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## **BREAK**

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# Sampling

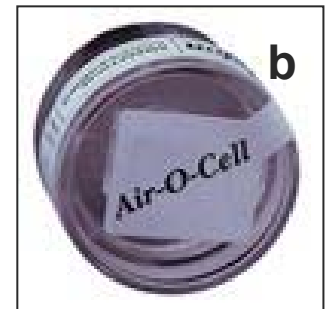
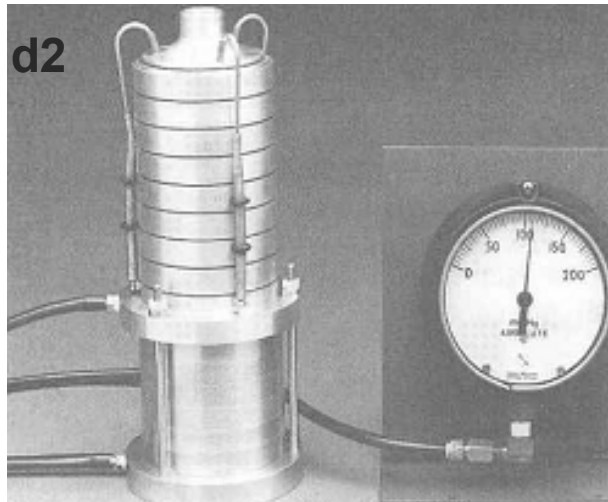
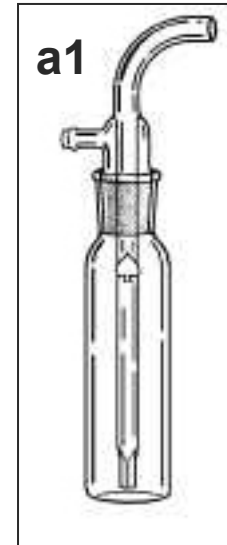
- why sample during exposures
  - characterize experimental atmosphere
    - physical parameters
      - particle size
      - number
    - concentration
      - » viability, total organisms
- considerations
  - type & time of sample
  - method of sample analysis
    - precision and accuracy of method
    - efficiency of sampling method
      - effect on viability of captured bioaerosol
    - sensitivity of assay
    - least detectable quantity



# bioaerosol sampling

- Samplers

- *Impingers*; AGI (a1); biosampler (a2)
- *Slit-style impactors* (b)
- *Various filters* (c2)
- *Cascade impactors*; single-stage 'N6'(d);  
Seven stage cascade impactor (d2)





**TABLE J-2. Outline for Selecting a Sampler**

| Sampling Location | Collection of Viable Particles or Cells | Separation of Particles by Size | Aerosol Concentration* | Slit-to-agar (1)‡ | Sieve Impactors       |                  |              |                    |                       | Centrifugal Impactor (3) | Impingers   |            |               | Multi-stage (4d) |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------------|
|                   |                                         |                                 |                        |                   | 1-Stage Portable (2a) | 1-Stage N-6 (2b) | 2-Stage (2c) | 4- or 6-Stage (2d) | Personal 8-Stage (2e) |                          | AGI-30 (4a) | AGI-4 (4b) | Personal (4c) |                  |
| Indoors           | Particles                               | No size separation              | Low                    | H/S               | H/S                   | H/S              | H/S          | H/S                | A/A'                  | H/S                      | —           | —          | —             | —                |
|                   |                                         |                                 | Interm.                | H/S               | H/S                   | H/S              | H/S          | H/S                | A/A'                  | H/S                      | A'          | A'         | —             | A'               |
|                   |                                         |                                 | High                   | H/S               | —                     | H/S              | H/S          | H/S                | A/A'/H/S              | —                        | A'          | A'         | A'            | A'               |
|                   |                                         | Size separation                 | Low                    | —                 | —                     | —                | H/S          | H/S                | A/A'                  | —                        | —           | —          | —             | —                |
|                   |                                         |                                 | Interm.                | —                 | —                     | —                | H/S          | H/S                | A/A'                  | —                        | A'†         | A'†        | —             | A'               |
|                   |                                         |                                 | High                   | —                 | —                     | —                | H/S          | H/S                | A/A'/H/S              | —                        | A'†         | A'†        | —             | A'               |
|                   | Cells                                   | No size separation              | Low                    | H/S§              | H/S§                  | H/S§             | H/S§         | H/S§               | A/A'                  | —                        | —           | —          | —             | A'/H/S           |
|                   |                                         |                                 | Interm.                | H/S§              | H/S§                  | H/S§             | H/S§         | H/S§               | A/A'                  | —                        | A'/H/S      | A'/H       | —             | A'/H/S           |
|                   |                                         |                                 | High                   | H/S§              | —                     | H/S§             | H/S§         | H/S§               | A/A'/H/S§             | —                        | A'/H/S      | A'/H       | A'/H/S        | A'/H/S           |
|                   |                                         | Size separation                 | Low                    | —                 | —                     | —                | H/S§         | H/S§               | A/A'                  | —                        | —           | —          | —             | A'/H/S           |
|                   |                                         |                                 | Interm.                | —                 | —                     | —                | H/S§         | H/S§               | A/A'                  | —                        | A'/H/S†     | A'/H†      | —             | A'/H/S           |
|                   |                                         |                                 | High                   | —                 | —                     | —                | H/S§         | H/S§               | A/A'/H/S§             | —                        | A'/H/S†     | A'/H†      | —             | A'/H/S           |
| Outdoors          | Particles                               | No size separation              | Low                    | H/S               | H/S                   | H/S              | H/S          | H/S                | A/A'                  | H/S                      | —           | —          | —             | —                |
|                   |                                         |                                 | Interm.                | H/S               | H/S                   | H/S              | H/S          | H/S                | A/A'                  | H/S                      | A'          | A'         | —             | A'               |
|                   |                                         |                                 | High                   | H/S               | —                     | H/S              | H/S          | H/S                | A/A'/H/S              | —                        | A'          | A'         | A             | A'               |
|                   |                                         | Size separation                 | Low                    | —                 | —                     | —                | H/S          | H/S                | A/A'                  | —                        | —           | —          | —             | —                |
|                   |                                         |                                 | Interm.                | —                 | —                     | —                | H/S          | H/S                | A/A'                  | —                        | A'†         | A'†        | —             | A'               |
|                   |                                         |                                 | High                   | —                 | —                     | —                | H/S          | H/S                | A/A'/H/S              | —                        | A'†         | A'†        | —             | A'               |
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|                   |                                         |                                 | High                   | H/S§              | —                     | H/S§             | H/S§         | H/S§               | A/A'/H/S§             | —                        | A'/H/S      | A'/H       | A'/H/S        | A'/H/S           |
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|                   |                                         |                                 | Interm.                | —                 | —                     | —                | H/S§         | H/S§               | A/A'                  | —                        | A'/H/S†     | A'/H†      | —             | A'/H/S           |
|                   |                                         |                                 | High                   | —                 | —                     | —                | H/S§         | H/S§               | A/A'/H/S§             | —                        | A'/H/S†     | A'/H†      | —             | A'/H/S           |

A = aeroallergens (microscopic identification)

A' = aeroallergens (immunoassay)

\*Low concentration: < 100 CFU/m<sup>3</sup>; e.g., clean rooms and operating rooms; collect > 0.5 m<sup>3</sup> (500 L) air.

Intermediate concentration: 100 to 1000 CFU/m<sup>3</sup>; e.g., general indoor and outdoor concentrations; collect 0.25 to 1 m<sup>3</sup> (250–1000 L) air.

High concentration: > 1000 CFU/m<sup>3</sup>; e.g., animal and plant handling areas, outdoor construction and excavation; collect < 0.25 m<sup>3</sup> (250 L) air.

‡Numbers refer to sampler listing in first column of Table J-1.

†Used with a pre-impinger or cyclone (as appropriate); see text.

§Particles washed from surface, or glycerol/gelatin or other soluble medium used; see text.

H = hardy microorganisms, e.g., spore-forming bacteria and fungi

S = sensitive microorganisms, e.g., vegetative cells

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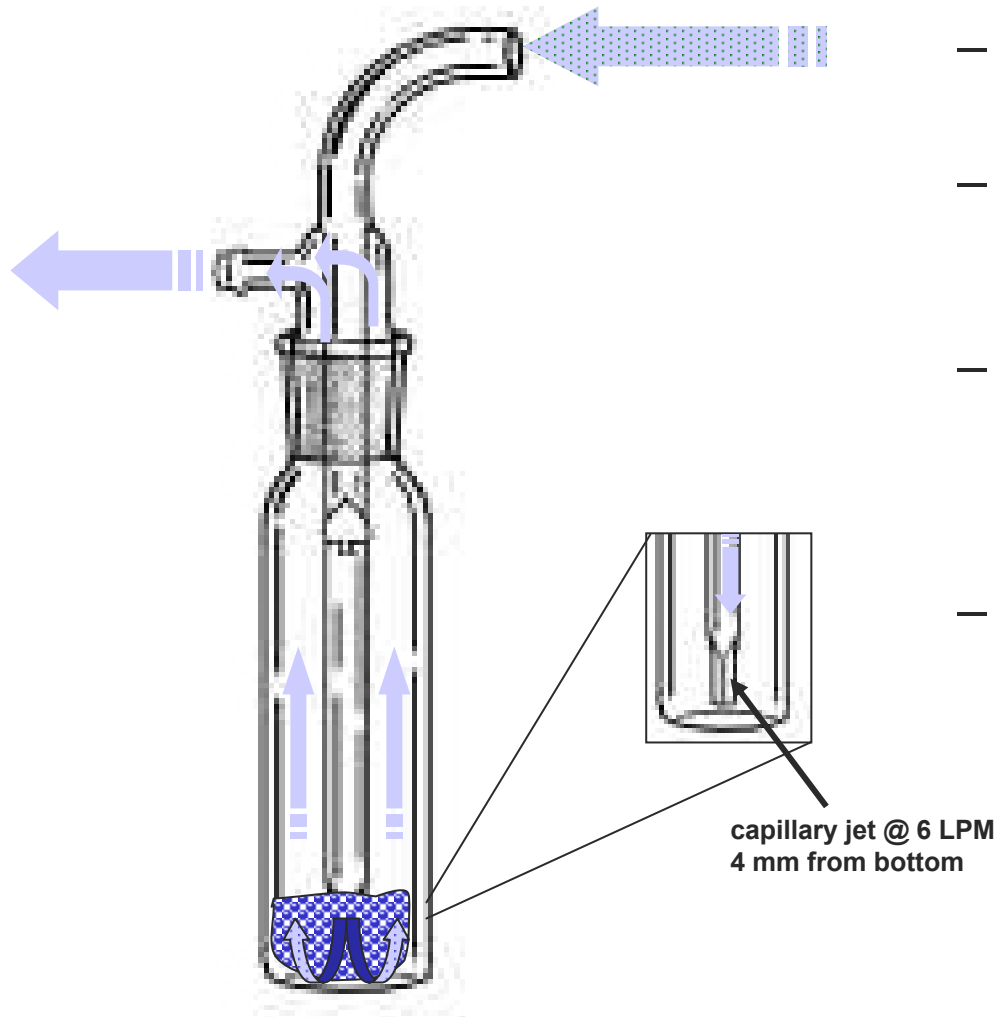
**TABLE J-1. Samplers Recommended for Collecting Viable Microbiological Aerosols and Aeroallergens (see Chapter P and Q for further details)**

| Sampler <sup>C</sup>                                  | Operation                                                             | Sampling Rate (L/min) | Recommended Sampling Time for Viable Recovery (min) | Manufacturer/ Supplier <sup>A</sup> Descriptions <sup>B</sup> in Other Chapters | Applications and Remarks                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Slit or slit-to agar impactor (a, b — some models) | Impaction onto agar in a 10-cm or a 15-cm plate on a rotating surface | 30-700                | 1-60, depending on model and sampling situation     | NBR <sup>A</sup> (P-50) <sup>B</sup><br>CAS (P-49)                              | Provides information on aerosol concentration over time. Available with a single or with multiple slits and variable rotation speeds. Bulky; AC operation.                                       |
| 2. Sieve impactors:                                   |                                                                       |                       |                                                     |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| a. single-stage, portable impactor (b)                | Impaction onto agar in a "rodac" plate                                | 90 or 180             | 0.5-5                                               | SPR (P-53)                                                                      | Portable, useful for making preliminary estimates of aerosol concentrations. Flow rate is not easily checked. Approximately 40% as efficient as the slit impactor.                               |
| b. single stage (N-6) impactor (a, c)                 | Impaction onto agar in a 10-m plate                                   | 28                    | 1-30                                                | AND (P-46)                                                                      | Approximately as efficient as the slit impactor. Bulky; AC operation.                                                                                                                            |
| c. two-stage impactors (a, c)                         | See 2b above                                                          | 28                    | 1-30                                                | AND (P-47)                                                                      | See 2b above. Divides samples into respirable and nonrespirable fractions.                                                                                                                       |
| d. four-stage and six-stage impactors (a, c)          | See 2b above                                                          | 28                    | 1-30                                                | AND (P-48)                                                                      | See 2b above. Provides information on particle size distribution.                                                                                                                                |
| e. personal cascade impactor (a)                      | Impaction onto filters or onto media in a special tray; see text      | 2                     | ≤ 60 with filters, 5-30                             | AND (P-15)                                                                      | Eight stages available. For viable recovery, sampler is useful only in highly contaminated environments.                                                                                         |
| 3. Centrifugal sampler (b)                            | Impaction onto agar in plastic strips                                 | 40±                   | 0.5                                                 | BDC (P-54)                                                                      | Sampler is small, portable, and useful for making preliminary estimates of aerosol concentration. Flow rate is not easily checked. Does not collect particle below 3 µm efficiently.             |
| 4. Impingers:                                         |                                                                       |                       |                                                     |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| a. All-glass impinger/ AGI-30 (a, c)                  | Impingement into liquid, jet 30 mm above impaction surface            | 12.5                  | 1-30                                                | AGI (P-55)                                                                      | Cells on or in larger particles are broken apart. Suitable for viral particle collection.                                                                                                        |
| b. All-glass impinger/ AGI-4 (a, c)                   | See 4a above; jet 4 mm above impaction surface                        | 12.5                  | 1-30                                                | AGI (P-55)                                                                      | See 4a above. More vigorous impaction than 4a above.                                                                                                                                             |
| c. Personal impinger (a)                              | See 4a above                                                          | 1.5                   | 5-15                                                | DAC (P-43)                                                                      | See 4a above. Provides information on personal exposures. Useful in highly contaminated areas.                                                                                                   |
| d. Multistage impinger (a)                            | See 4a above                                                          | 55                    | 1-30                                                | DIX                                                                             | Provides information on particle size distribution. Three stages with cut points of ≥ 7, ≥ 3, and ≥ 1 µm. Limited availability.                                                                  |
| 5. Filters:                                           |                                                                       |                       |                                                     |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| a. Cassette filters (a)                               | Filtration                                                            | 1-2                   | 5-60                                                | GEL, MFC, NUC; also see Table OI-1 and Chap. K and O                            | Some viable loss of microorganisms due to dessication. Samplers are easily portable, inexpensive, and can be used for personal monitoring. Useful for collecting large amounts of aeroallergens. |
| b. High-volume filters (a)                            | Filtration                                                            | 140-1400              | 5-60                                                |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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# All glass impinger

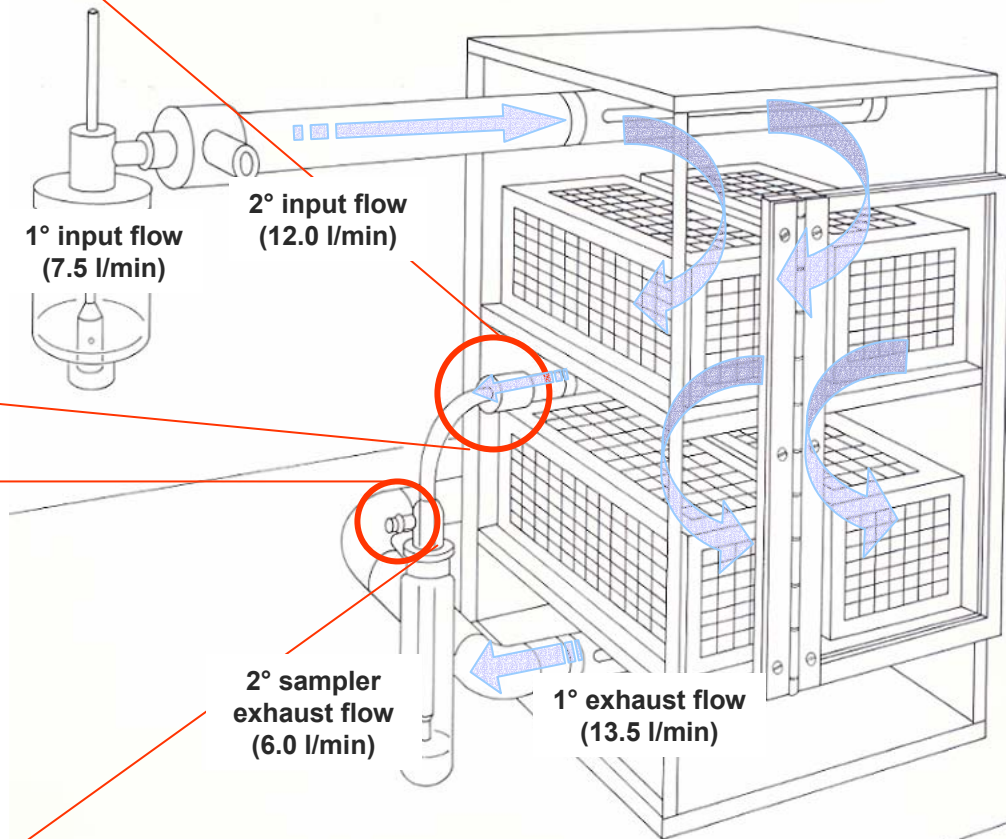


- Impingers

- Operate similar to impactors
  - V can reach 60 m/s
- Originally designed for dust counting; now standard in collection of microbial aerosols
- Collects by both wetted bottom surface in collection vessel and bubbling action caused by flow
- Effective for particles between 1 and 20  $\mu\text{m}$ 
  - Lower size dependant on stokes number
  - Upper size (greater than 20  $\mu\text{m}$ ) cannot follow air stream into impinger



# Experimental set-up – modified impinger with whole-body exposure chamber



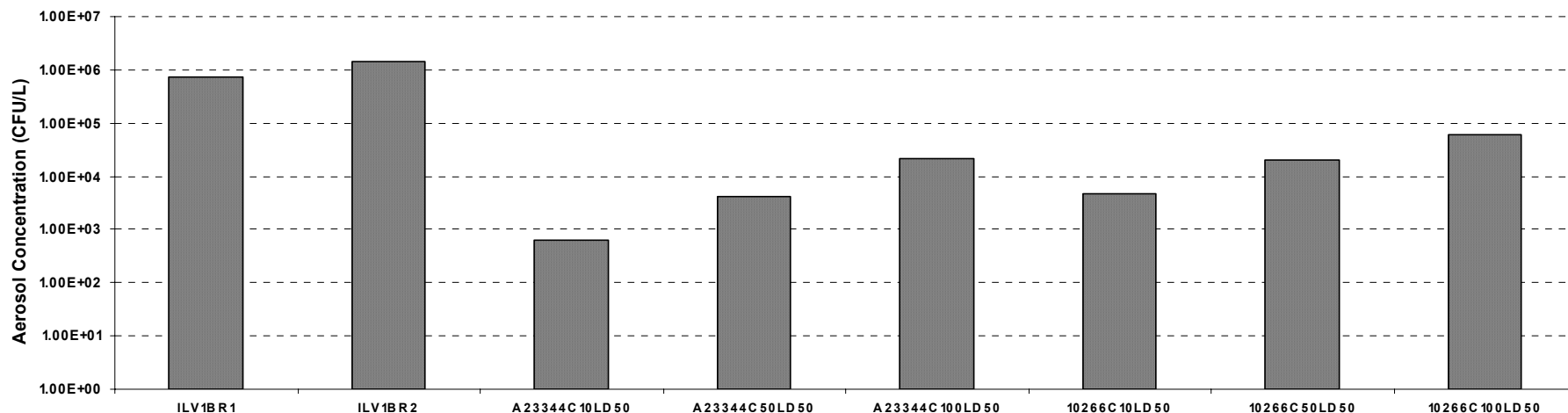


# establishing aerosol concentration

Calculating aerosol concentration  
From liquid impinger sample

$$C = \frac{C_{agi} \times V_{agi}}{Q_{agi} \times t_{exp}}$$

| Group #        | nebulizer      |                | AGI                | C <sub>s</sub> | T <sub>s</sub>                     | F <sub>s</sub>   | AC                      |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                | C <sub>A</sub> | SC             | VS                 |                |                                    |                  |                         |
|                | nebulizer conc | nebulizer conc | AGI volume         | AGI conc.      | sample time                        | AGI flow         | aerosol conc            |
|                | (cfu/ml)       | (cfu/l)        | (ml)               | (cfu/ml)       | (min)                              | (l/min)          | (cfu/l)                 |
|                | D11*C11        | E11*1000       | VS=10 <sup>1</sup> | G11*H11        | = T <sub>E</sub> = 10 <sup>1</sup> | = 6 <sup>1</sup> | (I11*J11)/<br>(K11*L11) |
| ILV1BR1        | 1.1E+10        | 1.10E+13       | 8.5                | 5.10E+06       | 10                                 | 6                | 7.23E+05                |
| ILV1BR2        | 1.1E+10        | 1.10E+13       | 8.5                | 1.00E+07       | 10                                 | 6                | 1.42E+06                |
| A23344C10LD50  | 2.0E+08        | 2.00E+11       | 8.5                | 4.50E+03       | 10                                 | 6                | 6.38E+02                |
| A23344C50LD50  | 1.0E+09        | 1.00E+12       | 8.5                | 3.00E+04       | 10                                 | 6                | 4.25E+03                |
| A23344C100LD50 | 2.0E+09        | 2.00E+12       | 8.5                | 1.50E+05       | 10                                 | 6                | 2.13E+04                |
| 10266C10LD50   | 3.5E+06        | 3.50E+09       | 8.5                | 3.30E+04       | 10                                 | 6                | 4.68E+03                |
| 10266C50LD50   | 6.9E+06        | 6.90E+09       | 8.5                | 1.40E+05       | 10                                 | 6                | 1.98E+04                |
| 10266C100LD50  | 3.5E+07        | 3.50E+10       | 8.5                | 4.30E+05       | 10                                 | 6                | 6.09E+04                |

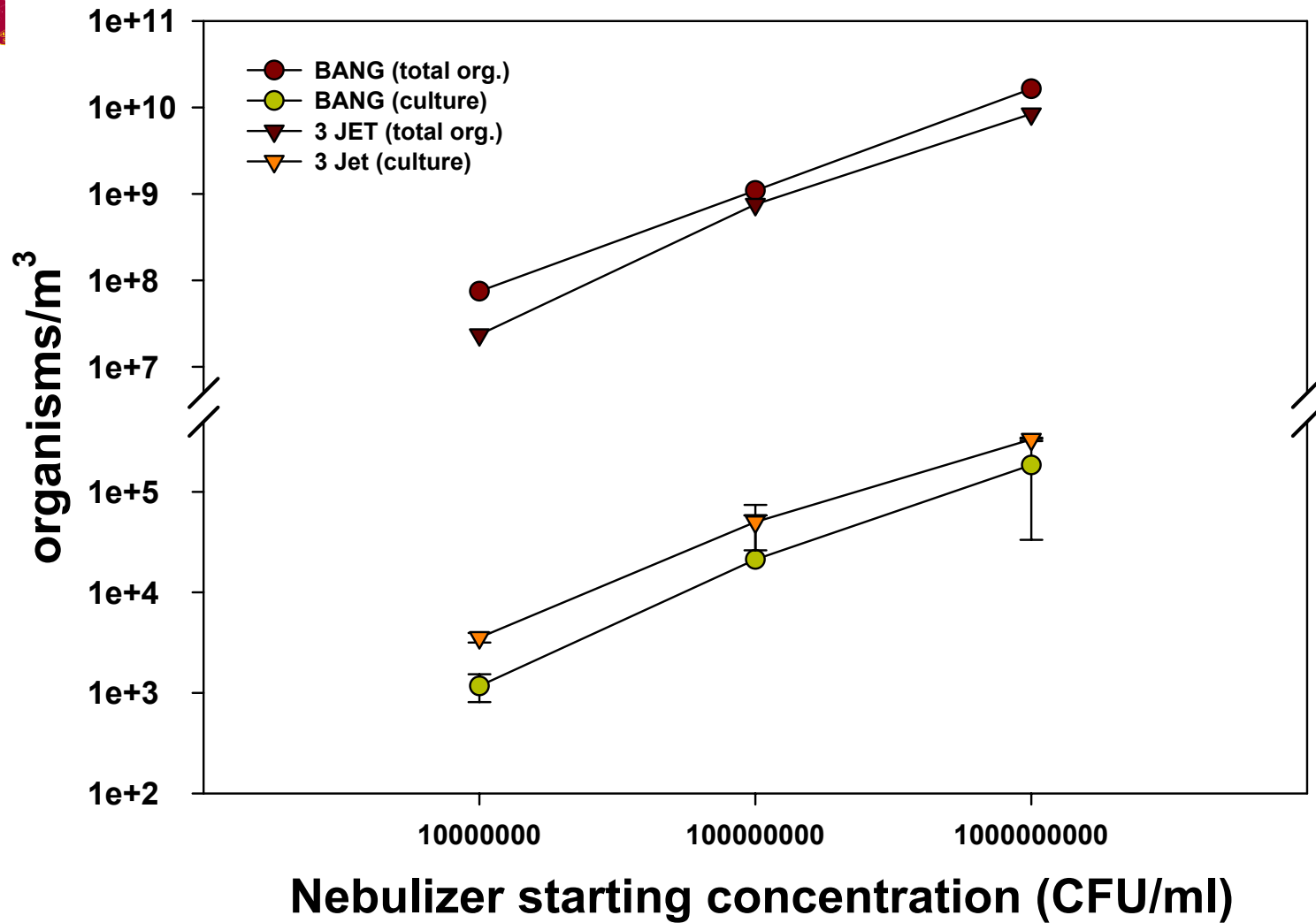




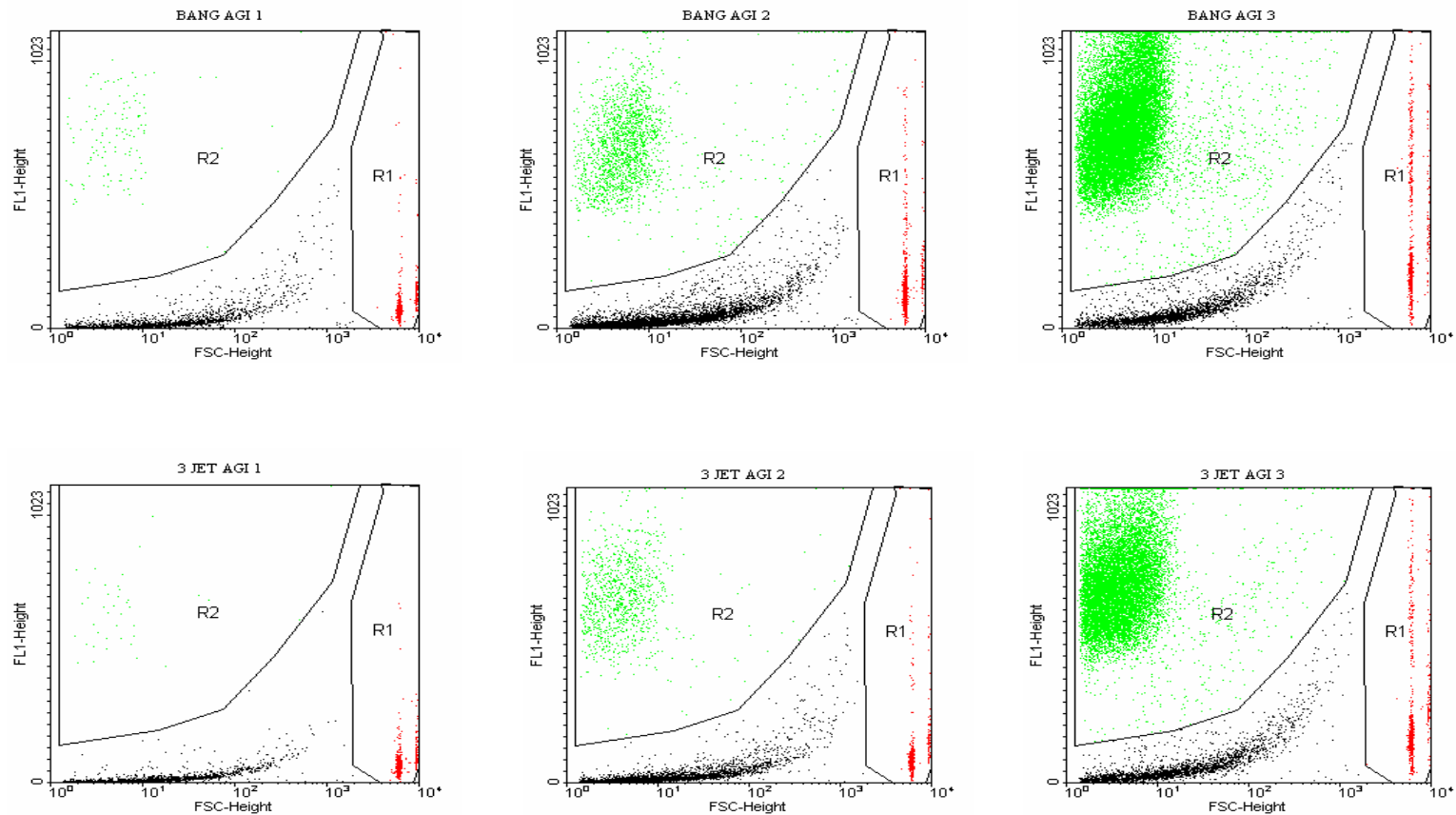
# Differential Bioaerosol Viability



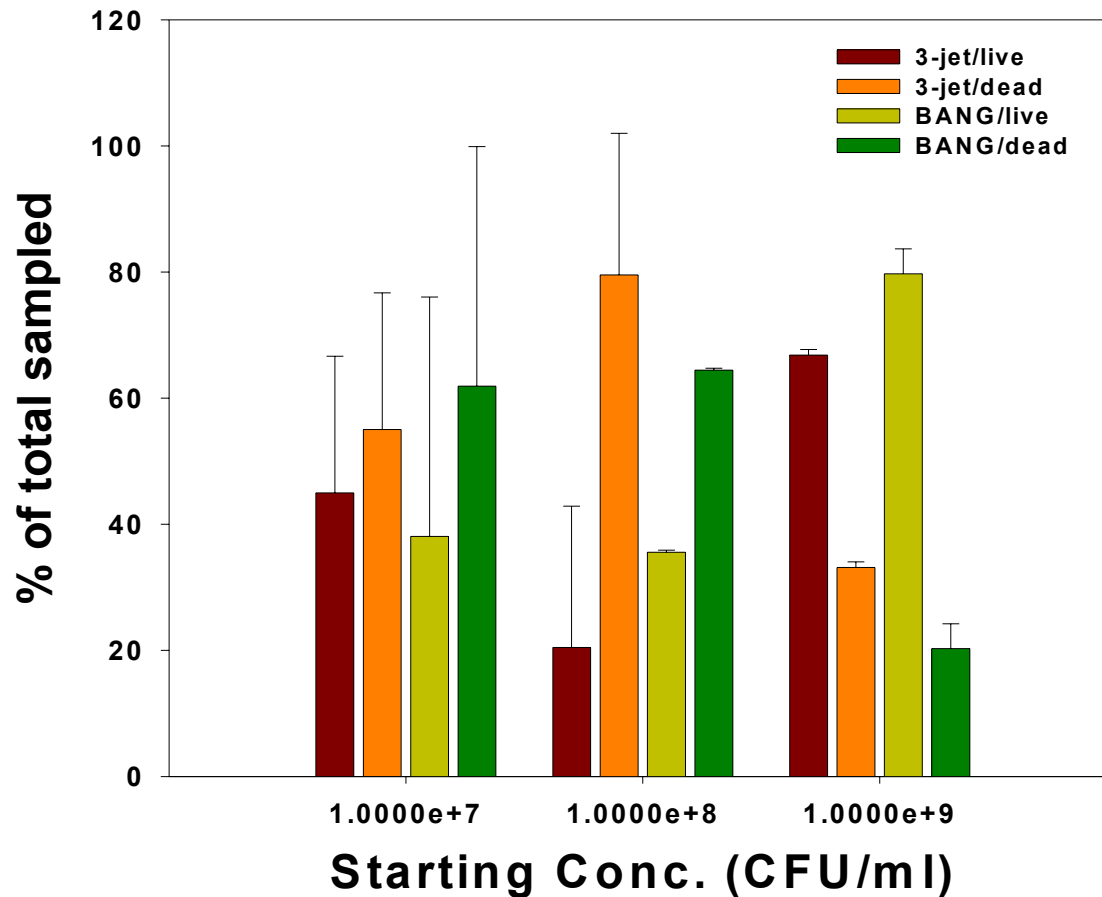
- *Rationale*
  - In animal aerosol challenge, is an “inhaled dose” the true dose?
    - How does aerosolization effect
      - viability
      - infectivity
- *Objective*
  - assess the impact of nebulization comparing using two different nebulizers
- *Aerosols*
  - *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (ATCC, Rockville, MD)
- *Nebulizers: Collison v. BANG*
- *Characterization & sampling*
  - particle sizing (APS Model 3320; APS 3375 (UV/APS))
  - Continuous sampling of chamber by AGI
  - Culture/TSA
    - analysis by flow cytometry
      - bacterial counting kit (Molecular Probes)
      - Live/dead viability kit (MP)



**Counts of total and culturable bacteria.** Data collected by flow cytometry and cultured bacteria from the AGI samples collected during the spray show that there is no significant difference between the BANG and 3 jet collision.



**Dot plot graphs showing the changes in bacteria total counts in the 3 jet collison and BANG.** The AGI samples were analyzed by the bacteria counting kit. The six dot plots above show the increase in total bacteria counted as the starting concentration increases. The 3 jet collison and BANG show similar counts.



**Percentage of bacteria sampled shows the live/dead of the BANG and 3 Jet collision.** Comparison of the live/dead to the concentration of starting solution show that there is a slight increase in live bacteria when a more concentrated spray agent is used.



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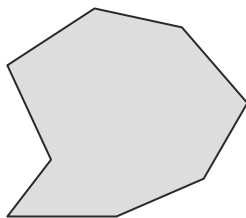
| Property or Behavior | Equivalent Diameter |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Brownian Motion      | Diffusion           |
| Gravity              | Aerodynamic         |
| Inertia              | Aerodynamic         |
| Light Scattering     | Optical             |



# Biological Aerosol Size

- Use equivalent diameter that derives from particle property relevant to bioaerosol exposures
  - Mechanism of deposition
  - Particle size
- Aerodynamic diameter: diameter of a unit-density sphere having the same gravitational settling velocity as the particle being measured

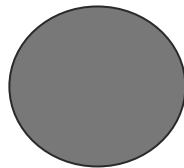
Irregular Shape



$$\rho = 1 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$d = ?$$

Varying Densities



$$\rho = 4 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

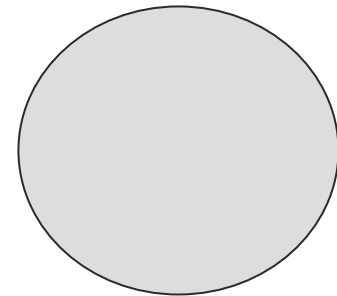
$$d = 3 \mu\text{m}$$



$$\rho = 9 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$d = 2 \mu\text{m}$$

Equivalent Diameter

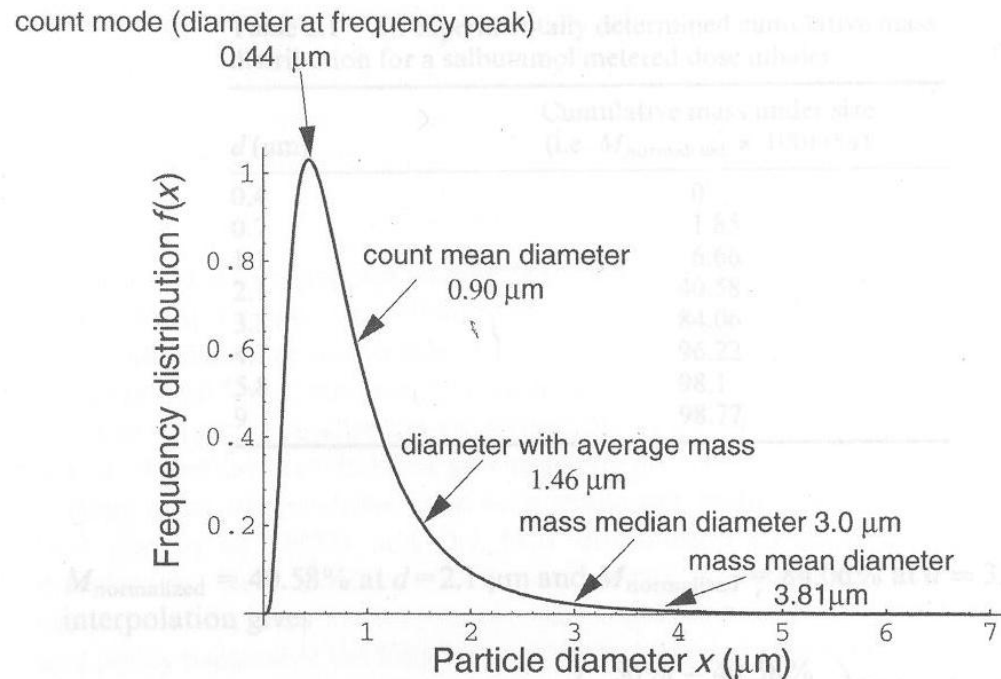


$$\rho = 1 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$d = 6 \mu\text{m}$$



# Size Distribution



**Fig. 2.2** The frequency distribution  $f(x)$  is shown for a log-normal distribution with mass median diameter of 3.0  $\mu\text{m}$  and geometric standard deviation  $\sigma_g = 2.0$ , along with the values of various other diameter definitions.

Figure from Warren H. Finlay, *The Mechanics of Inhaled Pharmaceutical Aerosols*, Academic Press, 2001



# MMAD

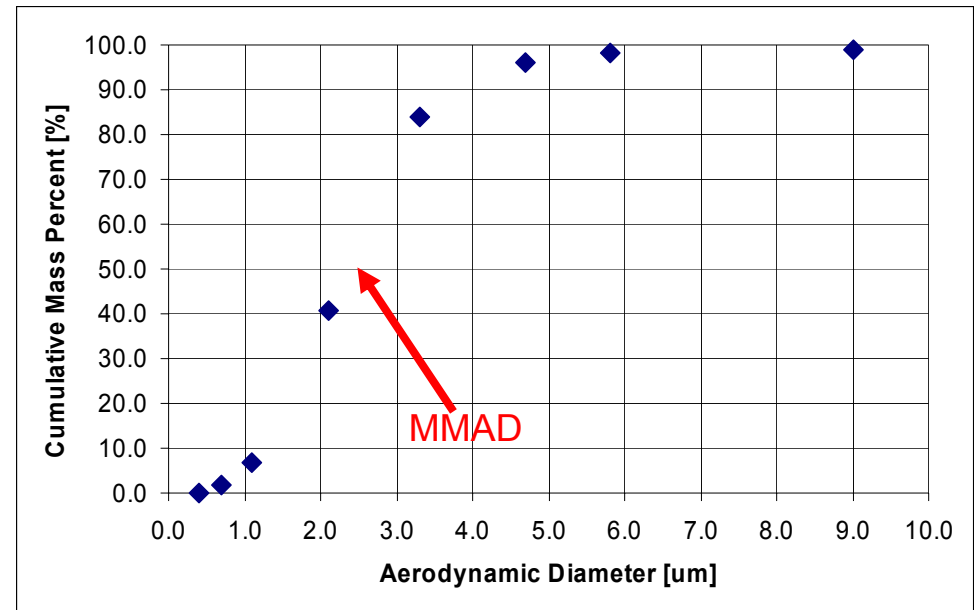
- Mass median aerodynamic diameter: aerodynamic diameter such that half the cumulative mass of all particles is contained in particles with smaller (or larger) diameters
- $M_{\text{Normalized}}(\text{MMAD}) = 1/2$
- Most directly measured with cascade impactor
- Geometric standard deviation for log-normal distributions:
  - $\sigma_g = \text{MMAD}/d_{16} = d_{84}/\text{MMAD}$
- MMAD and  $\sigma_g$  describe aerosol distribution for bioaerosol studies



# Example

| d [μm] | Cum % |
|--------|-------|
| 0.4    | 0.0   |
| 0.7    | 1.9   |
| 1.1    | 6.7   |
| 2.1    | 40.6  |
| 3.3    | 84.1  |
| 4.7    | 96.2  |
| 5.8    | 98.1  |
| 9.0    | 98.8  |

Experimentally determined cumulative mass distribution for a salbutamol metered dose inhaler.



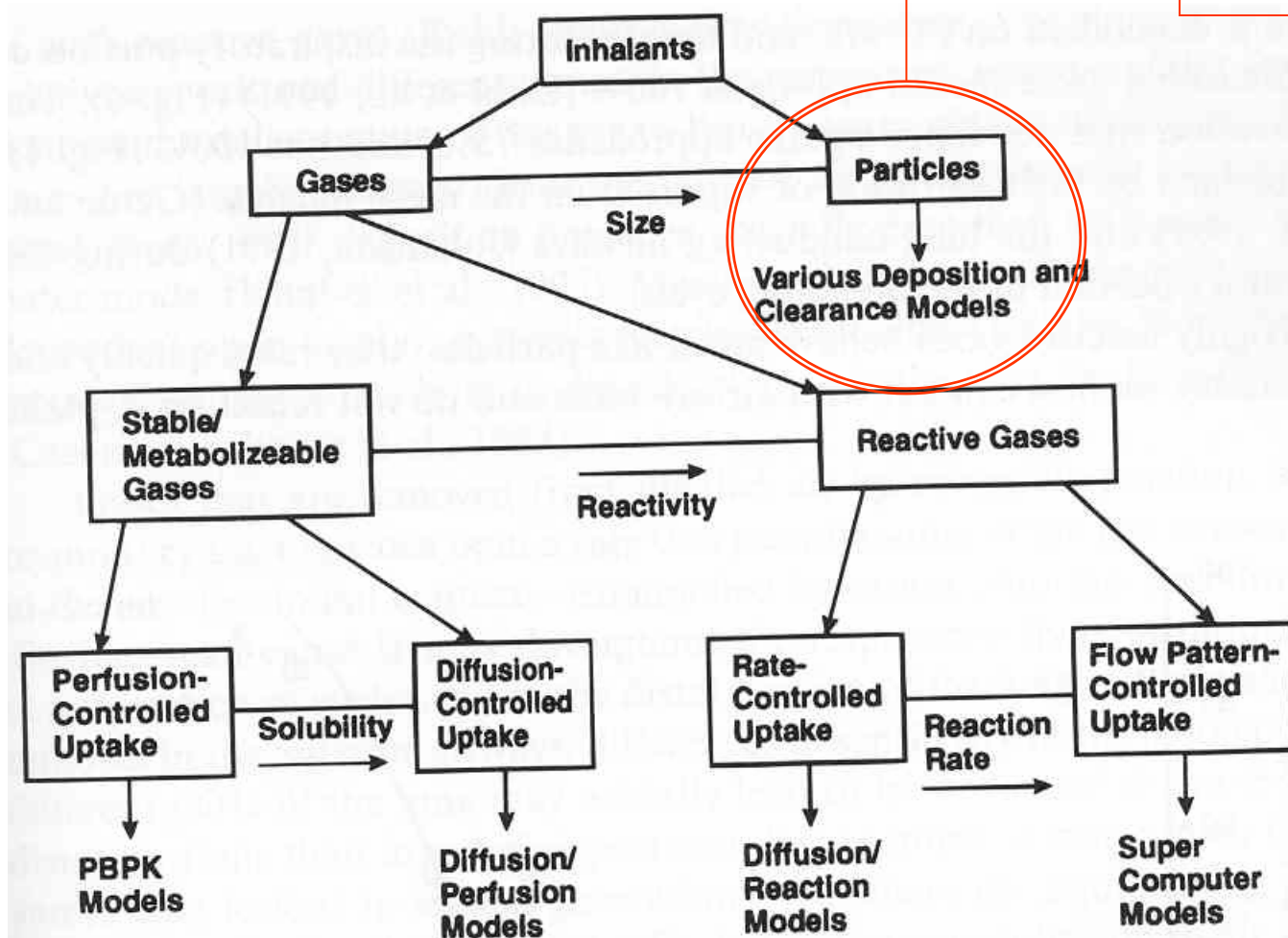
$$\text{MMAD} = 2.4 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\sigma_g = d_{84}/\text{MMAD} = 3.3\mu\text{m}/2.4\mu\text{m} = 1.4$$

Data from Warren H. Finlay, *The Mechanics of Inhaled Pharmaceutical Aerosols*, Academic Press, 2001



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From Scheslinger, R. In: Inhalation Toxicology



# Factors Affecting Particle Deposition

- Five important mechanisms

- 1) Inertial impaction
- 2) Sedimentation
- 3) Diffusion
- 4) electrical charge
- 5) Interception

- Particle characteristics

- Aerodynamics (size, shape, distribution, hydroscopicity, charge)
- Respiratory anatomy
  - Ventilation
  - Breathing pattern (modality, flow rate/velocities)
- Other
  - Airway reactivity, preexisting disease, age, gender

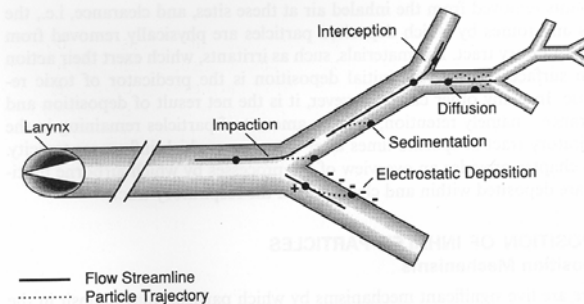


Figure 1 Schematic diagram of particle deposition mechanisms.

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What do we really know about D&R of threat agents?

Respiratory deposition is well-defined for particles; but not for infectious agents.

Available comparative path. data with respect to aerosol size?



# Comparative dose/infectivity



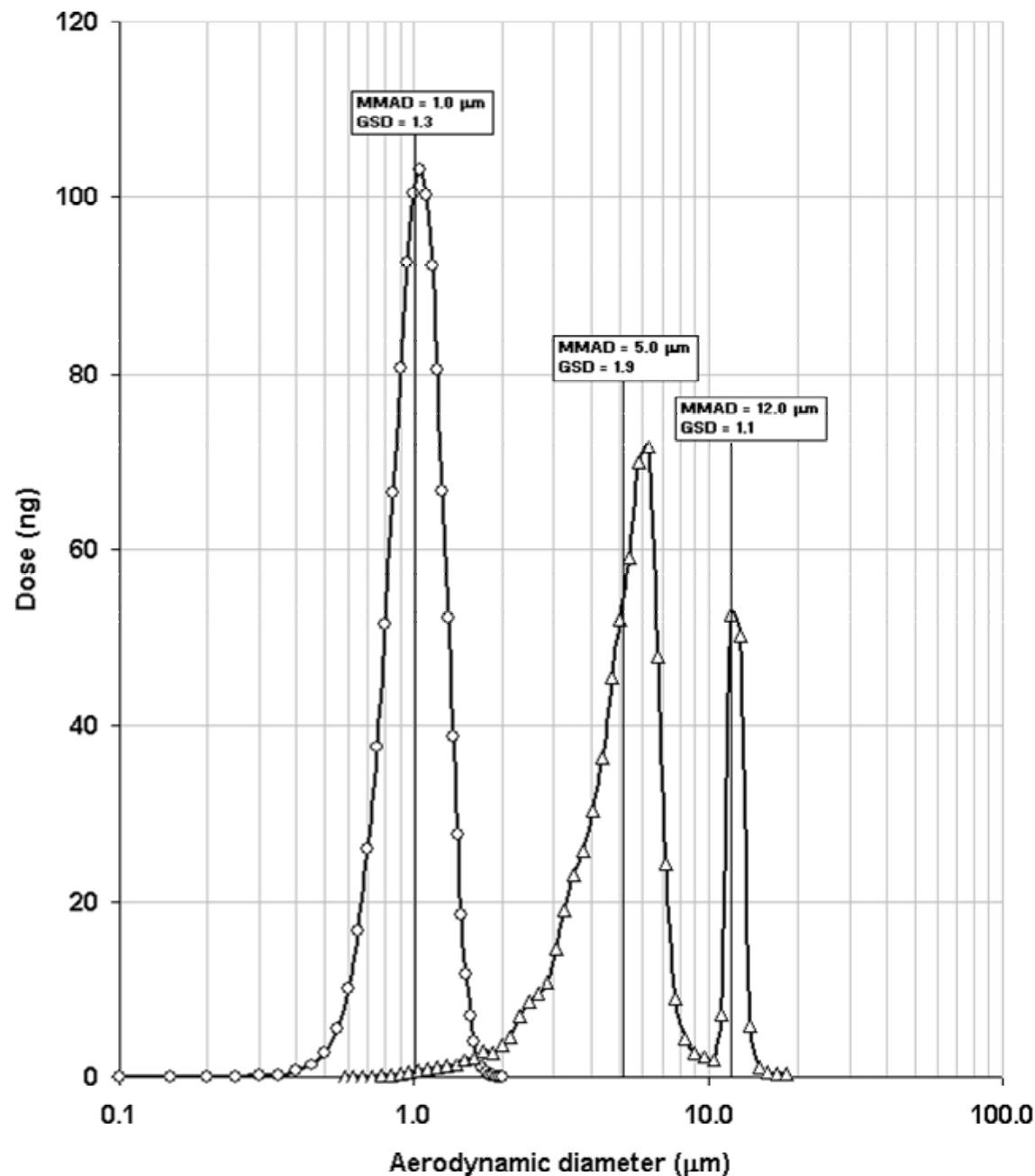
- Comparison of  $\pm 1 \mu\text{m}$  v.  $12 \mu\text{m}$  aerosols in guinea pigs (Druett et al., 1954)
  - *Yersinia pestis*
    - $\text{LCt}_{50}$  - 2.5 X less infectious
  - *Bacillus anthracis*
    - $\text{LCt}_{50}$  - 17X less infectious
- Ongoing (comparison of  $1 \mu\text{m}$  v.  $>3 \mu\text{m}$ ) (Roy et al., 2003)
  - Toxin
    - Diff.  $\text{LD}_{50}$  at diff. aerosol sizes
    - Differences in deposition in respiratory tract
    - impact on pathogenesis
  - Virus
    - No major differences in  $\text{LD}_{50}$  and MTD regardless of aerosol size
    - Across two species



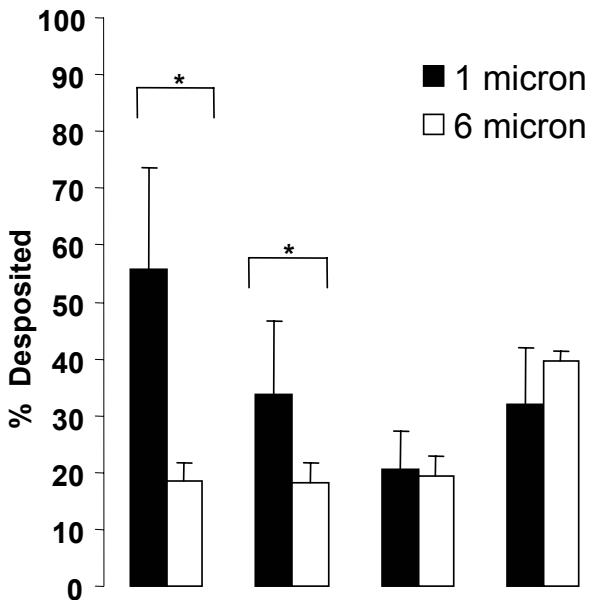
Aerodynamic size characterization of ricin aerosols generated by the collision nebulizer (circles) and the STAG (triangles) at a corresponding estimated inhaled dose of 55 and 36  $\mu\text{g/kg}$ , respectively.

The bimodal distribution of the STAG is attributed to satellite aerosol formation (first peak of the STAG) in the primary generation process, which composes 85% of the cumulative mass of the output from this device.

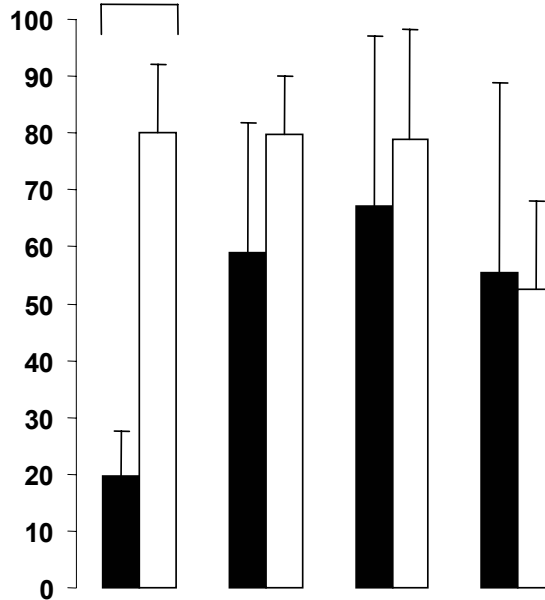
**(Roy et al., 2003)**



## Lungs



## Trachea



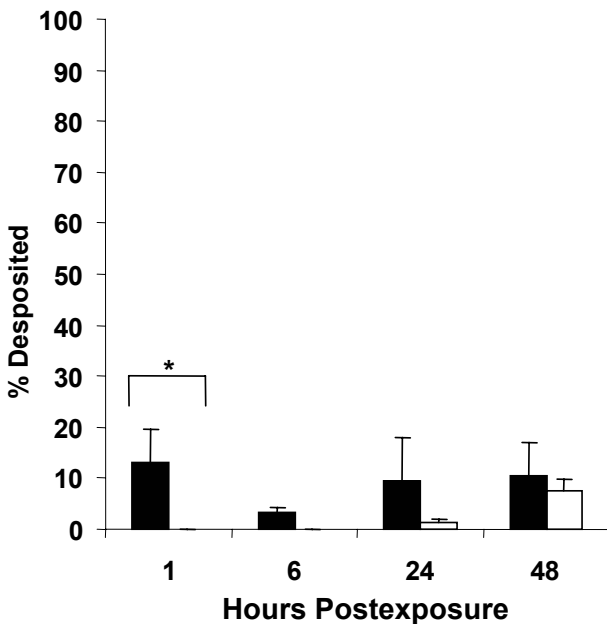
Agent in selected tissues of mice as a percentage of total body dose.

Values are group means; error bars represent standard error

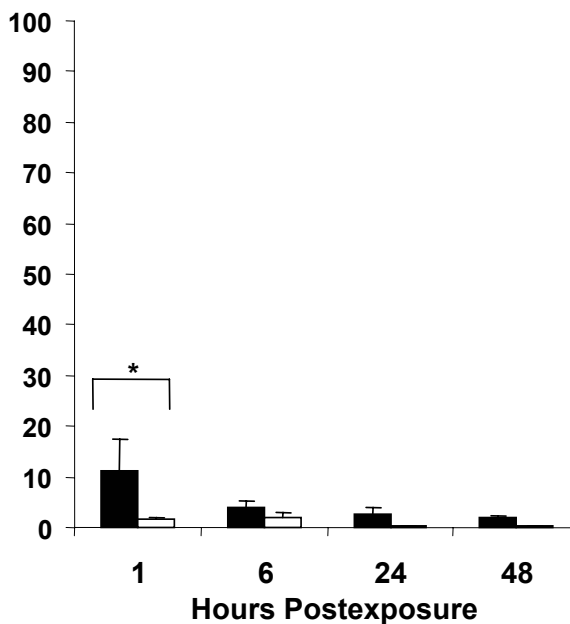
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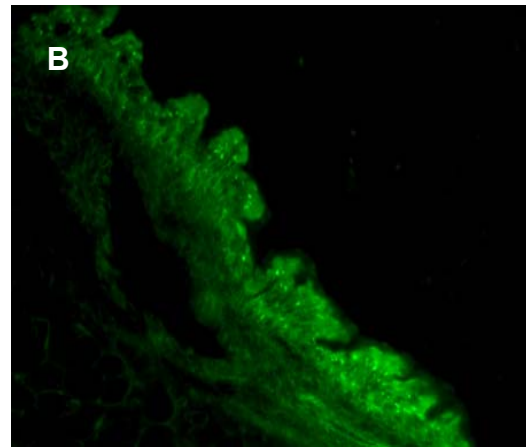
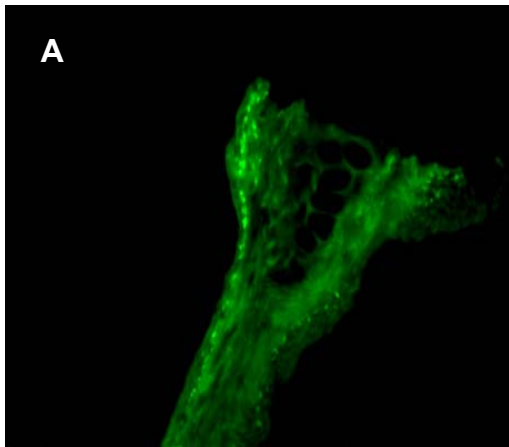
horizontal brackets indicate the comparative groups

## Nares

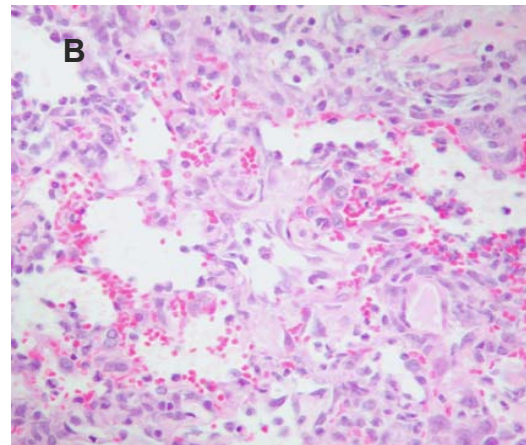
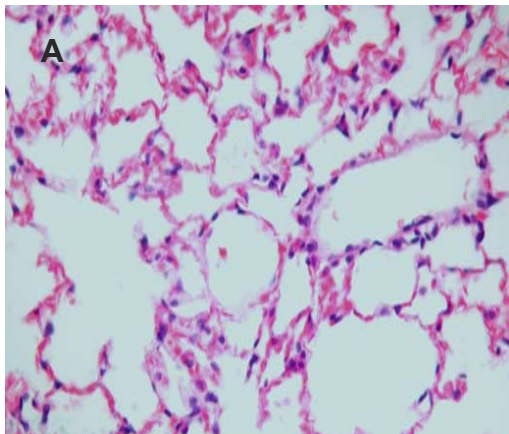


## Stomach





**Figure 5 (A and B).** Nasal turbinates (A) and olfactory epithelium (B) of a mouse exposed to 5  $\mu\text{m}$  aerosols by whole-body chamber configuration. Epifluorescent particles localized to the olfactory epithelium in the turbinates (A; 40X) whereas particles are localized to all levels of the olfactory epithelium (B; 100X).



**Figure 6 (A and B).** Lung section of mouse exposed to 5  $\mu\text{m}$  aerosols (A; 200X) or 1  $\mu\text{m}$  particles (B; 400X). The lungs of the mouse exposed to the nonrespirable aerosol (A) shows no significant lesions. The lung of the mouse exposed to a respirable aerosol (B) indicates marked interstitial pneumonia with alveolar edema, fibrin and hemorrhage.



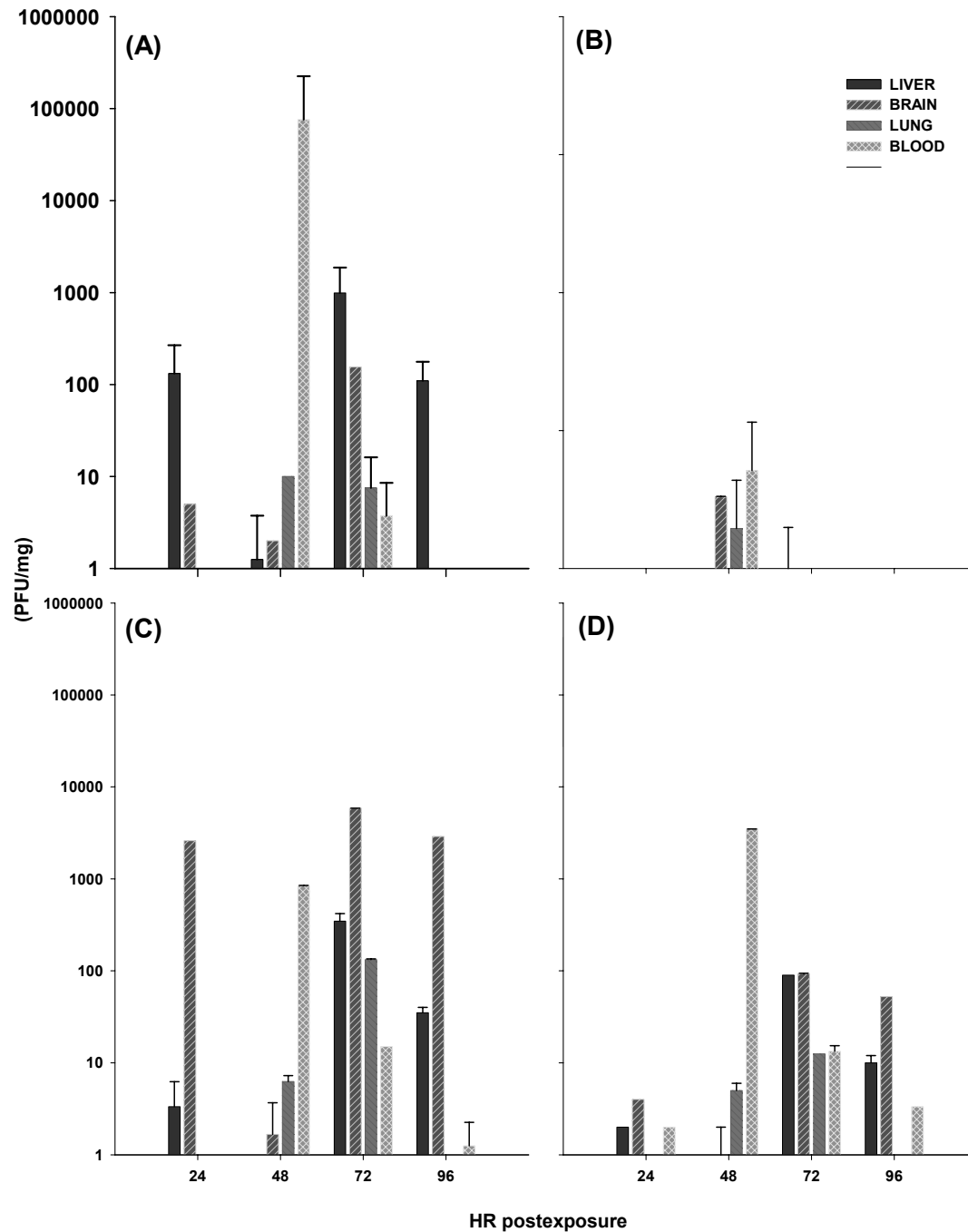
Table 1. Particle size and viral strain specific 50% lethal dose determination, by species

| Species                         | Strain | Particle<br>( $\mu\text{m}$ ) | LD <sub>50</sub><br>(PFU) | 95% fiducial limits |          | MTD <sup>c</sup><br>(days) |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------|----------------------------|
|                                 |        |                               |                           | lower               | upper    |                            |
| guinea<br>pig<br><i>Hartley</i> | X      | 1                             | 5.21E+03                  | 2.93E+03            | 2.35E+05 | 5.0                        |
|                                 |        | >3 <sup>b</sup>               | 5.90E+04                  | 8.70E+03            | 4.65E+11 | 5.0                        |
|                                 | Y      | 1                             | 1.08E+04                  | 3.5E+03             | 8.93E+05 | 5.0                        |
|                                 |        | >3                            | 9.57E+03                  | - <sup>a</sup>      | -        | 5.0                        |
| mouse<br><i>BALB/c</i>          | X      | 1                             | 4.61E+02                  | 1.86E+02            | 1.66E+03 | 4.8                        |
|                                 |        | >3                            | 1.60E+04                  | -                   | -        | 4.6                        |
|                                 | Y      | 1                             | 6.16E+02                  | -                   | -        | 4.7                        |
|                                 |        | >3                            | 2.85E+03                  | 1.07E+03            | 1.11E+04 | 5.0                        |

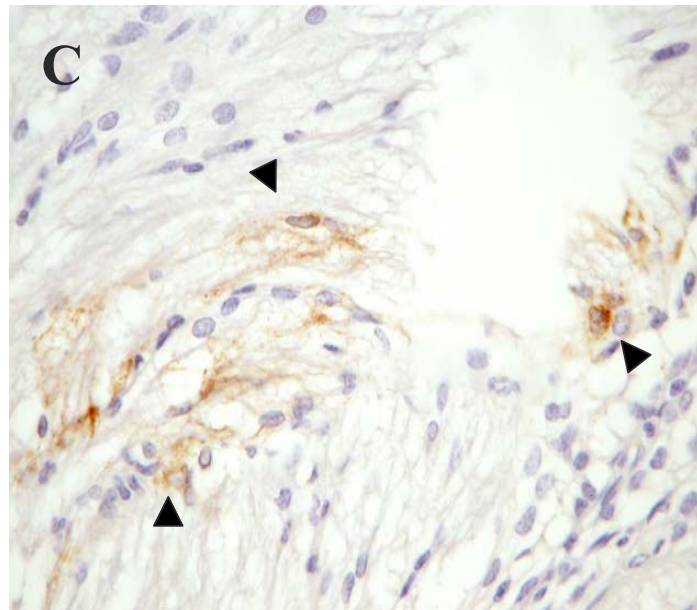
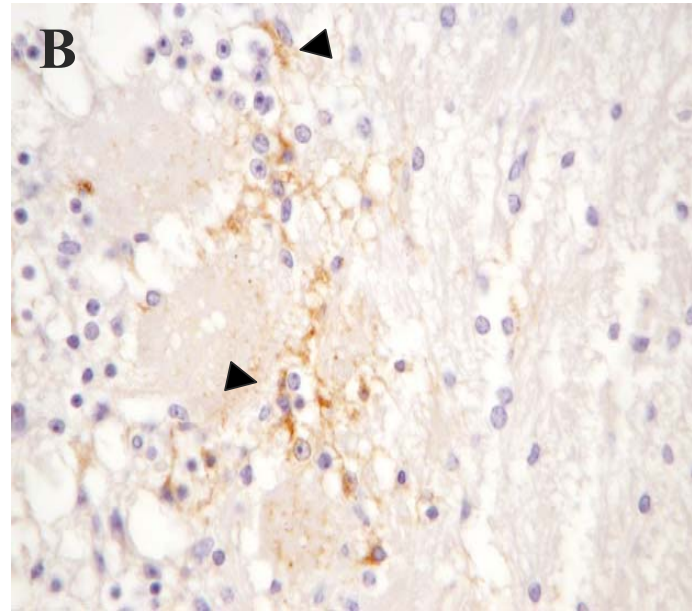
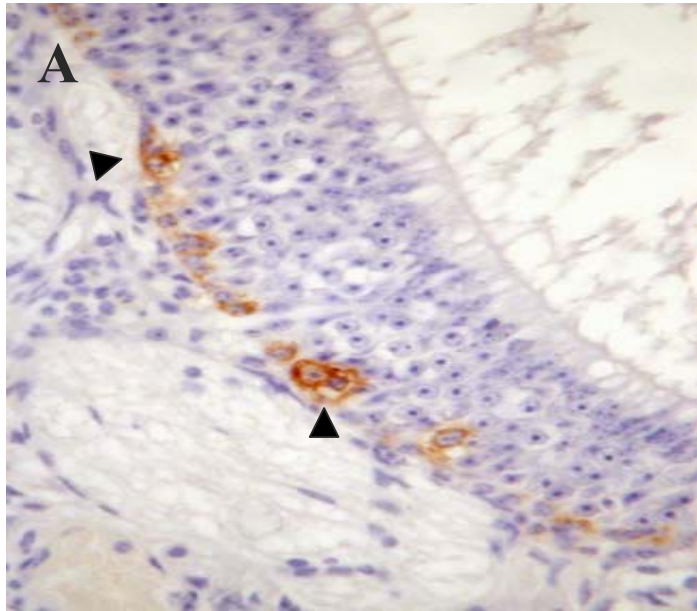
<sup>a</sup> the confidence limits were not determined due to lack of mortality in selected groups

<sup>b</sup> considered 'larger' particle distribution due to bimodal size distribution

<sup>c</sup> mean time to death



Viral loading in selected tissues when exposed to representative strains aerosolized at different particle size distributions. (A) and (B) graphs represent results from larger particle (<3  $\mu\text{m}$ ) exposures with Strain X and Y, respectively; (C) and (D) graphs represent results from respirable particles ( $\approx 1 \mu\text{m}$ ) exposures with Strain X and Y, respectively. Bars represent group means; error bars represent standard deviation.



Guinea pig olfactory neuroepithelium (a), bulb (b) and nerve (c) 24 hours post exposure to aerosolized virus. Arrowheads indicate antigen reactivity.