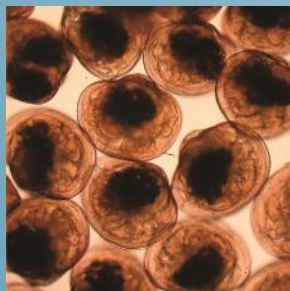
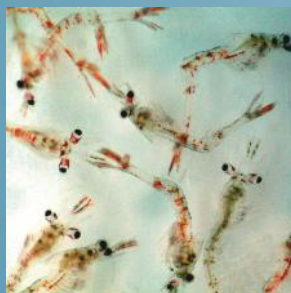
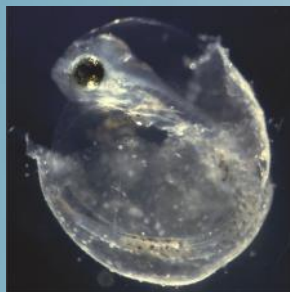


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# Experimental challenge

## The quest for virulence – and protection

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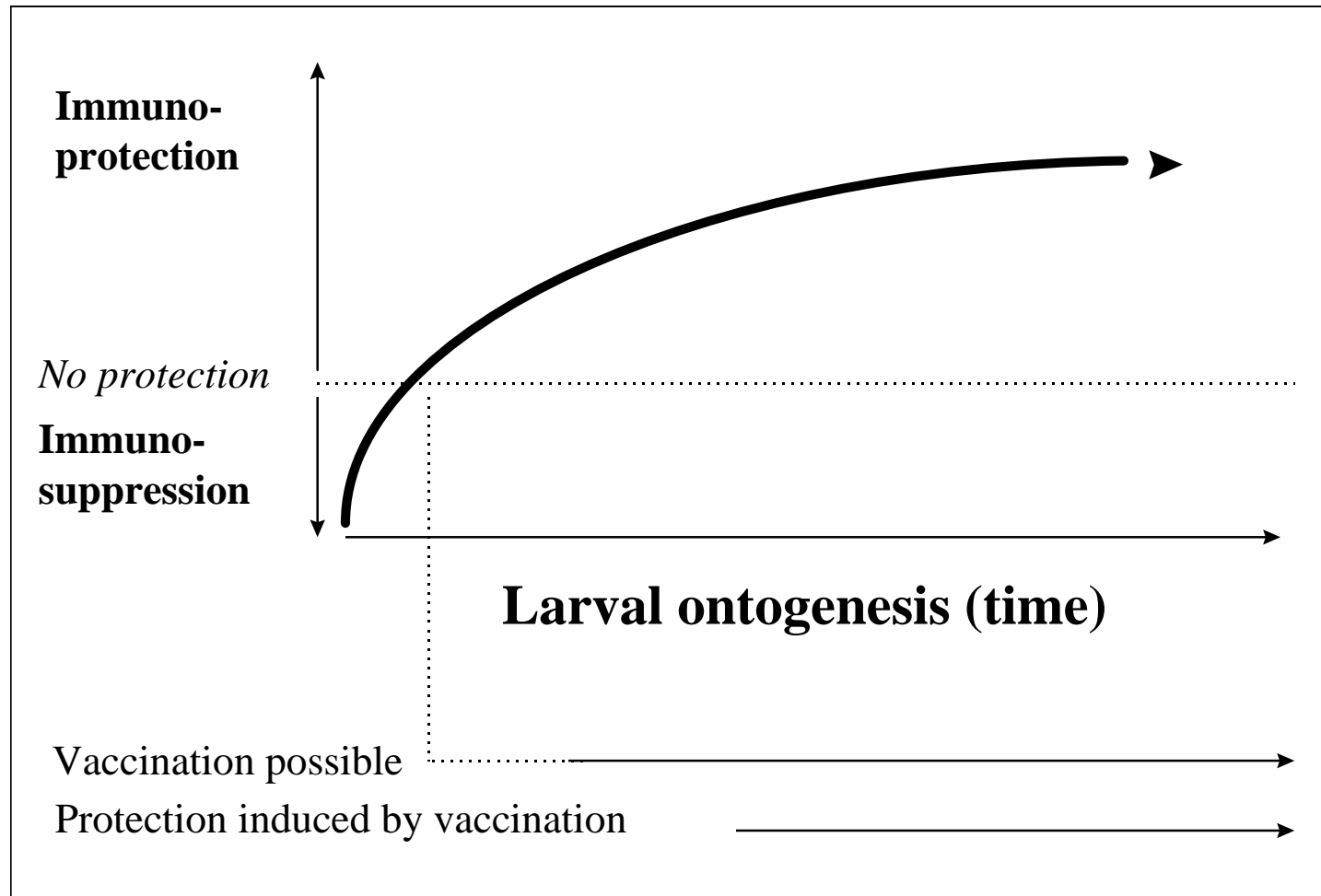
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# Why challenge?

- **Basic questions:**
  - Is "the bug" virulent?
  - How does it affect the host?
  - How does it enter the host?
- **Applied:**
  - How can we protect the host
  - How can we verify that the protection is effective?





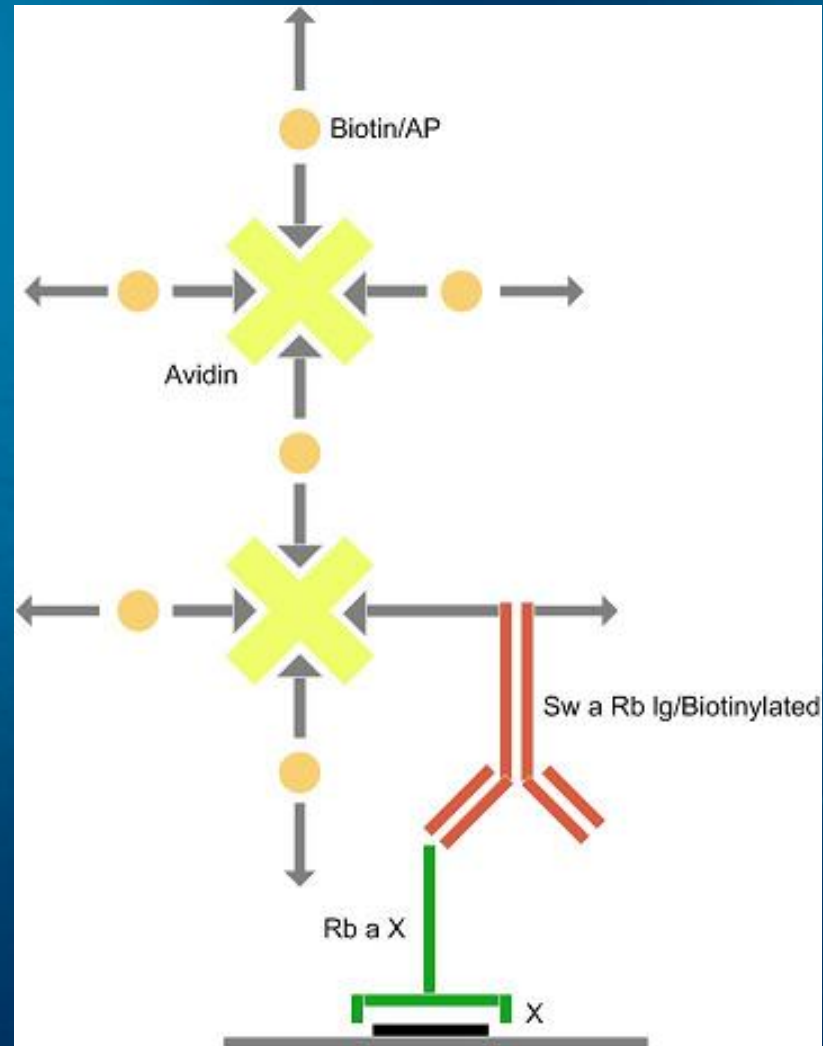
**Vadstein, Mo and Bergh 2004**

# Challenge experiments on yolk sac larvae

- Rearing of larvae in multiwell dishes
- 72 independent parallel wells
- One egg/larvae per well
- Larvae hatches in well, lives until end of yolk sac period
- Protocol developed from various challenge experiments during two decades:
  - Bergh et al. 1991 J. Fish Dis.
  - Sandlund et al. 2010 Dis. Aquat. Org.

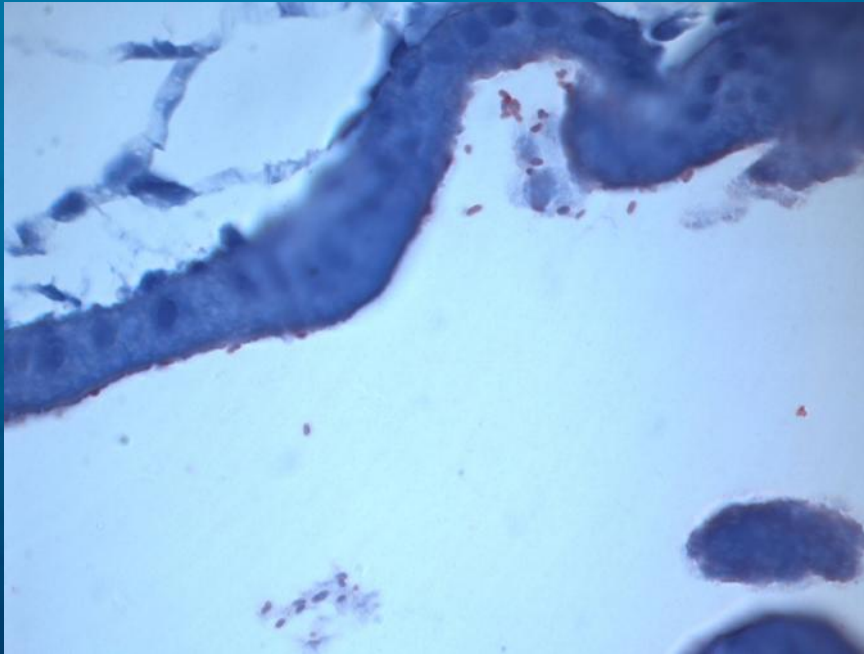


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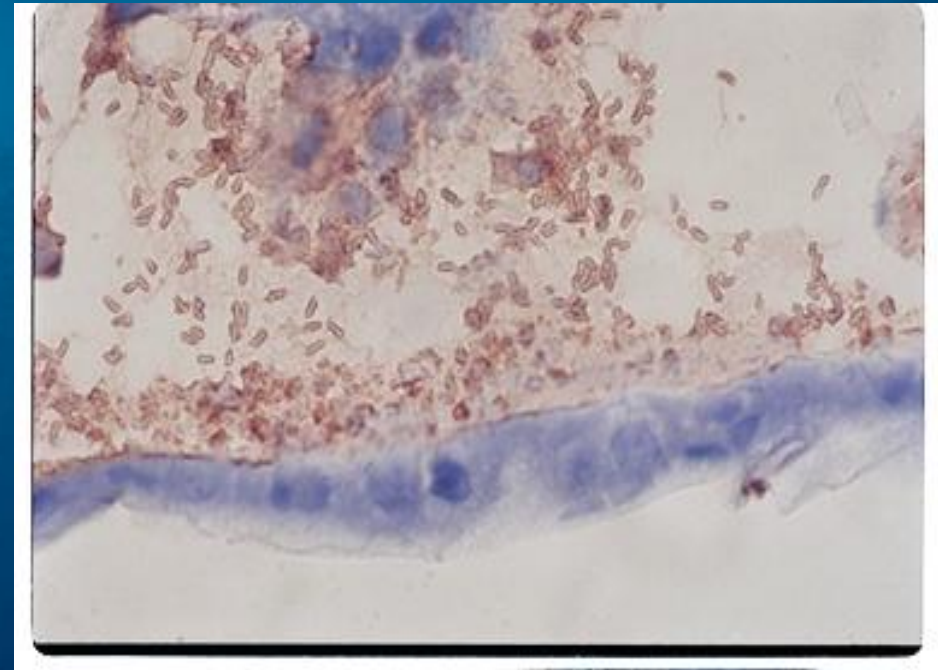


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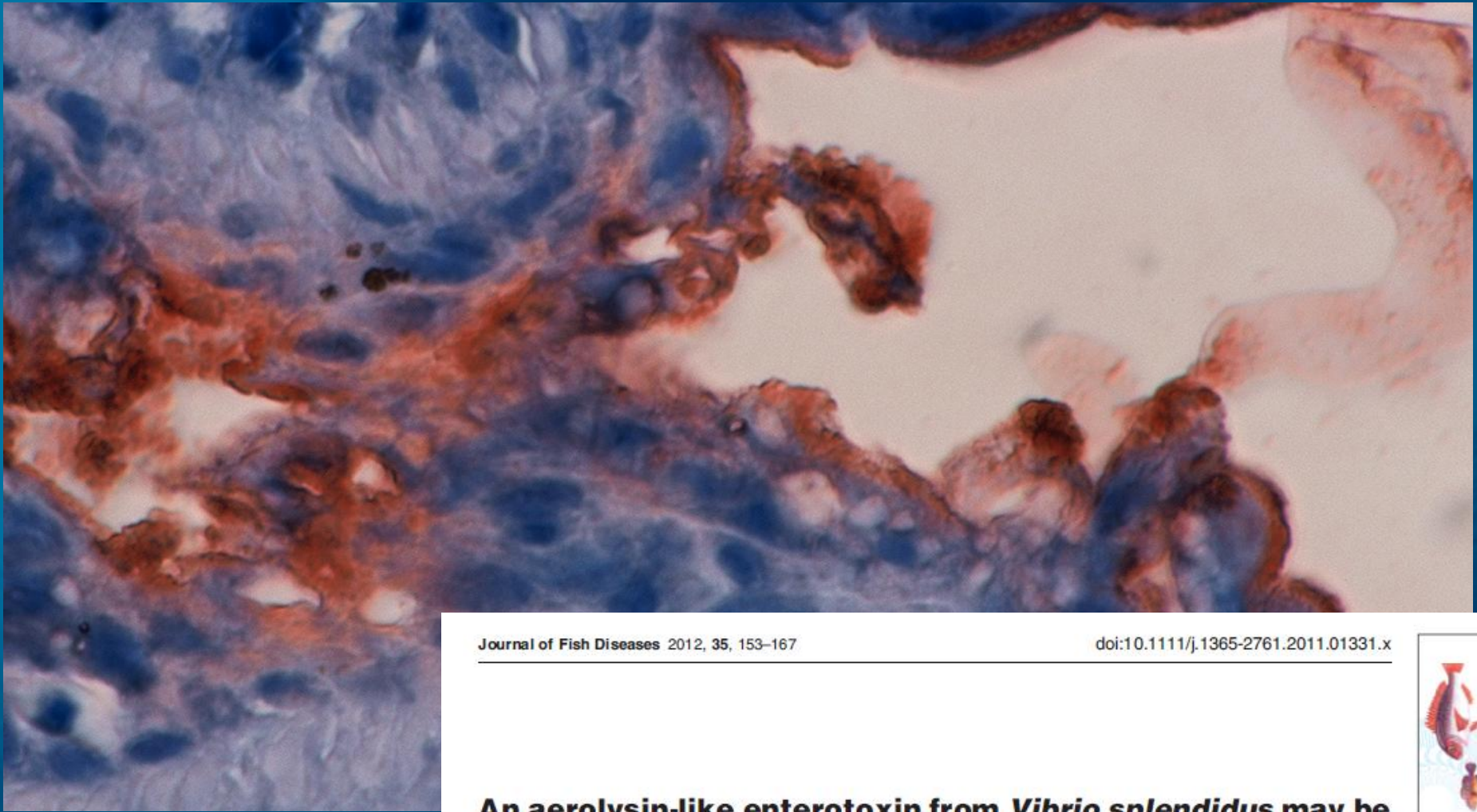
Intestinal epithelium - cod



Epidermis - halibut







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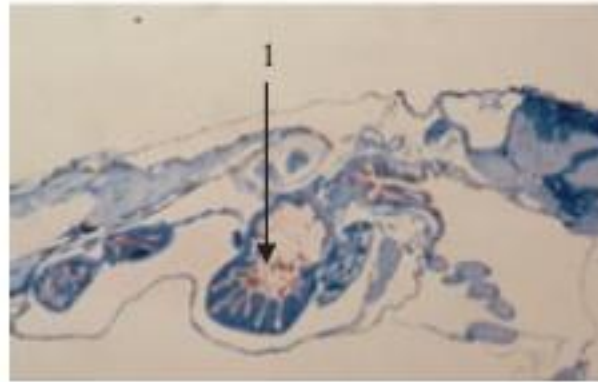
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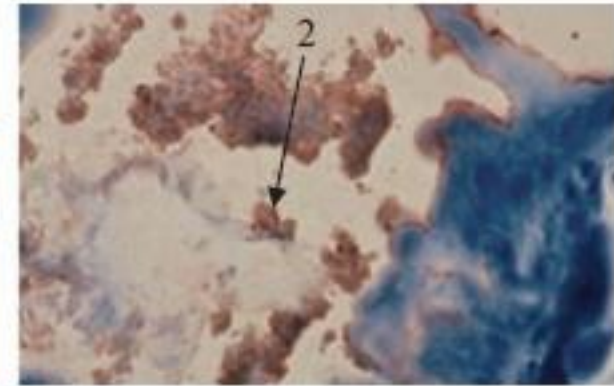
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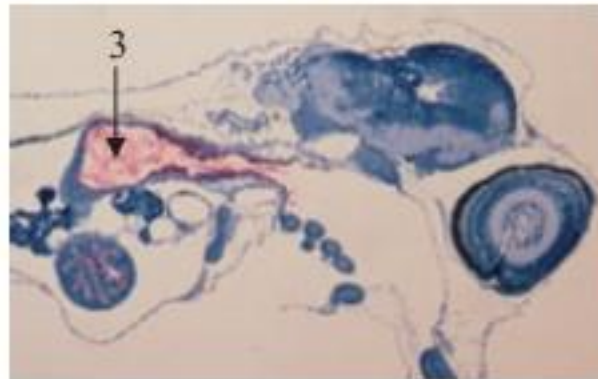




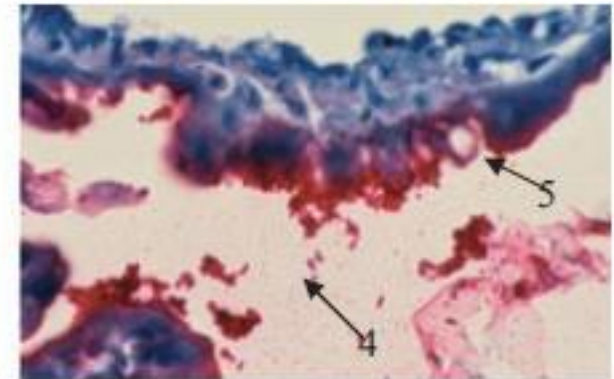
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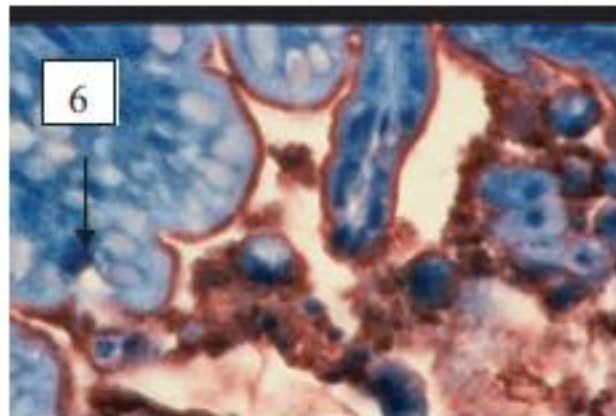
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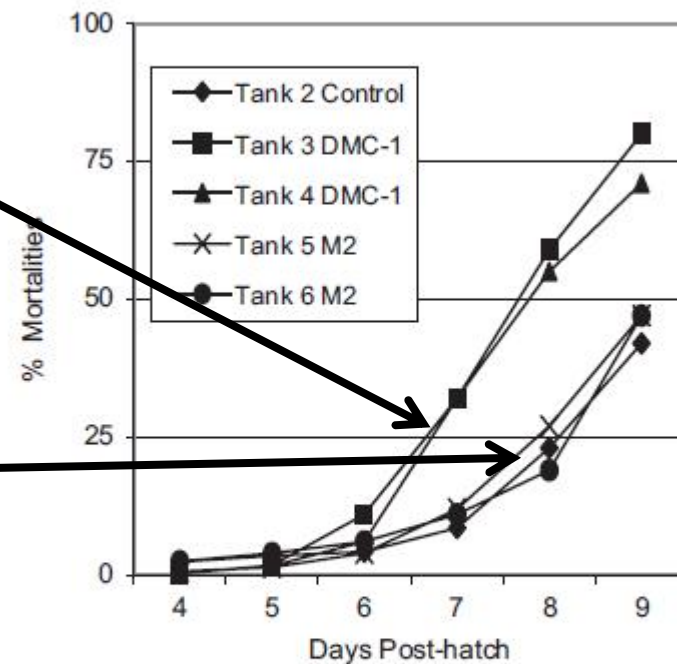
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- Wild type *V. splendidus* causes mortality
- Aerolysin negative mutant could not be separated from negative control

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**Figure 4** Turbot larvae first-feeding trials with wild-type *Vibrio splendidus* DMC-1 and haemolysin-negative mutant *V. splendidus* DMC-1-M2. Turbot larvae were challenged on days 4 and 5, with challenge bacteria added to the live food rotifers to give a final bacterial concentration of  $3 \times 10^4$  cfu mL<sup>-1</sup> in each challenge tank.

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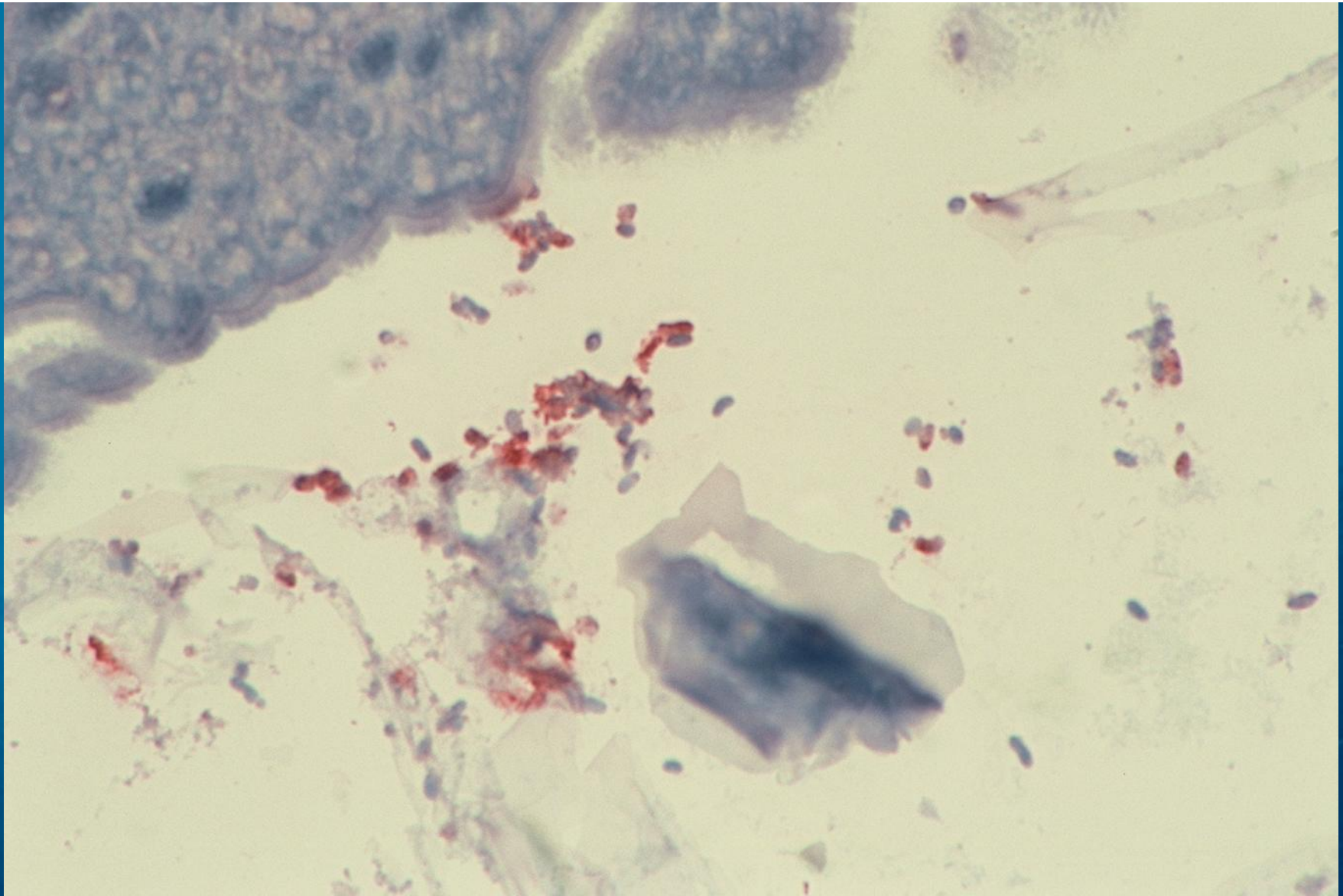
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**Addition of *Roseobacter* (*Rugeria*) 27-4  
positively affected survival**



**Note: probiotics in lumen  
– NOT attached to epithelium**



## Comparative susceptibility of turbot, halibut, and cod yolk-sac larvae to challenge with *Vibrio* spp.

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## Comparative mortality

### 5 different *Vibrio* spp

3 x *V. anguillarum*

*V. splendidus*

*V. salmonicida*



3 different fish larvae: turbot, halibut, cod

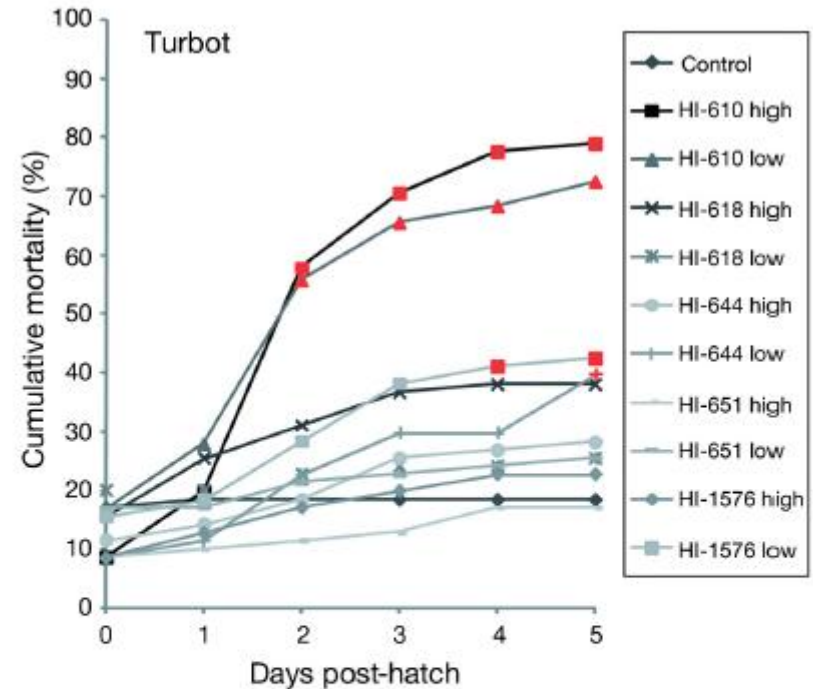


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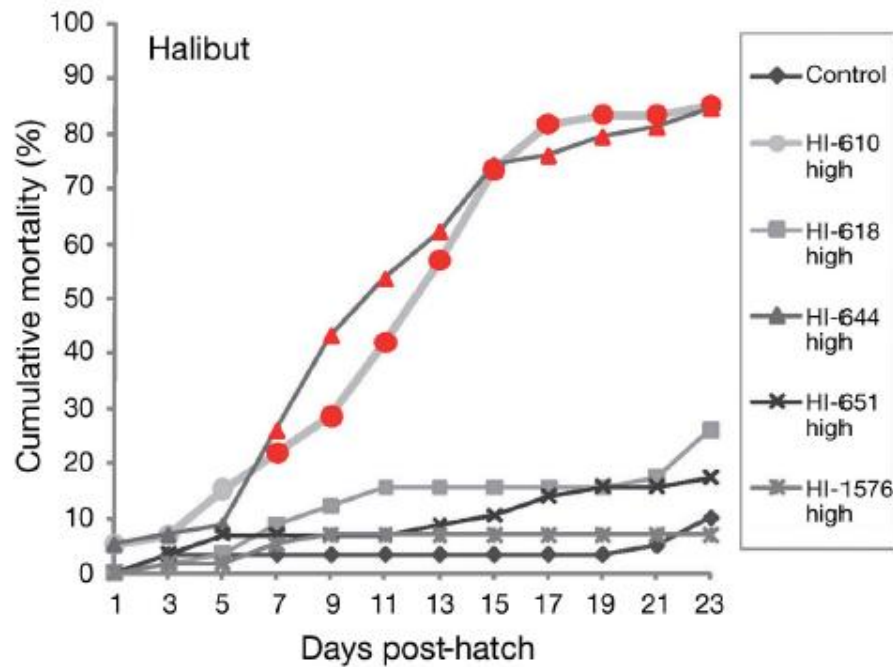


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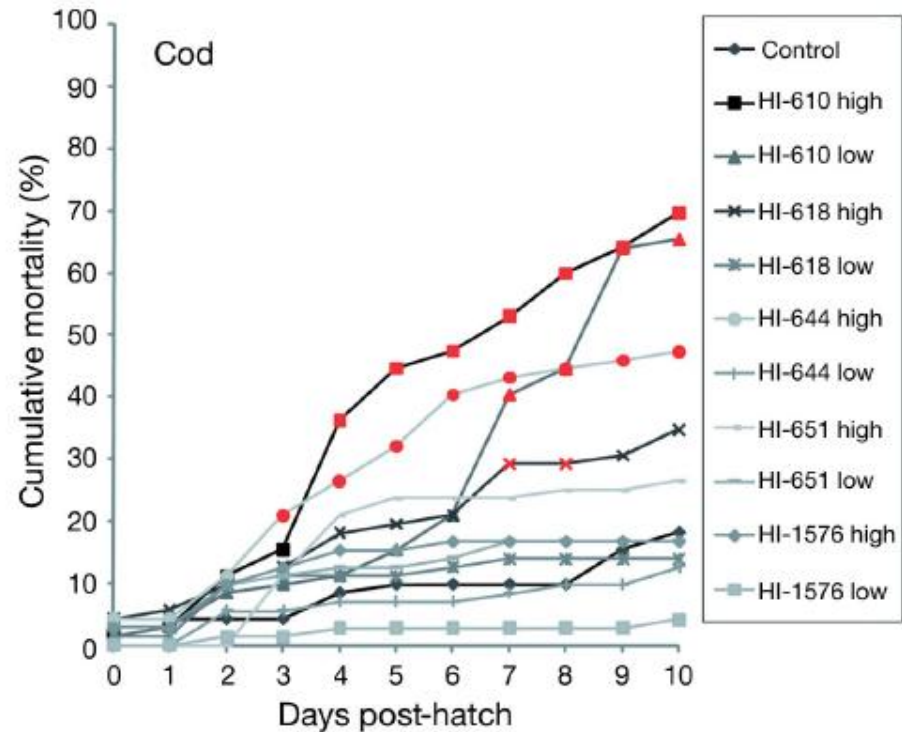


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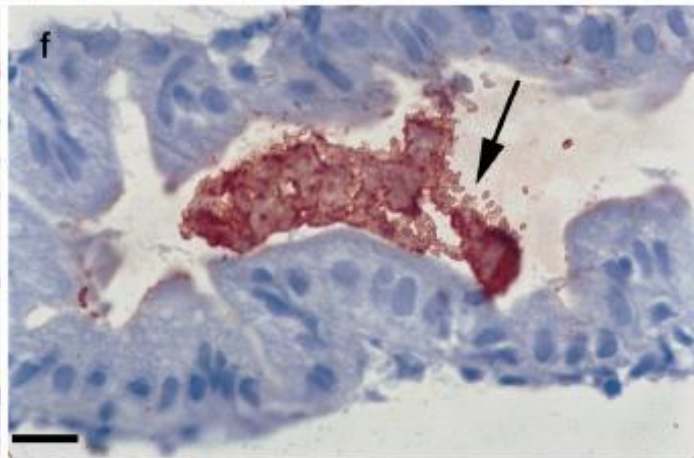
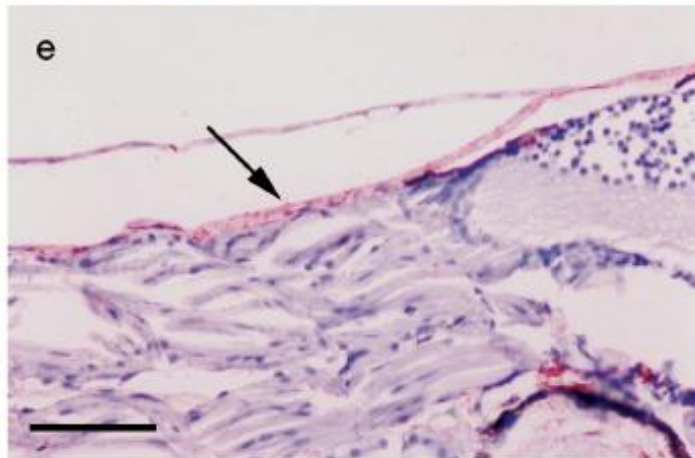
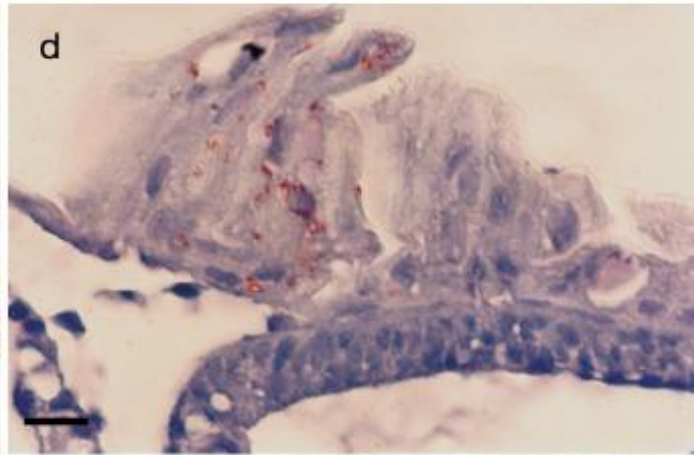
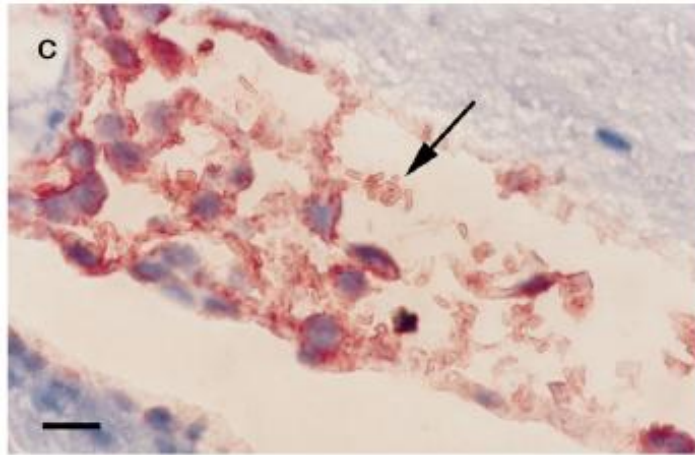
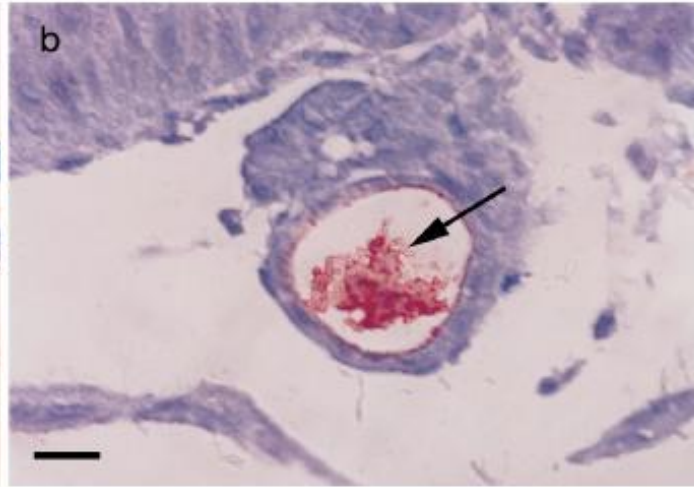
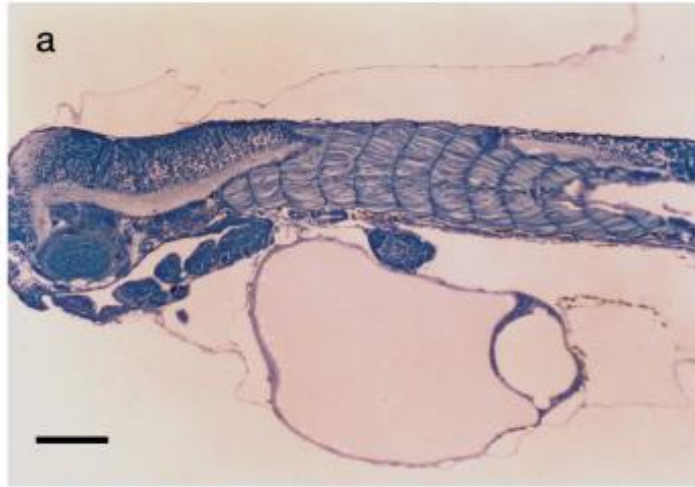
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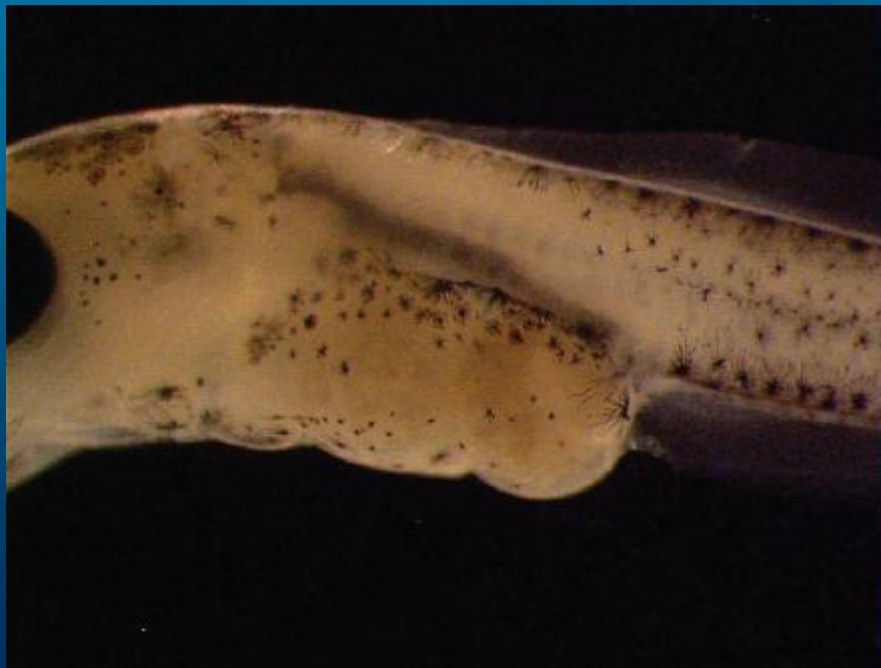
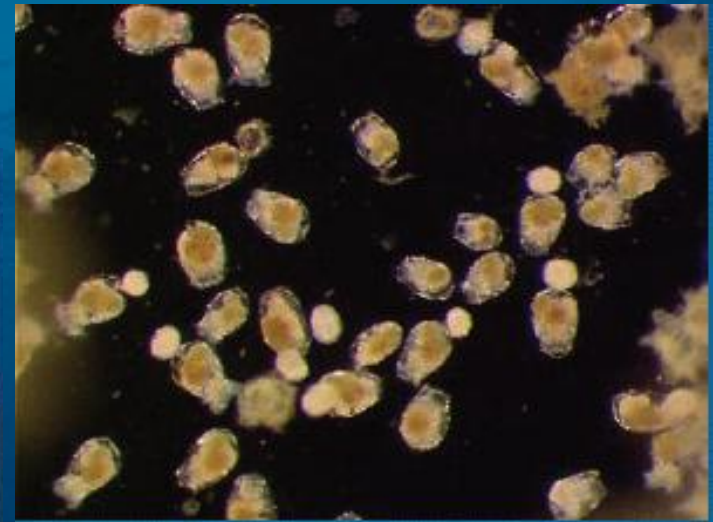
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Most bacteria associated with larvae are opportunists, not able to cause mortality alone



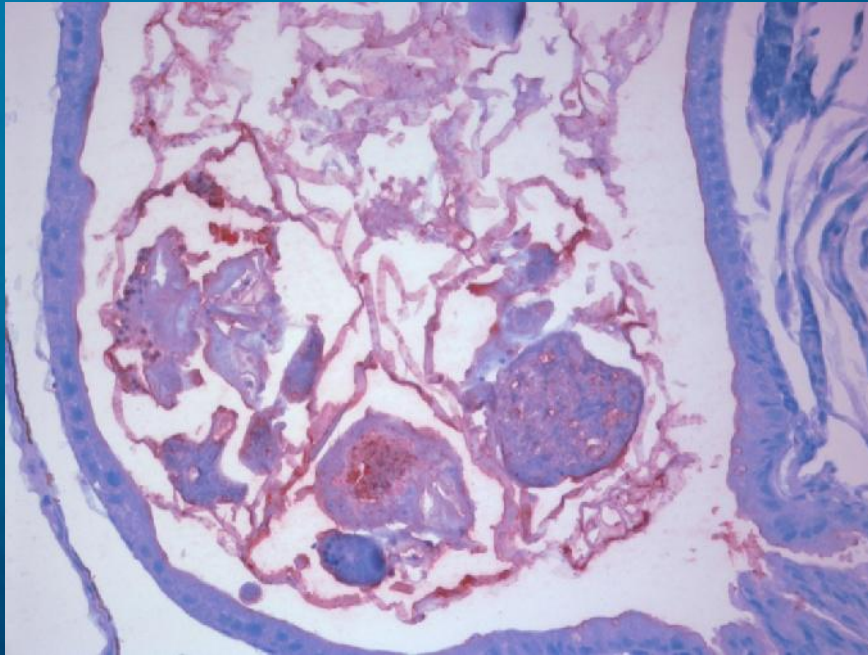
*V. anguillarum* is a "true" pathogen

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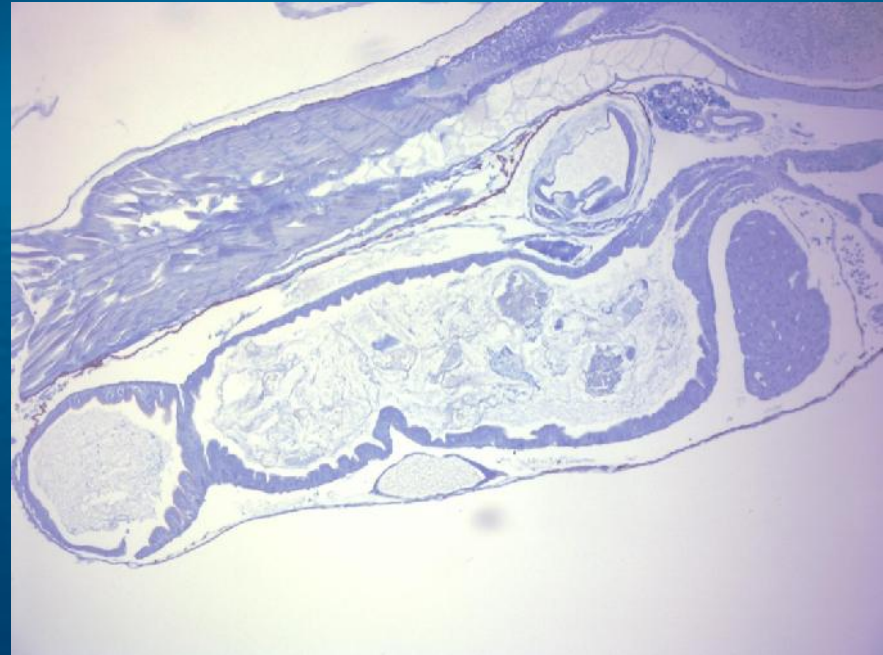


# Challenge with *V. logei*

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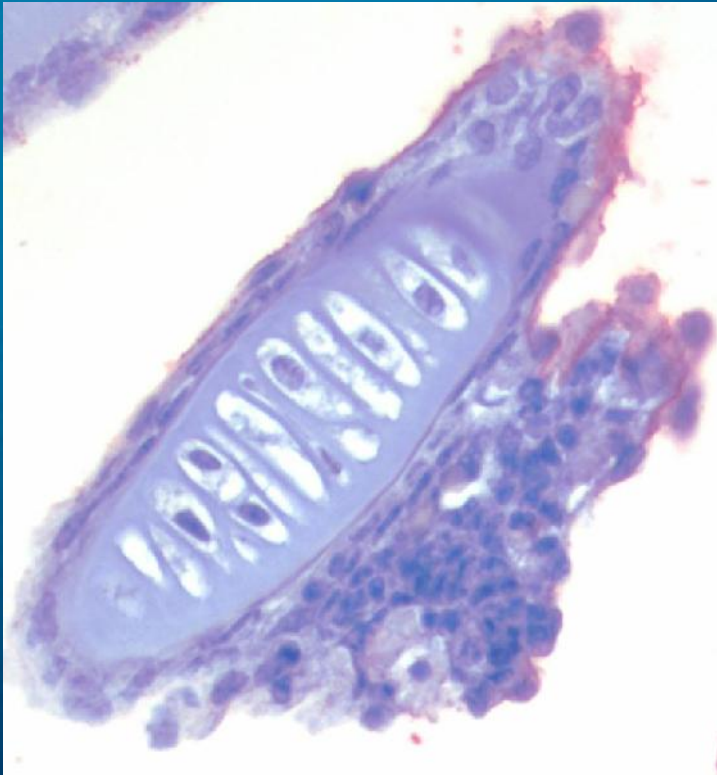


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post challenge

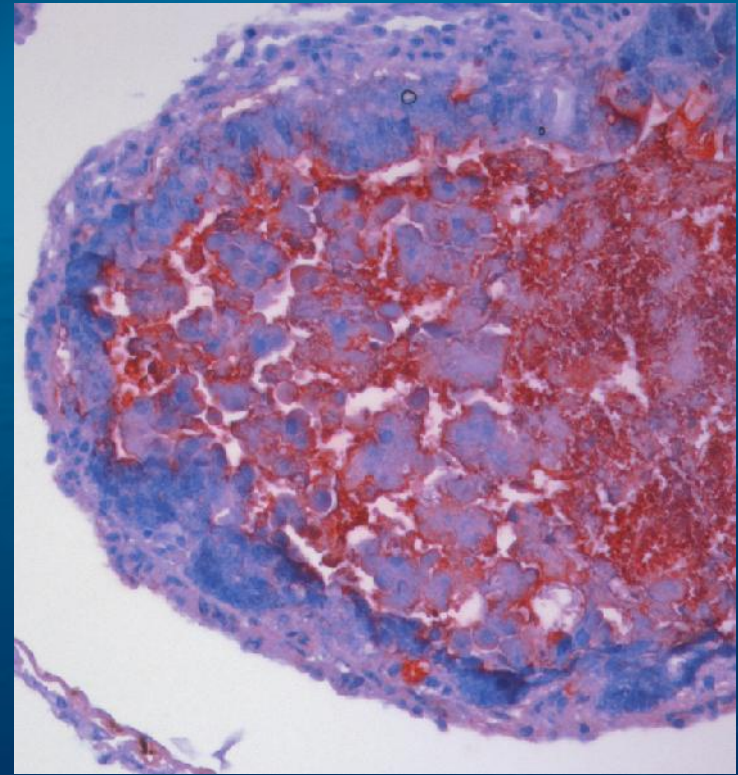


# *V. splendidus*

## Gills



## Intestine





# Immunohistochemistry of great scallop *Pecten maximus* larvae experimentally challenged with pathogenic bacteria

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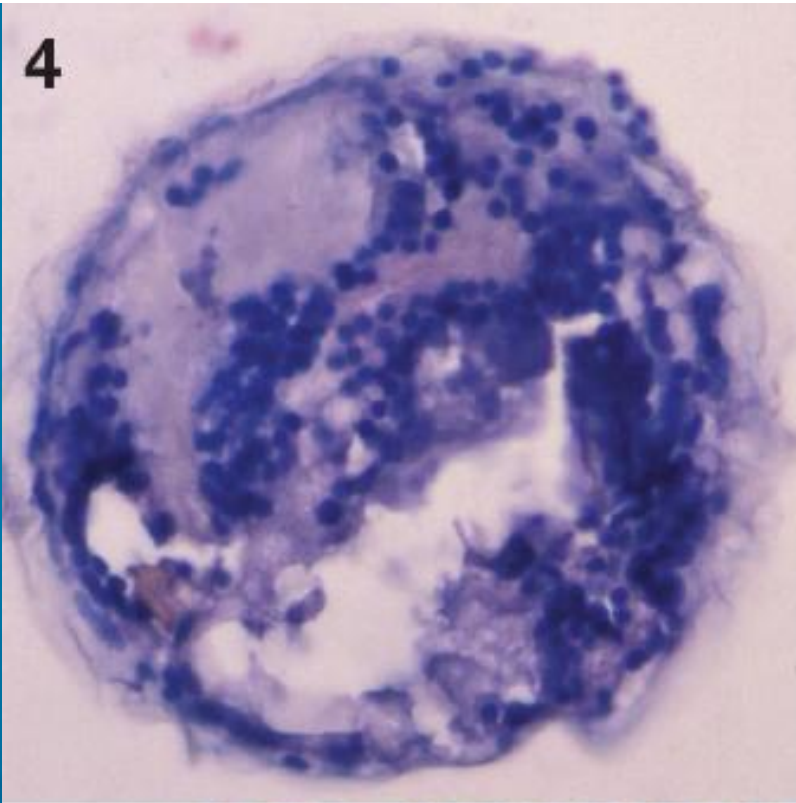
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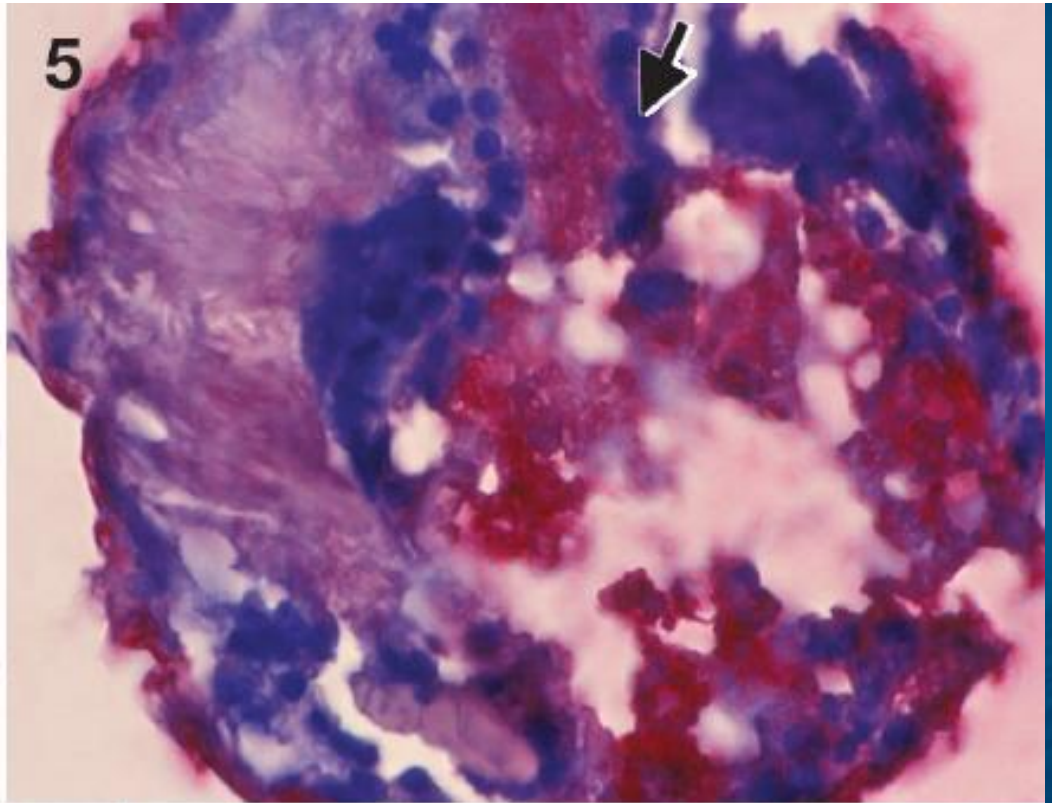
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- Mortality: read as absence of motility



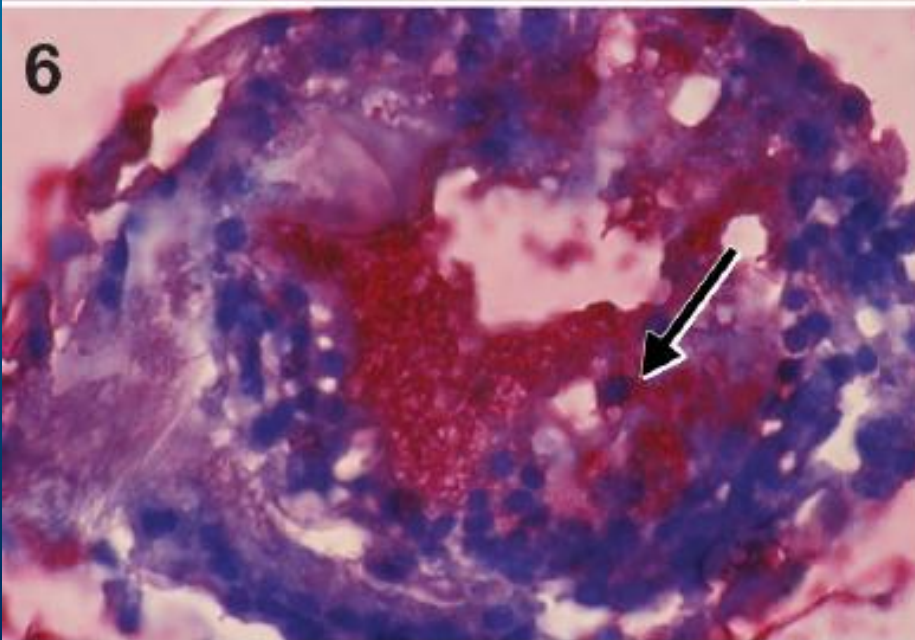
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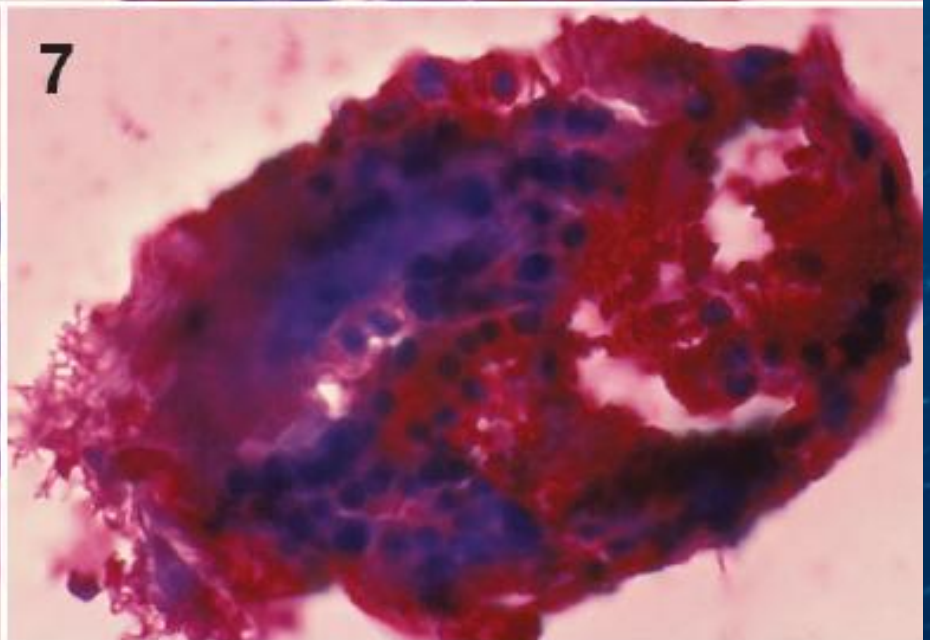
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