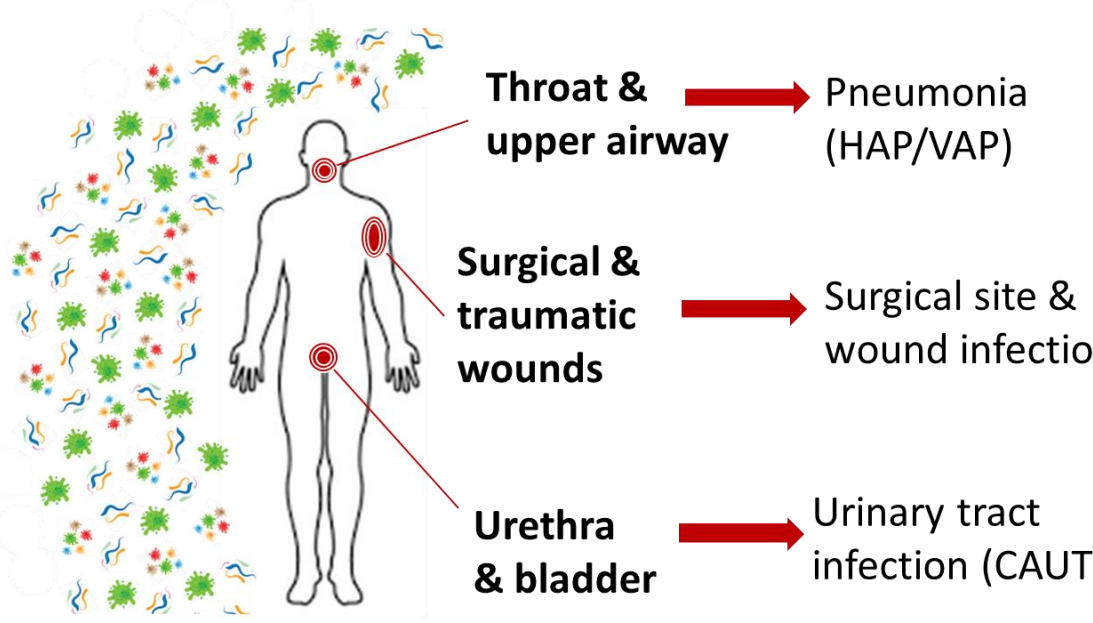


Amicidin-α Prolonged Field Care Powder & Surgical Gel to Protect Wounds from Point-of Injury through Definitive Care

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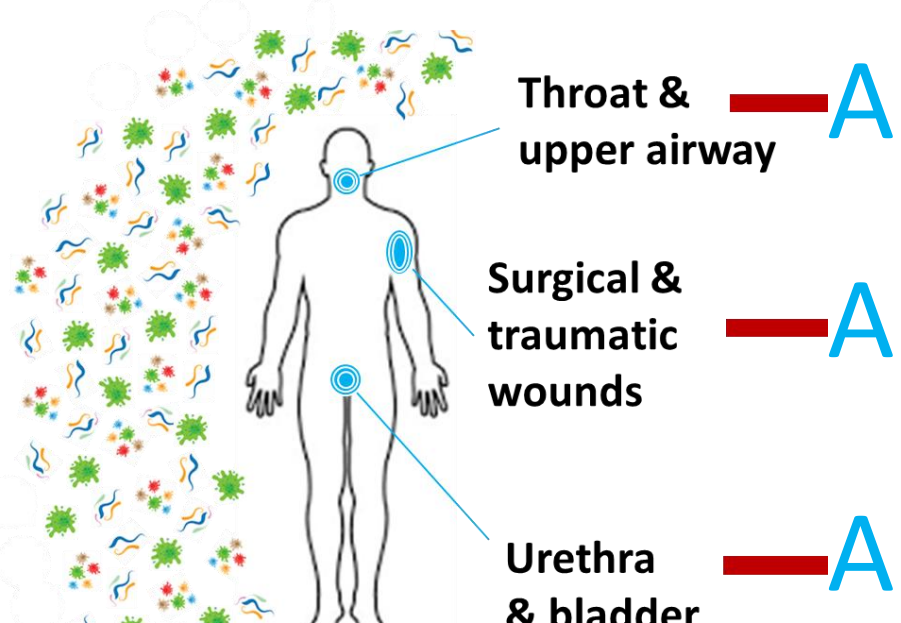
Medical Approach

Life-threatening Infections...



...begin at “gateways”

Guard the “gateways”...



...locally with Amicidins

Technology: Amicidins™

Amino Acid Polymers Engineered for Local Application:

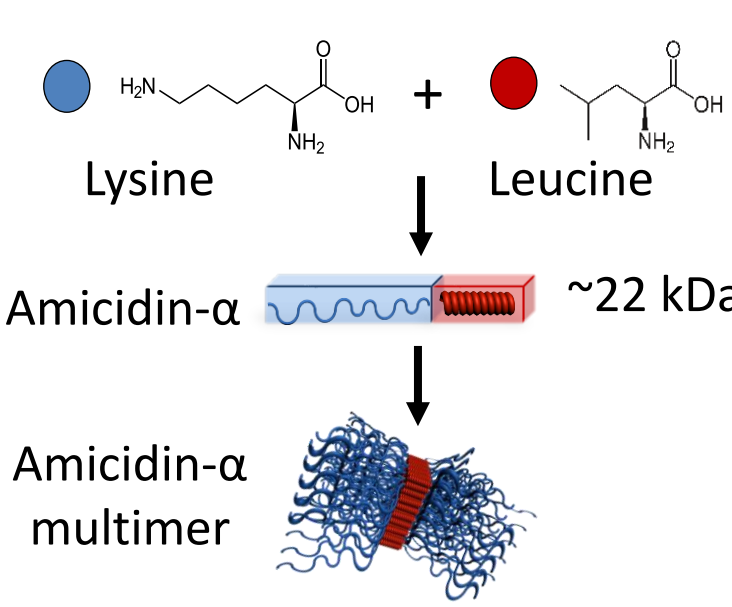
- Beneficial physical MOA**
Barrier to block or surfactant to cleanse
- Broad microbicidal MOA**
Including drug-resistant bacteria & Candida
- Safety**
For people and the environment

Broadly Microbicidal Amicidins kill (partial list):

- Gram-Positive Bacteria**
 - S. aureus* (incl. MRSA)
 - S. epidermidis* (incl. methicillin-res.)
 - E. faecalis*
 - E. faecium* (incl. vancomycin-res.)
 - S. pyogenes*
- Gram-Negative Bacteria**
 - A. baumannii* (incl. pan-res.)
 - P. aeruginosa* (incl. multidrug-res)
 - K. pneumoniae* (incl. KPC, ESBL+, CRE)
 - E. coli* (incl. ESBL+)
- Yeast**
 - C. albicans* (incl. fluconazole-res.)
 - C. auris*
 - M. pachydermatis*

1 Amicidin, 2 Formulations

Amicidin-α To protect clean/near-clean tissues



Surgical Gel

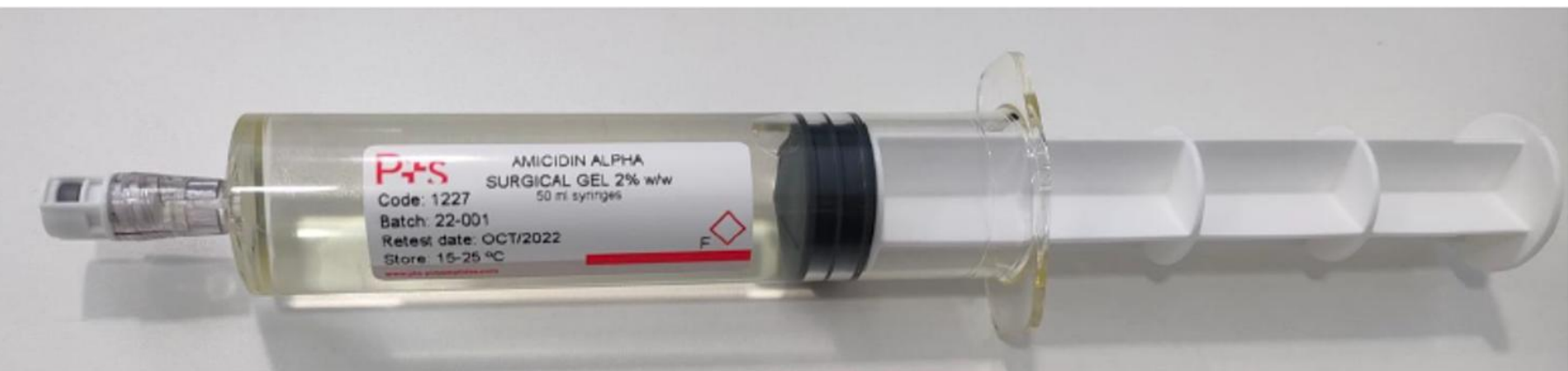


Prolonged Field Care



Amicidin-α Surgical Gel

IND# 140908 – “Study May Proceed” Letter Received



Nonclinical Pharmacology Summary

>99.9% kill in 2 *in vitro* and 4 *in vivo* models

	Model	Microbes	Key Results
<i>in vitro</i>	VITRO-SKIN	<i>S. aureus</i>	>99.9% reduction
	Porcine skin explant	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	>99.9% reduction
<i>in vivo</i>	Porcine incisions	<i>S. aureus</i>	>99.9% reduction
	Porcine excisions	<i>S. aureus</i> or mixed inoculum	>99.9% reduction
	Rat wound with mesh	<i>S. aureus</i> , MRSA, or <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	>99.9% reduction (tissue & mesh)
	Rat orthopedic wound	MRSA or <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	>99.9% reduction; blocked invasion

Nonclinical Safety Summary

NOAELs at highest doses tested

GLP Safety Studies	Species	Key Observations
Dermal Irritation	Rabbit	All zero scores – a “non-irritant”
Dermal Sensitization	Guinea Pig	All zero scores – a “non-sensitizer”
Cardiopulmonary Safety Pharmacology	Minipig	No adverse cardiopulmonary effects
CNS/FOB Safety Pharmacology	Rat	No adverse CNS/FOB effects
Intraoperative Dose Escalation in Wounds	Rat	NOAEL highest tested – 172 mg/kg No target organ of toxicity identified
Intraoperative Dose Escalation in Wounds	Minipig	NOAEL highest tested – 174 mg/kg No target organ of toxicity identified No antigen in plasma by Simoa

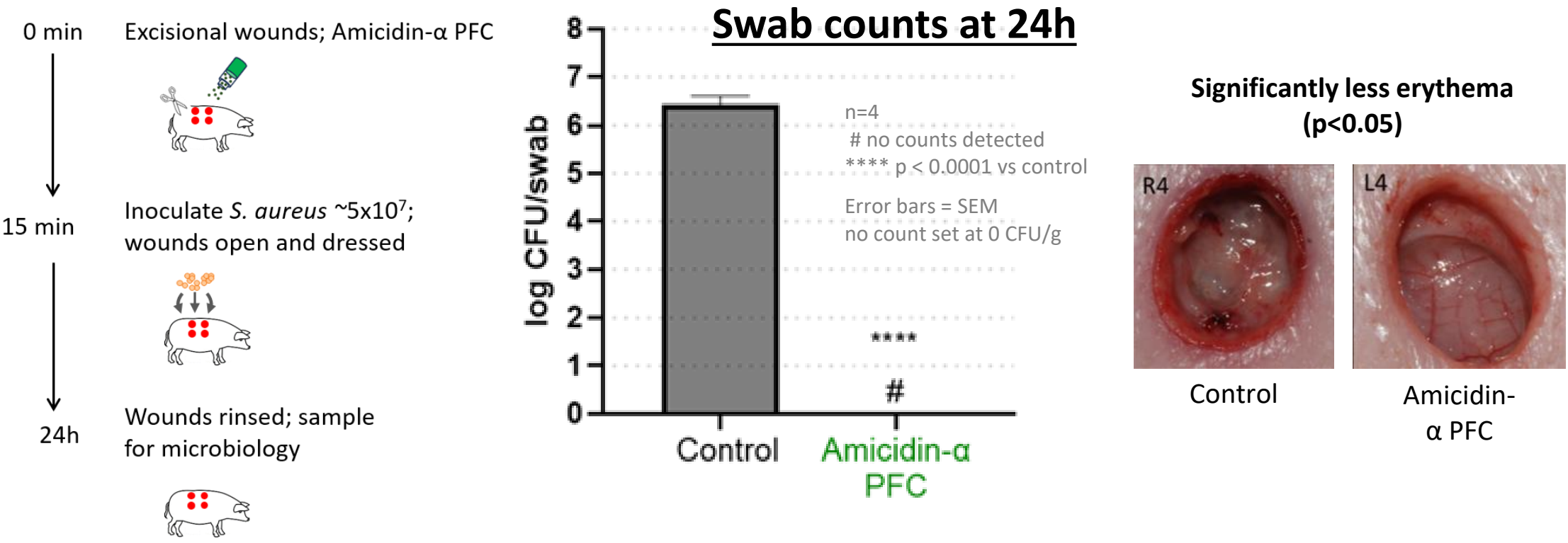
Amicidin-α PFC

(Prolonged Field Care)

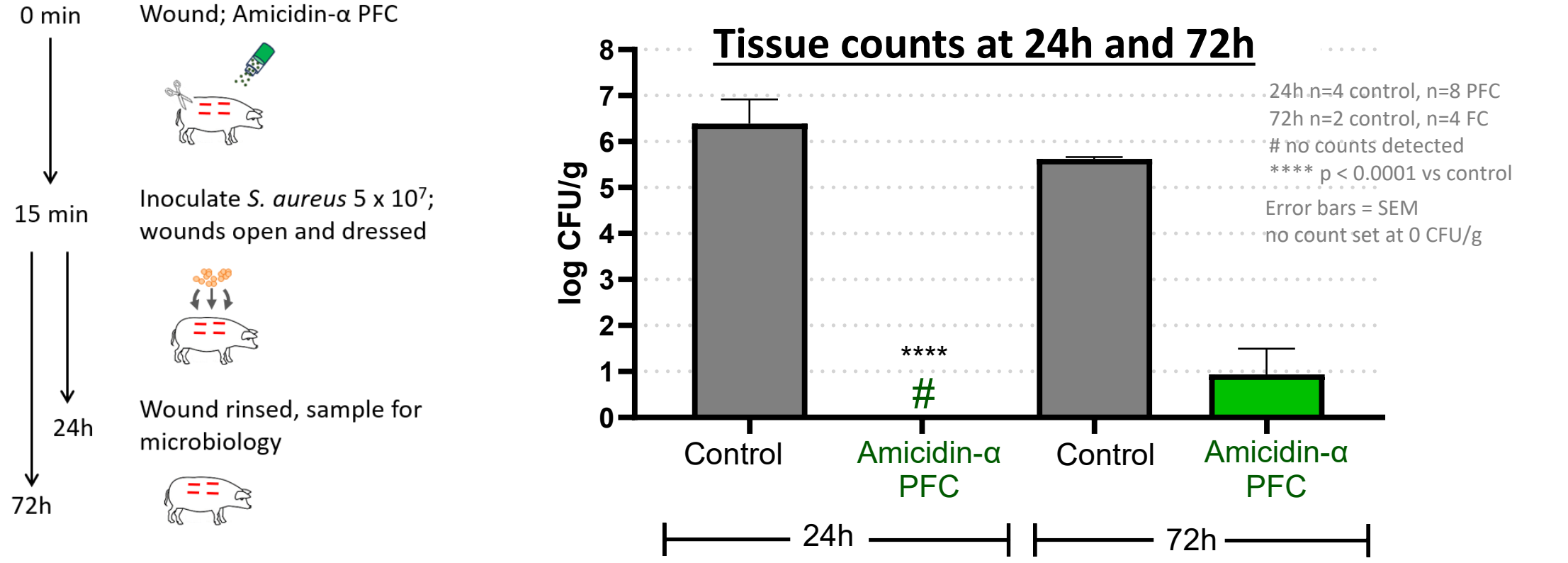


Dry powder formulation of Amicidin-α
Hydrates immediately upon exposure to moisture to form an antimicrobial barrier hydrogel

Blocks Wound Contamination



Protects Wounds for 72h



Clinical Development

Phase 1 Clinical Trial Outline

“A Phase 1 Study to Assess Safety and Tolerability of Intrawound Application of Amicidin-α in Adult Patients”

- Trial objectives:**
- Assess the overall safety and tolerability of intrawound Amicidin-α
 - Assess potential systemic absorption of Amicidin-α in plasma; and
 - Investigator feedback on product ease of use and volume adequacy.

Amicidin-α Surgical Gel Only Component

Population: ~40 adult patients undergoing an interventional procedure on trunk, arms, or leg exposing subcutaneous tissue, muscle, and/or intact bone with wound ≥5 cm (e.g., skin lesion removal, mastectomy)

- 3 Cohorts:**
- 2 SOC only & 6 SOC + Surgical Gel (up to 25mL, rinsed out);
 - 3 SOC only & 9 SOC + Surgical Gel (up to 50 mL, rinsed out);
 - 5 SOC only & 15 SOC + Surgical Gel (Up to 50mL; 2mm coating left in)

Assessments: Screening, pre-op, post-op 1h, 4h, 48-72h, Day 7, Day 14, Day 30

Trial Expansion to Include Amicidin-α PFC

Population: ~20 adult patients with wounds ≥5 cm, requiring delayed primary closure, healing by secondary intention, or follow-on surgery

- 3 more cohorts:**
- 6 Amicidin-α PFC (up to 2g, rinsed out at 48-72hr);
 - 14 Amicidin-α PFC (up to g; rinsed out at 48-72hr)

Assessments: Screening and post-treatment 1h, 4h, 48-72h, Day 7, Day 14, Day 30

Note: Study may proceed letter was received for performance of the Amicidin-α Surgical Gel only component of the above development plan. Feasibility of performing the Amicidin-α PFC expansion awaits confirmation from the FDA.

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