



# Blood as a Sensor

**Investigating the interaction of pyrogenic contaminations  
with medical devices using a human specific assay**

LINZ 2012

EUSAAT Congress 2012 | Stefan Fennrich

Dr. med. Stefan R.M. Fennrich  
Clinical Research Laboratory / Professor Dr. HP Wendel  
Clinic for Thoracic Cardiac and Vascular Surgery  
University Hospital Tübingen

# Applications – Quality assurance

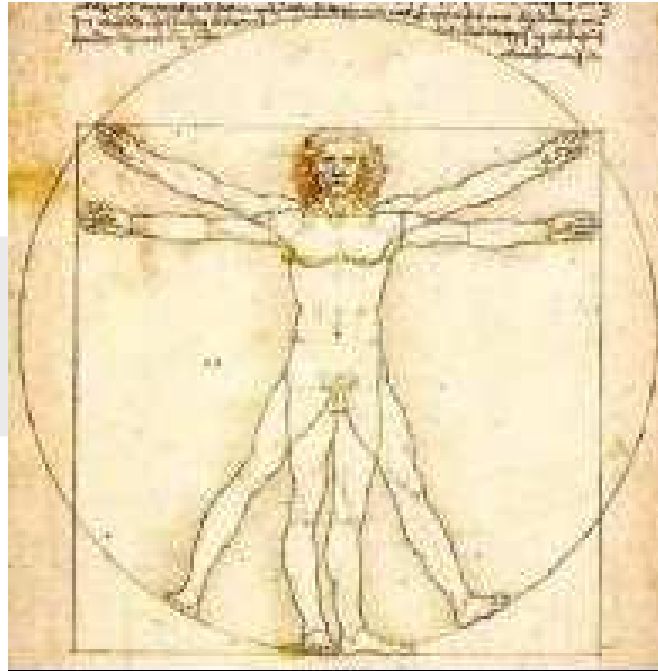
**Pharmaceuticals (inj.)**

**Blood products**

**Medical devices**

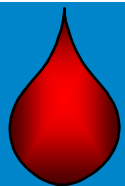
**Cell therapeutics**

**Air contaminations**



**Desired Effect**

**Pathological  
Reaction**

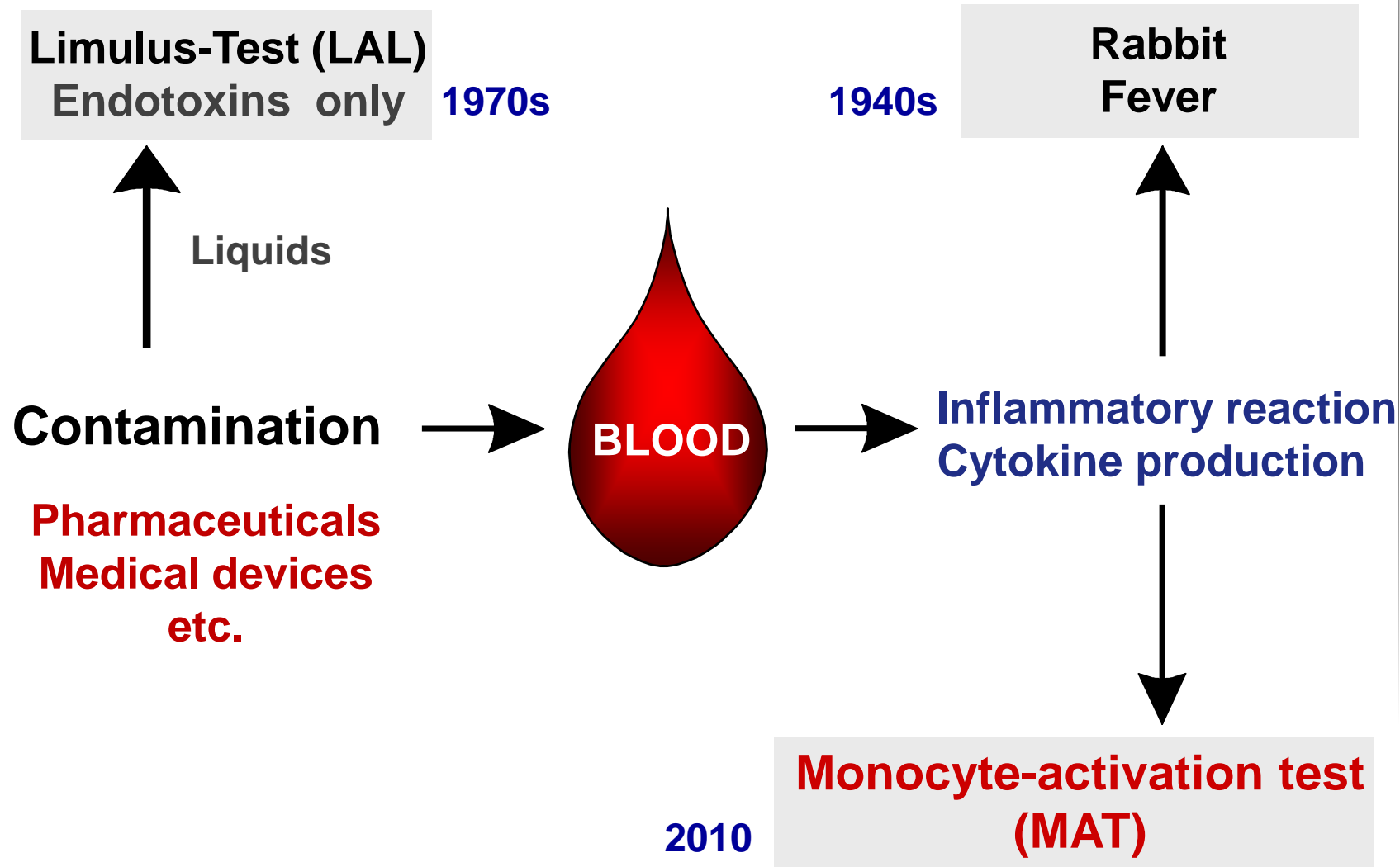


Blood as a sensor

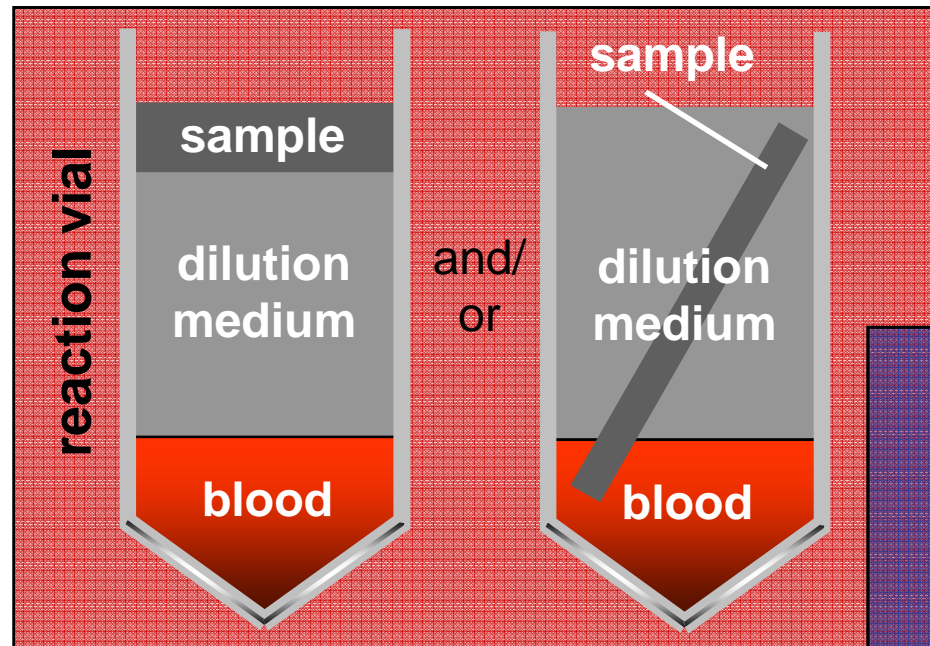
Risk assessment

# Principle of pyrogen testing

## *European Pharmacopoeia*



# Human whole blood pyrogen assay: set up



liquid

material

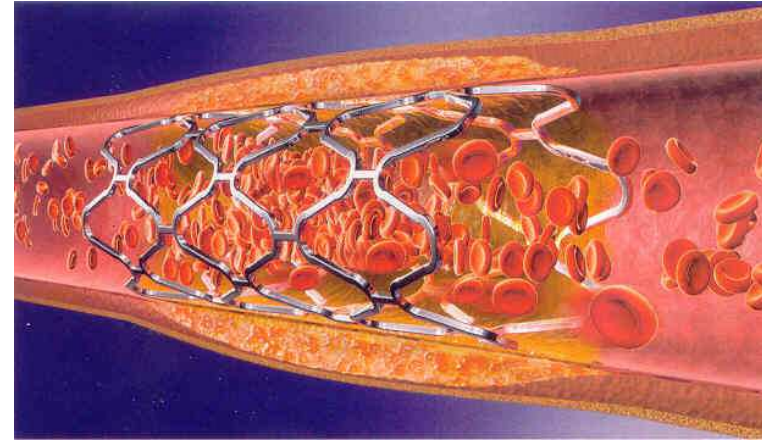
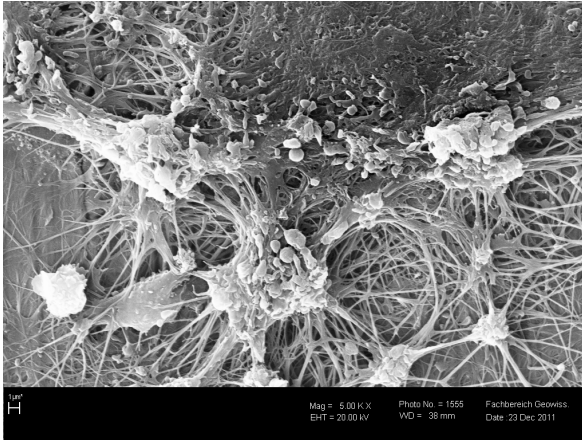
**1** whole blood incubation

ELISA

**2** supernatant

# ***In-vitro* Haemocompatibility**

## human whole blood



**Haemocompatibility testing established - certified GLP lab**

**ISO 10993-4**     [www.wendel-lab.de](http://www.wendel-lab.de)

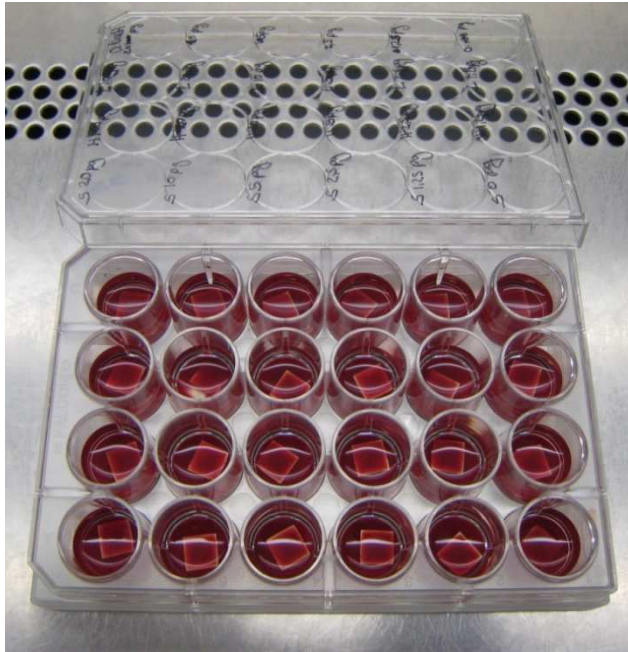
**Models:    static and dynamic / heart-lung-machine**

---

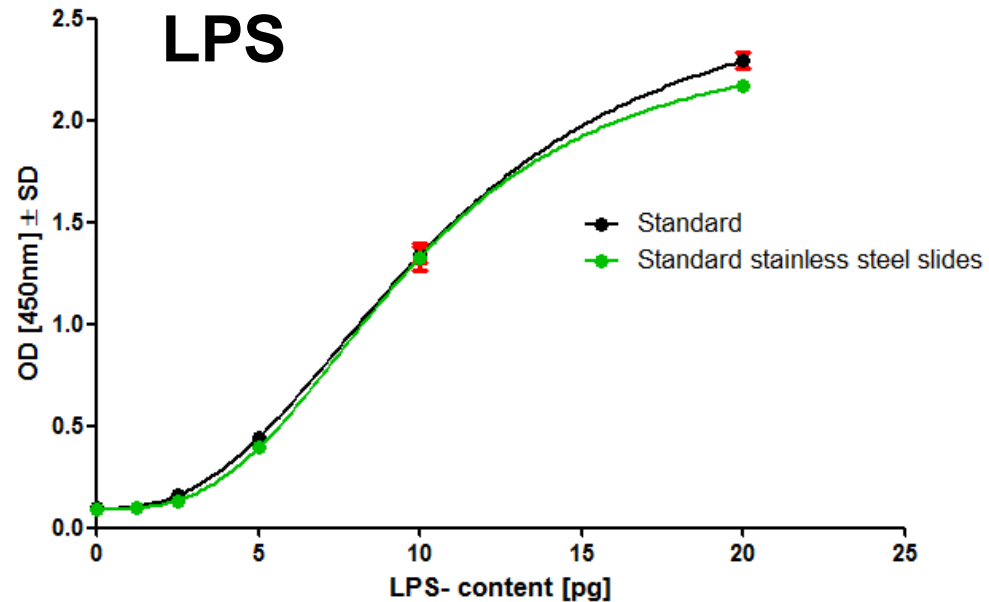
### **Ongoing project:**

**Interaction of pyrogens with haemocompatibility parameters  
using the *in-vitro* pyrogen test (MAT)**

# Pilot study – stainless steel 1.4301



Stainless steel quality 1.4301

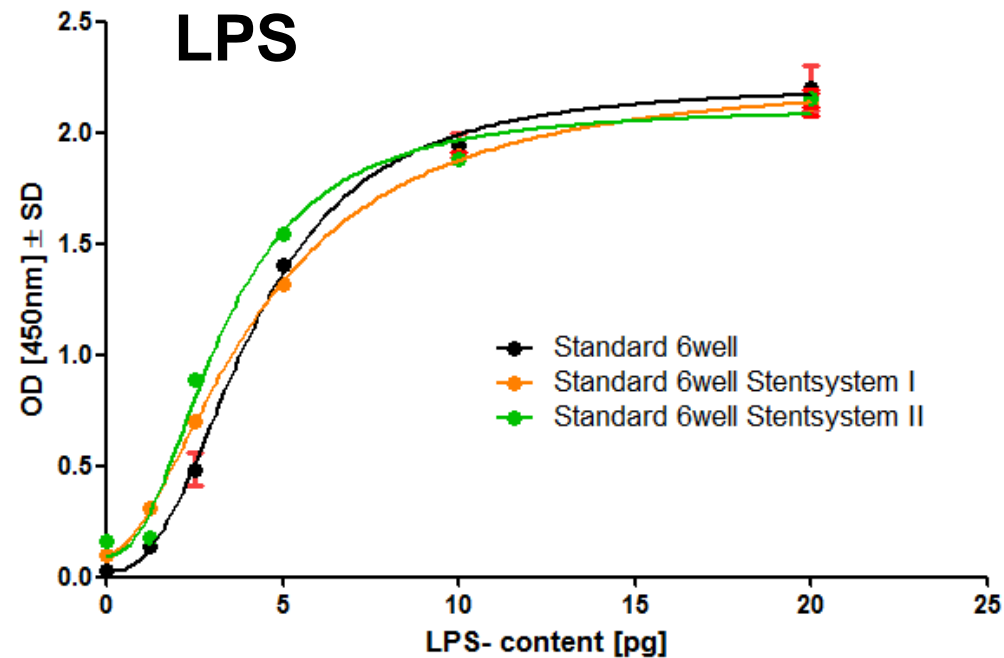
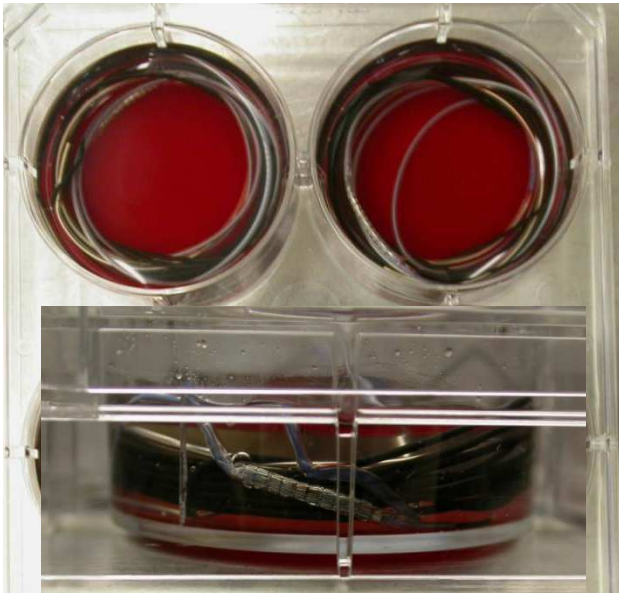


Heat treated steel slides (250°C 18h)

Human whole blood incubated with LPS – with and without stainless steel

→ **no interference by the test material**

# Complex stent systems



→ also heterogenous materials can be tested



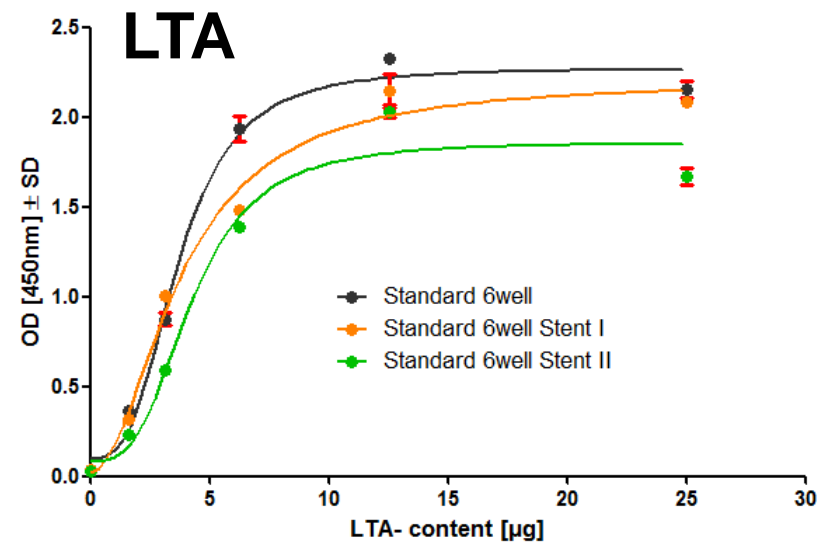
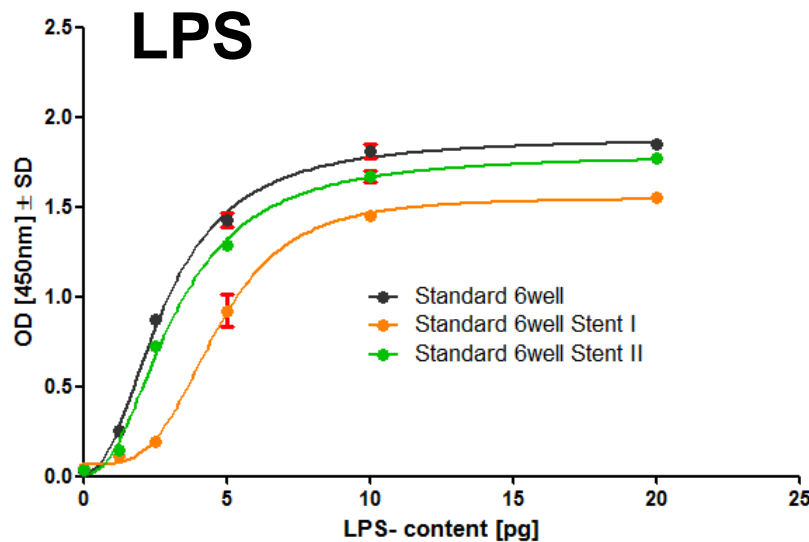
# Stents

## LPS and LTA detection



**LPS: Gram-neg (endotoxin)**  
lipopolysaccharide

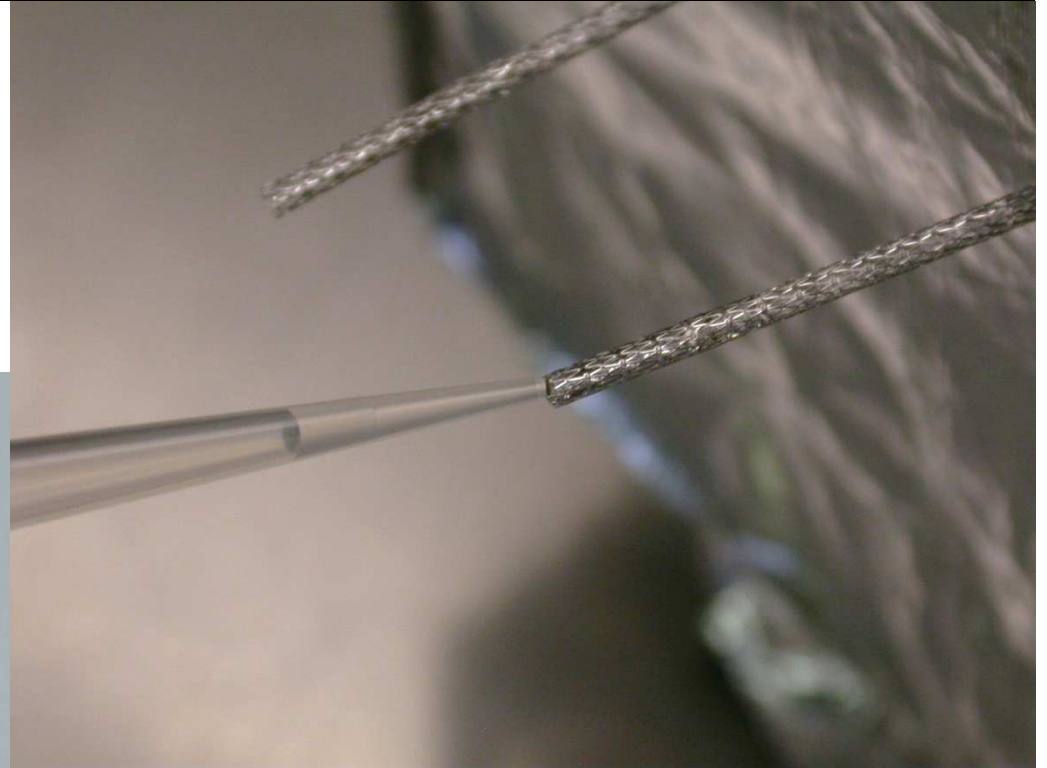
**LTA: Gram-pos (non-endotoxin)**  
lipoteichoic acid



→ interference-free testing of liquid LPS and LTA

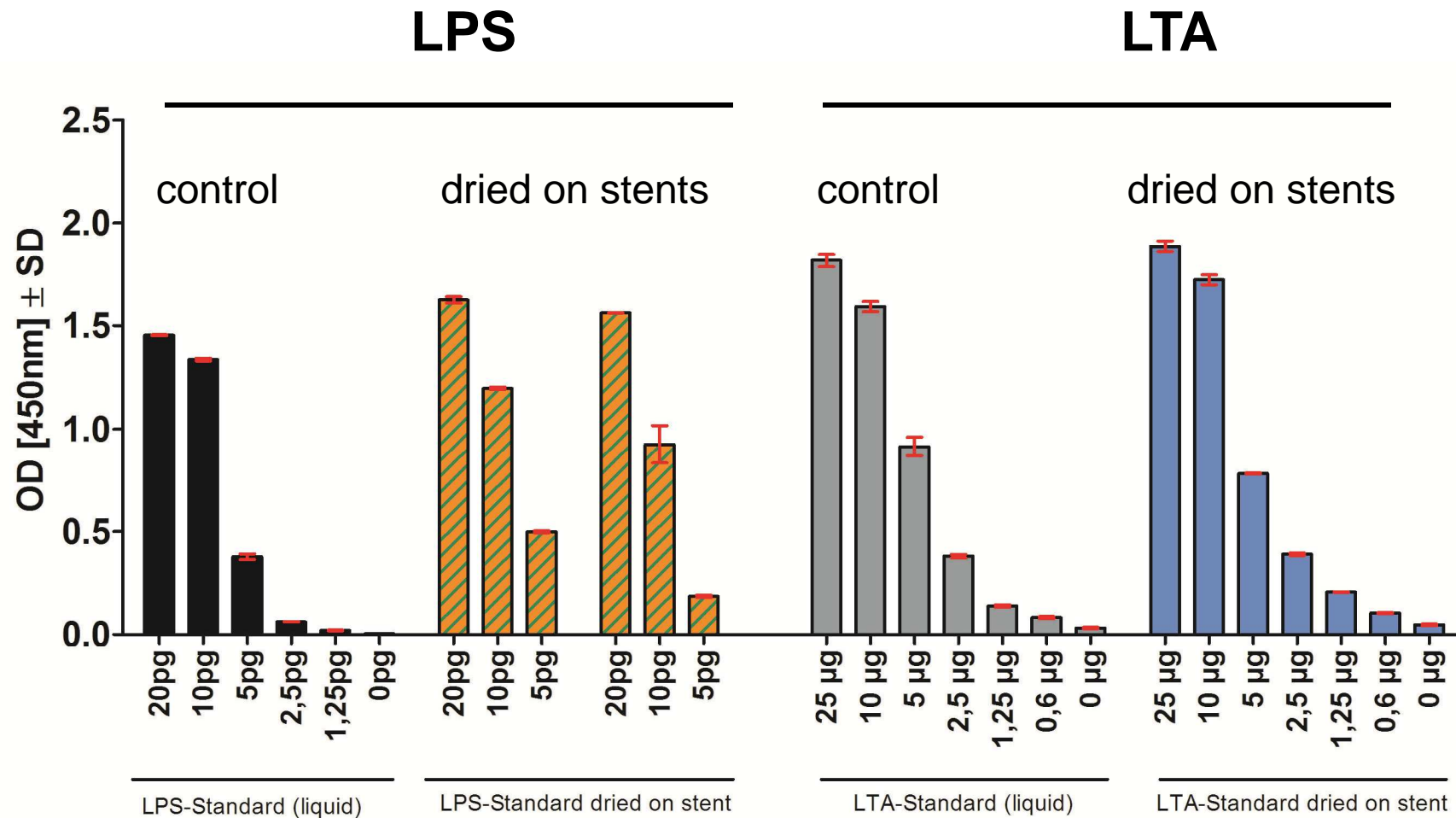


# Simulation of pyrogenic contamination with dried LPS / LTA



# Stents

## LPS and LTA detection



→ **specific recovery of defined concentrations of LPS and LTA**

# Summary / Conclusion

- Currently: *in vivo* or *in vitro* haemocompatibility tests (ISO 10993-4) available for medical devices
- Pyrogenicity not regulated in ISO yet
- The MAT detects a broad range of pyrogens
- Successful implementation into EP 2.7 (2010); Parenterals (Chapter 2.6.30. Monocyte-activation test)
- Safety and quality assurance for medical devices
- Implementation into ISO-regulations

# *prize winner 2011*

*In-vitro Pyrogentest / MAT: PyroDetect*

„PyroDetect - innovatives Medikamententestverfahren“  
(PyroDetect - an innovative test procedure for injectables)

**Deutschland  
Land der Ideen**



Ausgewählter Ort 2011