

Prospective ex vivo activity of an engineered antimicrobial peptide, PLG0206, on chronic periprosthetic joint infection total knee arthroplasty components: the Knee Explant Analysis (KnEA) Study

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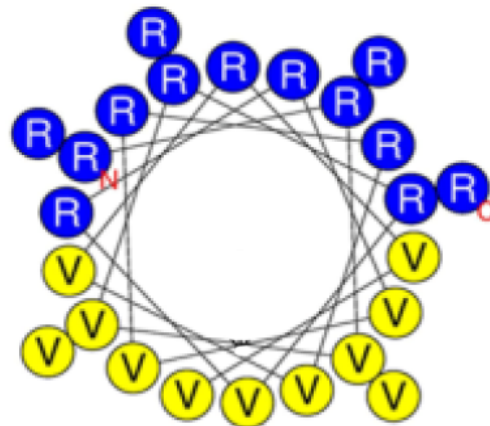
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Background

- Total knee arthroplasty (TKA) is the most common surgery in US
- Most common reason for failure is periprosthetic joint infection (PJI)
- DAIR is an ideal treatment for PJI, but failure rates are 60%
- Failure is a result of biofilm antibiotic tolerance & low antibiotic penetration

Background: PLG0206: A New Class of Antimicrobials

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2	Rapid Acting	Mandell 2017 Nature Sci Reports & AAOS 2022
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R Arginine

V Valine

W Tryptophan

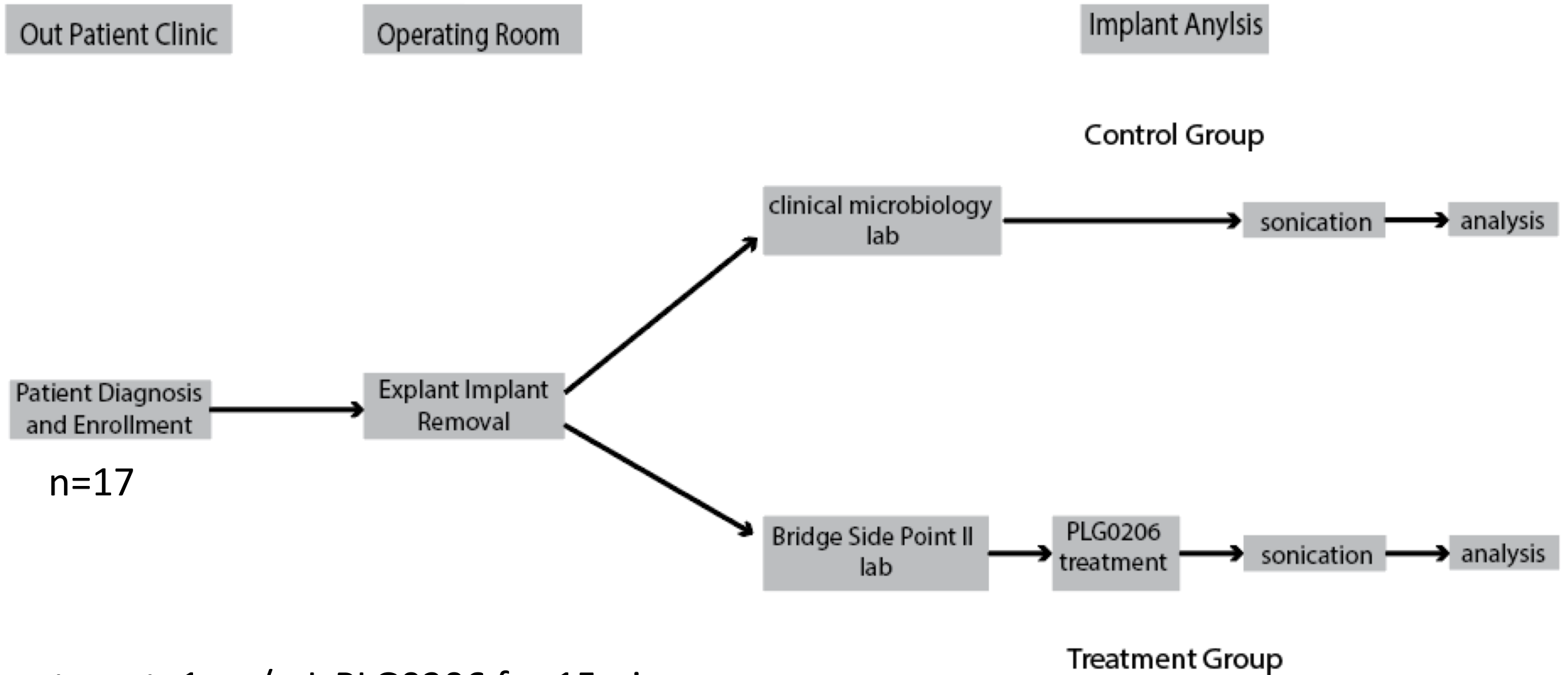
Purpose

Objective: To evaluate the efficacy of PLG0206 in decreasing bacterial burden on infected arthroplasty explants in the setting of chronic PJI

Hypothesis: PLG0206 will decrease implant associated biofilm CFU

Logic: Incremental study between large animal to FDA phase 1B

Methods



Treatment: 1mg/mL PLG0206 for 15min

Primary Endpoint: Treated Implants below 1×10^3 CFU

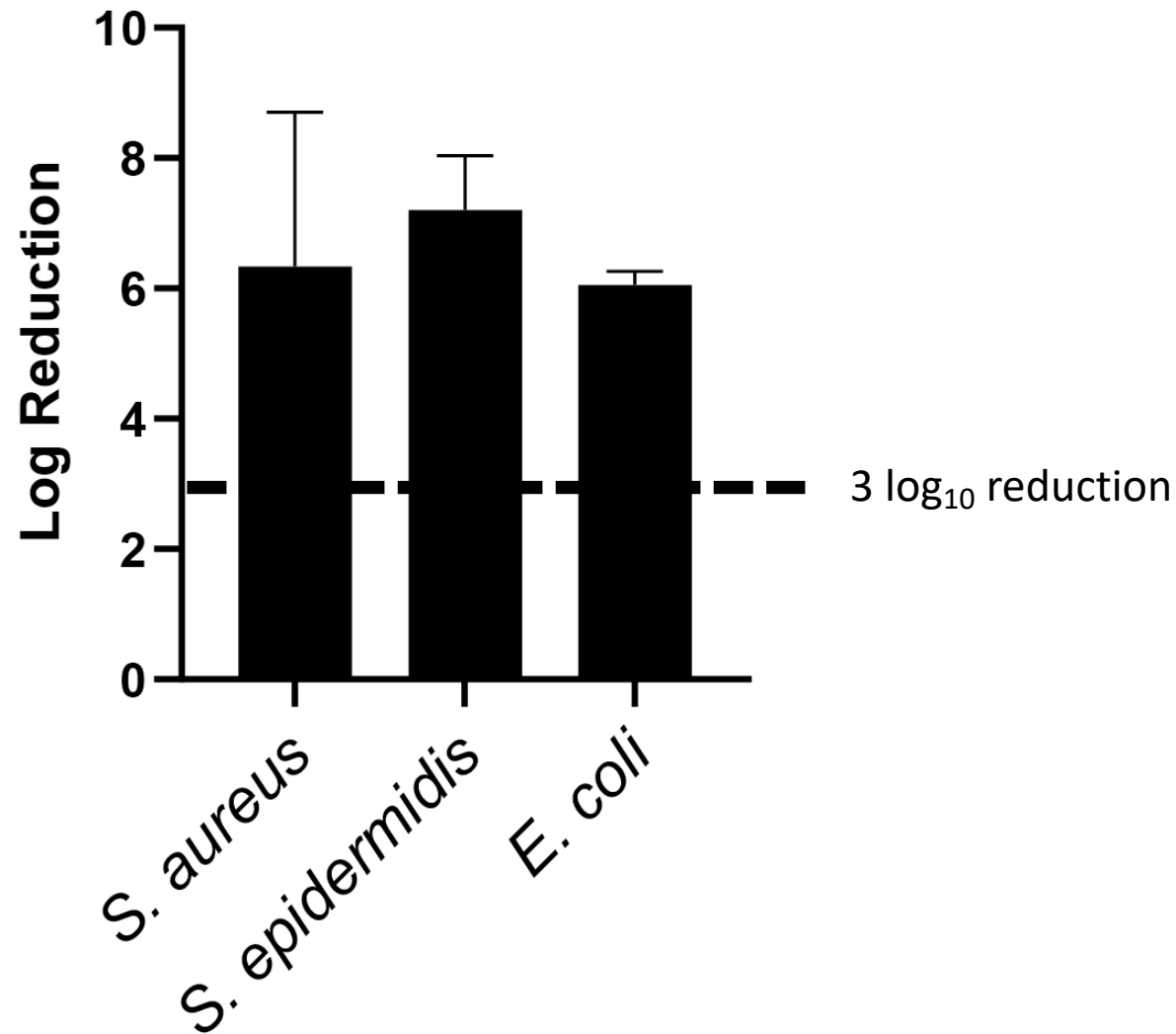
Secondary Endpoint: CFU on Implant; Treatment vs Untreated

Results: Log Reduction by Case

#	Culture	MDR	CFU/mL untreated	CFU/mL treated	Log reduction
1	<i>S. epidermidis</i>	Clindamycin, Erythromycin, Gentamicin, Oxacillin	5.0x10 ⁷	0	7.7
2	<i>S. epidermidis</i>	Clindamycin, Erythromycin, Gentamicin, Oxacillin	5.0x10 ⁷	0	7.7
3	<i>S. aureus</i> (MRSA)	Oxacillin, Erythromycin	5.0x10 ⁷	0	7.7
4	<i>S. hemolyticus</i>	Clindamycin, Gentamicin, Oxacillin, Rifampin, Sulfa/Trimethoprim	7.3x10 ²	0	2.9
5	<i>S. aureus</i> (MSSA)	None	5.0x10 ⁷	1.3x10 ²	3.6
6	<i>S. caprae</i>	None	5.0x10 ⁷	0	7.7
7	<i>E. coli</i>	Ampicillin, Ampicillin/Sulbactam	5.0x10 ⁷	30	6.2
8	<i>E. coli</i>	Ampicillin, Ampicillin/Sulbactam	5.0x10 ⁷	60	5.9
9	<i>S. epidermidis</i>	None	5.0x10 ⁷	90	5.7
10	<i>Haemophilus parainfluenzae</i>	None	5.0x10 ⁷	0	7.7
11	<i>Haemophilus parainfluenzae</i>	None	5.0x10 ⁷	0	7.7
12	<i>E. faecalis</i>	None	5.0x10 ⁷	10	6.7
13	<i>S. aureus</i> (MRSA)	Oxacillin	5.0x10 ⁷	0	7.7
14	<i>S. dysgalactiae</i>	None	4.7x10 ³	60	4.0
15	<i>S. epidermidis</i>	Penicillin	5.0x10 ⁷	0	7.7
16	<i>S. epidermidis</i>	Oxacillin, Tetracycline, Bactrim (sulfa/trimethoprim)	5.0x10 ⁷	0	7.7
17	<i>S. epidermidis</i>	Oxacillin, Tetracycline, Bactrim (sulfa/trimethoprim)	5.0x10 ⁷	10	6.7

- Range of Gram-(+) and gram-(-) bacteria; many were MDR.
- Primary Endpoint: All treated implants were below 1x10³ CFU/mL
- Secondary Endpoint: Treatment resulted in mean log₁₀ reduction of 6 (range 2.9-7.70)
- 10 of the 17 (58%) infected implants were culture negative after treatment

Results: Log Reduction by Organism



Organisms in multiple cases had $> 3\log_{10}$ reduction

Discussion

- 1 mg/mL PLG0206 successfully reduced explant biofilm CFU after 15 minutes of treatment when compared to the control.
- The average \log_{10} reduction was 6.
- These findings support the development of PLG0206 as a local irrigation solution for patients undergoing PJI treatment.

Limitations:

- Most treated explants below the limit of detection on assay
- Difficult to compare treated and untreated

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6	Activity on TKA Explants	AAOS 2022; Huang Microbiology Spectrum 2021
	Safety	
7	Systemic Safety & Pharmacokinetics	Phase I Clinical Study: ACTRN12618001920280 Huang AAC 2022
8	Acute Postop TKA PJI (Ongoing)	Phase 1b FDA: NCT05137314

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