

Background		
 Gram negative (GN) bloodstream infections (BSI) are a common cause of 		
community and hospital acquired sepsis and can be associated with up to 38%		
mortality in patients that receive inappropriate therapy ¹		
 Standard of care (SOC) blood culture (BCx) diagnostics can take up to 72 		
hours to identify the offending organism and susceptibilities whereas rapid		
diagnostic testing (RDT) can provide these results 45-60 hours sooner		
• RDT has been shown to decrease time to pathogen-directed therapy, length of		
hospital stay, and mortality when paired with antimicrobial stewardship		
intervention ²⁻⁴		•
 Maine Medical Center (MMC) adopted the Verigene rapid nucleic acid 		
identification (ID) in 2016, which provides rapid organism ID and genotype		
	elerate Pheno in 2020, which prov	0 11
ID and susceptibilities		
SOC Figure 1. Processing Time for Diagnostic Testing		
Blood Culture		
Drawn		ID &
12-24 hours	48 hours	Susceptibilities
Rapid ID &		
Genotype		
Blood Culture		
Drawn		
12-24 hours	2-3 hours	
	ID & Genoty	be
Rapid ID &		
Susceptibilities		
Blood Culture		
Drawn		
12-24 hours	~7 hours	
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		ptibilities
Objectives Evaluate the time to optimal therapy (TTOT) in patients with GN bacteremia		
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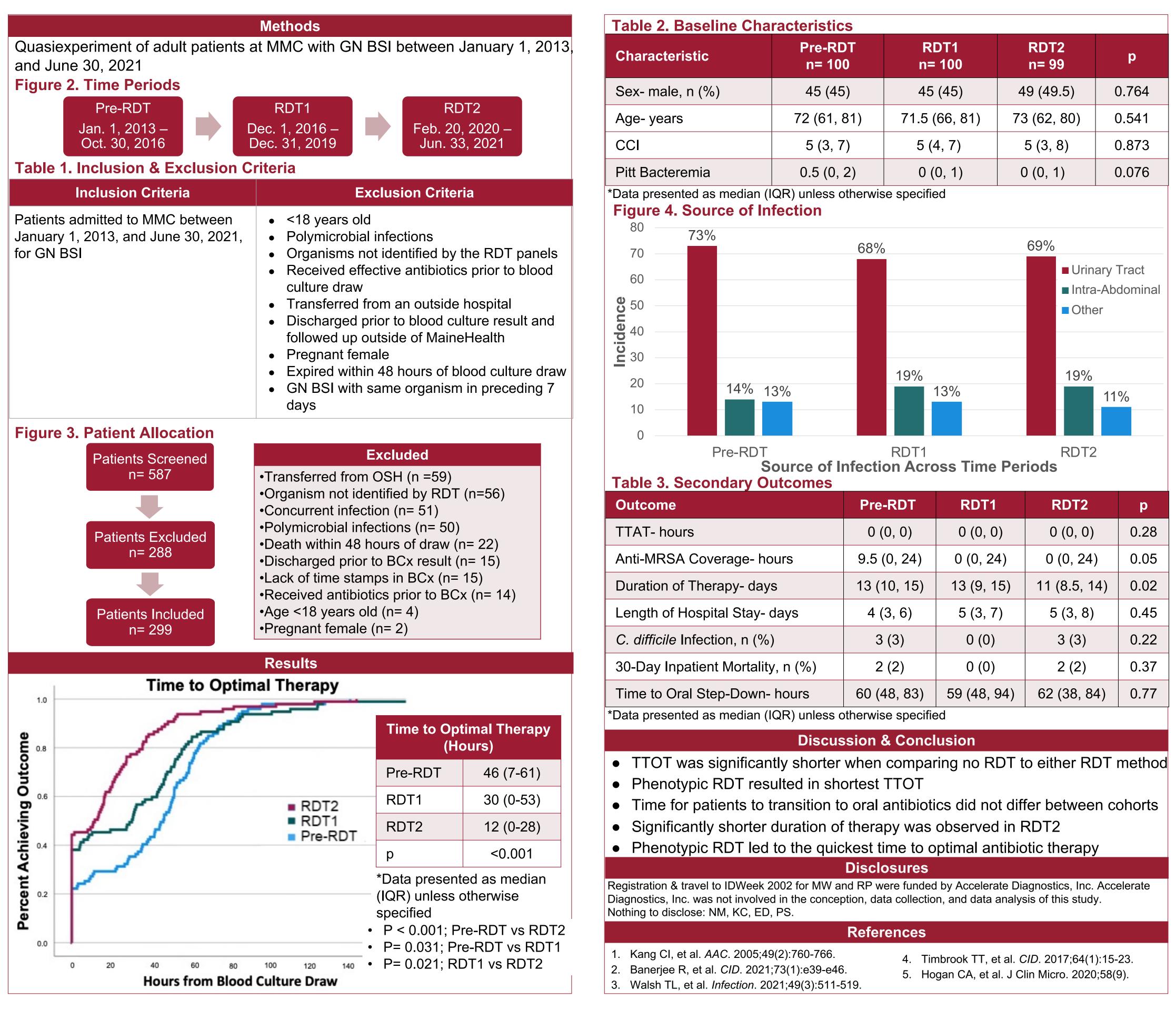
- across three time periods • Standard of care (Pre-RDT)
 - Rapid ID and genotype (RDT1)
 - Rapid ID and susceptibilities (RDT2)

Definitions

- Time to active therapy (TTAT): time (hours) from blood culture positivity to administration of first susceptible antibiotic
- TTOT: time (hours) from blood culture positivity to appropriate antibiotic therapy based on susceptibility results, spectrum of activity, and guideline recommendations

Closing Time: A Quasi-experiment Comparing Time to Optimal Therapy using Traditional Identification and Susceptibility Methods, Rapid Identification, or Rapid Identification with Phenotype for Gram-negative Bloodstream Infections

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