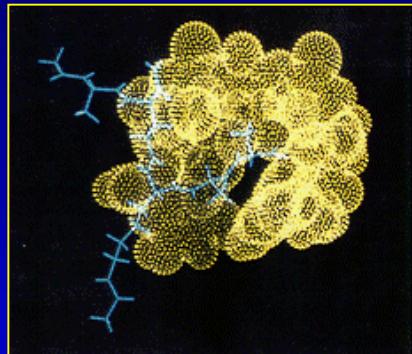


# GLYCOPEPTIDE ANTIBIOTICS

from Old Mississippi mud ...



... to new derivatives:

**a critical appraisal**

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# Glycopeptide story: from natural to semi-synthetic derivatives

~ 1950 :

discovery of vancomycin in Mississippi mud



~ 1985 :

large clinical use in USA

Gram(+) infections and digestive tract decontamination

Problem:

- toxicity of vancomycin due to impurities
  - better purification procedures

~ 1980 :

discovery of teicoplanin, as a natural GP with improved PK

- largely used in Europe

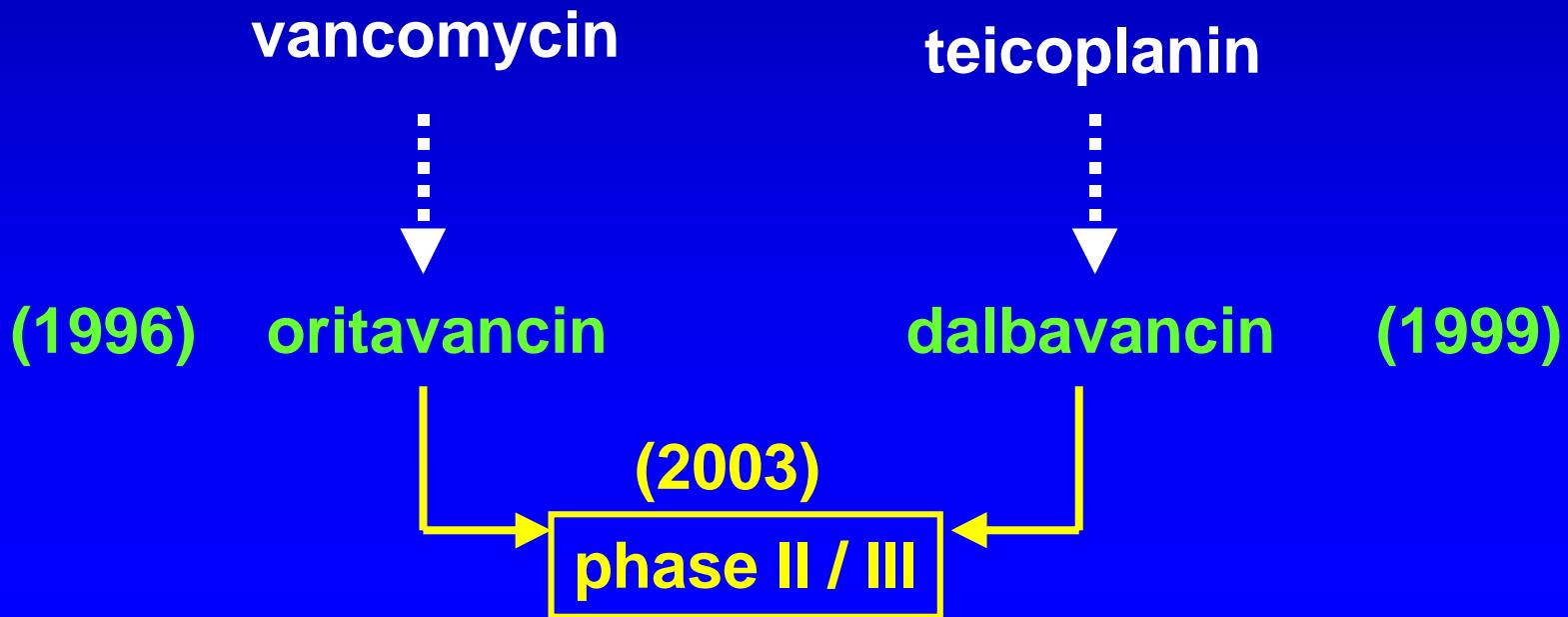
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~ 1990 :

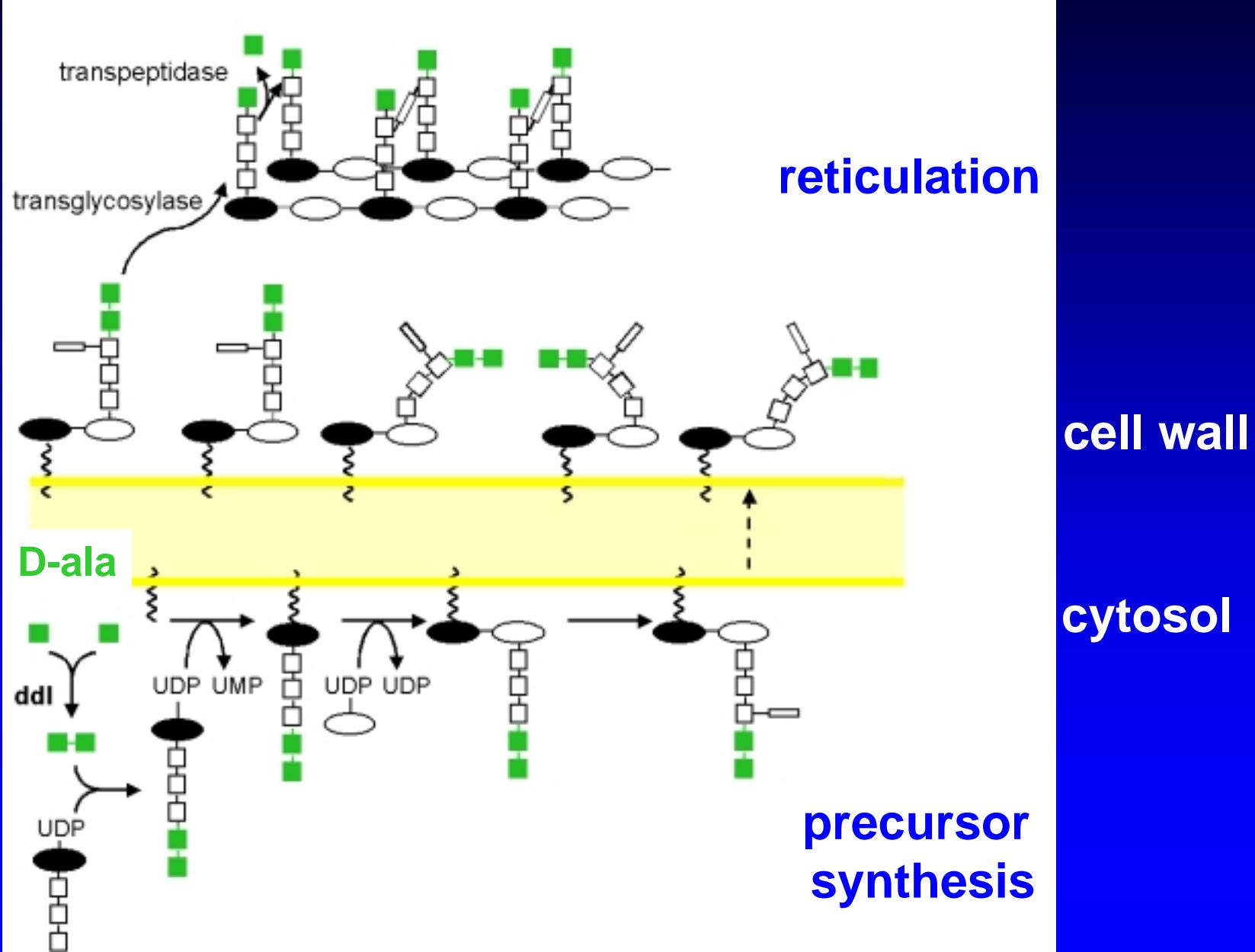
Launching of large scale research program for finding  
GP with optimized properties → hemi-synthetic compounds

Malabarba and Nicas

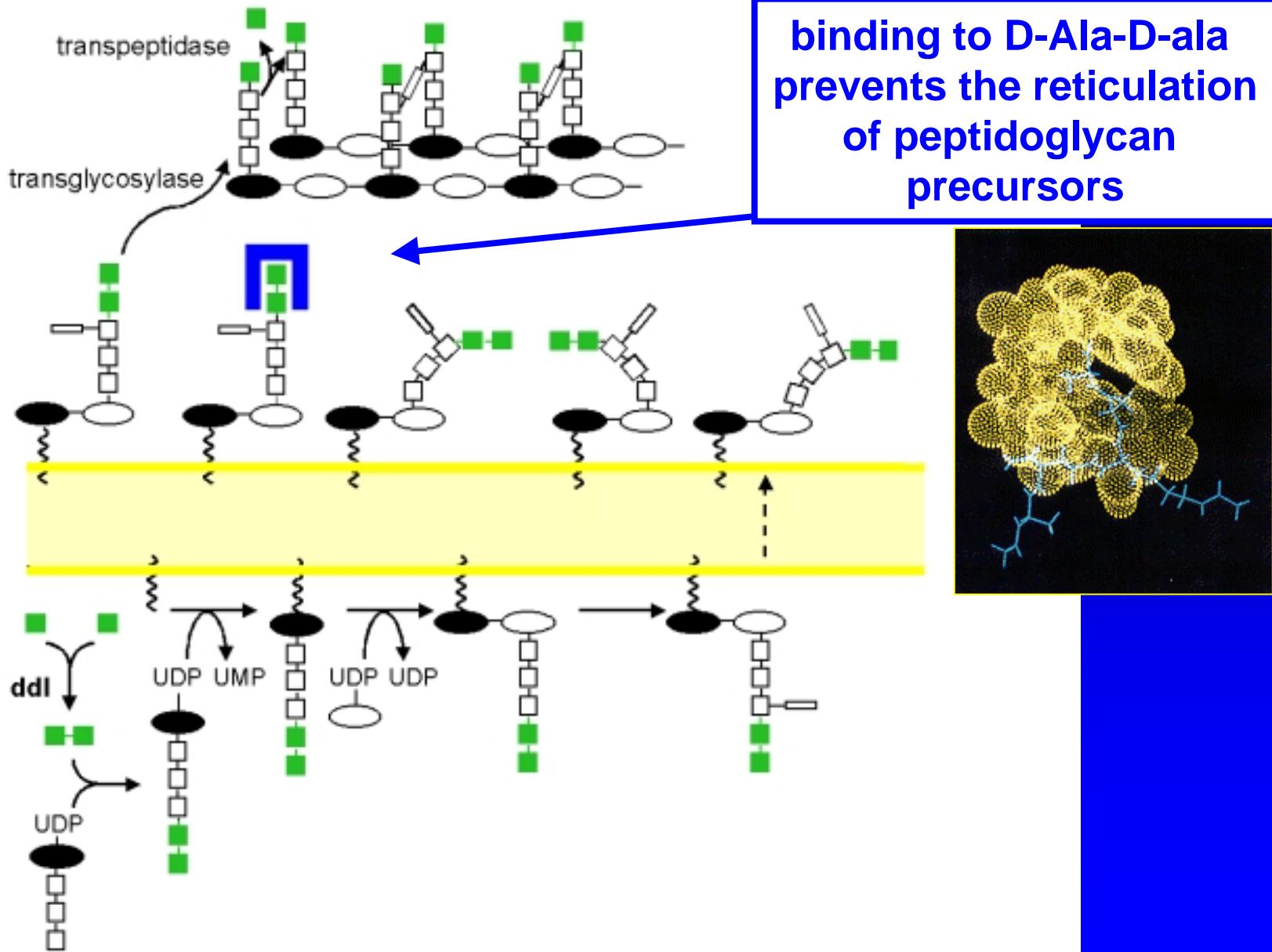
Med Res Rev. (1997) 17:69-137; Curr Med Chem. (2001) 8:1759-7



# Peptidoglycan synthesis



# Glycopeptide mechanism of action



## **But resistance came in ...**

Lancet. 1988 Jan 2-9;1(8575-6):57-8.

### **Vancomycin-resistant enterococci.**

Uttley AH, Collins CH, Naidoo J, George RC.

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N Engl J Med. 1988 Jul 21;319(3):157-61.

### **Plasmid-mediated resistance to vancomycin and teicoplanin in *Enterococcus faecium*.**

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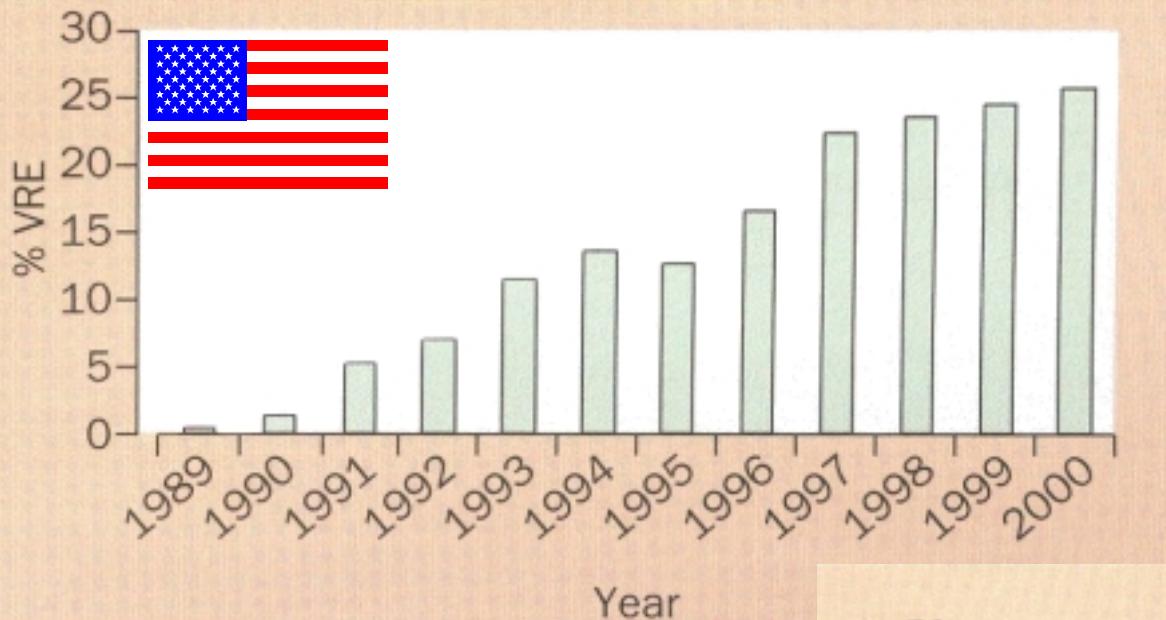
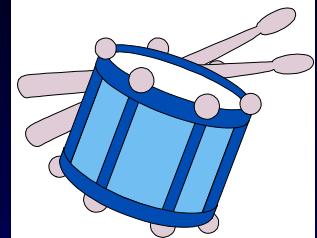
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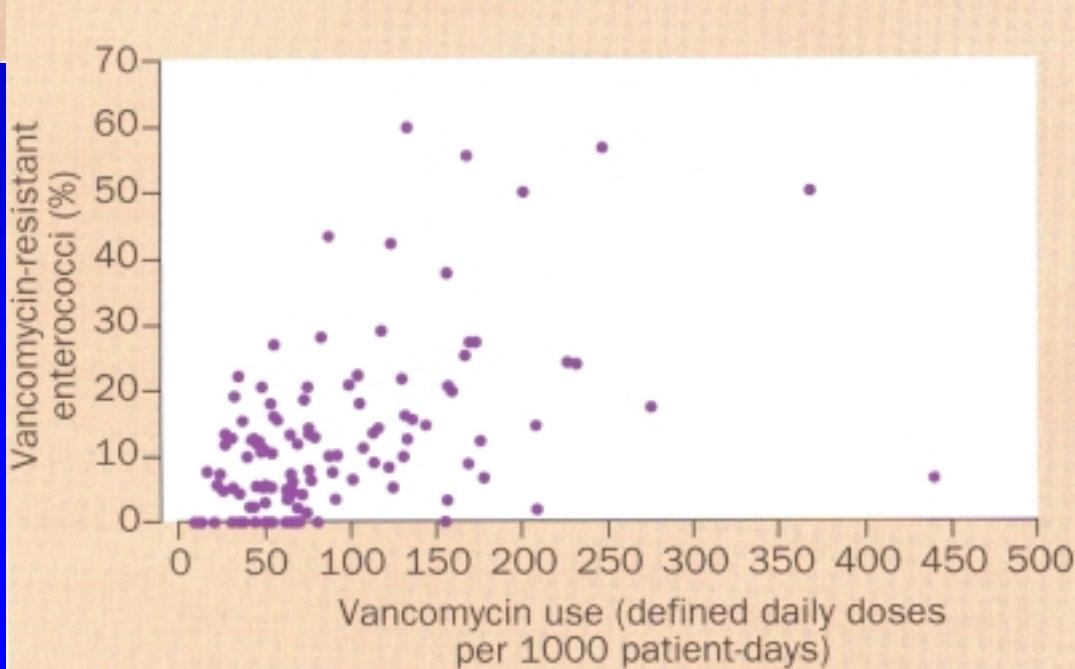
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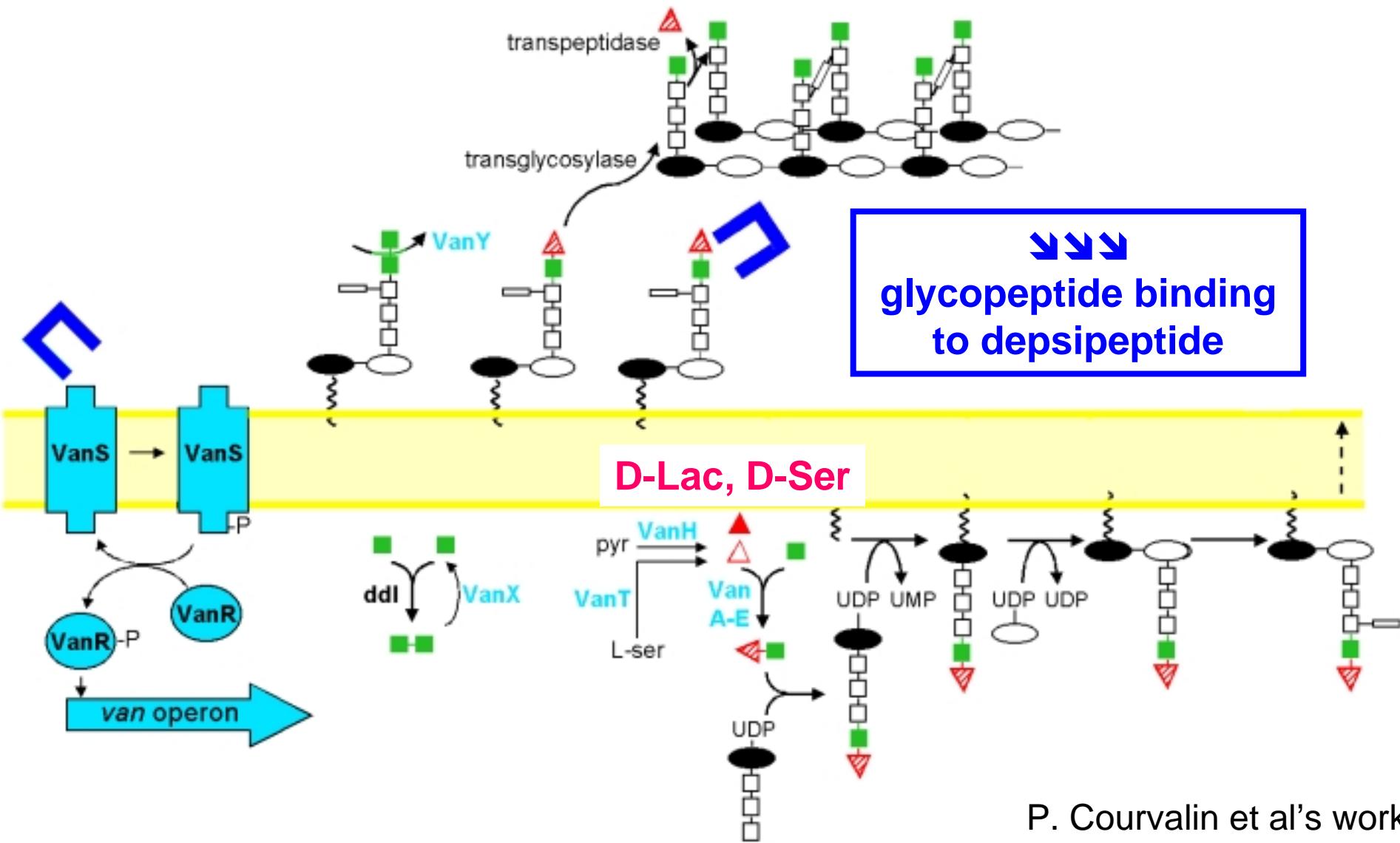
# Resistance in enterococci



large clinical use  
in USA  
started in ~ 1985

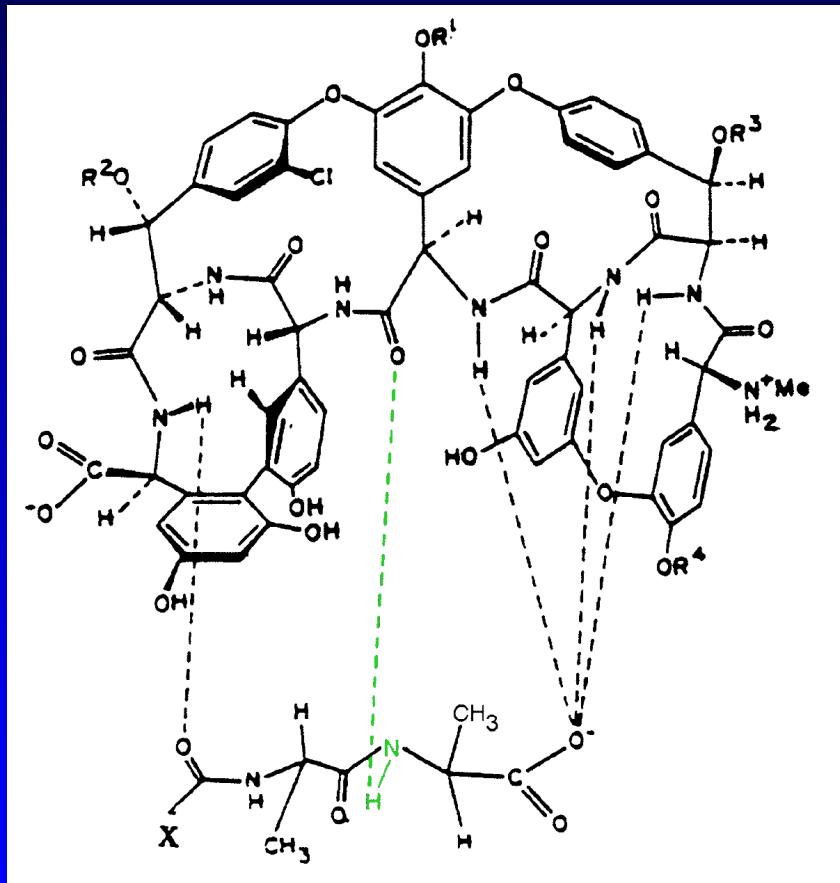


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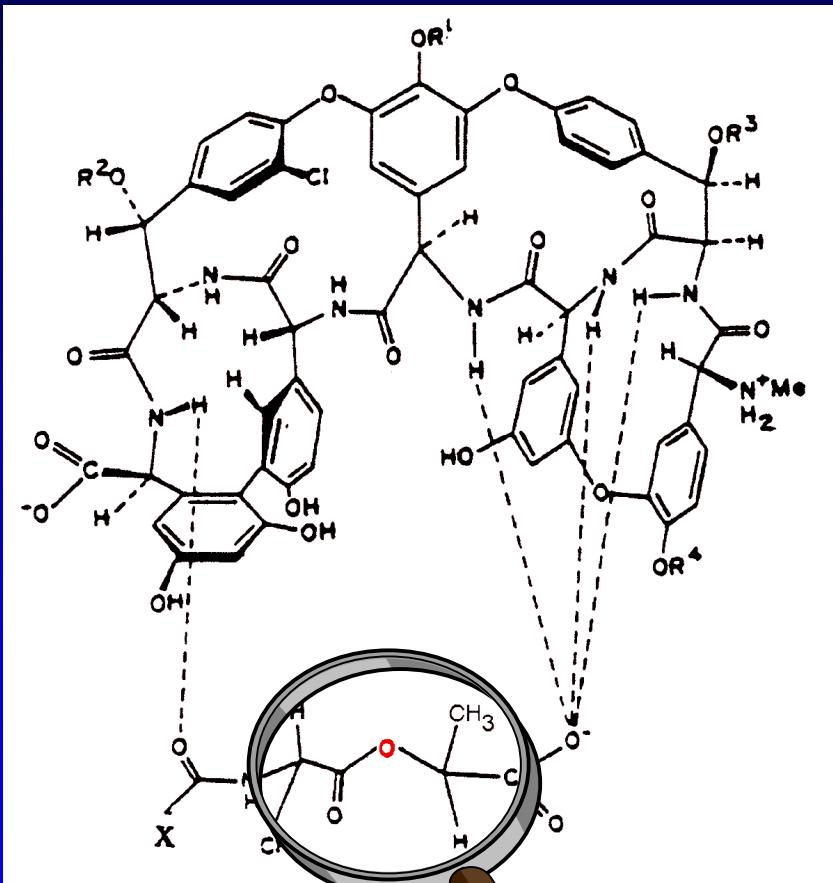


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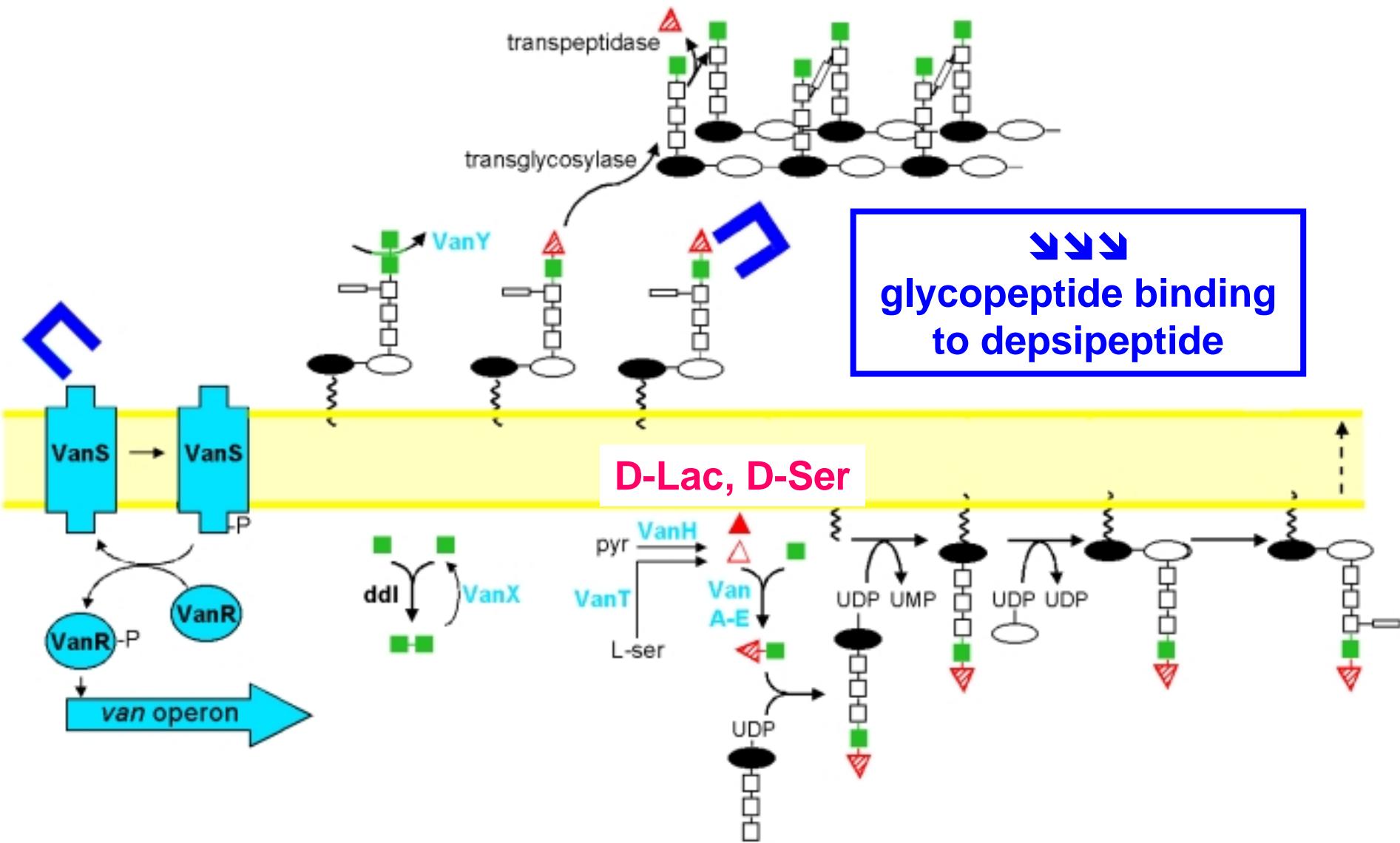


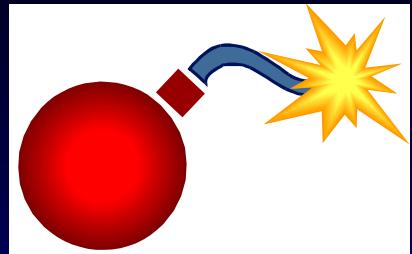
... to resistant



1 hydrogen bound is missing !

# Resistance in enterococci





# Resistance in staphylococci (GISA)

**Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*  
clinical strain with reduced vancomycin  
susceptibility**

*J Antimicrob Chemother* 1997; **40**: 135–136

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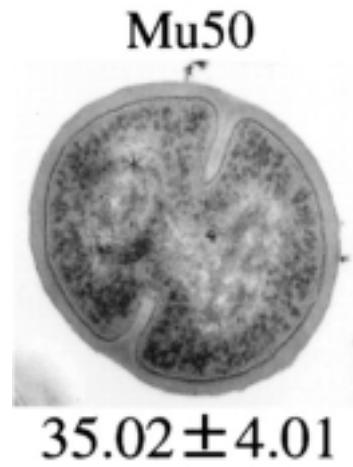
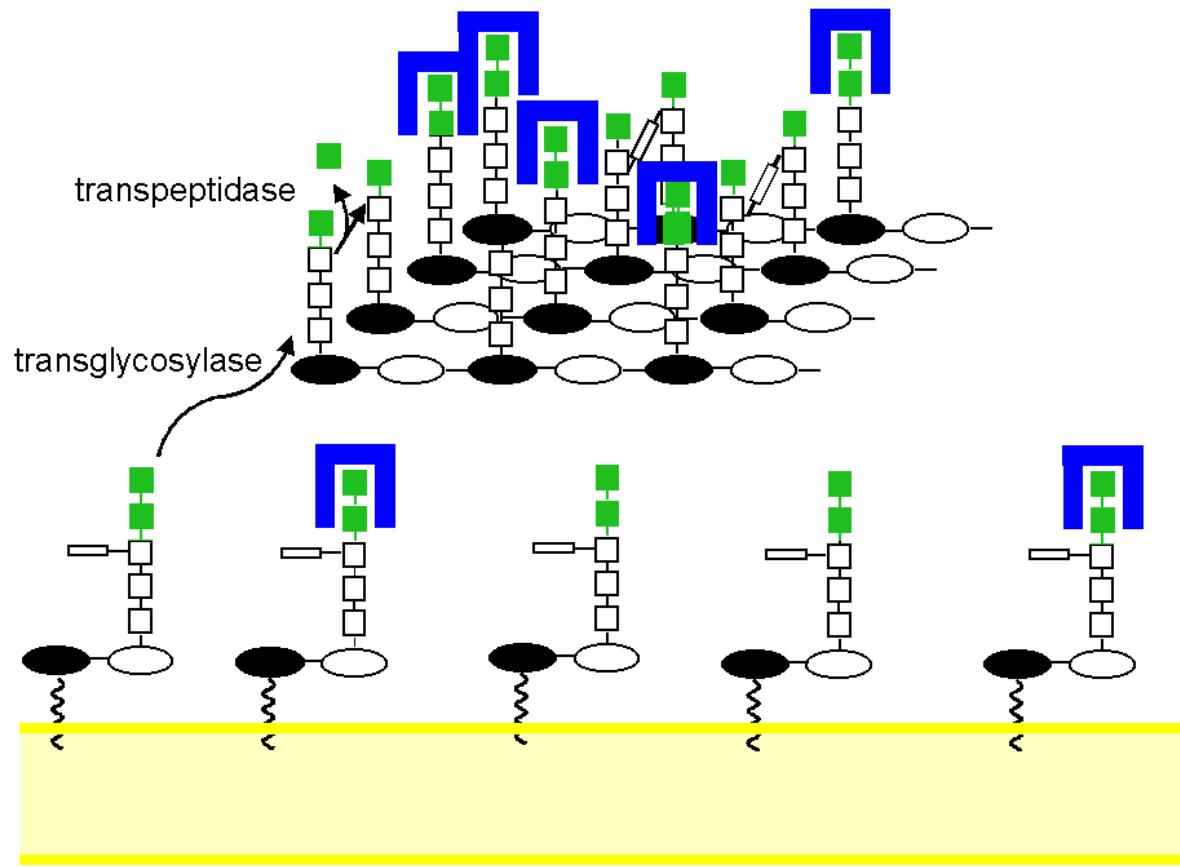
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AB	MIC
AMP	64
VAN	8
GEN	128
RIF	2048
LVX	8
TET	128
SMX	0.125
Q-D	0.5
LZD	2

# Resistance in staphylococci (GISA)

multiplication  
of the target !

tickened  
Cell wall





# Resistance in staphylococci (GRSA)



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## MICs and kill kinetics of antibacterials against vancomycin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (VRSA) with vanA gene isolated at Penn State Hershey Medical Center

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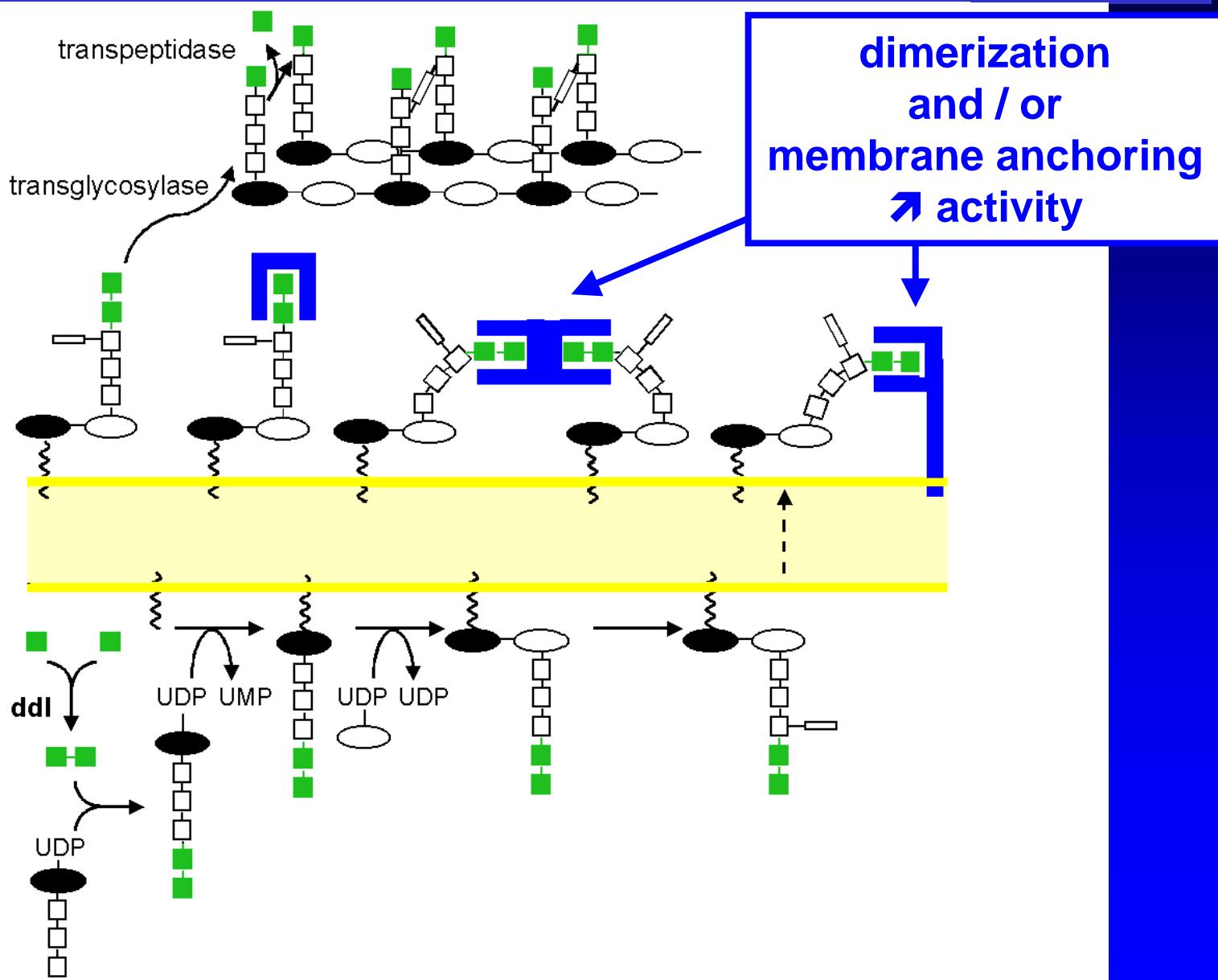
**AB MIC**

VAN	32
TEC	4

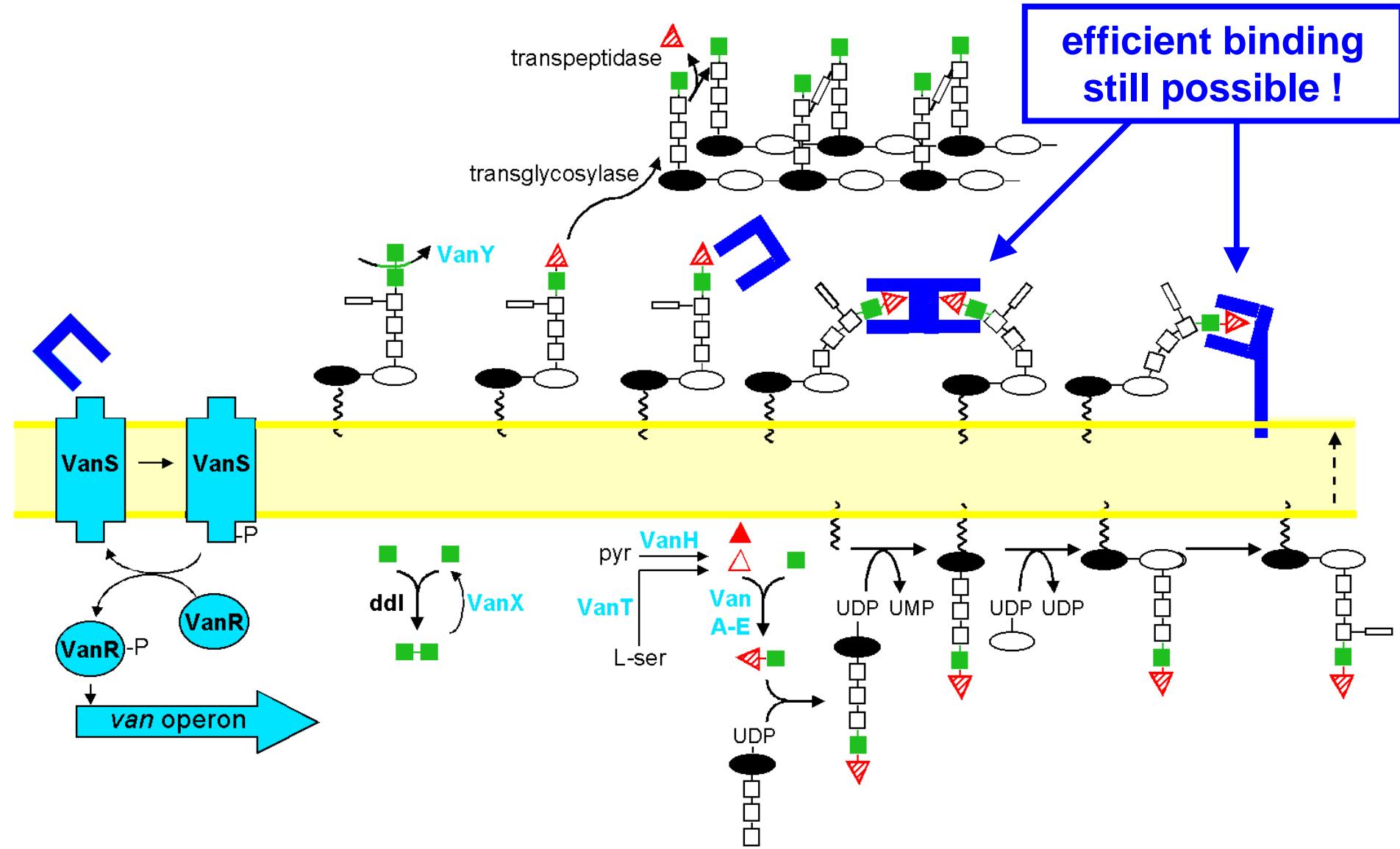
# Glycopeptides: what can we improve ?

parameter	vanco - teico	ideal glycopeptide
spectrum	Gram (+) & MRSA but VRE - GISA	Gram (+) & MRSA, GISA, VRE
PD	static or slowly bactericidal	quickly, conc. dependent bactericidal
PK	t $\frac{1}{2}$ short for vanco	t $\frac{1}{2}$ ↑ diffusibility (CNS)
PK/PD	high doses to reach appropriate AUC/MIC & Cmax/MIC	AUC/MIC & Cmax/MIC ↑
safety	(red-man syndrome) oto-& nephrotoxicity	side effects ↓

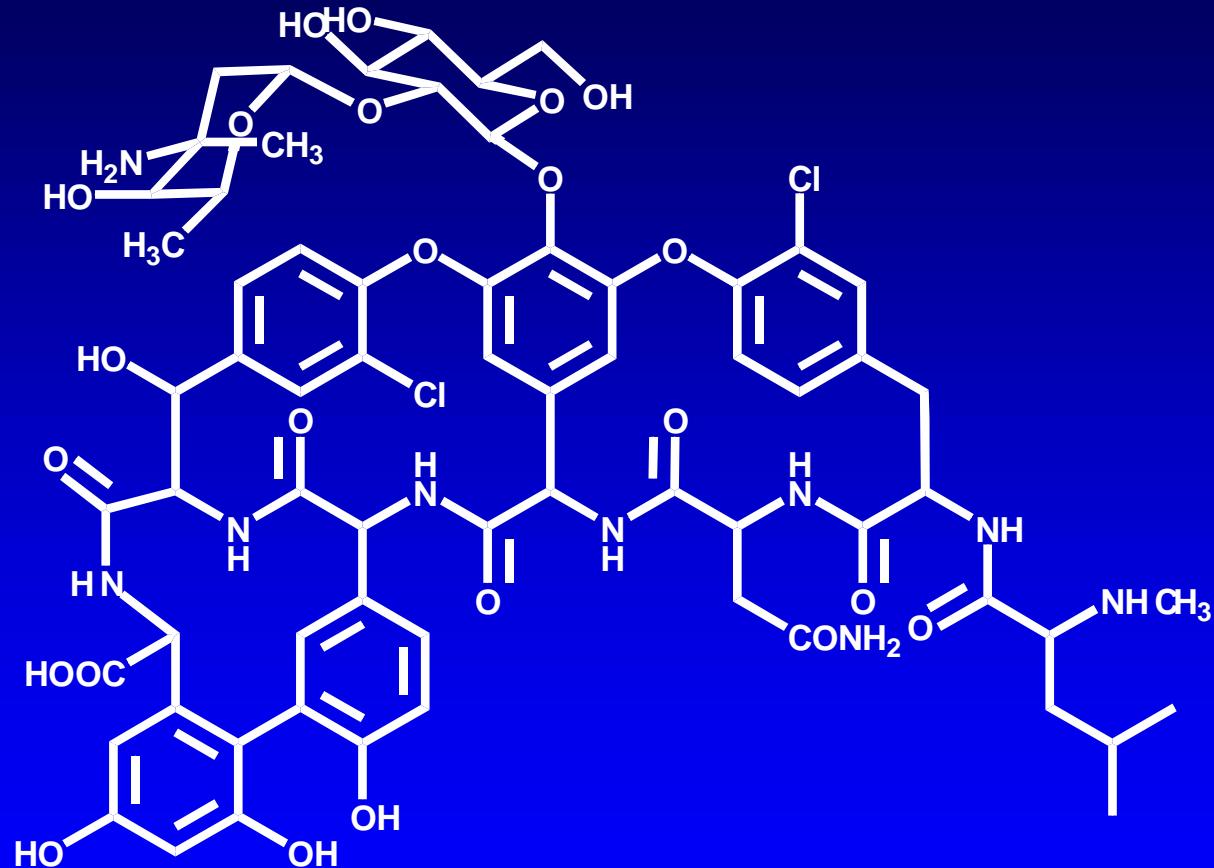
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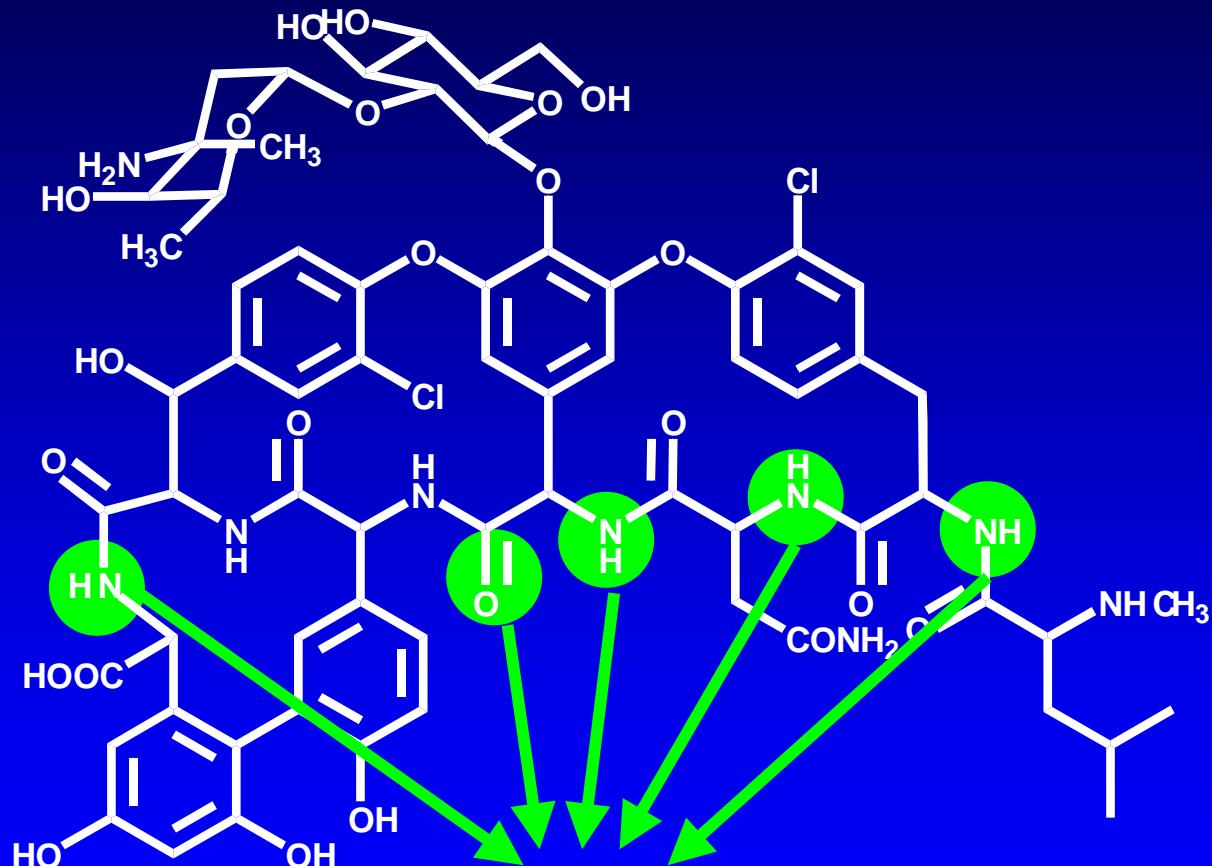
# Glycopeptide updated mechanism of action in VRE



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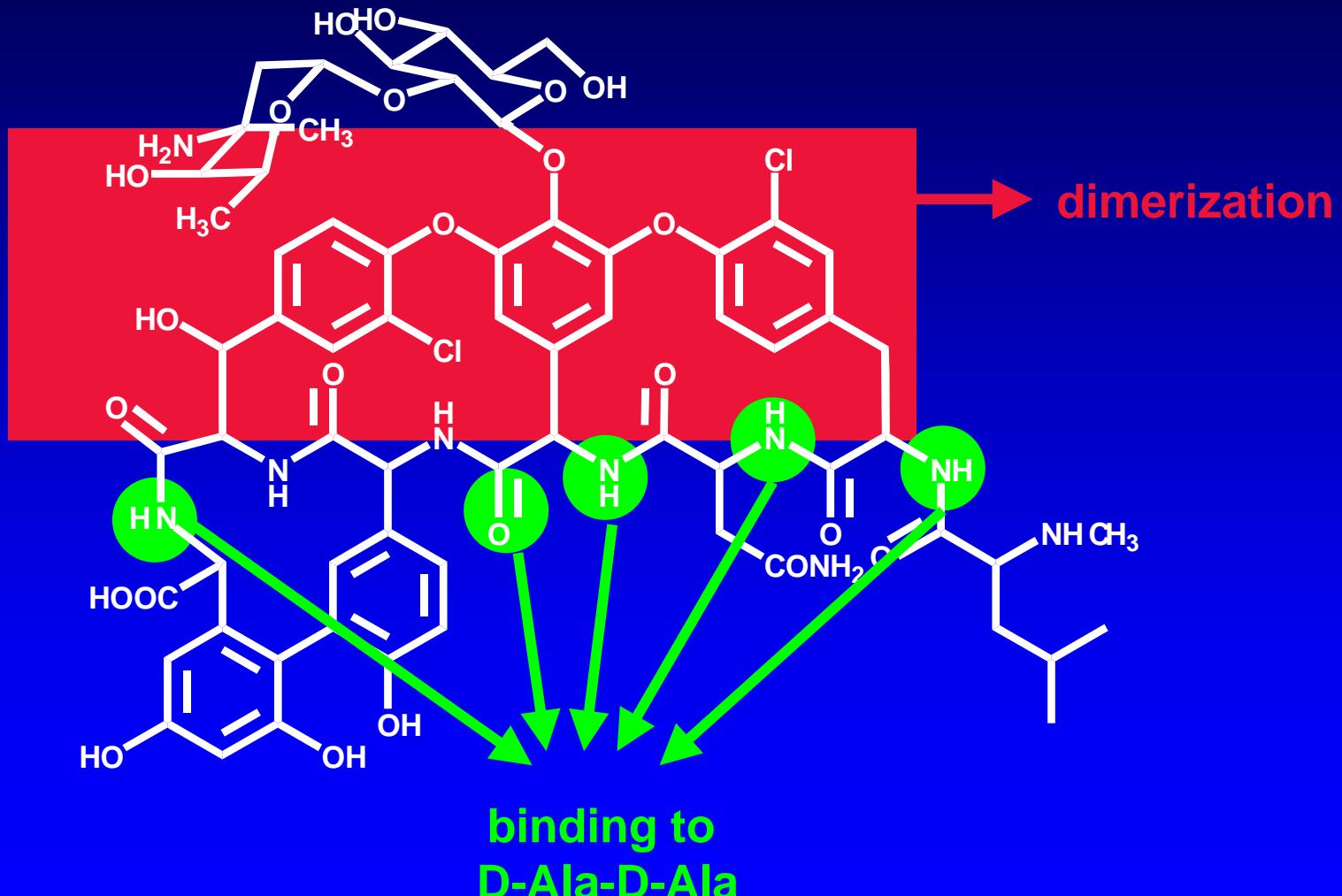


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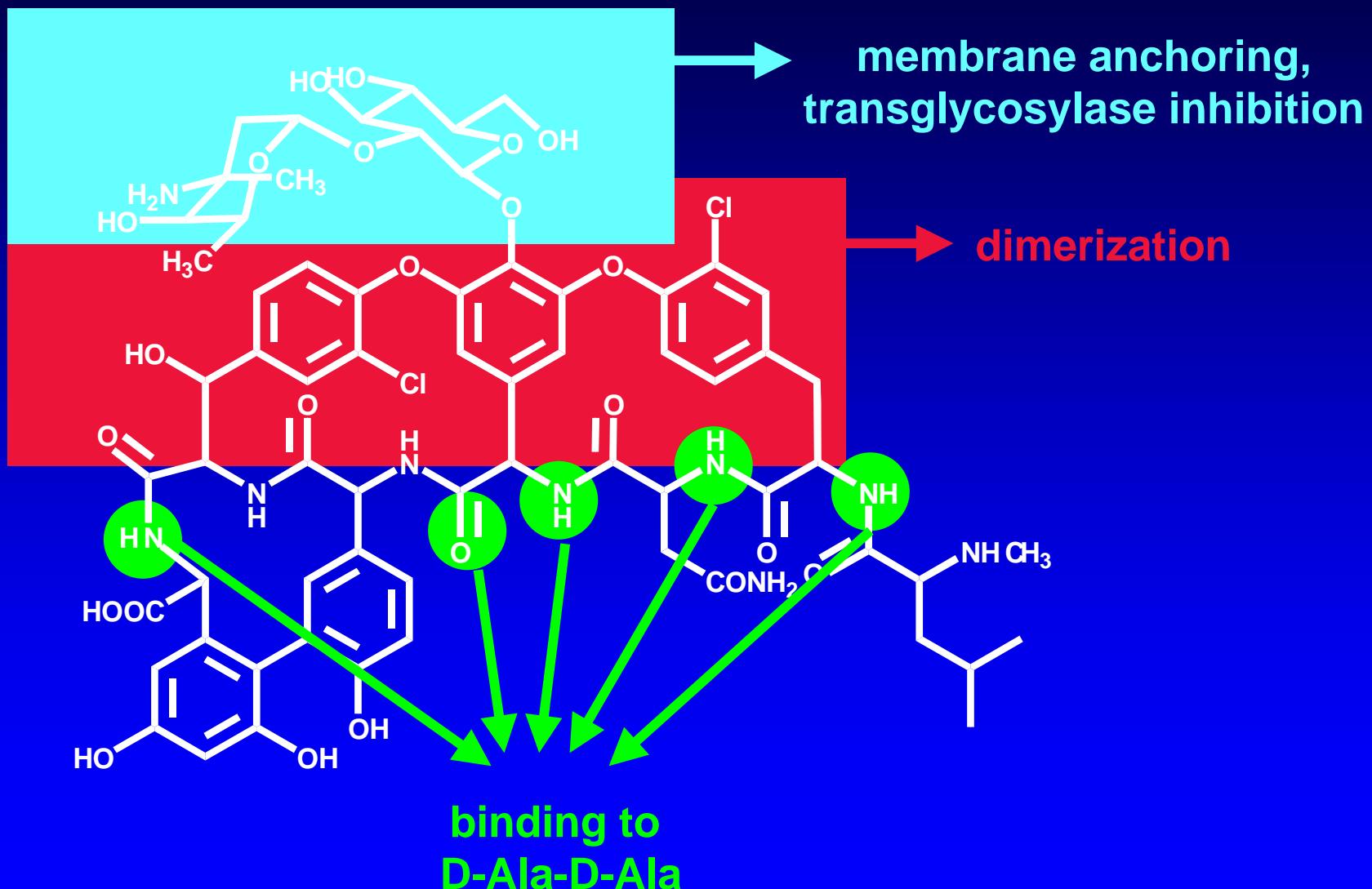


binding to  
D-Ala-D-Ala

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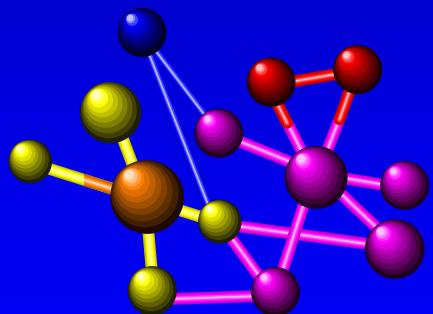


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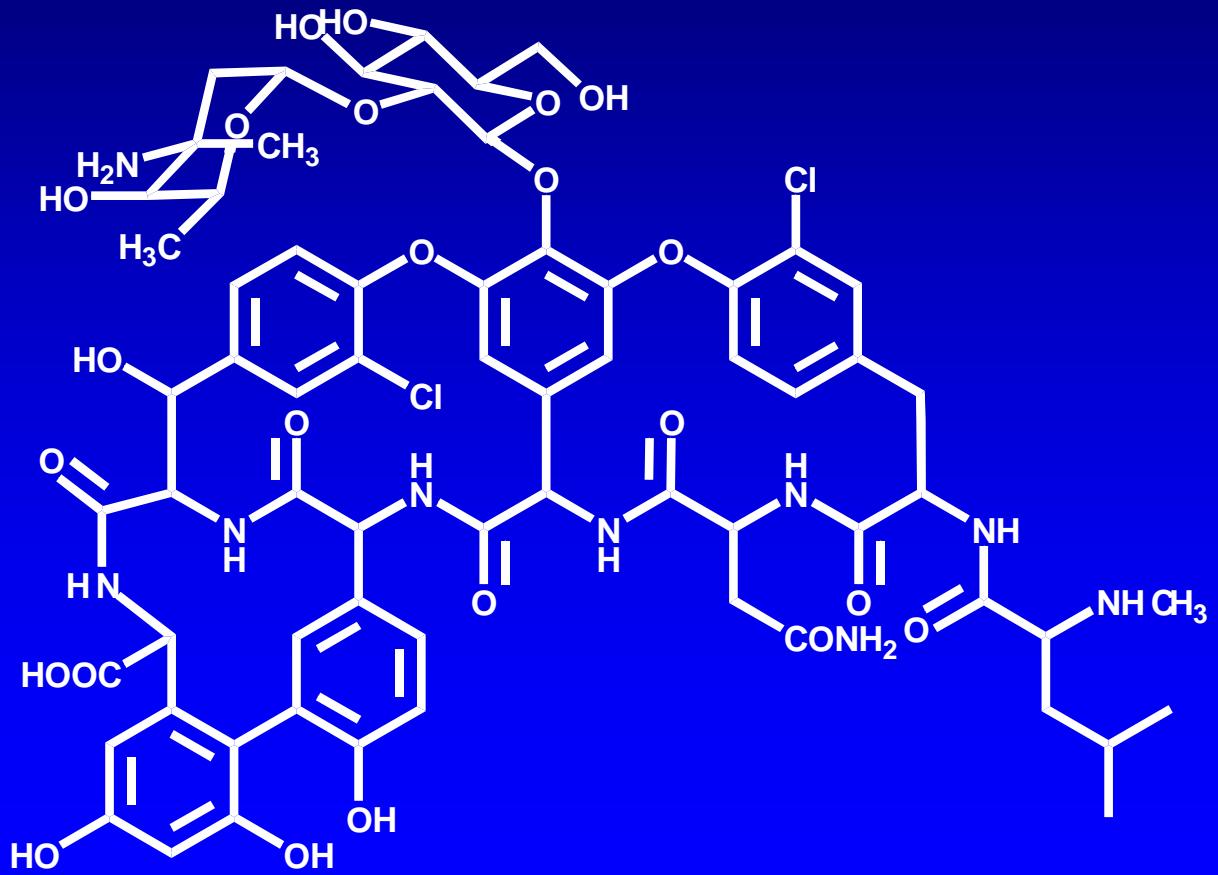


# Molecules in clinical development:

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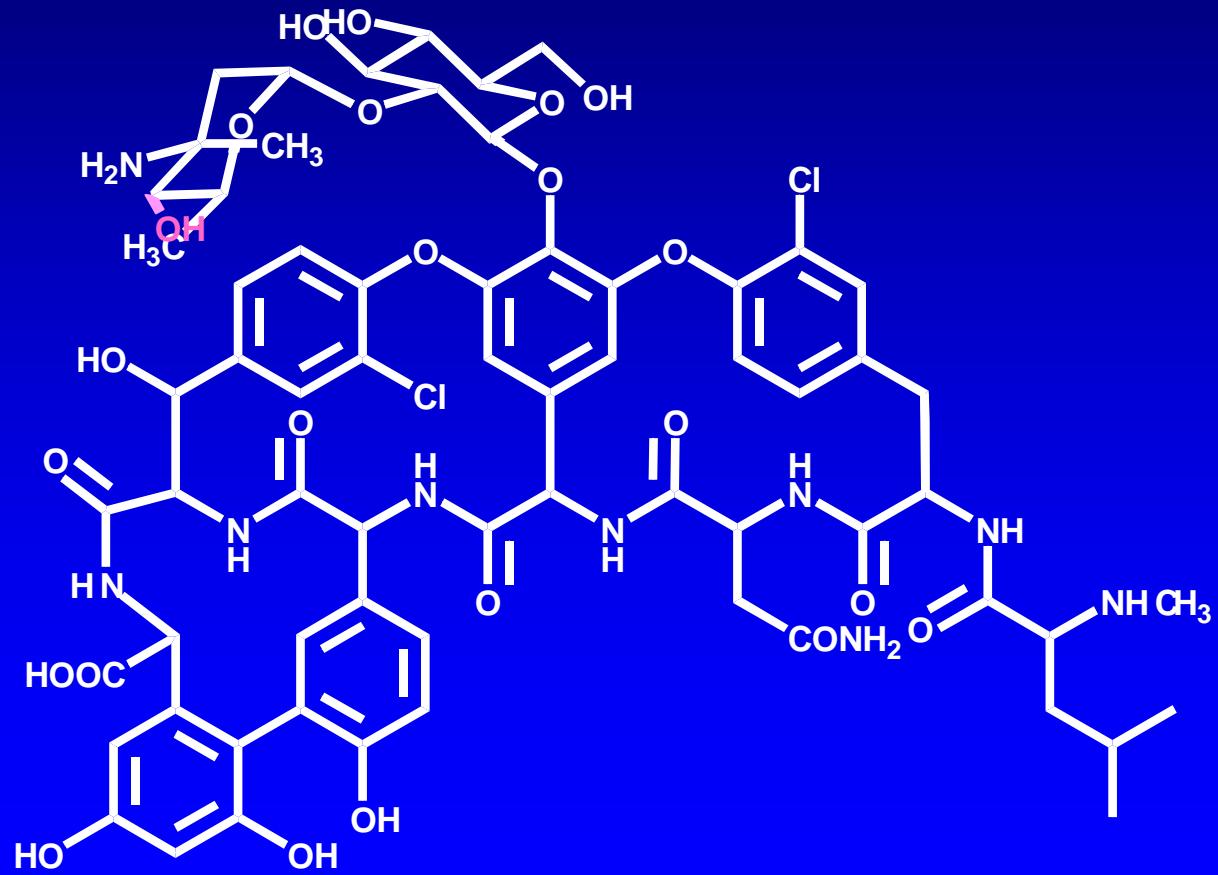


# From vancomycin to oritavancin



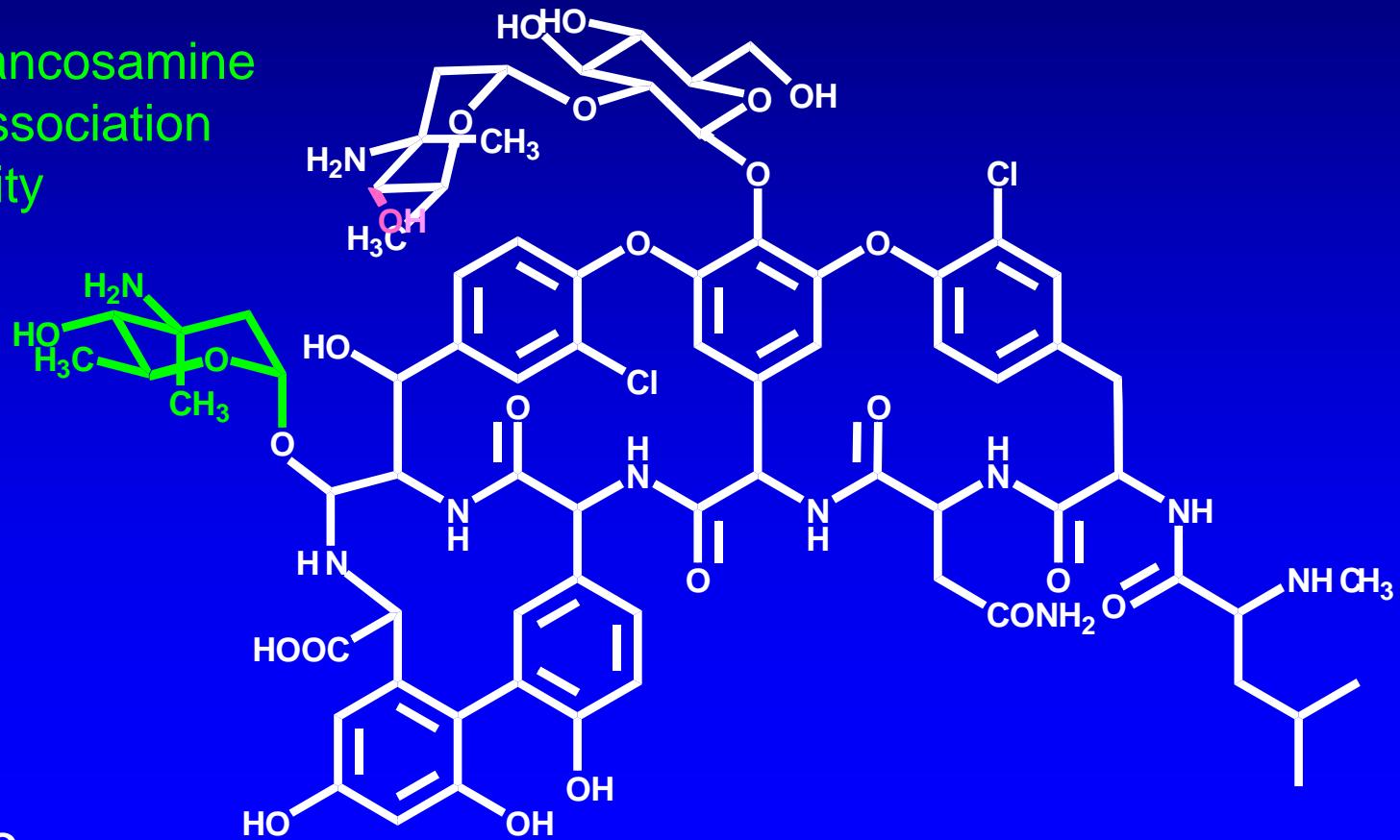
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*epi*-vancosamine



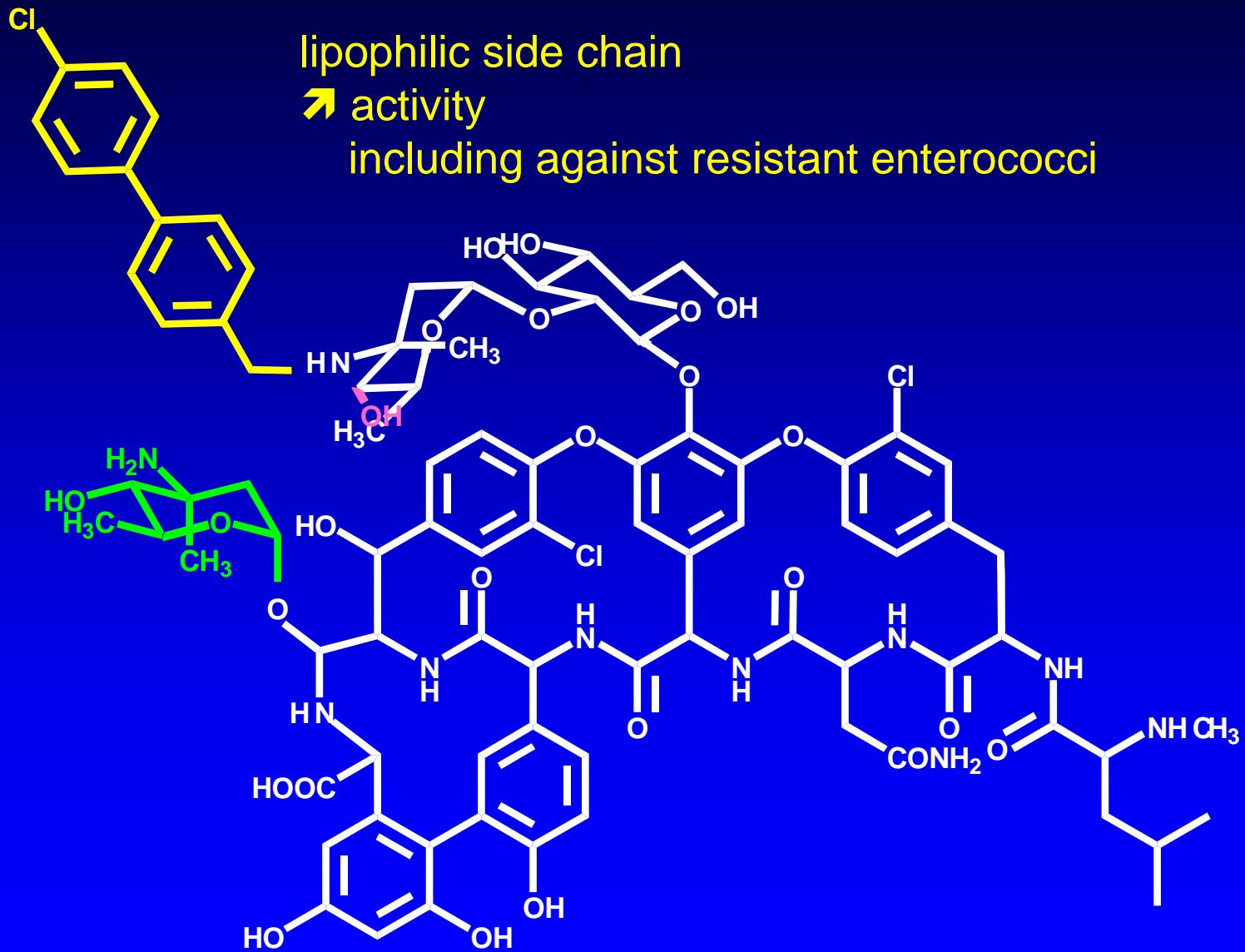
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4-*epi*-vancosamine  
↗ self-association capacity

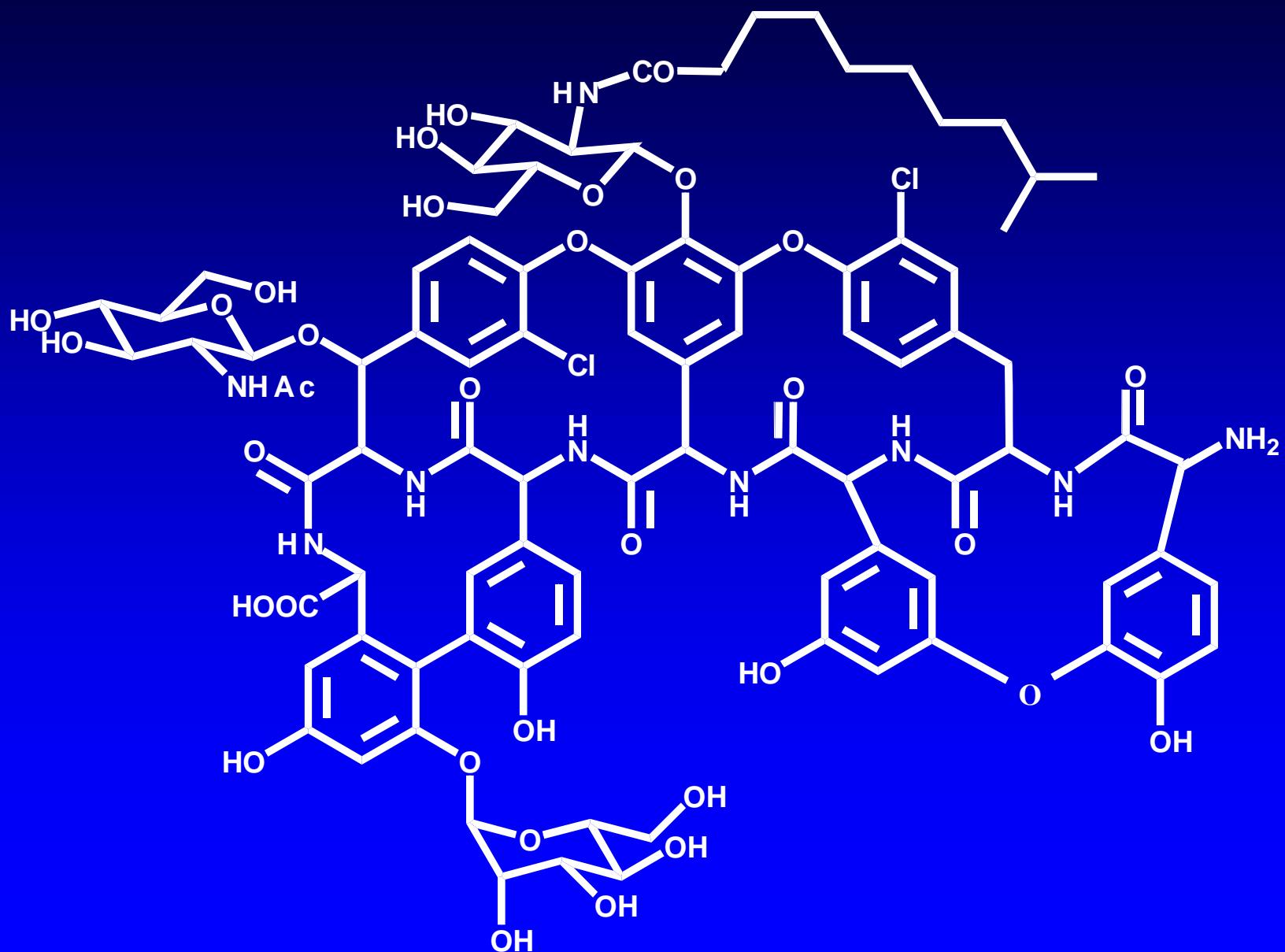


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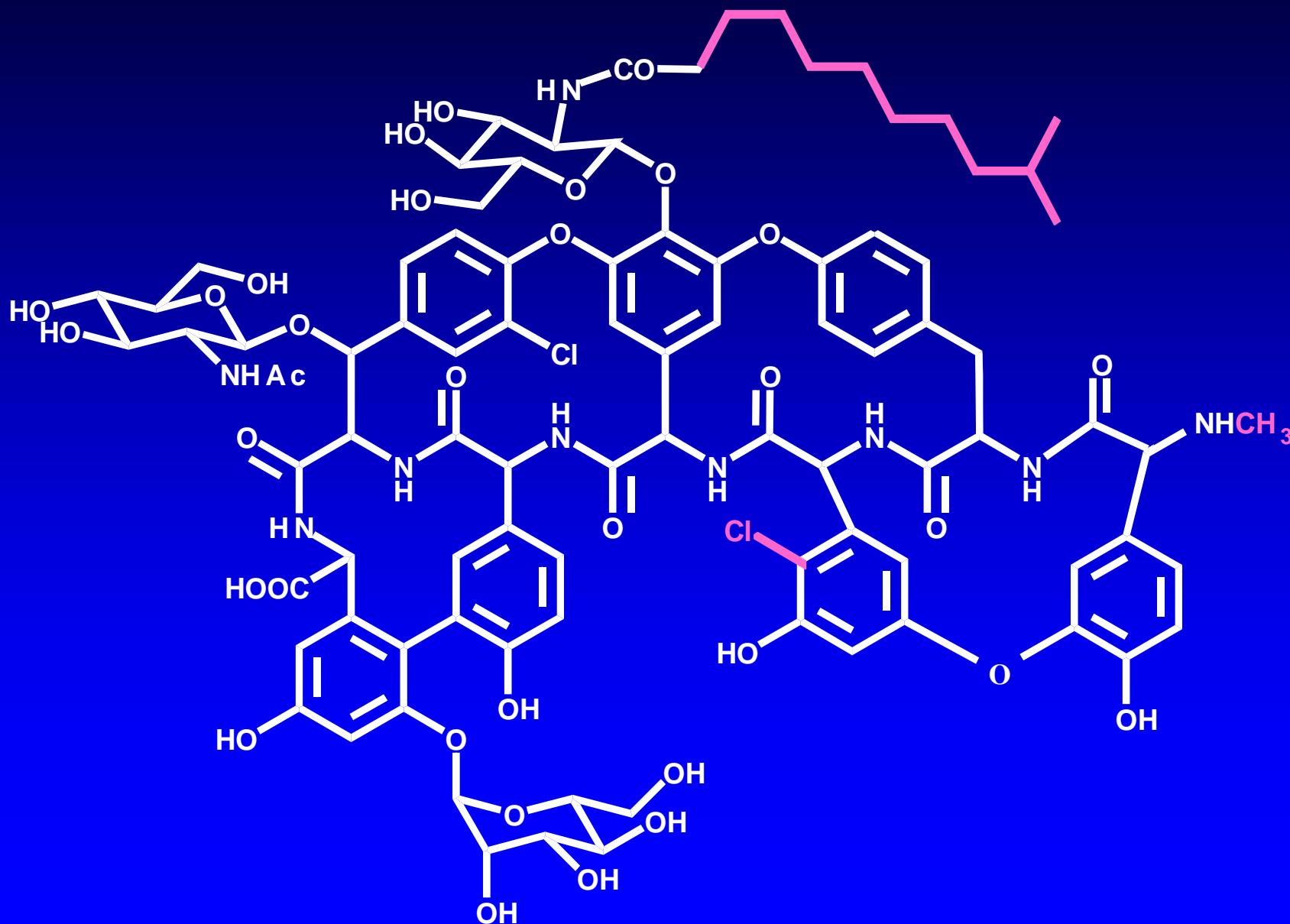
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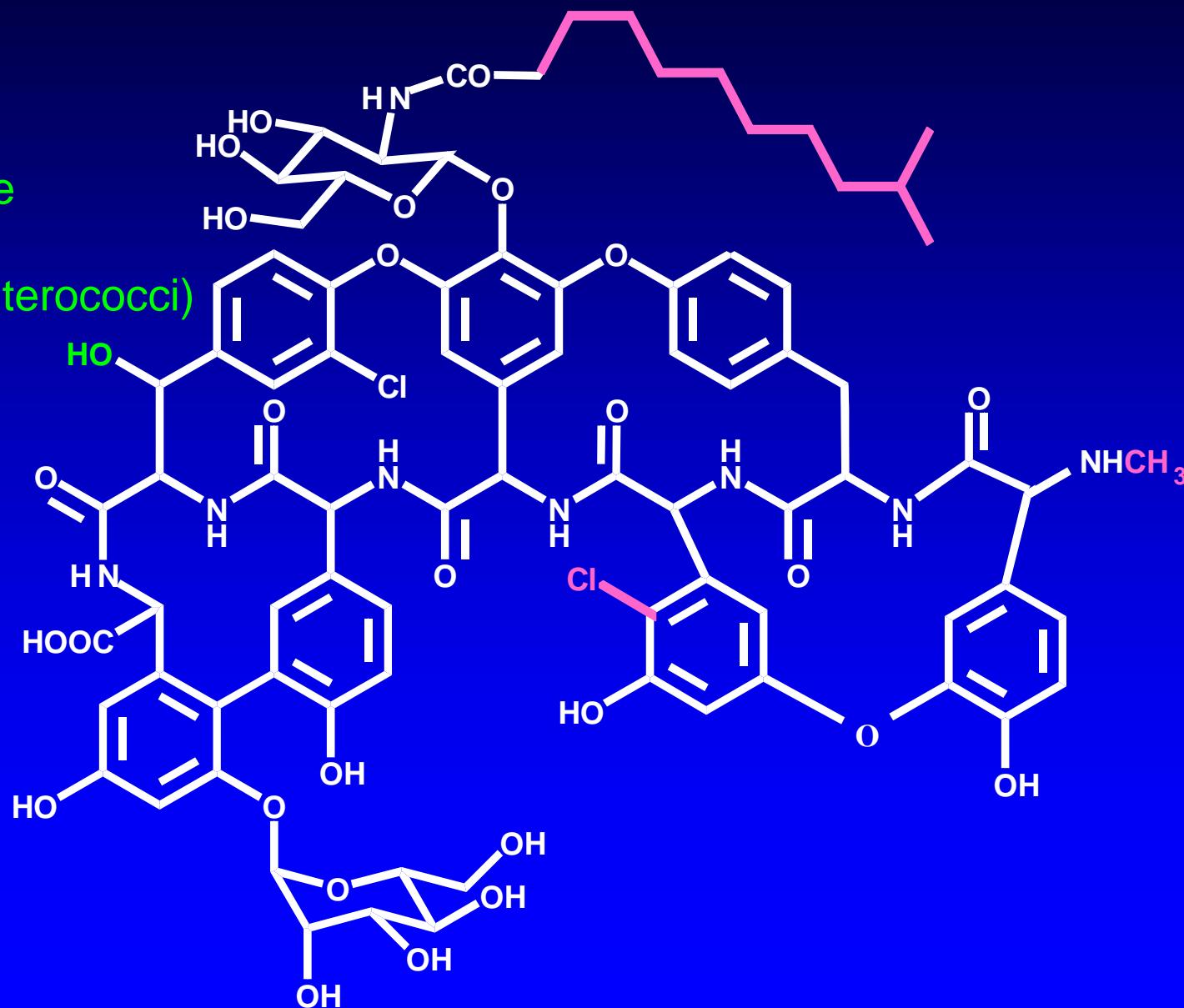


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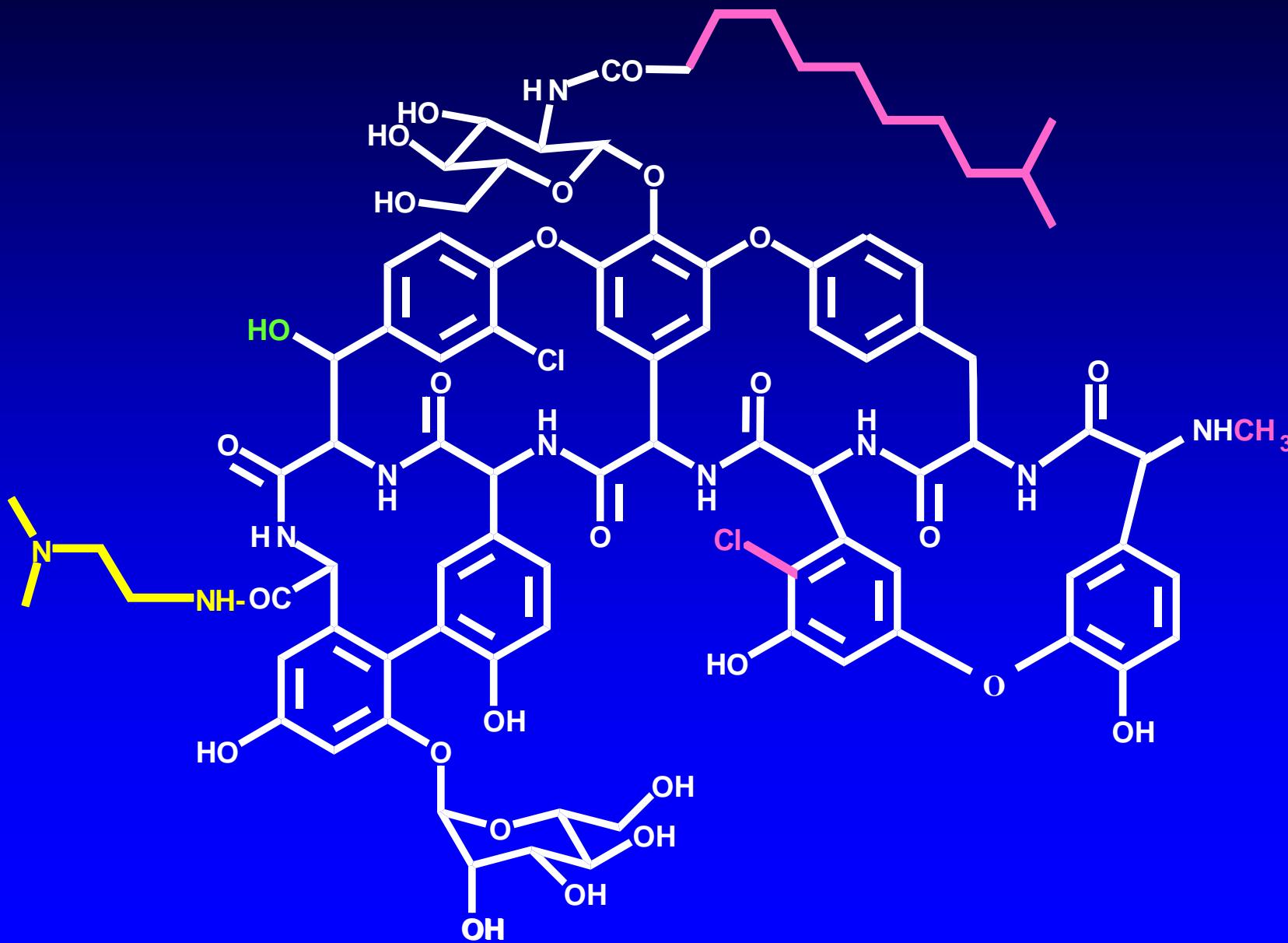
# From teicoplanin to dalbavancin

removal of  
N-acetylglucosamine  
↗ activity  
(against resistant enterococci)



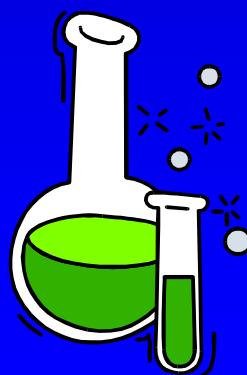
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# From teicoplanin to dalbavancin



# **Molecules in clinical development:**

**IN VITRO DATA**  
**microbiology**  
**pharmacodynamics**



# Spectrum of activity

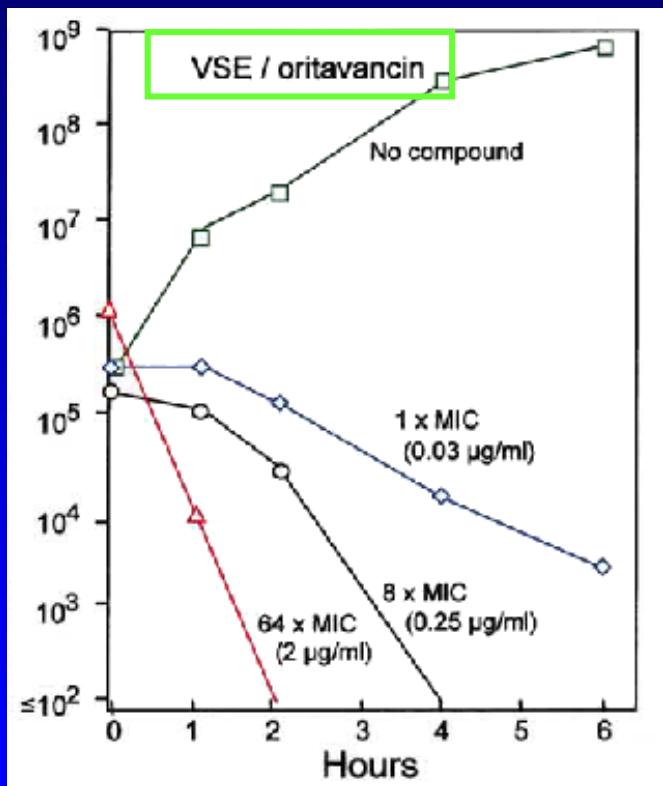
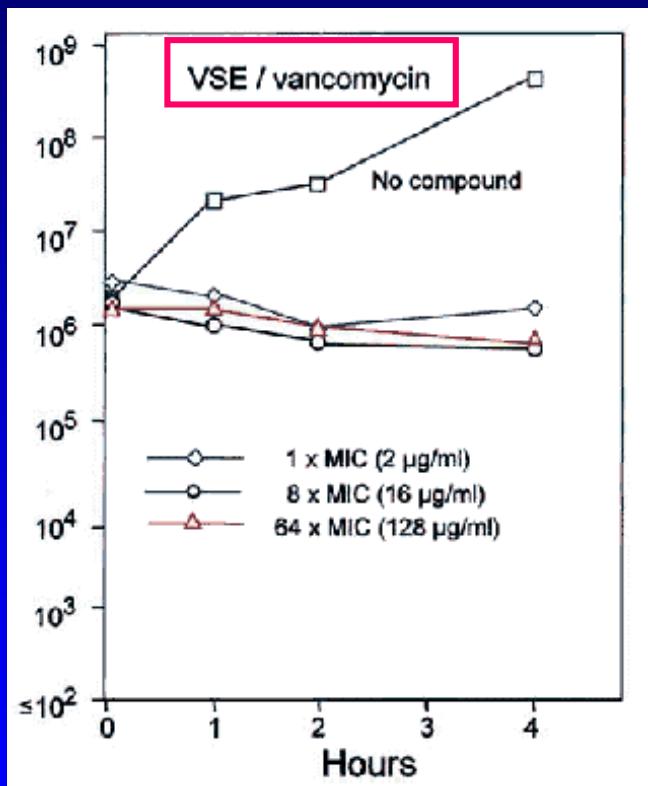
strain	resist.	vanco	orita	teico	dalba
enterococci	susc.	0.25-4	0.06-0.25	0.13-0.5	0.06-0.13
	VanA	>128	0.06-1	64->128	0.5->128
	VanB	8-128	≤ 0.03-0.13	0.13-8	0.02-2
<i>S. aureus</i>	Methi-S	0.13-1	0.13-1	1-8	< 0.03- 0.5
	Methi-R	0.5-4	0.13-4	0.13-8	0.06-1
	VISA	8	1-8	8-32	2
	VRSA	32	0.25	4	
<i>S. epiderm.</i>	Methi-S	0.13-1	0.25-1	0.25-16	≤ 0.03-0.25
	Methi-R	1-4	0.25-4	1-16	≤ 0.03-1
<i>S. pyogenes</i>		0.5-0.5	0.016-0.13	0.008-0.06	≤ 0.002-0.06
<i>S. pneumo</i>	Peni-S	0.13-0.5	≤0.002-0.06	0.008-0.06	0.016-0.13
	Peni-R	0.25-2	≤0.002-0.06	0.016-0.13	0.008-0.13

Most of data from Candiani, et al. (1999) JAC 44: 179-92

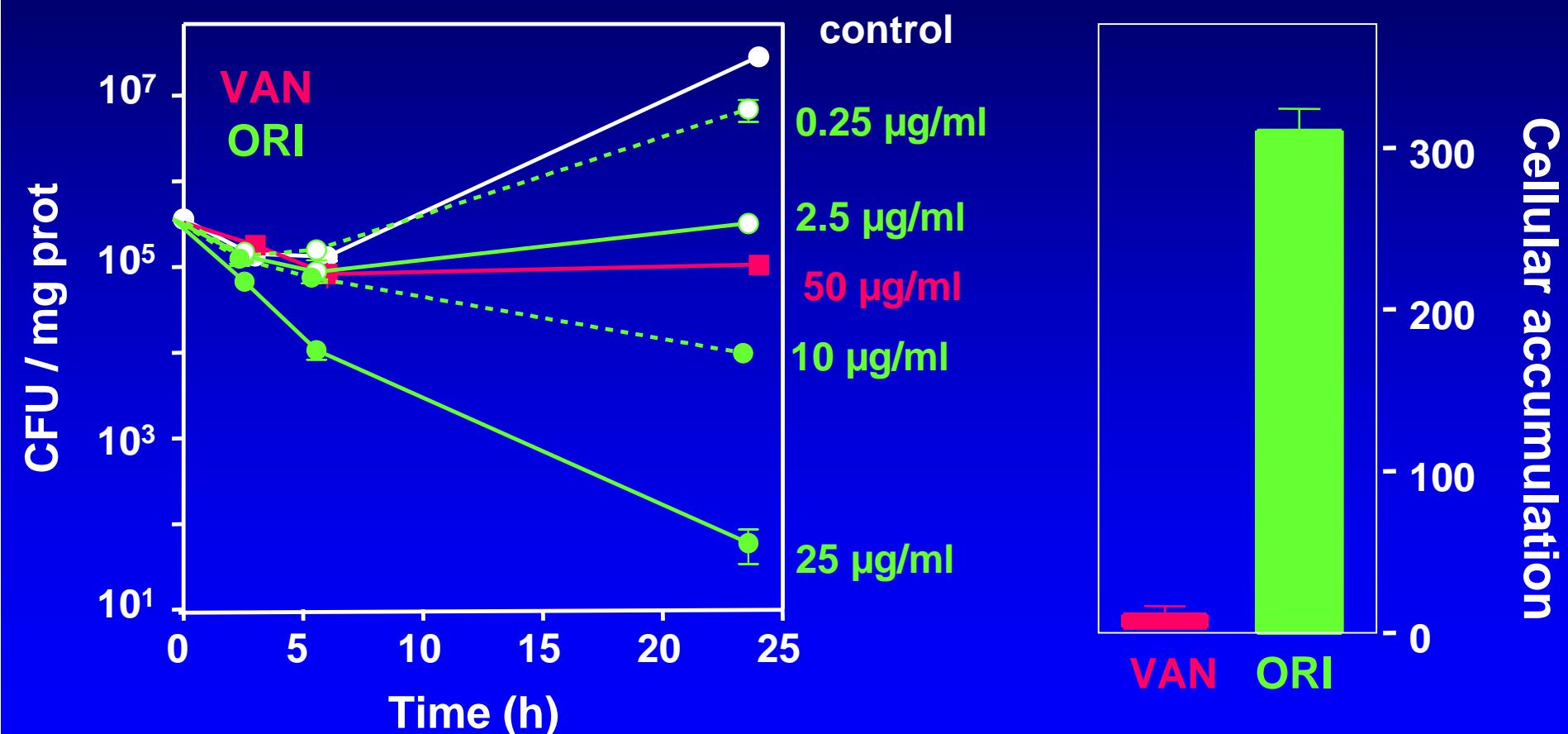
# Pharmacodynamic properties of oritavancin

static effect

conc. dependent,  
bactericidal effect

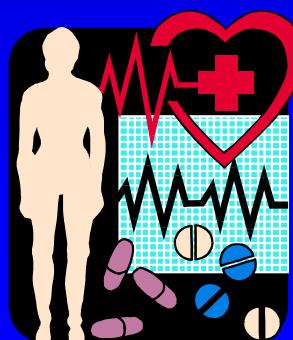


# PK/PD properties of oritavancin in a model of *S.aureus* infected macrophages



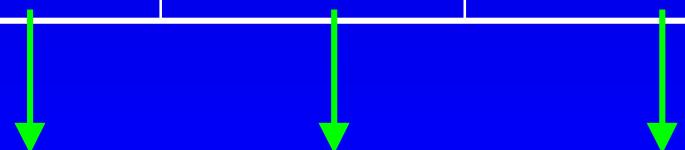
# **Molecules in clinical development:**

**IN VIVO DATA**  
**pharmacokinetics**  
**pharmacodynamics**



# Pharmacokinetic properties

parameter	Vanco (15 mg/kg)	Orita (3 mg/kg)	Teico (6 mg/kg)	Dalba (15 mg/kg)
peak (mg/L)	20-50	31	43	300
through (mg/L)	5-12 (24 h)	1.7 (24 h)	< 5 (24 h)	40 (168 h)
protein binding	10-55 %	90 %	90 %	98 %
terminal t <sup>1/2</sup> (h)	4-8	≤ 360	83-168	257 h



Intermune, Inc, data on file

Steiert & Schmitz,

Curr.Opin.Investig.Drugs (2002) 3:229-233

once-a-day  
administration

once-a-week  
administration

# PK/PD profile

PK/PD breakpoints :

parameter	Vanco (15 mg/kg) bid	Orita (3 mg/kg) qd	Teico (6 mg/kg) qd	Dalba (15 mg/kg) qd
<b>AUC / MIC = 125</b>				
total	4	1	4	185
free	2	0.1	0.4	4
<b>Cmax / MIC = 10</b>				
total	10	3	4	30
free	5	0.3	0.4	0.6

MIC of target bugs :

MRSA	0.5-4	0.13-4	0.13-8	0.06-1
VISA	8	1-8	8-32	2
VRE	>128	0.06-1	64->128	0.5->128

# Safety profile

preclinical studies  
preliminary data from Phase I and Phase II



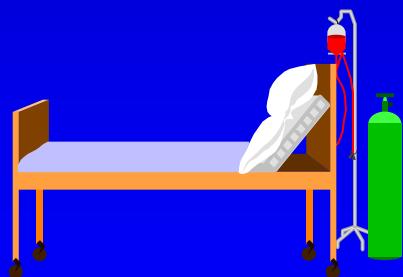
oritavancin and dalbavancin  
well tolerated



but more patients  
are needed ...

# **Molecules in clinical development:**

**IN VIVO DATA  
clinical studies**



# Clinical experience

complicated skin and skin structure infection  
caused by Gram (+) including MRSA

(phase II/III; double blind, randomized)

517 pts

**Vancomycin 15 mg/kg bid  
3-7 days**

**followed by oral cephalexin  
10-14 days**

**Oritavancin 1.5-3 mg/kg qd  
3-7 days**

**SUCCESS :**  
**bacteriological**  
**clinical**  
**with MRSA**

**76 %**

**80 %**

**80 %**

**=**

**74 %**

**76 %**

**74 %**

# Clinical experience

complicated skin and skin structure infection  
caused by Gram (+) including MRSA

(phase II; controlled, randomized)

42 pts

**Vancomycin, ceftriaxone,  
cefazolin or clindamycin  
for 7-21 days**

**Dalbavancin  
15 mg/kg day 1  
+ 7.5 mg/kg day 8**

**SUCCESS :**  
**bacteriological**

**64 %**

**clinical**

**76 %**

**73 %**

**94 %**



# In which indications could they be useful ?

- ## ■ which organisms ?

- MRSA                    certainly YES
  - VRE                    oritavancin only
  - VISA                    limited activity,  
                              ... but synergy for dalba +  $\beta$ -lactam
  - S. pneumo              other alternatives

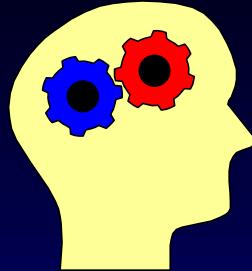
- ## ▪ which organs ?

- **severe skin and soft tissues**
  - **septicemia / deep organs**
  - **endocarditis (combination ?)**
  - **CNS infections (penetration ?)**

# clinical experience

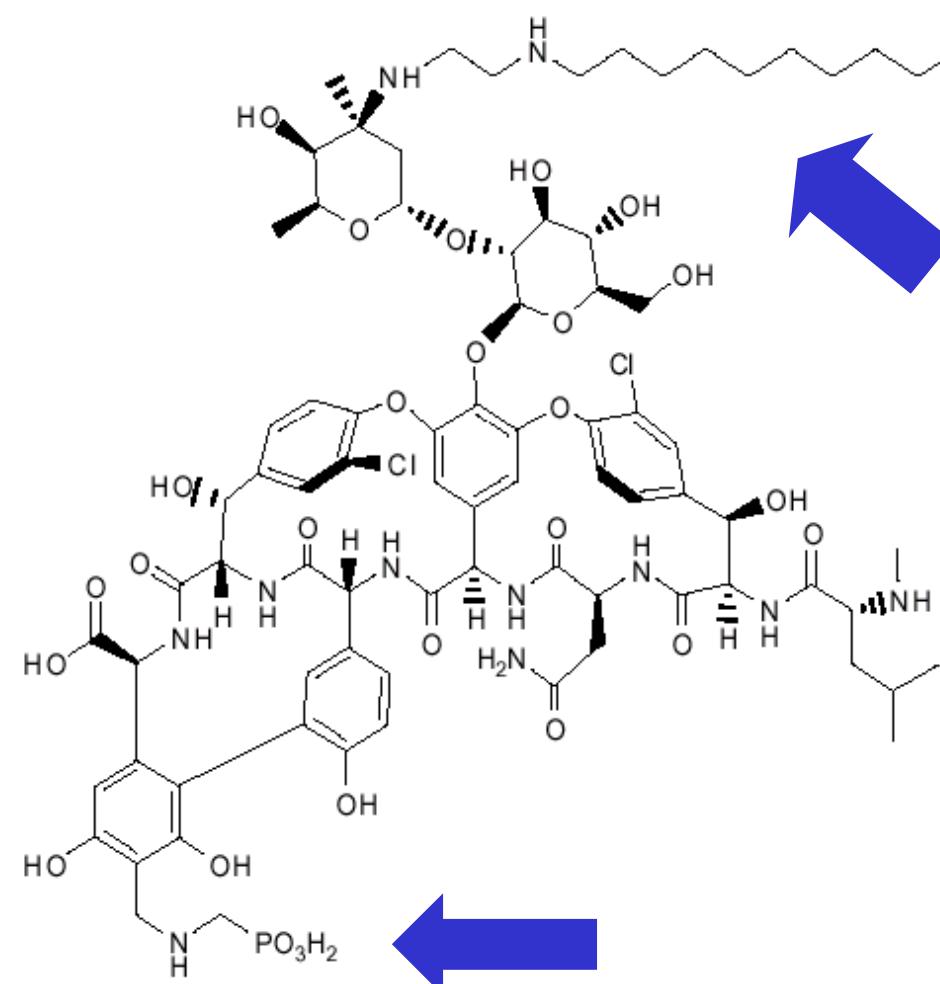


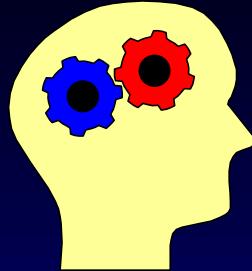
# **Still lacking**



# Research is still active ...

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## Research is still active ...

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- **in vitro data:** MIC MRSA 1 µg/ml  
MIC VISA 4 µg/ml
- **antibacterial activity:** bactericidal inhibitor of lipid synthesis
- **activity in animal models** endocarditis  
subcutaneous infections
- **Phase I studies**  $t_{1/2} \sim 8 \text{ h} \rightarrow$  once-a-day

**We are looking  
forward these  
new antibiotics**

...



**... but how strong  
will they be ?**