



# IMI impact on: Antimicrobial Resistance: Legacy of IMI COMBACTE projects

31 May 2024

# New Drug for Bad Bugs (ND4BB)

Large public private collaboration programme launched under IMI in response to the 2011 EC 's Action Plan against the rising threats from AMR

## Challenge 1 - Getting the drug into the bug

TRANSLOCATION: Addressing the scientific challenge of penetration barriers & efflux

## Challenge 2: Translation from early discovery to clinic

ENABLE: Combine academia / industry expertise to work on early-stage novel molecules

## Challenge 3 - Clinical development long, costly, inefficient

COMBACTE family, iABC: Creating sustainable clinical investigator / laboratory / epidemiology networks; running clinical studies & trials

## Challenge 4 - Low return on investment

DRIVE-AB: Options for a new economic model of antibiotic development and stewardship; buy-in from all stakeholders

# IMI impact on: AMR

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# Network building in COMBACTE

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# Antimicrobial resistance: the perfect storm

- Associated with worse outcomes and costs
- Jeopardizing modern medicine
- Increasing worldwide
- Slow development of new antibiotics



# 2012: Objectives of COMBACTE

- Increase efficiency of antibiotic development
  - Align clinical trials with cutting edge molecular methodologies and trial design
- Create a self-sustaining premier antibacterial development network
  - Expanding research and laboratory networks
  - Optimal alignment of clinical trials with investigator sites
  - Clinical and epidemiologic data also supports stewardship



# What makes studies in antibiotic resistance inefficient?

- EARL hurdles: Ethical, Administrative, Regulatory and Legal
- Lack of appropriate expertise training for executing studies in acute infectious diseases (inverse relation between capacity and prevalence of resistance!)
- Lack of laboratory support for study execution
- Incomplete understanding of antibiotic resistance epidemiology
- Lack of innovation in clinical trial methodology





# 2024: The network of networks created by COMBACTE

## 1. CLIN-Net

- The network of study sites; hospitals and primary care sites

## 2. LAB-Net

- The network of laboratories supporting the clinical studies in CLIN-Net

## 3. STAT-Net

- The network of experts in methodological and statistical aspects of clinical studies in infectious diseases

## 4. EPI-Net

- The network of experts in epidemiological studies in infectious diseases

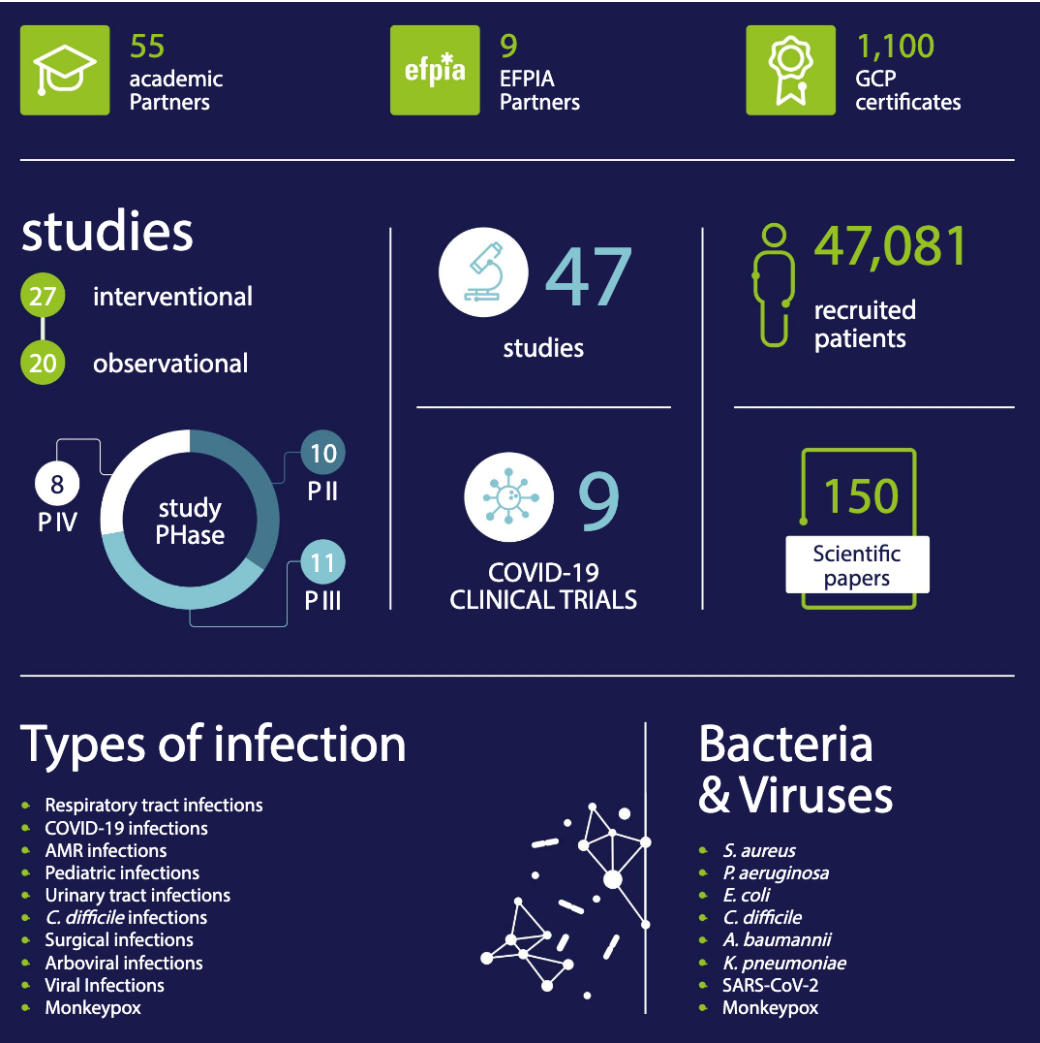


# CLIN-Net and LAB-Net achievements

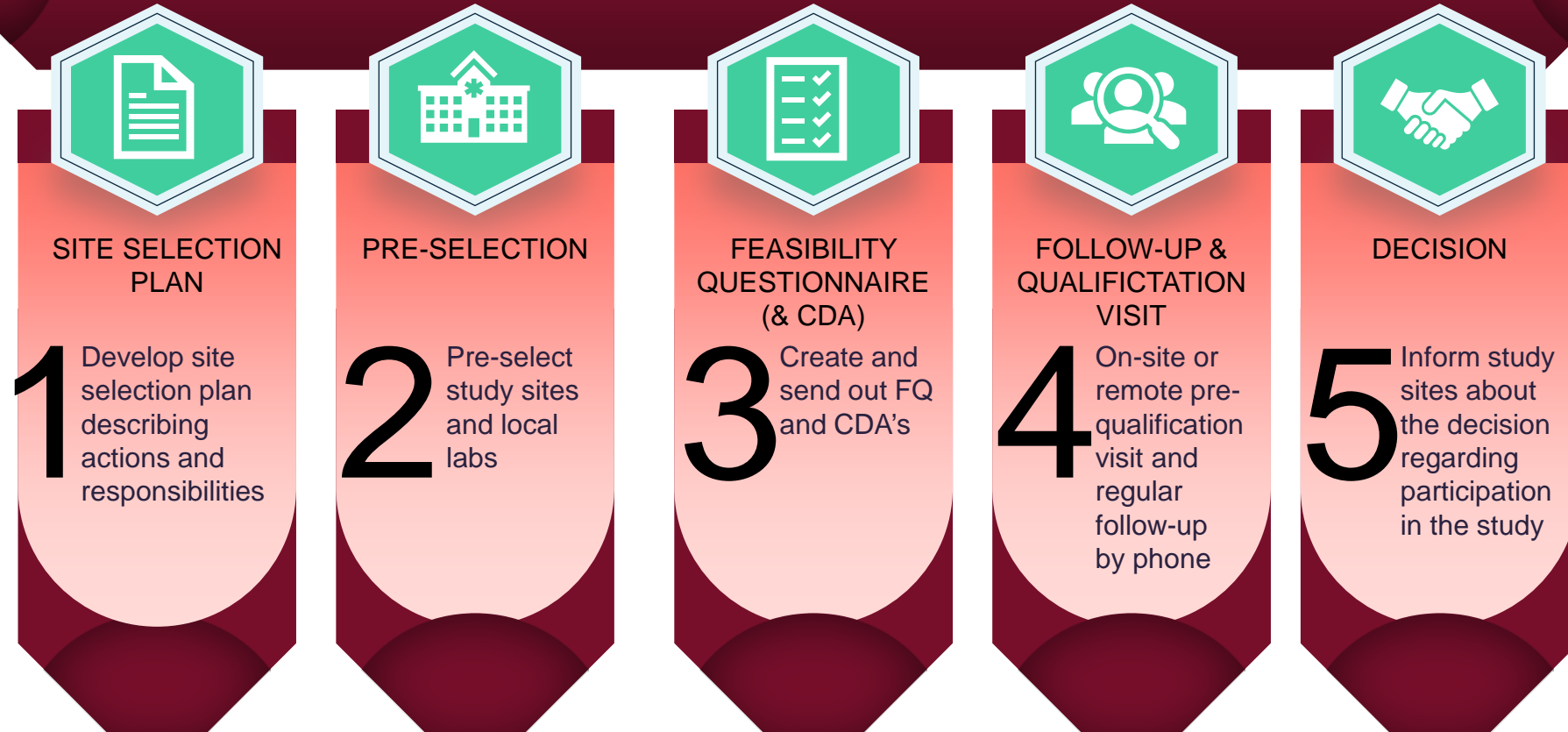
CLIN-Net	LAB-Net
<p>GCP and GLP trainings (face-to-face &amp; online)                      Protocolized site selection procedure                      Continuous growth of network</p>	
<p>Contracting of study sites                      Regulatory approvals of studies                      Site management during studies                      Building a portfolio of quality parameters of study sites</p>	<p>Quality control                      Sampling transports                      Sampling analysis                      Biobanking &amp; Repository</p>



# CLIN-Net and LAB-Net in figures



# Site Selection



As of now, 614 sites selected by a Site Selection Board to participate in at least one study or selected for a site qualification visit.

# EPI-Net achievements

1. Optimized surveillance for antibiotic resistance and infections in healthcare settings
2. Contributed to homogenization of current and future surveillance in Europe
3. Informing public health actions
4. Informing and guiding R&D for new antibiotics for multidrug-resistant pathogens



## Consensus and recommendations to support homogenisation of surveillance strategies in EU countries

Lancet Infectious Diseases 2018

### Surveillance for control of antimicrobial resistance



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Health Policy

Lancet Regional Health Europe 2023

### EPI-Net One Health reporting guideline for antimicrobial consumption and resistance surveillance data: a Delphi approach



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White Paper: Bridging the gap between human and animal surveillance data, antibiotic policy and stewardship in the hospital sector—practical guidance from the JPIAMR ARCH and COMBACTE-MAGNET EPI-Net networks

White Paper: Bridging the gap between surveillance data and antimicrobial stewardship in long-term care facilities—practical guidance from the JPIAMR ARCH and COMBACTE-MAGNET EPI-Net networks

White Paper: Bridging the gap between surveillance data and antimicrobial stewardship in the animal sector—practical guidance from the JPIAMR ARCH and COMBACTE-MAGNET EPI-Net networks

White Paper: Bridging the gap between surveillance data and antimicrobial stewardship in the outpatient sector—practical guidance from the JPIAMR ARCH and COMBACTE-MAGNET EPI-Net networks



# EPI-Net: a One-stop AMR/HAI epidemiology online platform yearly updated & public

[epi-net.eu/overview](http://epi-net.eu/overview)

## Prevalence/incidence of antibiotic resistance

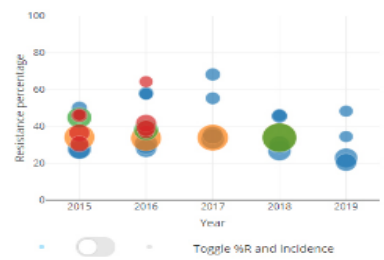
Resistance rates in humans ↑

Source	Record	Year	Setting	Sub-setting	Specimen
<b>National voluntary surveillance</b>					
SARI	🔗	2019	Hospital	ICU	not detailed
KISS	🔗	2019	Hospital	not detailed	not detailed
<b>National mandatory surveillance</b>					
RKI	🔗	2019	Laboratory	not detailed	Invasive

Resistance rates in animals and food 🐄 🐷

Source	Record	Year	Animal	Setting	Sub-set
No data available					

Healthcare-associated infections 🏥



**Antibiotic resistance by country**

All available data on a target pathogen for a specific country

[View data](#)

## Healthcare-associated infections

Healthcare-associated infections 🏥

Source	Record	Centers	Year	Setting	Sub-setting
<b>National surveillance</b>					
KISS	🔗	219	2017 - 2019	Hospital	Neonatology
KISS	🔗	211	2017 - 2019	Hospital	Neonatology
KISS	🔗	161	2017 - 2019	Hospital	Neonatology
KISS	🔗	20	2017 - 2019	Hospital	Hematology
KISS	🔗	20	2017 - 2019	Hospital	Hematology

**Healthcare-associated infections by country**

Incidence data on target healthcare-associated infections for a specific country

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## Emerging resistances to new antibiotics

Antibiotics approved in Europe

Active substance(s)	Date of approval in EU	EU-approved drugs (commercial names)	Date of approval
...	...	...	...

Antibiotics pending approval in Europe

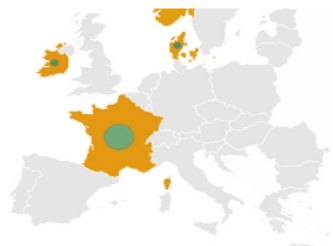
Active substance(s)	Date of approval in EU	EU-approved drugs (commercial names)	Date of approval in USA
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**Emerging resistances**

View the most recently approved antibiotics for human medicine in EU and reports of resistances emerging for these antibiotics

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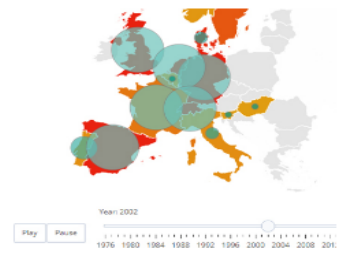
## History of antibiotic resistance outbreaks



**Outbreaks across Europe**

Visualize where an outbreak was reported for a particular pathogen during a specific year

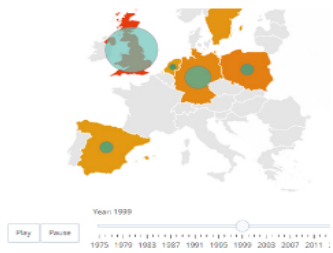
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**Outbreaks across Europe (from the first outbreak)**

Visualize outbreaks reported for a particular pathogen in chronological order through a time series heat map

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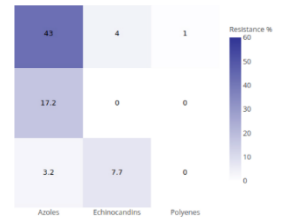


**Outbreaks across Europe (from 1975)**

Visualize outbreaks reported for a particular pathogen in chronological order through a time series heat map

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## Antifungal resistance

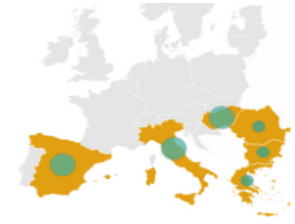


**Antifungal resistance across Europe**

Antifungal resistance rates in Candida from multiple sources across Europe

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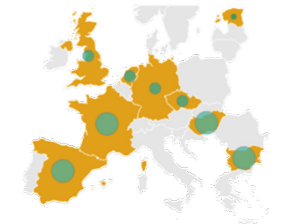
## COMBACTE studies and trials



**RESCUING**

Study design: retrospective observational  
Study period: 2013-2014  
Geographical coverage: Europe  
No. participating centers: 20

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**ASPIRE-ICU**

Study design: prospective observational  
Study period: 2015-2018  
Geographical coverage: Europe  
No. participating centers: 29

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# EPI-Net CDR

25 Target Pathogens



23.968.723 strains

5 Target HAI



932.140 strains

## CDR: Surveillance systems

34 national human AMR (V); 14 national human AMR (M); 27 national human HAI; 19 national animal AMR, 1 international AMR human (3 countries); 1 international human HAI; 1 international animal AMR

Total Emerging resistance reports: 203

TOTAL Outbreaks (studies) : 619

TOTAL Outbreaks (mandatory notifications): 621

### LAST DEVELOPMENTS

**Candidemia Surveillance online** (J fungi 2022)

**AMR Travel Tool online** provides info on AMR for patients and medical doctors (see video at <https://epi-net.eu/travel-tool/overview/>)

**Excellence Centers** - network on centers specialised in surveillance (see video at <https://epi-net.eu/excellence-centers/overview/>)

**ENSURE project** implemented EPI-Net surveillance recommendations for surveillance in high endemic hospitals for AMR (J hosp infect 2024; one under review)



# STAT-Net achievements

- Application of population PK models for PK variability and optimised dosing
- Rank-based composite end points to improve power and relevancy
- Multistate models to examine a range of time-dependent clinical outcomes
- Use of historical clinical trial data for design/ analysis
- Teach the next generation on platform trials

*Clinical Infectious Diseases*

VIEWPOINTS



## Optimizing the Design and Analysis of Clinical Trials for Antibacterials Against Multidrug-resistant Organisms: A White Paper From COMBACTE's STAT-Net

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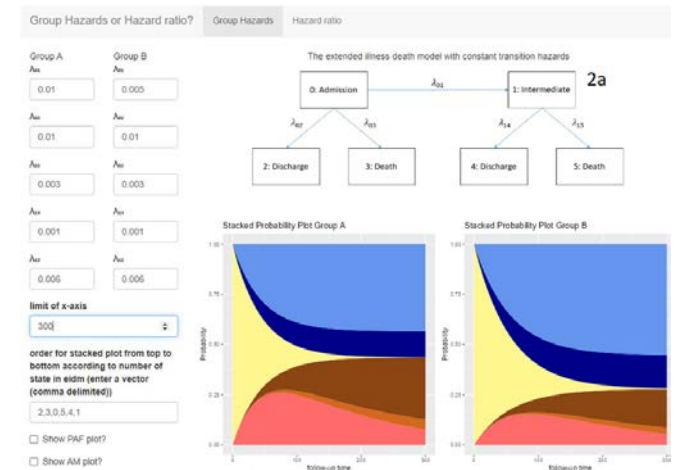
# Novel endpoints for ventilator-associated pneumonia RCTs

- **Evidence synthesis:** Critical Care 2017: 21;162. doi: 10.1186/s13054-017-1755-5
- **Expert consensus:** Clin Infect Dis 2019: 69; 1912-1918. doi: 10.1093/cid/ciz093
- **Implementation:** Crit Care. 2024; 28: 10. doi: 10.1186/s13054-023-04792-0



# Shiny app improving insights in competing time-dependent outcomes in RCTs

- BMC Medical Research Methodology (2024) 24:116 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12874-024-02240-3>



# From COMBACTE to Ecraid

(European Clinical Research Alliance on Infectious Diseases)

- From public-private partnership consortium to a not-for-profit foundation led by academic investigators
- CLIN-Net, LAB-Net, STAT-Net and EPI-Net pillars of Ecraid
- International leadership
  - Based in Utrecht, currently 80 employees (research support)
  - Management board of 3 (2 EU countries)
  - Coordinating Committee of 17 (11 EU countries)
  - Ecraid Clinical Liaison Council of 24 (19 EU countries)
- Current activity: 11 international studies in 269 study sites in 24 EU countries
- Operational data collection tool according to FAIR data principles



# Observational studies in COMBACTE

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# Epidemiological and observational studies

- **No intervention**
  - Burden of disease, risk factors for the infection
  - Management, predictors for outcomes
- Help to understand **priorities** in AMR research and **gaps** in knowledge
- Inform more **efficient design** of randomised trials
- Provide additional, generalizable information of “**real life**” data
- **Limitations** to assess casualty (treatments comparisons)



# Observational studies within COMBACTE

## • Projects:

- COMBACTE-NET
  - ASPIRE-ICU, ASPIRE-SSI, ANTICIPATE, ARTHR-IS, EXPECT, HONEST-PREPS
- COMBACTE-CARE
  - EURECA
- COMBACTE-MAGNET
  - RESCUING

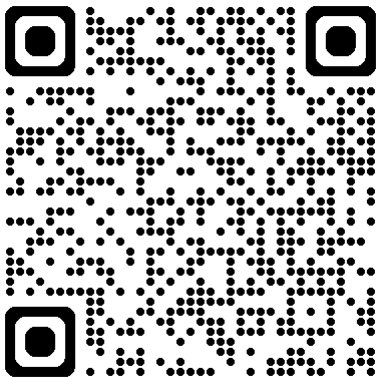


## • Infections

- Ventilator-associated pneumonia
- Surgical site infections
- Prosthetic joint infections
- Urinary tract infections

## • Microorganisms

- *Staphylococcus aureus*
- *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- *Clostridioides difficile*
- Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales
- Carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter*



Scientific publications available at  
<https://www.combacte.com/publications/>



# Questions for carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales

Risk factors?

Impact in mortality?

## Usefulness for randomised trials

Efficient design

Sample size needed

## Study design

Multinational matched case-control Study

## EURECA: 50 hospitals, 10 European countries

Patients with CRE infections  
(N=235)

Patients with CSE infections  
(N=235)

Patients without infection  
(N=705)

CRE: carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales  
CSE: carbapenem-susceptible Enterobacterales



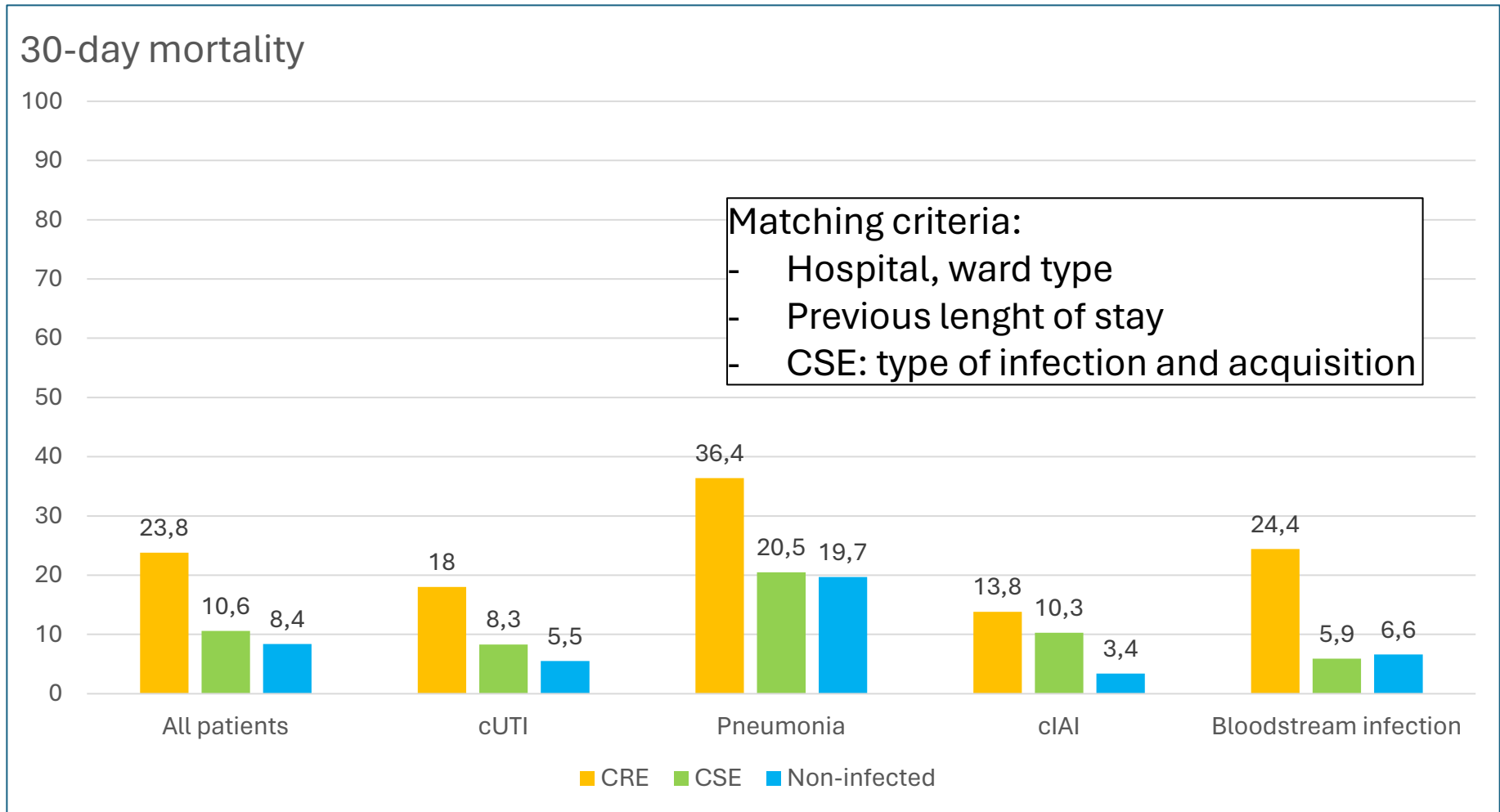
# Risk factors for carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (CRE) vs carbapenem-susceptible (CSE) or non-infected patients

	CRE vs CSE	CRE vs non-infected
Age	Orange	Green
Chronic renal failure	Green	Orange
Previous colonisation by CRE	Green	Green
Previous hospital admission	Orange	Green
Urinary catheter	Green	Green
Immunosuppressive drugs	Orange	Green
Previous antibiotics	Green	Green





# Attributable mortality to carbapenem-resistance in Enterobacteriales infection



CRE: carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriales CSE: carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriales  
 cUTI: complicated urinary tract infections. cIAI: complicated intraabdominal infections

Paniagua-García et al, Clin Microbiol Infect 2024



# Beyond results - added value of multinational observational studies in COMBACTE

- Use of a clinical and laboratory network (CLIN-Net, LAB-Net)
  - Able to run complex, multinational studies in Europe
  - Sites trained for randomised trial participation
  - Able to perform complex data analysis (STAT-Net)
- Aggregated data incorporated to EPI-Net repository
  - Global epidemiology knowledge
  - Data sharing
- Preliminary data used for design of randomised trials
  - Target high risk population, sample size

# IMI Impact on AMR

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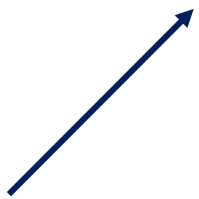


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# COMBACTE-CARE

## COMBATING BACTERIAL RESISTANCE IN EUROPE – CARBAPENEM-RESISTANCE

- **As stated on the COMBACTE-CARE site, the project aims to:**
  1. better understand multi-drug resistant bacterial infections such as carbapenem resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) and to support the development of new treatment options;
  2. analyse observational clinical and epidemiological data sets to inform the design of randomised trials;
  3. **make significant contributions to the development of a novel treatment option, aztreonam-avibactam (ATM-AVI), for patients with serious Gram-negative bacterial infections, including those caused by a particular type of carbapenem-resistance (metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase), for which there are limited or no treatment options**



**This is where we will focus in this presentation**

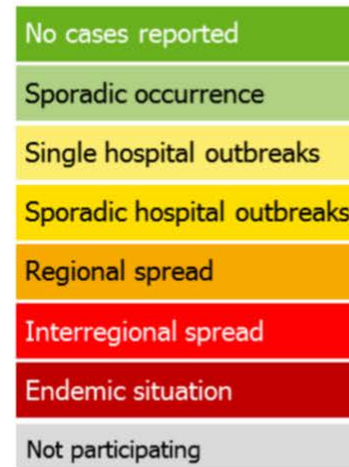
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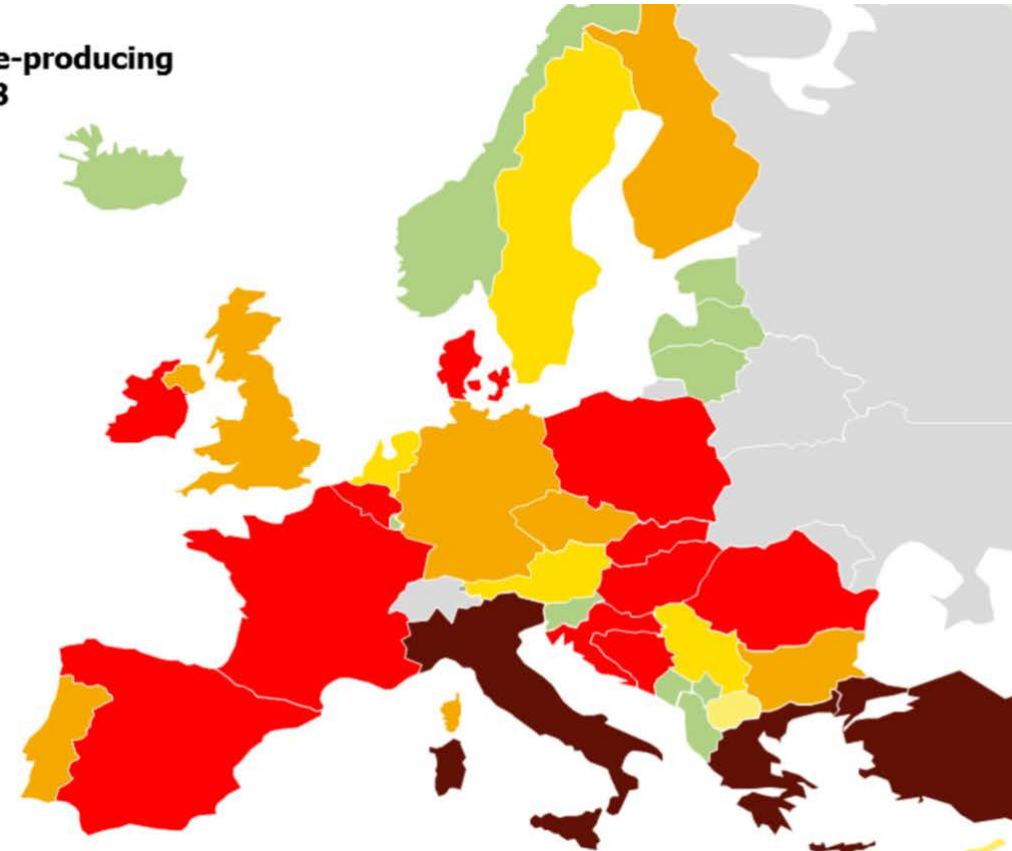
# Introduction

- Antimicrobial resistance is a growing problem worldwide
- Infections caused by bacteria known as CREs are resistant to most available antibiotics and are so difficult to treat they are considered to be one of the most dangerous drug-resistant bacteria in the world.
- Cases of CRE infections are on the rise in Europe and globally.

Spread of carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae, 2018



Source: Brolund *et al.* Eurosurveillance 2018



European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control  
CRE = carbapenem-resistant enterobacterales

# Study C3601001 (REJUVENATE) was a Phase 2a, prospective, open-label, multicentre, non-comparative, dose-selection study

## Objectives<sup>1</sup>

- To assess the PK (how the medicine interacts with the body), safety and tolerability and efficacy of a combination medicine called ATM-AVI for the treatment of complicated intra-abdominal infection (cIAI) in hospitalised adults

## Patient eligibility and cohorts<sup>1</sup>

- Adult patients between the ages of 18 to 90 years with a diagnosis of cIAI
- Must have had/were planning to have a surgery within 24 hours administration of the first dose of ATM-AVI
- Patients who had failed prior antibacterial treatment for their current cIAI were eligible but must have had a known or suspected pathogen causing cIAI resistant to the prior therapy

*continuation with escalation of AVI dose\**

### Cohort 1

Patients with normal renal function or mild renal impairment  
(CrCl >50 mL/min; n=16)



### Cohorts 2+3

Patients with **normal renal function** or **mild or moderate renal impairment**  
(n=18 [n=17 with CrCl > 50 mL/min; n=1 with CrCl >30–50 mL/min])

**In WP2A REJUVENATE, COMBACTE CARE enrolled all 40 patients from 3 countries (Spain, France, Germany)**

# Lessons Learnt WP2A → WP2B

- COMBACTE-CARE Spanish site (Virgen del Rocio in Seville) were particularly successful at recruiting patients for the **REJUVENATE** study
- Their learnings were key to support recruitment initiatives:
  - creation of a video highlighting the importance of a multidisciplinary study team
  - coordinating communications for successful recruitment and retention
- These lessons allowed the network to build upon the efficient and effective clinical recruitment within COMBACTE sites and translate them into the **WP2B REVISIT study**



# Study C3601002 (REVISIT) was a Phase 3, prospective, open-label, multicentre, comparative study

## Study treatments and endpoints

Adults ≥18 years with confirmed diagnosis of HAP/VAP or cIAI requiring IV antibiotic treatment

Experimental arm: ATM–AVI ± MTZ (n=282)<sup>a</sup>

Active comparator: Meropenem (MER) ± Colistin (COL) (n=140)<sup>b</sup>

- 422 subjects with complicated intra-abdominal infection (cIAI) or hospital-acquired pneumonia/ventilator-associated pneumonia (HAP/VAP) caused by Gram-negative bacteria in countries with emerging or high incidence of carbapenem resistance
- Approximately 165 sites in ~20 countries in the Americas, Europe, & Asia
- Minimum treatment duration: 5 days cIAI; 7 days for HAP/VAP
- Maximum treatment duration: 14 days

**Primary endpoint:** Clinical cure at Day 28/ Test of Cure (TOC) visit (ITT and CE populations)

### Secondary endpoints:

- Clinical cure at TOC in a population of participants who meet specific microbiological and clinical criteria (mITT and ME populations)
- Microbiological response at End of Treatment and TOC (micro-ITT and ME populations)
- How ATM-AVI works in the body, and relationship between exposure and clinical and microbiological response
- Safety and tolerability profile
- 28-day mortality

<sup>a</sup>All patients with cIAI will receive MTZ for anaerobic cover. <sup>b</sup>Addition of COL will be at investigator's discretion in line with the local practice regarding COL.

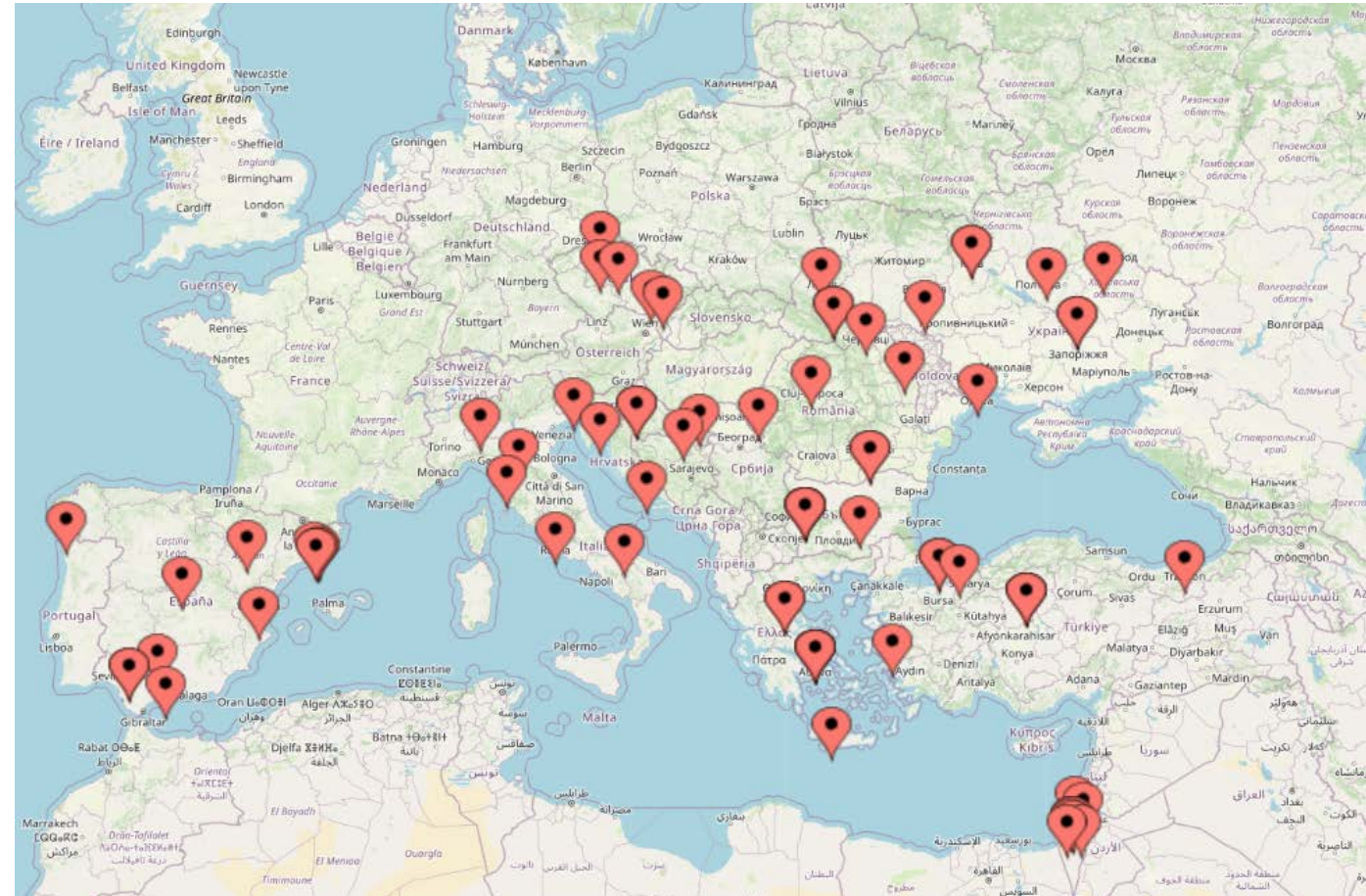
Abbreviations: ATM = aztreonam; AVI = avibactam; CE = clinically evaluable; cIAI = complicated intra-abdominal infection; COL = colistin; CrCl = creatinine clearance; EOT = end of treatment; HAP = hospital-acquired pneumonia; ITT = intent-to-treat; IV = intravenous; ME = microbiologically evaluable; MER = meropenem; mITT = modified intent-to-treat; MTZ = metronidazole; PK = pharmacokinetics; = TOC = test of cure; VAP = ventilator-associated pneumonia.



# WP2B REVISIT Enrolment Summary

*COMBACTE-CARE was a key contributor to the study*

- 422 participants were enrolled around the world
- **Approximately 50% of all subjects randomized were at COMBACTE-CARE sites**
- 4 of the top 6 recruiting sites in the world were from the COMBACTE-CARE network



# WP2B – REVISIT Challenges and Strategies

	Maximize site and country footprint	Patience and compassion for sites and their priorities	Collaborative, proactive and targeted site selection	Optimize manufacturers and suppliers	Just in Time training and training tools	Regional contacts and expertise
COVID-19	X	X		X	X	X
Geopolitical conflict		X				X
Site drop out/loss of motivation	X	X	X			X
Recruitment challenges	X	X	X		X	X
Clinical Drug Supply shortages				X		
Lab supply shortages and shutdowns	X			X		
Importation restrictions	X			X		X
Changes in Standard of Care since 2018			X			X



# WP2B - REVISIT Specific Approaches

Collaborative, inter-departmental hospital study team

Enrollment video (produced by SAS)

Patient Pathway Identification Exercise

Virtual Investigator Meetings and remote monitoring, as permissible

Clinical Drug Supply flexibility

- Contracted with multiple drug supply manufacturers

Academic leads 24/7 telephone investigator support line

Study specific recruitment support tools (developed by Tel Aviv (TASMC)) and supporting training videos

Academic lead role in oversight of planning, study conduct, and medical support

Collaboration across COMBACTE-CARE partners was key



# CONCLUSION and IMPACT

- COMBACTE CARE demonstrated that (and how) a public private partnership between industry and academia can work, reinforcing our common goal in finding novel solutions for patients with serious infections.
- These clinical studies have led to approval of a new antibiotic.
  - More information can be found at [Emblaveo | European Medicines Agency \(europa.eu\)](#)
- The close relationships grown from this consortium will:
  - Help the global fight against AMR
  - Provide evidence that Europe has the capacity/infrastructure to conduct clinical trials for novel antibacterial agents



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# COMBACTE Clinical Trials from investigator's perspective

IMI impact on AMR  
Contribution of COMBACTE projects

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# Examples of studies run

**ASPIRE-ICU**

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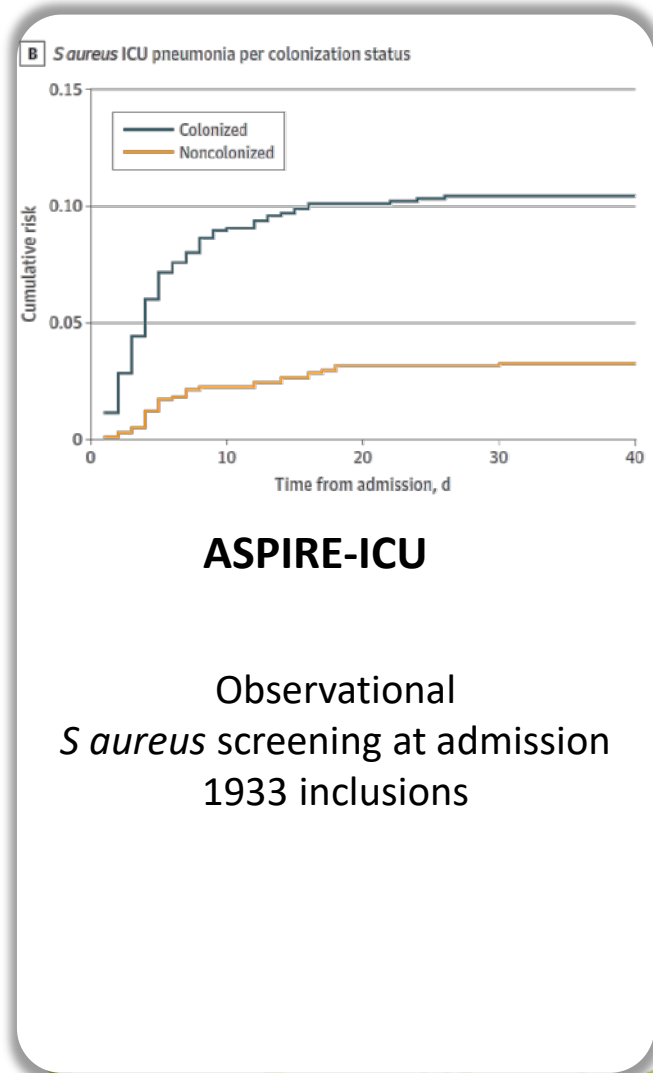
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# Examples of studies run



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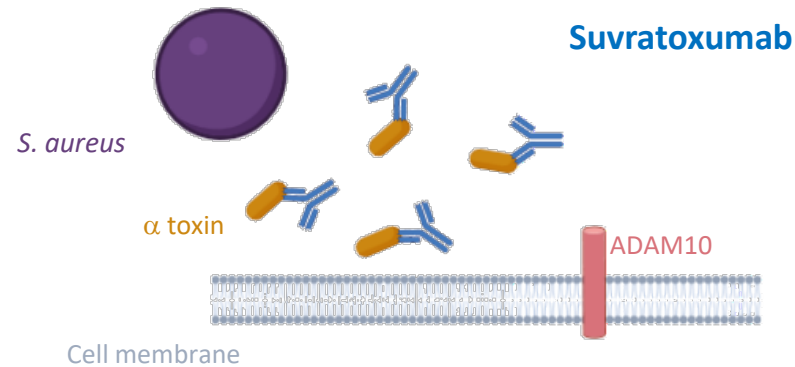
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# Examples of studies run



**ASPIRE-ICU**

**SAATELLITE**

Phase II  
767 screenings  
213 randomizations  
31 sites, 9 countries

**SAATELLITE-2**

Phase III  
54 screenings  
23 randomizations  
33 sites

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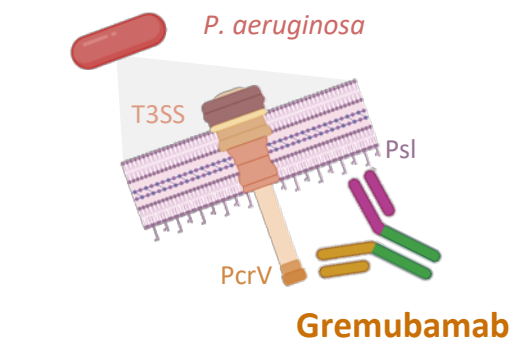
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*P. aeruginosa*

T3SS

PcrV

Psl

Gremubamab

Cell membrane

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Phase II  
1023 screenings  
188 randomizations  
31 sites, 9 countries

The diagram illustrates the interaction between the Type III Secretion System (T3SS) of *P. aeruginosa* and the antibody Gremubamab. The T3SS is shown as a needle-like structure (PcrV) embedded in the cell membrane, with Psl flagella. Gremubamab is shown as a Y-shaped antibody binding to the PcrV and Psl components. Below the diagram, the text 'EVADE' is displayed in bold, followed by the study details: 'Phase II', '1023 screenings', '188 randomizations', and '31 sites, 9 countries'.

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Observational  
Feasibility of VAP trials  
2165 ICU patients  
11 sites




# Studies valorisation

## EVADE Study

Chastre et al. *Critical Care* (2022) 26:355  
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Critical Care

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### Safety, efficacy, and pharmacokinetics of gremubamab (MEDI3902), an anti-*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* bispecific human monoclonal antibody, in *P. aeruginosa*-colonised, mechanically ventilated intensive care unit patients: a randomised controlled trial

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## ASPIRE ICU Study

JAMA Network **Open**

Original Investigation | Critical Care Medicine

### Association of *Staphylococcus aureus* Colonization and Pneumonia in the Intensive Care Unit

Fleur P. Paling, MD; Derek Hazard, MSc; Marc J. M. Bonten, MD, PhD; Herman Goossens, MD, PhD; Hasan S. Jafri, MD, PhD; Surbhi Malhotra-Kumar, MSc, PhD; Frangiscos Sifakis, MSc, PhD; Susanne Weber, MSc, PhD; Jan A. J. W. Kluytmans, MD, PhD; for the ASPIRE-ICU Study Team

## SAATELLITE Study

Journal of Clinical Microbiology

Antimicrobial Chemotherapy | Research Article | 27 June 2022

### Performance of the Cepheid Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*/*S. aureus* Skin and Soft Tissue Infection PCR Assay on Respiratory Samples from Mechanically Ventilated Patients for *S. aureus* Screening during the Phase 2 Double-Blind SAATELLITE Study

Authors: Alexey Ruzin, Olivier Barraud, Li Yu, Bruno François, Miguel Sánchez-García, Philippe Eggimann, Pierre-François Dequin

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## SAATELLITE Study

### Efficacy and safety of suvatroxumab for prevention of *Staphylococcus aureus* ventilator-associated pneumonia (SAATELLITE): a multicentre, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group, phase 2 pilot trial

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Infectious Diseases

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# Synergies in the partnerships

- **Strong collaboration with EFPIA partners**
  - Designing clinical trials to assess the safety and efficacy of anti-virulence agents is challenging and cannot be done efficiently without combining the forces and expertise of academia and pharma companies
  - Strategic discussions, transparency in the process used, joint decision-making (balanced governance structures)
- **Open and direct communication between academics and medical leaders, industrials and sites**
- **Interdisciplinary collaboration**
- **Greater involvement of the academic partners in every steps of the trial**
  - Participation in the study boards: scientific (protocol design), site selection (equal voting members)
  - Involvement in the discussions with regulatory bodies (EMA, FDA)
  - Data analysis and redaction of the clinical study report / study publication
- **As partner: access to all studies data and biological samples (creation of biocollections)**



# Networking opportunities

- Collaboration with multidisciplinary teams
- Establishment of new contacts in Europe and creation of national networks
  - CLIN-Net: Europe-wide network of hospitals prepared for performing high-quality clinical studies with new antimicrobials
- Creation of a collective dynamism in clinical research
- Acquisition of new skills
- Site capacity building through investigator and laboratory trainings, site visits, site calls, providing sites with state-of-the-art molecular diagnostic tools
- Opportunities for less experienced site personnel to visit top performing sites for on-site training



# And for the patients?

- **Possibility to participate in innovative clinical trials in terms of therapeutics and methodology**
  - Monoclonal antibodies represent a potential alternative to systemic antibiotics for the prevention of infections because they do not influence antibiotic sensitivity
- **The design of clinical trials protocols are more realistic and feasible in real life**
  - Patients inclusion and follow-up is optimized



# What remains beyond COMBACTE?

- **Creation of investigational networks and identification of National Clinical Liaison Teams**
  - > 40 countries, > 1000 hospitals, > 3400 contacts
  - Facilitates the initiation of new studies based on sites capabilities and performances
- **All know-how built during COMBACTE is now integrated into ECRAID**
  - Which opens up to general practice: more patients can be involved and more pathologies can be considered





# Q&A time



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