

# Studies on the antigenic structure of Enterococci.

## - - Streptococci, groups A, B, and D. Enterococcus faecalis

| <i>E. faecalis</i> virulence factor (locus)  | Identification of virulence activity  | Identification of collagenic activity   | Cellular mechanisms of virulence relevant for collagenic activity of <i>E. faecalis</i>   |
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| Secretin genes   | <i>G. maliyevii</i> [14],<br><i>C. elegans</i> [15],<br><i>Zelotrichia</i> [16] | L-15-- mouse model  | Degradation of E-cathelin at the intestinal barrier [20]  |
| Escherichia coli K88   | Mouse infection model [21, 22]  |   | Adhesion to colonic epithelial cell surface <i>in vitro</i> and intestinal epithelium of <i>V. albeki</i> and murine colonic mucus penetration [all this study] |
| <i>G. maliyevii</i> [17]<br>(confirmed by this study)  |   | Biofilm formation on abiotic surfaces [17], on colonic epithelial cell monolayer (this study) and cell-associated mucusolytic function (this study) |   |
| <i>C. elegans</i> (this study)<br><i>Zelotrichia</i> [18]  |   | Lysosome resistance or BHI agar (this study)  |   |
|  |   | Not investigated in this study. Phagocytosis resistance [23, 24]<br>Transfocator [25]   |   |
|  |   | Not confirmed by this study. Infrared colonization [26]   |   |
| Cell surface-associated proteins [19]  | <i>G. maliyevii</i> [17] C.<br><i>C. elegans</i> (this study)                   | L-15-- mouse model  | Inhibit immune activation in TLR-2 [27] (this study)  |
| Enterococcus faecalis Enterococcal polysaccharide antigen (Epa) [28], Galactosidase [29], maliyevii, Carrorubis [30], <i>C. elegans</i> , <i>Manduca</i> [31], yeast agglutinin (Yfa) [32] |   |   |   |

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## Cell Wall Components and Antigenic Structure

Although severe, it can take an extended period of time to develop.

## Immunoinformatics Design of Multiepitope Vaccine Against Enterococcus faecium Infection

This is called type-specific immunity. Mourelatos assisted in bacterial culture and PS isolation.

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One theory is that STSS may be due to the horizontal transfer of StrepSAg genes to GAS clones with enhanced invasive potential, a deadly combination. However, in immune individuals, neutralizing antibodies reactive with M protein elicit phagocytosis which results in killing of the organism.

## 25 Streptococci and Enterococci

In the United States, enterococci are the second most common nosocomial pathogens associated with both endogenous colonization and patient-to-patient spread.

### Streptococcus

Acute group A streptococcal disease is most often a respiratory infection pharyngitis or tonsillitis or a skin infection pyoderma. The polysaccharide capsule in *S. agalactiae* allows differentiation into types Ia, Ib, Ic, II and III. Bacteria were grown in 500 ml of Todd-Hewitt broth at 37°C until mid-log phase with OD 650 of 0.

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