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Strategies of Biofilm Disruption

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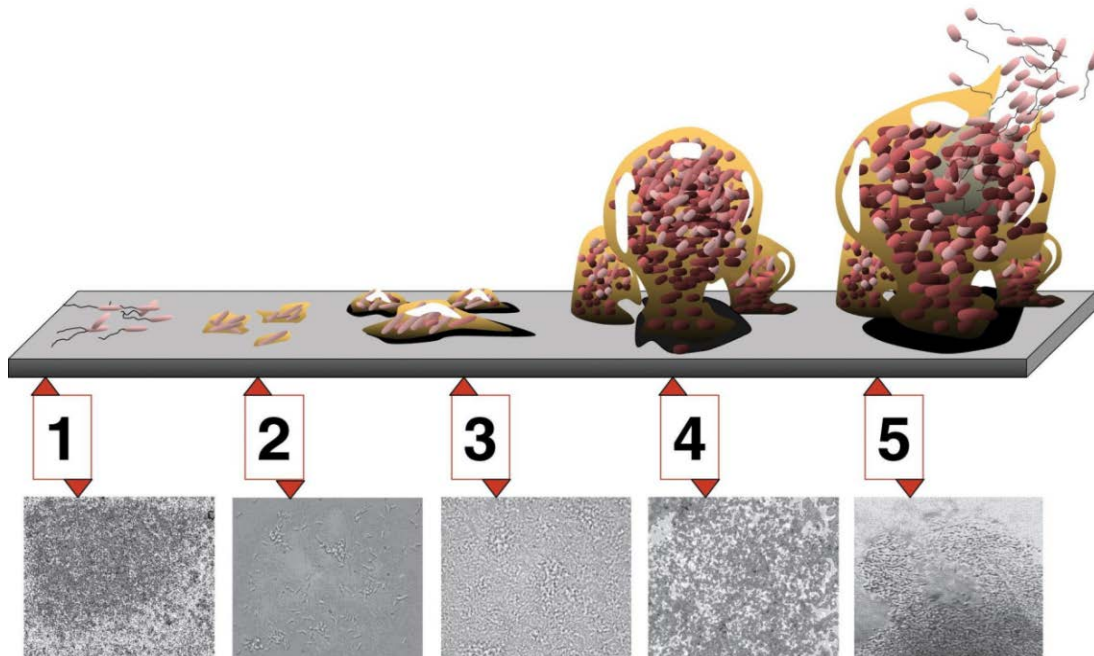


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Outline

- Brief Introduction to biofilm
- D-amino acid treatment
- Anti-biofilm peptide
- Drugs targeting oscillation

What is biofilm?



- Microorganisms stick on a surface with proteins and polysaccharides
- Antibiotics resistance: 10~1000 times
- Matured biofilm: release planktonic bacteria



D-amino acid treatment

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BASIC RESEARCH

D-amino Acid Inhibits Biofilm but not Growth in an Ovine Model

Andrew J. Harmata PhD, Yun Ma PhD, Carlos J. Sanchez PhD, Katarzyna J. Zienkiewicz MS, Florent Elefteriou PhD, ...

The effects of D-Tyrosine combined with amikacin on the biofilms of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

Pengfei She¹, Lihua Chen¹, Hongbo Liu, Yaru Zou, Zhen Luo, Asmaa Koronfel, Yong Wu*

Journal of Medical Microbiology (2014), 63, 1369–1376

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ORIGINAL PAPER

D-Amino acids inhibit biofilm formation in *Staphylococcus aureus* infections

A synergistic D-tyrosine and tetrakis hydroxymethyl phosphonium sulfate biocide combination for the mitigation of an SRB biofilm

Biomaterials 34 (2013) 7533–7541

JOURNAL OF BACTERIOLOGY, Oct. 2011, p. 5616–5622

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Inhibitory Effects of D-Amino Acids on *Staphylococcus aureus* Biofilm Development[†]

Allon I. Hochbaum,^{1,2} Ilana Kolodkin-Gal,³ Lucy Foulston,³ Roberto Kolter,⁴ Joanna Aizenberg,^{1,2} and Richard Losick^{3*}

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REVIEW

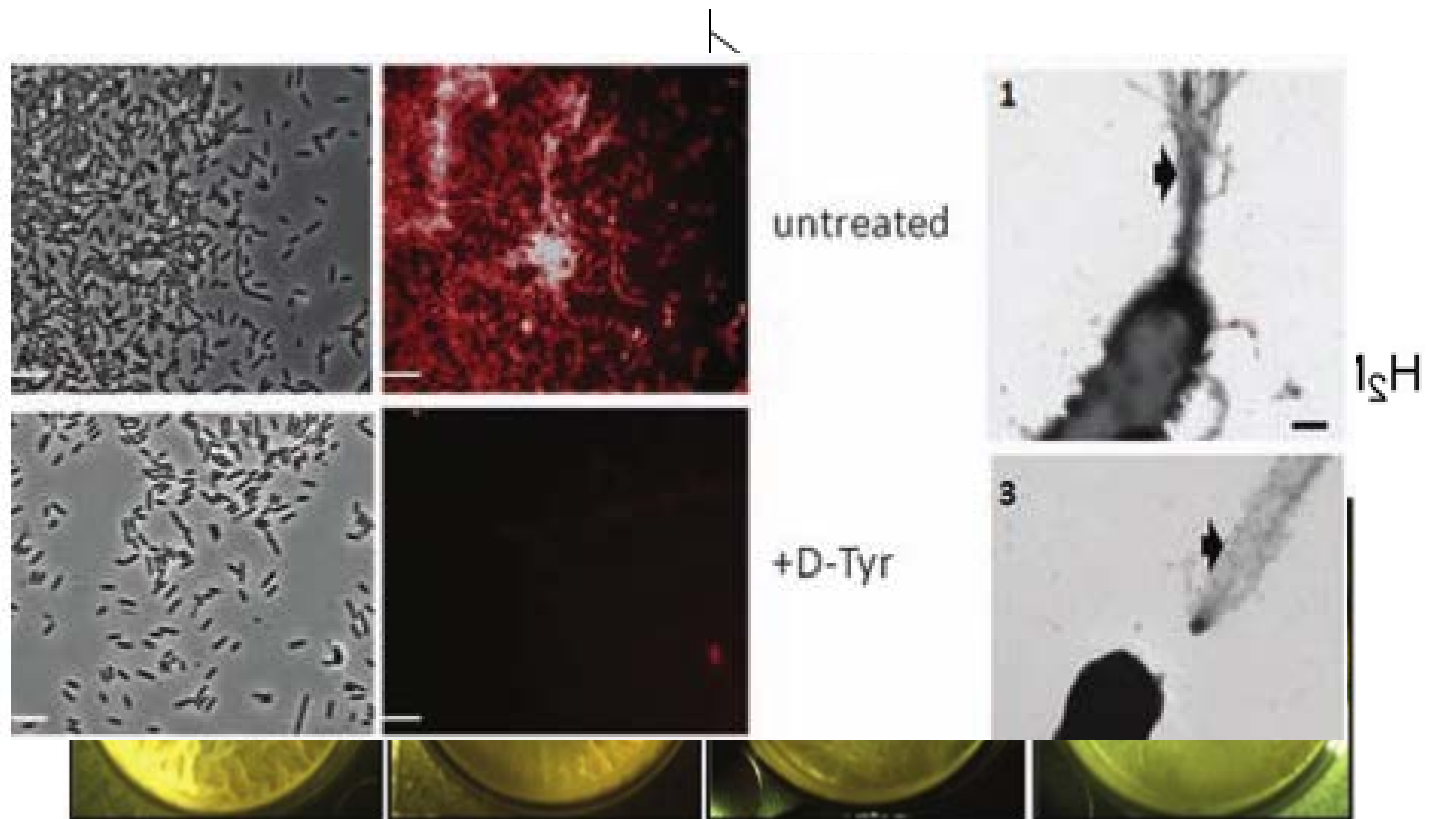
Emerging knowledge of regulation of biofilm formation in bacteria

Felipe Cava · Hubert Lam · Miguel A. de Pedro · Matthew K. Waldor

D-Amino Acids Trigger Biofilm Disassembly

Illana Kolodkin-Gal¹, Diego Romero², Shugeng Cao³, Jon Clardy³, Roberto Kolter², and Richard Losick^{1,*}

Introduction of D-Amino Acid



Effects of D-Amino Acid

- D-tyrosine is most effective on both preventing biofilm formation and disrupting existing biofilm by incorporation into the cell wall
- It also inhibits biofilm formation of *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* biofilm



Anti- biofilm peptide

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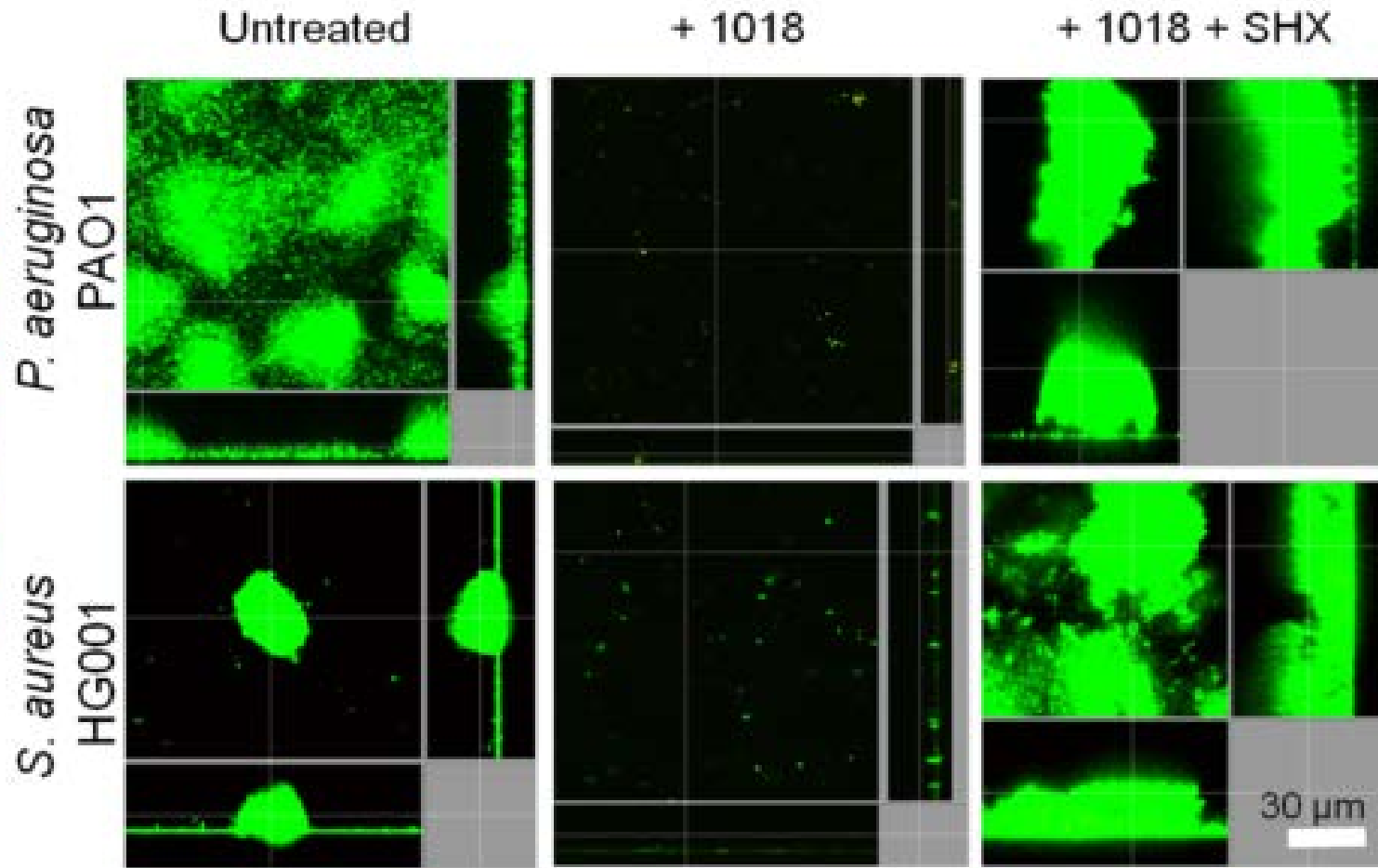


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Target of Anti-biofilm Peptide

- Peptide: immunomodulatory peptide IDR (innate defense regulator): 1018 (VRLIVAVRIWRR-NH₂)
- Target: guanosine 5'-di(tri)phosphate 3'-diphosphate [(p)ppGpp] (signal activating stringent response as second messenger)
- Principle: inhibition of synthesis of (p)ppGpp and stress response through enzymes RelA and SpoT

Affectivity of Anti-biofilm Peptide



Effects of Anti-biofilm Peptide

- Inhibit growth of biofilm
- Eradicate existing biofilm
- Increase affectivity of disinfectants (e.g. chlorhexidine)



Oscillation: Introduction and Inspiration

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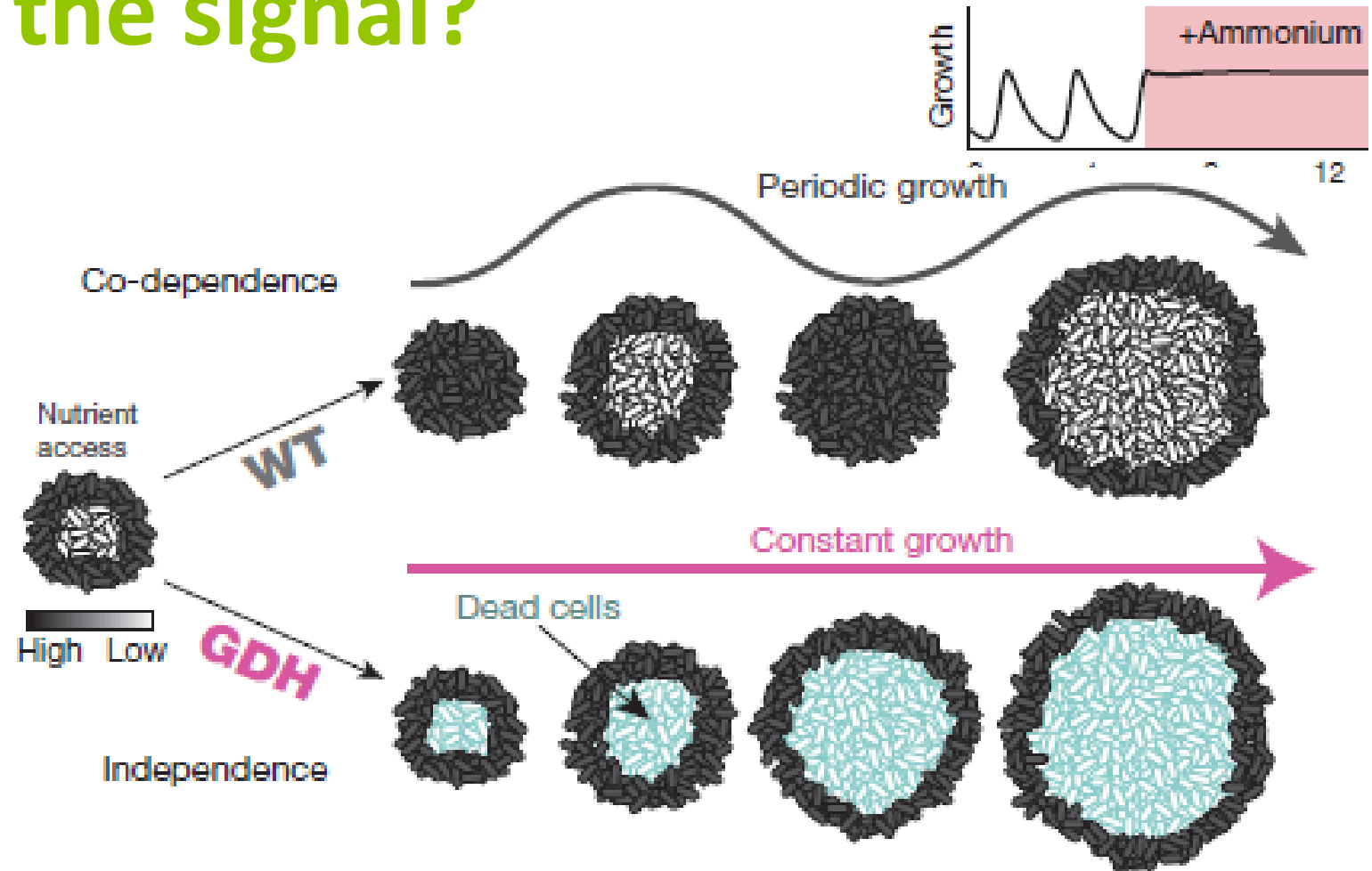


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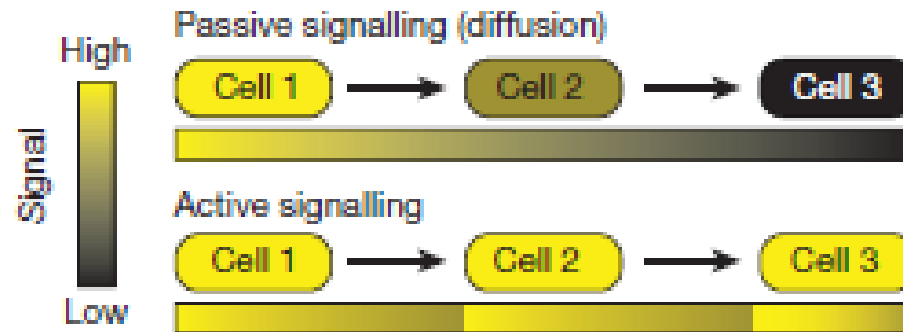
Introduction of Oscillation

- Biofilm growth has oscillations (pauses growth periodically)
- Biofilm periphery grow → absorb nutrient → biofilm interior starve → (how?) biofilm periphery pause growth → nutrient access biofilm interior → (how?) biofilm periphery grow →→ (oscillation repeats)
- Hypothesis: nutrient (e.g. glutamate) triggers metabolic feedback/ion channel communication
- Note: glutamate $\xrightarrow{\text{GDH}}$ ammonium + glutamine

Hypothesis 1: Ammonium, the signal?

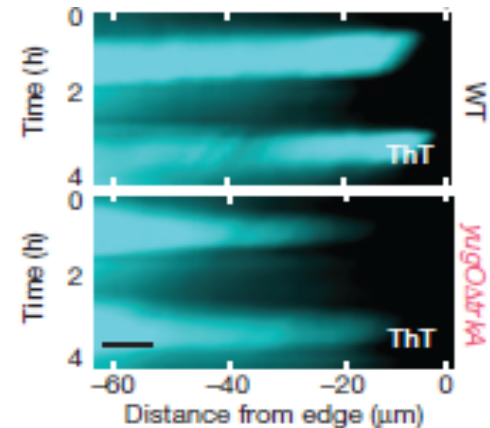
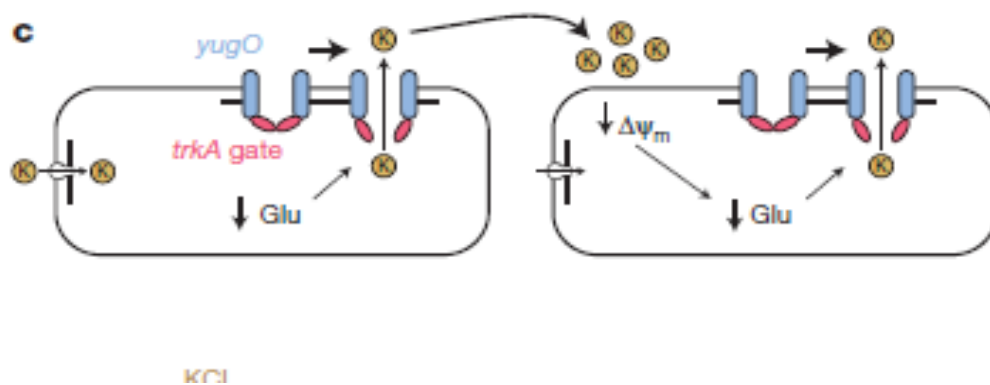


Hypothesis 2: Ion channel, the signal?



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- Result 4: existence of channel (*yugO*) and its gate domain (*trkA*) [gate opens when glutamate limits, leads to potassium efflux]
- Result 5: removal of *trkA* domain leads to membrane potential constancy loss



Süel GM, et al. (2015) Nature 527(7576).

Discussion of Oscillation

- Biocides that lead to **death** might lead to **growth**; signals that lead to **growth** might lead to **death**
- Oscillations of biofilm growth showed that inhibiting growth of colony periphery might lead to growth of the biofilm interior, vice versa
- To eliminate biofilm growth, metabolic products (e.g. ammonium) could be utilized at the same time with disinfectants (e.g. H_2O_2)
- Drugs targeting potassium channel could be utilized by interfering oscillation and metabolic coordination
- Not only structural similarities between bacterial and human potassium ion channels, but also their possible functional similarities with respect to electrical communication should be noticed

Conclusion

- New strategies have been updated for biofilm growth inhibition and disruption
- New methods could be developed according to these strategies



Thank you!

Q&A Session

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Target of Anti-biofilm Peptide

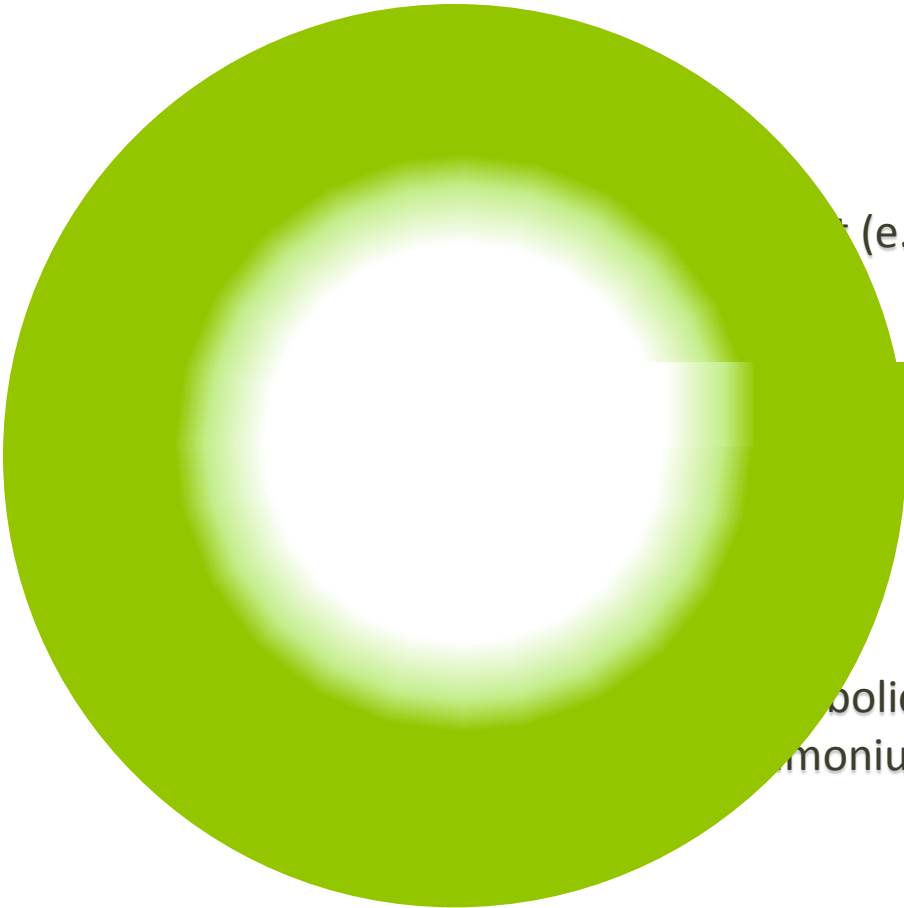
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14-Helical β -peptides	-	Raman N, et al. (2015) Pharmaceuticals 8(3)
Coryxin (Asn-Arg-Asn-Gln-Pro-Asn-Ser)	-	Dalili D, et al. (2015) Colloids Surf B Biointerfaces 135
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Conclusion

Treatment	Advantage	Disadvantage
D-Amino Acid	Easy to produce, effective	Resistance (e.g. yqrM6)
Anti-biofilm Peptide (Peptide 1018)	Could inhibit growth of biofilm, decrease resistance of disinfectant	Resistance (e.g. overexpression of RelA/SpoT)
Metabolic product (e.g. ammonium)	Easy to produce, decrease resistance of disinfectants	Should be utilized together with disinfectant
Drugs targeting ion channels	Low resistance	Might need further study

Introduction of Oscillation

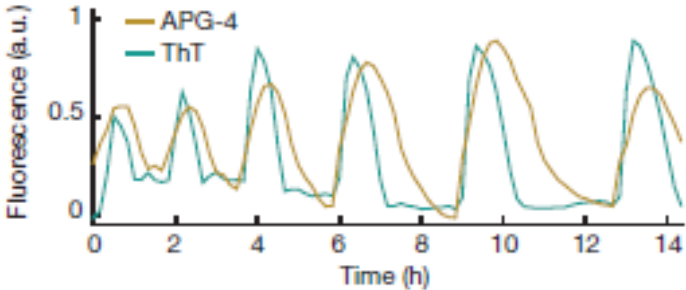
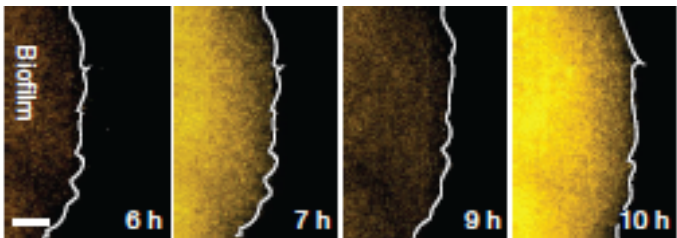
1.5-3 hours



(e.g. glutamate)

metabolic products (e.g. ammonium)

Introduction of Oscillation



1.5-3 Hours (Oscillation of Biofilm Growth)

Radius (from interior to periphery)

