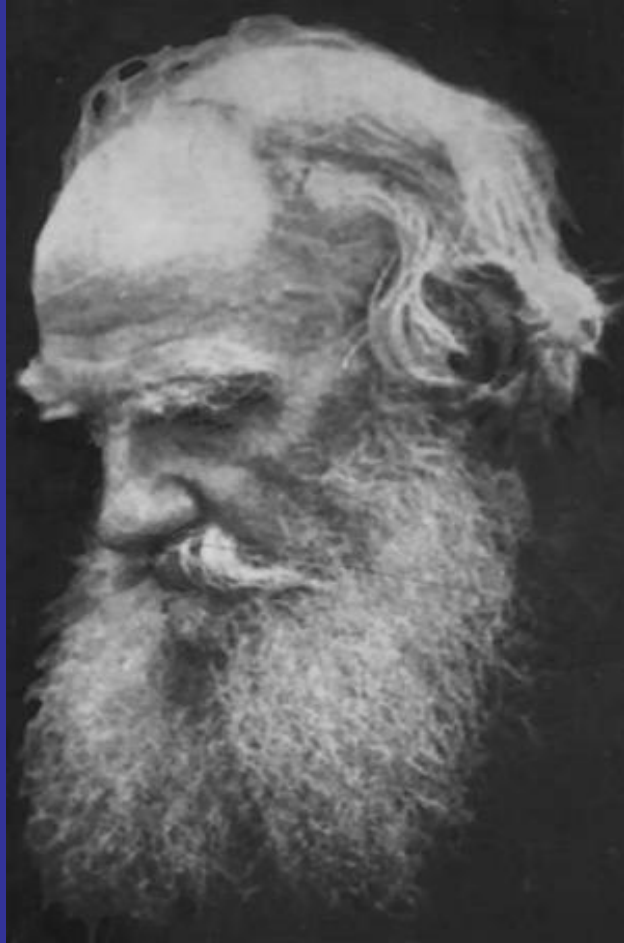


WAR AND PEACE AT  
MUCOSAL SURFACES: A  
“TOLL-STO(R)Y”

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# Tolstoy vs Woody: War and Peace vs Love and Death



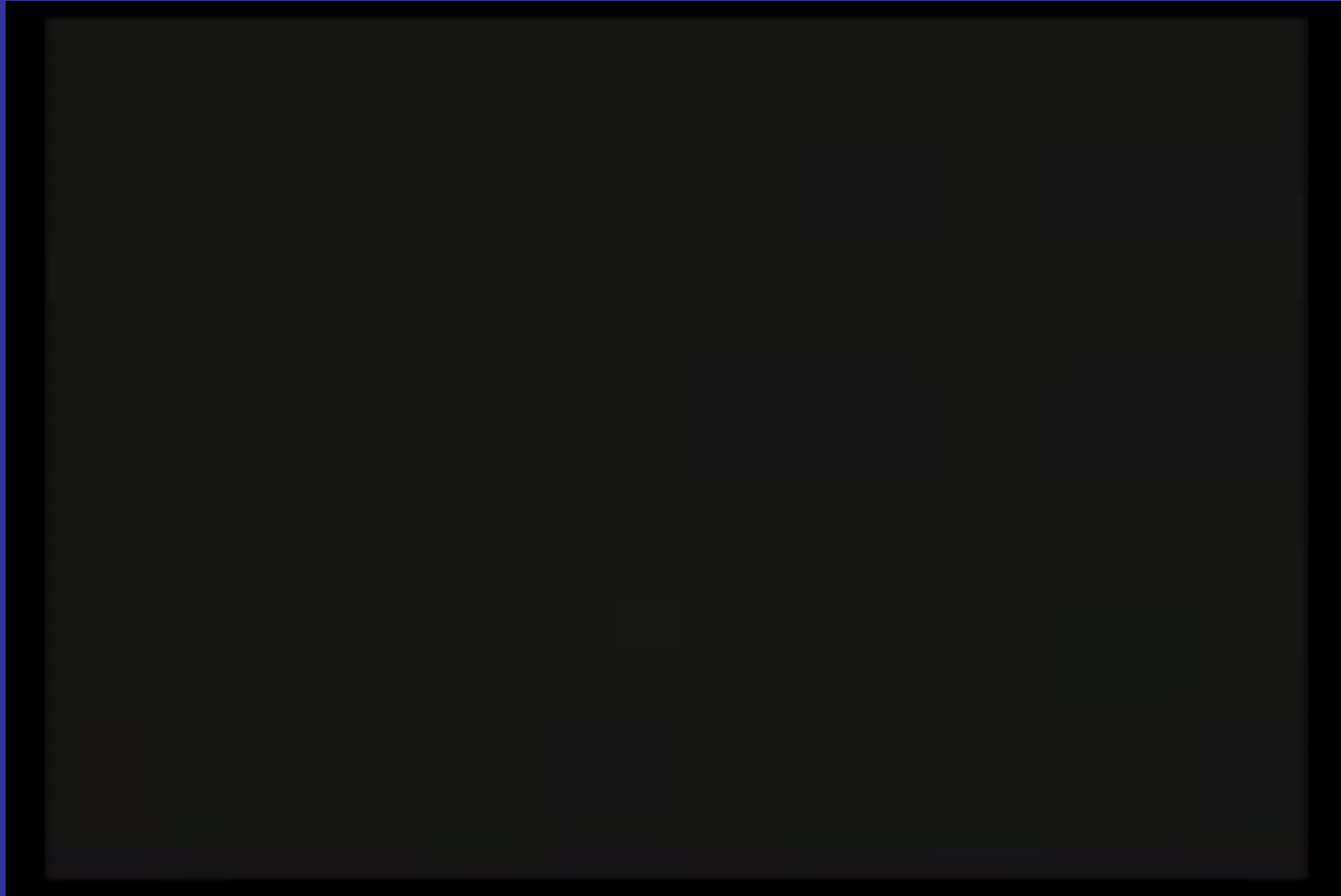
# War and Peace: Silent killing



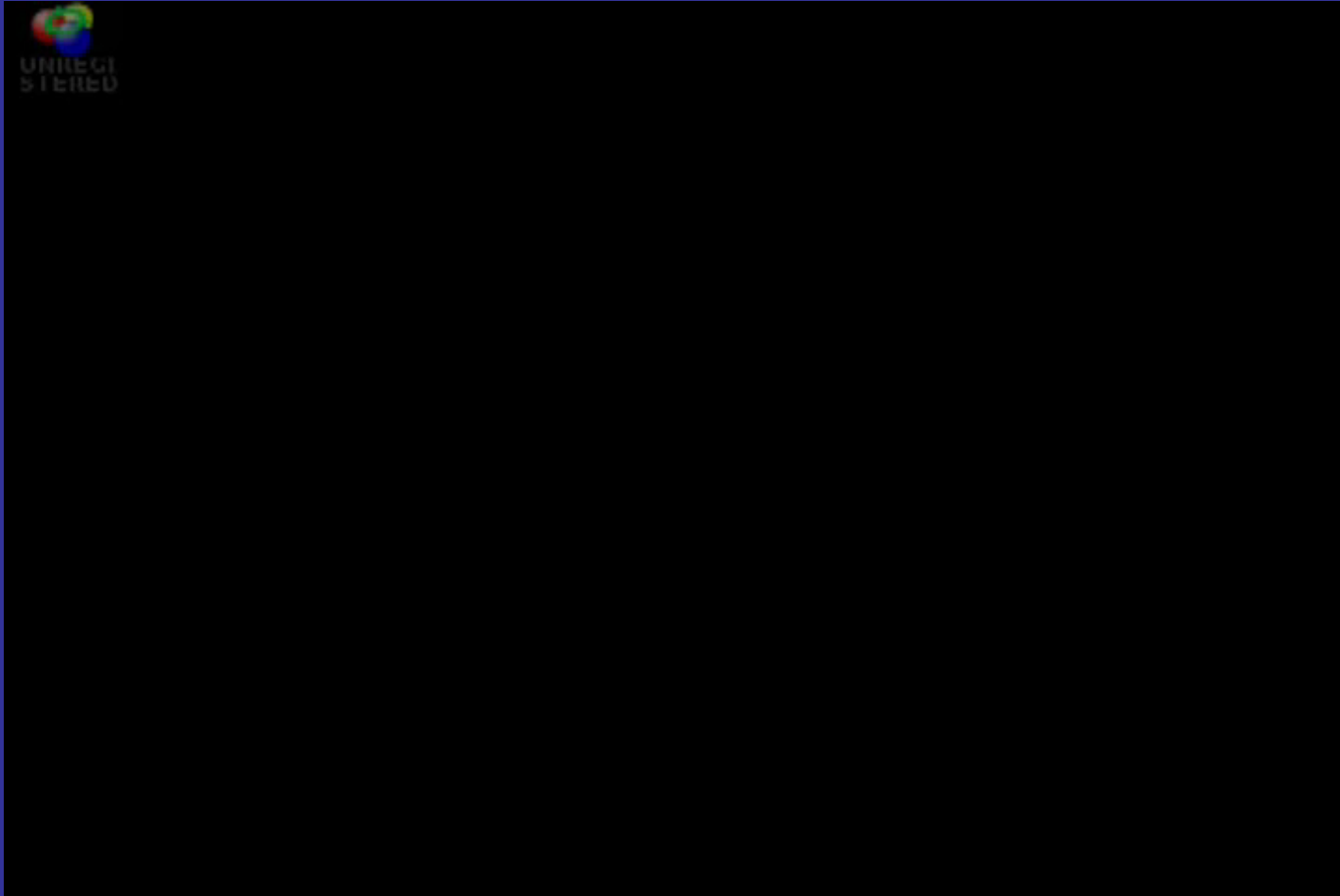
# INTESTINAL EPITHELIAL BARRIER: ACTIVE NOT PASSIVE



# Host Response to Breaks in the Mucosal Barrier

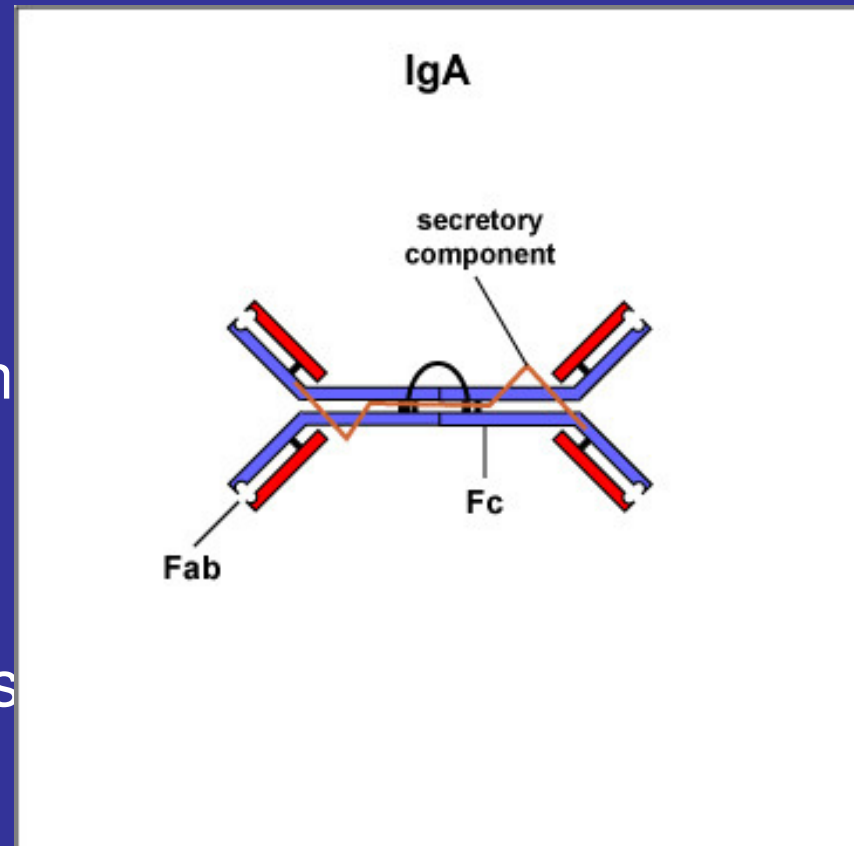


# Mucosal defense against invading pathogens



# SECRETORY IgA

- The most abundant Ab in secretions
- Polymeric form with high Ag avidity
- In addition to interact with Ag via the Fab (Ag-specific) portion of molecule, interacts with bacteria adhesins confers “innate-like properties”









# SECRETORY IgA in DEFENSE of MUCOSAL SURFACES

- Prevent Pathogen Adhesion to Host Cells (immune exclusion, canonical)
- Intracellular or serosal neutralization of Ag
- Activation of Non-Inflammatory Pathways
- Homeostatic control of endogenous microflora :

# Protection at Mucosal Surface: Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick Secretory IgA vs IgG



# SlgA: Host defense without Collateral damage



BOOK / VOLUME ONE:  
CYTOSKELETON, IgA AND  
ETHANOL

# PROVERBS 21:2

- Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever “is led astray by them is a fool.”

# ALCOHOL AND TRAUMA

GENE MOORE:  
“THE PERFECT STORM”

# ALCOHOL AND PNEUMONIA RISK

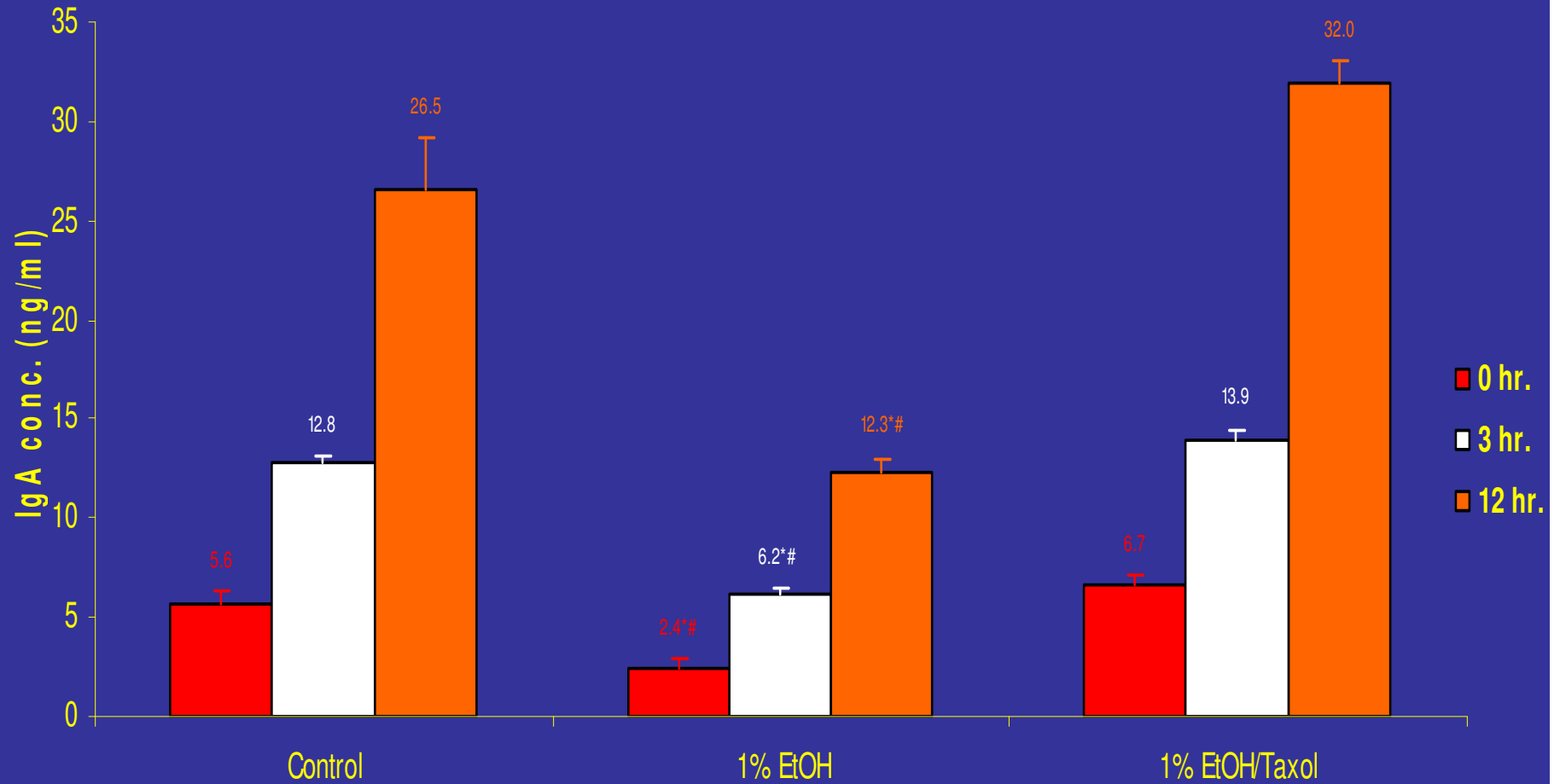
- Increased risk attributed to changes in oral flora, poor oral hygiene, and aspiration
- Previous studies: increased systemic levels of both IgA and SIgA, with decreased gut luminal IgA levels
- Alcohol effects gut cytoskeleton: increased permeability



# SIgA transport experiments:

- MDCK cells transfected with the pIgR for cells incubated with dIgA at 4 degrees C (receptor saturation)
- Transfected MDCK monolayers then held in incubator at 37 degrees C and IgA concentrations determined from the apical chamber

Figure 1A: Effect of Taxol Pretreatment on Transcytosis of Ethanol exposed MDCK Cells



\*p<0.001 vs. Control at same time period  
#p<0.001 vs. 1% EtOH/Taxol at same time period

**BOOK / VOLUME TWO:  
INTESTINAL EPITHELIAL CELLS  
AS A PROXIMAL SIGNAL IN  
INFLAMMATION FROM THE GUT**











# NEED TO GO UPSTREAM: The Mucosal Surface



# GUT and POST-INJURY MOF

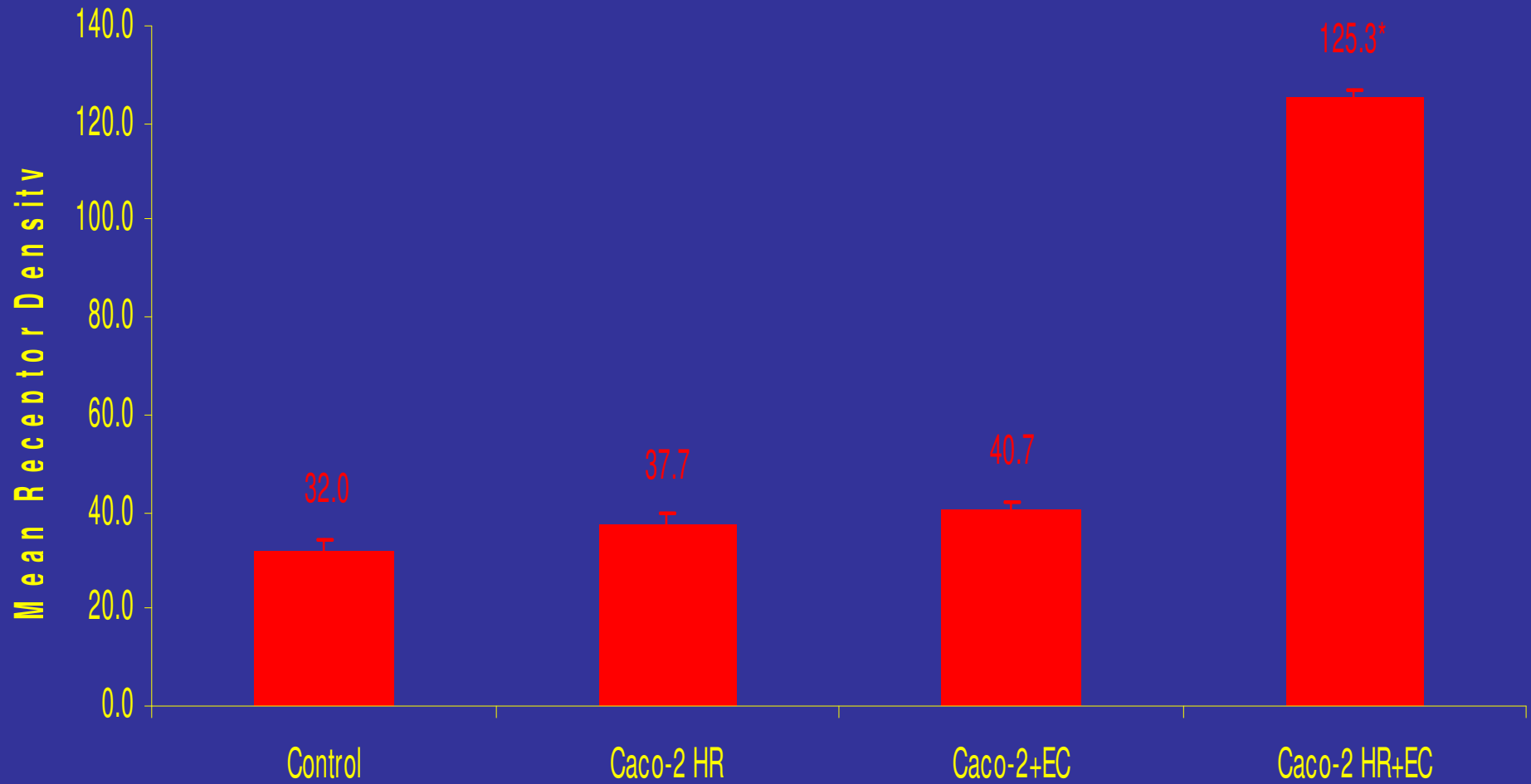
- Proinflammatory cytokines released from the gut may cause barrier failure and contribute to remote organ injury and MOF.
- Enterocytes secrete a number of pro-inflammatory cytokines



# Treatment Groups: Effects on PMN cytotoxic potential

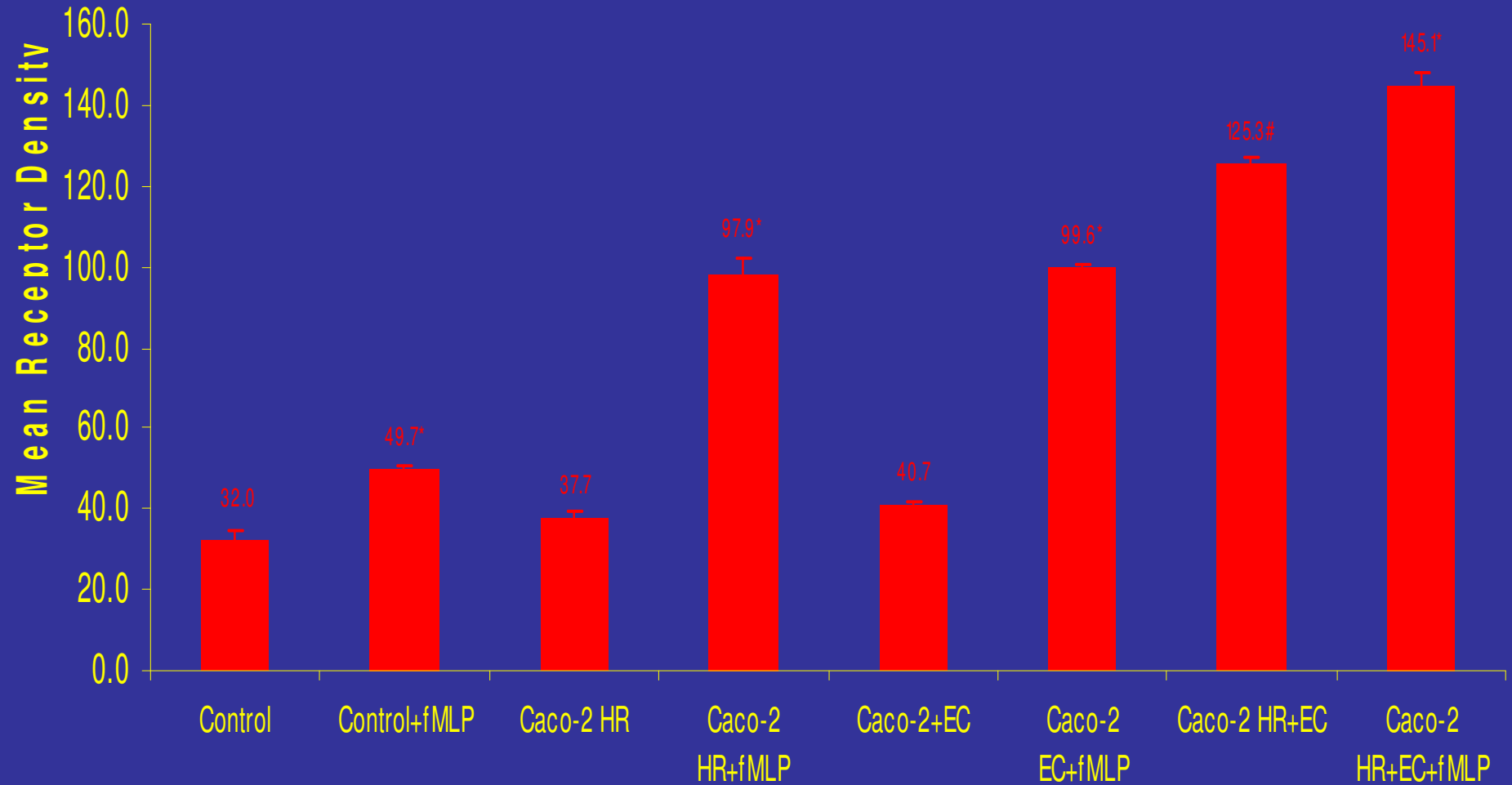
- Control (Caco-2 cells under normoxic conditions)
- Caco-2 cells + H/R
- Caco-2 cells-normoxia + *E.coli* C-25
- Caco-2 cells + H/R + *E.coli* C-25

Figure 1A: Percent CD11b Expression in PMNs



\*p<0.001 vs. all other groups

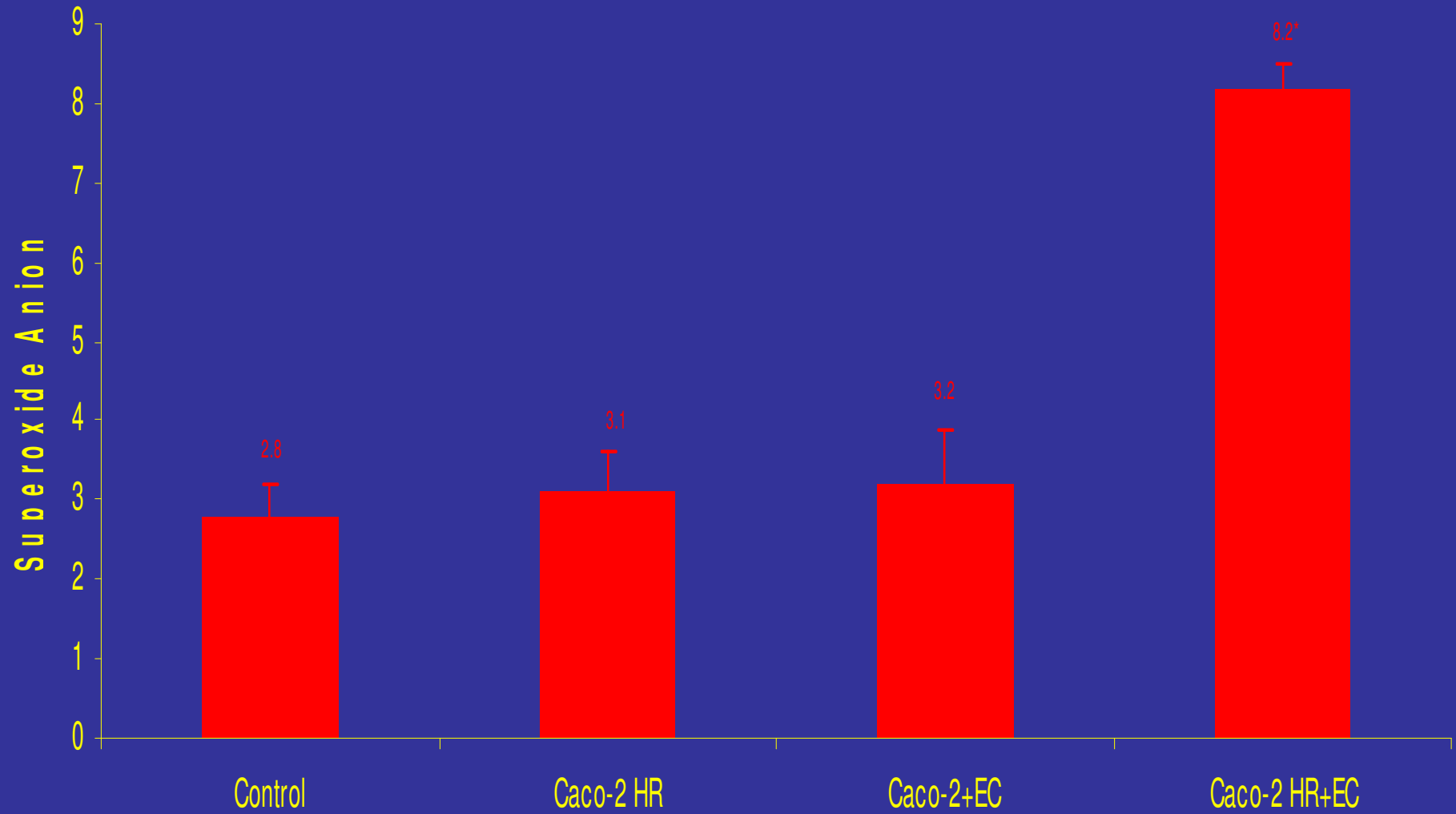
Figure 1B: Percent CD11 Expression in PMNs in the Presence and Absence of fMLP



\*p<0.001 vs. same group without fMLP

# p<0.001 vs. Control

Figure 2A: Superoxide anion Production



\*p<0.001 vs. all other groups

Figure 2B: Superoxide Production in PMNs in the Presence and Absence of fMLP

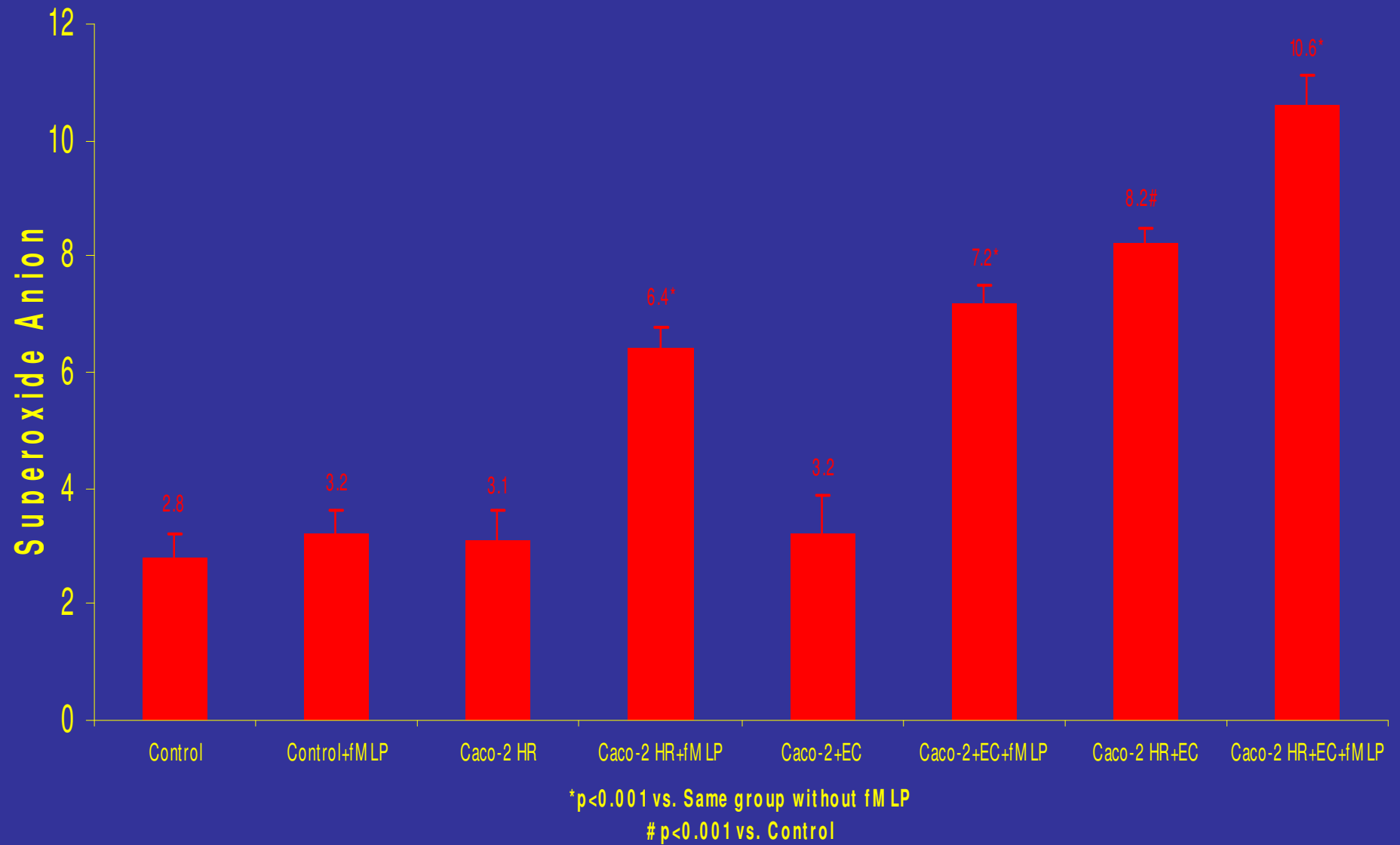
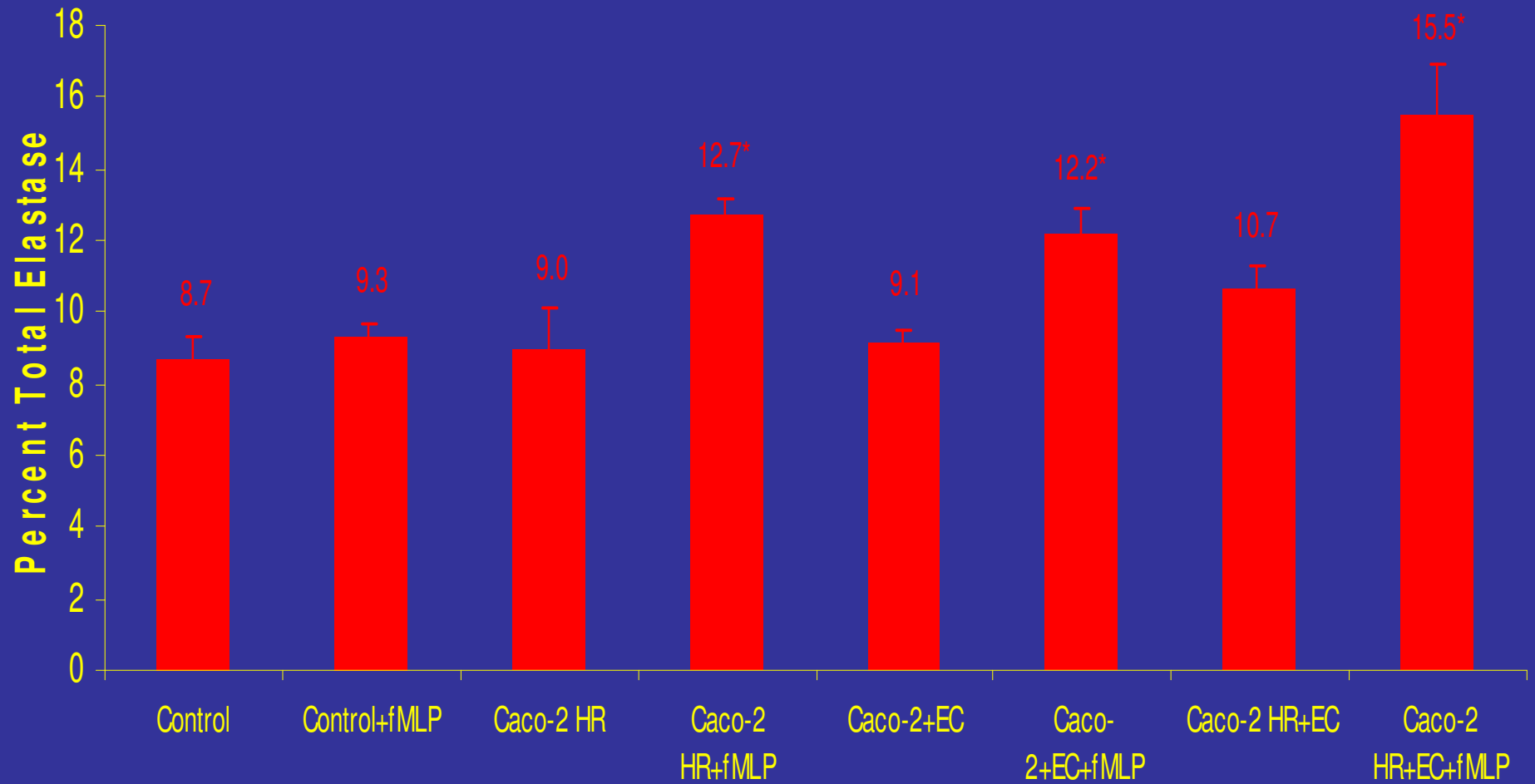
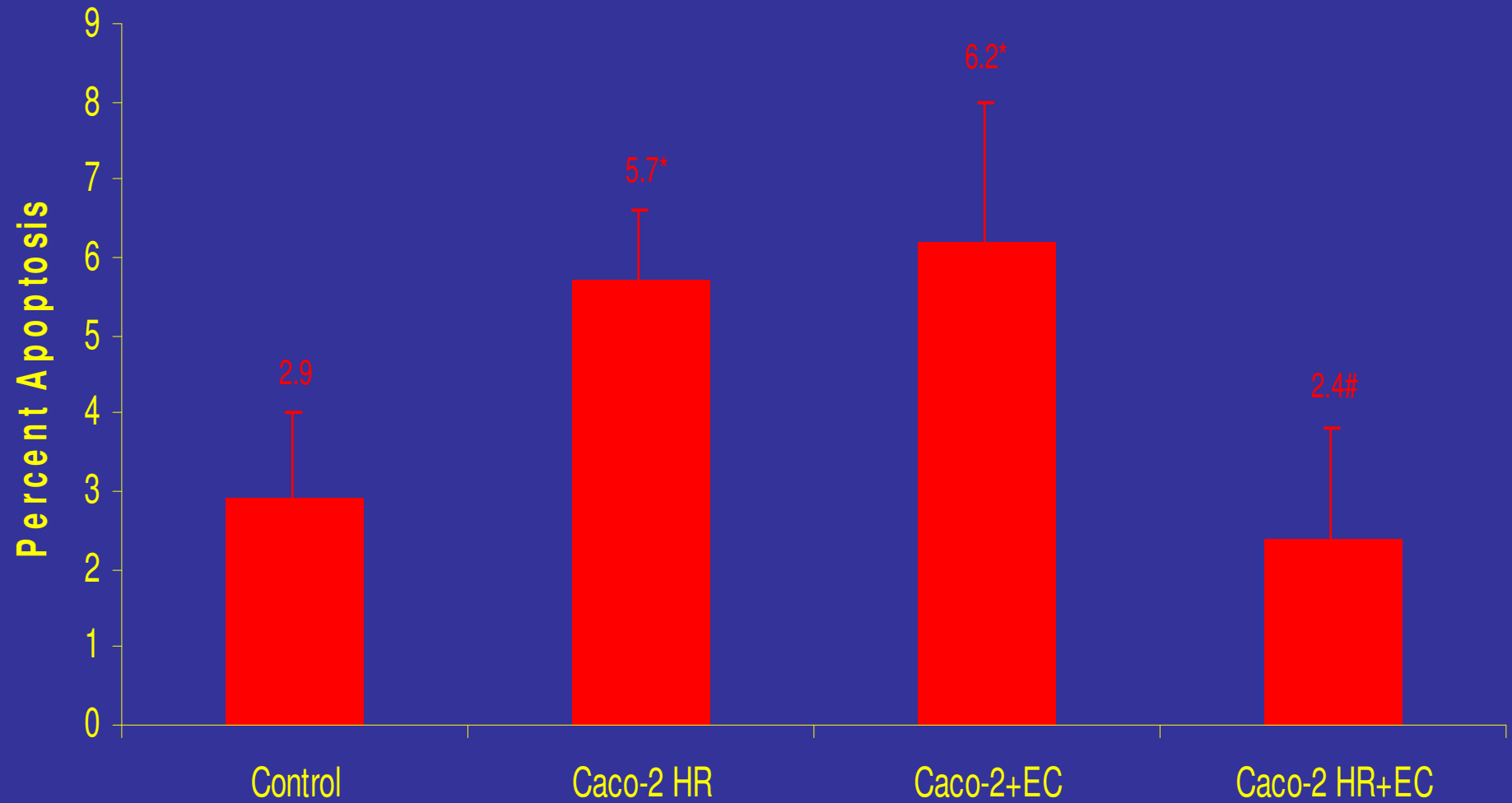


Figure 3B: Total Elastase Release by PMNs in the Presence and Absence of fMLP



\*p<0.001 vs. groups without fMLP

Figure 4: Effect of Supernatants on PMN Apoptosis at 90 minutes

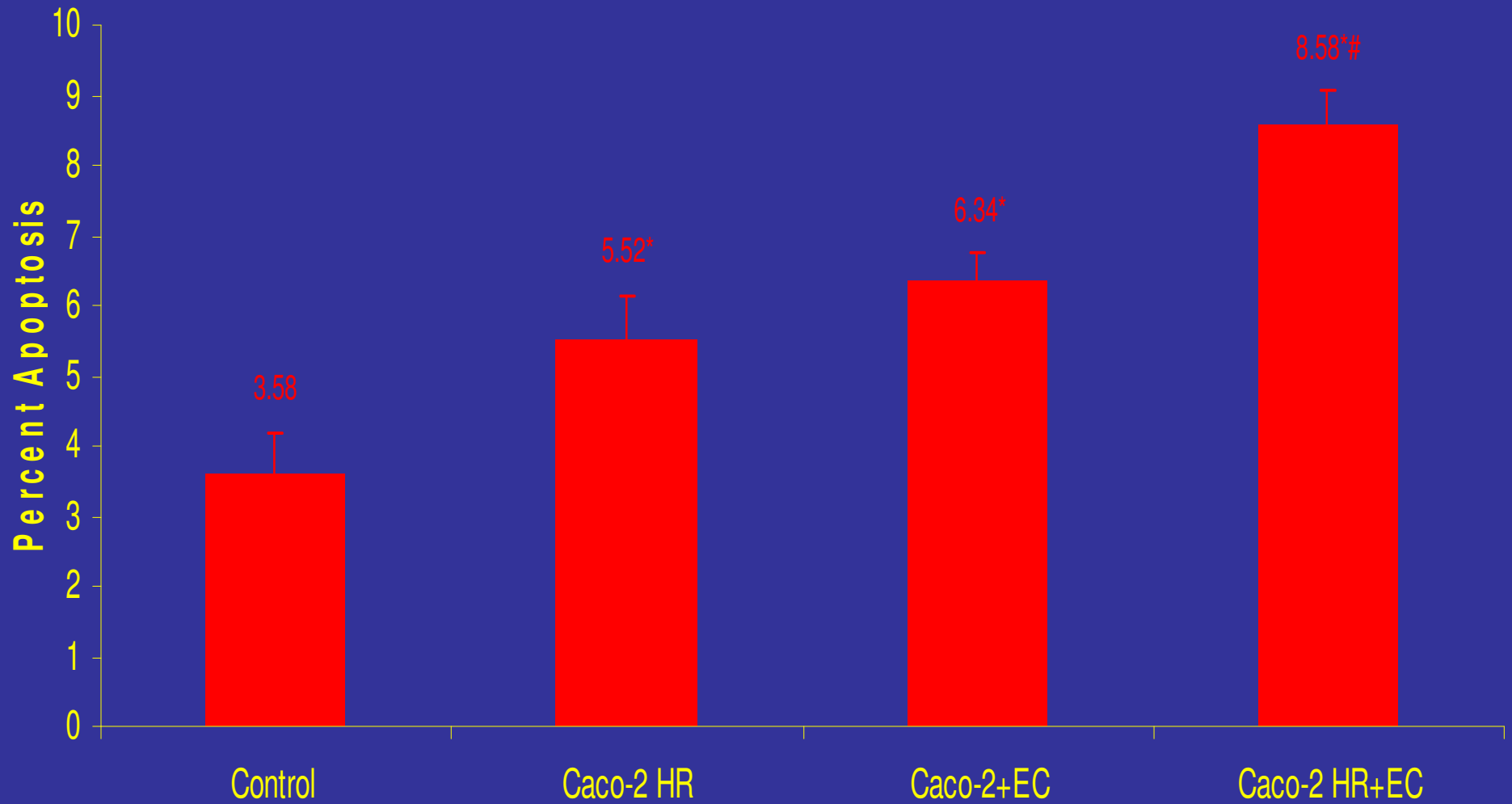


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#p < 0.001 vs. Caco-2 HR and Caco-2+EC



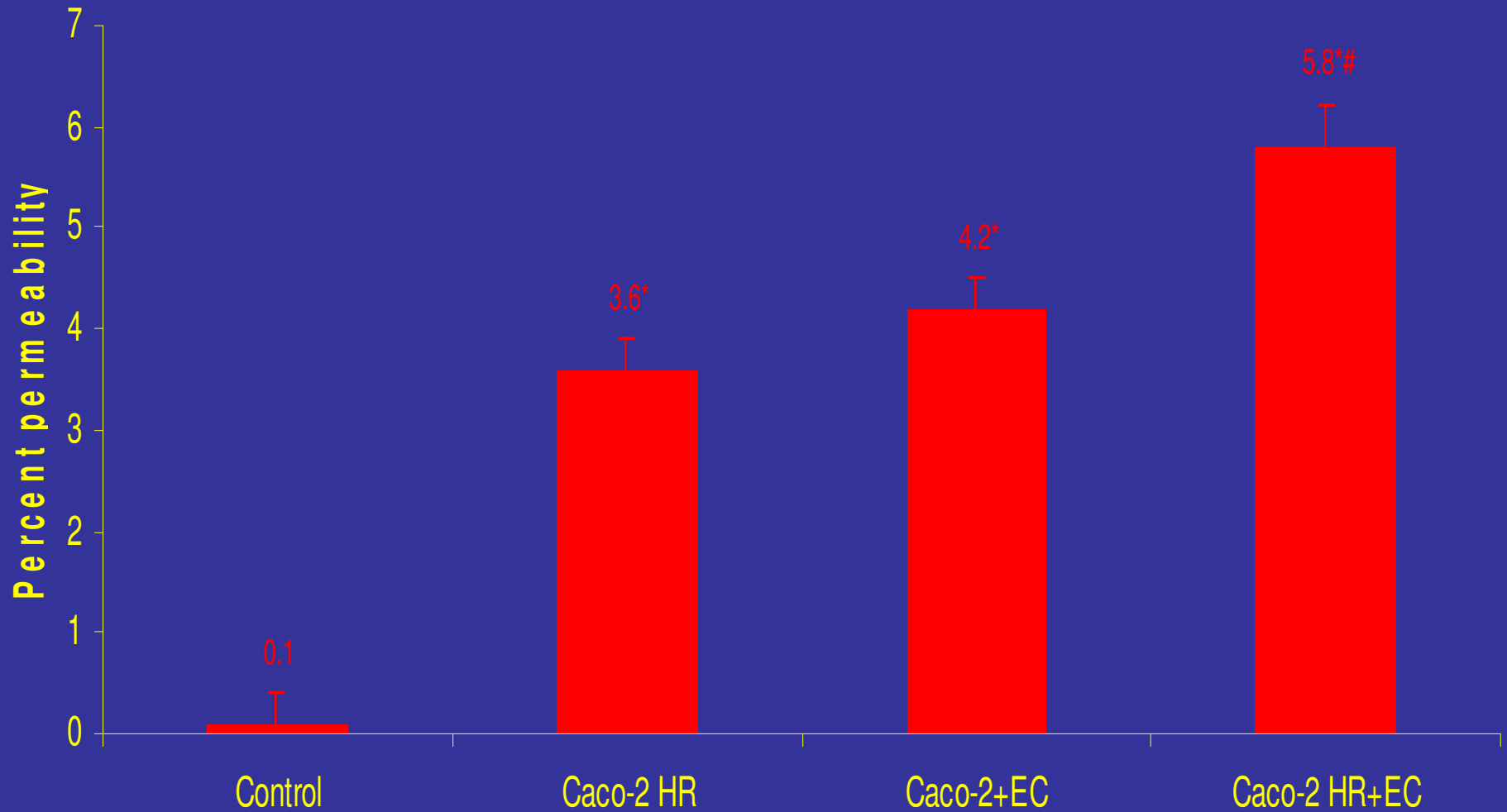
Figure 5: Apoptosis of HMVEC Cells at 90 minutes



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Figure 6: HMVEC Cell Permeability



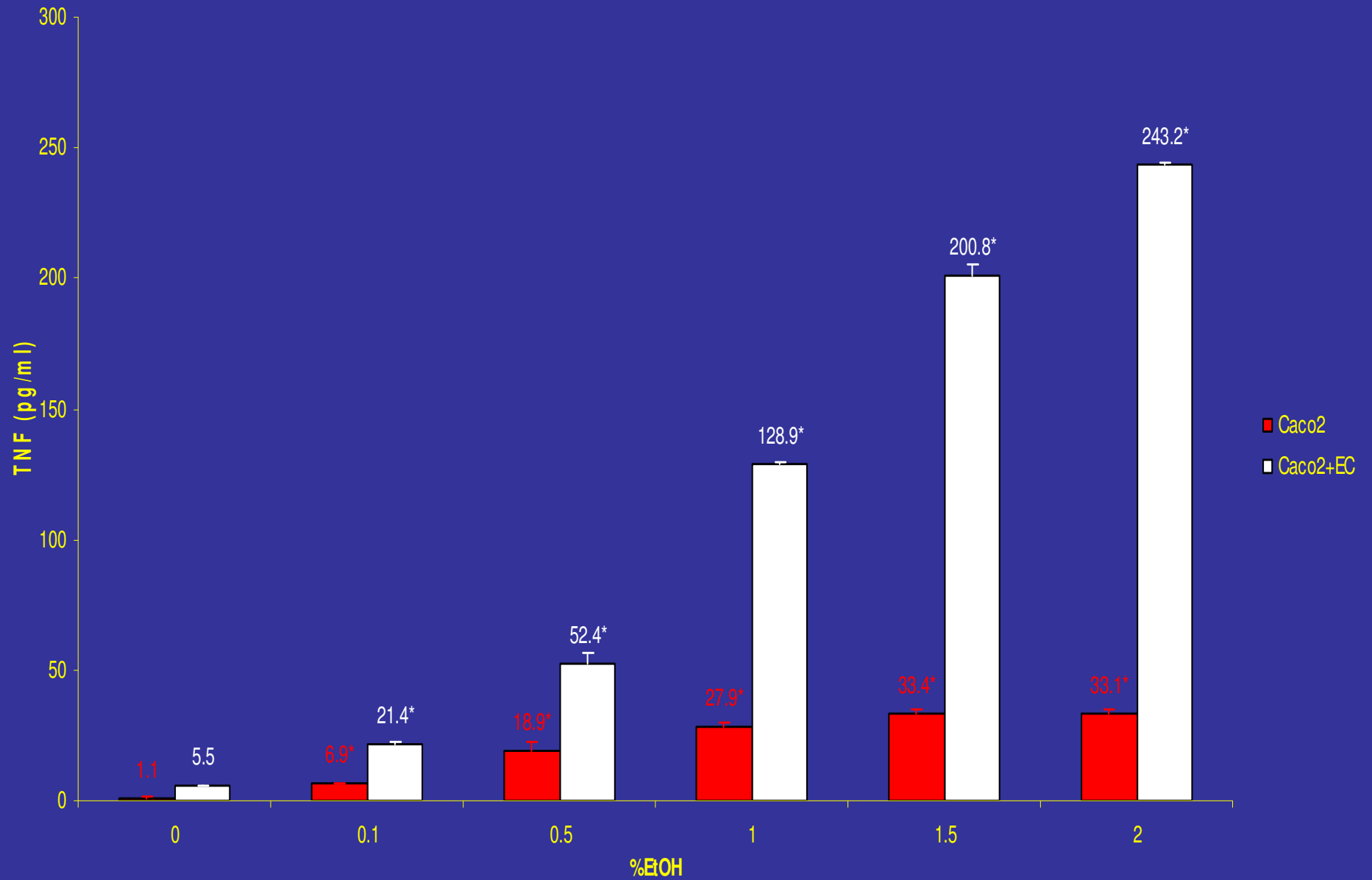
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# CaCO2 cell monolayers: in vitro model of the gut epithelial barrier

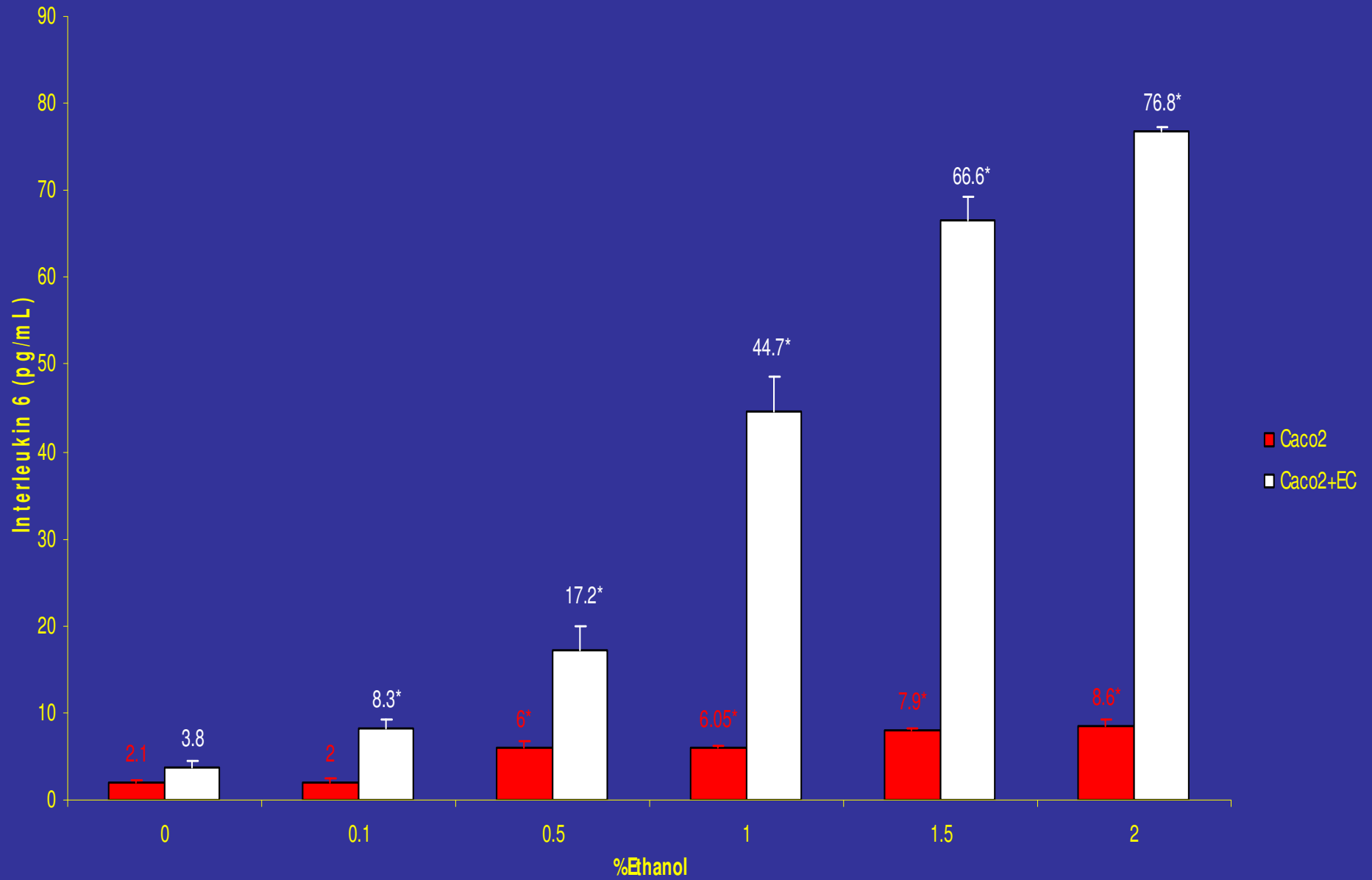
- CaCO2 cell monolayers incubated with normal gut flora +/- alcohol
- Cytokine release and intestinal barrier integrity responses determined

Figure I: Synergistic Effect of Ethanol and E.coli on Gut TNF-alpha Production



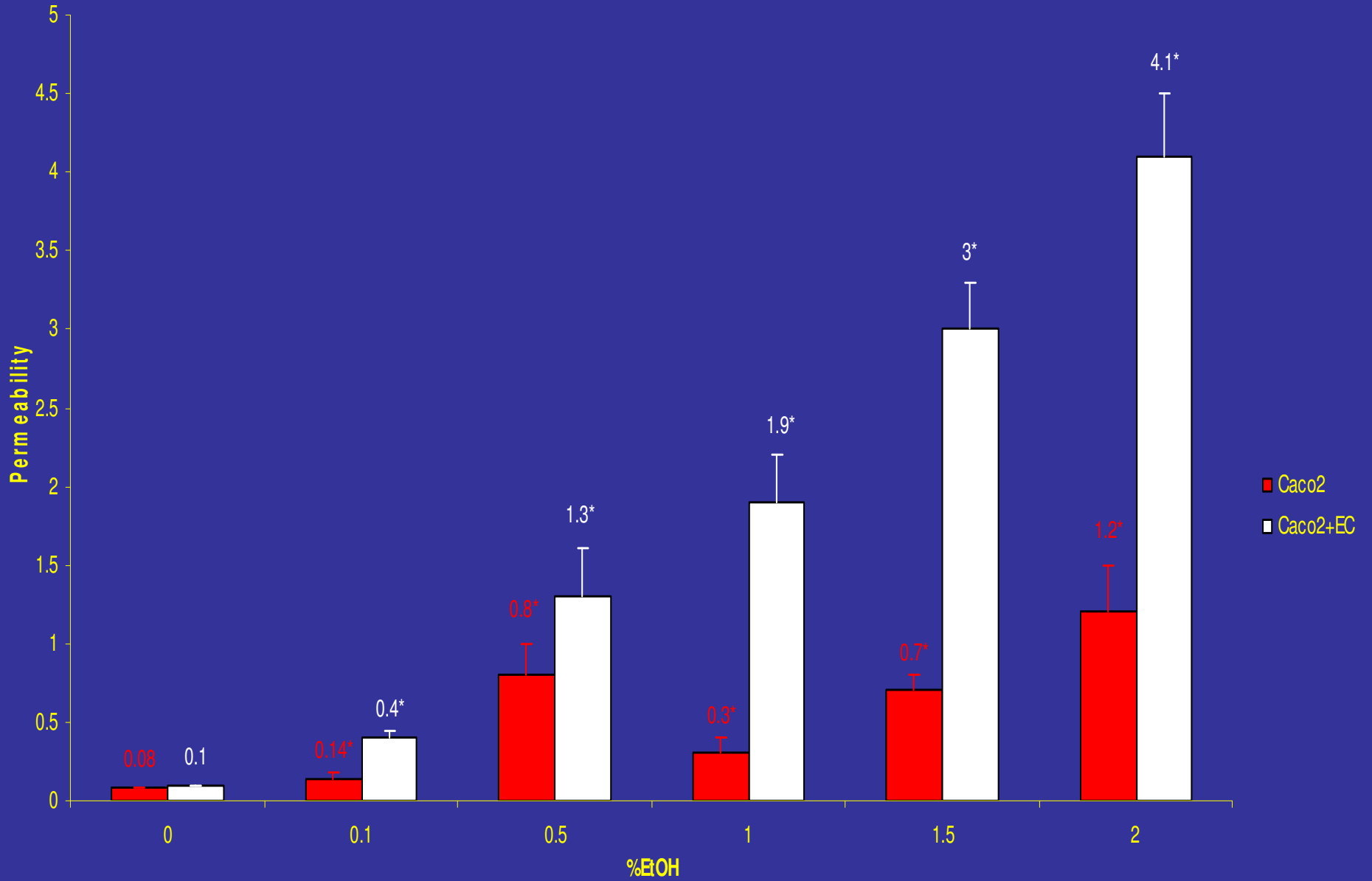
\*p<0.001 versus no EtOH and versus all groups

Figure II: Synergistic Effect of Ethanol and E.coli on Caco2 IL-6 production



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Figure III: Synergistic Effect of Ethanol and E.coli on Gut Permeability



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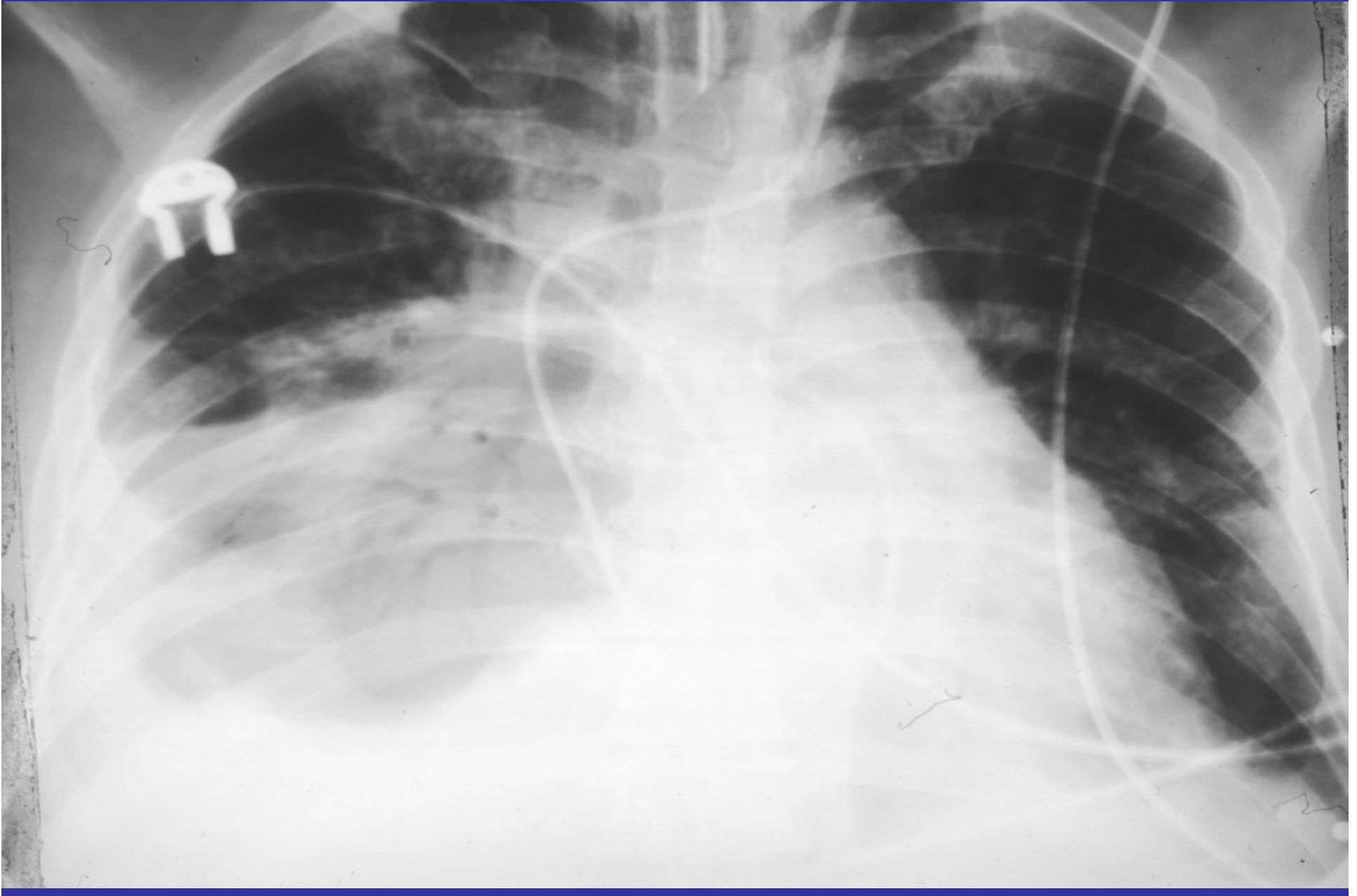
# Intestinal Epithelial Cells: orchestrating the immunoinflammatory response



BOOK / VOLUME 3: IgA AND  
RESPITORY PATHOGENS IN  
THE LUNG



# Post-Op Pneumonia-Not Just an Epiphenomena



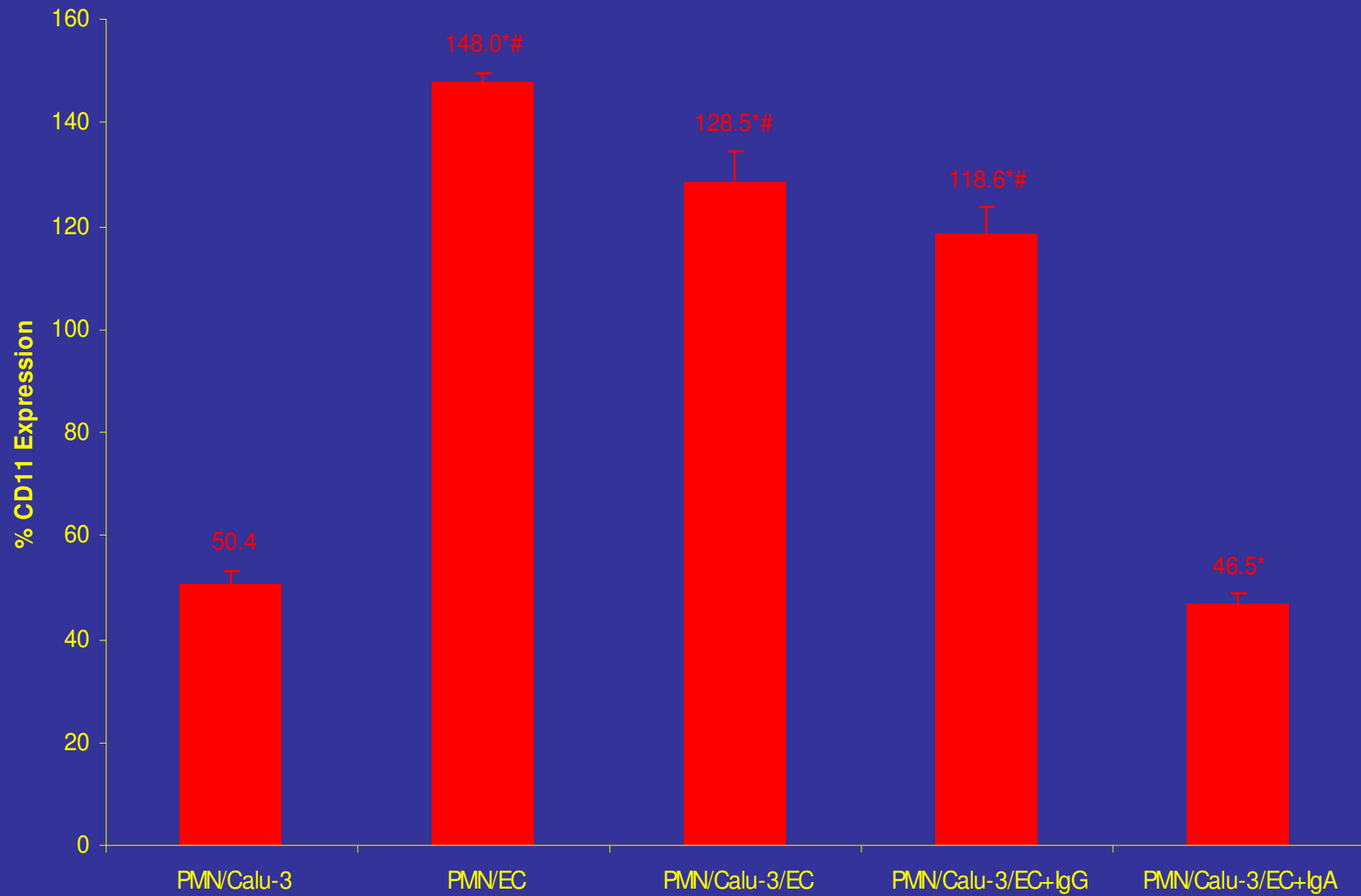
# HOST DEFENSE OF THE LUNG IN ICU PNEUMONIA

# Humoral Immunity

- Secretory IgA
  - 10% of total protein in BAL fluid
  - Produced locally, pIgR mediated transport
  - Anti-inflammatory properties
- IgG
  - 19% of total protein in BAL fluid
  - In respiratory secretions by passive transudation or through leaky epithelial boundary.
  - Has profound ability to enhance inflammatory potential

IgA Modulates Inflammatory  
Responses in an In Vitro Model of  
Pneumonia

Figure 1: Comparison of CD11 in PMNs Cocultured with Calu-3 Cells

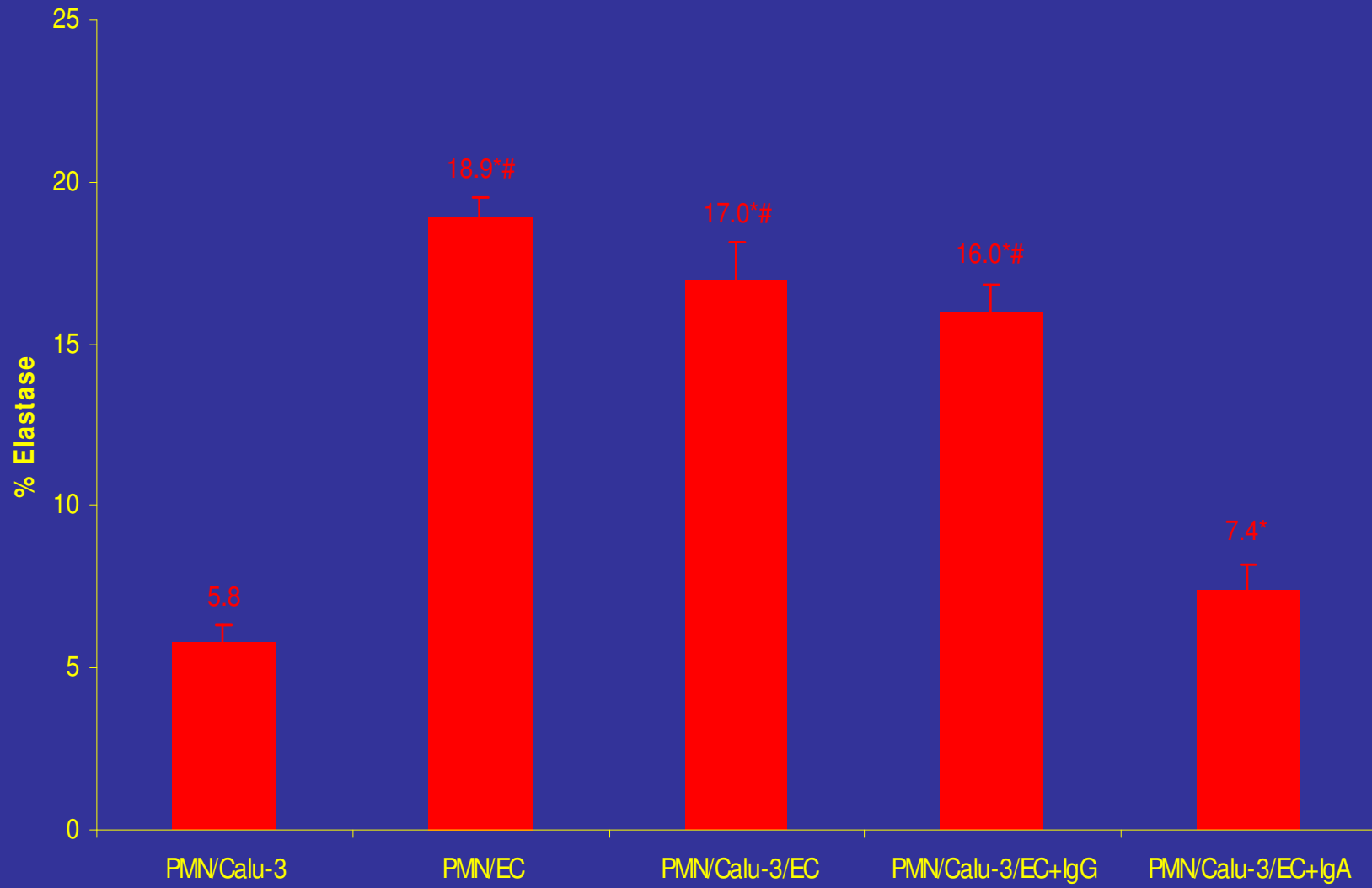


<sup>\*</sup>p<0.001 vs. PMN/Calu-3

<sup>#</sup>p<0.001 vs. PMN/EC

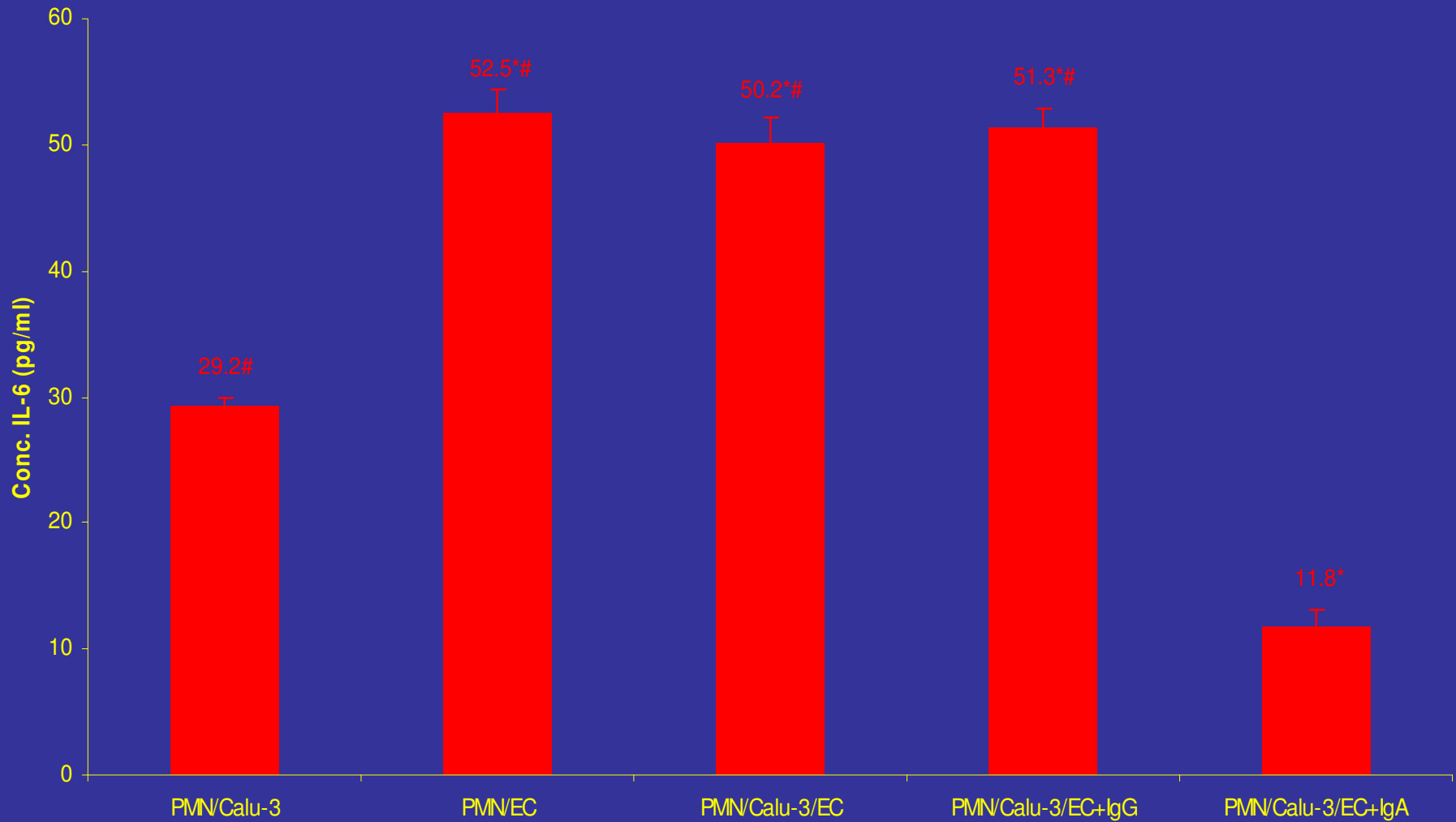
N=5 for each group

Figure 3: Comparison of Elastase in PMNs Cocultured with Calu-3 Cells



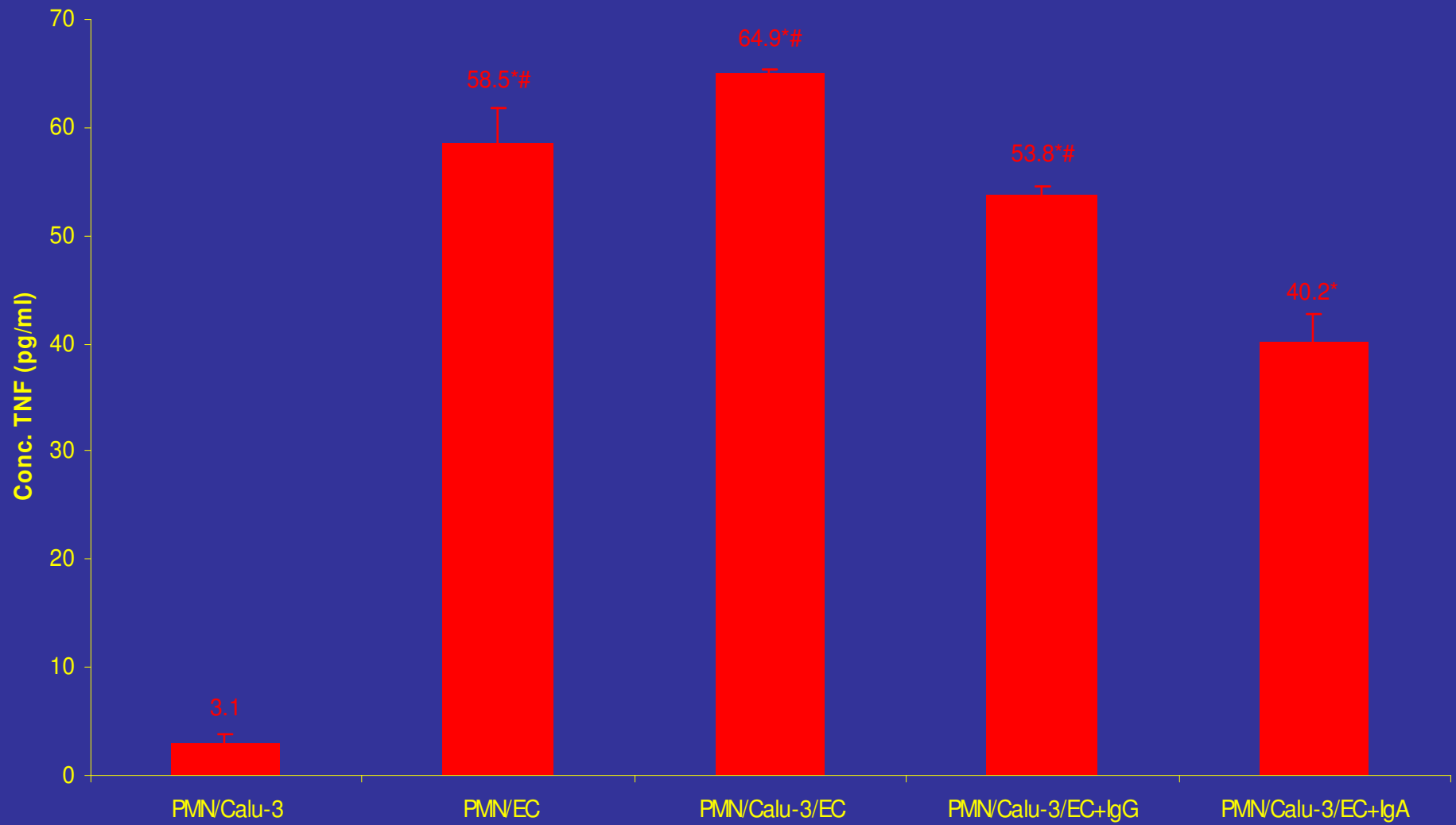
\*p<0.001 vs. PMN/Calu-3  
#p<0.001 vs. PMN/Calu-3/EC+IgA  
N=5 for each group

Figure 5: Basal Compartment IL-6 Levels



\*p<0.001 vs. PMN/Calu-3  
#p<0.001 vs. PMN/Calu-3/EC+IgA  
N=4 for each group

Figure 6: Basal Compartment TNF- $\alpha$  Levels



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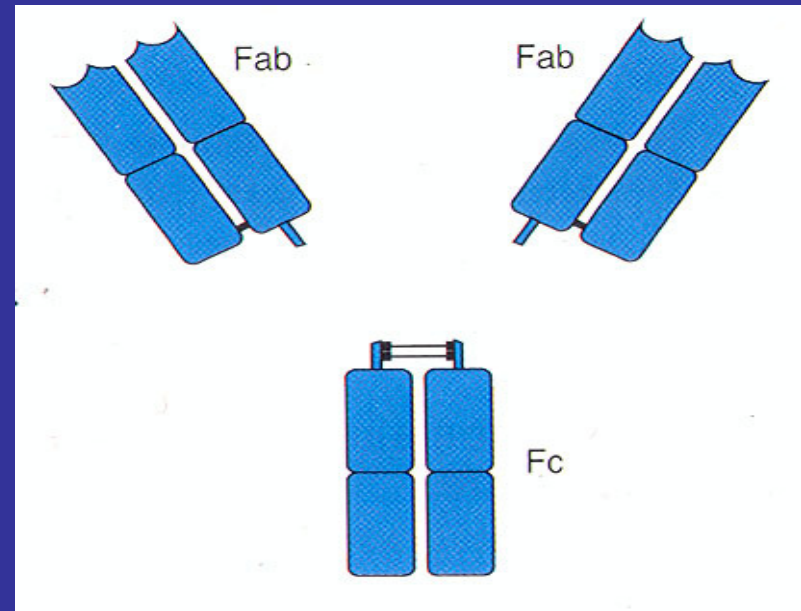
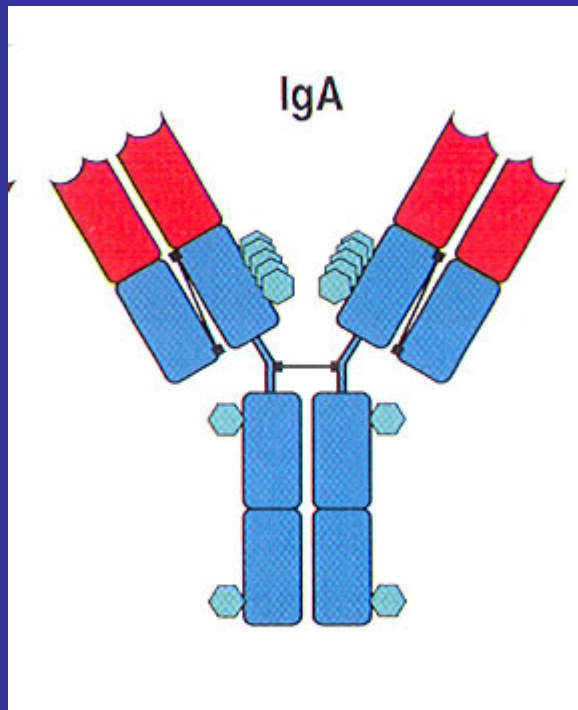
# Impact of Cleavage of IgA: Relative IgA Deficiency in Respiratory Tract/other Mucosal Surfaces

- Loss of anti-inflammatory properties/exaggerated inflammatory response by other effector cells.
- Kudsk : SIgA and bacterial pneumonia.

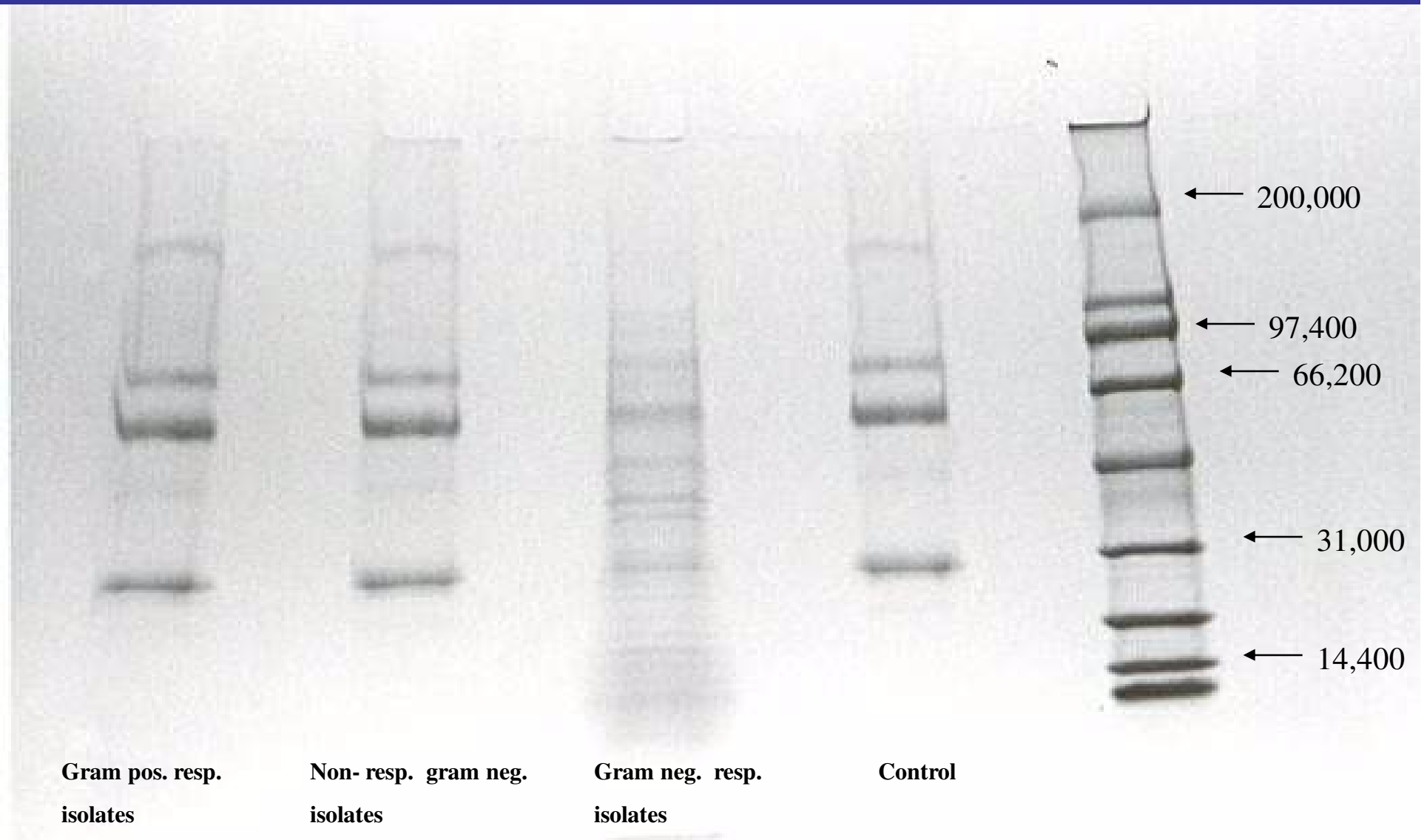
# Relative SIgA Deficiency

- Highly dependant on structure for it's function.
- Cleavage of antibody into Fab and Fc fragment renders it immunologically inactive.
- Potential sources
  - PMN/macrophages
  - bacteria

# IgA Cleavage



**Figure 6: SDS-PAGE of Bacterial Isolates**

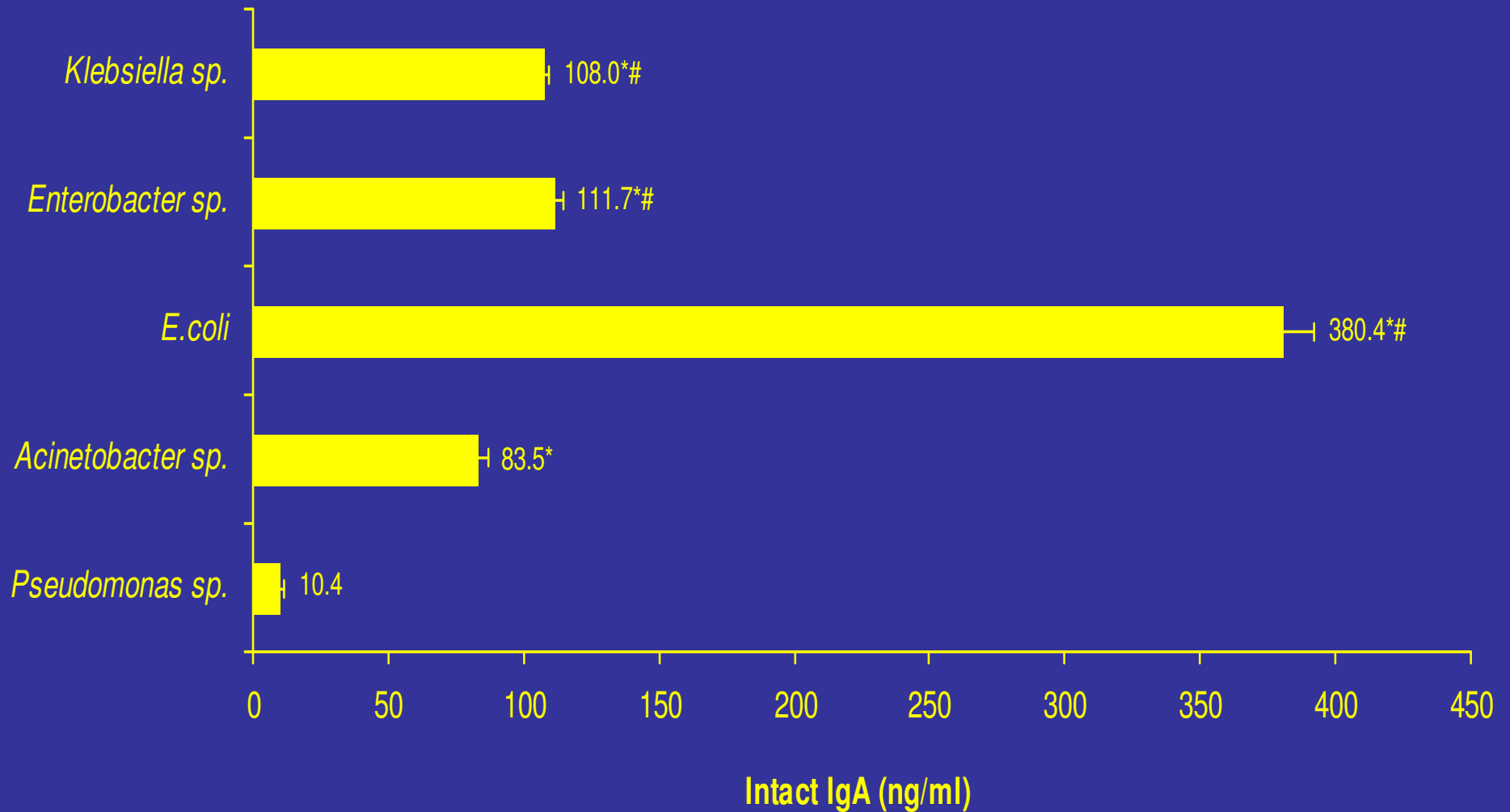


# VAP: Summary from 24 Studies ( 1,689 episodes and 2,490 pathogens

	Frequency (%)
<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	24.4
<i>Acinetobacter</i> sp.	7.9
<i>Stenotrophomonas</i>	1.7
Enterobacteriaceae	14.1
<i>Haemophilus</i> sp.	9.8
Other species	all less than 8%

Figure 1: IgA protease activity among respiratory isolates (10<sup>4</sup> organisms) at 12 hrs.

### Intact IgA



\*p<0.001 vs. *Pseudomonas*, #p<0.001 vs. *Acinetobacter*

# Indirect Effector Functions of sIgA

- Interact of IgA with innate defense factors
  - Complement
  - Potentiate nonspecific antibacterial factors in exocrine secretions
  - Mucin
  - Interact with B and T lymphs, macrophage, PMN's and others
- End results: IgA is relatively ineffective or directly antagonistic compared with IgG or IgM

# **The Relative Roles of Bacteria and Host Inflammatory Cells in SIgA Degradation**



Figure 1: Effect of Primed and Activated PMNs on IgA Cleavage

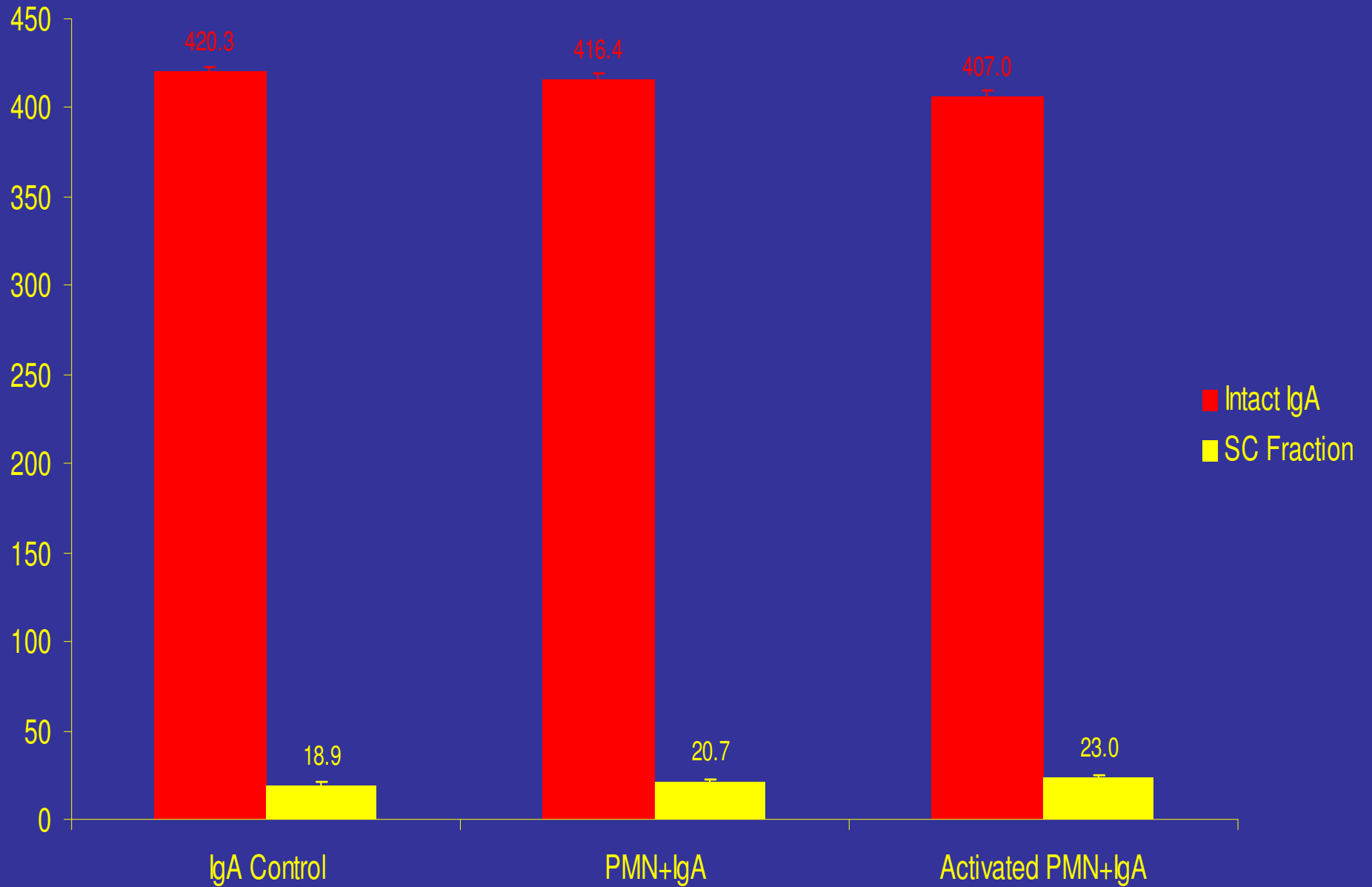
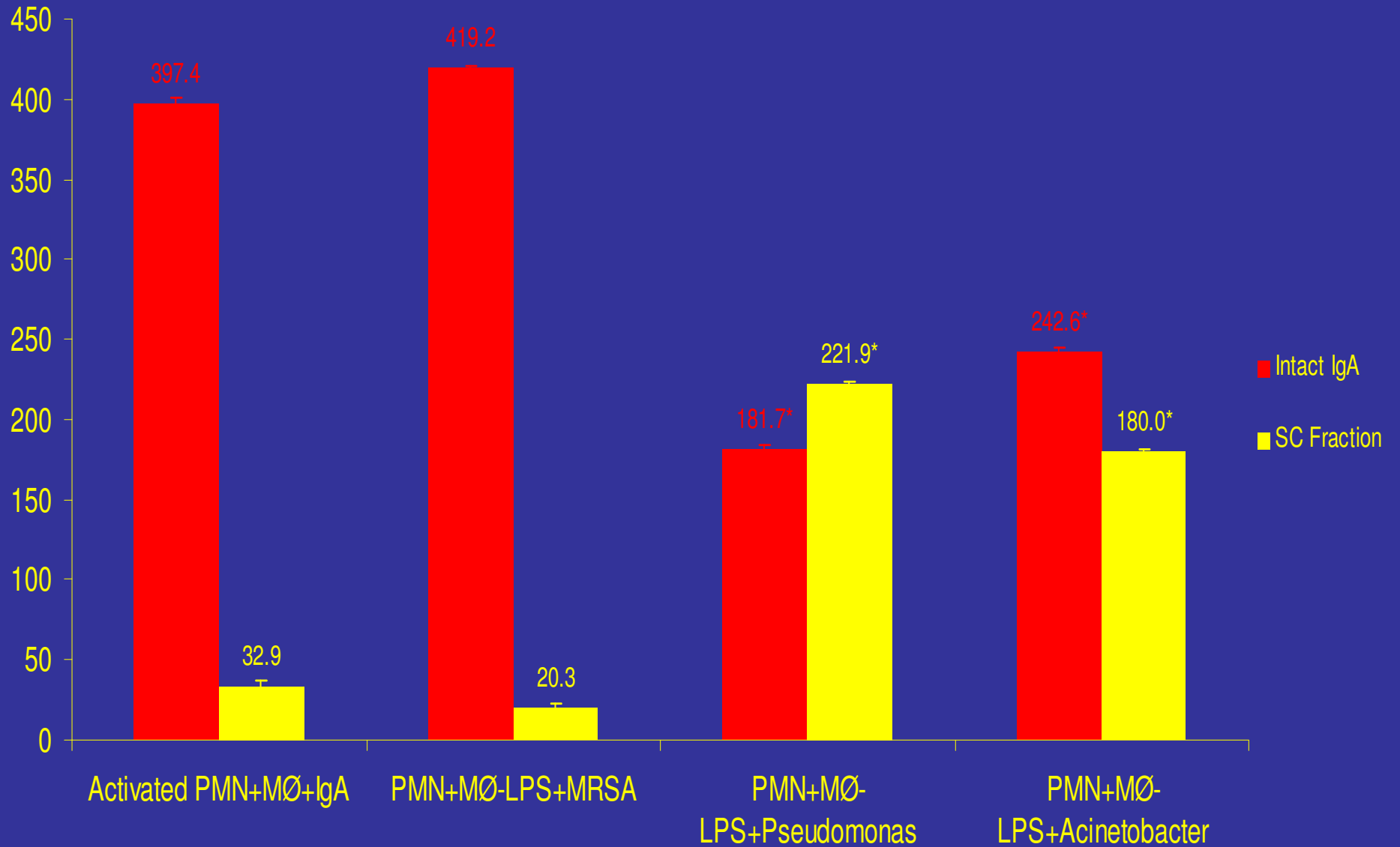


Figure 4: Effect of Bacterial Isolates on IgA Cleavage

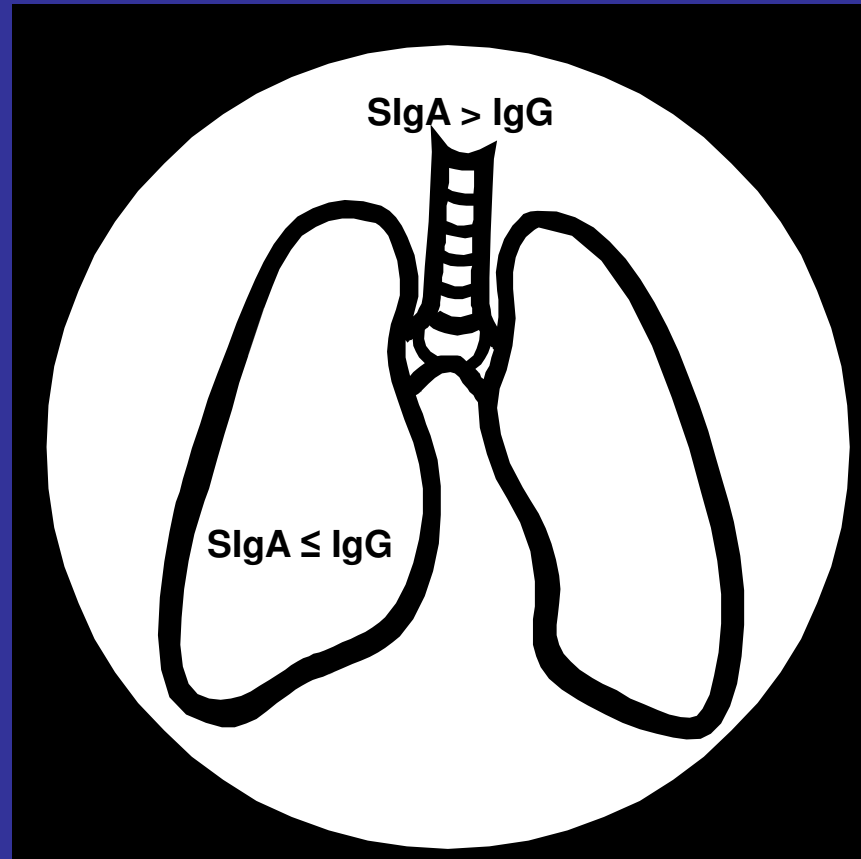


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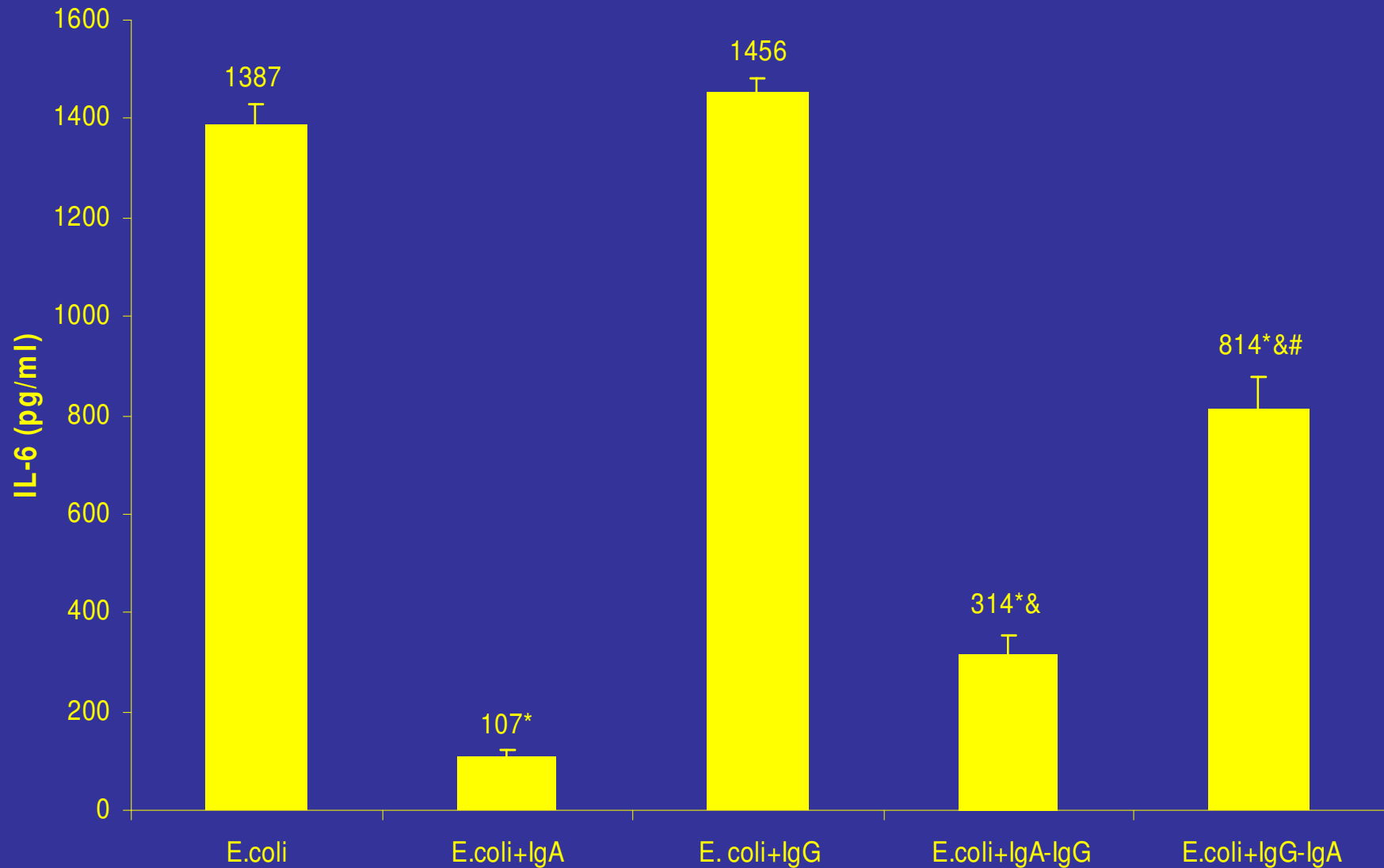
# Purpose

- To compare the ability of SIgA vs. IgG to modulate PMN production of proinflammatory cytokines and chemotactic potential.
- To compare the sequence of addition of Ig isotypes SIgA and IgG on cytokine production in the cell culture system.
- To examine the effect of the sequence of Ig isotype exposure on modulating PMN chemotactic ability in vitro.

# Regional Differences in *Ig* isotypes at Respiratory Surfaces

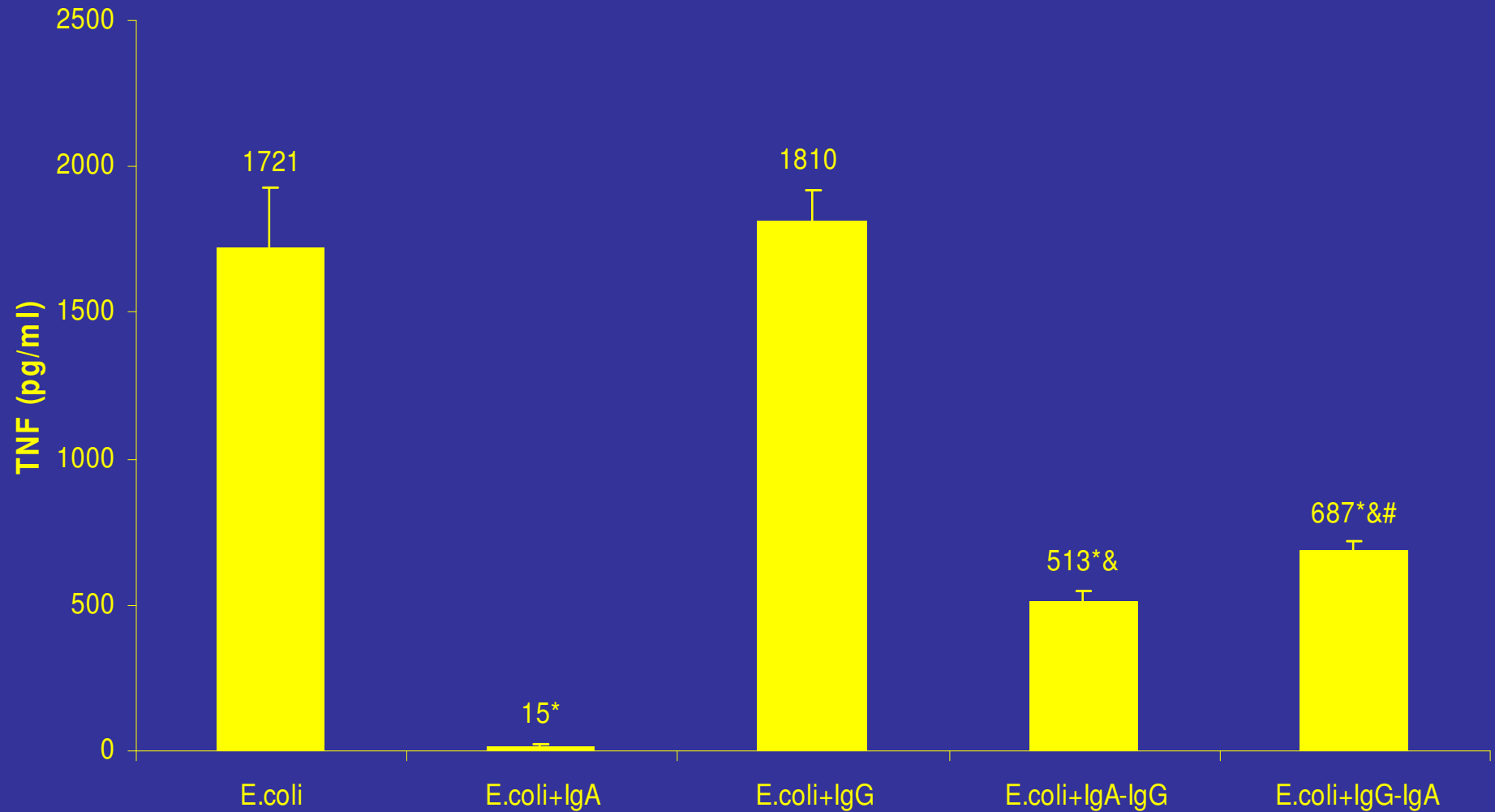


**Figure 1: Effect of the sequence of exposure by IgA and IgG to E. coli mediated IL-6 production by monocyte-PMN cultures**



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N = 4 for all groups**

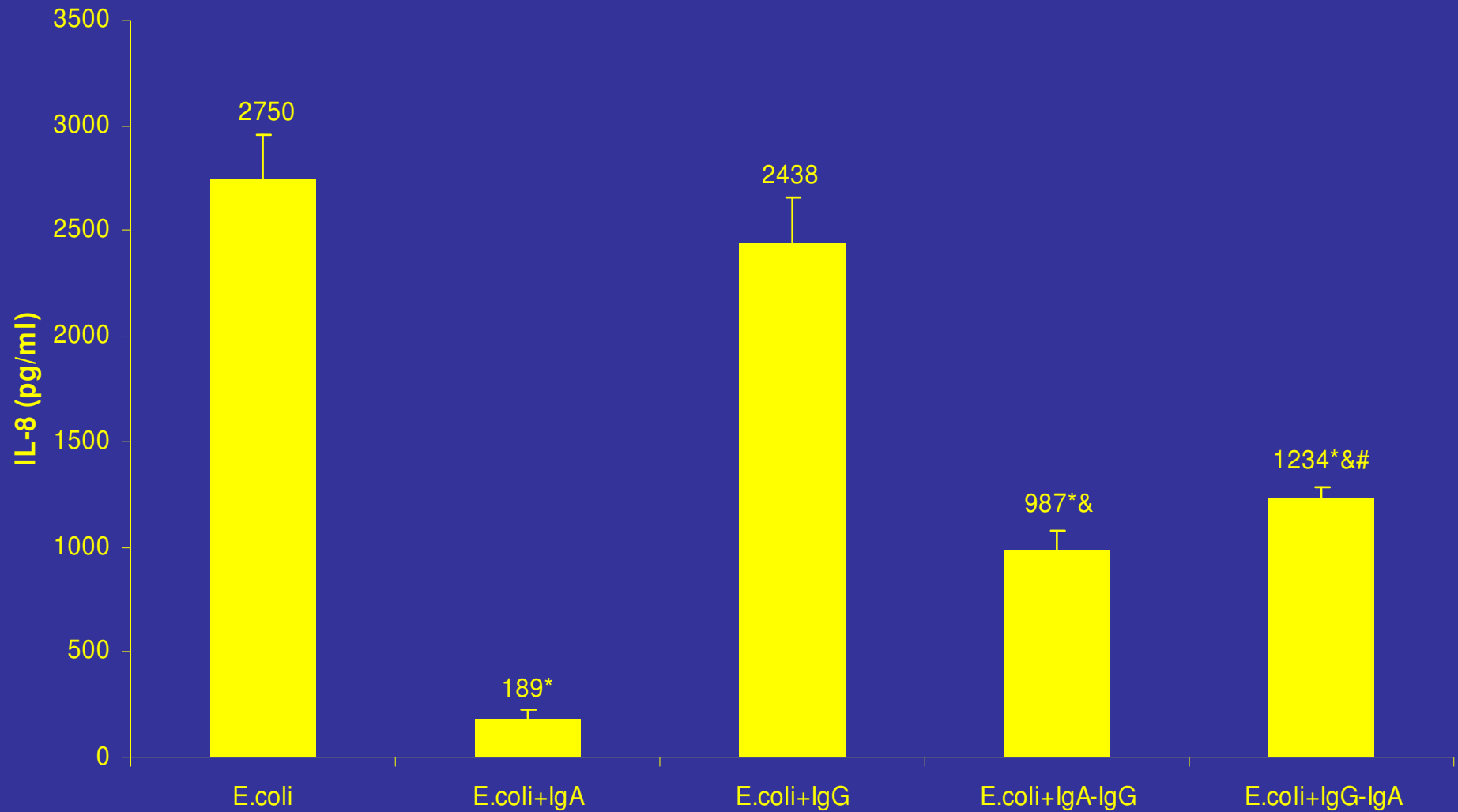
**Figure 3: Effect of the sequence of exposure by IgA and IgG to E. coli mediated TNF $\alpha$  production by monocyte-PMN cultures**



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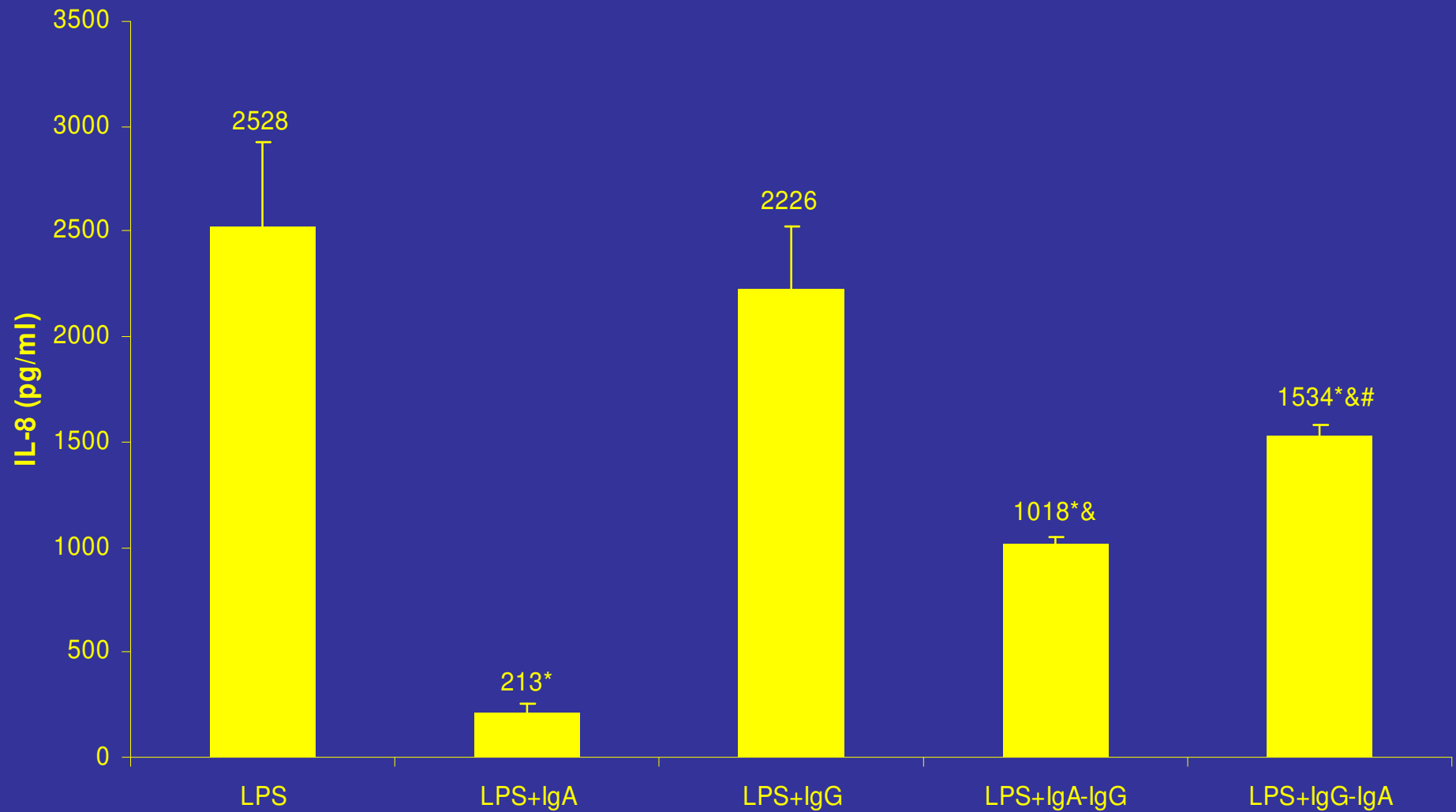
N = 4 for each group

**Figure 5: Effect of the sequence of exposure by IgA and IgG to E. coli mediated IL-8 production by monocyte-PMN cultures**



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N = 4 for each group

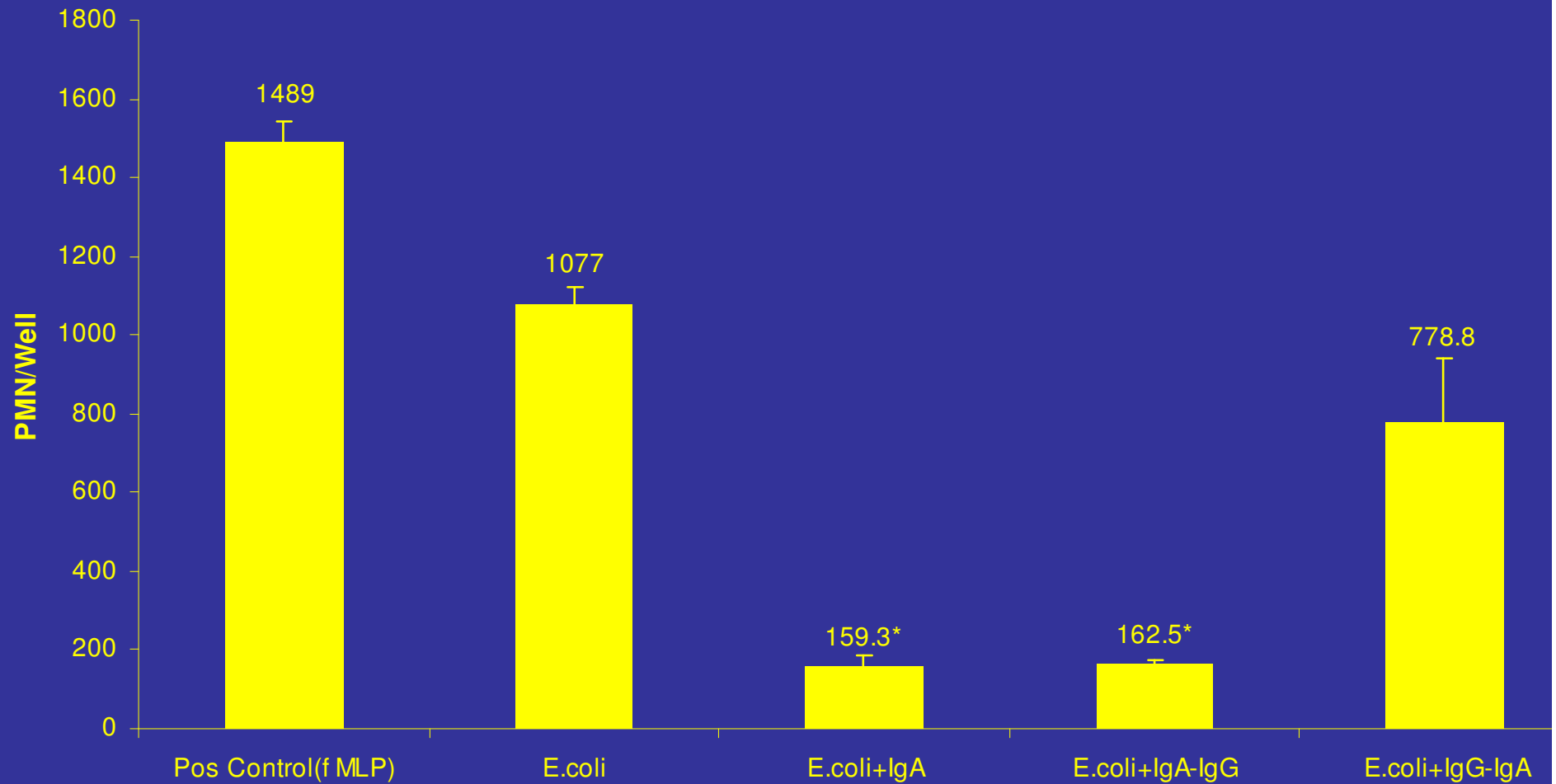
**Figure 6: Effect of the sequence of exposure by IgA and IgG to LPS mediated IL-8 production by monocyte-PMN cultures**



\*p<0.001 vs. LPS, &p<0.001 vs. LPS + IgA, #p<0.001 vs. IgA-IgG sequence  
N = 4 for each group



Figure 7: Effect of monocyte supernatants co-cultured with E. coli and IgA and IgG on chemotaxis of PMN



\* $p < 0.001$  vs. E. coli and E. coli + IgG-IgA  
N = 4 for each group

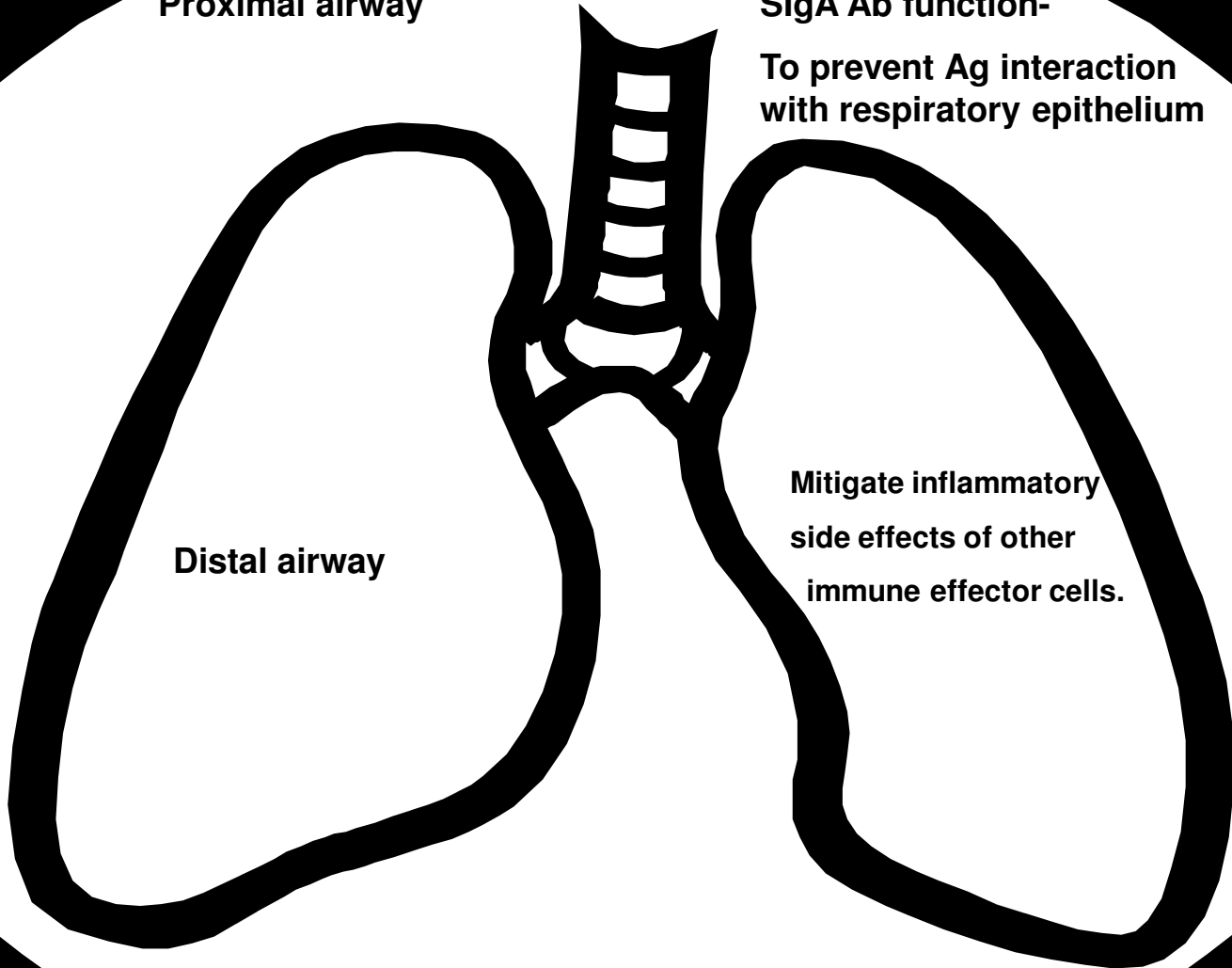
**Proximal airway**

**SIgA Ab function-**

**To prevent Ag interaction  
with respiratory epithelium**

**Distal airway**

**Mitigate inflammatory  
side effects of other  
immune effector cells.**

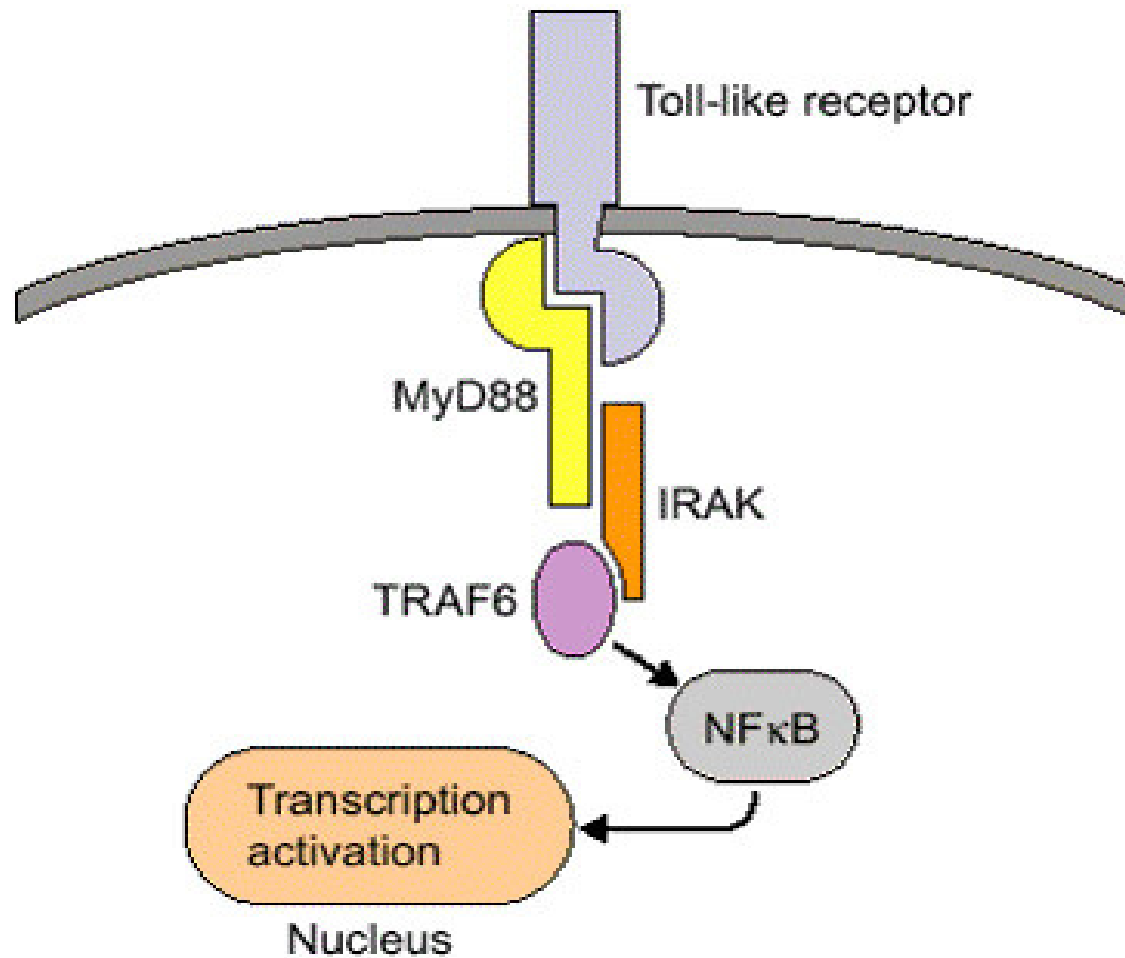


# RECENT STUDIES

- WTA : 2009 Crested Butte  
Decreased survival and greater lung inflammation in survivors: PlgR KO mice
- SIS : April 2010: Increased inflammatory potential after exposure to “Virulent Strains” of Pseudomonas and Acinetobacter (CLEAVAGE of SIgA)

BOOK / VOLUME 4: PATHOGEN  
RECEPTOR RECOGNITION: A  
TOLL BRIDGE BETWEEN INNATE  
AND ADAPTIVE ARMS OF THE  
IMMUNE SYSTEM

# Toll-Like Receptor Associated Molecules

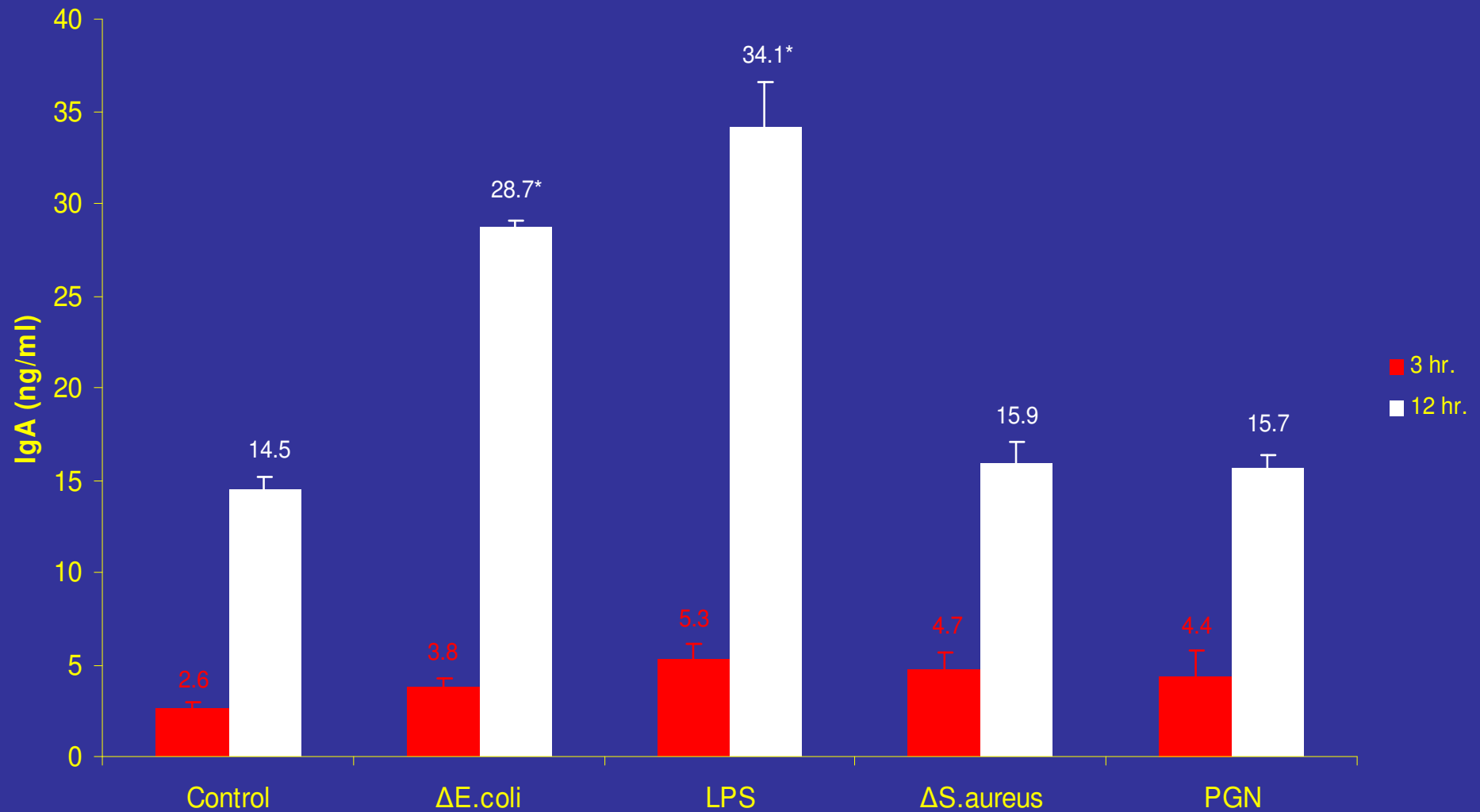


**Disparate Effects of Bacteria and Toll-Like  
Receptor Dependant Bacterial Ligand  
Stimulation on IgA Transcytosis**

# Purpose

To study the effect of gram negative or gram positive bacteria and Toll-Like receptor bacterial ligand pathways on IgA transcytosis.

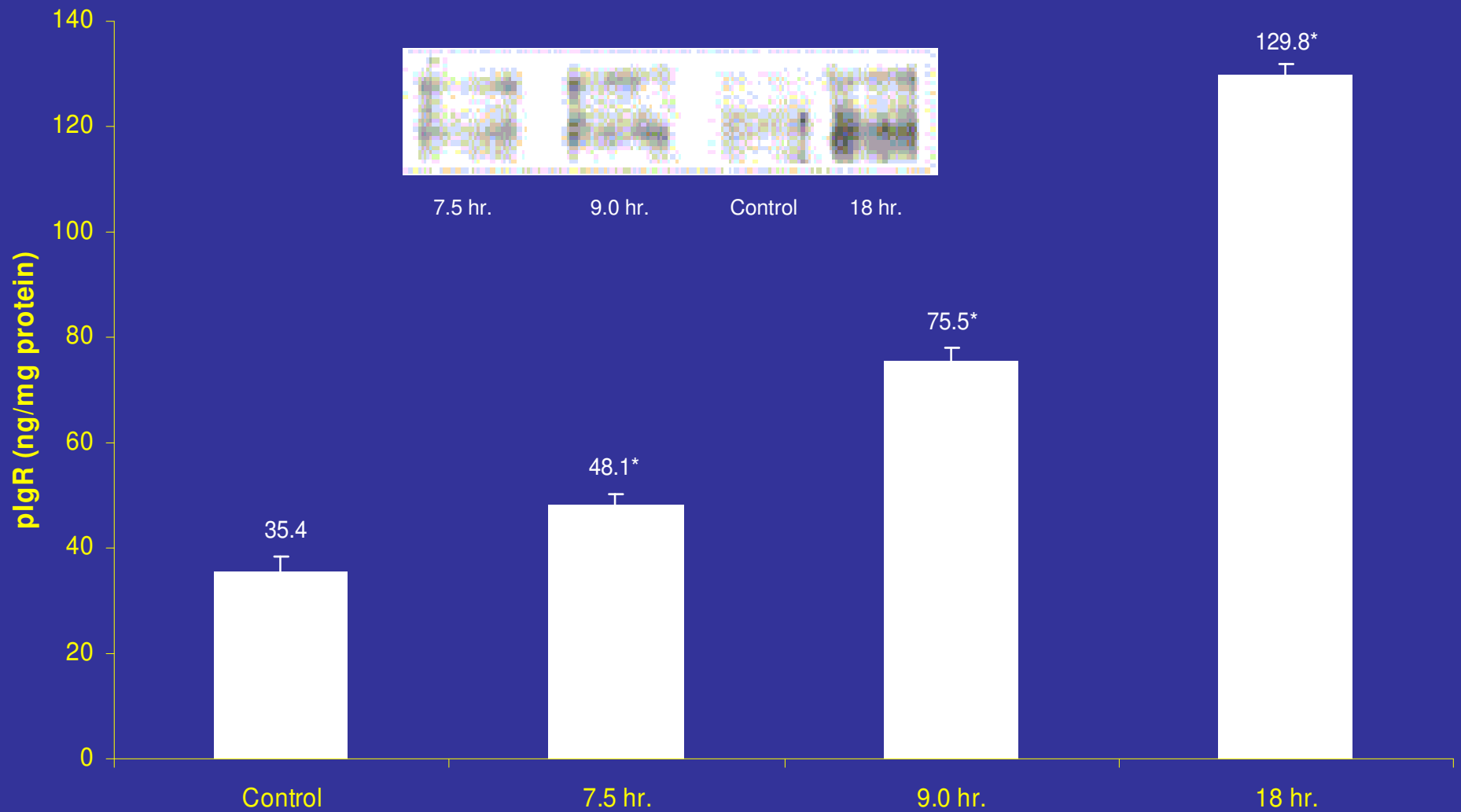
Figure 1: IgA Transcytosis in HT-29 Cells Following Stimulation with G- or G+ Bacteria and TLR ligands



\*p<0.001 vs. Control  
N = 4 for each group



Figure 8: Densitometry Determination of pIgR Expression at Timed Intervals Following Stimulation with LPS

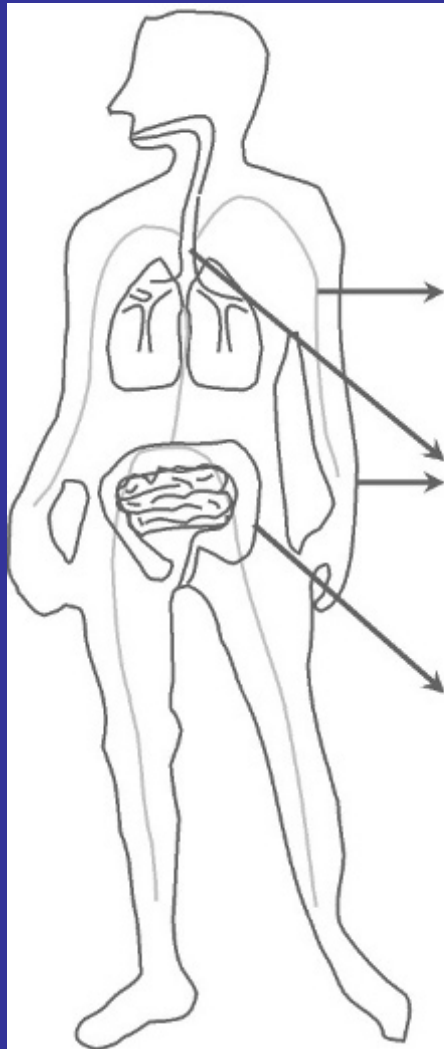


\*p<0.001 vs. control and other timepoints  
N = 4 for each group

# Conclusions

- Stimulation by gram negative bacteria led to increased IgA transcytosis.
- Stimulation by the TLR-4 ligand, LPS, also led to increased IgA transcytosis in this model.
- The disparate effects between gram negative and gram positive bacteria and TLR-4 vs. TLR-2 pathways may have significant implications in the host response at mucosal surfaces.

# Organ Specific Innate Immune Response: Does injury reset the TLR rheostat?



compartment	microbial contact	PRR sensitivity
blood	none	high every microbial contact indicates danger
airways, skin	frequent	regulated certain microbial load might be tolerated
gut	permanent	suppressed tolerance is dominating

# Gazing into the Mucus layer: The Epilogue



# HOMEOSTATIC CONTROL OF GUT FLORA AND IgA

- Endogenous commensal bacteria elicit production of both microbe-specific and natural polyreactive IgA (+/- T-cell depend)
- SIgA contributes to “host-parasite mutualism” the homeostatic balance which controls the degree of bacterial colonization in the gut
- Mutualism is dependent on “natural – polyreactive Ab, (cross-reactive for #s of redundant Ag on commensal bacteria
- IMPAIRED WITH GUT I/R (ACUTE) OR IBD(CHRONIC)?

# PASSIVE IMMUNIZATION WITH SIgA at MUCOSAL SITES

- GUT: Administer SIgA with Biologic Fluids via enteral route: problems with stomach acid
- Upper Airways: SIgA administer via nose drops or aerosol
- Importance of Mucus at mucosal sites for anchoring SIgA

# OTHER POTENTIAL ROLES FOR USE OF SIgA

- Active or Passive Immunization against viral or bacterial infections contracted at mucosal sites (influenza, Shigella, AIDS)
- Addition of SIgA containing biologics (Colostrum or artificial) to control diarrhea, including C-diff, and to improve enteral feeding tolerance in the ICU





SECRETORY  IgA