One Health: contribution of animals to the fight against sepsis.

"Essentially, all models are wrong, but some are useful"

George Box (British statistician)

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Sepsis animal model definition

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Animal model what for?

failed to lead to the development of one or more useful pharmacological therapies

BUT...

gain insights into pathophysiology

toll-like receptor 4 (TLR4) was initially characterized in mice as the pattern recognition receptor (PRR) for LPS (*Poltorak, Science, 1998*)

characterization of immunosuppressive cells (regulatory T-cells, myeloid-derived suppressor cells) occurred initially in mouse models, before further verification of their importance in human sepsis

Assessment of the roles of tissue and organ immunology in sepsis in animal model vs blood sample in human

 \rightarrow characterization of compartment-specific immunopathy in sepsis

Agent	ent Species Challenge Design		Animal study result	References	
IL1-RA	Mouse	Intraperitoneal LPS	First dose of IL1-RA administered 20 min after LPS challenge and continued every 4 h for 24 h	Benefit	114
Methylprednisolone sodium succinate (MPSS)	Baboon	Viable intravenous <i>E. coli</i>	Infusion of MPSS started 2 h after start of bacterial challenge	Benefit	65
IL1-RA	Baboon	Viable intravenous <i>E. coli</i>	Continuous infusion of IL1-RA started at same time as bacterial challenge	Benefit	115
Lenercept	Baboon	Viable intravenous E. coli	Pre-treatment 1 h prior to bacterial challenge	Benefit	116
CDP571	Baboon	Viable intravenous E. coli	Pre-treatment 2 h prior to bacterial challenge	Benefit	117
BN 5021	Mouse	Intravenous LPS	Pre-treatment 30–45 min prior to LPS challenge	Benefit	118
BB-882	Mouse	Intravenous LPS	Pre-treatment 5 min prior to LPS challenge	Benefit	119
TCV-309	Mouse	Intravenous LPS 24 h after intraperitoneal carrageenan	Pre-treatment 30 min prior to LPS challenge	Benefit	120
TAK-242	Mouse	Intraperitoneal viable <i>E. coli</i> injected 13 d after priming with intravenous viable <i>Mycobacterium bovis</i>	Treatment with ceftazidime and TAK-142 at 1 h after bacterial challenge	Benefit	121
TAK-242	Mouse	Intraperitoneal LPS	Pre-treatment with TAK-242 1 h before LPS or post-treatment TAK-242 up to 4 h after LPS challenge	Benefit	122
Tifacogin	Rabbit	Peritonitis caused by <i>E. coli</i> O18:K+	Treatment with gentamicin at tifacogin, beginning 4 h after onset of infection	Benefit	59
Tifacogin	Baboon	Viable intravenous <i>E. coli</i>	Treatment with tifacogin started at 30 min after bacterial challenge	Benefit	123
Tifacogin	Mouse	Cecal ligation and puncture (CLP)	Treatment with tifacogin started 30–60 min after CLP	Benefit	66

examples of some pharmacological agents, which have been evaluated in an animal model of sepsis and yielded negative results in one or more human clinical trials (Fink, virulence, 2014)

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types of infections: including the pathogens

strains subcultured long term → lose important pathophysiological characteristics → fail to reflect "real world" pathogenesis

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microorganisms => replicate those commonly found in human sepsis BACTERIA >Viral > fungus

> Use clinical isolate= pathogenic bacteria

measurements of organ injury the site of infection



similarities between human neonatal sepsis and the foal sepsis interest of veterinary spontaneous "models" in sepsis



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Evaluation of updated sepsis scoring systems and systemic inflammatory response syndrome criteria and their association with sepsis in equine neonates

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	Gram-negative organisms	Number of positive results	Percent of Gram-negative	Percent total positive	Gram-positive organisms	Number of positive results	Percent of gram-positive	Percen total positive
\langle	Escherichia coli	15	21.1	11.2	Staphylococcus spp	12	19	9
	Pantoea agglomerans	12	16.9	9	Enterococcus spp	6	9.5	4.5
	Actinobacillus spp	9	12.7	6.7	Staphylococcus spp (coag. neg)	6	9.5	4.5
\langle	Enterobacter spp	7	9.9	5.2	Streptococcus (a-hemolytic)	6	9.5	4.5
	Klebsiella pneumonia	7	9.9	5.2	Bacillus spp	5	7.9	3.7
	Agrobacterium spp	4	5.6	3	Diptheroids	5	7.9	3.7
	Acintobacter spp	3	4.2	2.2	Streptococcus Group A	4	6.3	3
	Gram-Negative rod	3	4.2	2.2	Streptococcus spp	4	6.3	3
	Pseudomonas spp.	3	4.2	2.2	Corynebacterium spp	3	4.8	2.2
	Salmonella spp	3	4.2	2.2	Gram-Positive rod	3	4.8	2.2
	Gram-Negative bacilli	2	2.8	1.5	Leifsonia aquatic	3	4.8	2.2
	Aeromonas	1	1.4	0.7	Clostridium spp	2	3.2	1.5
	Campylobacter fetus	1	1.4	0.7	Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens	1	1.6	0.7
	Neisseria	1	1.4	0.7	Gemella morbillorum	1	1.6	0.7
	Saccharomyces cerevisiae ^a	1	-	-	Kytococcus sedantarius	1	1.6	0.7
					Okibacterium fritillariae	1	1.6	0.7
	Total	71	100	53		63	100	47

TABLE 1 Blood culture results from 273 neonatal foals presented to 7 referral hospitals during the 2016 foaling season













→ Protection abdominal sepsis : CLP (van der Poll, J Immunol 1995)

 Better targeting of animal models to the questioning

 But also

 Better targeting of patients for clinical trials









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Small animal \rightarrow low cost, ease to breed, numerous assays

- \rightarrow less compound required (\in)
- → biological /immunological tools



- \rightarrow technical limitations : invasive procedures very challenging
- \rightarrow biology, physiology # human

Large animal

- \rightarrow resuscitation / positive pressure ventilation / antimicrobial therapy \approx human
- \rightarrow physiologic et biological parameters \approx human
- \rightarrow blood volume \rightarrow serial sampling of blood, tissues (serial biopsies)



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- \rightarrow mirror the thermogenesis response to stress
- \rightarrow easy surgery and monitoring (existing clinical monitoring equipment)
- \rightarrow study in serial fashion: haemodynamic, organ function evaluations, haemostasis...
- → test and develop tools to explore organ failure in models close to the clinical situations encountered in patients (haemodynamics, microcirculation, ...)
- \rightarrow ethical, social challenges / dog
- \rightarrow less biological /immunological tools
- \rightarrow high cost (pig << dog)



A new device for continuous assessment of gut perfusion: proof of concept on a porcine model of septic shock



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- circulation of the pig has been shown to be most similar to that of humans (except primates)

- lung vascular smooth muscle is very sensitive to live bacteria and endotoxin \rightarrow increase in pulmonary vascular resistance

- Increased pulmonary vascular resistance leads to hypodynamic circulation in porcine sepsis models, unlike the hyper dynamic circulation seen in human septic shock.

- Hyperdynamic porcine models are characterized by long observation periods with the first cardiac output measurements after six hours.

- risk of malignant hyperthermia during long sedation with halogenated drugs







Example of comparative pathophysiology







Porcine (Morton, J Leukocyte Biol 1988)

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Pulmonary intravascular macrophages (PIMs)

PIMs are pro-inflammatory

Induced in response to endotoxins and bacteria





- docile large animals.

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- extremely sensitive to LPS like humans: continuous infusion of LPS at a rate as low as 9 ng/kg per h → changes in pulmonary arterial pressure, cardiac output, and lung microvascular permeability
- True sepsis is induced in sheep in a variety of ways: (e.g. infusing viable *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* i.v)
- Ruminant : herbivorous + risk of free gas bloat during long anaesthesia in dorsal decubitus





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Conclusion: share the skills of professionals from different fields





To explore alterations + develop new therapeutics



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doctors and veterinarians experimental and spontaneous models murine swine







Conclusion

As there is not one sepsis but many sepsis, there are also many animal models.

Animal model must be chosen to be adapted to the scientific questioning

Choice:

Pre-clinical models : large animal / murine models Veterinary spontaneous clinical models

Species

For the same species the individual status (strain, gender, age, comorbidity, living environment,...)

Double-blind

The procedure: pathogens, route of entry, organ damage assessment and resuscitation / antimicrobial therapy





