptica*, *B. pertussis* and *B. parapertussis*.



The tree was based on the sequence of seven housekeeping genes. Individual genes were split into five subloci, and a categorical clustering was performed. In the minimum spanning tree, sequence types sharing the highest number of single locus variants were connected first.

Each circle represents a sequence type (ST) the size of which is related to the number of isolates within that particular ST.

Colors within circles indicate host distribution. The numbers between connected STs represents the number of different subloci between those STs. The clonal complexes (I, II, III and IV) are indicated by colored strips between connected STs.

The distribution of insertion elements IS481, IS1001, IS1002 and IS1663 is shown in boxes;

number between parentheses indicate the percentage of strains that contained the IS as determined by PCR amplification.

The divergence times between *B. bronchiseptica* complexes I and IV and *B. pertussis* complex II are marked ([Diavatopoulos et al., 2005](#)).

# *Bordetella pertussis*

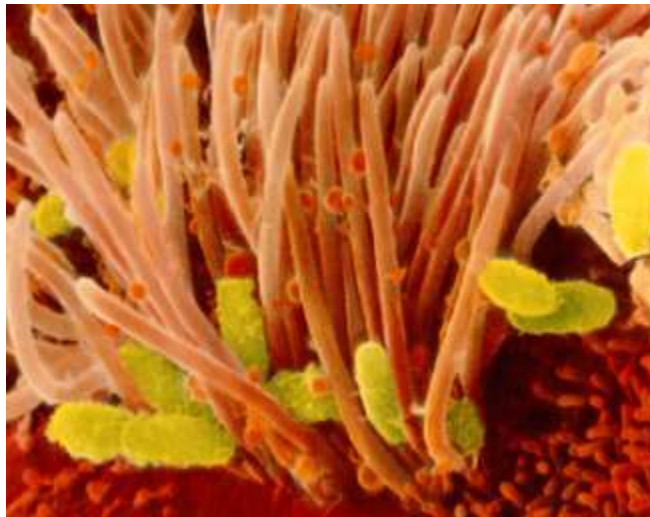
- aerobic, Gram-negative coccobacillus
- *Alcaligenaceae* family
- specific to humans
- whooping cough
- nutritionally fastidious – cultivated on media containing blood (source of many nutrients)
- 1906 – Bordet and Gengou



<http://www.disease-picture.com>

# *Bordetella* Infection

- colonization of the respiratory tract
- biofilm formation (essential role of adhesins)
- binding to the ciliated epithelial cells in the nasopharynx and trachea and multiplication → death of the cells and/or loss of cilia, stop of ciliary beating → bacteria and mucus are not taken out of the airway → persistent coughing, but why so long if no bacteria around ?
- **Persistence in the host due to intracellular survival?**



<http://children.webmd.com/>



<http://www.textbookofbacteriology.net>

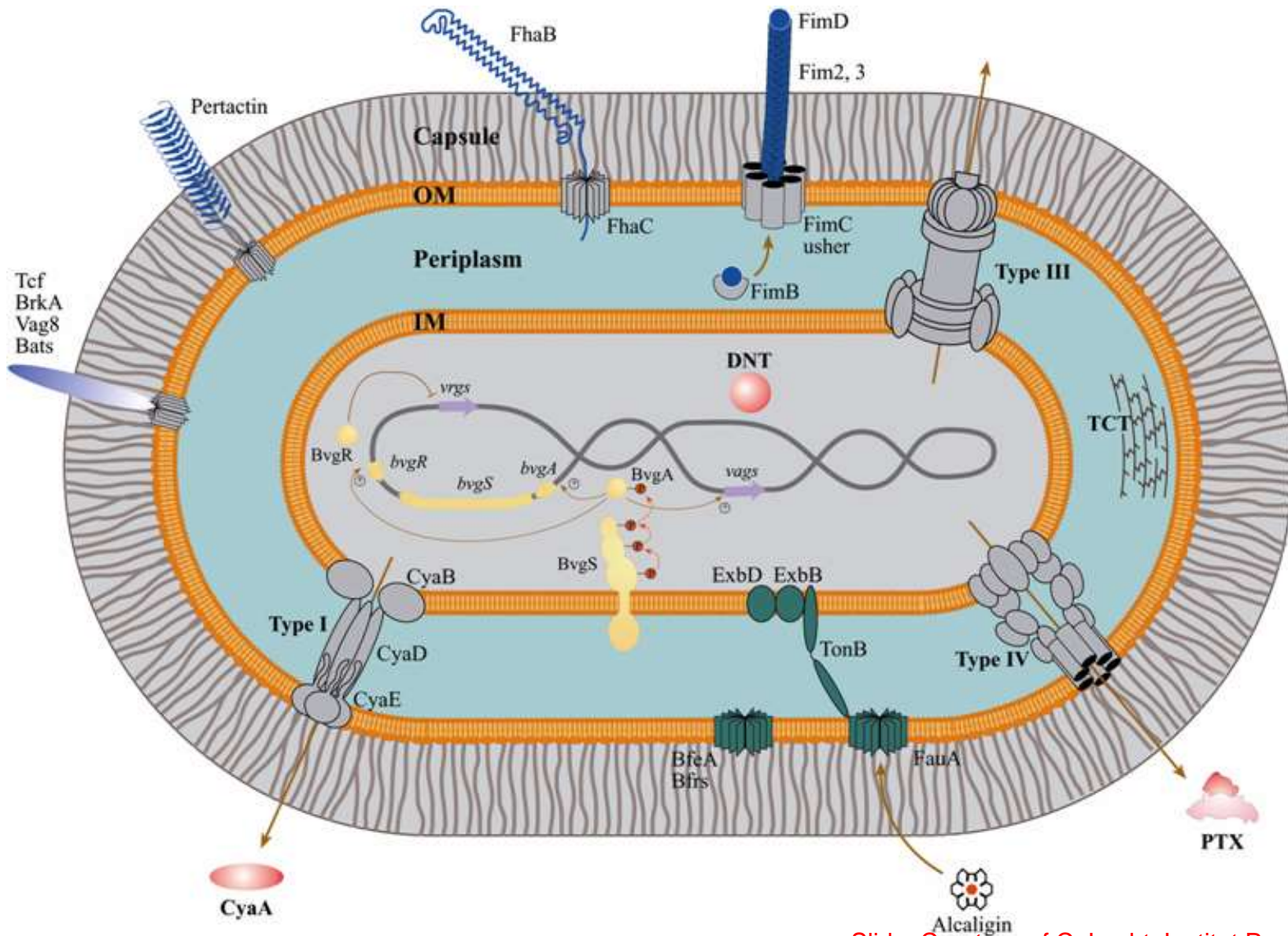
Despite medical importance and modern postgenomic tools, our understanding of pathophysiology of pertussis and of the real mechanisms of interaction with the human host is quite limited.

The reason is that until recently pertussis has been only been studied in the mouse intranasal challenge model that does not reproduce human pertussis well enough.

Since 2010 a non-human primate model in baboon weanlings, reproducing human pertussis is available, BUT:

- Available in 2 labs in US only...
- A single small experiment costs ~\$100,000 USD...

# *Bordetella pertussis* is armed with numerous parallel virulence systems that mediate immune suppression



## ***B. pertussis* Tohama I vaccine-type strain genome : 4,086,186 bp**

**Tohama I genome sequencing revealed on the top of what was known:**

- **200 IS**
- **130 transcription factors**
- **100 ABC transporters**
- **17 two-component syst.**
- **14 autotransporters**
- **Integrated phage**
- ***HindIII* restriction**
- **91 Bug (79 complete)**
- **FHA-like (FhaL, FhaS)**
- **Capsule synth. & export**
- **Intimin-like**
- **Flagellum (65 kb)**
- **Type III secretion syst.**
- **Exported proteases**
- **Siderophore/heme recept.**

**How many of the transporters and other systems, of the vir-repressed genes, T3SS effectors and other gene products are involved in the intracellular life of *B. pertussis*???**

# ***B. pertussis* adhesin and toxin confusion....**

## **Adhesins**

- Filamentous haemagglutinin (FHA)
- Fimbriae
- Pertactin (RGD motif)
- Tracheal colonisation factor (TCF)
- Bps exopolysaccharide

## **Serum resistance**

**BrkA, Vag8, capsule, LOS modification, C1inh binding**



## **Toxins**

- Pertussis toxin (PTX)
- Adenylate cyclase (AC)
- Dermonecrotic toxin (DNT)
- Tracheal cytotoxin (TCT)
- Lipopolysaccharide (LOS)
- Pertactin (neutrophil resistance)
- FHA – immunomodulation through IL-10



# Whooping cough messages

## Disease

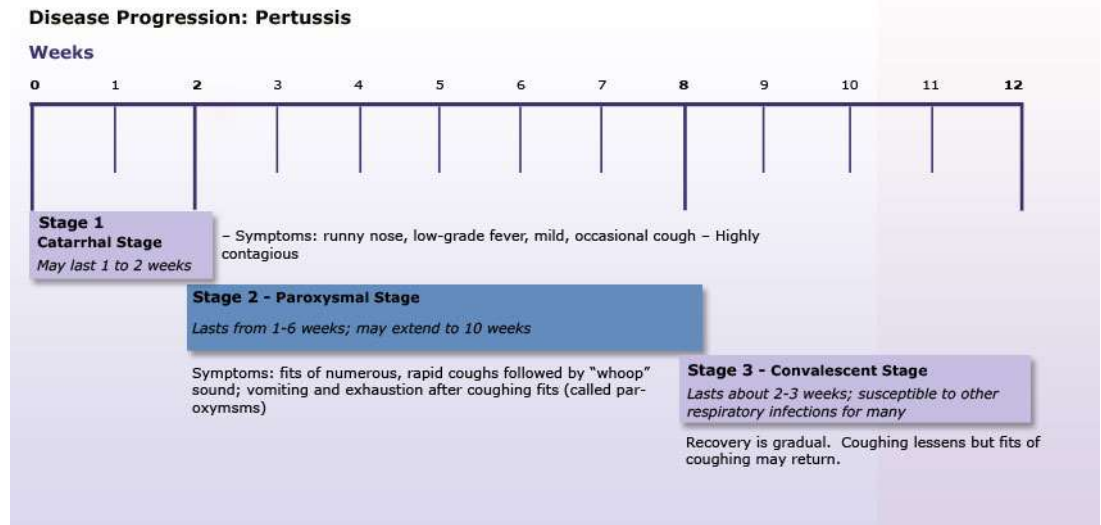
- Highly contagious
- Not inducing a life long immunity – **THE BACTERIUM SUPPRESSES IMMUNE MEMORY DEVELOPMENT** – can reinfect...
- Due mainly to *B. pertussis*, *B. parapertussis* and sometimes to *B. holmesii* and *B. bronchiseptica* in immunosuppressed subjects

## Epidemiology

- Universal vaccination of young children induced a change in the transmission of the disease
- Adult and adolescent disease is increasing, and causes substantial disease burden
- Most infants are infected by an adolescent or adult contact

# Whooping cough (pertussis)

- acute respiratory disease
- incubation period 4-21 days
- spread by aerosols or by direct contact with an infected person
- symptoms of heavy common cold (catarrhal phase with extremely runny nose and sneezing → followed by dry, paroxysmal phase cough (from weeks to months) and vomiting
- adults or immunized adults – any symptoms or milder form of the disease (up to 25 % with a persistent cough) → infection of nonvaccinated children
- treatment by erythromycin
- complications – pneumonia, encephalopathy
- **Death of infants is often caused by secondary infections = superinfections by pneumococci or viruses that cause difficult to handle pneumonia**





## Audio/Video Products

Listen and watch to learn about pertussis symptoms, diagnosis, and prevention.

### On this Page

- [Pertussis \(Whooping Cough\) Sounds](#) (#pertussis-sounds)
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[Watch a short video of a boy coughing due to pertussis](http://streaming.cdc.gov/vod.php?id=7ffe0c683bodc2765090991b8f8018c920120904104432647)  
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[Hear how pertussis sounds in a child](http://www.pkids.org/dis_pert_stsop.php)  
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# Problém s definicí případu

## Definice případu

- Pro sjednocení případů v různých státech se používají jednotná kritéria, takzvané definice případu.
- Pod definicí případu se skrývají klinická, laboratorní a epidemiologická kritéria případu.
- Definice pertuse se v minulých letech měnila s nástupem dokonalejších a přesnějších laboratorních metod, přetrvávaly a dosud přetrvávají drobné rozdíly mezi definicemi případů v jednotlivých státech.

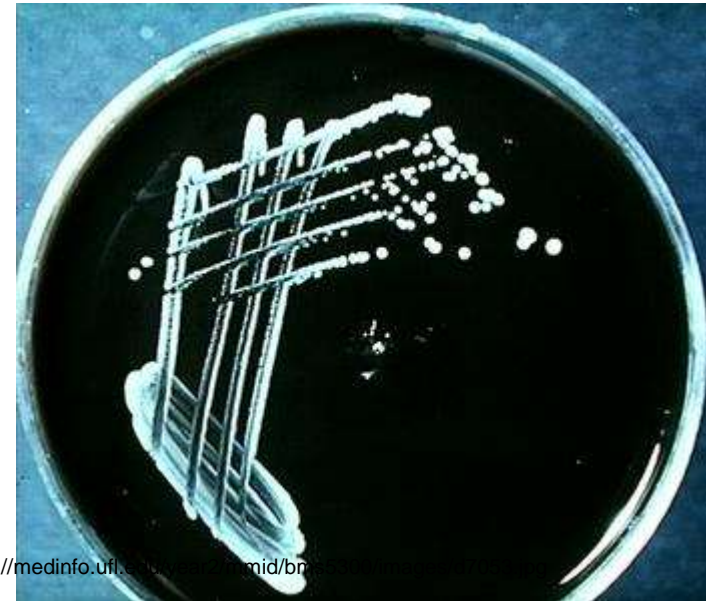
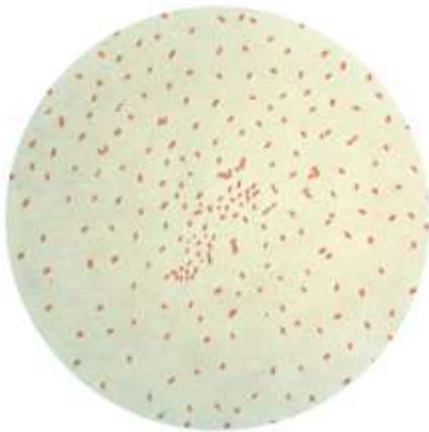
## Definice případu se v americkém CDC vyvíjela následovně:

- Definice případů pertuse užívaná v letech 1990 – 1995 označovala případ za pravděpodobný pokud odpovídal klinické definici (kašel trvající déle než 2 týdny, doprovázeny paroxysmálním kašlem, zjízknutím nebo zvracením, a který je bez zřejmé příčiny) a zároveň nebyl laboratorně potvrzen a nebyl epidemiologicky spojen s nikým, u koho byla laboratorními testy prokázána infekce černým kašlem.
- Potvrzené jsou potom případy, kde se příznaky shodují s klinickou definicí (viz výše) a infekce je potvrzena buď laboratorními testy nebo je epidemiologicky spojena s někým, u koho byla laboratorními testy prokázána infekce. Tato definice oproti mladším definicím nevyužívá polymerázové řetězové reakce.
- **Od 1. 1. 2014 platí odlišná definice případu pertuse. Klinicky je případ definován jako kašel trvající déle než 2 týdny doprovázen alespoň jedním z doprovodných symptomů (paroxysmální kašel, zjízknutí, zvracení, pro děti do 1 roku věku i apnoe). Laboratorní definice případu je úspěšná izolace bakterií *B. pertussis* z pacientova nosohltanu nebo pozitivní PCR na pertusi.**
- Za pravděpodobný se případ považuje pokud splňuje klinickou definici s tím rozdílem, že může kašel trvat i kratší dobu než 2 týdny, a zároveň případ není potvrzen laboratorními testy nebo není epidemiologicky spojen s jiným laboratorně potvrzeným případem.
- Nově se odlišuje i definice pravděpodobného případu pro děti mladší 1 roku, která jej popisuje pozitivní klinickou definicí, potvrzenou buď pozitivní PCR na pertusi nebo kontaktem s laboratorně potvrzeným případem pertuse. Za potvrzený případ se považuje pacient s buď libovolně dlouho trvajícím kašlem a úspěšnou izolací bakterií *B. pertussis* z pacientova nosohltanu, nebo kašlem trvajícím déle než dva týdny, doprovázeny alespoň jedním z doprovodných symptomů (paroxysmální kašel, zjízknutí, zvracení, pro děti do 1 roku věku i apnoe) a je potvrzen pozitivní PCR na pertusi nebo kontaktem s laboratorně potvrzeným případem pertuse.
- Současná definice se neomezuje pouze na kašel trvající déle než dva týdny, ale na kašel trvající libovolně dlouho. Právě toto bylo dříve jednou z příčin poddiagnostikované pertuse.
- **Definice případu z 90. let minulého století naprosto evidentně zkreslily výsledky studií acelulárních vakcín, ve kterých uměle zvýšily jejich účinnost.“**

# Diagnostic remains a nightmare...

Lot of unrecognized circulation of the bacterium and mild disease, asymptomatic immune carriers.

- isolation from nasopharynx
  - plating on selective media – Charcoal agar
- qRT-PCR
- serological testing often useless



## Optimální načasování diagnostiky pertuse (týdny)

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PCR

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# What to do and what not to do in serological diagnosis of pertussis: recommendations from EU reference laboratories

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**Abstract** *Bordetella pertussis*-specific antibodies can be detected by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISAs) or multiplex immunoassays. Assays use purified or mixed antigens, and only pertussis toxin (PT) is specific for *B. pertussis*. The interpretation of results can be based on dual-sample or single-sample serology using one or two cut-offs. The EU Pertstrain group recommends that: (i) ELISAs and multiplex immunoassays should use purified non-detoxified PT as an antigen, that they should have a broad linear range and that they should express results quantitatively in International Units per millilitre (IU/ml); (ii) a single or dual diagnostic cut-off for single-serum serology using IgG-anti-PT between 50 and 120 IU/ml should be used, and diagnostic serology cannot be validly interpreted for one year after vaccination with acellular pertussis (aP) vaccines; (iii) IgA-anti-PT should only be used

with indeterminate IgG-anti-PT levels or when a second sample cannot be obtained. This group discourages using: (i) other antigens in routine diagnostics, as they are not specific; (ii) micro-agglutination, due to its lack of sensitivity; (iii) immunoblots for pertussis serodiagnosis, as results cannot be quantified; (iv) other methods, such as complement fixation or indirect immunofluorescence, due to their low sensitivity and/or specificity.

## Indications for pertussis diagnostics

The diagnosis of pertussis should only be attempted in patients with symptoms compatible with pertussis, such as prolonged coughing with paroxysms and/or whooping or choking. In infants, older vaccinated children, adolescents and adults, the

Diagnostics method*	Relative sensitivity	Relative Specificity	Advantage(s)	Limitations
Clinical Diagnosis (symptoms)	+	++†		Low sensitivity in the vaccine era due to high proportion of atypical and mild pertussis cases
Culture‡	++	++++	Isolated strain may be subtyped	Varying sensitivity, depending on age and vaccination status
DFA	+	+	Rapid, non viable organisms also detected	Microscopist-dependent
PCR	+++	+++	More rapid than culture; increases the rate of case finding	Risk of false-positives; no standardized kits
Serology (ELISA)	+++	++++	Positive late in illness	Diagnosis possible only several weeks after onset; influenced by immunostatus; difficulty in correctly timing collection of samples paired sera; lack of inter-laboratory standardization of antibody titer cut-off (single-serum)

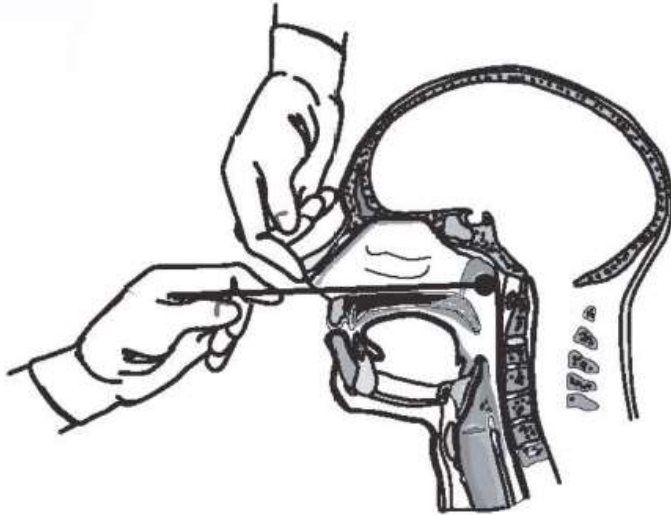
Comparison of diagnostics tests for detection and identification of *B. pertussis* \* [Zouari et al. \(2012\)](#).

† Sensitivity and specificity for clinical diagnosis based on presence of cough for 2 or more weeks calculated during outbreak settings.

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# Problémy s odběry



Obrázek 8: Nákres správně provedeného odběru vzorku z nasopharynxu

zdroj:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/surv-manual/chpt10-pertussis.html>

Pacient nesmí před odběrem jíst, kouřit, nesmí ani užívat antibiotika.

**Pro odběr nesmí být použit tampon z alginátu vápenatého, který zkresluje výsledky PCR, nybrž polyesterový tampon (např. Dacron nebo Rayon).**

**Vzorky jsou někdy odebírány z krku, což je chybné.** Tampon má být, jak ilustruje Obrázek 8, zaveden nosním průduchem až ke stěně pacientova nasopharyngu, kde má být ponechán několik sekund za současného otáčení a následně opatrně vyjmut.

**Odběr je velice obtížný a vyžaduje trénink,** proto je vhodné tímto úkonem pověřit ORL specialistu. Zákrok pro pacienta velice nepříjemný, u dětí je proto nutná fixace.

Tampon má být po vyjmutí okamžitě ponořen do transportního média, kterým je AMIES s aktivním uhlím, a skladován má být při pokojové teplotě, nikoliv v lednici.

**Od odběru a zpracování vzorků smí uplynout maximálně 24 hodin.**

Insertion sequence	Presence/ No. of copies per genome*			
	<i>B. pertussis</i>	<i>B. parapertussis</i>	<i>B. holmesii</i>	<i>B. bronchiseptica</i> †
IS481	+ / 238	- / NA	+ / 8-10	(+)‡/ND
IS1001	- / NA	+ / 22	- / NA	(+)#/ 1-7
hIS1001	- / NA	- / NA	+ / 3-5	- / NA
IS1002	+ / 6	+ / 90	- / NA	-§/ 1

*Bordetella* insertion sequences

\* +, present in all isolates; (+), present in some isolates; -, absent in all isolates; NA, not applicable; ND, not determined; [Loeffelholz \(2012\)](#).

† Human-derived *B. bronchiseptica* isolates only

‡ One of 73 human-derived isolates was positive

# Four of 73 human-derived isolates were positive

§ Found in rare animal-derived isolates

# Insertion sequences shared by *Bordetella* species and implications for the biological diagnosis of pertussis syndrome

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**Abstract** The molecular diagnosis of pertussis and paraptussis syndromes is based on the detection of insertion sequences (IS) 481 and 1001, respectively. However, these IS are also detected in the genomes of various *Bordetella* species, such that they are not specific for either *B. pertussis* or *B. parapertussis*. Therefore, we screened the genome of recently circulating isolates of *Bordetella* species to compare the prevalence of IS481, IS1001 and, also IS1002 with previously published data and to sequence all IS detected. We also investigated whether the numbers of IS481 and IS1001 copies vary in recently circulating isolates of the different *Bordetella* species. We used the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) method for screening the genome of circulating isolates and to prepare the fragments for sequencing.

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## Introduction

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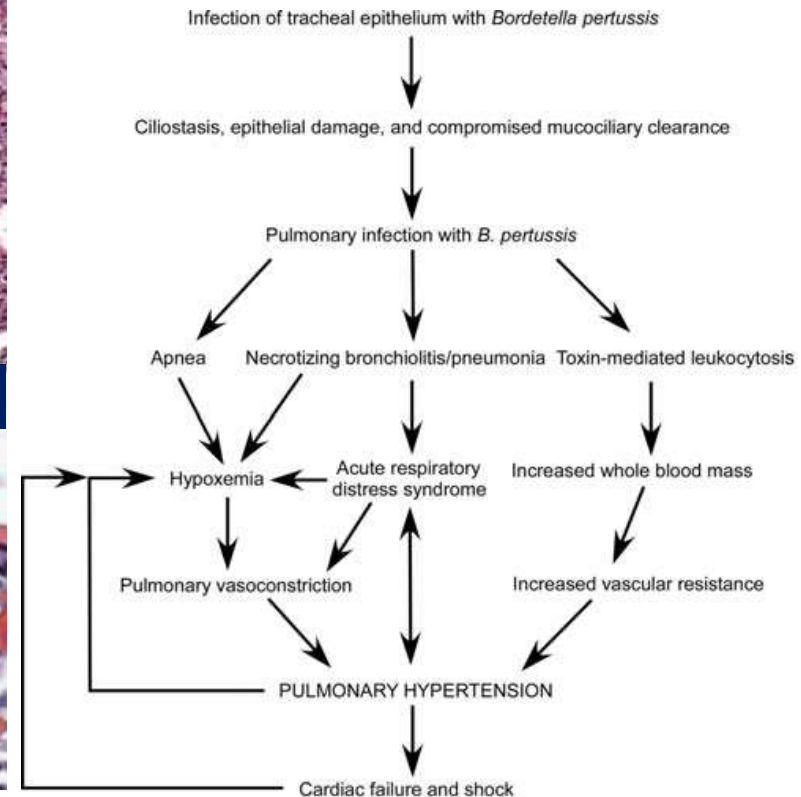
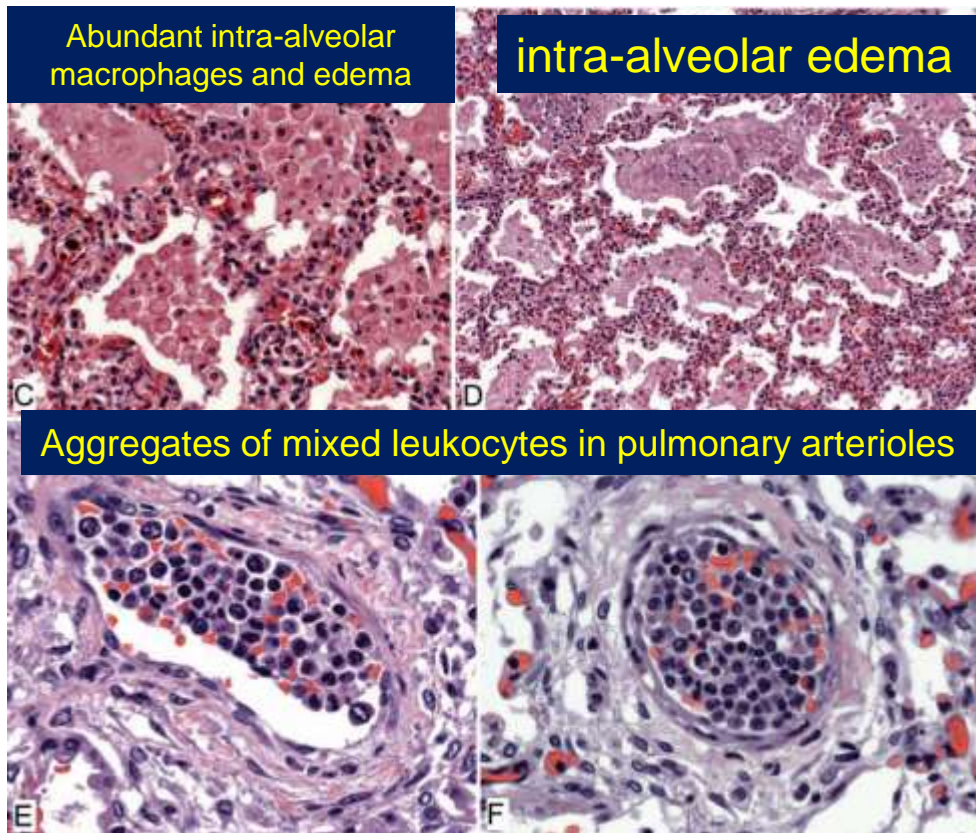
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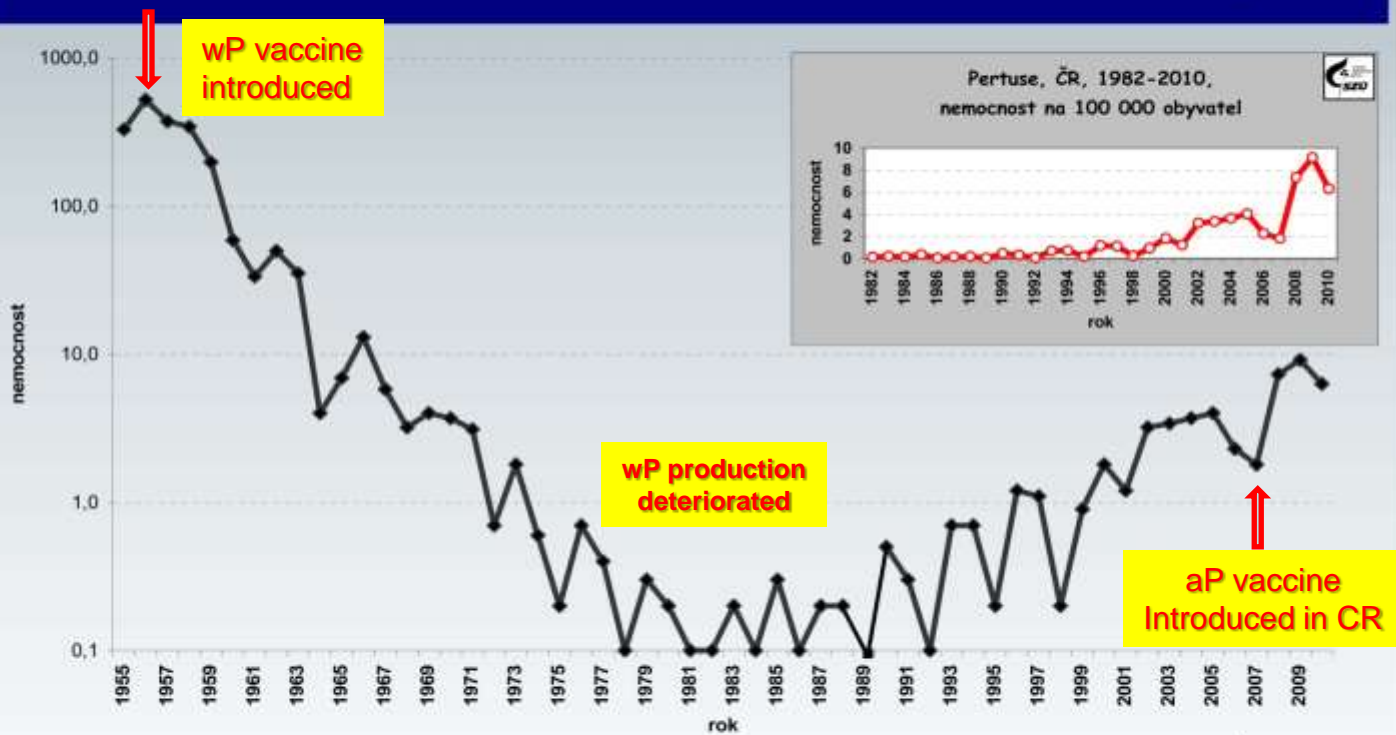
## Pathology and Pathogenesis of Fatal *Bordetella pertussis* Infection in Infants

- Refractory pulmonary hypertension, leading to cardiac failure and shock, is now recognized as a frequent problem in infants with fatal pertussis

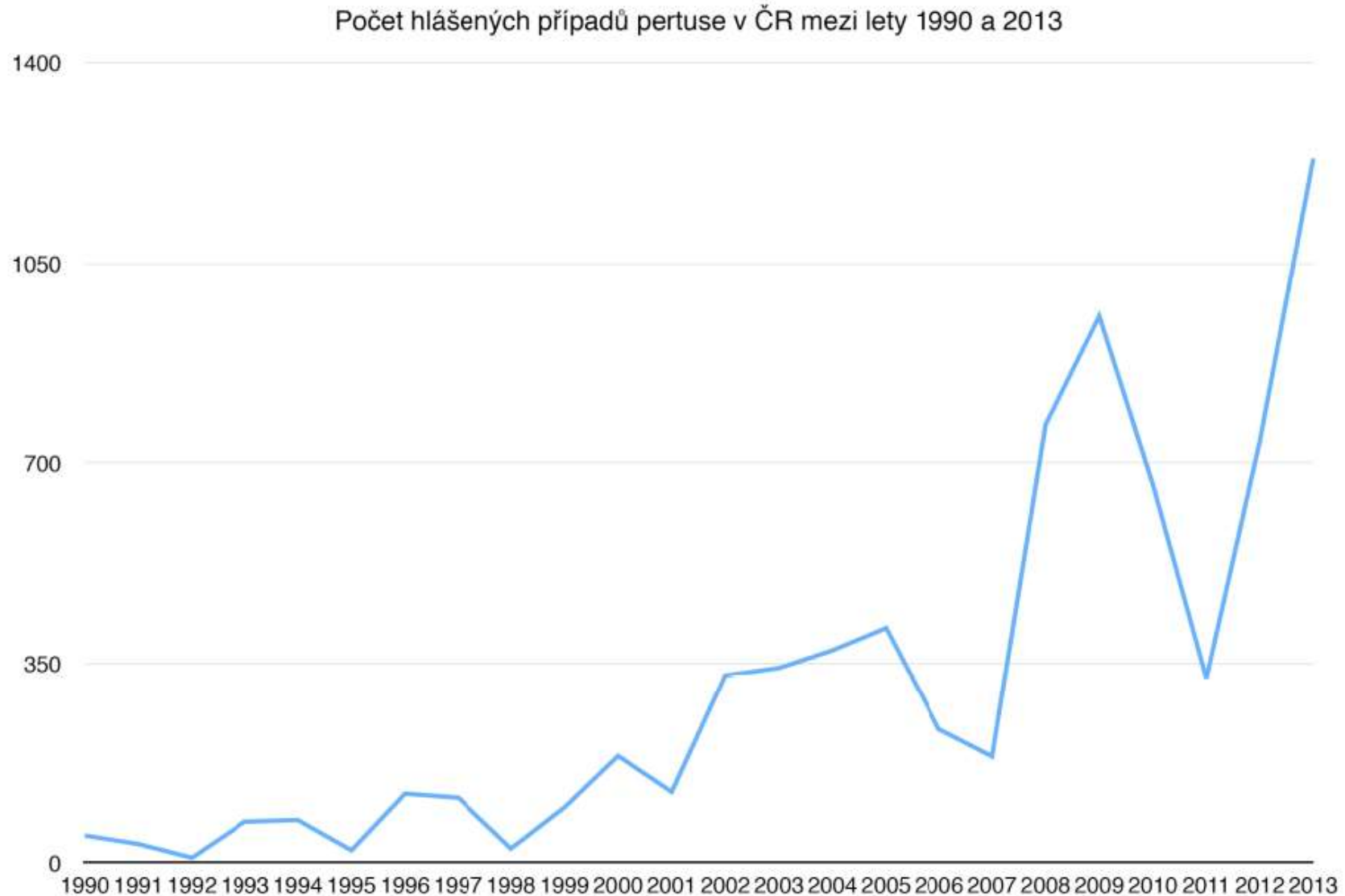


# We thought the problem was solved...

## Pertussis incidence in CR in 1955 – 2010 per 100,000



# Máme opět problém....



Obrázek 2: Graf vývoje incidence pertuse v ČR mezi lety 1990 a 2013 (zdroj: SZU)



# Antivakcinační kampaně mají fatální následky

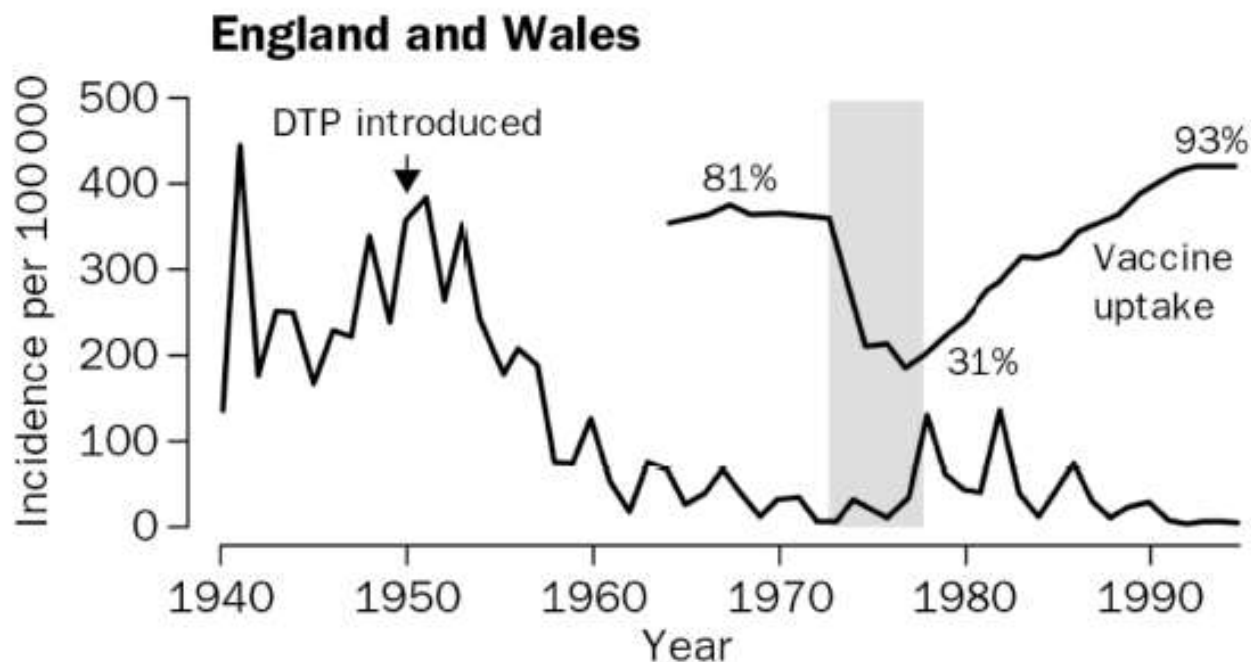


Figure 2: **Incidence of pertussis in countries affected by active anti-vaccine movements**

*Obrázek 9: Graf vývoje incidence pertuse a proočkovánosti proti pertusi, Velká Británie*

*(zdroj: GANGAROSA E. J. et. al. Impact of anti-vaccine movements on pertussis control: the untold story)*

Thanks to 'democracy' and  
introduction of acellular  
vaccines  
the whooping cough is back to  
the most developed  
countries...

# Are current pertussis acellular vaccines optimal?

PT      only used in Denmark...

PT+FHA

PT+FHA + PRN

PT+ FHA +PRN+ FIM (2+3)

- There are issue on the:
  - Th1 *versus* Th polarity of induced immune response
  - Duration of B and T cell memory
- Several major *Bordetella* antigens are missing in the acellular vaccine:
  - LPS (LOS)
  - CyaA
  - T3SS (Bsp22) antigen – potent in *B. bronchiseptica* model
  - BrkA, no Tcf, and other of the adhesion/virulence factors

Isn't it a miracle that detoxified PT only works as Pa vaccine???

*B. parapertussis* does not produce PT, causes whooping cough and is on the raise...

Název vakcíny	Výrobce	Typ	Obsažené antigeny (pertuse)	Licence
Daptacel	Sanofi Pasteur	DTaP	PT, FHA, PRN, FIM-2, FIM-3	všechny DTaP
Tripedia	Sanofi Pasteur	DTaP	PT, FHA	všechny DTaP
Infanrix	GlaxoSmithKline	DTaP	PT, FHA, PRN	všechny DTaP
Kinrix	GlaxoSmithKline	DTaP-IPV	PT, FHA, PRN	pouze 5. dávka a booster
Pediarix	GlaxoSmithKline	DTaP-HepB-IPV	PT, FHA	první 3 dávky, nemá licenci pro boostery
Pentacel	Sanofi Pasteur	DTaP-IPV/Hib	PT, FHA, PRN, FIM-2, FIM-3	první 4 dávky
Boostrix	GlaxoSmithKline	Tdap	PT, FHA, PRN	pro starší 10 let, booster
Adacel	Sanofi Pasteur	Tdap	PT, FHA, PRN, FIM-2, FIM-3	11 - 64 let, booster

**Vysvětlivky:**

DTaP — vakcína obsahující tetanový toxoid, záškrťový toxoid a některé antigeny pertuse

IPV — virus poliomyelitidy

HepB — virus hepatitidy B

Tdap — vakcína obsahující tetanový toxoid, redukovaný záškrťový toxoid a redukované antigeny pertuse

PT — pertusový toxoid

FHA — filamentosní hemagglutinin

PRN — pertactin

FIM-2 — fimbriae typu 2

FIM-3 — fimbriae typu 3

*Obrázek 6: Seznam vakcín proti pertusi licencovaných v USA*

# 2009-2012, Australia was facing a real whooping cough epidemic

up to 35,000 of cases in 2011...  
despite quite good vaccine coverage..

>100 cases/100,000 inhabitants...  
(like in the pre/vaccine era....)

**No booster at 2 years of age....**  
**pertussis is spread by school children**

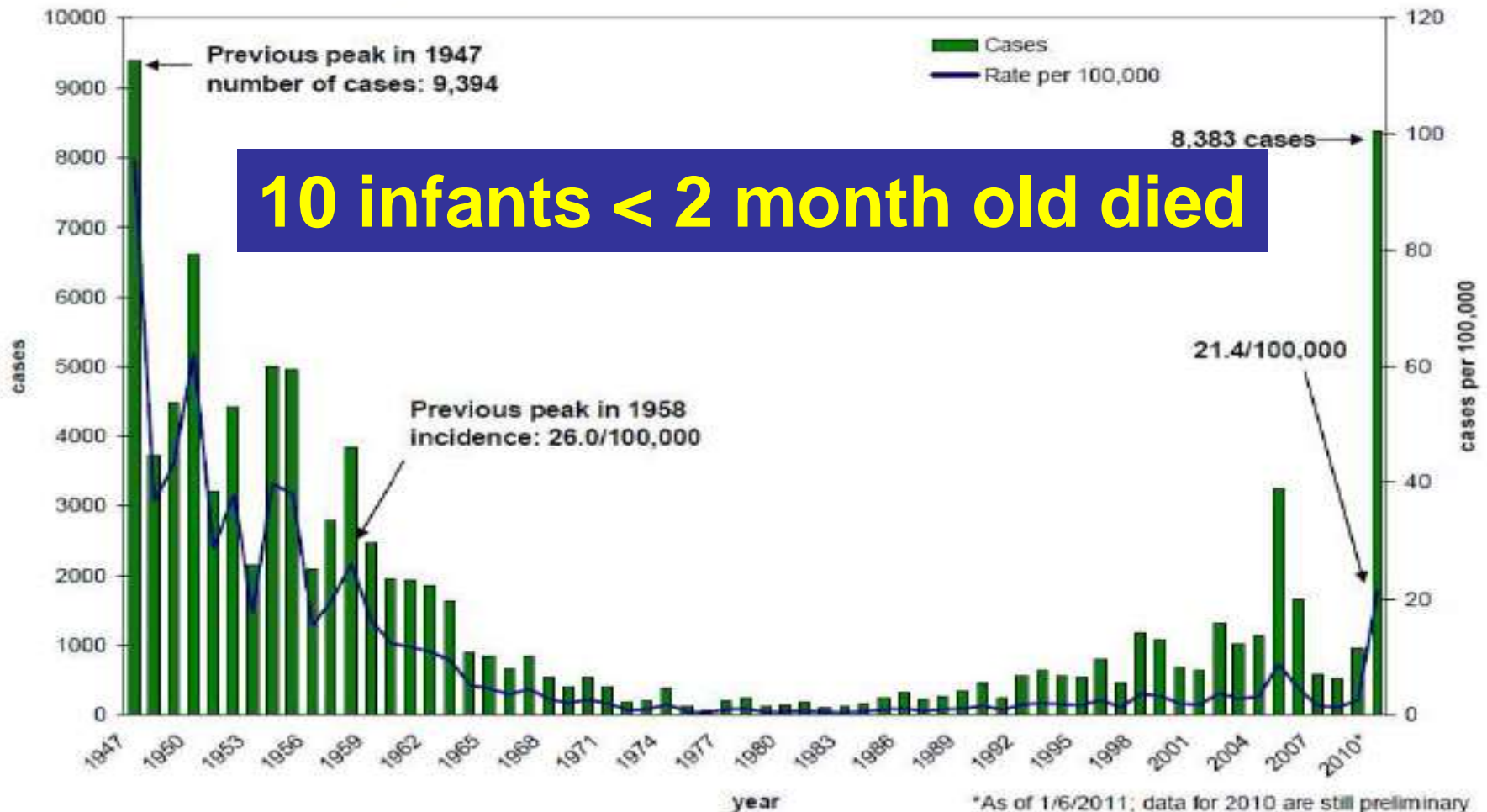
In 2012 the US had the highest whooping cough incidence since 70 years...

16 deaths

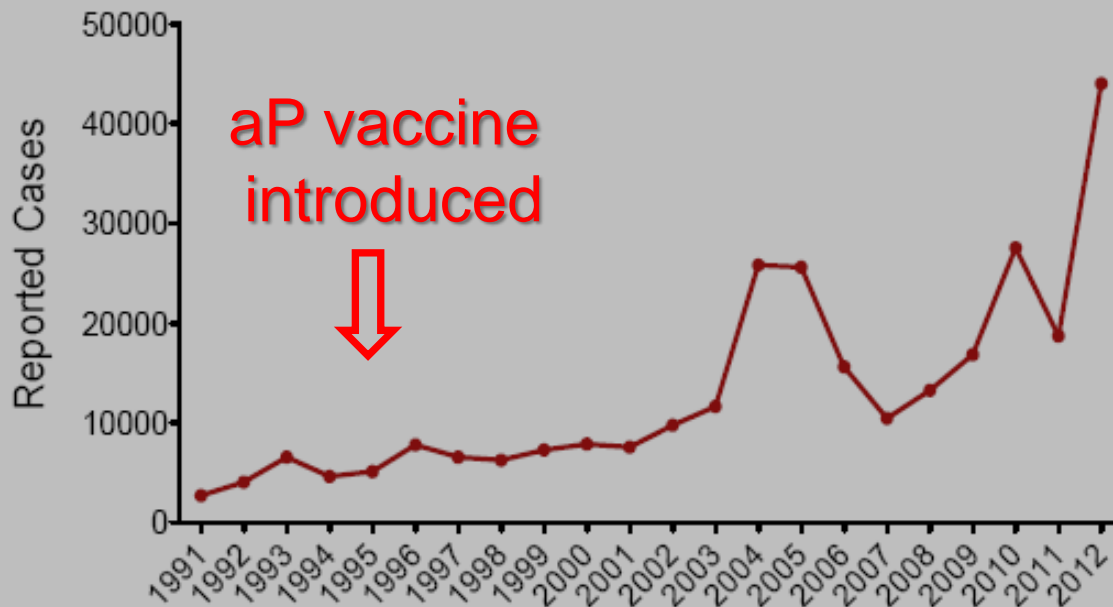
# the 2010 California outbreak

(we all wake up when something happens in the US...)

Figure 2. Number of reported pertussis cases by year of onset -- California 1947-2010\*

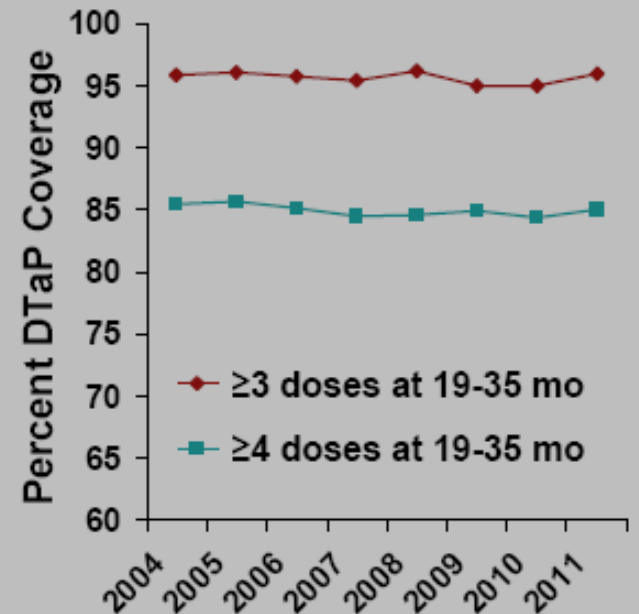


# Pertussis is Resurging in the US Despite 96% Vaccine Coverage



\*2012 = provisional data

CDC National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System



National Immunization Survey  
Pertussis Surveillance System

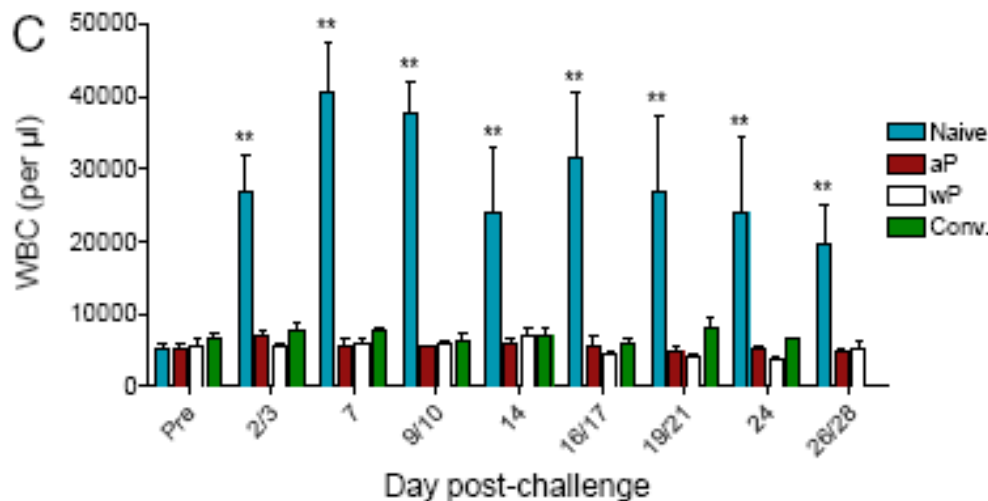
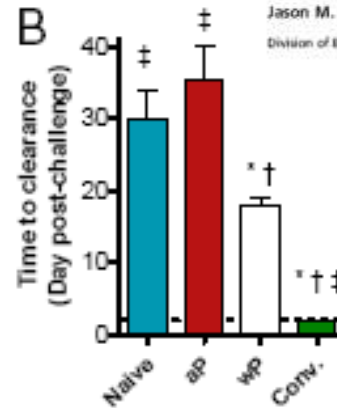
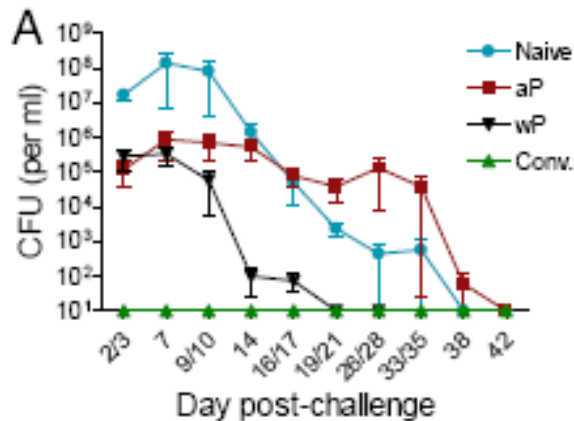
# aP vaccine protects against critical hyperleukocytosis and pneumonia but only wP protects against *B. pertussis* infection and transmission in humans (lot of literature) and in baboon weanlings

Acellular pertussis vaccines protect against disease but fail to prevent infection and transmission in a nonhuman primate model

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# aP does not protect against *B. pertussis* colonization

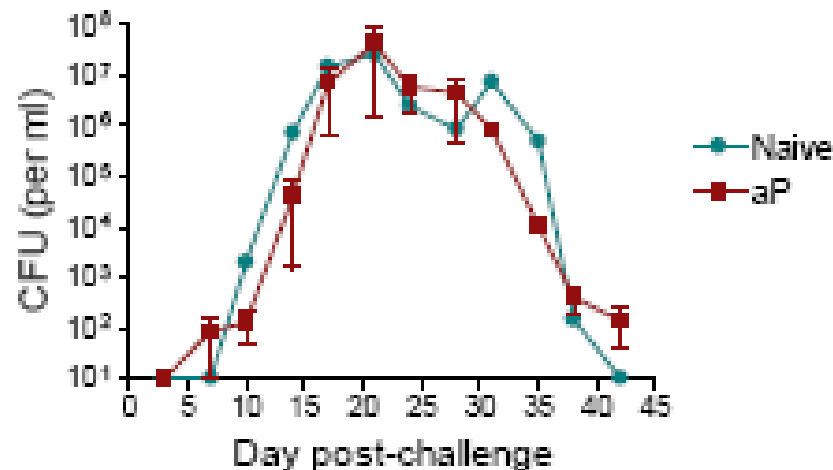
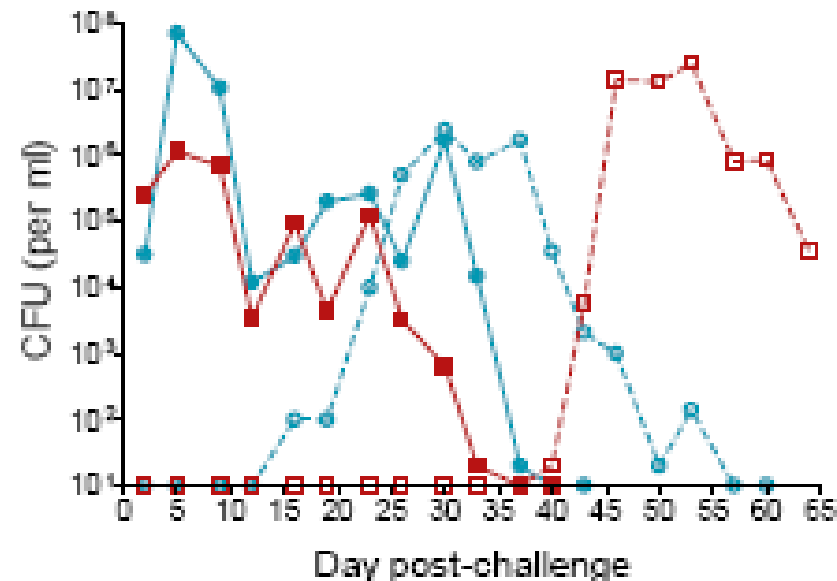


Fig. 2. aP does not protect against colonization following natural transmission. A naïve animal was directly challenged. After 24 h, a naïve animal and two aP-vaccinated animals were placed in the same cage as the directly challenged animal and followed for colonization as in Fig. 1.

# Infected aP vaccinees can transmit pertussis to naïve contacts

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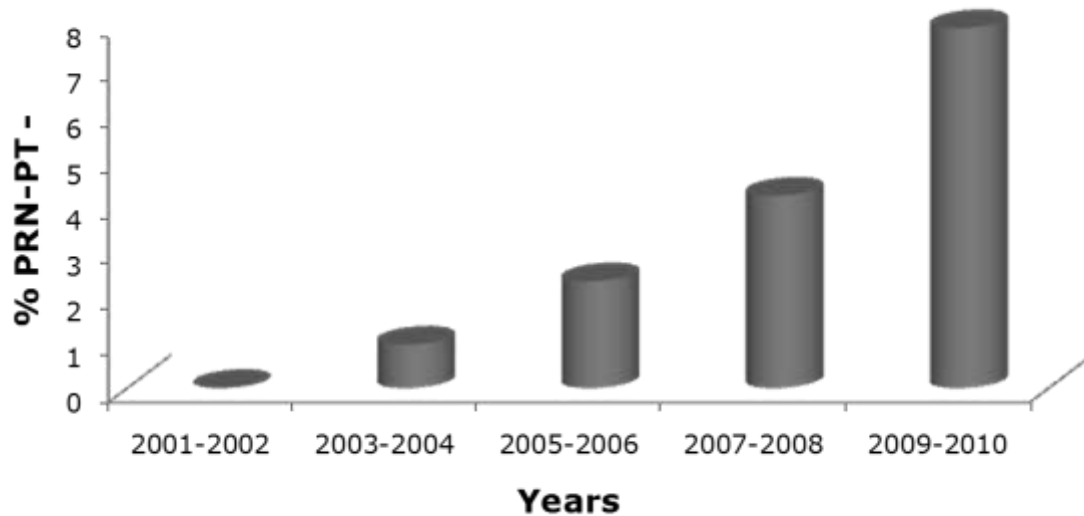


**Fig. 3.** Infected aP vaccinees can transmit pertussis to naïve contacts. Two animals vaccinated with aP were housed in separate cages, and each was directly challenged. Twenty four hours after challenge, an unchallenged naïve animal was placed in each cage. All animals were followed for colonization as in Fig. 1. One cage pairing is shown with turquoise lines with circles, and the other is shown with maroon lines with squares. Solid lines with closed symbols indicate the aP-vaccinated, directly challenged animals, and open symbols with dashed lines are used for the unchallenged, naïve contacts.

# Bordetella pertussis – loss of aP antigens...

(slide courtesy of N. Guiso)

Species	Years									
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<i>B. pertussis</i>	75	47	38	88	132	81	71	71	101	50
Vaccine Antigen not expressed	0/122		1PRN-/126		1PT-4PRN-/213		1PT-6PRN/142		12 PRN-1PRN-FHA-/151!	



**Steady increase in the number of isolates non expressing an aP vaccine antigen**

Similar findings in Japan

*Bouchez et al, Vaccine, 2009 and In preparation ; N. Otsuka et al, poster, 2010*

## Pertactin-Negative Variants of *Bordetella pertussis* in the United States (2012)

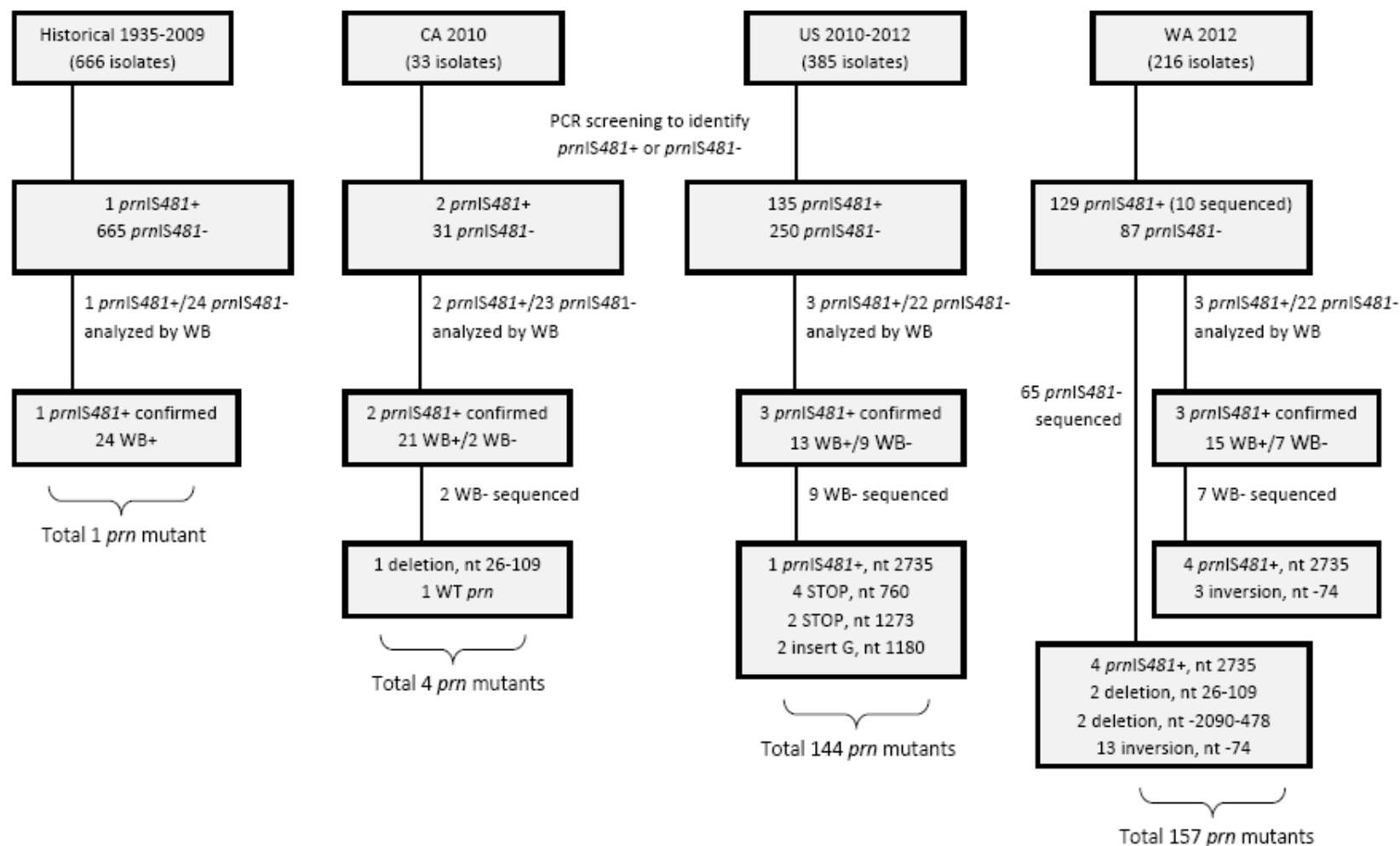
**Table 1.** Characterization of *B. pertussis* Isolates from Philadelphia.\*

Isolate	Date of Isolation	Patient Age	Pertactin Allele	Pertactin Mutation (Nucleotide)	Results of Western Blotting for Pertactin	PFGE Type
19-76	Jan. 2011	2 mo	<i>prn2</i>	None	Positive	CDC013
19-77	Feb. 2011	45 days	<i>prn2</i>	STOP (1273)	Negative	CDC002
19-81	March 2011	9 yr	<i>prn2</i>	IS (1613)	Negative	CDC237
20-2	May 2011	16 days	<i>prn2</i>	IS (1613)	Negative	CDC237
20-7	July 2011	40 days	<i>prn2</i>	STOP (1273)	Negative	CDC334
20-8	July 2011	78 days	<i>prn2</i>	STOP (1273)	Negative	CDC002
20-9	July 2011	83 days	<i>prn2</i>	STOP (1273)	Negative	CDC002
20-16	Sept. 2011	5 mo	<i>prn2</i>	STOP (1273)	Negative	CDC334
20-24	Oct. 2011	21 days	<i>prn2</i>	IS (1613)	Negative	CDC237
20-29	Feb. 2012	22 days	<i>prn2</i>	IS (245)	Negative	CDC010
20-30	Feb. 2012	11 days	<i>prn2</i>	STOP (1273)	Negative	CDC002
20-39	March 2012	14 yr	<i>prn2</i>	STOP (1273)	Negative	CDC002

\* IS denotes insertion sequence, PFGE pulsed-field gel electrophoresis, and STOP stop codon.

## Prevalence and molecular characterization of pertactin-deficient *Bordetella pertussis* in the US - > 50% of all recent isolates are PRN- !!!

FIG 1.



So, does pertussis resemble this?

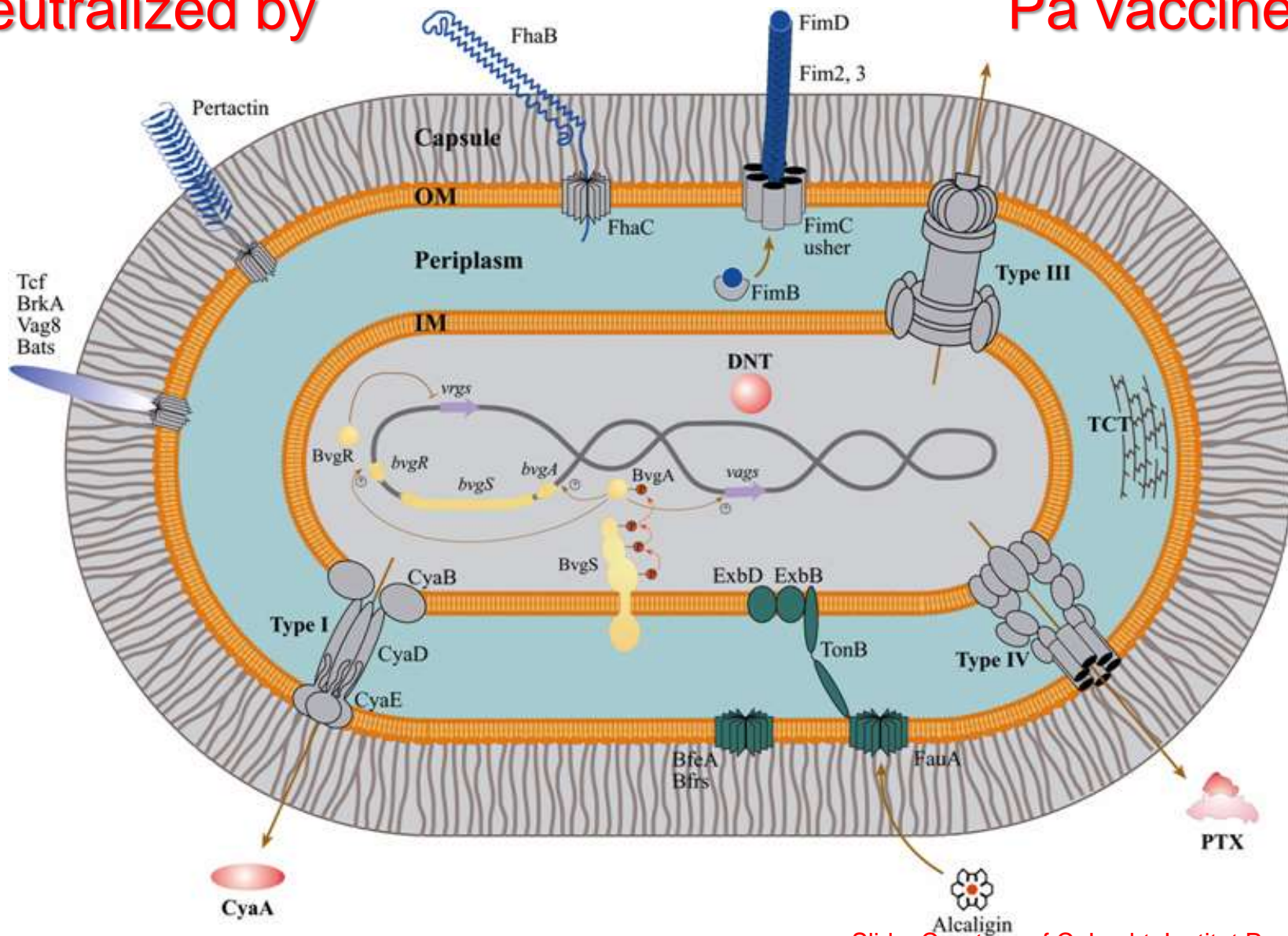
We hope it does not, but....

We need a much deeper understanding of *B. pertussis* biology and virulence very different pathology in kids and in mice....

We urgently need to develop much more efficient vaccines to prevent colonization and spread....

or should we develop next generation of non-reactogenic wP vaccines...? – YES!!!

***Bordetella pertussis* is armed with numerous parallel virulence systems (cytotoxins, immunomodulators and adhesins) that are not neutralized by Pa vaccines**

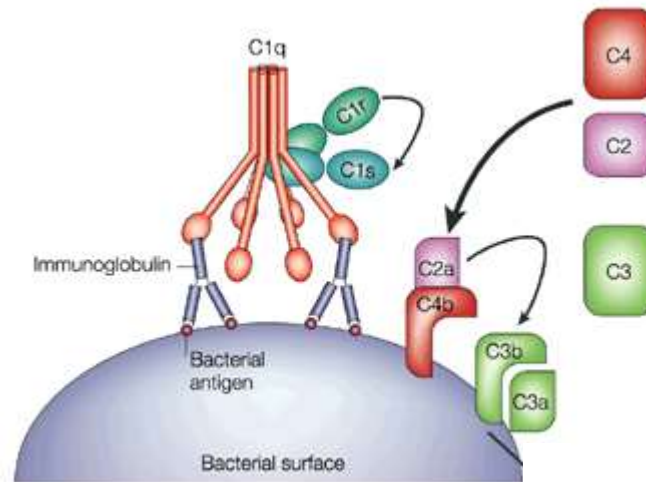


# Complement resistance

## Complement system

- inhibition of complement-induced phagocytosis - **BrkA (*Bordetella* resistance to killing A)**

→ interference with the classical pathway of complement activation



[http://www.nature.com/nri/journal/v2/n5/fig\\_tab/nri800\\_F1.html](http://www.nature.com/nri/journal/v2/n5/fig_tab/nri800_F1.html)

- interferes with the deposition of C4b, C2a, and C3b → preventing phagocytosis and killing by neutrophils
- binds and recruits the major inhibitors (C4b-binding protein and human C1 esterase inhibitor)



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## The Bps polysaccharide of *Bordetella pertussis* promotes colonization and biofilm formation in the nose by functioning as an adhesin

data reveal a **biofilm lifestyle for *B. pertussis* in the nose** and the requirement of Bps in this developmental process.

**Bps functions as an adhesin** by promoting adherence of *B. pertussis* and *Escherichia coli* to human nasal but not lung epithelia.

[Cell Microbiol.](#) 2014 Jan 20. doi: 10.1111/cmi.12264.

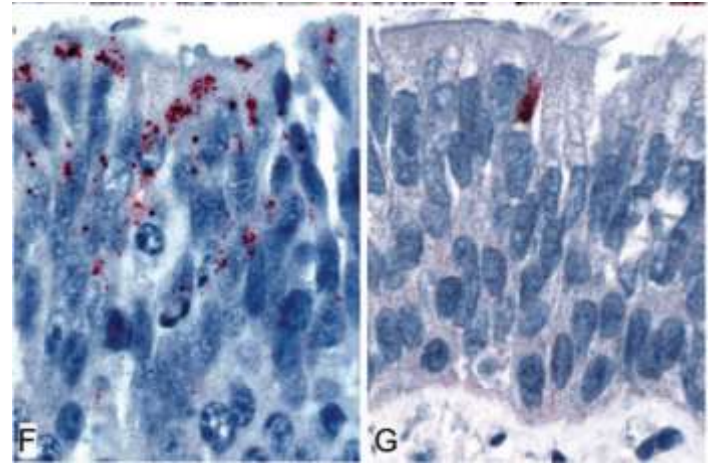
**The *Bordetella pertussis* Bps polysaccharide enhances lung colonization by conferring protection from complement-mediated killing.**

[Ganguly T](#) *et al.*

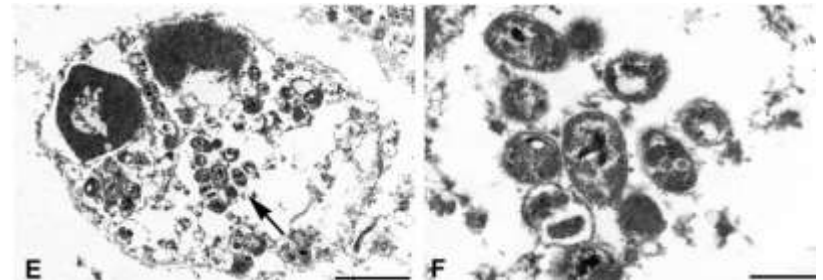
# Is there an intracellular life of *B. pertussis*?

Paddock *et al.* Pathology and Pathogenesis of Fatal Bordetella pertussis Infection in Infants. *Clinical Infectious Diseases* 2008; 47:328–38

- **Animal models** of pertussis and in vitro studies using **human monocytes**
  - ***B. pertussis* can enter, survive, and persist in macrophages for 40 days** contributing significantly to the total bacterial load in the lungs
  - **in the early 1930s, *B. pertussis* was routinely found by culture of lung specimens from patients who died within 30 days after illness onset...**
  - Bacterial residence within macrophages may allow survival of antibiotic treatments
- Persistence of bacterial antigens in airway epithelium may also contribute to the chronicity that characterizes the clinical syndrome of pertussis.
- Bordetellae were identified in the cytoplasm of ciliated columnar epithelial cells, consistent with the findings from studies that have reported invasion of mouse ependymal cells and cultured human tracheal epithelial cells with *B. pertussis*.
  - ***Bordetella* antigens were stained in the cytoplasm of tracheal epithelial cells from the upper respiratory tract of a died kid several weeks after antibiotic therapy, suggesting that bacterial antigens may persist in for at least .**



F, Intracellular *Bordetellae* and bacterial antigens in the columnar epithelium of a bronchiole G, *Bordetella* antigens in the cytoplasm of a tracheal epithelial cell in an infant given treatment for pertussis (**68 days after onset of symptoms and 57 days after isolation of *B. pertussis* by culture.**)



Intact coccobacilli (arrows) fill the cytoplasm of a pulmonary macrophage (E and F).

# Is there an intracellular life of *B. pertussis*?

INFECTION AND IMMUNITY, Mar. 2010, p. 907–913  
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## Intracellular Trafficking of *Bordetella pertussis* in Human Macrophages<sup>∇</sup>

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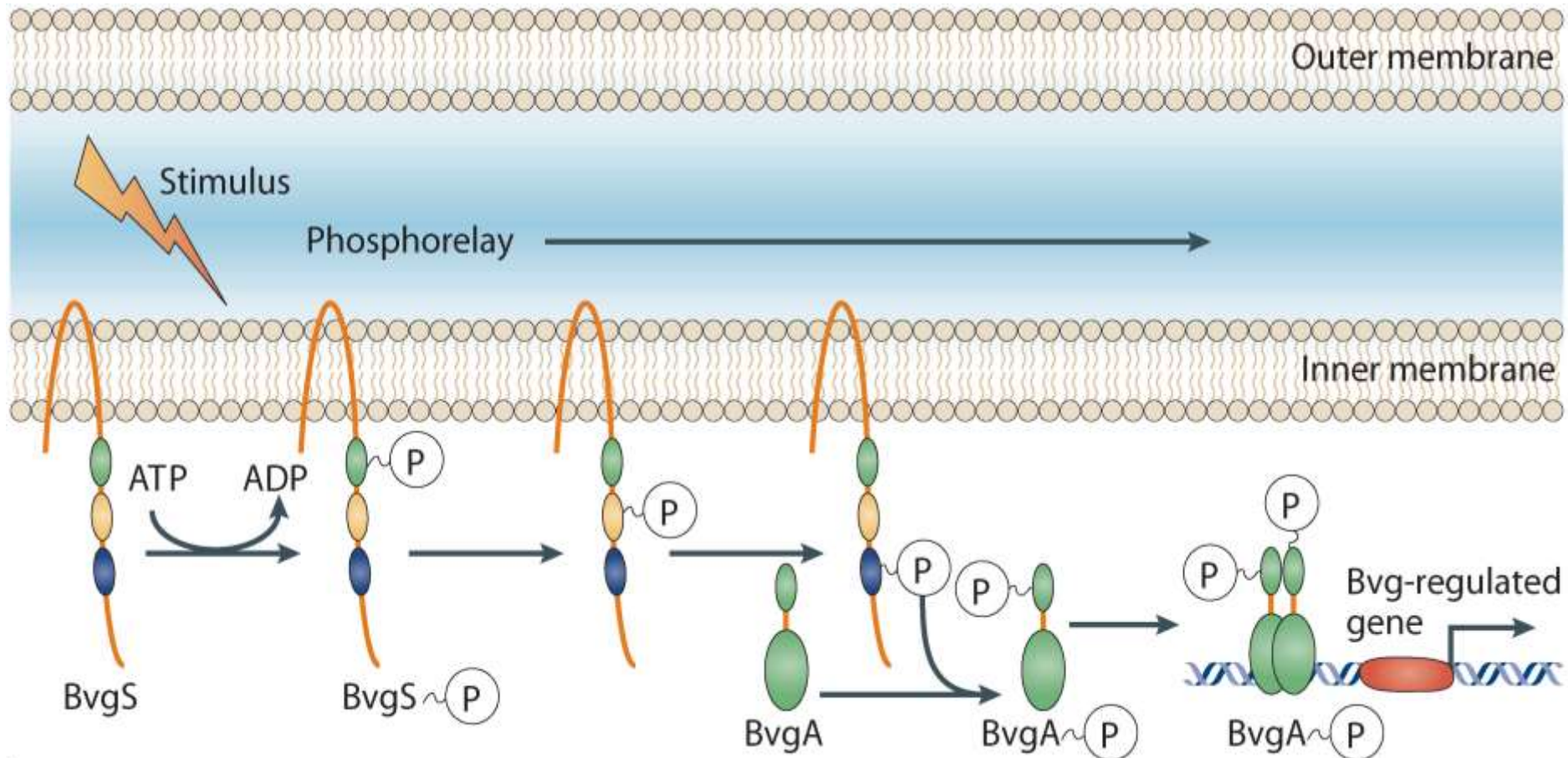
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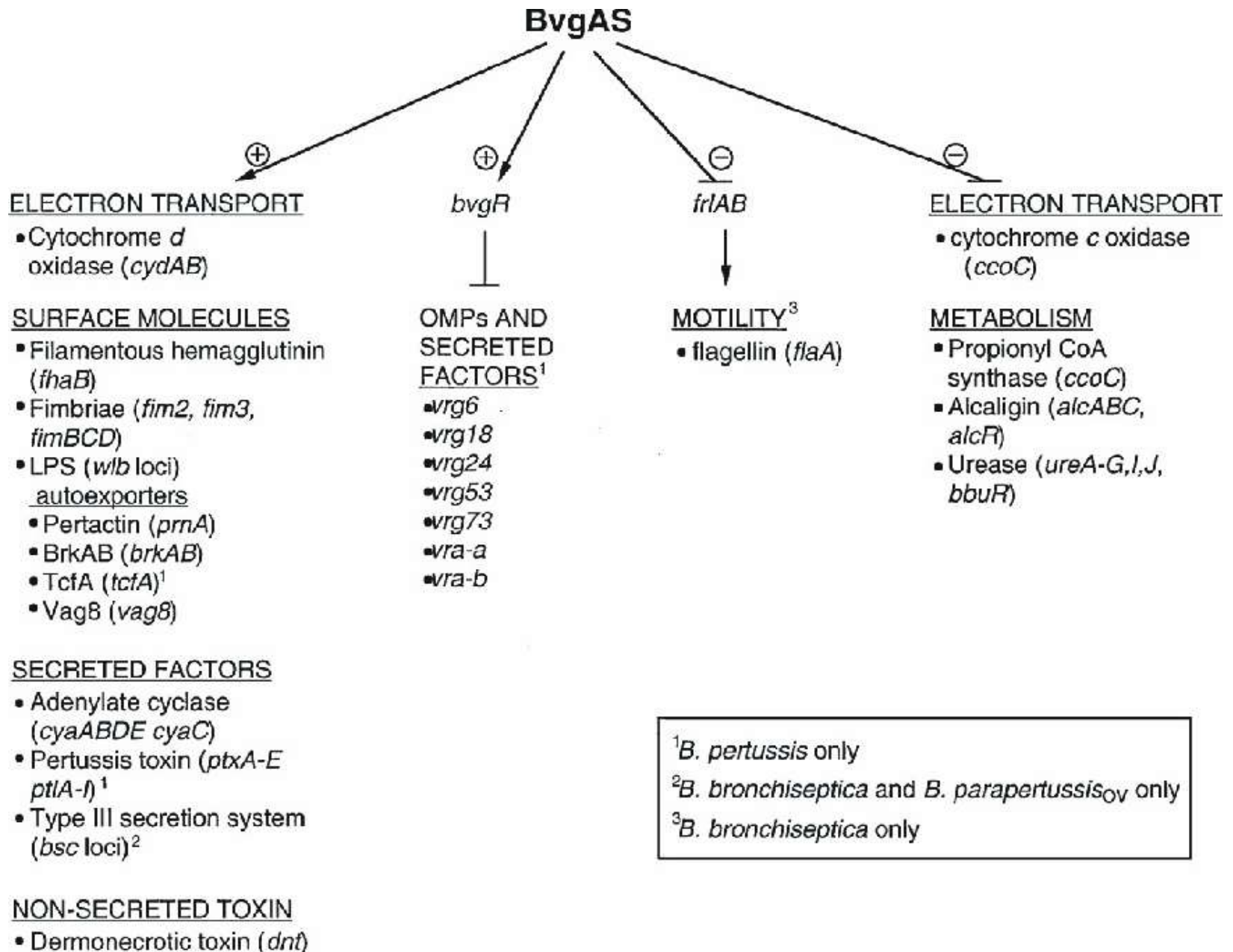
- During the first hours following phagocytosis, a high percentage of bacteria were destroyed
- roughly one-fourth of the bacteria evade initial killing in nonacidic compartments.
- **At 48 h after infection**, the number of **intracellular bacteria** per cell increased = **grow**
- Viable bacteria accumulated within phagosomal compartments positive for Rab5
- *B. pertussis*-containing phagosomes acquired exogenously added transferrin = intracellular bacteria have access to extracellular components and essential nutrients
- Contribution to persistence in hosts and populations?

# BvgAS regulatory system

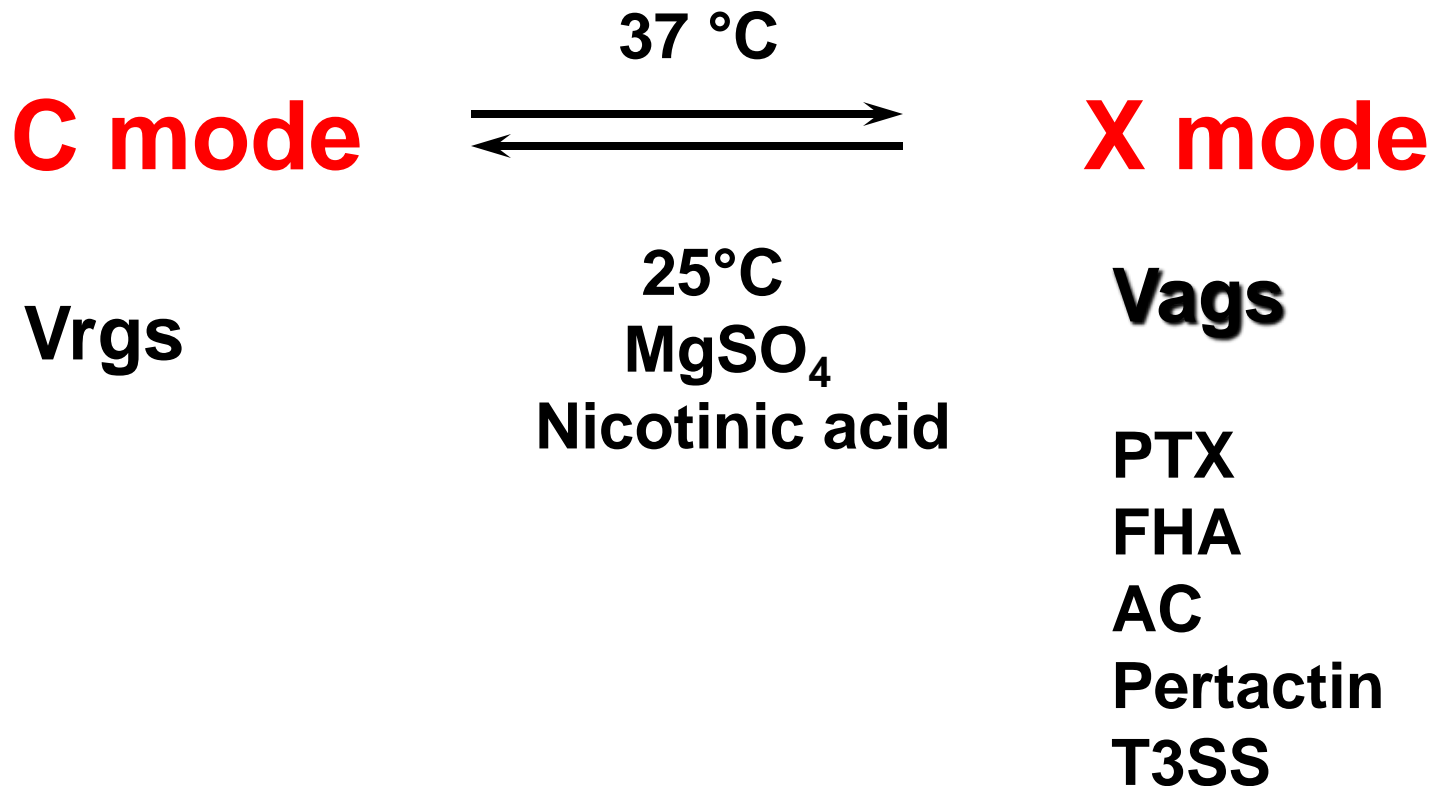
modulating conditions (sulfate or nicotinic acid or growth temperature below 25°C) → BvgAS phosphorelay is inactivated → no expression of virulence genes → avirulent Bvg<sup>-</sup> phase



# The Bvg-regulon of *Bordetella* species



# *Bordetella pertussis* in vitro phenotypic modulation



**What does BvgAS sense in vivo????**

**Is it lower temperature in nasopharynx prior transmission?**

# Adhesins

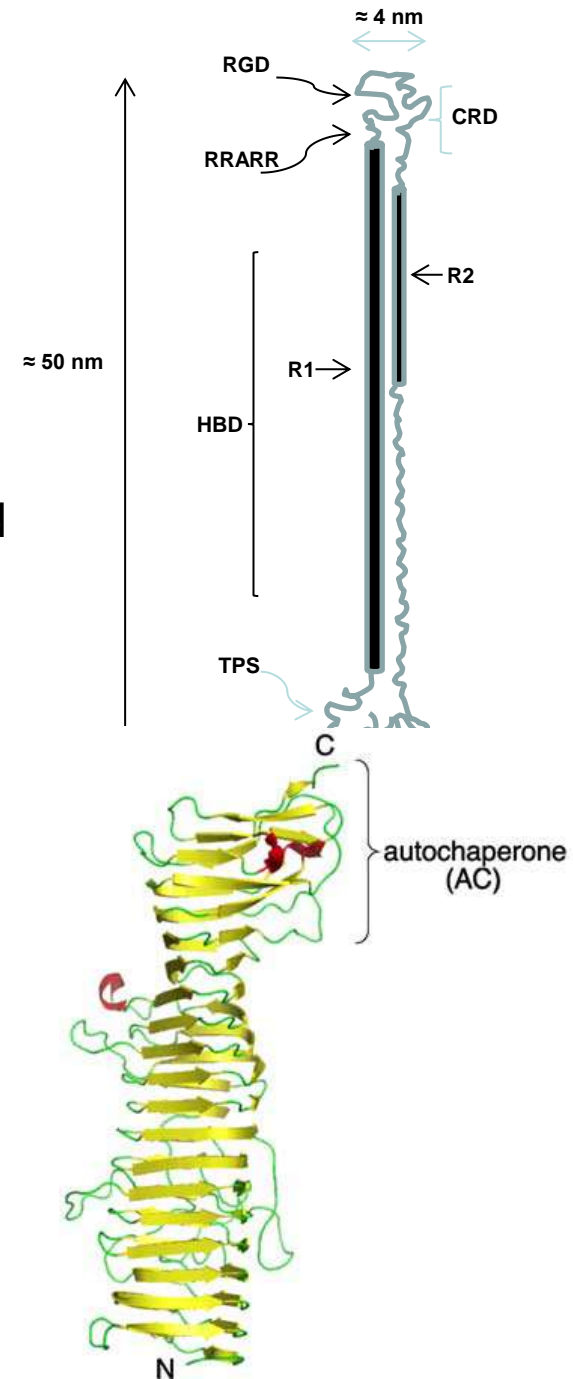
## Filamentous hemagglutinin (FHA)

- mature FHA noncovalently bound to the cell surface  
weaker interaction between bacteria and host
- binds galactose residues on sulfated glycolipids (ciliated cells) and CD11b/CD18 complement receptor (neutrophils)
- Induces immunosuppressive IL-10 .... More of a toxin than an adhesin?

## Fimbriae

**Pertactin (PRN)** — involved in resistance to neutrophile clearance

What about the role of the other 11 autotransporters....????

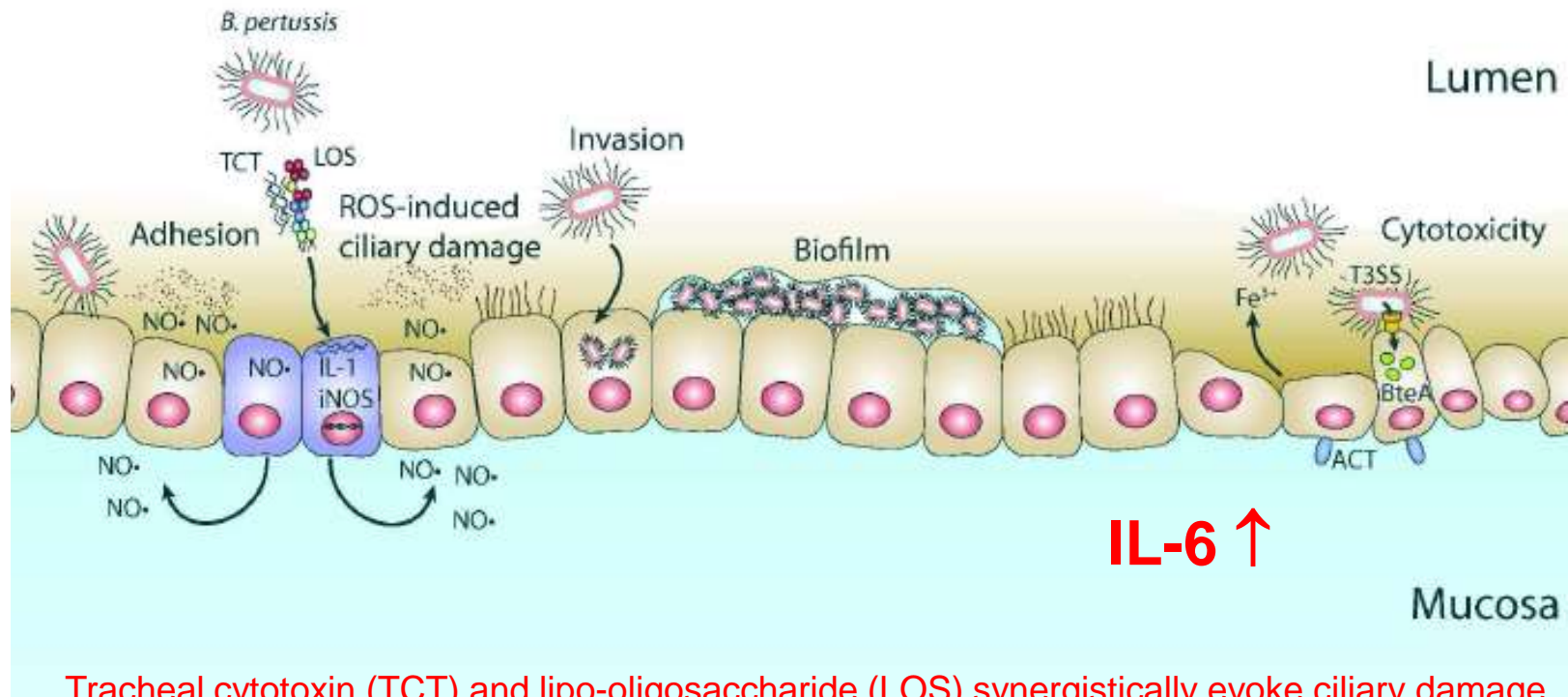


Toxins



# the Yang:

## Pathologic effects of *Bordetella* toxins on respiratory mucosa...

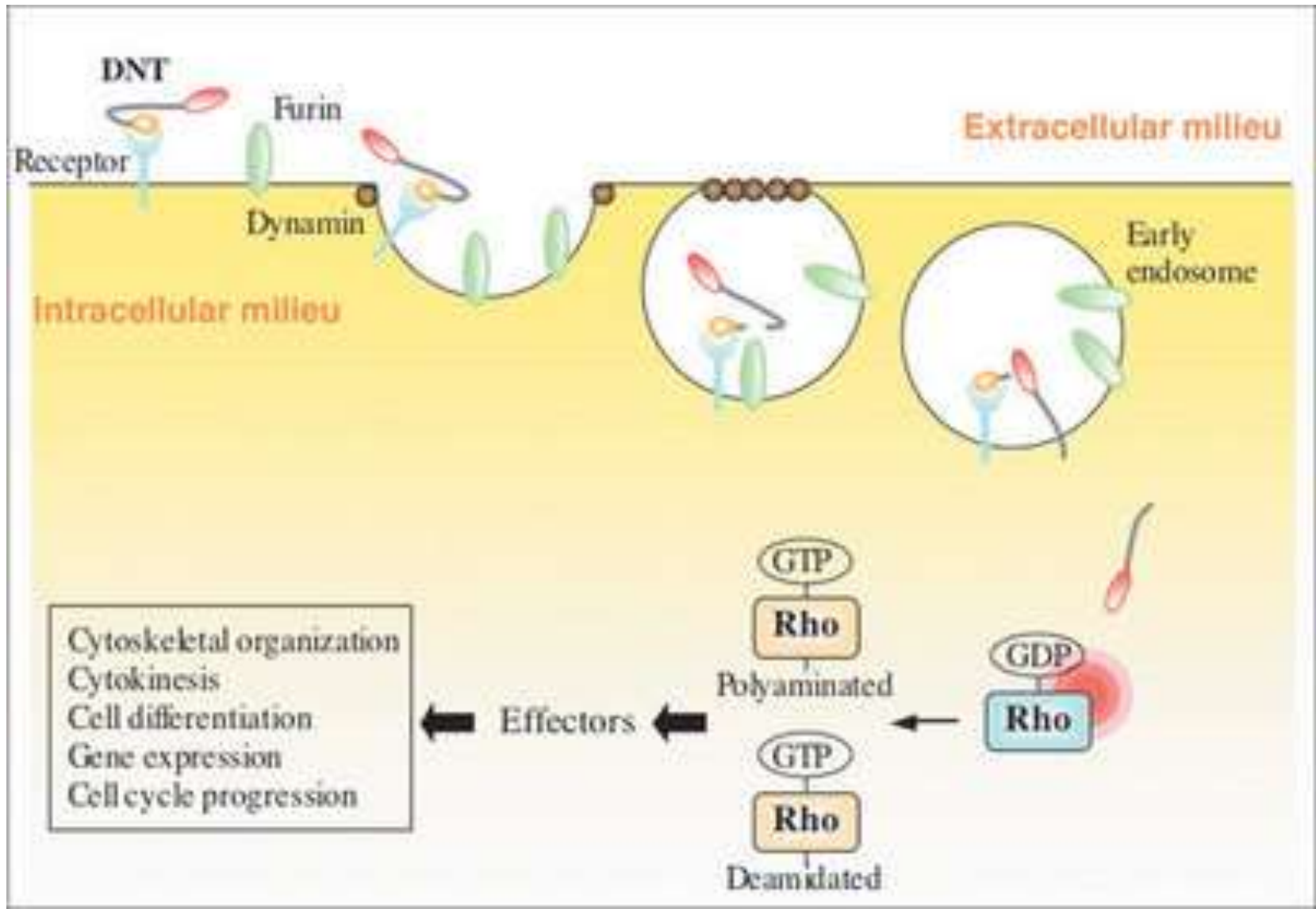


Tracheal cytotoxin (TCT) and lipo-oligosaccharide (LOS) synergistically evoke ciliary damage by initiating the release of destructive reactive oxygen species (ROS), such as nitric oxide (NO) via interleukin 1 (IL-1) induced type II nitric oxide synthases (inducible NOS, or iNOS) activation in mucus-secreting goblet cells

Adenylate cyclase toxin (ACT) and the type III secretion system (T3SS) with its effector protein BteA subvert intraepithelial signaling pathways leading to cytotoxicity.

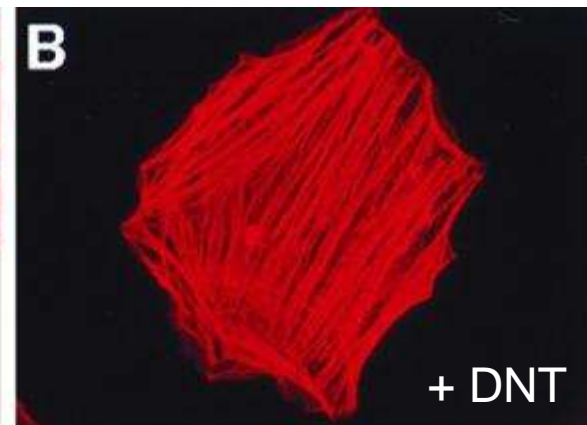
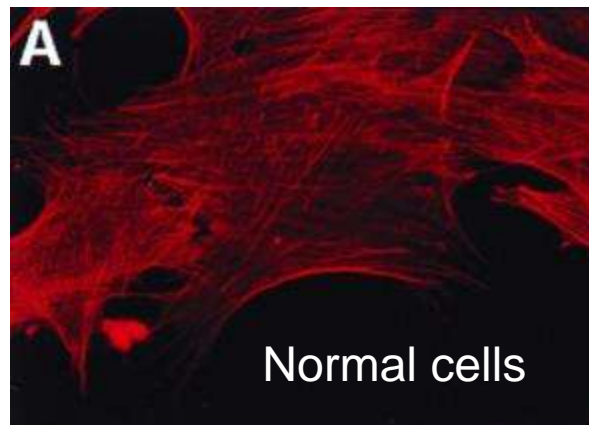
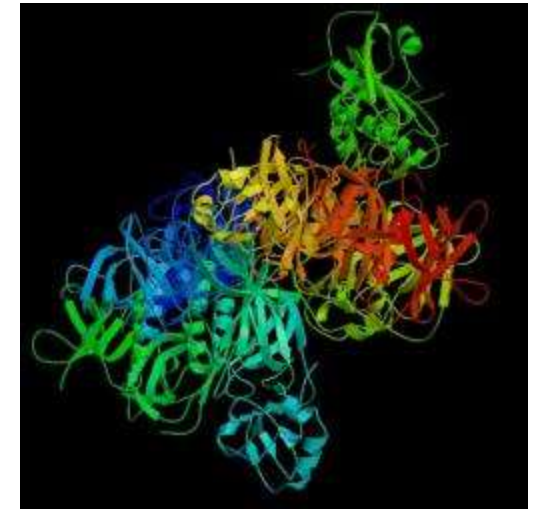
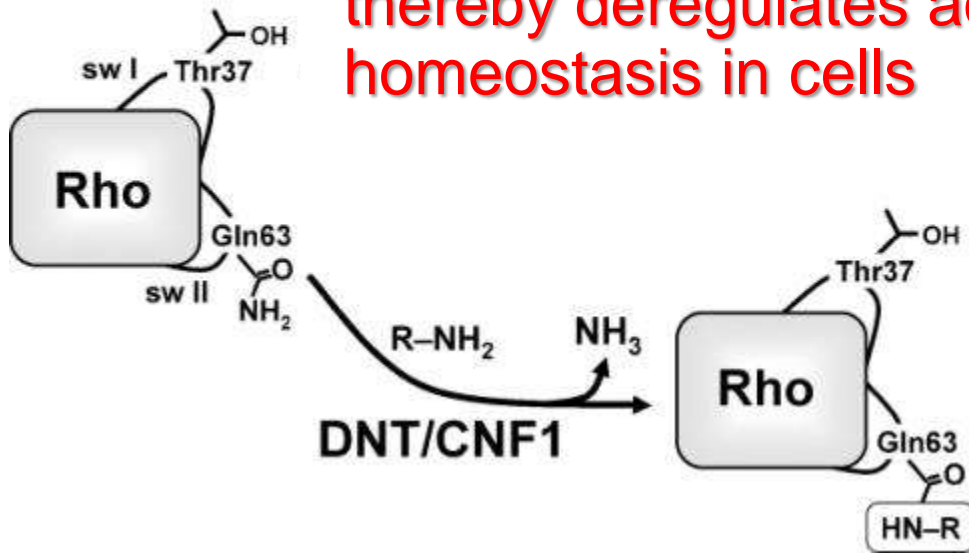
COX2 activation and PGE<sub>2</sub>, cytokines and chemoattractants secretion  
Mucus production and lack of ciliary beating provokes **COUGH !!!**

Dermonecrotic toxin is released by lysis of bacteria and causes deregulation of actin cytoskeleton homeostasis



# *Bordetella* Dermonecrotic toxin action

Causes deamination of Glutamine 63 of the small GTP-ase Rho and thereby deregulates actin homeostasis in cells





## Laboratory Adaptation of *Bordetella pertussis* Is Associated with the Loss of Type Three Secretion System Functionality<sup>∇</sup>

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Although *Bordetella pertussis* contains and transcribes loci encoding type III secretion system (TTSS) homologues, expression of TTSS-associated proteins has been reported only for non-laboratory-adapted Irish clinical isolates. Here we confirm such a result for clinical isolates obtained from patients treated in Argentinean hospitals. Moreover, we demonstrate that the expression of TTSS-associated proteins is independent both of the year in which the isolate was obtained and of the types of polymorphic alleles for other virulence factors but is dependent on environmental growth conditions. Interestingly, we observed that TTSS-associated protein expression is lost after successive *in vitro* passages but becomes operative again when bacteria come into contact with the host. This *in vivo* activation of TTSS expression was observed not only for clinical isolates previously adapted to the laboratory after successive *in vitro* passages but also for vaccine strains that did not express the system *in vitro*. The reversibility of TTSS expression, demonstrated by its switching off-on when the bacterium comes into contact with the host, appears to be an adaptive response of this pathogen.

# ***Bordetella pertussis* Expresses a Functional Type III Secretion System That Subverts Protective Innate and Adaptive Immune Responses**

Neil K. Fennelly,.....and Kingston H. G. Mills

secretion of the *Bordetella* TTSS tip fibrillar protein Bsp22 by a significant portion of **low-passage clinical isolates** of *B. pertussis*,

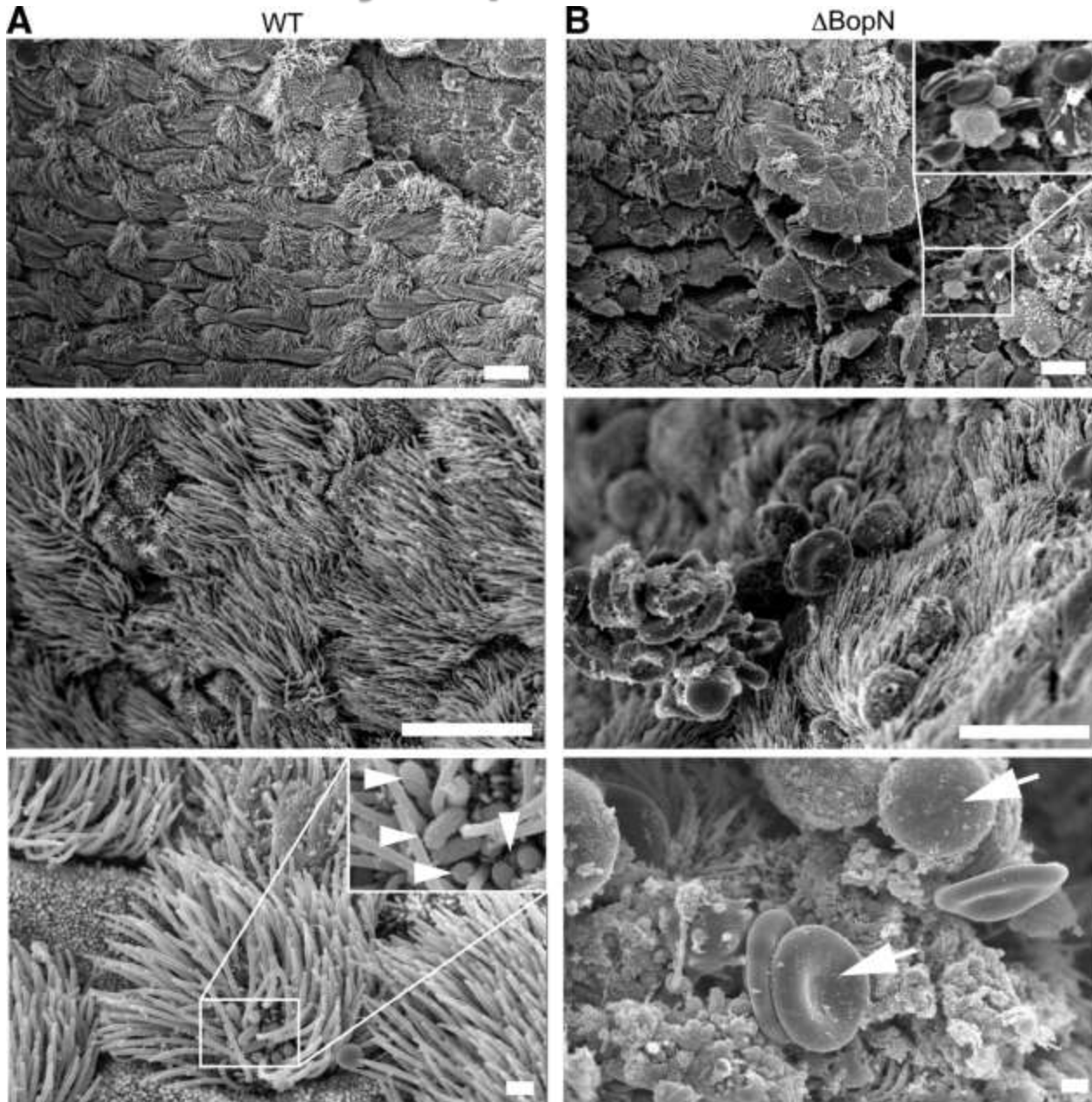
But not by common laboratory-adapted strains, such as Tohama I and Wellcome 28.

Mutation of *bscN* abolished *in vitro* secretion of TTSS substrates by a clinical isolate of *B. pertussis*,

**BopD and Bop N secreted?**, BteA (BopC) not identified as secreted by the tested strains (fits with later reports)

***bscN* mutants exhibit reduced ability to colonize the respiratory tracts of mice, enhanced local inflammatory and antigen-specific cellular and humoral immune**

# in *B. bronchiseptica* infections the BopN suppresses inflammatory responses at the bacteria-colonized epithelia



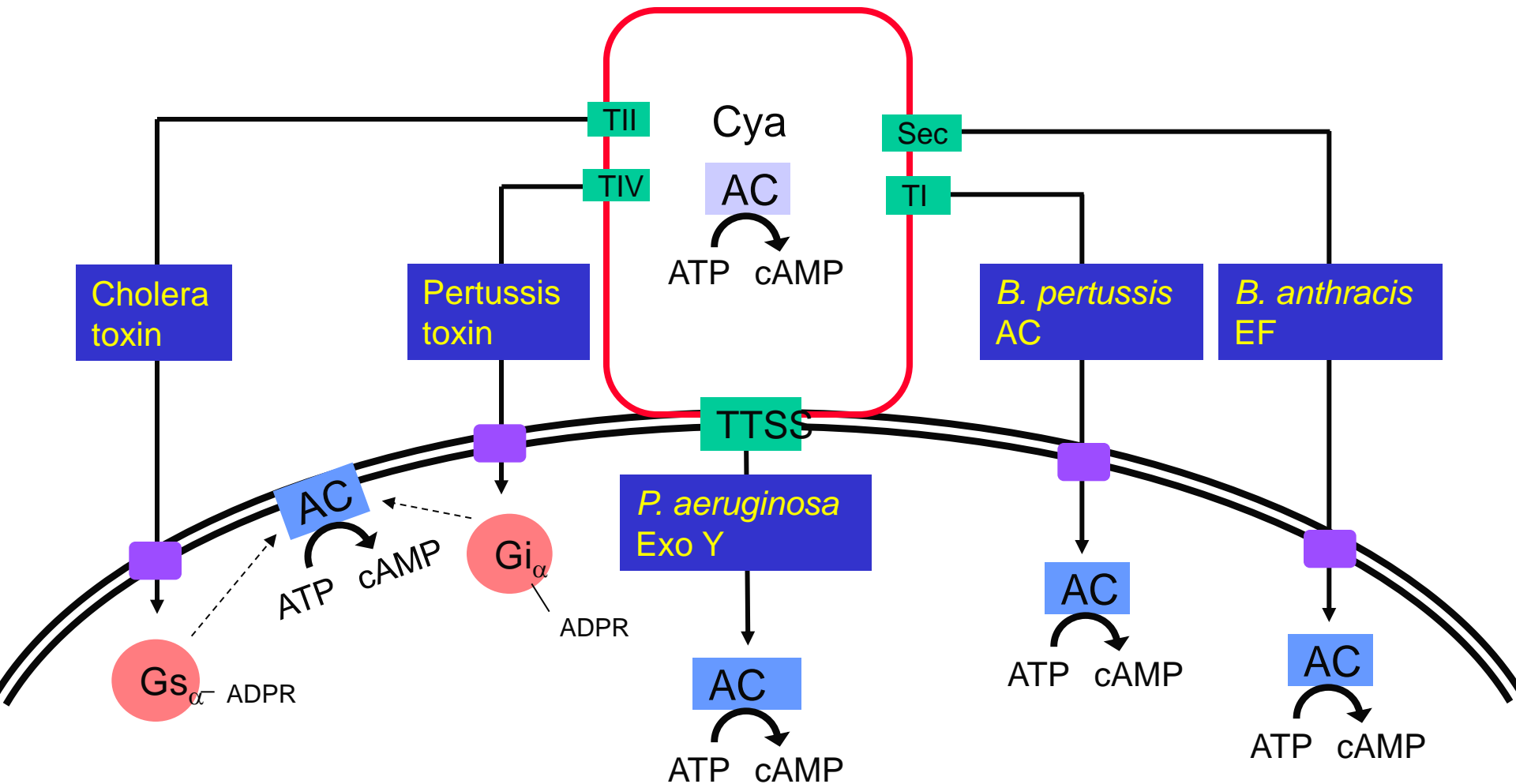
(A and B) Scanning electron micrographs of mouse tracheas infected with WT (A) and  $\Delta$ BopN *Bordetella bronchiseptica* (B).

C57BL/6J mice were infected intranasally with  $5 \times 10^6$  WT and  $\Delta$ BopN *B. bronchiseptica*, and tracheal sections were obtained 2 d after infection.

Note that **extensive cell-surface disruption**, including **increased unciliated cells** as well as **infiltration of inflammatory cells** and erythrocytes, is observed in mice infected with  **$\Delta$ BopN but not WT**.

# The 'smartest' toxins subvert cell signaling

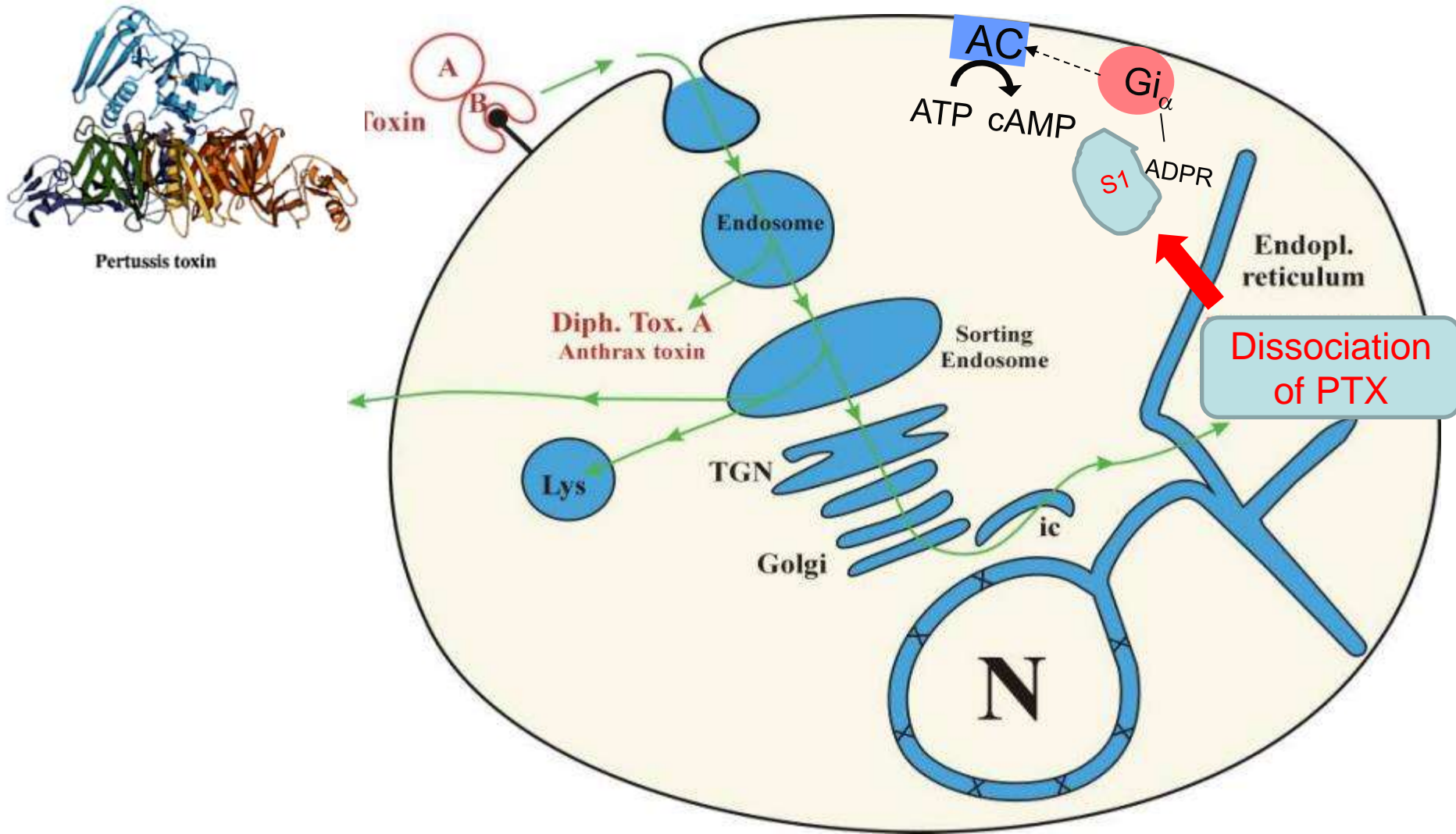
Such as fooling cells by cAMP – the second messenger...!



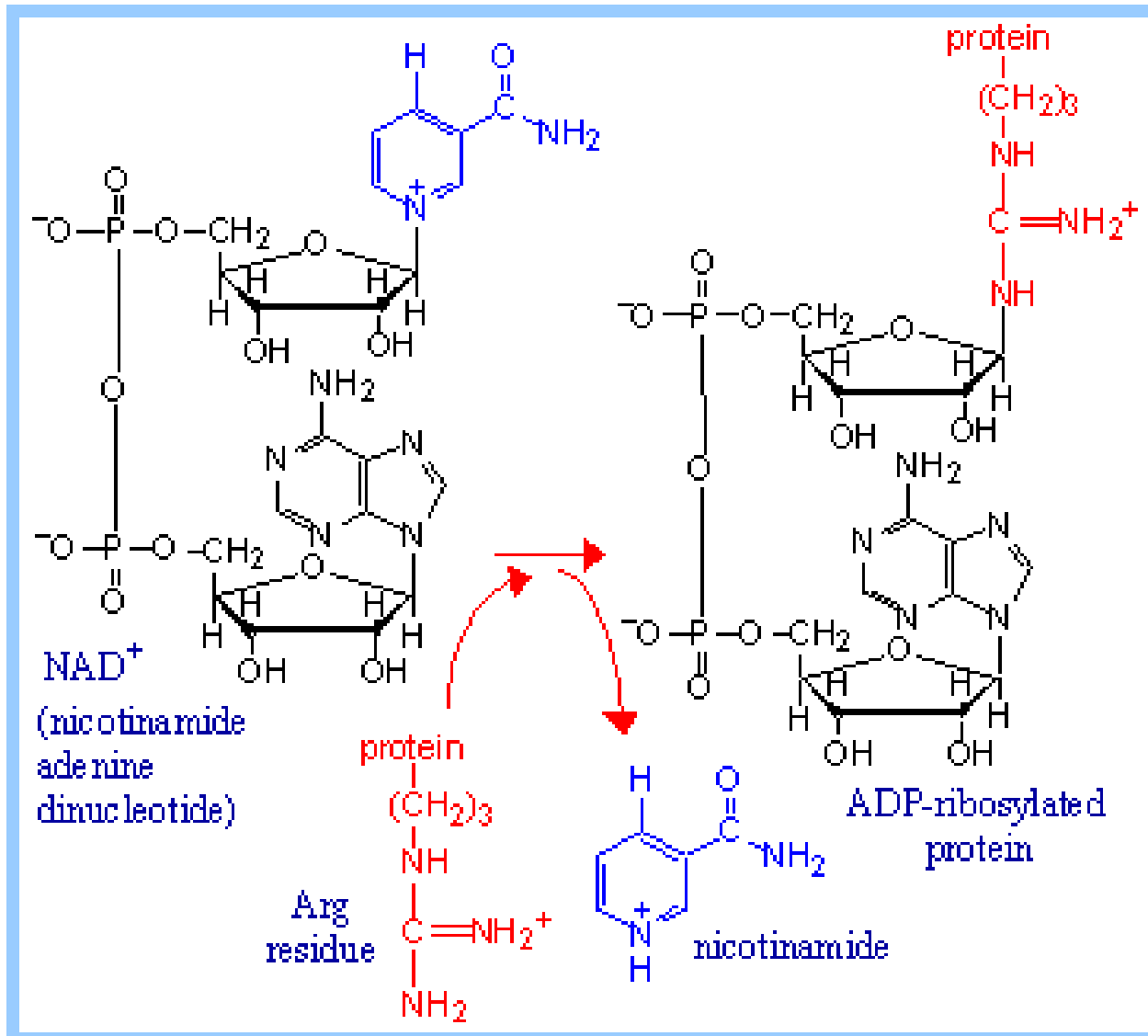


# Pertussis toxin (PT),

an AB<sub>5</sub> exotoxin is trafficked along a retrograde transport pathway, through the Golgi complex to endoplasmic reticulum (ER), where dissociation of the holotoxin I occurs. S1 then translocates to cytosol and where it ADP-ribosylates its Gi protein targets.



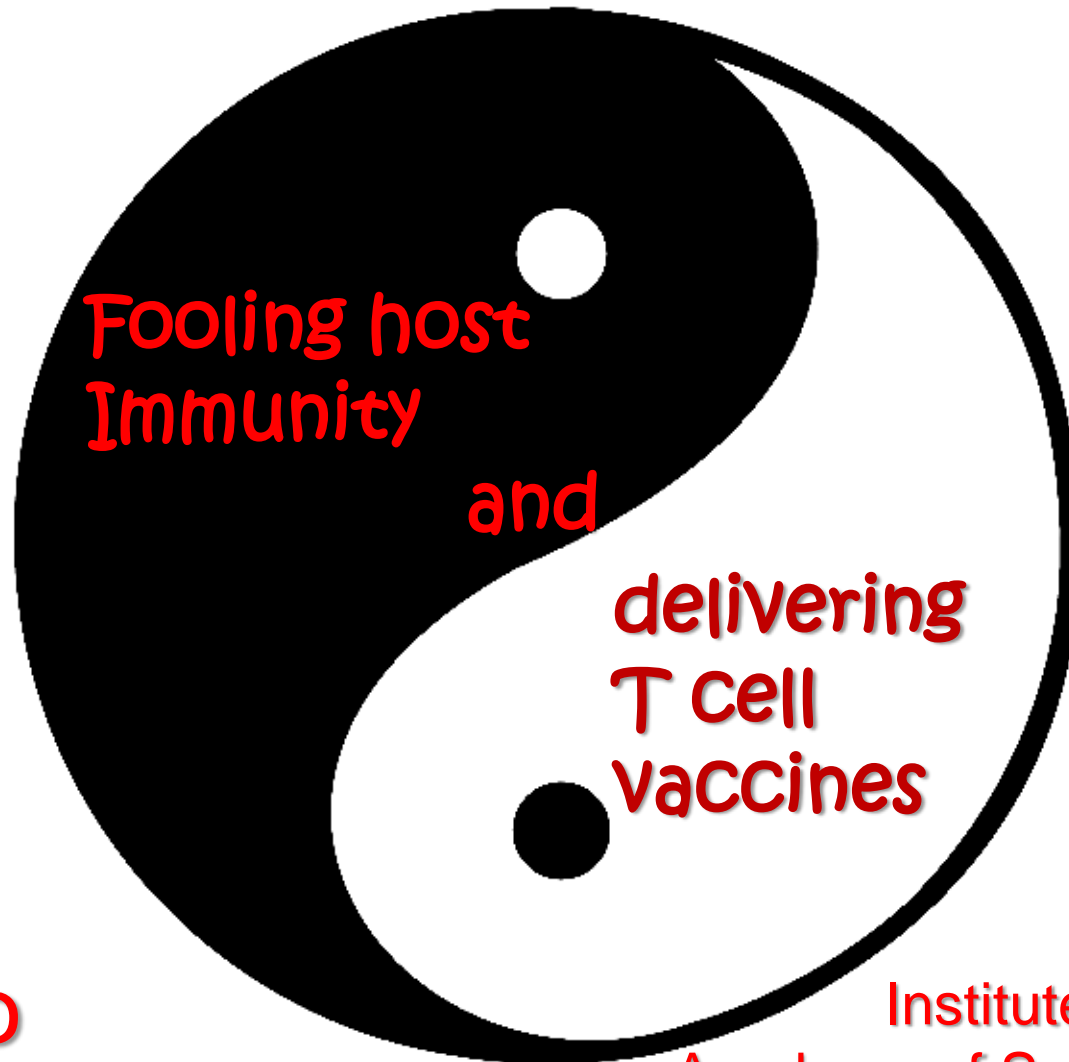
# Pertussis toxin catalyzes ADP-ribosylation of Gi proteins



# Pertussis questions to be asked in baboons

- Current aP vaccines were developed to protect MICE against an exclusively human pathogen...
  - Pertussis vaccine testing in baboons now becomes a must...
  - Significant interest of companies, including us, limited facility capacities and accessibility, high cost
- **Open questions to be answered:**
- **many genes of unknown function** = examine their role in virulence = can do functional genomics in a relevant animal model now... = STM or Tnseq, RNAseq (can get BAL fluids for example)
- How does the pathophysiology of whooping cough really look like in vivo????
- **Why do we cough?** What is the cough toxin?
- Is the long coughing period due to epithelial damage or cell invasion? How is it with mucus production in whooping cough???
- How does the histology change in time in different locations = where are the bacteria and what do they produce as virulence factors = what does it do to the tissue?
- **Is there an intracellular phase of life of *B. pertussis* in human cells?**
  - If yes, which cells? – phagocytes or epithelial cells? – some evidence exists *ex vivo* and *post mortem*
- **What is the role of the T3SS in *B. pertussis* virulence?** How is it regulated in vivo? Where does it express on the mucosa, inside phagocytes, or not at all?
- **Does *B. pertussis* phase variation occur *in vivo*?** Where and when? What for?

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Real title of this talk:

What we eventually may believe  
to have learned on

# **Adenylate cyclase toxin**

role in subversion of host immunity  
and  
in the pathogenesis of pertussis

in mice...

# A bit of history - I.

- 1976 ACT discovered by Hewlett EL, Urban MA, Manclark CR, Wolff J.:  
'**Extracytoplasmic adenylate cyclase of *Bordetella pertussis***'. PNAS 73:1926-30.
- 1977 Hewlett EL, Manclark CR, Wolff J.: **Adenyl cyclase in *Bordetella pertussis* vaccines.**  
J Infect Dis. 1977 Aug;136 Suppl:S216-9
- 1980 Wolff *et al.*: **Calmodulin activates prokaryotic adenylate cyclase.** PNAS 77: 3841
- 1982 Confer DL and Eaton JW: **Phagocyte impotence caused by an invasive bacterial adenylate cyclase.** Science 217:948:

*...For unknown reasons, humans infected with the bacterium *Bordetella pertussis* are exceptionally vulnerable to secondary infections. *Bordetella* species elaborate a soluble, heat-stable, and highly active adenylate cyclase. This enzyme is internalized by phagocytic cells and catalyzes the unregulated formation of adenosine 3',5'-monophosphate (cyclic AMP), thereby disrupting normal cellular function. This unusual phenomenon may explain *Bordetella*-induced aphyllaxis...*

**aphyllaxis = absence of phyllaxis or immunity**

Obsolete term meaning lack of protection against disease

Lack of protection against disease. Also called *nonimmunity*.

Phagocyte impotence caused by an invasive bacterial adenylate cyclase. :

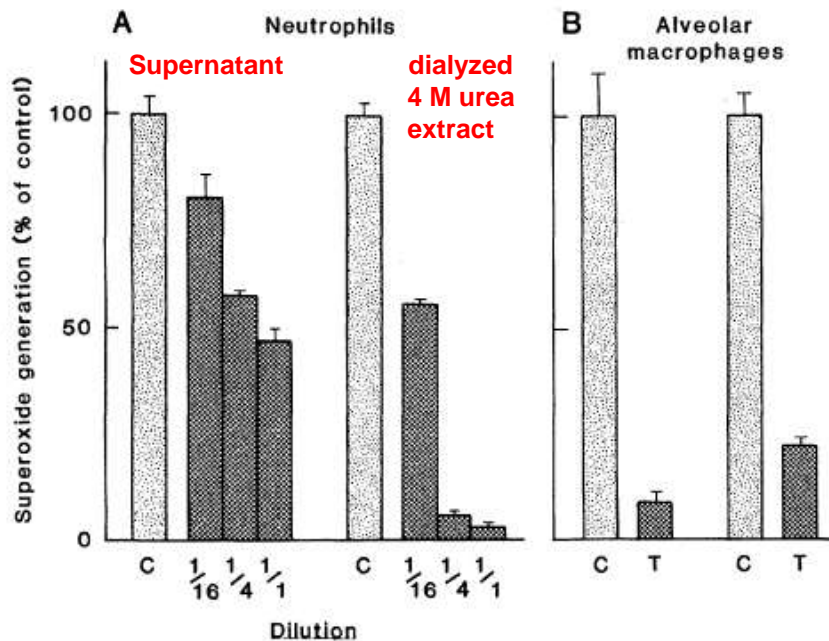


Fig. 1. Superoxide generation by stimulated human phagocytes and inhibition by *Bordetella* products. (A) Human neutrophils,  $2 \times 10^6$ , suspended in 200  $\mu$ l of Hanks balanced salt solution, were incubated for 10 minutes at 37°C with 200  $\mu$ l of the indicated dilution of the supernatant of 48-hour cultures of *B. pertussis* (protein content, 120  $\mu$ g/ml) (left panel) and with dialyzed extract of *B. pertussis* organisms (protein content, 520  $\mu$ g/ml) (right panel). Cytochrome *c* (1.2 mg) and opsonized zymosan (1 mg) were added (total volume, 1 ml) and the superoxide-dependent reduction of ferricytochrome *c* was determined after 10 additional minutes of incubation at 37°C as previously described (8). Results are expressed as percentages of control (untreated values), and bars represent the range of independent triplicate determinations. (B) Human alveolar macrophages ( $10^6$ ) suspended in 100  $\mu$ l of Hanks balanced salt solution were incubated with 100  $\mu$ l of dialyzed extract of *B. pertussis* (T) or 100  $\mu$ l of external dialysis fluid (C) as above. The cells were then stimulated by the addition of 1 mg of opsonized zymosan (left bars) or 0.1  $\mu$ g of phorbol myristate acetate (right bars). Superoxide production was assessed by following luminol-enhanced chemiluminescence as described (11). Results represent the mean and range of triplicate determinations.

**Culture supernatants contain very little of active ACT = huge potency!**

Sample	Treatment	Cyclic AMP (pmole/10 <sup>7</sup> PMN)	Adenylate cyclase (pmole/10 <sup>7</sup> PMN-min)
Neutrophils	Incubated for 20 minutes at 37°C, washed, trypsinized, washed, homogenized	4.9	0, 0*
Neutrophils plus <i>B. pertussis</i> extract (540 $\mu$ g/10 <sup>7</sup> PMN)	Incubated for 20 minutes at 37°C, washed, trypsinized, washed, homogenized	1296	41.9, 28.0, 45.1
Neutrophils plus <i>B. pertussis</i> extract (540 $\mu$ g/10 <sup>7</sup> PMN)	Incubated for 20 minutes at 0°C, washed, trypsinized, washed, homogenized	6.7	4.2, 4.3, 4.8

\*Limit of detection, < 1 pmole per 10<sup>7</sup> PMN per minute.

## Phagocyte impotence caused by an invasive bacterial adenylate cyclase. :

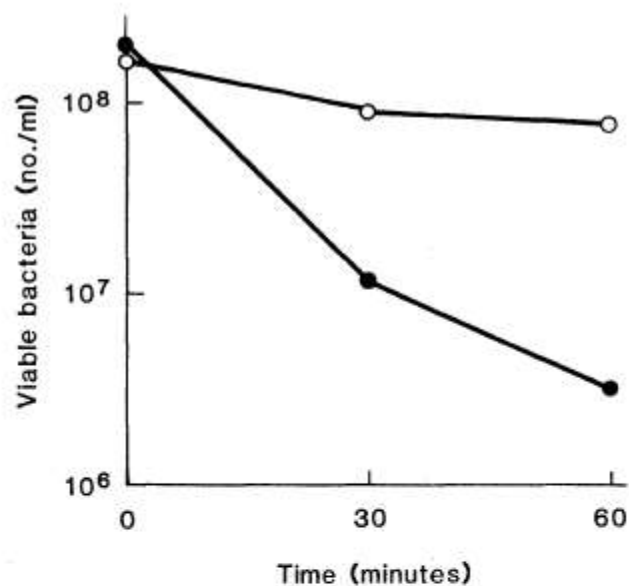


Fig. 2. Neutrophil killing defect induced by *Bordetella* extract. Human neutrophils ( $2 \times 10^7$  per milliliter) suspended in Hanks balanced salt solution were incubated for 5 minutes at  $37^\circ\text{C}$  with an equal volume of dialyzed *Bordetella* extract or dialysate control. The killing of *Staphylococcus aureus* 502A was assessed as described (12) by admixing  $5 \times 10^6$  neutrophils,  $2 \times 10^8$  bacteria, and 0.1 ml of pooled human serum in a total volume of 1 ml. Numbers of viable bacteria remaining were determined by plating dilutions of the incubation suspension removed at 0, 30, and 60 minutes. Each point represents the mean of quadruplicate determinations. Control tubes containing no neutrophils showed no change in bacterial count. Symbols: ○, *Bordetella*-treated neutrophils; ●, control neutrophils.

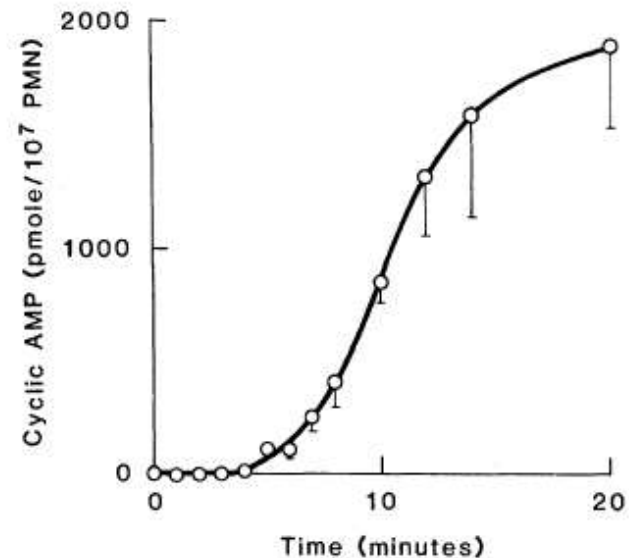
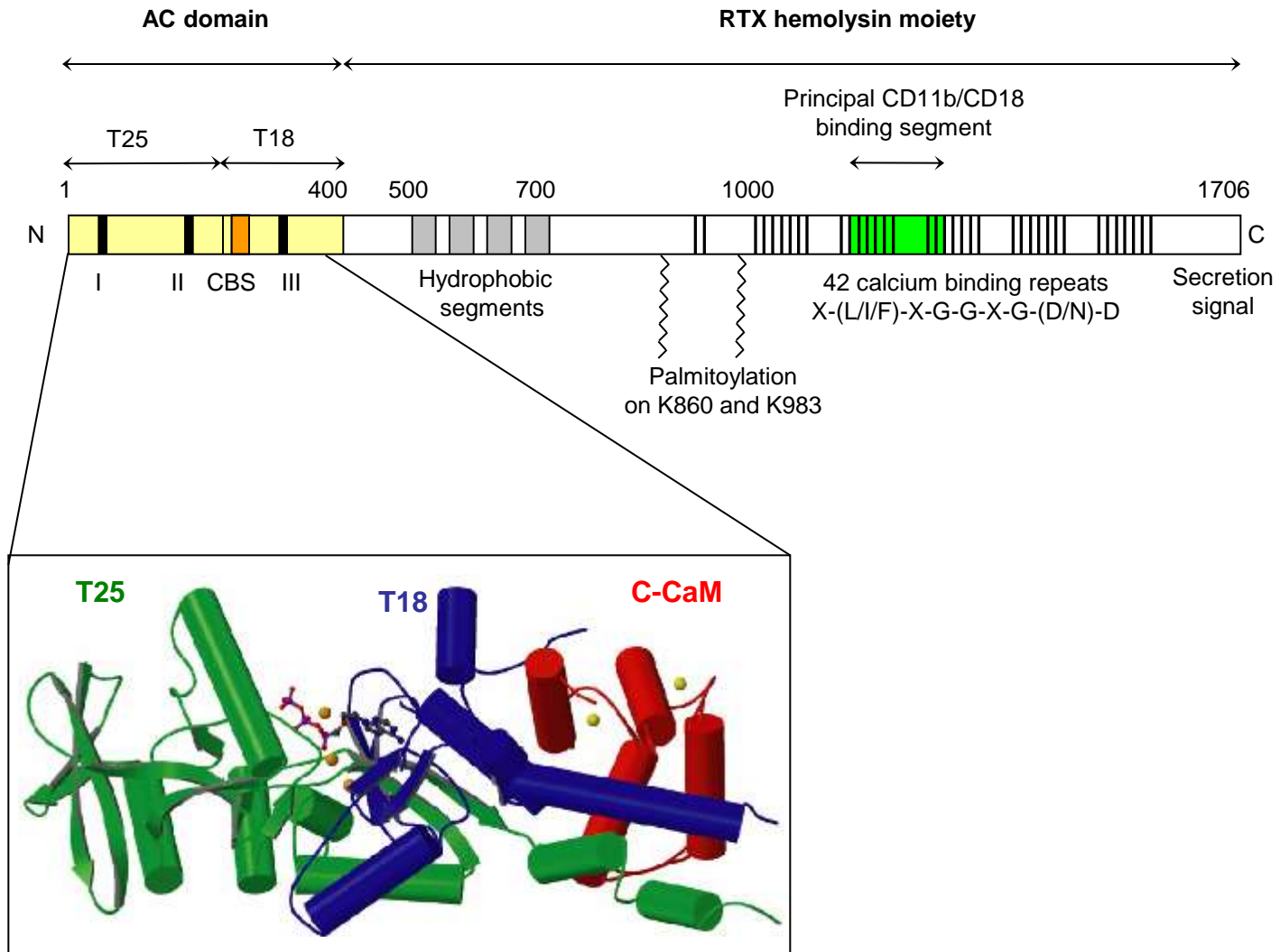


Fig. 3. Accumulation of cyclic AMP in human neutrophils (PMN) incubated with dialyzed *Bordetella* extract. Neutrophils,  $10^7$  per milliliter in Hanks balanced salt solution, were incubated at  $37^\circ\text{C}$  with equal volumes of dialyzed *Bordetella* extract (protein content,  $520 \mu\text{g/ml}$ ) for the times shown. Total cyclic AMP was determined as described (16). Values shown represent the means and standard error of seven separate (duplicate) determinations with neutrophils from four different donors. Normal neutrophils contain 2 to 5 p-mole of cyclic AMP per  $10^7$  cells, and these amounts do not change during control incubations. Separate experiments (not shown), in which neutrophil pellets were obtained by brief centrifugation after incubation, indicated that  $> 90$  percent of the total recoverable cyclic AMP is associated with the cell pellet.



# Adenylate cyclase toxin - cytolysin

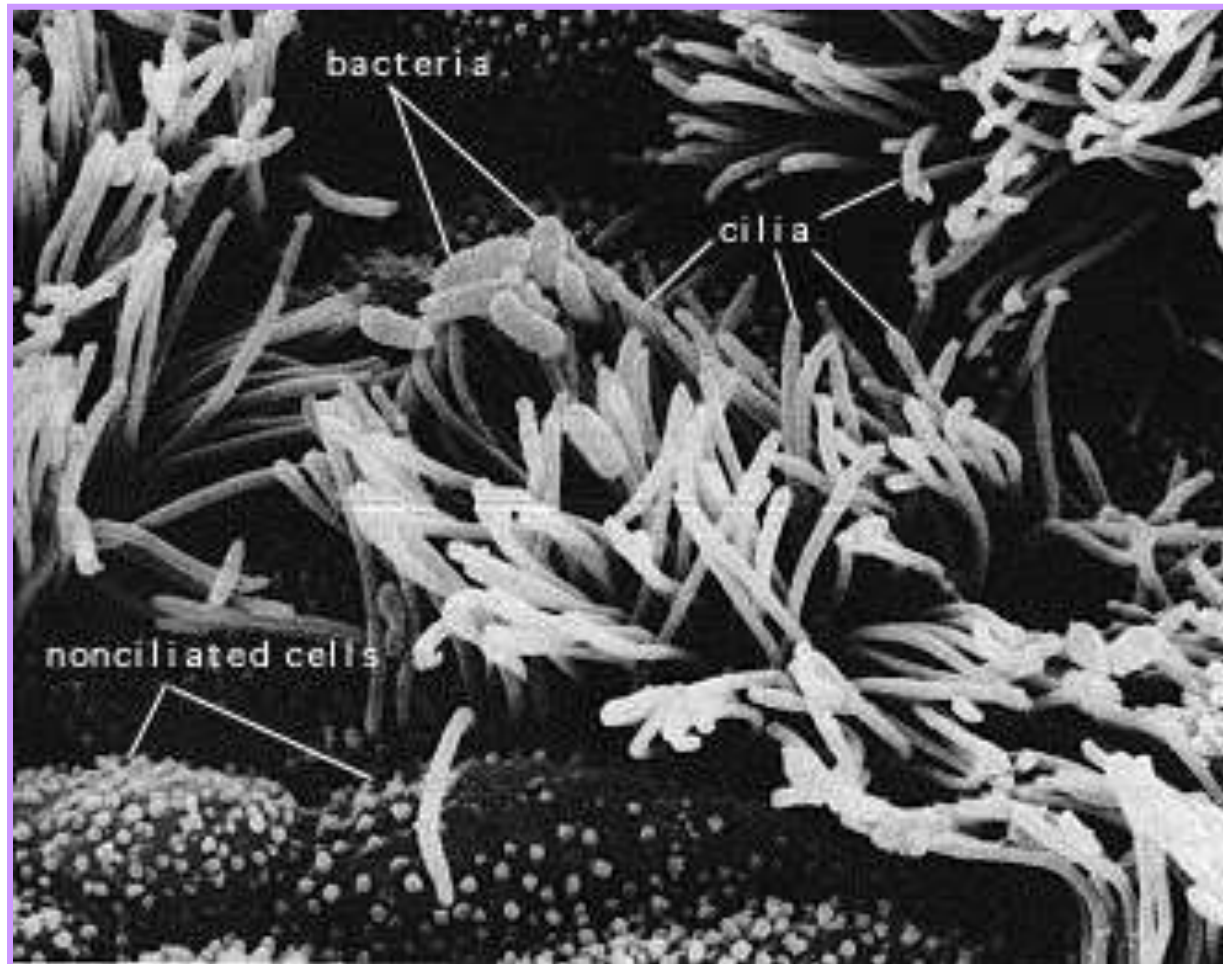


# Adenylate cyclase toxin is critical for colonization *by Bordetella pertussis*

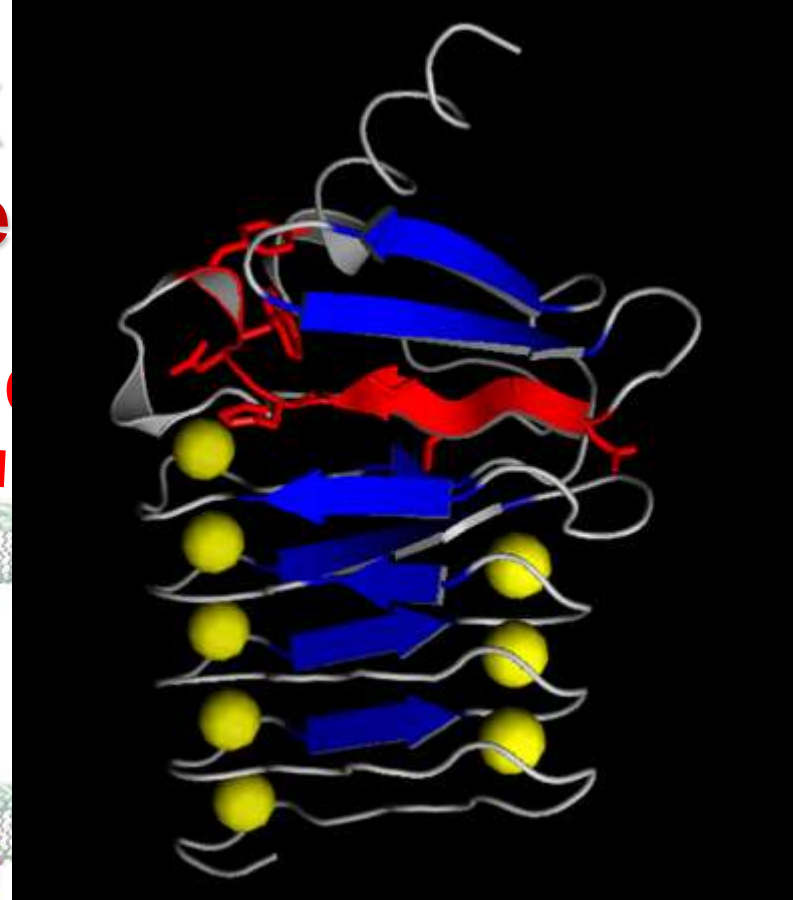
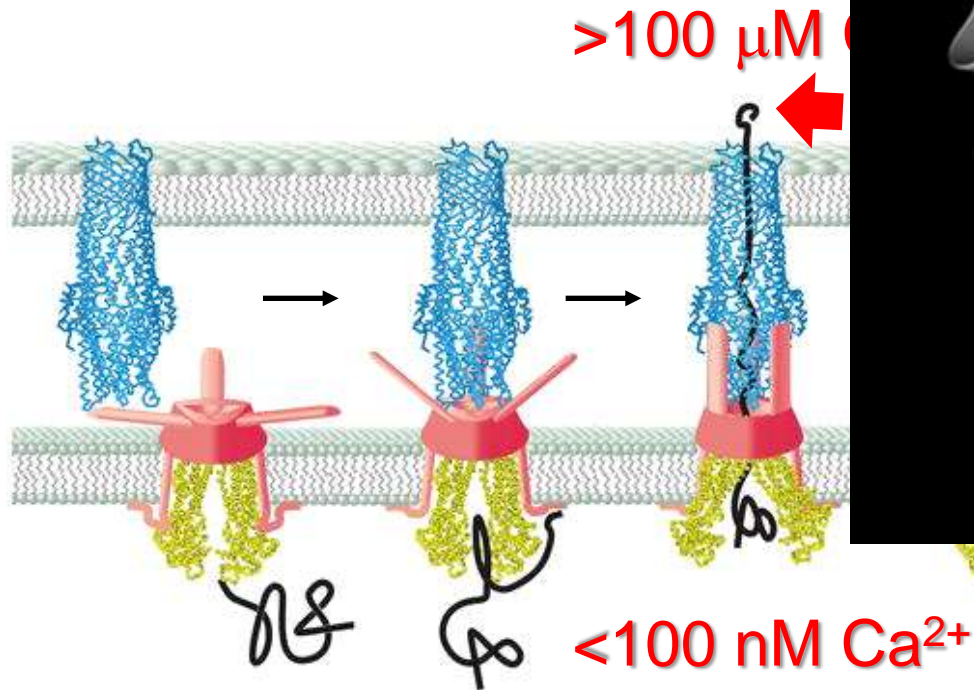
and pertussis toxin is critical for lethal infection in infant mice

Goodwin MS, Weiss AA. (1990) *Infect Immun.* 58:3445-7

Khelef N, Sakamoto H, Guiso N. (1992) *Microb. Pathog.* 12:227-35



# ACT is an RTX secreted by a type



Need to unfold and refold  
on the way to target...

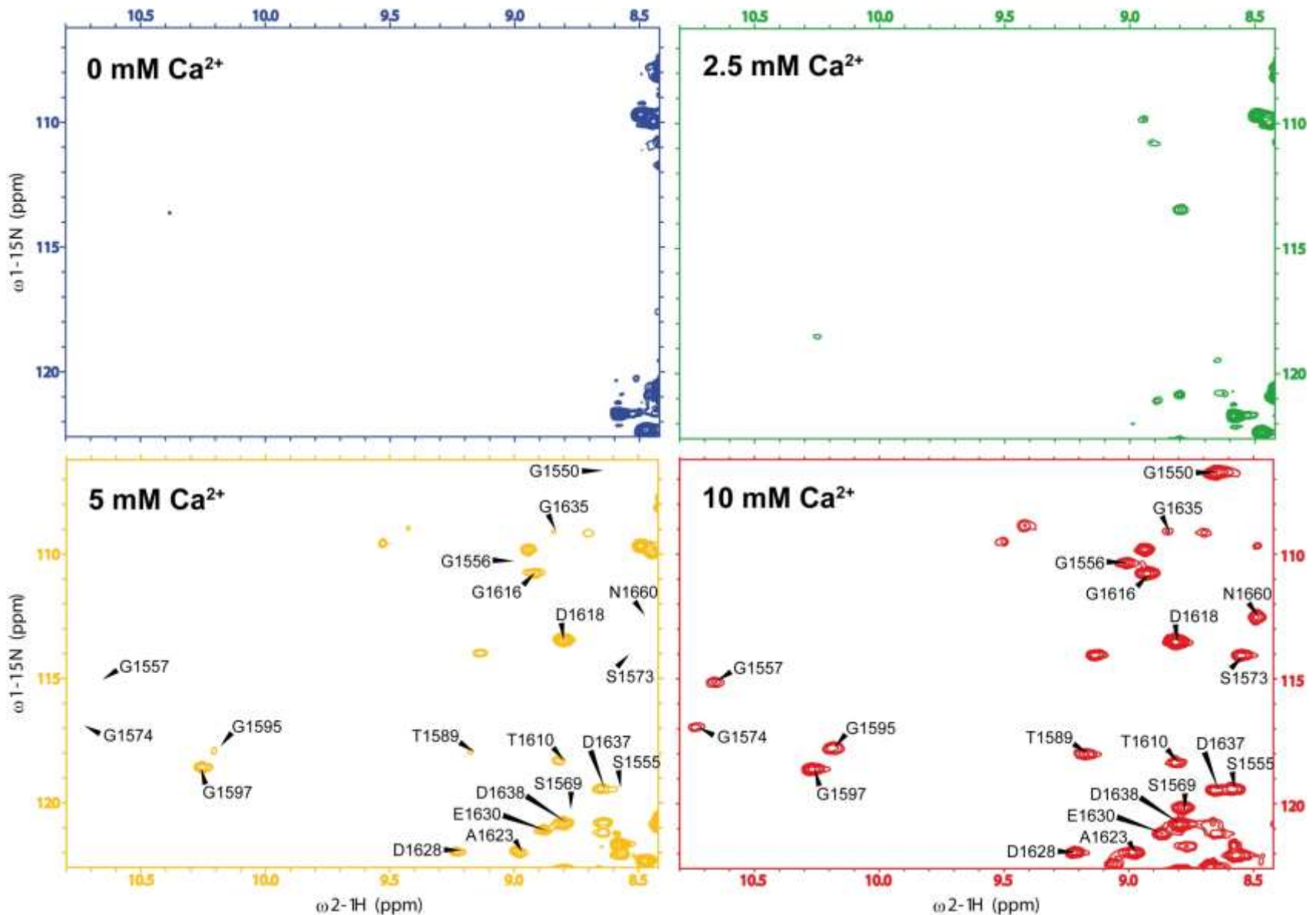


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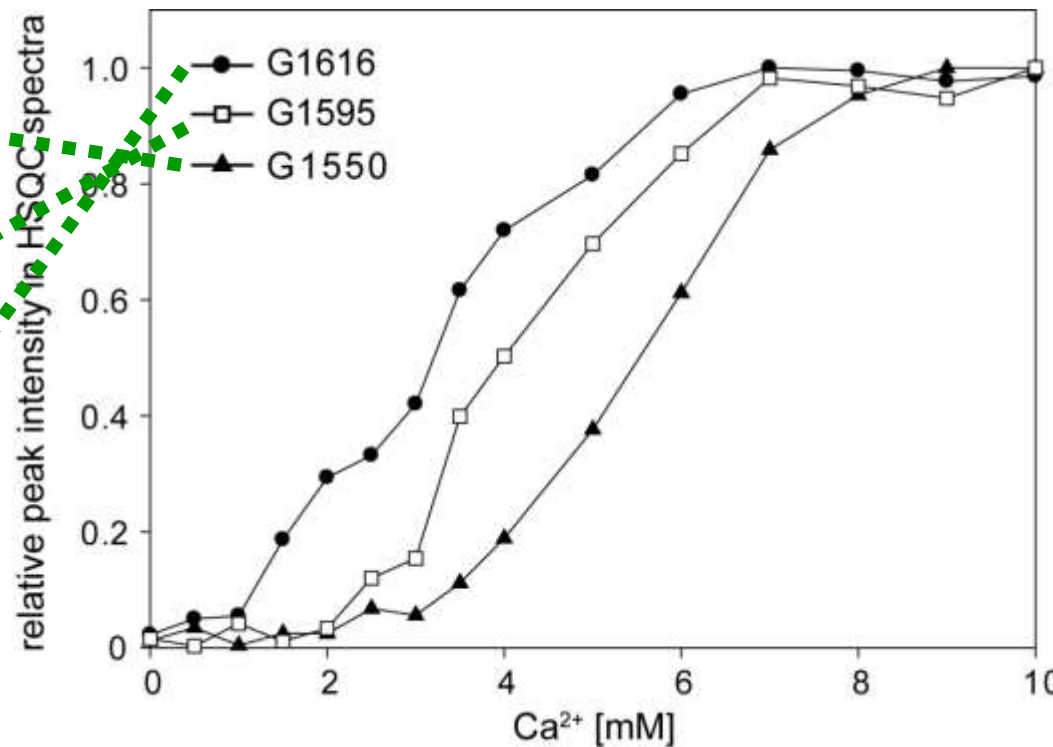
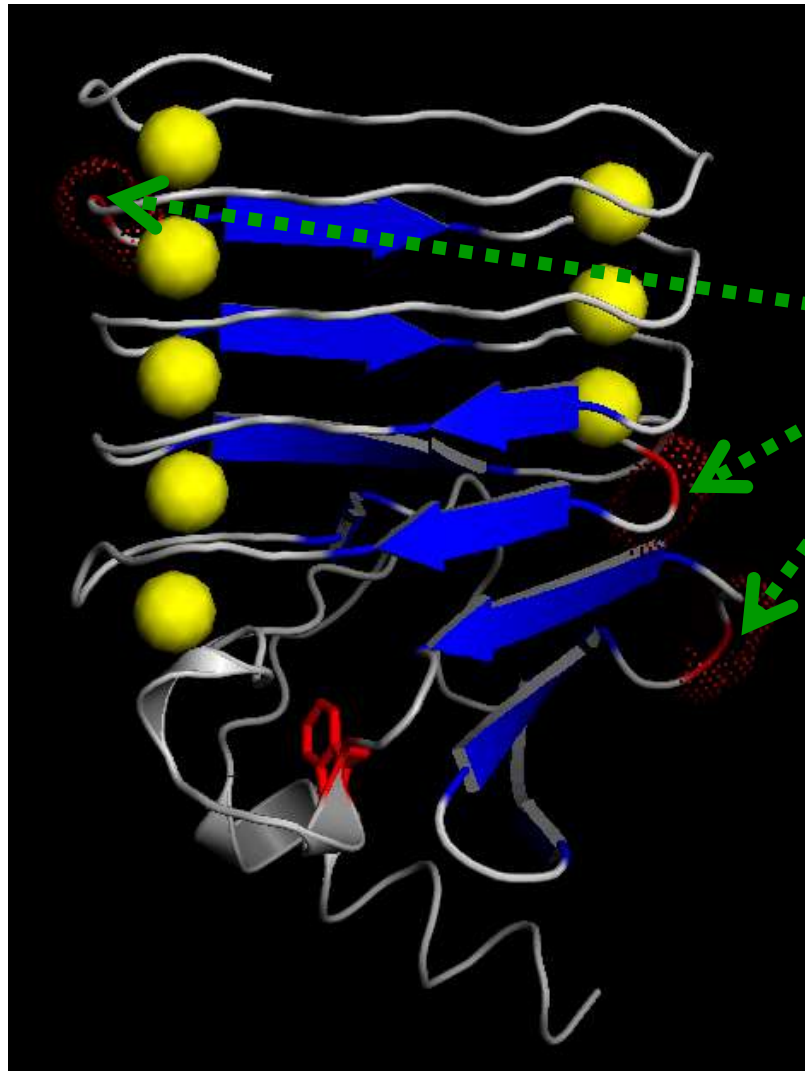


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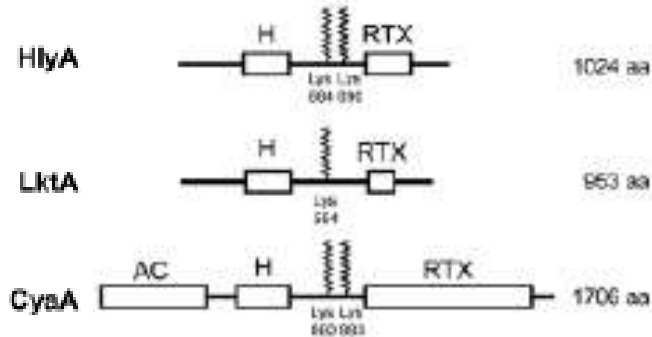
# Sequential folding of CyaA starts from the C-terminus of the protein (1530-1680) followed by by NMR ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ titration )



# Sequential folding of CyaA starts from the C-terminus of the protein



# A conserved block of C-proximal residues is required also for activities of other RTX toxins



RTX repeat domain

HlyA	798-	<b>GDDELOVQGN</b> SLAKNVLSGGK <b>GNDKLYG</b> SEGADLLDGGEGNDLLKGGYGN <b>DIYRYLSGYGH</b> HIIDDDGGKDD <b>DKLSLADI</b>
ApxIA	796-	<b>GDDELOV</b> FEG--QYNVLLGGAGND <b>ILYGS</b> DTNLFDDGGVGN <b>DKIYGG</b> LGD <b>DIYRYS</b> KEYYGRHIIIEKGGDD <b>DTLLSDL</b>
LtxA	797-	<b>GDDHLEGG</b> NG--SDILRGGSGND <b>LFQ</b> NOGDDLLDGGEG <b>DDQLA</b> GGEGND <b>IYVYR</b> KEYYGHHTITEHSGDK <b>DKLSLANI</b>
CyaA	1538-	<b>GDAGANV</b> LNGLAGNDVLSGGAGDDVLLGDEGS <b>DLLSGD</b> AGND <b>DLFGG</b> GGDD <b>DTYLF</b> GVGYGH <b>DTIYESGGGH</b> DTIRIN-A

RTX repeat domain

C-terminal secretion signal

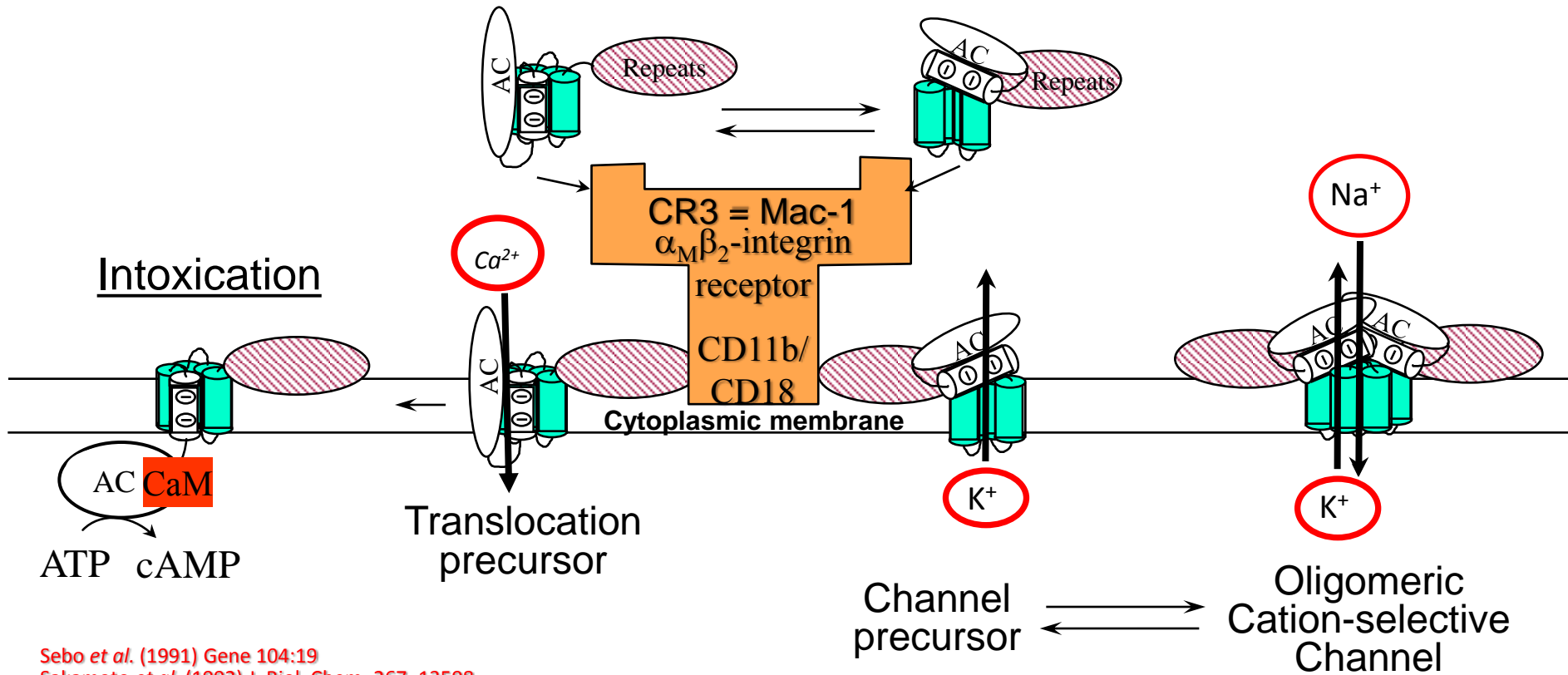
DFRDVA <b>FRREG</b> NDLIMYKAEGNVLSIG-- <b>HKNGITFKN</b> WFEKESGDISN-HQIEQIFDKDGRVITPDSL <b>LKKALEY</b> - 948
SFKDVGFIRIGDDLLVNKRIGGTLYYHEDY <b>NGNALTIK</b> DWF-KEGKEGQN-NKIEKIVDKDGAYVLSOYL <b>TELTAP</b> - 946
NLKDV <b>SFER</b> NGNDLLKTN----- <b>NRTAVTFK</b> GWFSKPNSSAGL-DEYQRK <b>LLEYA</b> PEKDRAR <b>LKROFEL</b> - 936
GADQLW <b>FARQ</b> GN <b>LEIR</b> ILG----- <b>TDDALTV</b> HDWYRDADHRVEI <b>IHAANQAVDQAGIE</b> KLVEAMAQYPDP - 1681

$\Delta A$

\*T<sub>\*</sub>+XWF

- a conserved motif

# The three cytotoxic activities of ACT adenylate cyclase toxin & pore-forming hemolysin/Cytolysin



Sebo *et al.* (1991) *Gene* 104:19  
 Sakamoto *et al.* (1992) *J. Biol. Chem.* 267, 13598  
 Benz *et al.* (1994) *J. Biol. Chem.* 269, 27231  
 Hackett *et al.* (1995) *J. Biol. Chem.* 270, 20250  
 Gray *et al.* (1998) *J. Biol. Chem.* 273, 18260  
 Osickova *et al.* (1999) *J. Biol. Chem.* 274, 37644  
 Basler *et al.* (2007) *J. Biol. Chem.* 282, 12419  
 Fiser R. *et al.* (2007) *J. Biol. Chem.* 282, 2808  
 Osickova *et al.* (2010) *Mol. Microbiol.* 75:15450-1562

# ACT/cAMP signaling breaks the hell loose... and supresses TLR signaling of the bug...



## signal transduction events:

NF- $\kappa$ B,  $\downarrow$  MAPK – p38, ERK, JNK

## expression and

## upregulation of TLR:

TLR1-6, 9, TLR4, TLR2

mucin: MUC2, MUC5AC  $\uparrow$

## other soluble factors:

$\downarrow$  O<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, NO,  $\uparrow$  PGE2

$\downarrow$  ciliary beating

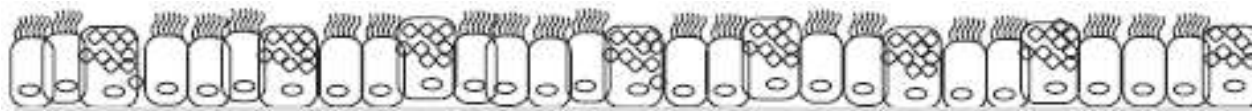
## defensins and other antimicrobial peptides:

h $\beta$ defensin2,

$\downarrow$   $\beta$ defensin1,

$\downarrow$  cathelicidin

AEC



cAMP

other cells

## cytokine and chemokines:

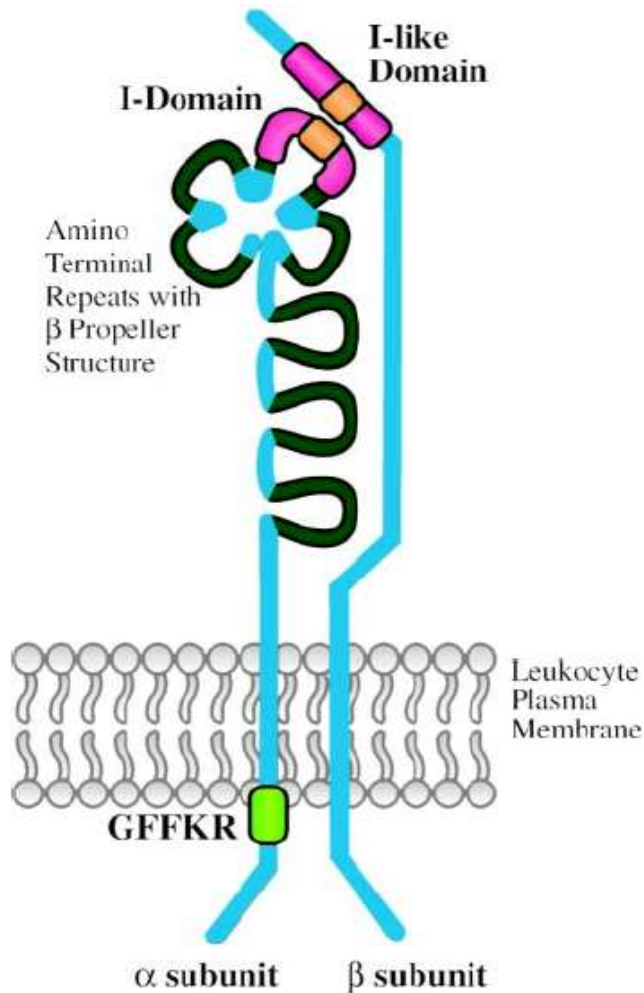
IL-1 $\alpha$ ,  $\uparrow$  IL-1 $\beta$ ,  $\uparrow$  IL-6,  $\uparrow$  IL-8,  
 $\uparrow$  IL-10,  $\downarrow$  TNF $\alpha$ ,  $\downarrow$  IFN $\beta$ , TGF- $\beta$ ,  
 $\downarrow$  GM-CSF, MCP-1,  $\downarrow$  MIP-1 $\alpha$ ,  
RANTES,..

## expression of costimulatory x

inhibitory molecules:  $\uparrow$  CD80, CD86,  $\downarrow$   
CD40,  $\downarrow$  CD54, B7-H2, B7-H3 x  $\uparrow$  FasL,  
PD-L1, PD-L2

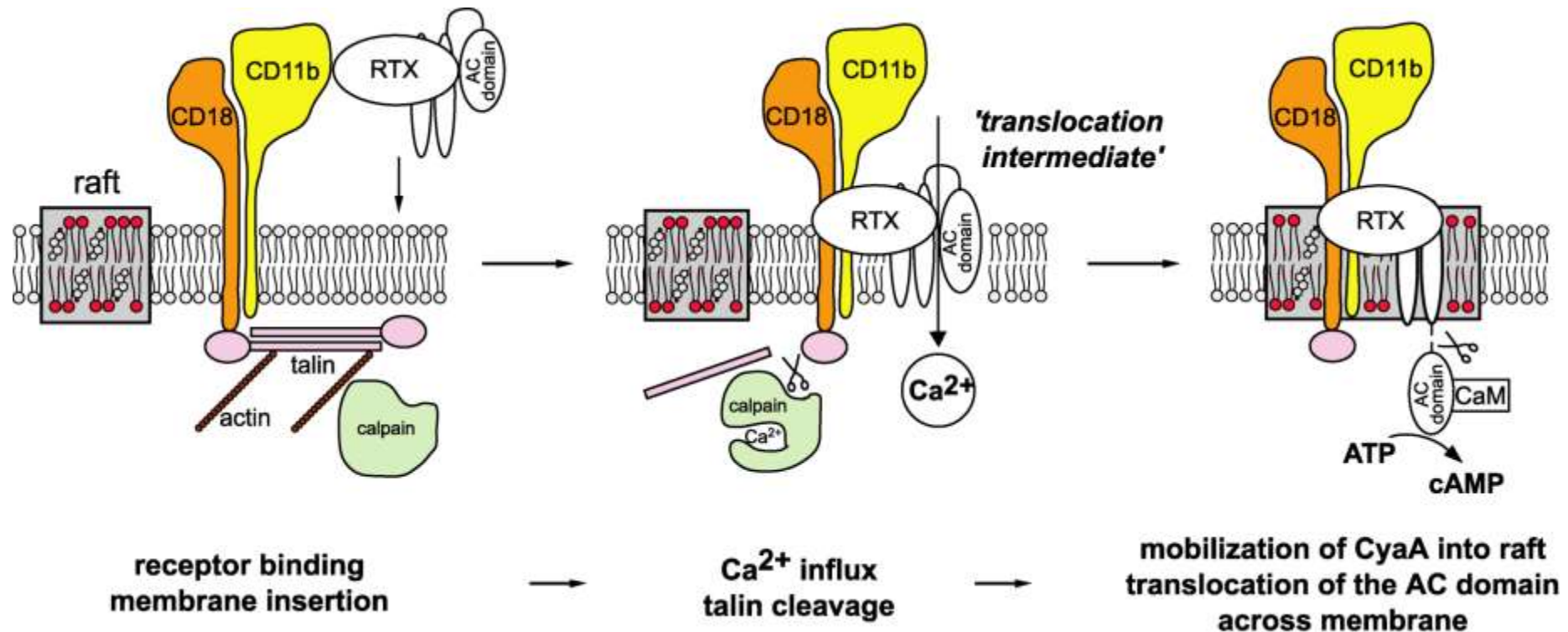


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- $\beta_2$  subfamily
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- monocytes, granulocytes, macrophages, NK cells, neutrophils and **dendritic cells**, certain B cell subtypes

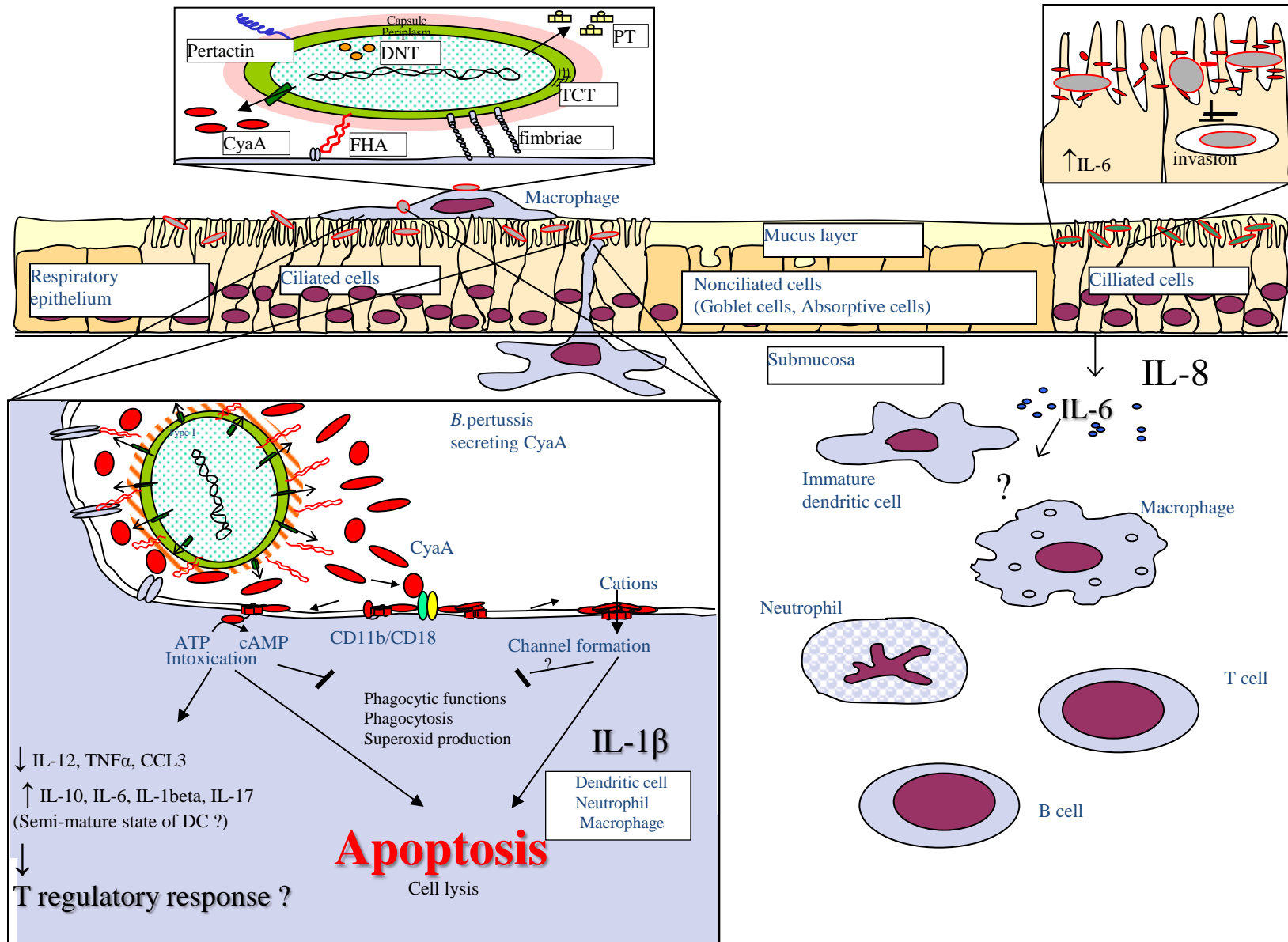
# Adenylate cyclase toxin hijacks the $\beta_2$ integrin receptor into lipid rafts to accomplish membrane translocation in two steps



Bumba et al. (2010). PLoS Pathog 6(5): e1000901.

# ACT is a SWIFT SABOTEUR of immune responses

low ACT (CyaA) concentrations make a difference on respiratory mucosa...



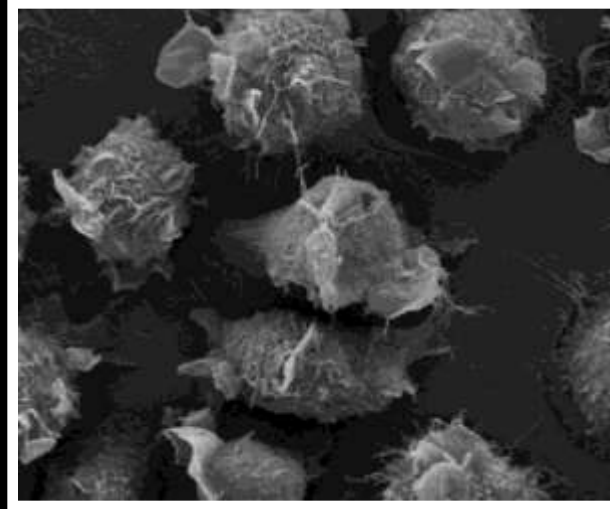
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Vojtová *et al.*, 2006, *Curr. Op.. Microbiol.* 9, 69-75

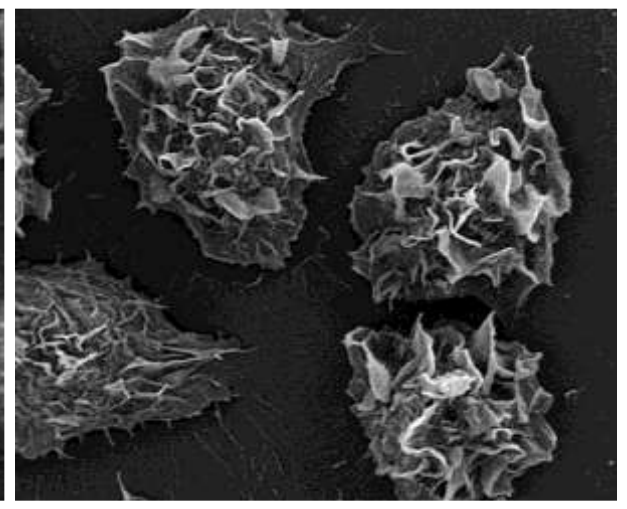
# CyaA-induced morphological rearrangements

Mouse  
macrophage-like  
cell line  
J774 A.1:

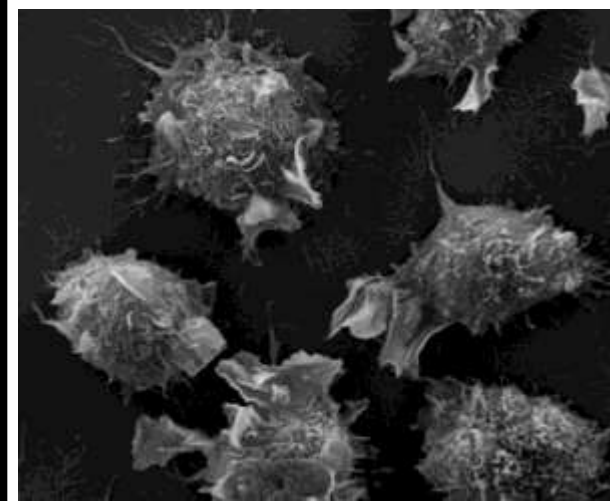
Buffer, 5 min



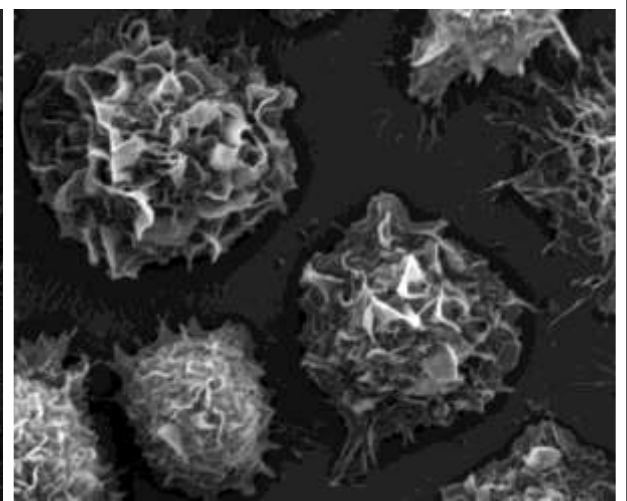
CyaA, **10 ng/ml**, 5 min



CyaA-AC<sup>-</sup>, 10 ng/ml, 5 min



db-cAMP, 2mM, 10 min

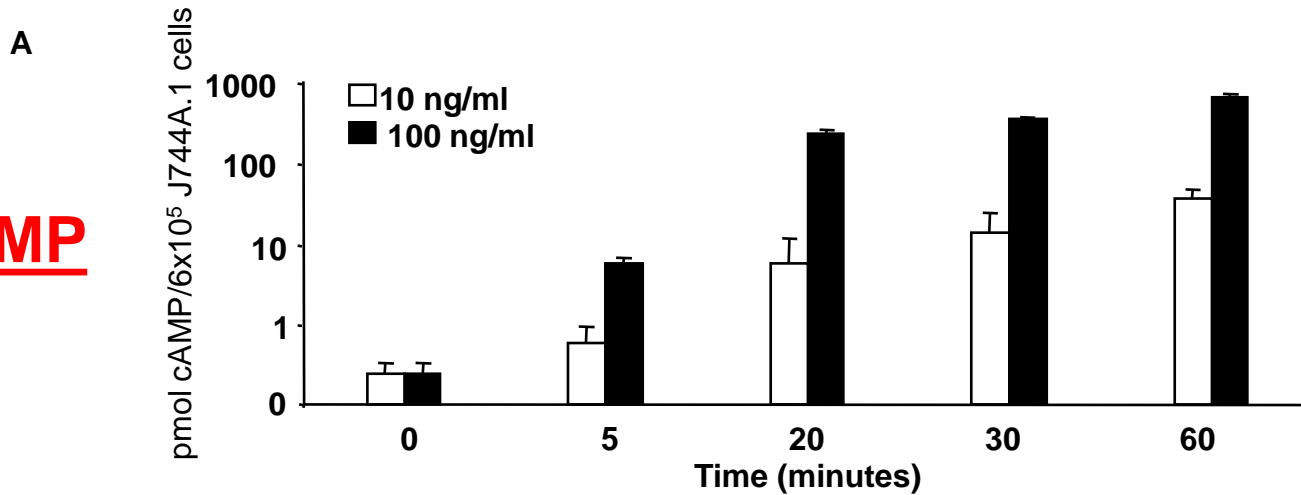


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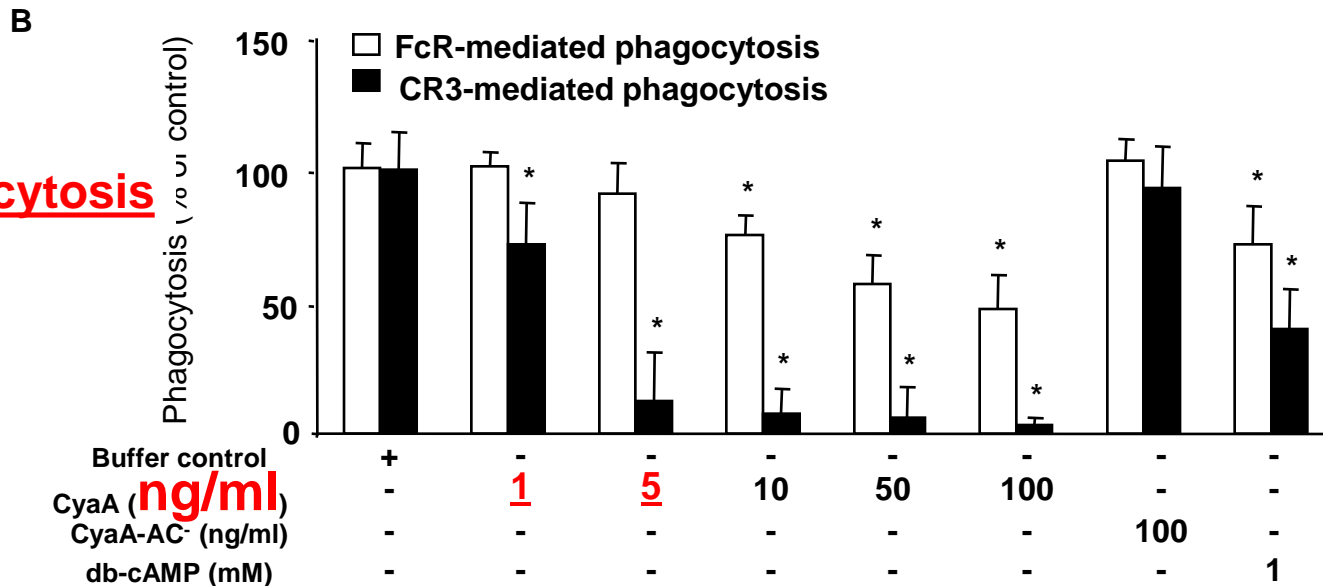
**Kamanova et al. (2008)**  
*J. Immunol.* 181, 5587-97

# ACT at low doses ablates complement-mediated opsonophagocytosis (through RhoA inactivation)

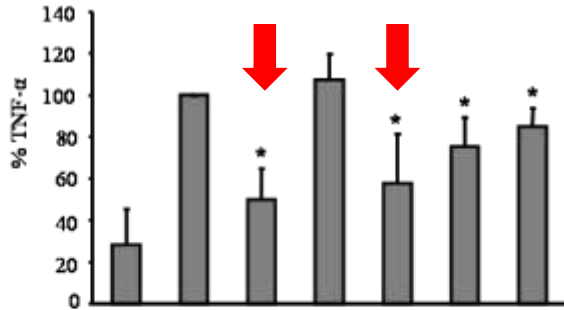
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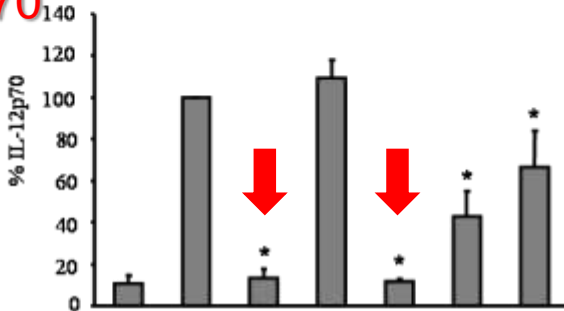
**phagocytosis**



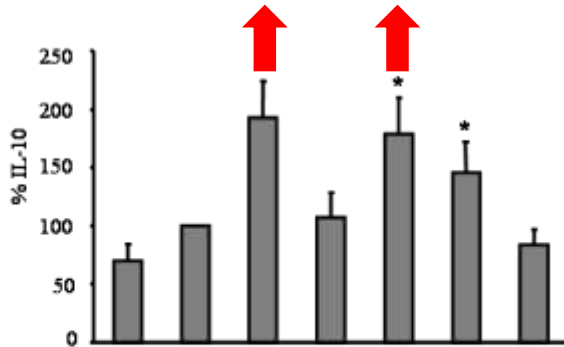
TNF $\alpha$



IL-12p70



IL-10



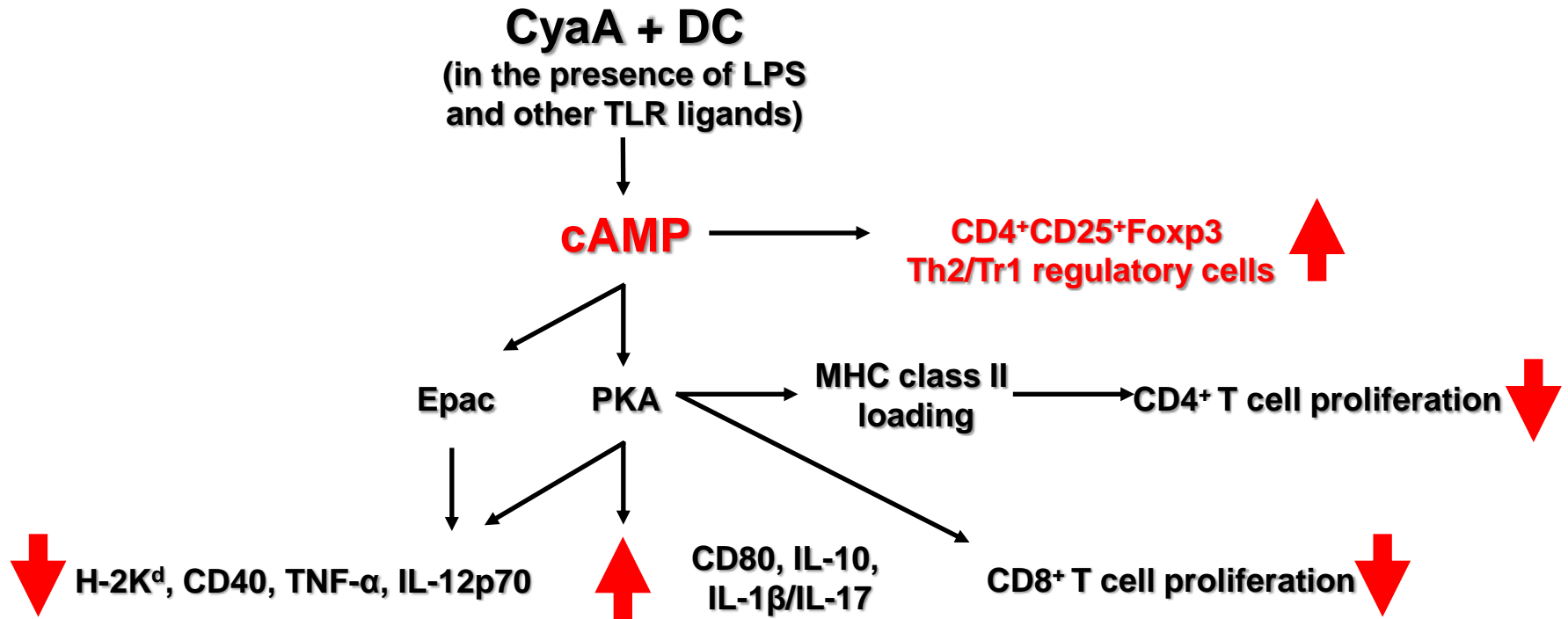
DC w/o LPS	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
buffer	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
CyaA	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
CyaA-AC	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
db-cAMP	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
6-Bnz-cAMP	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
8-pCPT-cAMP	-	-	-	-	-	-	+

ACT (CyaA) skews  
TLR-stimulated  
cytokine production  
in DC  
towards tolerance?

n = 4, \* P < 0,05; 100 % urea + LPS (buffer)

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**cAMP signaling of ACT dampens and skews adaptive immunity towards initial  $T_{h2}/T_{r1}$ -mediated tolerance of colonizing *Bordetellae* followed by delayed  $T_{h1}/T_{h17}$  mediated clearance?**

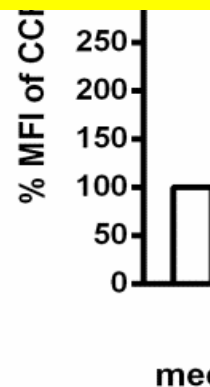
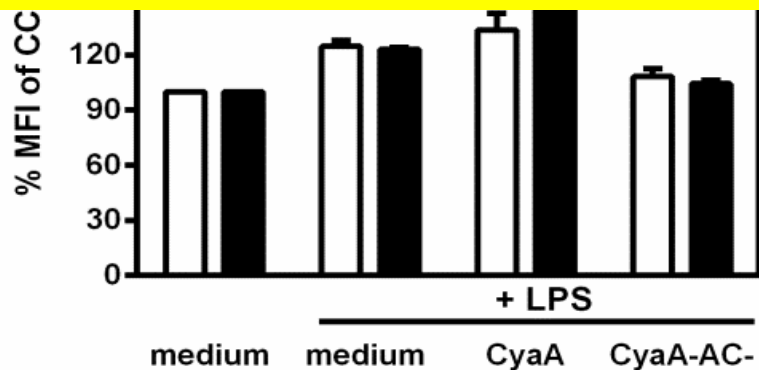


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*Guiso lab:* Njamkempo *et al.* (2000) *J. Cell. Physiol.* 183:91  
*Lewis lab:* Bagley *et al.* (2002): *J. Leukoc. Biol.* 72:962  
*Mills lab:* Ross *et al.* (2004) *Infect. Immun.* 72:1568  
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*Ausiello lab:* Spensieri *et al.* (2006) *Infect. Immun.* 74:2831  
*Mills lab:* Hickey *et al.* (2008) *J. Leukoc. Biol.* 84:234  
*Ausiello lab:* Fedele *et al.* (2010) *PLoS One.* 5(1): e8734  
*Sebo lab:* Adkins *et al.* unpublished

Human MoDCs  
 Human Monocytes  
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 Mouse BMDCs  
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 BMDC and Human MoDC

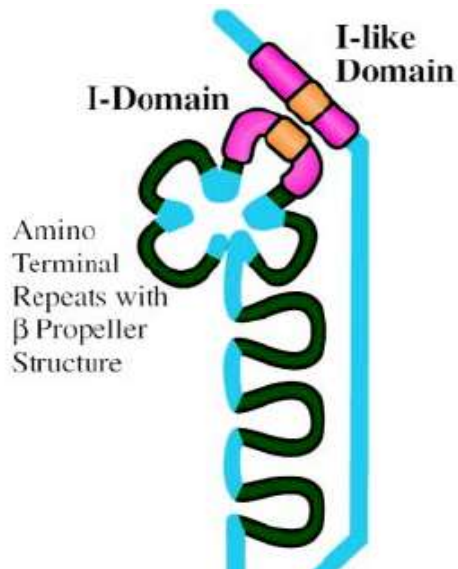
cAMP signaling of ACT promotes migration of DC

# Outmigration of tolerogenic DC from mucosa into lymph nodes to hamper antigen-specific T cell responses???





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- $\beta_2$  subfamily
- complement receptor 3 (CR3), Mac-1, Mo-1,  $\alpha_M\beta_2$
- monocytes, granulocytes, macrophages, NK cells, neutrophils and **dendritic cells**, certain B cell subtypes



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**ACT first recognizes N-linked glycans of CD11b/CD18**

Morova et al. (2008) PNAS 105, 5355

$\alpha$  subunit

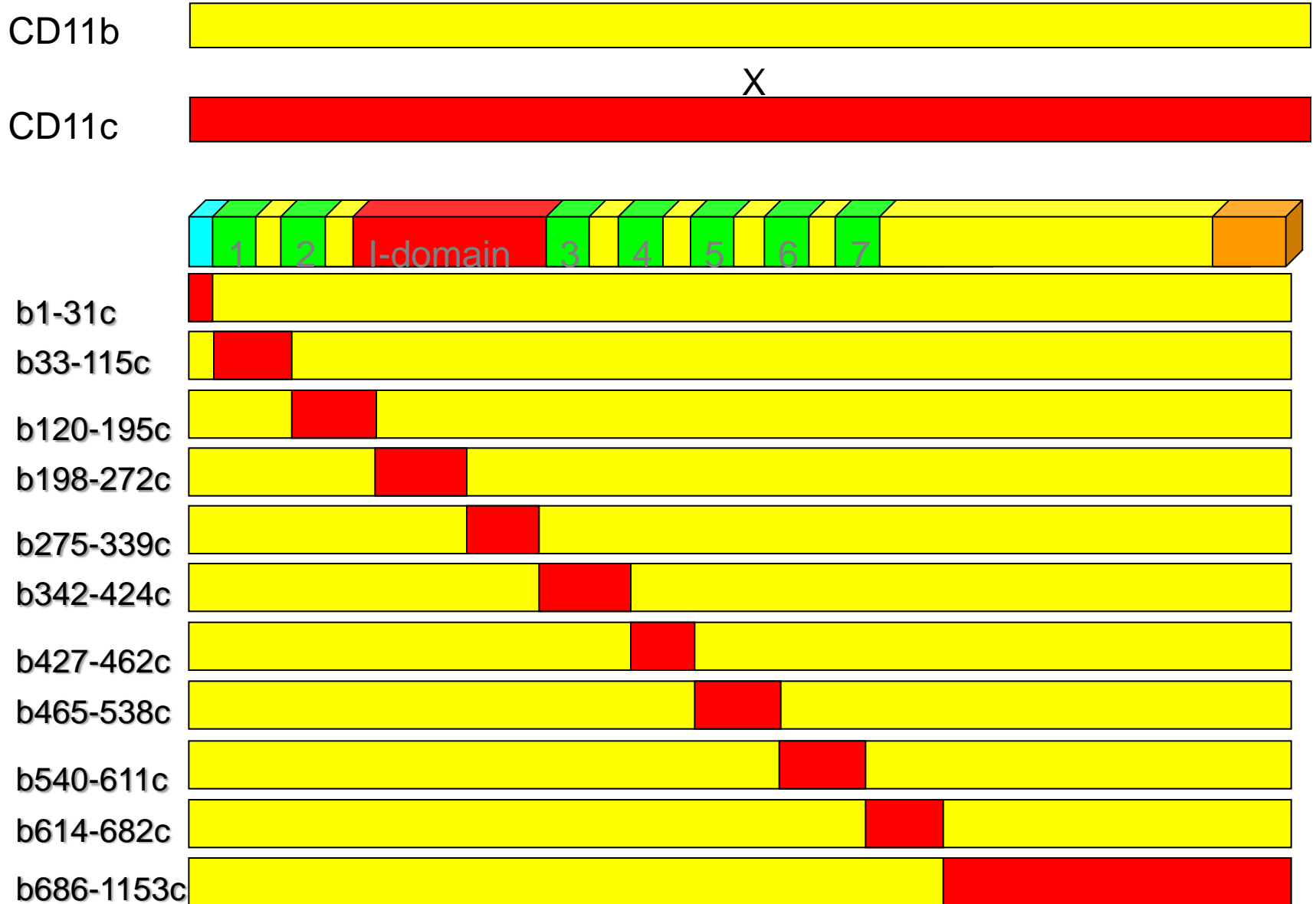
$\beta$  subunit

Guermontprez et al. 2001, J Exp. Med.

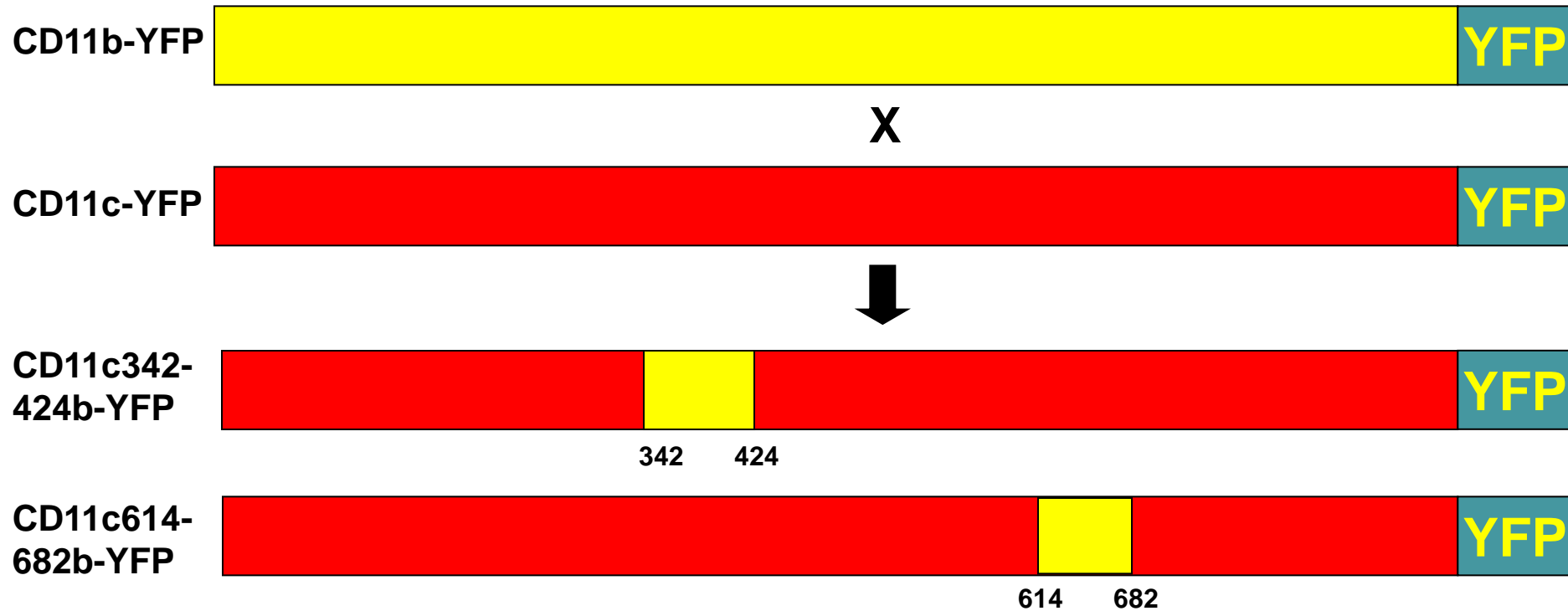
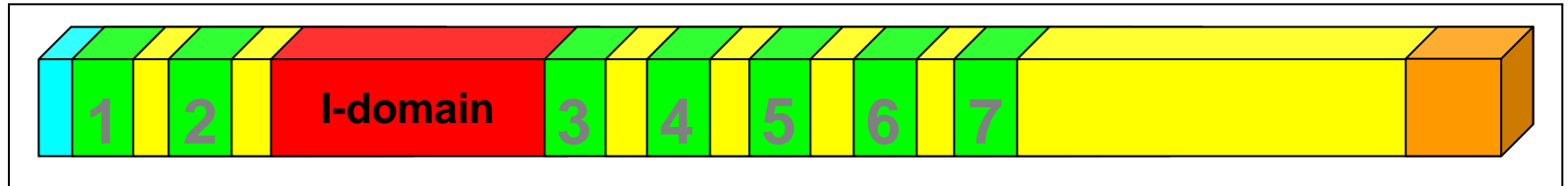
Selectivity of ACT for the given  $\alpha_M\beta_2$  integrin is, however, dictated by a CD11b-specific segment ...



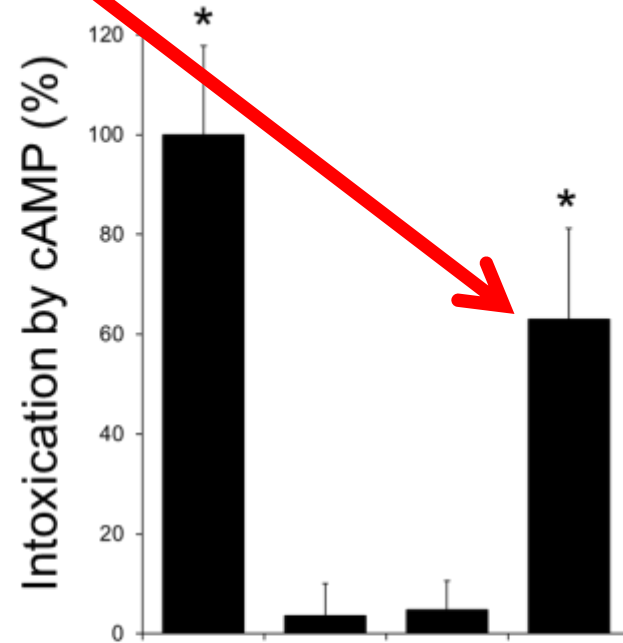
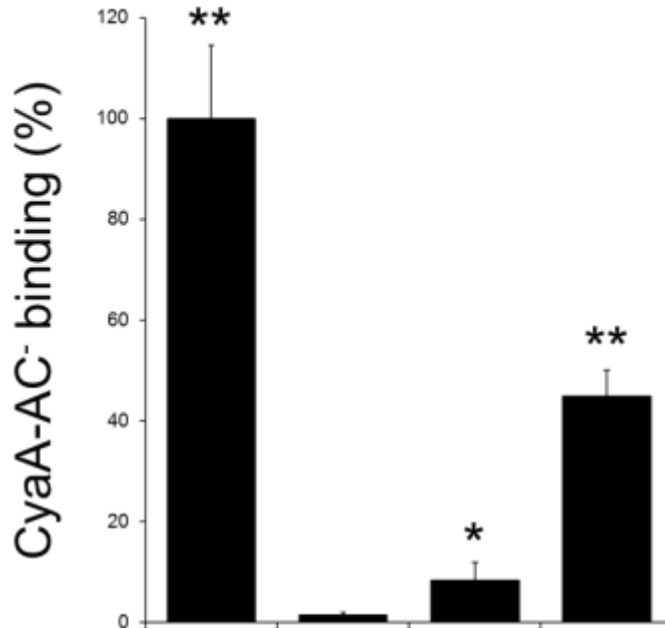
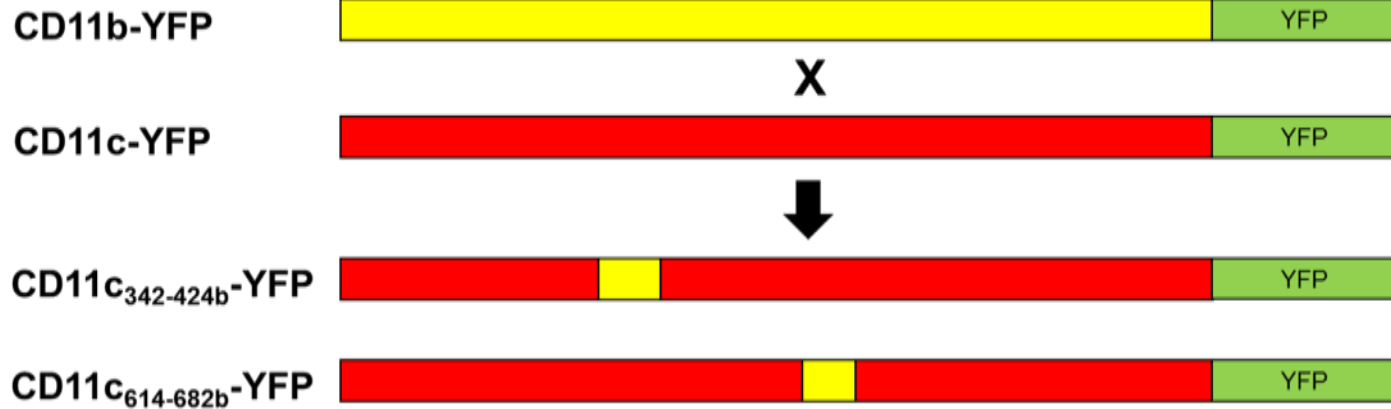
# Mapping ACT binding site using CD11b/CD11c chimaeras



# Construction of CD11c harboring residues 342-424 and/or 614-682 replaced with homologous segments of CD11b



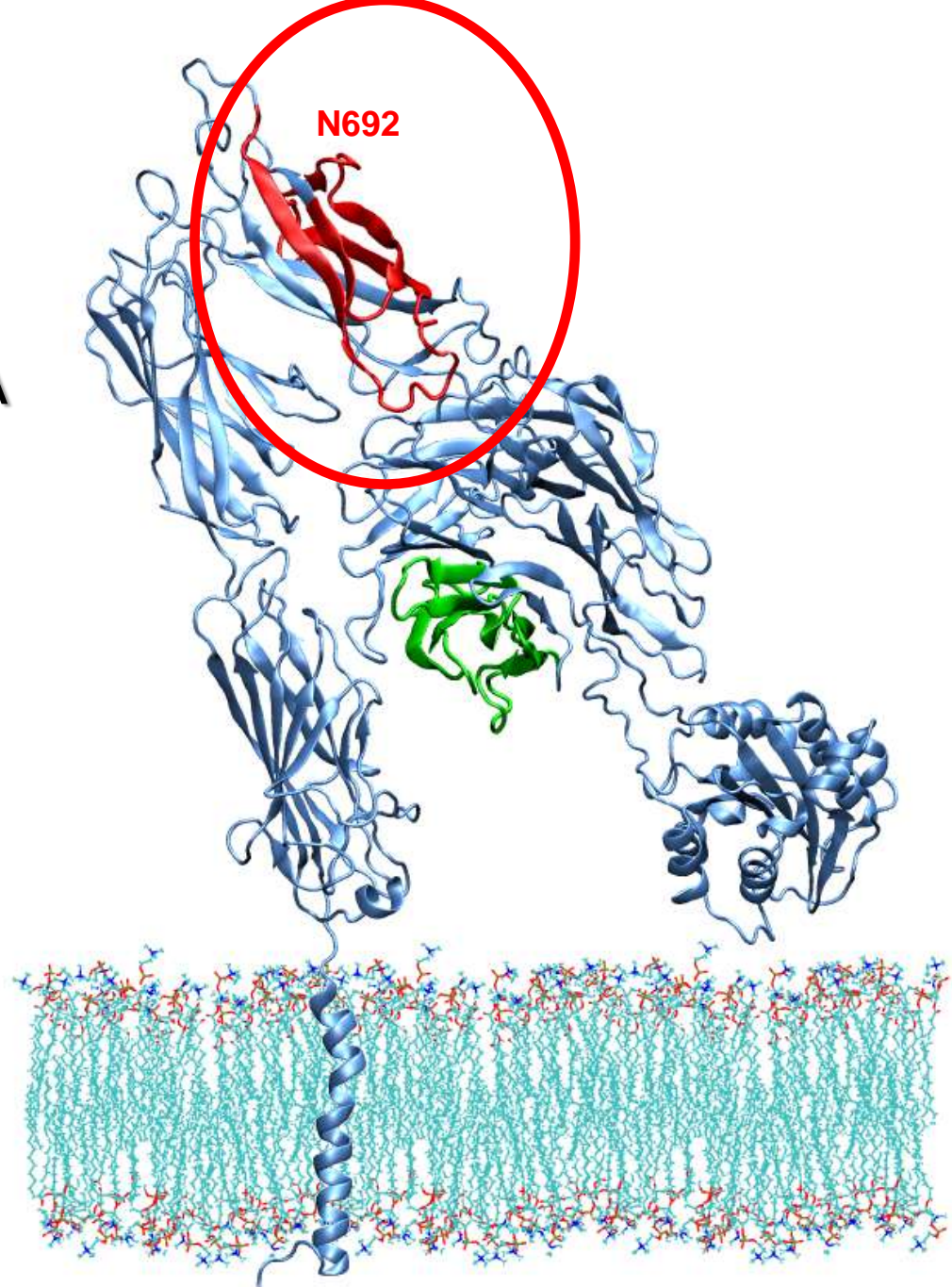
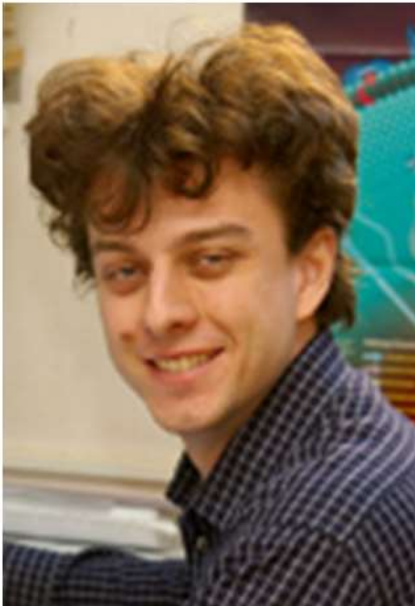
# The CD11c integrin with 'transplanted' residues 614-682 of CD11b productively binds CyaA



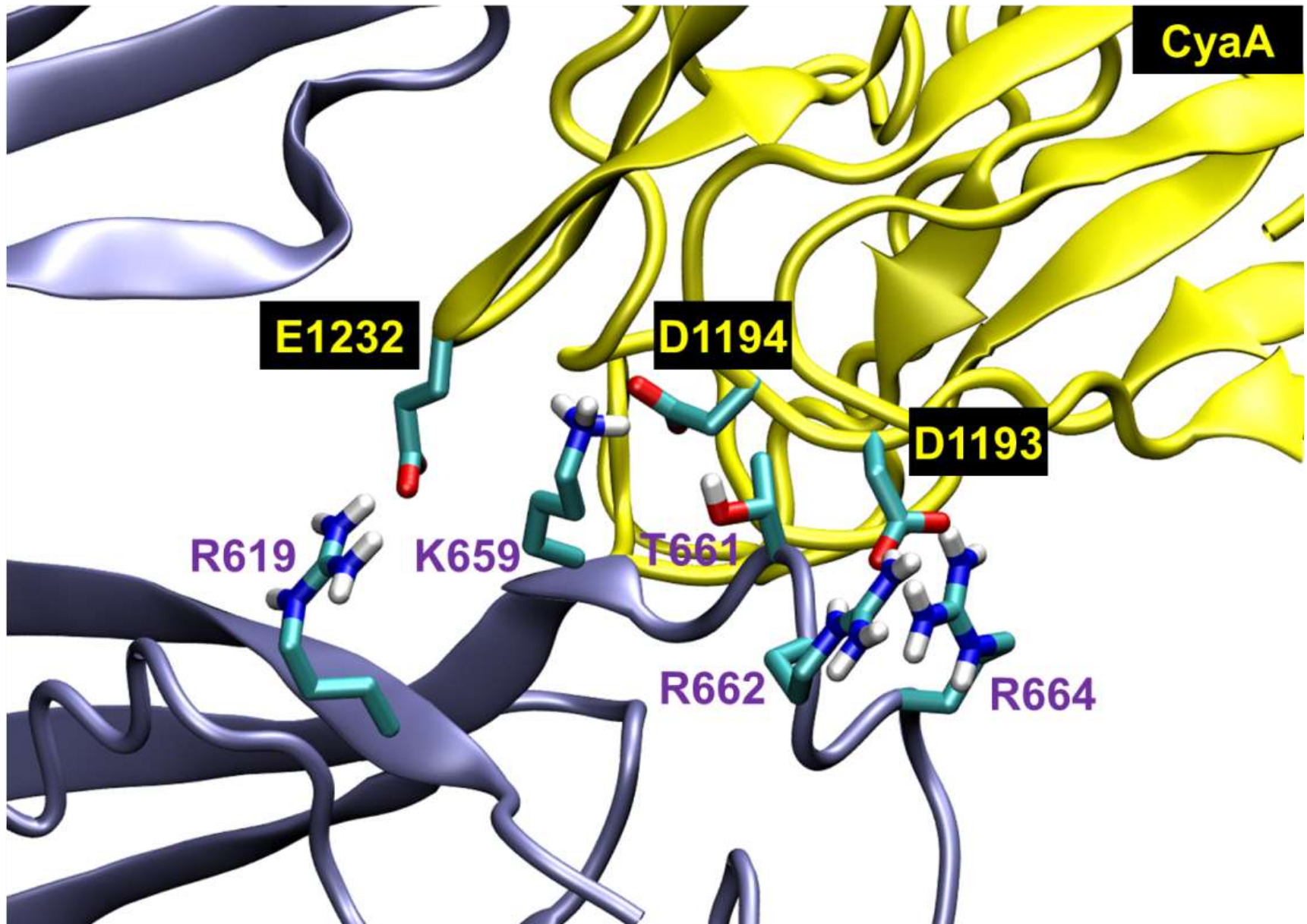
Proteinaceous segments  
Specifically involved in CyaA  
binding:

**CD11b – residues 614-682**

**CD11b - residues 342-424**

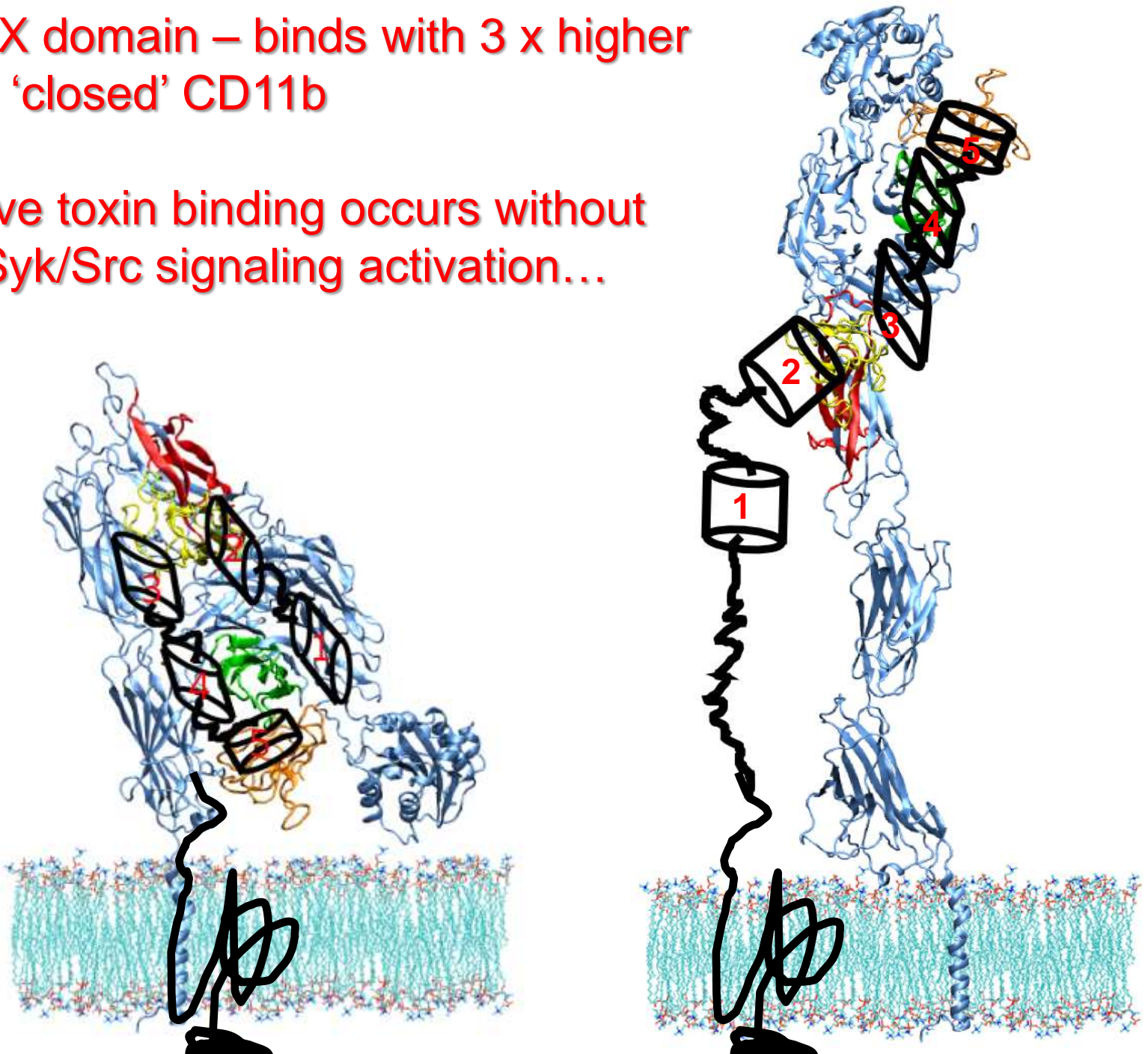


Recognition of CD11b by CyaA depends on electrostatic interaction of oppositely charged toxin and integrin segments



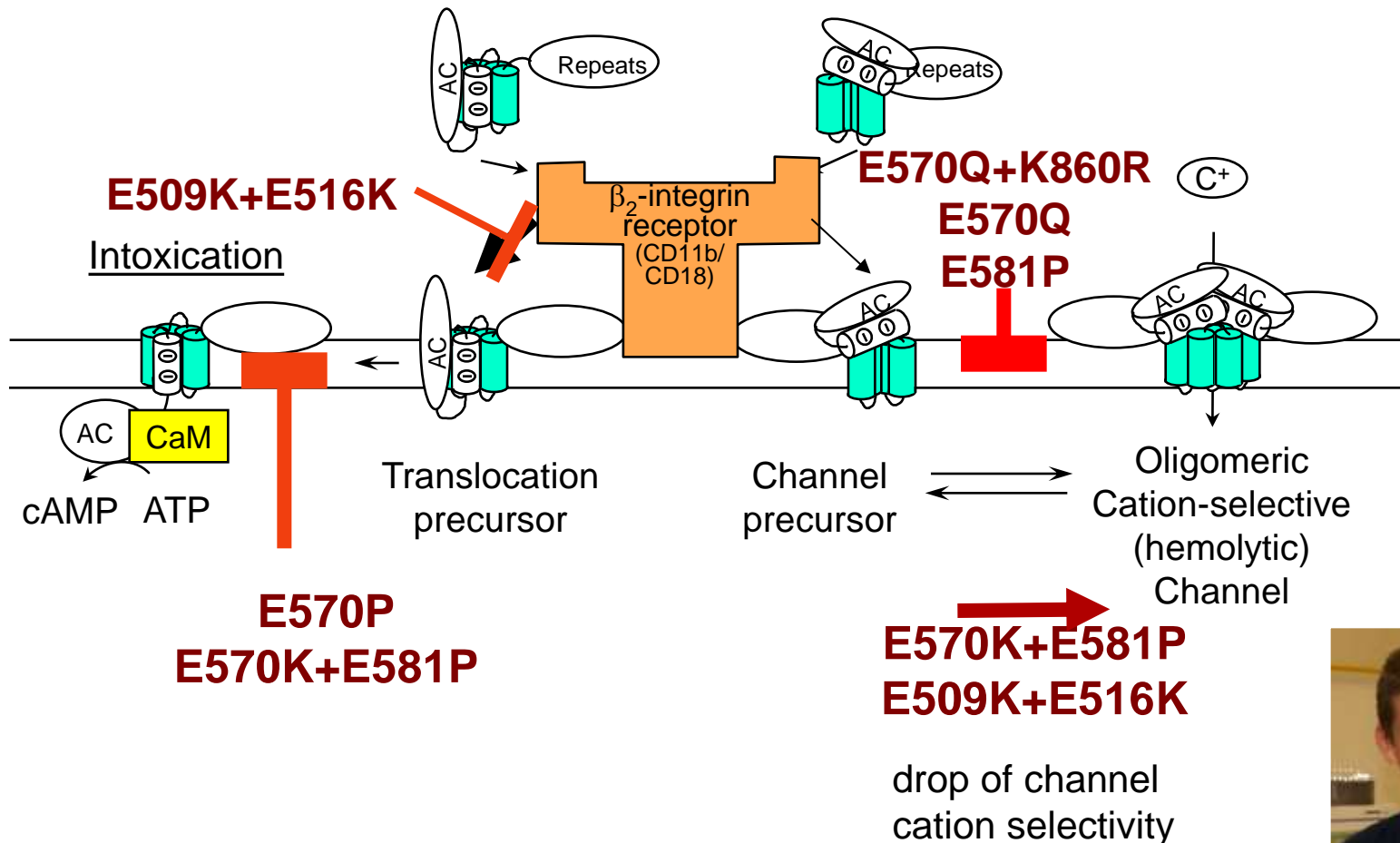
CyaA RTX domain – binds with 3 x higher affinity to ‘closed’ CD11b

Subversive toxin binding occurs without integrin Syk/Src signaling activation...

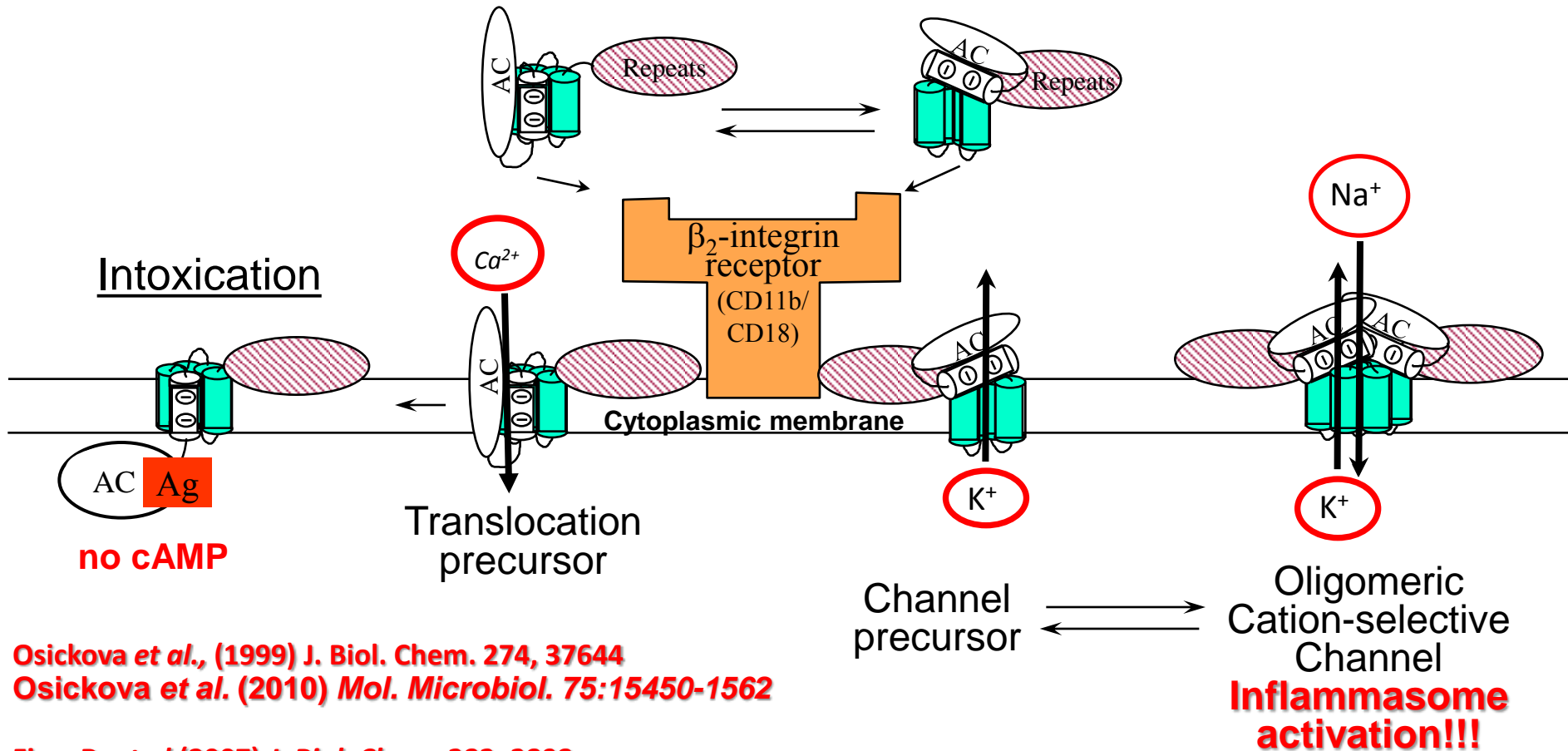




# The toolbox: A panel of mutations characterized that block ACT activity at each individual step of toxin action



# Even the AC<sup>-</sup> toxoid can exhibit immunomodulatory activity through calcium signaling, cell permabilization and inflammasome activation and other?...



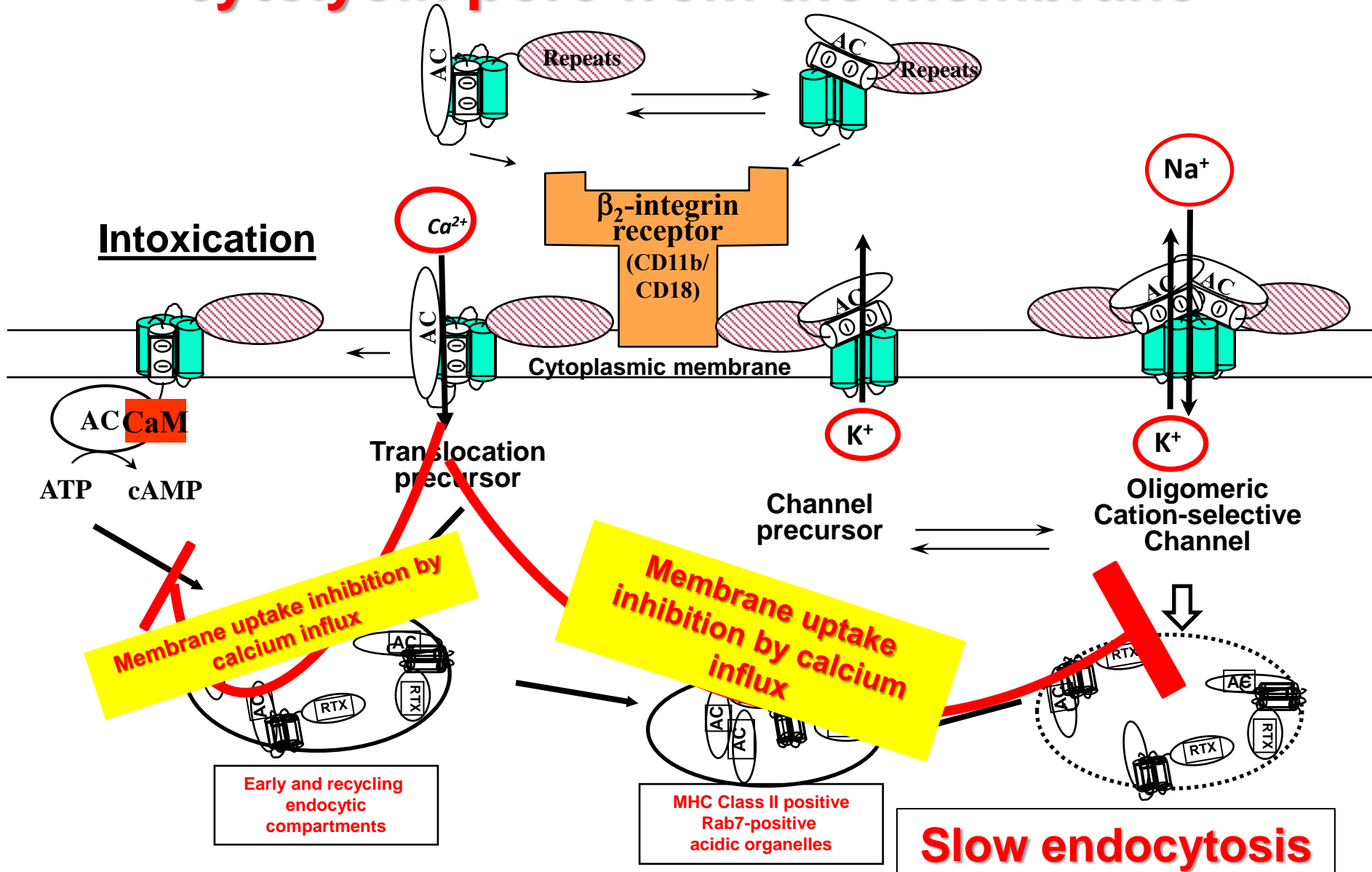
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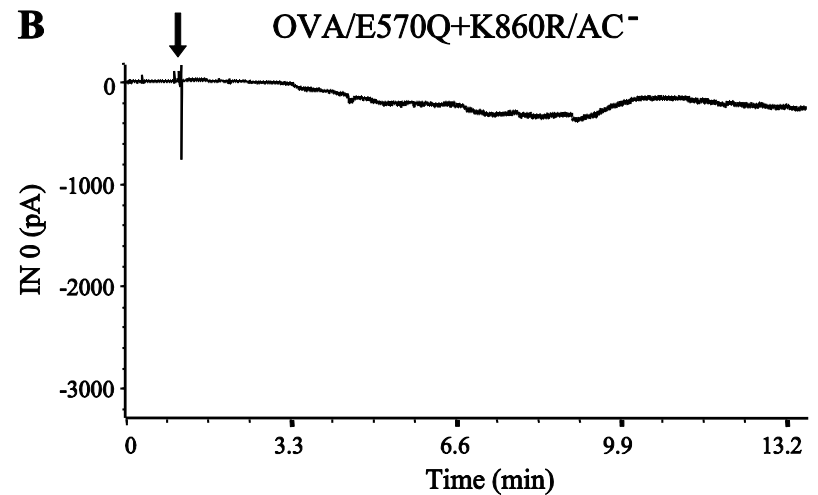
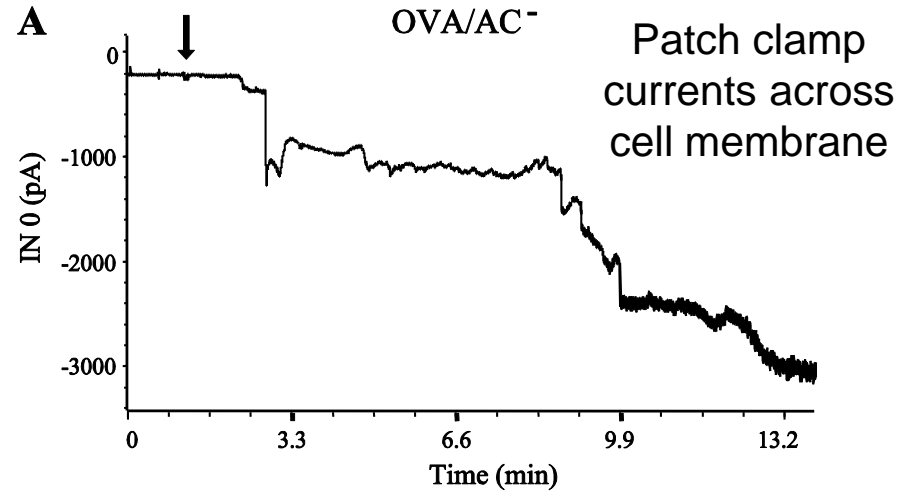
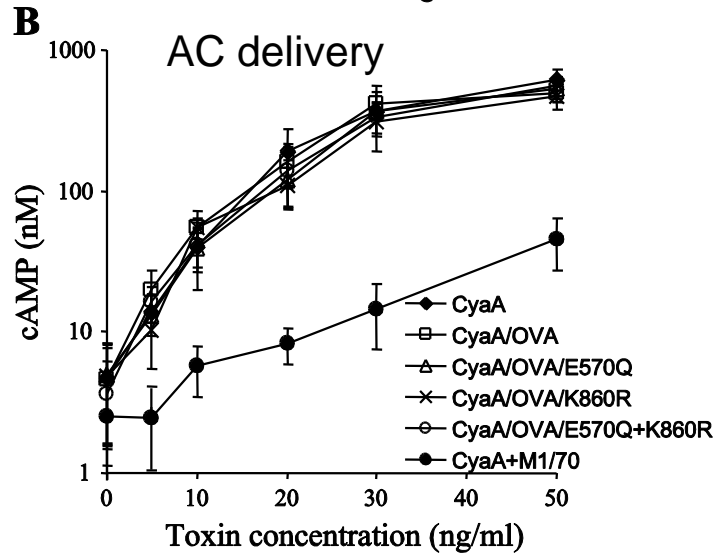
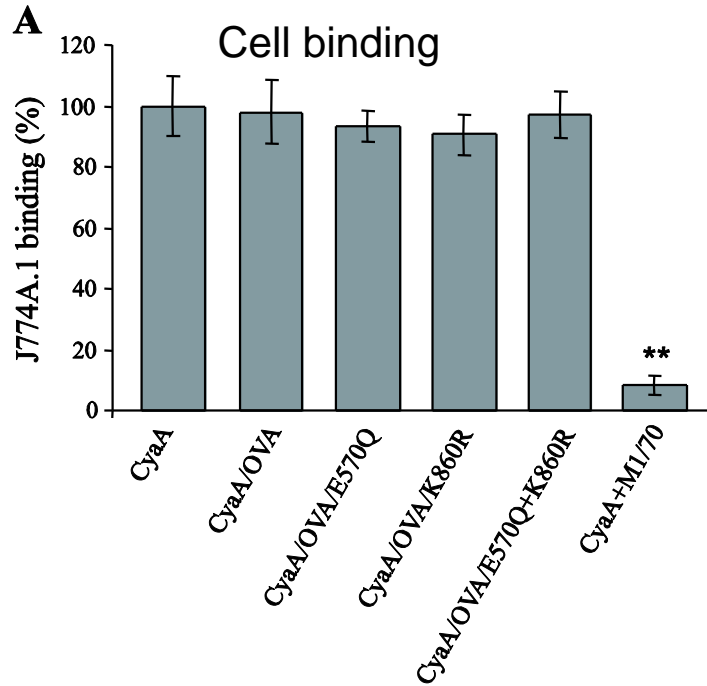
# Calcium influx impairs removal of the cytolysin pore from the membrane



# The sophistication of toxin action:

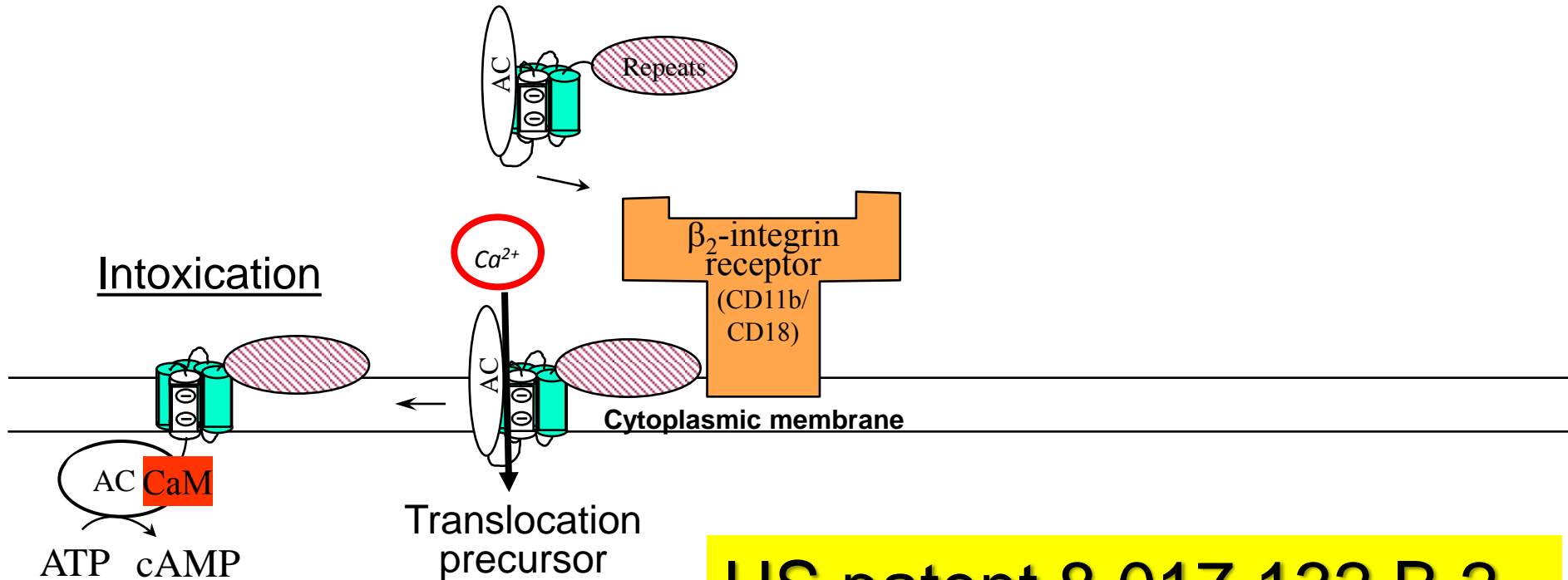
- By allowing calcium to enter cells, CyaA initiates **a positive feedback loop** to protract its persistence in cell membrane to cause extensive cell permeabilization and potassium efflux:
- **The more potassium flows out, the slower is the pore removed (endocytosed) by clathrin-dependent uptake and = the more potassium leaks out...**

# AC domain is not translocated across the CyaA pore



The E570Q+K860R toxin delivers the AC domain into cells without permabilizing the cell membrane

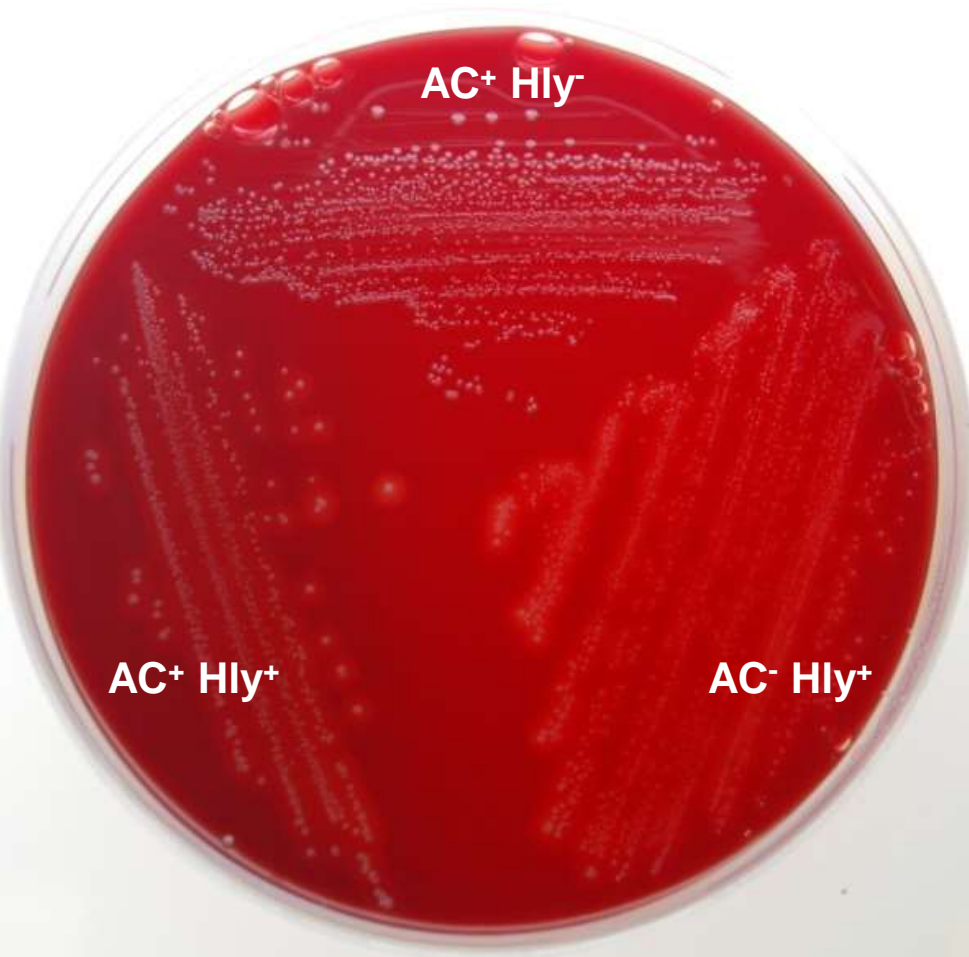
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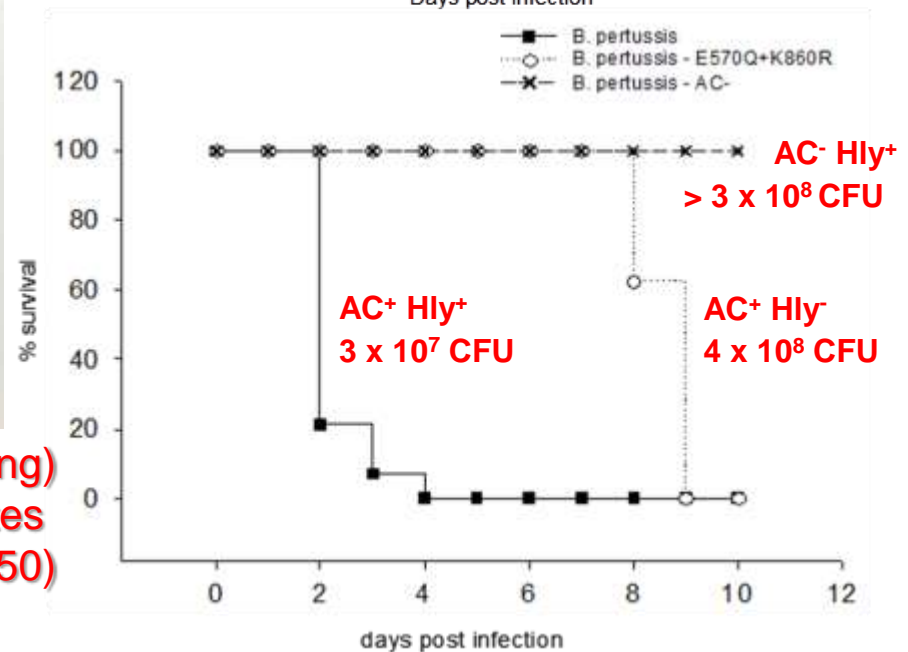
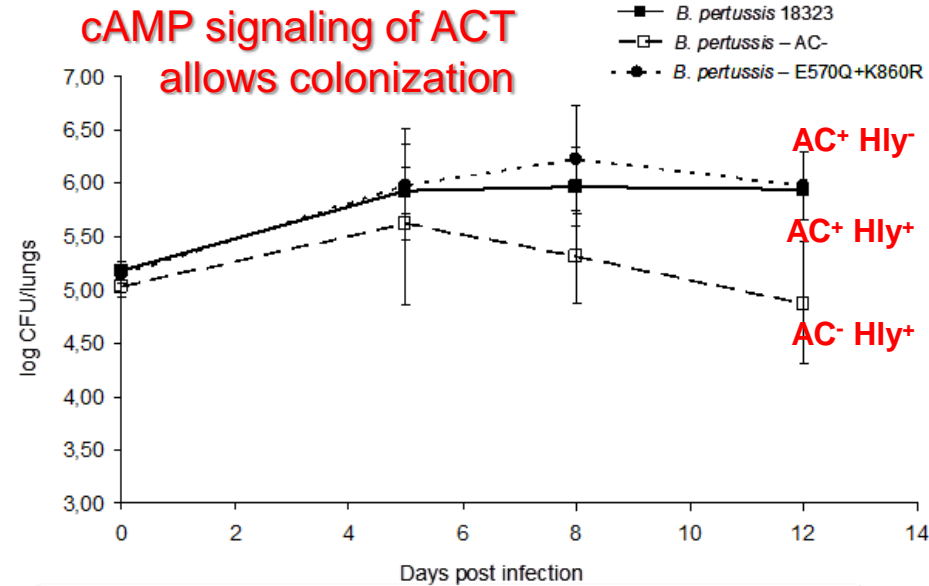
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# AC<sup>-</sup> *B. pertussis* is avirulent and pore-forming (hemolytic) activity contributes virulence

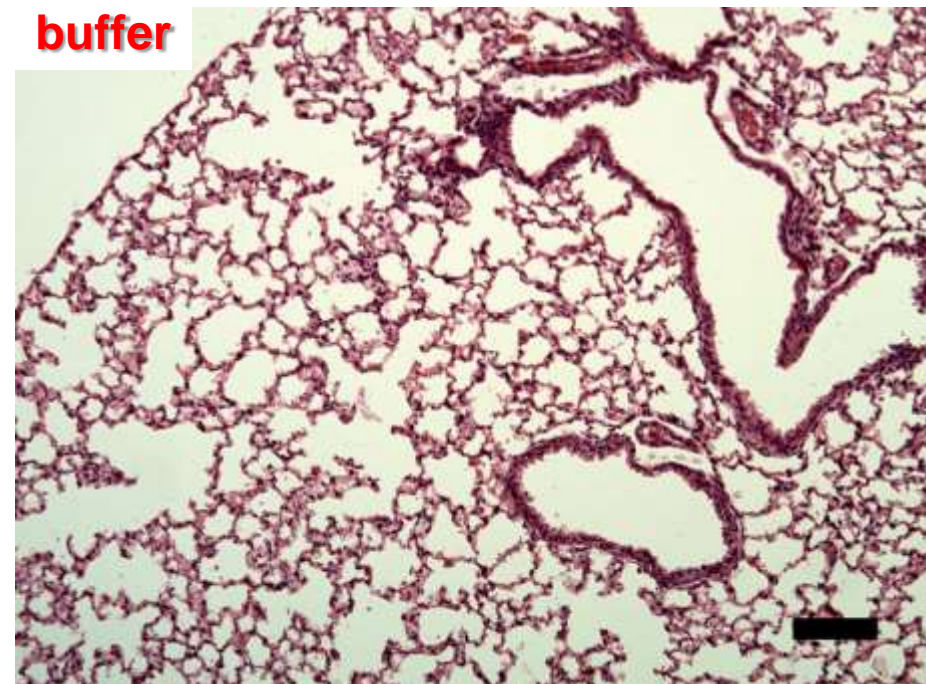


Hemolytic (pore-forming) activity contributes to pathology (LD<sub>50</sub>)

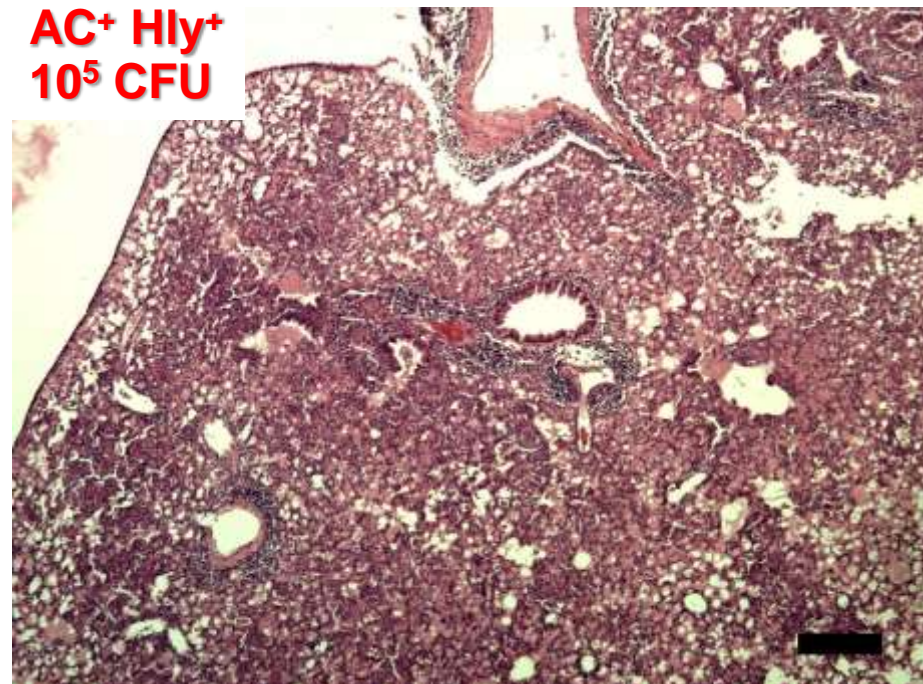




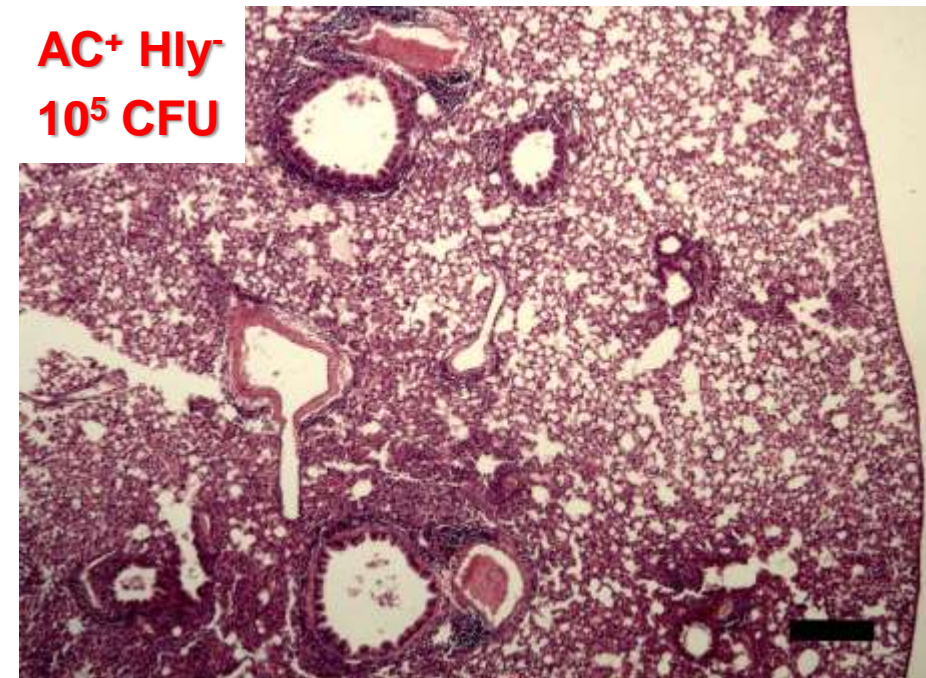
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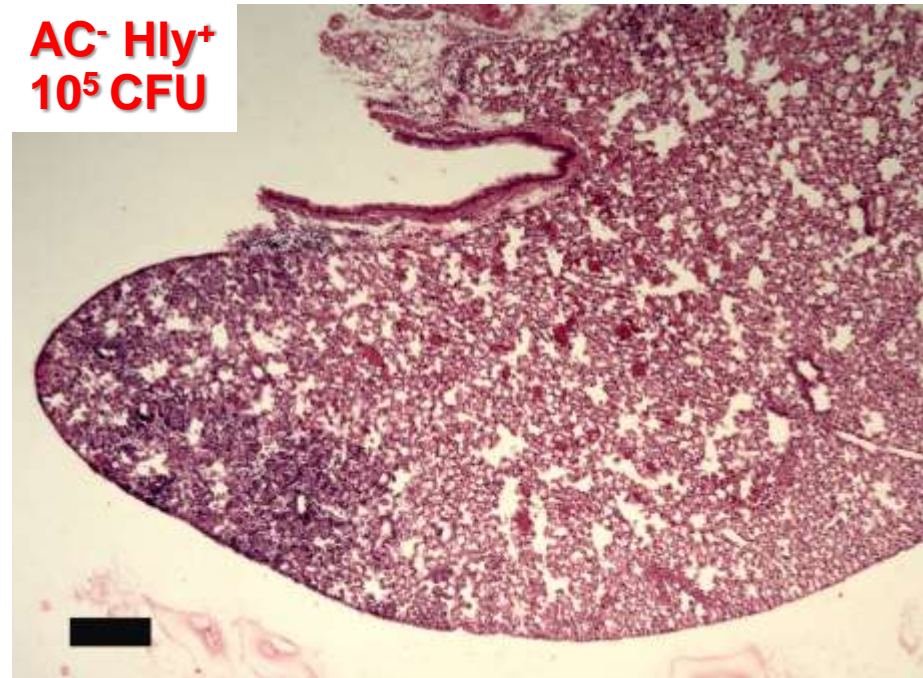
**AC<sup>+</sup> Hly<sup>+</sup>  
10<sup>5</sup> CFU**



**AC<sup>+</sup> Hly<sup>-</sup>  
10<sup>5</sup> CFU**



**AC<sup>-</sup> Hly<sup>+</sup>  
10<sup>5</sup> CFU**



# Not suprisingly, hence, ACT is a protective antigen

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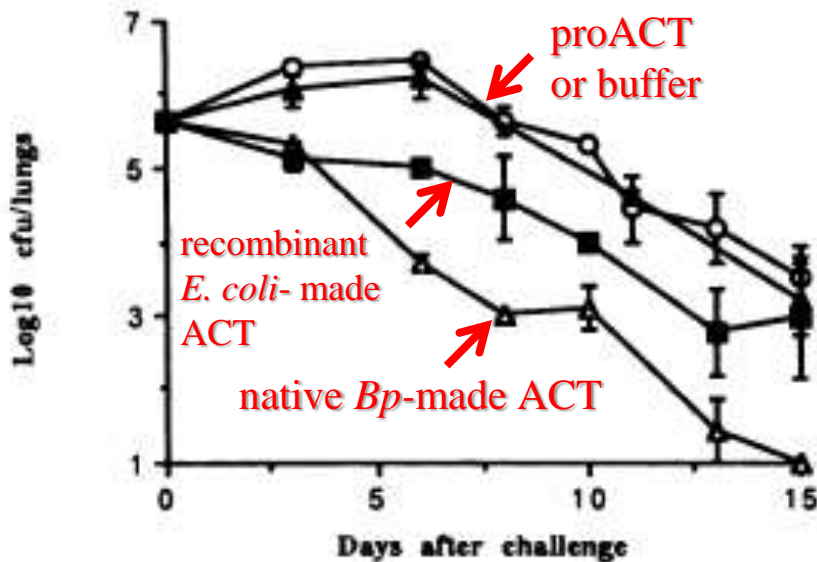
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## CyaC-Mediated Activation Is Important Not Only for Toxic but Also for Protective Activities of *Bordetella pertussis* Adenylate Cyclase-Hemolysin

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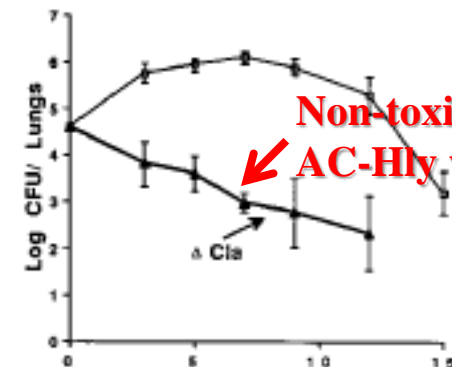
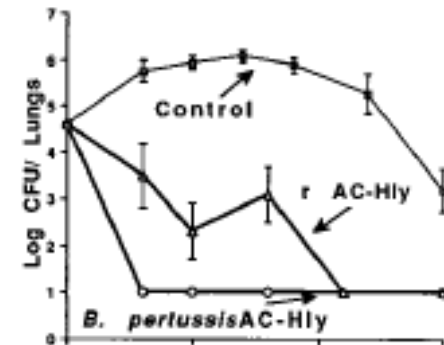
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Non-toxic/non-hemolytic  
AC-Hly variant

# Addition of CyaA-AC<sup>-</sup> improves performance of the aP vaccine

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**one-eighth of human dose of DTaP/ACV**  
(Infanrix, GSK) + **CyaA-AC<sup>-</sup>** 2 x i.p.  
challenged with  $4 \times 10^6$  *B. pertussis* 18.323 i.n.

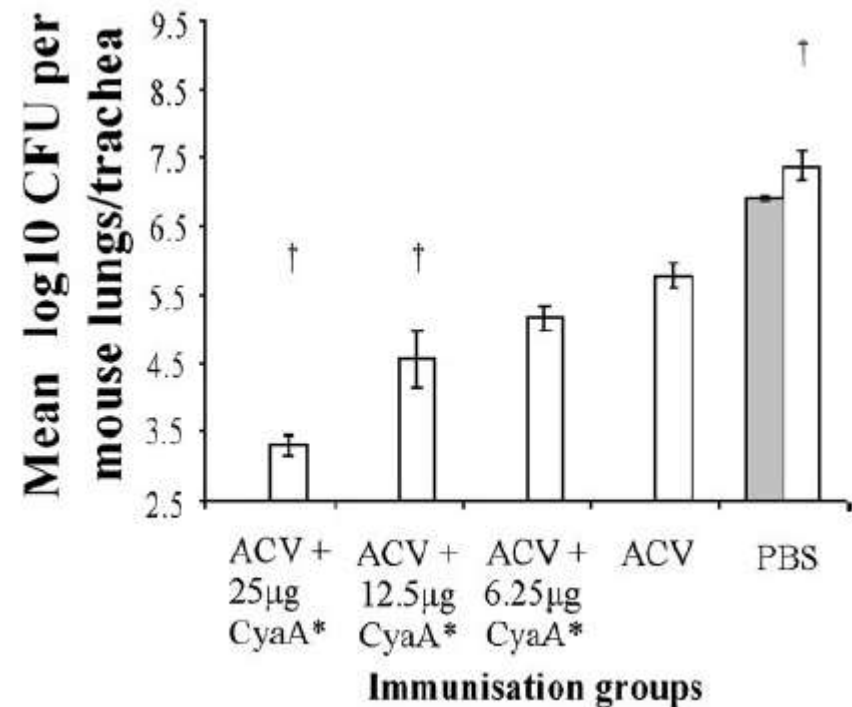
## Effect of Different Forms of Adenylate Cyclase Toxin of *Bordetella pertussis* on Protection Afforded by an Acellular Pertussis Vaccine in a Murine Model<sup>V</sup>

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Four recombinant forms of the cell-invasive adenylate cyclase toxin (CyaA) of *Bordetella pertussis* were compared for the ability to enhance protection against *B. pertussis* in mice when coadministered with an acellular pertussis vaccine (ACV). The four forms were as follows: fully functional CyaA, a CyaA form lacking adenylate cyclase enzymatic activity (CyaA\*), and the nonacylated forms of these toxins, i.e., proCyaA and proCyaA\*, respectively. None of these forms alone conferred significant ( $P > 0.05$ ) protection against *B. pertussis* in a murine intranasal challenge model. Mice immunized with ACV alone showed significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) reductions in bacterial numbers in the lungs after intranasal challenge compared with those for control mice. When administered with ACV, both CyaA and CyaA\* further reduced bacterial numbers in the lungs of mice after intranasal challenge compared with those for ACV-immunized mice, but the enhanced protection was only significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) with CyaA\*. Coadministration of CyaA\* with ACV caused a significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) increase in immunoglobulin G2a antibody levels against pertactin compared with those in mice immunized with ACV alone. Spleen cells from mice immunized with ACV plus CyaA\* secreted larger amounts of interleukin-5 (IL-5), IL-6, gamma interferon (IFN- $\gamma$ ), and granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF) than did cells from mice immunized with ACV plus CyaA or ACV alone after stimulation in vitro with a mixture of *B. pertussis* antigens. Spleen cells from mice immunized with ACV plus CyaA\* also secreted larger amounts of IFN- $\gamma$  and GM-CSF than did cells from mice immunized with CyaA\* alone after stimulation in vitro with CyaA\*. Macrophages from mice immunized with ACV plus CyaA\* produced significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) higher levels of nitric oxide than did macrophages from mice immunized with CyaA\* alone, ACV alone, or ACV plus CyaA after stimulation in vitro with a mixture of *B. pertussis* antigens or heat-killed *B. pertussis* cells. These data suggest that the enhancement of protection provided by CyaA\* was due to an augmentation of both Th1 and Th2 immune responses to *B. pertussis* antigens.



# Highly purified CyaA-AC<sup>-</sup> protects on its own



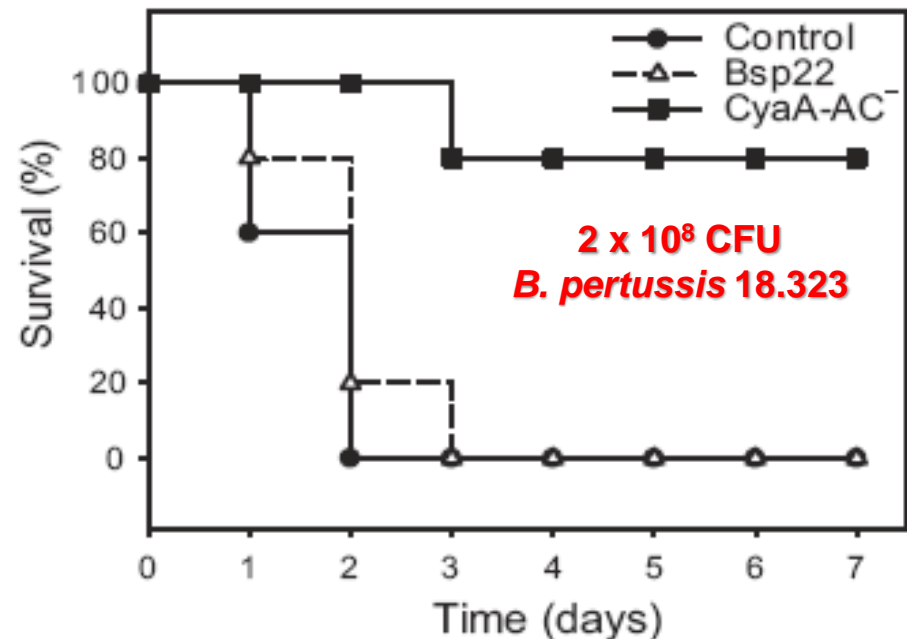
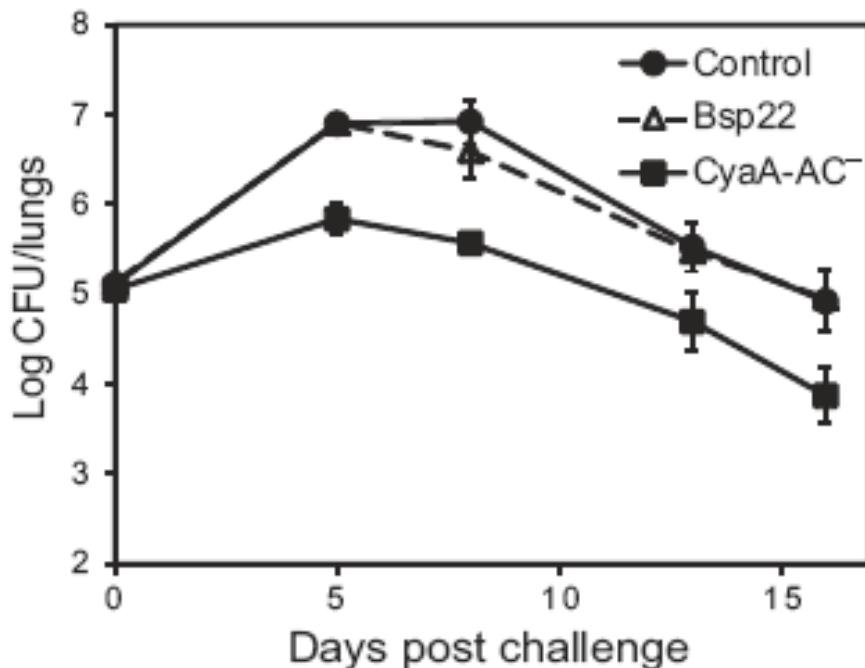
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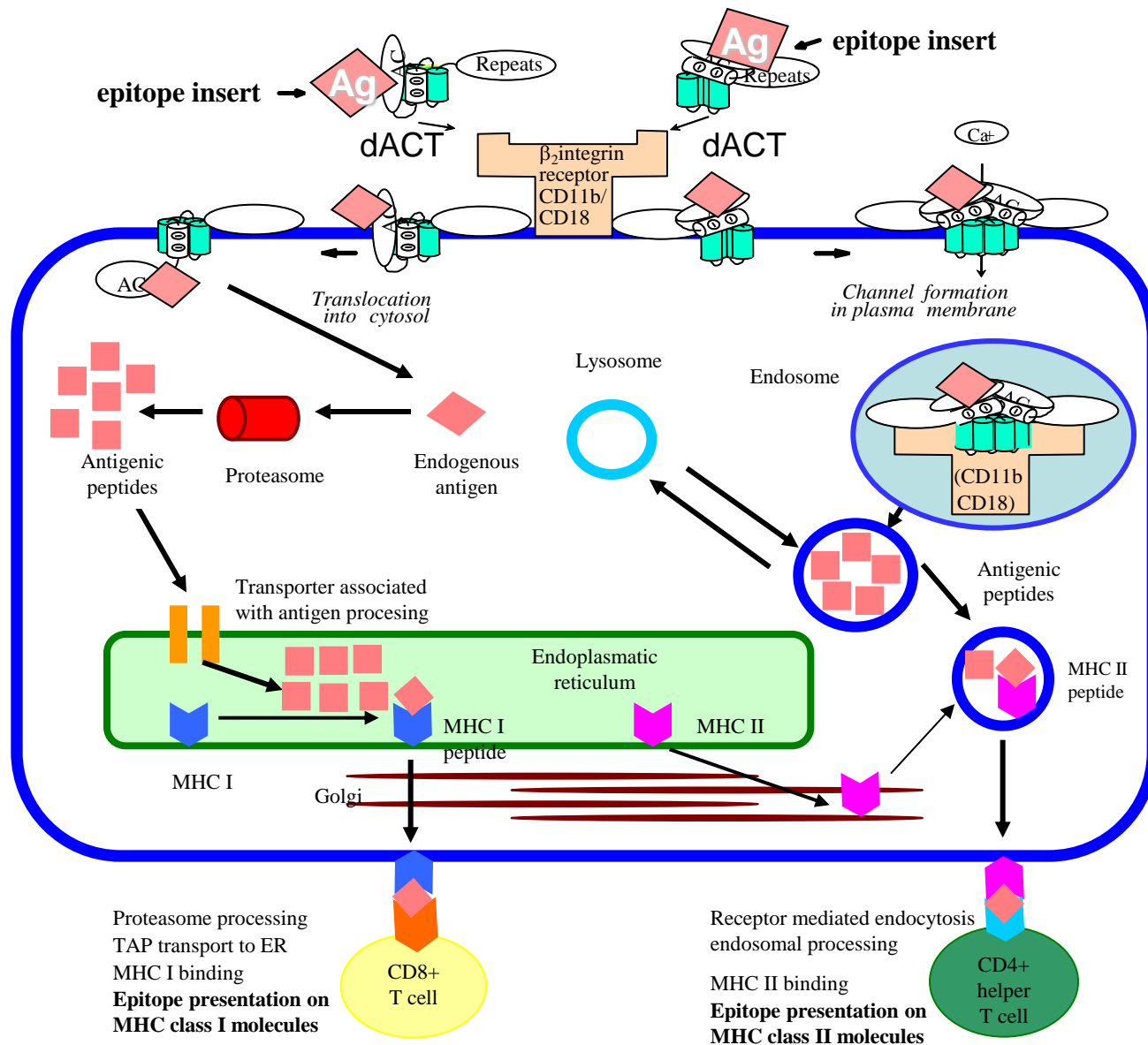
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# dACT as a novel antigen delivery tool





September 2012 - Gentical S.A. completed Phase I clinical trial for HPV16/18-induced cervical carcinoma

**Using a cGMP batch of the adenylate cyclase (CyaA-AC<sup>-</sup>) toxoid for delivery of HPV E7 antigen as immunotherapeutic vaccine**

**safe, immunogenic, inducing CD8<sup>+</sup> CTLs and HPV 16/18 virus load reduction demonstrated**

...Heading for phase II trial = will be of interest to see pertussis incidence in CyaA-E7 toxoid treated woman...

# In conclusion:

The pore-forming (hemolytic) activity of ACT is important for *B. pertussis* virulence, contributing to inflammation that will eventually help to clear the infection (in mice)

The **cAMP signaling of ACT,**

however, prevails and

**knocks down the innate immunity**

and

**dampens the adaptive immune response**

in order

**to enable host colonization**

Explaining why is it so important  
to add the AC toxoid  
into the aP vaccine

if we are serious about

breaking the vicious circle  
of epidemic whooping cough  
spread in the most developed  
countries ...



# Sebolab = a Confederation of Pls...



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