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Colorectal anastomosis leakless

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Background: Anastomotic leakage (AL) in intestinal surgery is a worldwide, since decades well known problem [Schardey 2021] and recently *P. Aeruginosa* and *E. faecalis* are detected [Alverdy 2017] to cause leaks via activating matrix metallo protease 9 that can cut leaks into tissues. Aim: To reduce AL means to reduce the hospital bug *P. aeruginosa* in the microbiota of the gut. If we make assumptions (or in equal wise words “sea pocks” [Anschober 2020]) such a reduction is theoretically possible in two different ways: one is competition via probiotics, but in literature there is no evidence for a multispecies probiotic (in a “study” [Zhang 2012] the “multispecies probiotic” contains *E. faecalis*!) and on the other hand *P. aeruginosa* is a strong bacteria that itself suppresses other bacteria [Bullen Sept. 2022]; an other, but promising way, is to kill *P. aeruginosa* via special antibiotics that act local in the gut and are not resorbable. Method: To prevent AL we compared a prospective treatment group of 150 patients, who recieved a mixture of 3 antibiotics [Rx by Schardey 2017] with a retrospective control group (n=150). Result: According to our protocol clinically we did not find a single case of AL in the treatment group; that result is highly significant ($p < 0,01$) in the Fisher exact test. Conclusion: The triple antibiotic mixture from our study is a very promising method to prevent / reduce AL after colorectal surgery (AL is reported in the literature to be over 10%). Dose finding studies are necessary. It is also worth to investigate, if AL occurs periodically (*P. aeruginosa* is a hospital bug and Hippocrates said of course in ancient Greek do not harm!).

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