Campylobacter-hos interaction at the intestinal mucosal surface

Important facts about Cambylobacter



Cambylobacter, particularly Cambylobacter jejuni, is one of the most common bacterial causes of diarrheal illness in the United States.



0.5% of the general population are infected each year in the United States



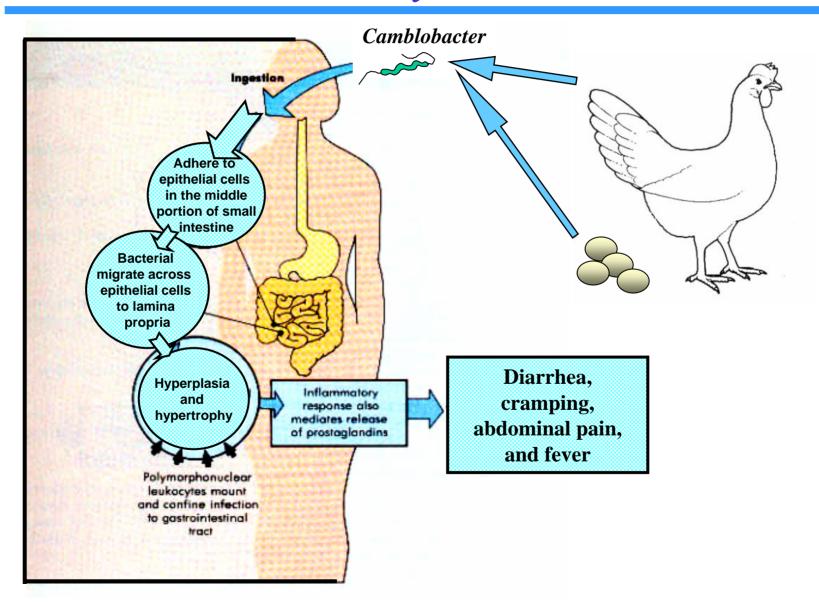
Campylobacteriosis can trigger Guillain-Barr syndrome, an autoimmune disease affecting the nerve system.



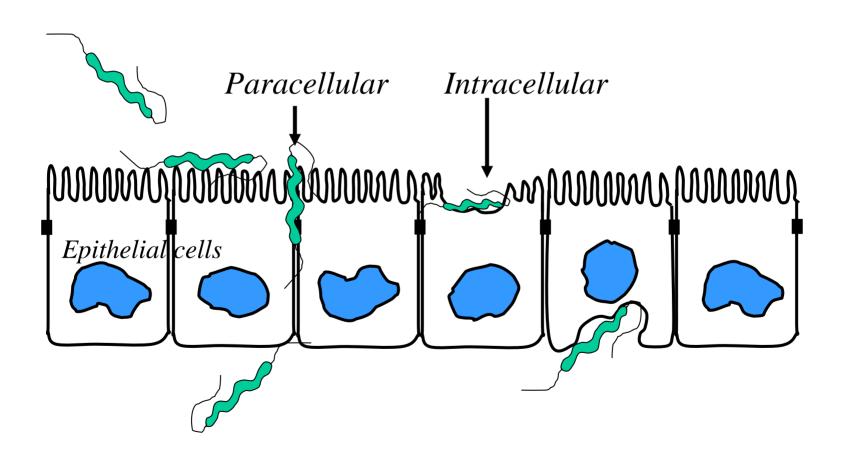
Fewer than 500 of *Cambylobacter* organisms can cause illness in humans.

from CDC web site

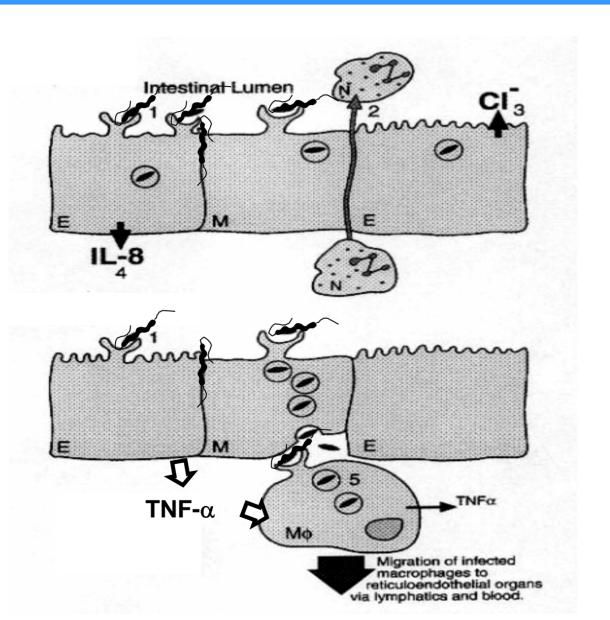
Poultry Productions is the major source of Cambylobacter



Transmigration of *Campylobacter* across the intestinal epithelial layer



Inflammatory responses against Cambylobacter



Objectives of the project



Select invasive and non-invasive strains from food isolates

To compare the abilities of different isolates of *C. jejuni* to adhere, invade, and migrates across the polarized epithelial layer.



Exam the invasion mechanism

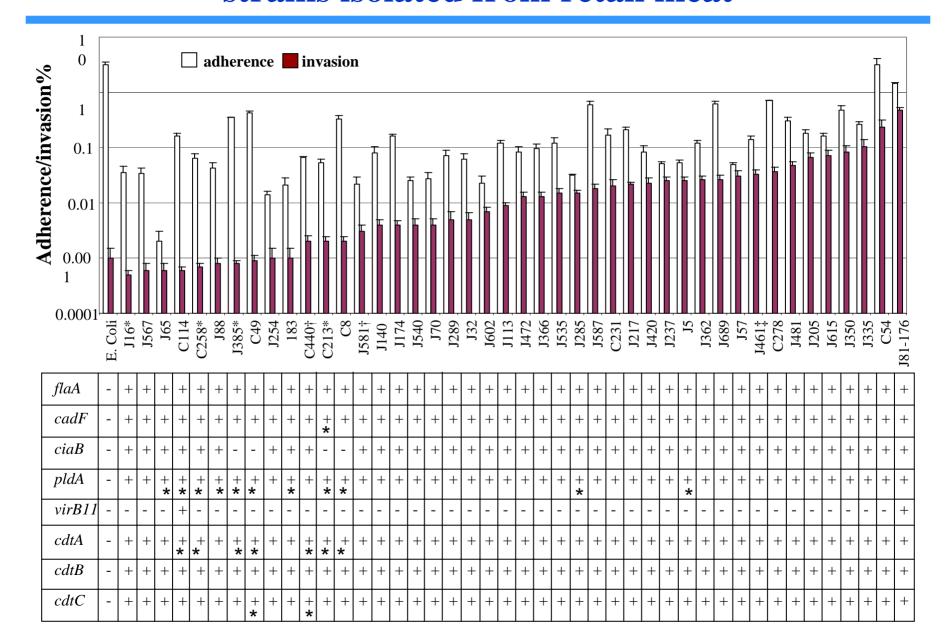
To determine the effect of *C. jejuni* invasion on the organization of the tight junction and actin cytoskeleton of polarized epithelial cells.



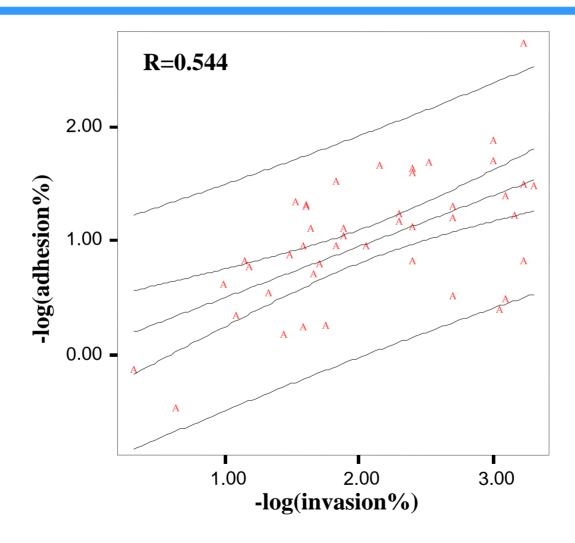
Exam the initial immune responses

To determine the effect of *C. jejuni* invasion on the surface expression of the chemokine and homing receptors for leukocytes.

The adherent and invasive abilities of *Campylobacter* strains isolated from retail meat

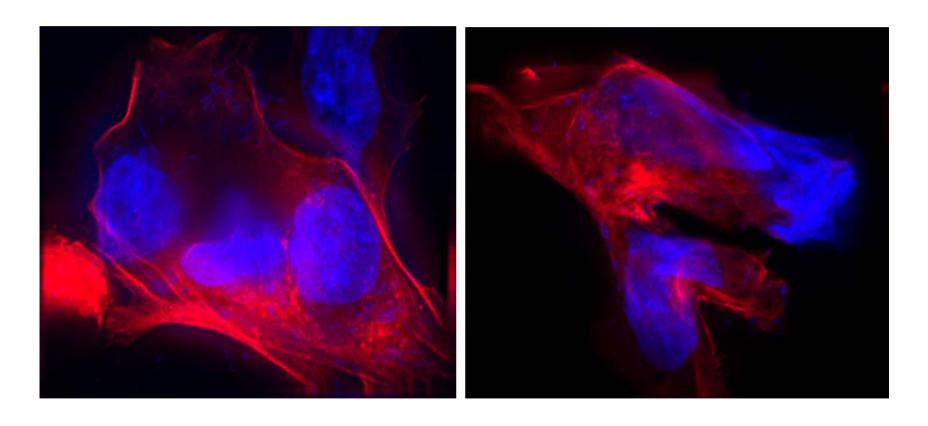


Correlation between the adherent and invasive abilities of *Campylobacter* strains isolated from retail meat



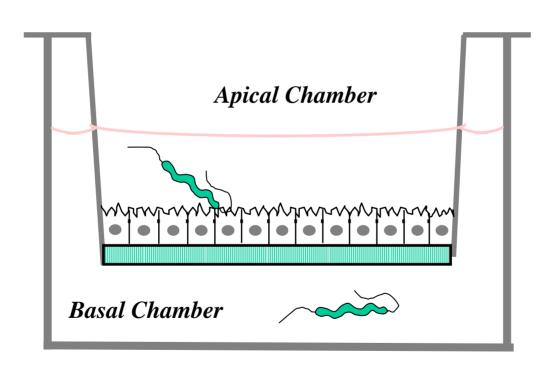
[-log(adhesion%)] = 0.06+0.45*[-log(invasion%)]

Campylobacter invasion into human intestinal epithelial cells

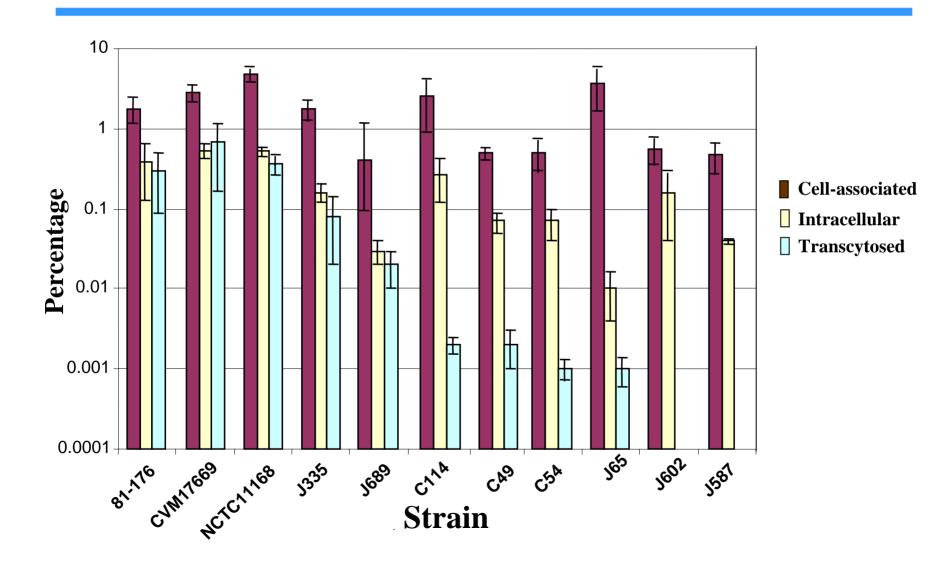


Nuclei/Camplobacter/actin filaments

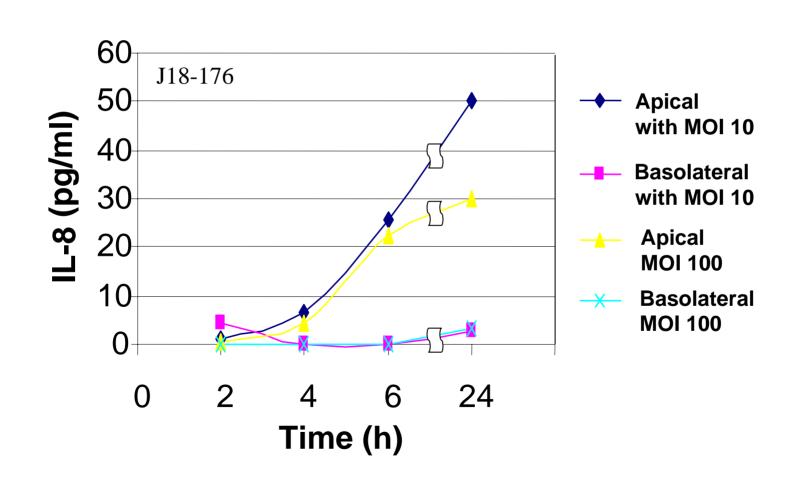
Polarized Epithelial Cell Culture System



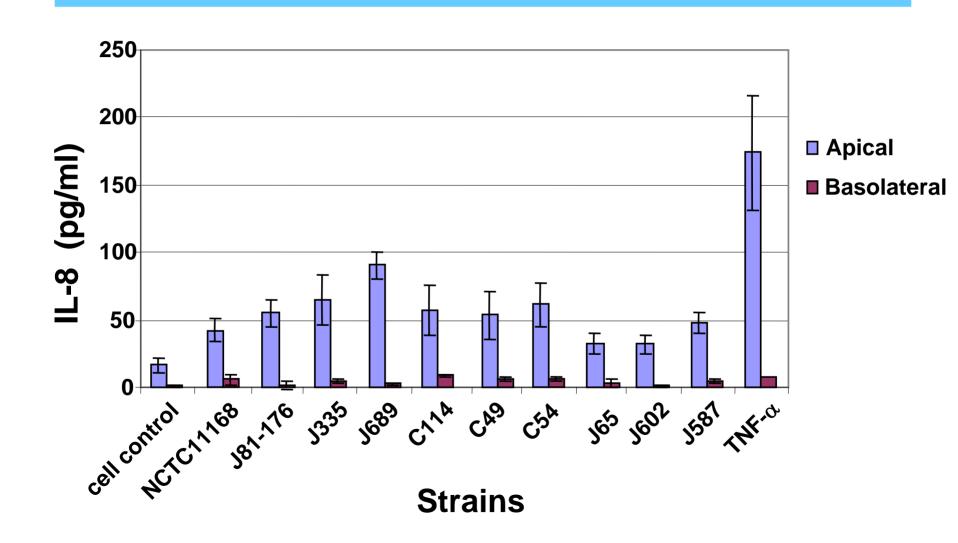
Transcytosis of *Cambylobacter* across polarized intestinal epithelial cells



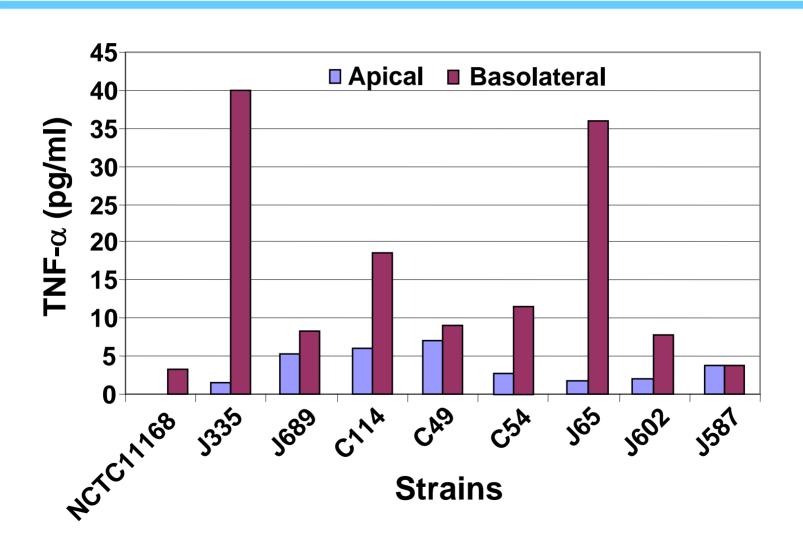
Gonococci-induced Interleukin-8 secretion by polarized human intestinal epithelial cells



IL-8 secretion induced by *Campylobacter* retail meat isolates



TNF-α secretion induced by *Campylobacter* retail meat isolates



Summary

The retail meat isolates of *Campylobacter* have a wide range of adherence, invasion, and transcytosis abilities.

The abilities of *Campylobacter* retail meat isolates to invade human intestinal epithelial cells are positively associated with their adhere abilities.

Campylobacter induces polarized secretion of inflammatory cytokines IL-8 and TNF-α in human intestinal cells.

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