Rectal *Mycoplasma genitalium* in men who have sex with men in Sydney: implications for screening and health promotion

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Rectal Mycoplasma Genitalium

- Limited data on prevalence and natural history of rectal MG
- Potential cause of proctitis and increased HIV transmission in MSM
- Lack of consensus on whether to screen in asymptomatic MSM

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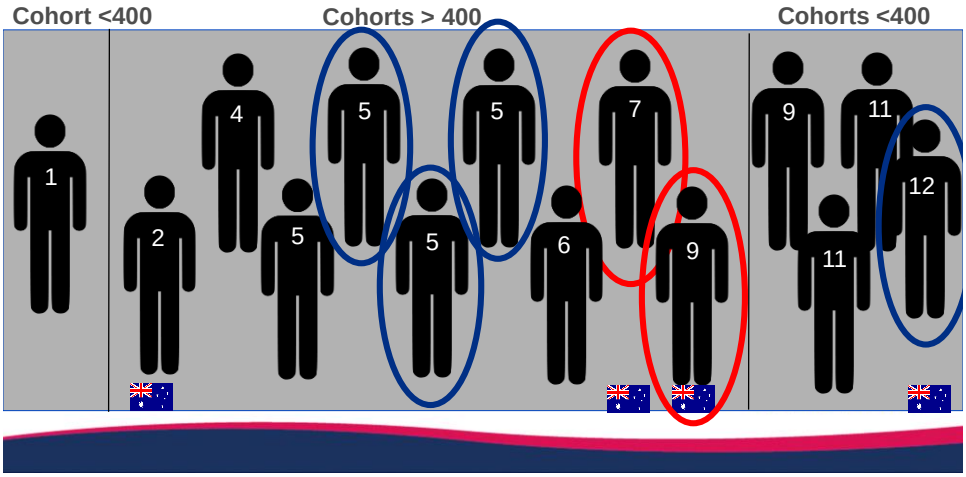
Prevalence & Predictors

- Only repeated association is with HIV infection



Knowledge & Attitudes

No studies have investigated the knowledge and level of concern towards MG

Aims

Primary aim

To determine the prevalence and predictors of rectal MG in asymptomatic MSM

Secondary aim

To determine the knowledge and level of concern towards MG in MSM

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Methods

- **Study design:** prospective cross-sectional study
- **Recruitment sites:**
  - -Sydney Sexual Health Centre
  - -a[TEST]
- **Study group:** rectally asymptomatic MSM, who are having rectal swabs collected as part of their care
- **Data collection:** rectal swab and 14-item questionnaire
- **Data analysis:**
  - **Primary aim:** overall prevalence + multivariate analysis to look at predictors
  - **Secondary aim:** calculated frequencies and 95%CI for questionnaire responses

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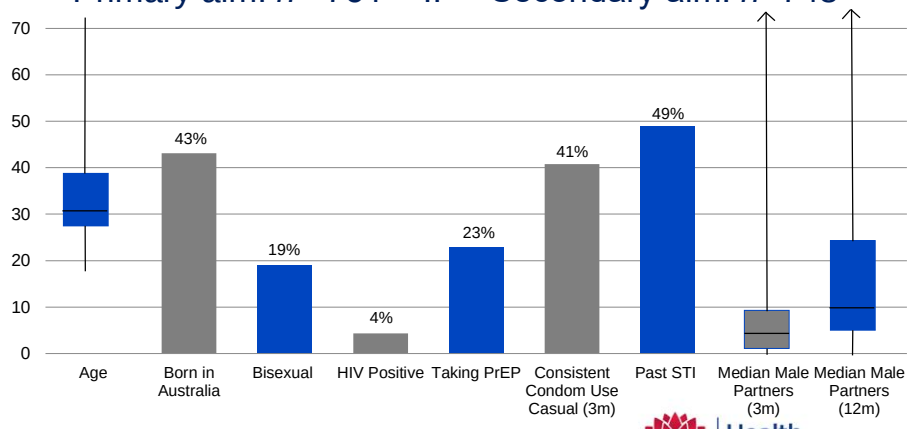
Demographics

Primary aim: *n*= 751 II Secondary aim: *n*=748



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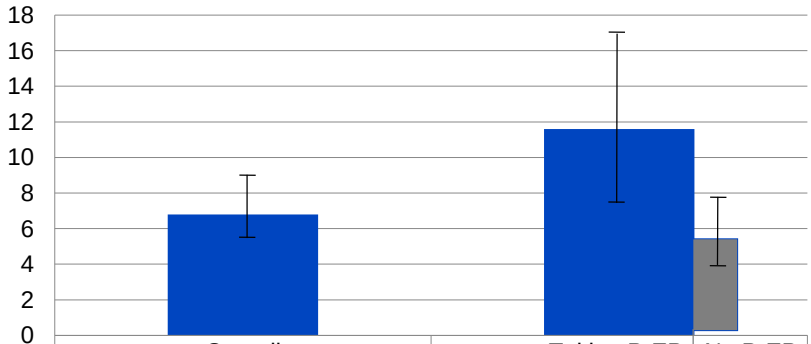
Prevalence



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Univariate

Variable	Crude Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P-value
Currently on PrEP	2.32 (1.28-4.18)	0.03
Past STI	2.01 (1.11-3.64)	0.02
Inconsistent Condom Use Casual (3m)	1.94 (1.00-3.73)	0.04

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Multivariate

Variable		Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P-value
Currently on PrEP		2.06 (1.11-3.83)	0.02
Past STI		1.79 (0.95-3.34)	0.07
HIV		0.96 (0.22-4.29)	0.96
Age	<25	1	-
	25-29	0.96 (0.41-2.28)	0.93
	30-34	0.89 (0.36-2.23)	0.81
	≥35	0.66 (0.28-1.54)	0.33

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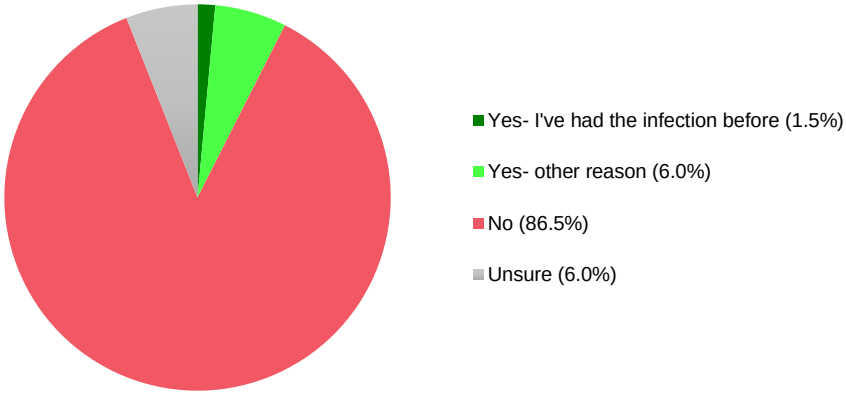
Prior Knowledge of MG



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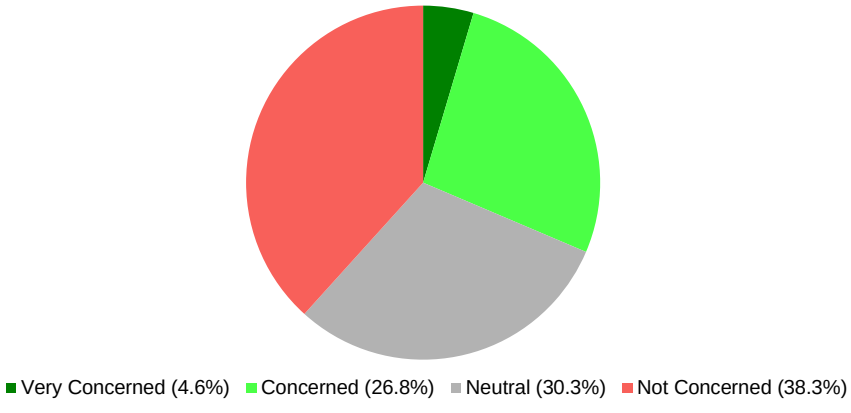
Level of concern towards having MG



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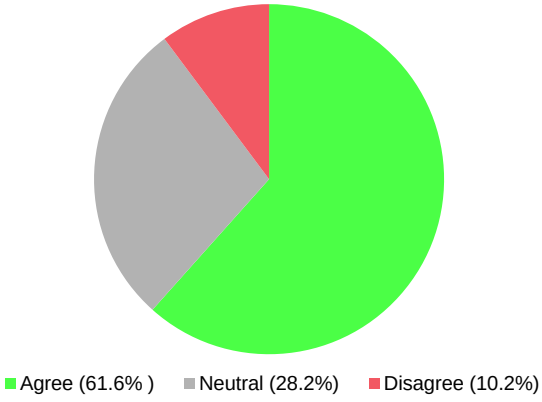
Would you increase condom use in response to high antibiotic resistance



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Key Findings

1. We found a prevalence of 6.8%
2. Men who were on PrEP had a significantly higher prevalence of MG
3. We found that PrEP use was associated with rectal MG
4. We identified low awareness and concern of MG amongst MSM

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Strengths & Limitations

Strengths:

- Largest study to look at the predictors of rectal MG
- First study to look at knowledge and level of concern towards MG

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Strengths & Limitations

Limitations:

- Low numbers of HIV positive patients
- Only 62% of eligible patients were asked to participate
- Didn't collect data on co-infections

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Questions

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